

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 1st Nov. Parish Council: Thur 2nd Nov. Saint Martin's WI: Thur 9th Nov. Great Mongeham Society: Thur 16th Nov.

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

Parish Clerk: clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

PROGRESS WITH CONSERVATION AREA PROJECT

On Sunday 24th September members of the Great Mongeham Society Conservation Committee filled the village hall with a display illustrating our goals. Numerous villagers came in to discuss the displays, which included a map of the current conservation area, summaries of the more technical terms and photographs of the village which gave some context to our objectives. The occasion was deemed a great success, given the interest shown and the very supportive comments, both verbal and written. We thank all who have made a donation towards the costs of the conservation project, both on the day and via the JustGiving site. Our fundraising continues. If you'd like to donate or help raising the funds for the Conservation Appraisal please email:

greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com or simply go to www.justgiving.com and search for Great Mongeham. (SP)

NEWSLETTER DELIVERERS REQUIRED

Sadly, ill- health has forced a couple of our stalwart volunteers to step back from delivering to some areas of the village. We urgently need help in: St Edmund's Close; St Richard's Road from junction with Rectory Road down to Mongeham Road; Group of houses on left- hand bend on Northbourne Road before pinch point; and leading out of village towards Willow Road. Please email me if you can assist jennifer.esposito@btopenworld.com (JE)

BUS TIMETABLES FOR GREAT MONGEHAM, DEAL AND BEYOND.

No bus timetables and can't access them on-line? Just learned that there's been another change? Found timetables on stops out of date? You are not alone! The Deal Library staff give a full service, with a friendly, patient assistant, who can find the right bus number and timetable for you. The charge is minimal, pennies not pounds. With many services undermanned and struggling, this is a relief indeed. Thank you, Deal Library, for printouts and help. (MJP)

We would be grateful to receive any items for the next edition before **the 20th of the month** by email to 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

CORRECTION: DANCE CLASSES AT THE PARISH HALL

In the October issue we incorrectly stated that the new dance teacher for the Monday night dance classes was Carly, when in fact it will be Cerys, who is taking over from Carly. Sorry for any confusion caused!

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

Our October speaker, Janet Dean, gripped us all with her account of the bravery and ingenuity of her grandmother who became part of an underground spy unit in Belgium during WW1. An extraordinary story revealing the little known part played by ordinary people in an occupied country.

Next Meeting 16th November 7:30 p.m. AGM followed by a short talk and display of the archives used to reveal the life of a village schoolteacher, Amelia Phillippe. Drinks and nibbles will be served. (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

The next meeting of the Horticultural Society is on Wednesday 1st November. This month will be the AGM followed by a Fish & Chip supper and quiz. December 6th will be our Christmas Party, please bring along a sweet or savoury dish. (AA)

Saint Martin's WI

For the October meeting St. Martin's W. I. enjoyed a happy time crafting Autumn Wreaths. Dates and venues for the luncheon and supper clubs were also organised. The next meeting on Thursday 9th November in the Parish Hall will be a speaker meeting: Judi Knight will talk to us about 'Christmas on the Home Front'. (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 2nd November.

Council minutes can be read at www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

Jo Jones, the Parish Clerk can be contacted at: 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 5th Nov Informal family worship at 11am

Sunday 12th Nov United Remembrance Service at Sholden at 10am

Sunday 19th Nov Informal family worship at 11am

Sunday 26th Nov Holy Communion at 11am

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 7th and 21st November. 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: 4th Lesley, 11th June and Queenie, 18th Wendy and Audrey, 25th Elizabeth and Mary.

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. Church Tower, St Martin's	Peter Deverson 365460
Brownies (age 7+)	Thursday 5-6.30pm	S Roberts 07872647909
Community Drop In	Wed 10.30 to 11.30, Community Church, Mongeham Road	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, 141 Mongeham Road	Audrey Pitchford 362202
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	Pam Oiller 373604
Sunday School (3 years & over)	Sun 11.00 St Martin's Church	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