

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

July & August 2024

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 3 Jul & 7 Aug

Parish Council: Thu 11 July (Church)

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 11 Jul & 8 Aug

Great Mongeham Society: Sat 20 Jul & 15 Aug (Walks)

Useful Telephone numbers:

Kent Police for non-emergencies
101

Health non-emergencies **111**

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

VILLAGE TREE SURVEY

One of the attractive and important features of our village, identified by the Conservation Area Appraisal consultant, is the abundance of local trees. The idea of a survey is to encourage us all to look up and notice the trees which can be viewed from public spaces and footpaths. All too often we only notice them when they are at risk from disease, building development and agricultural activity. Identifying, appreciating and caring for our trees is a communal activity with vital significance for the future character of our village. If you would like to assist please contact one of our Great Mongeham Society members, Rebecca Hurn at rebecca.hurn@gmail.com

FOOTPATHS

Our village is blessed with many well used paths which take us through our beautiful local countryside. At this time of year, we can all help keep the paths clear by carrying some secateurs to trim back overhanging or encroaching plants. If you find a problem such as a blockage, broken stile, or impassable crop please report it via the KCC website Public Rights of Way section. The more people that register a problem, the more likely it is to be rectified!

THANET GOSPEL CHOIR REPORT

The Gospel choir concert on 24th May at St Martin's was another great success, with the choir in great form. They soon had the audience foot tapping and joining with some of the numbers. The tradition of good refreshments was upheld during the interval, thanks goes to the local ladies who provided them. The real bonus came when we counted up the takings after the event and after all expenses we were left with a good profit of £250 which goes towards church general running costs. Many thanks to all who helped to make it a very successful event.

CUPPA AND CAKE AT MONGEHAM ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Every Wednesday the Mongeham Road community church welcomes you to have a cuppa and cake from 10.30 to 11.30am You do not have to be a church goer, all are welcome. On June 19th Lisa from Age Concern Park Street came to answer questions on "Where do I find out what I am allowed?" From pensions to allowances and more, many attendees found money they never knew they could claim. If you missed it, Lisa can be contacted at 01304 372 608 to try to help with your questions. (PMS-B)

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

The annual St Martin's Church Parish Barbecue will be on 31st of August, held in the Rectory garden, near St Leonard's Church.

Great Mongeham Society

Our next two meetings will not be at the Parish Hall because two visits have been organised.

Saturday 20th July: Guided Tour of the Battle of Britain Memorial, The Wing, Capel –le-Ferne. CT18 7JJ. Members are asked to make their own way to the site to meet at 2.30 p. m. The tour will begin at 2.45p.m. Paid car parking available onsite. Please contact Pauline if you require transport.

Thursday 15th August: Visit to Solley's Ice Cream Parlour, Ripple, CT14 8JL. Walkers please meet 2.15 p.m. at junction of Cherry Lane and Pixwell Lane. Those who prefer to drive should follow signs on the Mongeham to Ripple Road to park at the farm ready for the tour which begins at 3 p.m.

There is no meeting in September (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

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

We welcomed new members and visitors to our June meeting. Our speaker Jacqueline Aviolet proved amazingly knowledgeable about herbs, their cultivation, culinary use and folklore and we all learned something we had not known before. She was also a very entertaining speaker and was much appreciated by all. Members are reminded that our next meeting will be our annual afternoon tea party on 11th July, and our next speaker meeting will be on 8th August in the Parish Hall. (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, however due to the General Election on 4th July, the council's July meeting will be on 11th July in St Martin's Church.

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

Note: No issue in August

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 7th July Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 14th July Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 21st July No service at St Martin's. Please join us at the Children's Service at St Richard's, Mill Hill (10.30am)

Sunday 28th July Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 4th August Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 11th August Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 18th August Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 25th August Family Service with 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.

Holy Communion at Caesar Court on Tuesdays at 10.30am on the 2nd, 16th and 30th July, and the 13th and 27th August. 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:

July: 7th; Lesley. 14th; June and Queenie. 21st; No service. 28th; Elizabeth and Mary.

August: 4th; Wendy. 11th; June and Queenie. 18th; Wendy. 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@gmail.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