

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

June 2025

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 4th June

Parish Council: Thu 5th June

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 12th June

Great Mongeham Society: Thu 19th June

### 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)

### CONSERVATION AREA

There will be a Public Consultation display at the Parish Hall on Saturday 14th June, 10am to 1pm. DDC Principal Heritage Officer, Alison Cummings, will be in attendance alongside members of the Great Mongeham Society to discuss proposed boundary changes to the Great Mongeham Conservation Areas. Please come along and view maps and other information. The changes result from a character appraisal made by an independent consultant. After the consultation, DDC aim to publish the final document this October. (JE)

### THANK YOU!

Warm sunshine and a peal of bells welcomed us as we gathered for the blessing of the Peace Garden at St Martin's on 10th May. Bishop Rose enjoyed the view and the birdsong! It was wonderful to have a big village gathering. Well done to the dedicated working party, and other local people who gave their time, energy and skills to transform the churchyard; those who gave plants and materials; those who helped with the refreshments and children's activities. A special mention goes to local artist, Wendy Atkins, for donating the beautiful Peace Pole and to the expert Handbell Ringers, led by Audrey Pitchford. Further developments are planned. If you would like to contribute in some way, please email: [jennifer.esposito60@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.esposito60@gmail.com). (JE)

### SOLAR TOGETHER KENT—2025 SCHEME CLOSING SOON.

Dover District Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council on the current round of Solar Together Kent, as part of Dover District Council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency.

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. Installations will generally not need planning permission. However, in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings, planning permission or listed building consent may be required. To register or for more information Visit [www.solartogether.co.uk/dover](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/dover) or alternatively call Solar Together on 0800 014 8721 (Mon-Fri, 8am-5.30pm).

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 450 copies on an A5 flyer, which will be delivered to the whole parish for £12

## **TREASURER NEEDED**

If you don't have a head for heights but do have a head for figures and a spreadsheet is your favourite thing, the Parish of Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham needs YOU! We are in need of a new Treasurer. This essential, voluntary job, is a necessary part of the Parish in helping it to grow its mission. If you have some time & expertise & would like more details (assistance with some tasks is given), please contact our Rector, Rev Mthr Monica Cameron or one of the church wardens. Our details are on page 3 of this newsletter. Thank you. (WM).

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

### **Great Mongeham Society**

Apologies for the cancellation of our May meeting. Fortunately our speaker will be available for a date later in the year.

Our next meeting on 19th June will feature material from our archives "A few Mongeham Houses Through Time". Come along to discover the changing fortunes of the characters who once lived in our village. N.B. please bring along the payment for our July visit to the Maison Dieu. (JE)

### **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

We meet in the village hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. New members will always be made welcome, and refreshments are included.

At our next meeting on June 4th, Simon & Christine Fuller will be talking to us about 'Running a Smallholding and Self-sufficiency'. (AA)

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

Celebrating our birthday happened to fall on VE Day this year, and the hall was a wash in red, white and blue, with some members dressed as Land Army girls, and many with head scarfs. The WI had teamed up with Nancy Birtwhistle, who won the 2014 Great British Bake Off, to create a special Orange and Ginger cake recipe, which one of our members made for us all to try. Delicious!

We discussed our resolution 'Bystanders can be lifesavers', and hope if it is successful it will become a campaign for us to back in the future. We then went on to 'Treasured Items', some of which had been with members for years.

During May, we walked to visit the Peace garden at St. Martin's Church and held a board games morning for members.

Next month's speaker, at our meeting on 12th June, will be telling us about Deal Open Gardens, which we also hope to visit. (JC)

### **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)

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Rector: 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](mailto: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

### St Martin's Church Services

Sun 1st June Family Service without Communion at 11am

Sun 8th June Family Service with Communion at 11am

Sun 15th June Family Service without Communion at 11am

Sun 22nd June Family Service with Communion at 11am

Sun 29th June Whole Parish Brunch at St Richard's at 10.30am

Sun 6th July Family Service with Communion at 11am

Coffee and tea served at 10.30am before the Sunday services, everyone welcome

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.

Parish UDGM prayer group meets in our own homes, 2nd Saturday of the month. A prayer letter is available from [stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stleonardsoffice@btinternet.com). Prayer requests to [wizzy4beth@gmail.com](mailto:wizzy4beth@gmail.com).

Holy Communion at Caesar Court at 10.30am on Tuesdays 3rd and 17th June and 1st July. Non-residents are welcome to attend.

**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](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
<b>Parish Hall bookings</b>	<b><i>gmphbookings@aol.com</i></b>	<b><i>Bara Greener 07783016927</i></b>
Ann Andy's Country Music Club	2nd & 4th Saturday, 7pm	Ann 07753133326
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30pm. Church Tower, St Martin's	Peter Deverson 01304 365460
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
Friends of St Martin's Church		Treasurer: Emma Barrett emma@ammonite-it.com
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
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