

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

September 2025

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

Horticultural Society: Wed 3rd Sept

Parish Council: Thu 4th Sept

Saint Martin's WI: Thu 11th 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

Parish Clerk:
clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR GREAT MONGEHAM

This year's Annual Parish Council Meeting started with an enthusiastic and informative demonstration of the use of a defibrillator by First Responder Beverley-Jane Last. Beverley gave the meeting really good instructions of how to deal with such an emergency. Members of the Parish Council were impressed by the defibrillator used in the demonstration and decided to purchase one for the benefit of the village. The new device is now freely available for use from the cabinet at the Village Hall. In an emergency, call 999 and they will tell you how to access the defibrillator and provide instructions on its use. (GS)

'WARMER HOMES THIS WINTER AND LOWER BILLS' – FREE INSULATION, SOLAR PV AND AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

DDC has been awarded funding to support local residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The money will be invested in homes across the district as part of the Warm Homes Local Grant, funding the likes of loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, internal wall insulation for solid wall homes, air source heat pumps and Solar PV. To qualify for funding the property needs an EPC rating below a C and the occupants need to have total annual household income less than £36,000 or in receipt of a means tested benefit. Only 14 grants are available. Call 01304 872414 or email energy@doover.gov.uk to express your interest

BAT EVENING AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

On Friday August 1st at 8.15 pm at St. Martins Church, Great Mongeham, a Bat Evening was held. Jennie Esposito had organised the evening. A talk was given where we heard about different types of bats including the common pipistrelles and different species. After the talk we went outside with high tech bat detectors. We saw the bats fly out of a small corner of the Church and they flew right over our heads. I enjoyed the evening and I hope it will be repeated next year. (JJ Pitchford aged nine)

Young JJ was one of almost sixty people who participated in the Great Mongeham Society Event. Our expert guide, Claire Munnings, was delighted to find three types of bat and ensure the roost is recorded on both the Kent and national registers. Please update the Bat Sightings List, located inside St Martin's, by the Peace Garden exhibition. The information will help record the foraging areas for our village bats. More family events will be planned in the near future. (JE)

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

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

A large group of members and guests recently enjoyed a visit to the Maison Dieu in Dover to see the wonderful restoration of its beautiful interiors, paintings and stained glass windows. The new step free access and modern facilities make its newly revealed treasures open to everyone.

No meeting in September, but the archive team will continue its mapping of the gravestones at St Martin's and the Peace Garden volunteers are making plans for autumn planting. Please go along and see the exhibition inside the church.

Heritage Open Days, England's largest community led festival of history and culture, runs from Friday 12th to Sunday 21st September. There is free entry to an array of interesting buildings, guided tours and walks in Deal and Dover areas. See www.heritageopendays.org.uk for details. (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. New members will always be made welcome, and refreshments are included, and we hold a raffle at each meeting! Non-members are welcome, entrance £5 per meeting.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30pm. The speaker is Richard Roff and the topic is: 'Keeping Poultry in your Garden or Allotment'. (AA)

Saint Martin's WI

What a day two of our members had had! Sisters Wendy and Sandra shook hands and spoke to King Charles III on his visit to Deal & Walmer and were delighted to tell us all about it at our meeting in July. Our speaker shared her experiences of running a hedgehog rescue centre. Along with the satisfying side of rearing and protecting hedgehogs also comes the sad side when they have been damaged in some way and have to be put to sleep. She covered all aspects of their wellbeing and I am sure we will be more aware of how we can support them in the future.

At our next meeting on 11th September we will be back in the hall to hear all about wine that has been produced in the Elham Valley by the Fifth Trust. (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

Jo Jones, the Parish Clerk can be contacted at: clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

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.

ANNUAL RIDE AND STRIDE

In association with Friends of Kent Churches, the Annual Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 13th September. All four of our parish churches, including St Martin's, will be open for riders and walkers to call in and register. Money raised is split between the churches and the charity. If anyone is able to walk/cycle round as many Kent churches as they can & get sponsors we would be grateful to hear from you at the parish office. Full details can be found at www.kentrideandstride.co.uk (WM)

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
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

Sunday 7th September Family Service without Holy Communion

Sunday 14th September Family Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September Family Service without Holy Communion

Sunday 28th September Whole Parish Service with Holy Communion at St
Leonard's

Sunday 5th October Family Service without Communion

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.

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

Tower Bell Ringing: Bell ringing at St Martin's is temporarily suspended due to broken bearings in two of the bells. These will be mended as soon as possible. Bell ringing practise is being held at St Leonard's for the time being.

Holy Communion at Caesar Court at 10.30am on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd September. 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.

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 & 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
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	Wednesdays 12.30-2.30pm Thursdays 1pm - 2.30pm	Steven Fillenberg 07925722182
Table Tennis	Fridays 7.30pm	Brian 07762250576
Weight loss & exercise	Monday 9.30-11am	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
Yoga	Mondays at 6.15 and 7.15pm. 4th Wednesday of the month, 7.15 to 8.45pm	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