

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

October 2023

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** (in the Parish Hall unless stated otherwise in Reports)

Horticultural Society: Wed 4th Oct. Parish Council: Thur 5th Oct. Saint Martin's WI:  
Thur 12th Oct. Great Mongeham Society: Thur 19th Oct.

## Useful Telephone numbers:

Kent Police for non-emergencies  
**101**

Health non-emergencies **111**

COVID **119**

Local electricity network operator  
**105**

Gas Emergency Number

**0800 111 999**

Southern Water Emergency Number

**0330 303 0368**

## Great Mongeham Parish Council

Council minutes can be read at [www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

Parish Clerk:  
[clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

## DAISY OVENDEN.

We regret to report that Daisy has passed away. Daisy was one of the villages oldest residents. If anyone would like to pay their respects, the funeral will be 1t 11.20am on Monday 16th October at Barham Crematorium, afterwards at Gt Mongeham Parish Hall.

## DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL - ENERY SUPPORT

The council are currently running two schemes to help with resident's energy: **Big Community Switch** uses combined buying power to access highly competitive tariffs. You can find out more and register for free and without obligation at [www.bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/dover](http://www.bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/dover). **Solar Together Kent** is a group-buying scheme, which brings Kent households and small businesses together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price. Having your own solar panels means you can save on your energy bill as well as reduce your carbon emissions. The scheme helps you through the whole process, keeping you informed at every stage. To register or for more information Visit [www.solartogether.co.uk/dover](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/dover) or alternatively call Solar Together on 0800 014 8721 (Mon-Fri, 8am-5.30pm).

## ASIAN HORNET ALERT!

You might have noticed the unusual activity of placing curious jars in our village hedgerows. They are a monitoring system belonging to members of the National Bee Unit, who are on a mission to track and destroy this highly aggressive invader which attacks our honeybees and other vital pollinating insects.

There are three easy steps to identify an Asian Hornet: Does it look very black? Has it got a wide orange stripe on 4th segment of abdomen? Do its legs look as if they have been dipped in yellow paint? Report a sighting online at: [www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet), by email: [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk), or using the Asian Hornet Watch app on your phone.

More information can be found on the poster in the Parish Hall.

We would be grateful to receive any items for the next edition before **the 20th of the month** by email to [greatmongehamnews@gmail.com](mailto:greatmongehamnews@gmail.com)

Anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the email above. You will need to produce 470 copies on an A5 flyer, which will be delivered to the whole parish for £12

## **YOGA AND DANCE CLASSES AT THE PARISH HALL**

There's a new Dance teacher taking over from Carly for Monday night dance classes. Carly trained at DeMontfort University and Trinity Laban Conservatoire, and her lively Jazz, Contemporary and Strengthen&Stretch classes for ages 10 and up will focus on learning and developing our skills in an array of dance styles.

Two BrightSkies Yoga classes on Thursday mornings are taught by Amanda. The first one is an intermediate yoga class for those that want a bit of fun and a challenge, and the second class is gentle yoga and can be done from the chair, the mat or anywhere in between. Amanda is BWY trained, fully insured and has enhanced DBS and first aid training. She teaches all of her classes in levels so that everyone is able to find something that they can do and enjoy.

For details of these, and the other great classes available at the hall, see the back page.

## **CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS**

### **Great Mongeham Society**

We always welcome guests and new members to come along to our varied talks and visits. Our topics range from local history, general interest and flora and fauna of the area. Our archive team meets several times a month to catalogue our items and documents.

Next meeting: Thursday 19th October in the Parish hall 7.30 p.m: We will welcome a local author, Janet Dean. Her grandmother received the MBE for her role in British intelligence in the First World War. In 2013 Janet published her book "Spying in World War 1: The True Story of Margriet Ballegeer". Janet will speak about her grandmother's life. (JE)

### **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

The next meeting of the Horticultural Society is on Wednesday 4th October. This month's topic is on 'How to create an NGS garden'. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members are always very welcome. November's meeting, on 1st November, will be the AGM.(AA)

### **Saint Martin's WI**

At our September meeting "Nick the Forager" proved a most popular speaker. Although his talk only lasted 40 minutes, we kept him for long after that questioning him about mushrooms as well as many other wild foods. A most enjoyable talk. Discussion then took place about our next speaker for our October meeting, there will definitely be one on Thursday 12th October, details to come. If you feel like joining us you will be more than welcome. (JEB)

### **Great Mongeham Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday in the month (except August) in the Parish Hall (unless otherwise stated). The next meetings will be on 5th October.

Council minutes can be read at [www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

Jo Jones, the Parish Clerk can be contacted at: [clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Priest in charge: Rev Monica Cameron (day off Friday) 01304374076 or 07383360395

Weddings, Baptisms: contact the office on 01304 369919,

stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com or Rev Peter Hambrook 07900 141334

Church Wardens: Christine Taylor 01304 852932, Steve Manion 07968 972746,

Wendy Manion 07411432541

Parish Treasurer: John Wakeman c/o stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com

Friends of St Martin's Treasurer: Emma Barrett

### St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 1st Oct Harvest Festival at 11am

Sunday 8th Oct Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 15th Oct Informal family worship at 11am

Sunday 29th Oct Joint service at St Nicholas Sholden at 9.30am

St Martins is open every Wednesday morning for morning prayer at 9.30am.

Tower bell ringing practice every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm learners and experienced ringers needed and always welcome.

Children always welcome at all services.

Holy Communion at Caesar Court on Tuesdays at 10.30am on the 10th and 24th October. Non-residents are welcome to attend.

Parish (UDGM) Prayer Group. Come and join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month in St Martin's Church at 10am for half an hour. For more information you can email wizzy4beth@gmail.com.

**Flower Rota:** 1st Oct: Whole Team. 8th Oct: Mary and Elizabeth. 15th Oct: June and Queenie. 22nd Oct: Wendy and Audrey. 29th Oct: Lesley.

**Sunday School** Sunday school is available weekly at the same time as morning services at St Martin's Church. For age 3yr and over, contact Sylvia Griffiths 01304 367124.

**For other church news,** please take a weekly newsletter from the church porch. Our group of churches has many free activities from groups for babies, toddlers and school children to coffee mornings and Alzheimer support sessions.

## GREAT MONGEHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

The church is open on a Sunday morning 10.30 - 11.30 where we all meet for a more informal meeting, and all are welcome to join us. There is a 'drop in' with tea or coffee and cake on Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.30. For church matters contact Church Secretary Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or email: chrisie22@googlemail.com. For hire of the Church Hall contact Mick Godden on 01304 367940.

# ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH

Organisation or Club	Meeting times & Location (Parish Hall unless stated otherwise)	Contact Telephone Number
Great. Mongeham Parish Council www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk	1st Thurs 7.30 pm (not Aug/Jan)	<u>Chair</u> John Gatland 07885564187 <u>Clerk</u> J Jones clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk
AnnAndy's Country Music Club	Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday in the month from 7pm	Ann 07753133326
Ballet Primary, Tap grade 1&2	Tuesday 4-6pm	J Anton 07484877574
Ballet grade 4, Acrobatic gym	Wednesday 5-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30 pm. <b>Church Tower, St Martin's</b>	Peter Deverson 365460
Brownies (age 7+)	Thursday 5-6.30pm	S Roberts 07872647909
Community Drop In	Wed 10.30 to 11.30, <b>Community Church, Mongeham Road</b>	Chrisie Godden 367940 chrisie22@googlemail.com
Dance with Cerys on Mondays Ages 10+	5-6pm Irish 6-7.15pm Contemporary 7.15-8pm Strengthen & Stretch	Cerys Jordan dancewithcerys@gmail.com
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30pm (not Sep/Dec)	greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.30pm term-time only	Jane Jobey 01304 381702 iandj_jobey@hotmail.com
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Wed 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	www.greatmongehamhorticulturalsociety.org Chairman: Fred Arvidsson, cfa@myself.com
Musical Theatre, Irish & Jazz	Monday 4.30-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Happy Feet Dancing Club	Friday 1.30-3.30	Marion Wood 07742258126
Parish Hall bookings	gmphbookings@aol.com	Bara Greener 07783016927
Pilates	Monday 11-12am	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
	Tuesday 10.30am	Lorraine Pullen 07734473784
Rainbows (age 5-7)	Thursday 4-5pm	Sam Green 07967 501664
St. Martin's Hand-bell Ringers	Alt Weds, <b>141 Mongeham Road</b>	Audrey Pitchford 362202
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	Pam Oiller 373604
Sunday School (3 years & over)	Sun 11.00 <b>St Martin's Church</b>	Sylvia Griffiths 367124
Weight loss & exercise	Monday 9.30-11.00	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
Yoga	Wednesday 7.30pm (not 1st Wednesday of month)	Josephine 07825 373926 simply.prana@yahoo.co.uk www.barefeet.yoga
	Intermediate: Thurs 09.15-10.15 Gentle: Thurs 10.30-11.45	hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk http://www.yourbrightskies.co.uk