

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

July 2012

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Well the Jubilee weekend was certainly celebrated in style in Great Mongeham, despite the weather not co-operating. We have 2 pages of reports on the weekend and it is superb that everyone gets together to make these events a success. Let's hope the weather will be better for the next village event which is the village fete on the 7th July.

We would be grateful to receive any items for the next edition before the 20th of the month by e-mail to

greatmongehamnews@gmail.com

Anyone wishing to advertise in subsequent issues should produce 420 copies on an A5 flyer - these will then be delivered for £10 - telephone Peter Hambrook on 364457.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Village Fete and flower show on the green and in the parish hall – July 7th

Great Mongeham Society

19 July 2012 - Lifeboat Station - Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

July 4th Mrs. Sue Marshall on 'Growing for Chelsea'

Saint Martin's WI

Thursday July 12th at 7.30 - Mrs T Page 'Ikebana'.

Competition - An artificial floral arrangement

Great Mongeham Singers

Wednesday July 11th and 25th at 7.30

Parish Hall

AGM - Wednesday July 11th 8 pm

Bingo

Thursday 26th July .15 for 7.30 Start

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Benefice Priest in Charge: Rev. David Flewker Tel. 374076
Ordained Local Minister: Rev. Peter Hambrook, 4 Brewery Cottages, Northbourne
Road, Great Mongeham. Contact for Weddings and Baptisms Tel. 364457
Church Wardens: Bob Osbourne, 27 St. Radigunds Road, Dover. Tel. 330200
Jennie Esposito, 224 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham. Tel 369304
Secretary: W Madgwick, Glendower, Mongeham Church Close, GM Tel. 239143
Treasurer: Nigel Pitchford, 141 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham. Tel. 362202

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

1st at 10.am Morning praise
8th at 10 am Holy communion
15th at 10 am Family Service, and at 6 pm Evensong
22nd at 10 am Holy Communion
29th at 10 am United Benefice service Holy Communion

Church Registers

Baptism, Sunday 24th June. - Chloe Rose Fowler.
Wedding, Saturday 23rd June. - Toby Tallon to Emma Baynham.

Flower Rota. (LL)

1st July Lesley and Kathie
8th July June and Queenie
15th July Wendy, Mary and Cynthia
22nd July Audrey and Jean
29th July Wedding

CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Graham Herbert Tel: 366332 Mick Godden Tel: 239801 Mobile 07713274760
The Tuesday Group meet for Tea, Coffee, Chat, Craft Aid (no charge) on Tuesdays from
10 am –12 Noon at Great Mongeham Christian Centre. Contact Anne 381378

SERVICES 10.30 am Every Sunday

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Oh, what a soggy summer we are having. And the evening of the Potato Weigh-in and Barbecue was no different. Just as the first potatoes arrived and Alan lit the barbecue down came the rain. However the Committee under the masterful leadership of Chairman Keith, sprang into action. Tarpaulins were laid on the floor of the Parish Hall and several volunteers removed compost into bin bags while the scales, the 'weigher' and recorder were installed at tables and the whole thing went like clockwork (well almost).

Eventually the winner was declared to be John Inglis with 3lbs 6 ozs, second was Barbara Odell with 2lbs 4ozs, third Sandra Surridge with 2lbs 3 ozs. Committee member Lita who produced a completely empty pot was awarded the wooden spoon. Meanwhile on the field Alan battled on under a wigwam of umbrellas held by volunteers. An executive decision was made to transfer the sausages to the Hall gas burners and Brian Knight at once offered to drive home and collect frying pans and oil which was an enormous help. Eventually everyone was served with food and drink, the raffle was drawn and a good time was enjoyed by all. By the time everyone was ready for seconds 'the sun had come out and was shining brightly. I suppose we might have guessed what would happen! The next meeting is on July 4th, the speaker is Mrs. Sue Marshall on 'Growing for Chelsea -Pleasure and Pain.' (JEB)

THE JUBILEE WEEKEND IN GREAT MONGEHAM

Barn Dance - On Friday evening the 1st of June about 140 people enjoyed a traditional barn dance in Solleys Potato Barn. Dancing was to Contraband and the caller was Chris Ransome, dancing went on until 11/30. There was an excellent BBQ cooked for us by Ian Lawrence and Matt Solley and much fun was had by all. The whole evening was a great success with £771-00 going to St Martins Church general funds. Grateful thanks go to Solley's farms for the use of the barn and preparation, also to those who supplied the raffle prizes, the sausages and burgers, not to forget the wonderful jubilee cake that was cut and shared by all. All went for making a first class evening and a great start to the Jubilee weekend. P.S. The cake was finished off at the Jubilee service at St Martins on the following Sunday - thank you to the person who provided and made it. PH

Jubilee Beacon. - The Parish Council joined in the lighting of the Jubilee Beacons across the country at 10.15pm on Monday 4th June. The beacon, situated on Steve Portman's land at Beacon Hill, was packed with straw bales giving a great blaze to the delight of around fifty people. Thanks go to Matt Solley and his workers who had mended the beacon. B. K.

Jubilee Big Lunch - Matt and David Solley saved the day for the Parish Council's Jubilee Big Lunch by offering one of their barns for the event on Monday 4th June. When the organizers met at 8am the rain and wind made it impossible to pitch the marquee and the hall can only seat 90 people at tables. With the hog already roasting for two hours on the spit cancellation was not possible. Luckily the barn had been used a few days earlier for a dance so there were straw bales for seating and tables were still there. With the help of a "cherry picker" the barn was bedecked with lights and bunting and tables were laid in time for the first of about 150 arrivals at 12.45. The bar by Andy and Paul from the Three Horseshoes soon did a steady trade. Mike Barnard kindly supplied background music, free of charge, with his P.A. system and the karaoke greatly assisted the Great Mongeham Singers with their patriotic community singing. Face painter Dizzy Di also gave her services free of charge making the children very happy. After an excellent lunch, provided by Bay Tree Caterers and rounded off by the arrival of Melvin Nobbs with his Ice Cream Van, games and races were organized by the Great Mongeham Society and overseen by John Swales and Mike Blee. Thanks to the Parish Hall and the Horticultural Society for the use of their tables. Cllr Chris Burwash presented Jubilee medals to those children who had requested them, he will deliver the remainder as soon as possible. It was generally agreed that a good time was had by all and the Big Lunch should be enjoyed again next year on Sunday 2nd June. D.K.

Thanks for the Jubilee Weekend:

Despite the typical summer British weather, which required a retreat into the potato barn, the Jubilee celebrations went with a swing. Succulent pork, fine ale, community singing, fun and games, what more could one ask for? Many thanks to Diana and Brian and the Parish council for all their hard work in organising this very successful day. (J&V Rees.)

Comparing our Hog Roast Day with friends from other villages, Great Mongeham scored points for being the most unusual, if not eccentric, celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Who else had sat on bales of straw in a potato barn (courtesy of David and Matt Solley) and had their hog roast brought in on what looked like a snow plough? Who else was given this treat FREE? We must thank the Parish Council for its generosity in providing the hog roast, and Diana and Brian Knight who did a great job putting this most enjoyable event together. (J&S Bowsher)

Great Mongehams Jubilee weekend got off to a lively start with a Barn Dance in David and Matt Solley's potato barn (fortunately last years spuds had all gone and the new crop were still in the ground.!!) A proper live dance band soon got everyone on the floor, the 'caller' soon sorted

everyone out and a great time was had by all, young and old. Thanks go to Peter Hambrook for organising, David and Matt for providing the burgers and sausages and Cynthia Tucker for making a Jubilee cake with Peter doing the 'cutting' honours. We went home with muscles aching, dusty and with straw everywhere. On Monday a great time was had by well over 100 villagers at the Jubilee Bank Holiday hog roast. Thanks must go to the Parish Council for coming up with the idea and providing the Hog Roast from Council funds. Thanks must also go to Diana Knight for organising the event and to David and Matt Solley, because of the weather, for kindly allowing the event to take place in the potato barn and their help in transporting everything from the Parish Hall. One of the highlights of the event was the community singing led by Great Mongeham's new found singing star 'Nigel Pitchford', who surely will soon appear on 'Britain's got Talent' or the 'Voice'. It was great to see so many of the villagers together and having a great time. MJB

JAN ANTON'S DANCERS - TOTALLY DANCE 2012.

Jan Anton's Dancers who train at Great Mongeham Village Hall scored a smash hit with their packed house at the Astor Theatre on Sunday June 10th . The youngest dancer was only 2 years old and the eldest 82. The show consisted of every variety of dance from classical ballet through acrobatics, tap and even a show stopping number from the Jan Anton Dancers - 'All that Jazz' from the hit musical Chicago. The Mongeham Studio is soon to play host to the Dover Divas, an over 40 cabaret and tap troupe, as well as all the children's classes. If anyone is interested in joining this high flying and successful school please ring Jan on 07760150233. The children are now training to take their next set of examinations in ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics which will take place in October later this year. Then rehearsals begin once again in earnest for the Pantomime season. (JA)

ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH

Organisation or Club	Meeting times /Location (Parish Hall unless states otherwise)	Contact Telephone Number
Gt. Mongeham Parish Council	1st Thursday of the month 7.15 pm	Terry Madgwick 239143
	no meeting Aug & Jan	Sarah Wells 614320
1st Gt. Mongeham Brownies	Weds 5.30-7pm Term-time. Baptist Hall	Julie Caldwell 372493
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30 pm. St Martin's	Peter Deverson 365460
Bernice Dance Group	Friday 1.30-3.30 pm (not 4th in month)	Bernice 368920
Drop In	Thursday 10.00 am	Barbara Spence 375786
Friends of St. Martin's		Nigel Pitchford 362202
Good Companions	Thursday 2.30-4.15pm	Barbara Spence 375786
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30 pm	S. Afzal-Woodward 372792
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm Term-time	Julie Kersey 373299
Karate	Mons. and Weds. 6.30pm	Jan Easton 367001
Keep Fit For Life	Monday 10.15am—11.15 am	Jan Anton 07760150233
Lets Dance	Monday 8—10 pm	Janet Dean 613927
Mongeham-Ripple W.I.	3rd Weds.2.30pm (Dec.2nd Wed)	Sue Case 374025
Parish Hall Bookings		Tel 362815
Pilates	Thursday 5.45 –6.45pm	L Pullen 07734473784
Scottish Country Dancing	Tuesday 8 pm	Mary Quinton 375836
Special Needs Dance Club	Friday 5 pm-5.45pm	Jan Anton 373421
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	Pam 373604
Sunday School (3 yrs.& over)		Sylvia Griffiths 367124
T.A.F. Playgroup	1.00pm Monday. Term-time	Wendy Madgwick 239143
Tots Ballet and Gymnastics	Friday 4 pm	Jan Anton 373421
Weightwatchers	Friday 10 am	Tracey Tonks
Yoga	Tuesday 10.30 am	Audrey Clarke 368521