

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

September 2023

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

Parish Council: Thur 7th Sept. Horticultural Society: Wed 6th Sept. Saint Martin's

WI: Thur 14th Sept. Great Mongeham Society: No meeting in September

## 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)

## CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL CONSULTATION

Village Hall Sunday 24th September 10:00 – 16:00. Everyone welcome to see the information, ask questions, and tell us what you think needs preserving. Refreshments available.

## GMS ARCHIVES

Brian Knight has kindly donated some copies of the society's Notes. These have proved to be an interesting record of village events. GMS would be happy to try and make a complete sequence, and we would also appreciate copies of The Link. Some of you might also have commercially produced aerial photos of the village. If you would be happy to have these copied for the archive, please contact the GMS / Jennie Esposito. (JE)

## SEPTEMBER THOUGHTS

An enduring memory of childhood is the sight of my purple stained fingers at the end of a sun-drenched afternoon spent picking blackberries from a country hedgerow. Stretching up to where the fattest, juiciest fruits nestled among the thorny branches, my skin would be scratched whilst my ankles would be throbbing from the stings of the nettles below. These minor setbacks were soon dispelled by the aroma of newly harvested fields, the constant buzz of bees and the delight of watching the delicate unfurling of the proboscis of a red admiral butterfly as it pushed down into the ripe fruit, all added to the pleasure of gathering the berries.

After a triumphant walk home with a bowl brimming with this bounty, I would assist mother in preparing a huge blackberry and apple crumble, to be served with generous amounts of home-made custard. Back in the Fifties there were no freezers and whilst jam-making was a possibility, there was nothing enjoyed quite so much as that first blackberry pudding of September!

P.S. I still enjoy picking blackberries but wisdom has taught me to wear long sleeves and trousers as well as arming myself with a walking stick to gather those berries just beyond reach. There are still many free hedgerow fruits such as plums and sloes. Let the editor know if you have a favourite recipe.

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

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

### **Great Mongeham Society**

For the July meeting, warm weather, a great bbq and simple fun contributed to the enjoyment of the Bat'nTrap evening held at Fred and Pauline's lovely garden

In August the group had an outing. Only a 30 minute drive away yet hidden in the curving Downs of Barfrestone, lies a tiny, ancient church, visited by pilgrims from medieval times to the present day. Our members were awed by the intricate beauty of the many stone carvings and rare wheel window. Our appreciation was enhanced by a very professional audio-visual presentation.

No meeting in September. Next meeting will be on 19th October (JE)

### **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month, usually in the Parish Hall, at 7.30pm. Refreshments and raffle. Membership is £10pa, new members always welcome!

Next meetings: Wednesday 6th September. Philip Blair will be giving a talk on 'The Biology of Plants'. (AA)

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

Our meeting scheduled for the 10th August should have been a Guided Tour of Sandwich with Mike Elmes but unfortunately owing to many members being on holiday, this was cancelled and the remaining group enjoyed a 'fun evening' with games and puzzles in the Parish Hall. A Lunch Club is being started and members were asked for suggested venues.

Our next meeting on 14th September will be a talk about 'Foraging' which sounds very interesting. (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 7th September.

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 3rd Sept Informal family worship at 11am

Sunday 10th Sept Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 17th Sept Informal family worship at 11am

Choral Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 24th Sept Holy Communion at 11am

Saturday 30th Sept Harvest Supper at St Richards Church Hall at 6pm (Booking essential—Call Peter on 07900141334)

Sunday 1st Oct Harvest Festival

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. Full rotate available for Holy Week in the porch at St Martins. Children always welcome at all services.

Evensong - Evensong is on a rotating basis bimonthly with one of our sister churches (St Leonard's) on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5.30pm (4.30pm from October). It is fully choral with Choir and organist.

Holy Communion at Caesar Court on Tuesdays at 10.30am on the 12th and 26th September. 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:** 3rd: Lesley. 10th: June & Queenie. 17th: Wendy & Audrey. 24th: Mary & Elizabeth.

**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 Carly on Mondays For all children up to age 18	5-6pm Irish 6-7pm modern Jazz 7-8pm Contemporary	Carly Pullen 07807201438
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