

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

February 2024

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

Parish Council: 1st Feb. Horticultural Society: Wed 7th Feb. Saint Martin's WI: Thur 8th Feb. Great Mongeham Society: 15th Feb.

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

SPECIAL GUEST AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Some of you may still be wondering about the special guest who was coming to St Martins on Sunday the 3rd of December. It was certainly a very pleasant surprise to most of the congregation who had turned up early for the occasion. The bells were ringing and there was socialising with all the usual beverages and plenty of home-made cake waiting as the mystery guest, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, popped his head through the door. The congregation couldn't believe its eyes! It was indeed a very special occasion to have the head of the worldwide Anglican Church joining us for the service, which was for our whole Parish of Great Mongeham and Upper Deal. He proved to be a humble and engaging man, very much at home with everyone, both before and during the service. He spoke about world situations and his own role as a world leader. After the service he moved off straight away to attend a peace demonstration in Trafalgar Square. There is a photo of this historic event in the church's visitor book. (PH)

YOGA FOR A HEALTHY LIFE AND IMPROVED SLEEP

Bringing yoga into your daily routine can be a transformative step towards achieving overall well-being. Beyond its physical benefits, yoga has been proven to positively impact mental health, reduce stress, and contribute to better sleep. Whether you are a seasoned yogi or a beginner, the adaptability of yoga makes it accessible to people of all fitness levels. Consistency is key. By dedicating time to yoga practice, you not only invest in your physical well-being but also nurture a sense of inner peace that positively impacts your overall quality of life. If you would like to find out more about joining the Monday evening classes at the Great Mongeham Parish Hall, or my new free community yoga space offering, then please do get in touch: email simply.pрана@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07825 373926. Josephine Wells, Yoga Teacher.

NEW CLASSES IN THE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAYS

Join Steven Fillenberg for Tai-Chi at 12.30-1.30pm, and Jasmine Reeve for Dance and Exercise to Music at 2pm-3pm. See the listings on the back page for more details.

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

DAVID DONACHIE

We regret to report that Mr Donachie, a well-known author, who was a long-term resident of the village, passed away in December. He will be remembered for his many popular works of historical, naval fiction set in the eighteenth century. (JE)

CHOIR CONCERT: SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 7.30PM

The Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir will be performing well-known songs from shows, folk music as well as traditional Welsh anthems to celebrate St David's Day at St Martin's Church. Tickets £10. Contact greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com or 07746015436 to purchase tickets. (JE)

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

Despite the arctic weather, a good number of members enjoyed coming to hear Brian Knight's recollections of being conscripted into the army in 1956. It is a wonder that Brian survived his time dealing with shells and explosives as health and safety in the ordinance department was sadly lacking. The next meeting will be on 15th February 7.30p.m. Helen Charlton will be "Talking Rubbish" and giving us some ideas for sprucing up our village for The Great British Spring Clean.

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm when the first talk of the new year will be 'Plants Have Feelings' by Dr Clive Nutman, followed by refreshments and raffle. New members welcome. (AA)

Saint Martin's WI

January 12th saw St. Martin's W.I. enjoying their New Years Party. Plenty of delicious food supplied by members was very much appreciated. Laughter and chat made a good accompaniment, so much chatter went on that we only had time for one game although that was great fun! Next meeting will be on 8th February for the AGM plus Crafting 'Show the love' in various ways. (JEB)

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the first Thursday in the month (except August and January) in the Parish Hall (unless otherwise stated). The next meetings will be on 1st February. 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

Saint Martin's Hand Bell Ringers

December saw the Hand Bell Ringers busy playing a selection of carols and Christmas tunes at Brooke Lodge and Wellington Court in Deal, and at the Oddfellows Hall in Dover. Appreciative audiences together with generous hospitality made for memorable and enjoyable performances. The Hand Bell Ringers concluded their programme by playing at the annual Carol Service organised by The Rev. Peter Hambrook at Caesar Court. The Hand Bell Ringers are currently taking a short break, but will resume practising in February. A varied programme of popular tunes enables the Team to play throughout the Summer. The Hand bells are approaching 100 years old. Thanks to careful handling and restoration at Whitechapel Bell Foundry they are set to be played for the next 100 years! (AP)

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 4th Feb Informal Worship at 11am

Sunday 11th Feb Holy Communion at 11am

Wednesday 14th Feb Ash Wednesday at 7pm. Holy communion with the imposition of ashes at St. Nicholas at Sholden

Sunday 18th Feb Informal Worship at 11am

Sunday 25th Feb 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 13th and 27th February. 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 Feb, Lesley. 18th Feb, June & Queenie. No flowers then until Easter Sunday (31/3). Donations for Easter Flowers gratefully appreciated, there will be a box in the church. Thank you.

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 01304 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 01304 367940 chrisie22@googlemail.com
Dance and Exercise to Music with Jasmine Reeve	Wednesday 2pm-3pm	03333 660 661 hayley.clark@yourleisure.uk.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 1.30-3.30pm	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 01304 362202
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	saintmartinswi@gmail.com
Sunday School (3 years & over)	Sun 11.00 St Martin's Church	Sylvia Griffiths 01304 367124
Tai-Chi class with Steven Fillenberg	Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm	03333 660 661 hayley.clark@yourleisure.uk.com
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