

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

September 2024

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 4 Sept

Parish Council: Thu 5 Sept

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 12 Sept

Great Mongeham Society: No Meeting in Sept

### 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](http://www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

Parish Clerk: [clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

## URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER DELIVERER

Sadly the present volunteer must stop, having been part of the team for several years.... Thank you Doreen!

The round extends from The Leather Bottle, along Mongeham Road to the junction at Sholden. There are about 80 houses so a pair of people could do it in less than half an hour. It will always be at the end of each month. Please contact me on 07746015436 (JE)

## SOLAR TOGETHER KENT

Dover District Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council on the current round of Solar Together Kent as part of DDC's commitment to tackling climate change. Solar Together Kent is a group-buying scheme, which brings Kent households and small businesses together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price. Having your own solar panels means you can save on your energy bill as well as reduce your carbon emissions. The scheme helps you through the whole process, keeping you informed at every stage. Please visit <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Environment/Climate-Change/Solar-panels-made-easy.aspx> for more info. (JU)

## FAIRFIELD

Thank you to all the hundreds of people who contributed to the successful rejection of the planning application. Particular mention should go to Cllr Richardson and Parish Cllr Chris Saville who both spoke at the planning meeting; Jane Langstaff who spent many hours organising expert support; The Great Mongeham Society members who lobbied councillors and attended the DDC meeting. (JE)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

One way of strengthening our village confines, character and status would be to create a Neighbourhood Plan, with the support of DDC. Nearby Ringwould, Worth and Langdon have completed theirs and had them included in the Development Plan for the area. Lots of information is available [www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/Neighbourhood-Planning](http://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Policy/Neighbourhood-Planning) The process needs to be led by the Parish Council but village individuals and groups can provide support in this worthwhile process. (JE)

## **MIG KIMPTON FLORIST CHURCH DISPLAY**

Come and see the harvest flowers on the 6th October when Mig Kimpton and his students will be filling St. Martin's Church with displays. (WM)

## **ALLOTMENT PLOTS AVAILABLE**

Eastry Parish Council have allotment plots available to rent, please contact the Clerk Jo Jones, [clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastry-pc.gov.uk), 07903 739792, for more details

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

### **Great Mongeham Society**

Warm summer sunshine made our three outdoor events all the more enjoyable. A big thankyou to Pauline and Fred for hosting our Bat 'n Trap fundraiser and well done to Mike for organising the well-attended outings to the Wing at Capel and Solley's Ice-Cream parlour.

There is no hall meeting in September but make sure you have 17th October 7:30pm in your diaries when Keith Parfitt, from Kent Archaeological Society will give a talk on "The Archaeological Treasures of Mill Hill".

The committee have changed the sequence of the indoor meetings so that refreshments will be served after the speaker slot. (JE)

### **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th September at 7.30pm: 'Working in the Forest and Making Logs, Charcoal and Walking Sticks' by Huntsman. Please come along, visitors will always be made welcome. (AA)

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

At their meeting on July 11th Saint Martin's W.I. welcomed representatives of the R.N.L.I. to tell us about their work. Living here most of us are familiar with the life saving orange boats, but perhaps not so aware of the amazing amount of work every launch takes, all done by volunteers. It was certainly educational as well as entertaining.

The August meeting was devoted to our annual Afternoon Tea Party in Pam's lovely garden. Delicious goodies and chat thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On 12th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Veronica King will tell us about her life as a private investigator. (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.

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)

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

## 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](mailto: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 1st Sept Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 8th Sept Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 15th Sept Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am  
Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 22nd Sept Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 29th Sept Whole Parish Service at St Nicholas', Sholden, 9.30am  
Pet Blessing Service at 4pm at St Leonard's Church

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](mailto:wizzy4beth@gmail.com).

**Flower Rota:** Wendy and Lesley would like to thank members of the flower team, past and present, for their generosity and efforts to make the church beautiful. If anyone would like to donate towards the flowers at St Martin's Church the flower team would be very grateful. If you would like to donate and have flowers arranged in memory of a loved one, please let us know by contacting [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com).

**Sunday School** Sunday school is available weekly for age 3 and over at the same time as morning services at St Martin's Church. 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](mailto: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
Ann Andy's Country Music Club	2nd & 3rd Saturday, 7pm	Ann 07753133326
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30 pm. <b>Church Tower, St Martin's</b>	Peter Deverson 01304 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 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
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, <b>141 Mongeham Road</b>	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 <b>St Martin's Church</b>	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