

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

November 2024

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 6th Nov

Parish Council: Thu 7th Nov

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 14th Nov

Great Mongeham Society: 21st Nov

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

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

Our well-attended October meeting was treated to an expert's guide to the significant archaeological discoveries made along St Richard's Road, one of the richest Iron Age burial sites in England. Keith Parfitt told us how modern DNA testing will soon reveal more information on the carefully preserved skeletons. One of these, a warrior wearing a crown with his sword and shield beside him, is now exhibited at the British Museum.

The November meeting will be on Thursday 21st November at 7:30 in the Parish Hall. Our AGM will be followed by a talk given by Mike Wells, "WW1 from local to national to international". Mike is our vice-president and part of the society's archive team. Everyone is welcome. Why not come along as a guest? (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

This month's meeting is the AGM followed by a Fish & Chip supper on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm. December will be our Christmas Party with entertainment! We meet in the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members will always be made welcome. We already have a full lineup of speakers booked for 2025. (AA)

Saint Martin's WI

We welcomed our speaker Melanie Gibson-Martin to our October meeting, she gave a most entertaining and interesting account of 'Morris Dancing' illustrated with slides. Donations for the Pilgrims Hospice, in memory of our sadly missed member Margaret Musson, were accepted. Next months meeting on 14th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall will be devoted to Christmas crafts. Lunch Club will meet at The Coach in Hacklinge on 28th November. (JEB)

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Cllr Chris Saville on his achievement of being the Great British Bar Billiard Champion! 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
Jo Jones, the Parish Clerk can be contacted at:
clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Come along to Mongeham Village Hall on
Saturday 30th November
for a Christmas Wreath-making Workshop.

From **10am-1pm** we'll be making wreaths and other festive garlands. Mince pies, mulled wine and tea and coffee will be provided for your festive refreshment!

Bring your own snips, gloves and any materials you already have, we'll provide the rest.

£25 per person including refreshments.

For more details and to book your place please contact Amelia Arvidsson (ameliaarvidsson06@gmail.com) or Rebecca Hurn (rebecca.hurn@gmail.com).

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 450 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 07938 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,
Janet Thorpe Jones

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

Friends of St Martin's Treasurer: Emma Barrett

St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 3rd Nov Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am
All Souls Remembrance Service at St Leonard's Church at
5.30pm

Sunday 10th Nov Whole Parish Remembrance Service with band at St
Nicholas' Church at 10am

Sunday 17th Nov Family Service without Holy Communion at 11am
Choral Evensong at 4.30pm

Sunday 24th Nov 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 at 10.30am on Tuesdays 5th and 19th 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.

Flowers at St. Martin's: If you would like to donate towards the flowers at St
Martin's and/or have some flowers dedicated for a particular person or date please let
Wendy Manion know on 07411432541. If you would like to have a go at church
flower decoration please contact the same number. Thank you.

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. 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
<i>Parish Hall bookings</i>	<i>gmphbookings@aol.com</i>	<i>Bara Greener 07783016927</i>
Ann Andy's Country Music Club	2nd & 3rd Saturday, 7pm	Ann 07753133326
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30pm. 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 11.30am, 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
Evolution Wing Chun (Martial Art)	10am-midday on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month	Mark 07432057140
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.30pm term-time only	Jane Jobey 01304 381702 iandj_jobey@hotmail.com
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
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
Pilates	Monday 11am-midday	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
Scottish Country Dancing	Tuesdays 8pm	Mary Quinton 01304 375836
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	sue.highton@outlook.com
Sunday School (3 years& over)	Sundays 11am 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
Table Tennis	Fridays 7.30pm	Brian 07762250576
Taoist Tai Chi	Thursdays 1pm - 2.30pm	Steven Fillenberg 07925722182
Weight loss & exercise	Monday 9.30-11am	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 10.30-11.45am	hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk http://www.yourbrightskies.co.uk