

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 5th (Monks Hall)

Parish Council: Thu 6th

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 13th June

Great Mongeham Society: Thu 20th (Apple Cottage)

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

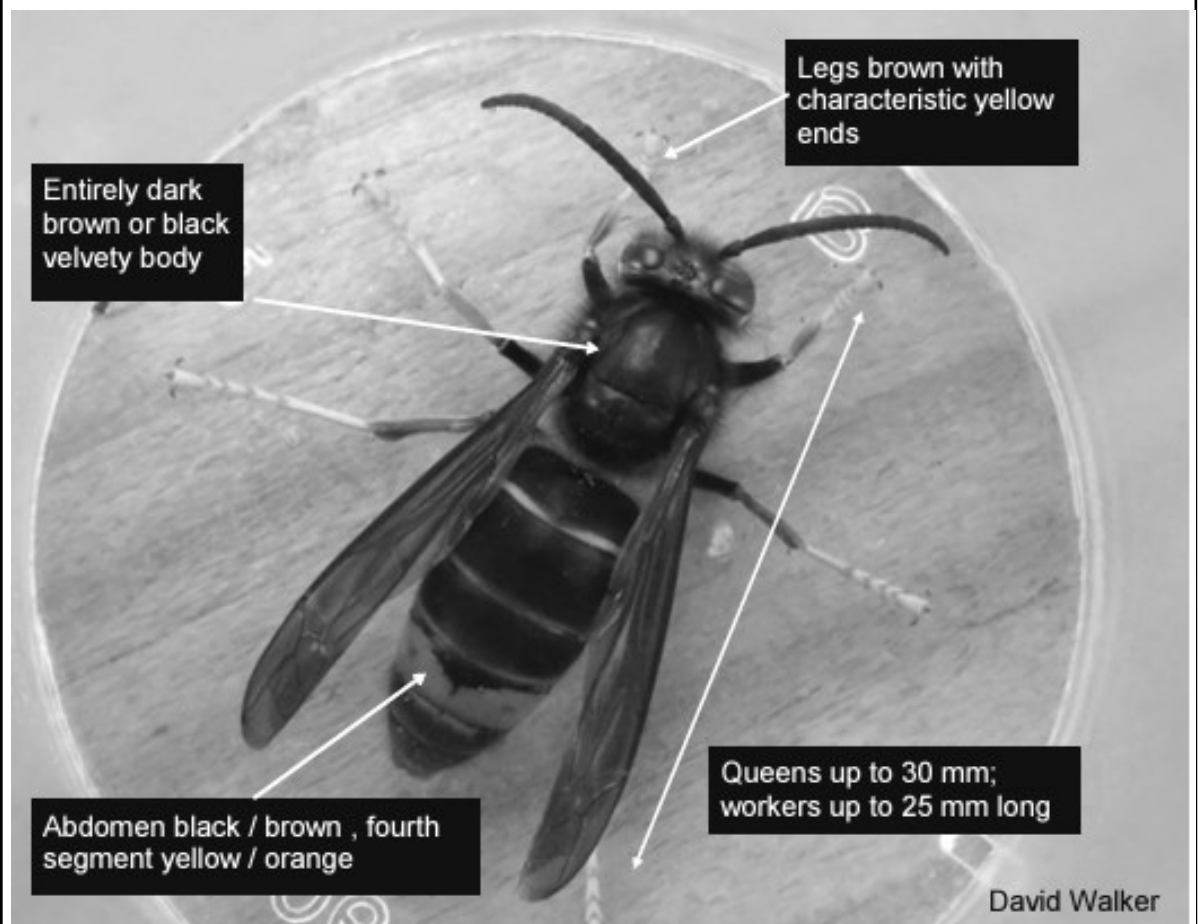
FIRST CONFIRMED ASIAN HORNET SIGHTING IN 2024 - ASH, KENT

An Asian hornet was found in a potting shed by a member of the Ash Horticultural Society, Kent on Friday 8th March and reported through the Asian Hornet watch app. The hornet was collected by an Animal and Plant Health Agency bee inspector the same day, and confirmed on 11th March. The finding was around 5 miles from a nest found and destroyed in 2023, near Canterbury, Kent.

The National Bee Unit encourages beekeepers and the public to familiarise themselves with the appearance of the Asian hornet using our ID sheet, after 72 nests were found and killed in England during 2023.

Please report sightings of *Vespa velutina* using the Asian hornet Watch app or online form at

www.brc.ac.uk/risc/alert.php?species=asian_hornet



(from www.nationalbeeunit.com/)

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

Clive Nuttman raised our awareness of the precious chalkland habitat which lies at our doorstep. Its ecology and rarity is of global significance. Members were fascinated by descriptions of the complex life cycles of species such as bee orchids and Adonis blue butterflies. Please support your local nature reserves such as Samphire Hoe, Monkton and Peene Railway and Countryside Trust.

Next meeting: 20th June 2024: Bat & Trap, BBQ and Raffle. 6.30 p.m. at Apple Cottage, Little Mongeham. This is our annual fundraiser so cost is £7 p.p. which includes food. (JE)

Conservation Areas Re-Appraisal

The draft document stage has now been reached. (JE)

Fairfield Update

Local resident, Colin Skinner, has found evidence of 310 different species in the field area, including 66 different plants, 188 invertebrates, 38 types of bird, as well as reptiles, badgers, foxes, squirrels and mice. (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

June's meeting is our Members' Annual Potato Weigh-in Competition and BBQ evening (bring a chair!) at 7.30pm at Monks Hall (village Hall if raining).

July 3rd is the Summer Show at Mongeham Community Church Hall.

We meet every first Wednesday of the month. New members will always be made welcome. (CA)

Saint Martin's WI

The meeting on May 9th was an opportunity to celebrate our 51st birthday with delicious cakes. We also affixed the plaque to the cherry tree on the village green which had been planted as part of the late Queen's Green Canopy initiative. It was decided at the meeting to support the resolution that 'Dental Health Matters'.

At the next meeting on June 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Jacqueline Aviolet will be speaking on 'Herbs'. Members are reminded that the next Supper Club meeting will be on June 20th at The Rose in Wickhambreaux. The R.N.L.I. have been invited to address the meeting on July 11th, and the afternoon tea party will now take place on August 8th. (JEB)

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The Parish Council usually meets on the first Thursday in the month (except August and January) in the Parish Hall (unless otherwise stated). 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

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

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Priest in charge: Rev Monica Cameron (day off Friday) 01304 374 076 or 07383 360 395

Weddings, Baptisms: contact the office on 01304 369 919, stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com
or Rev Peter Hambrook 07900 141 334

Church Wardens: Steve Manion 07968 972 746, Wendy Manion 07411 432 541

Parish Treasurer: John Wakeman c/o TreasurerUDGM@outlook.com

Friends of St Martin's Treasurer: Emma Barrett

St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 2nd June Informal family Worship at 11am

Sunday 9th June Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 16th June Informal family Worship at 11am

Sunday 23rd June Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 30th June Brunch service at St Richard's, Mill Hill at 10.30am

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 4th and 18th June.

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: 2nd; Lesley. 9th; June and Queenie. 23rd; Wendy. 30th; No service

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	2nd & 3rd Saturday, 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
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
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30pm (not Sep/Dec)	greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com
Great Mongeham Singers	Every other Wednesday at 7pm	Alan King 07591 006032
Musical Theatre, Irish & Jazz	Monday 4.30-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Happy Feet Dancing Club	Friday 1.30-3.30pm	Marion Wood 07742258126
Mantra and Kirtan	Wednesdays 7.30 to 9pm (excluding 1st Wed of month)	Sodashi Devi 07778535817
Meditation & Sleep Classes	Mondays at 12.45 (Meditation) and 2pm (Sleep)	Sue Gray 07792 447331 sue@suegray.co.uk
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 9.30-11.00am	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
Yoga	Mondays at 6.30 and 7.30pm	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