

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

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Community Warden
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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

Great Mongeham Society

Thursday, 16th May, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Alan Griffiths - The East Kent Light Railway,

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

May 1st at 7.30pm The guest speaker will be Tim Offard and the monthly competition is for a 6" painted flower pot.

Saint Martin's WI

May 9th members will discuss the Resolution, ' Stop the decline of our High Street ' - 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Great Mongeham Singers

8th, 15th and 29th of May

Bat Watch

Wednesday 15th May at 8.30pm at St Martin's Church

Bingo

Thursday 30th May

Boot fair

Monday 27th of May

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Barn Dance

Friday 7th June at 7-30 pm

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: Wendy Madgwick, Glendower, Mongeham Church Close, Great
Mongeham. Tel. 239143
Treasurer: Nigel Pitchford, 141 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham. Tel. 362202

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 5th Morning praise with Baptism 10 am
Sun 12th Holy Communion 10 am
Sun 19th Family service 10 am
Sun 26th Holy Communion 10 am

Flower Rota

5th May Audrey and Jean
12th May June and Queenie
19th May Wendy and Cynthia
26th May Mary and Elizabeth
2nd June Lesley and Kathie

Bingo

Thursday 30th May

Thank you

I should like to send thanks to three people who have been cleaners of St Martin's Church for the last few years, two for longer than I can remember. They are Sue Solley, Jane Ledger and Yvonne Price, and the time has come when they feel they would like to stand down from this task and it only right that we should express our appreciation to them for doing this work voluntarily. The church always looks welcoming and clean and many visitors comment so. So once again a big thank you from all who use and attend St Martin's. (PH)

Boot fair

Monday 27th of May is the day for the annual boot fair on the village green and parish Hall. Pitches can be booked on 364457 and will cost £9-00 per pitch, it is in aid of St Martin's Church running costs.

Barn Dance

Friday 7th June at 7-30 pm. Our Barn Dance will take place in Solley's Potato Barn. Dancing will be to Contraband by popular request. Dancing starts prompt at 8-00 pm until 11-30 with a break for refreshment in the middle. Please bring your own food and drink. Tickets can be reserved by ringing Peter Hambrook on 364457.

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 SOCIETY

At the April meeting we were all enthralled by the sharpness and detail of Steve Franks' wonderful photographs of insect life in the local hedgerows. Not only were there excellent close-ups of familiar insects but also of insects I, for one, have never seen. The sheer number and variety of different species of such as the hover fly amazed us all. There were gruesome tales of ichneumon flies laying their egg in living grubs. The hatching larva then proceeds to feed off the living grub. A sad note was the decline in insect numbers in the past decade. For example the comma butterfly, once a familiar visitor to our gardens is now very rarely seen. At our next meeting on Thursday, 16th May, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Alan Griffiths, will be telling us about The East Kent Light Railway, not far from here, but relatively unknown. (JR)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society held their Annual Spring Flower Show in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 3 April. The meeting was well attended, but unfortunately due to the very unseasonable weather, the entries were low compared to previous years. However, 14 hardy members submitted 71 entries between them. Brian Knight was the winner in the Daffodil Section and was also awarded the trophy for 'most points in the show'. He was congratulated by club chairman, Keith Atkinson. The next meeting will be on May 1st at 7.30pm The guest speaker will be Tim Offard and the monthly competition is for a 6" painted flower pot. (JA)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

The Ruby birthday of Saint Martin's WI was celebrated at the April meeting and we welcomed new and young members. The yearly competition trophy was won by Margaret Barker. A sales table will be held at the Undercroft in August. Members will write to MP's and councillors about the 'International Day of the Midwife Action Day on May 3rd'. On May 9th members will discuss the Resolution, 'Stop the decline of our High Street' - 7.30 pm start in the parish hall, visitors welcome. (P S-B)

GREAT MONGEHAM SINGERS

Mongeham Singers will be meeting on the 8th, 15th and 29th of May (VR)

JAN ANTON'S DANCERS

BOYS, ARE YOU MUSICAL, ARTISTIC OR HARBOUR DREAMS OF A CAREER ON THE STAGE? The new Children's Musical Theatre Club on Saturday mornings at the Mongeham Village Hall is looking for boys to take part in various musical productions to be held at the Winter Gardens in Margate. Girls of course also welcome to join but we do need some more male input, aged between 6 and 12 years old. Price £3 with Jess Morris from the Canterbury College of performing Arts. Please ring Jess on 07791553814 or Jan on 07760150233.

BATWATCH

John Puckett, chairman of the Kent Bat Association, has offered to talk about bats and to lead a walk from St Martin's Church on Wednesday 15th May at 8.30pm. The evening is open to all bat lovers who should be suitably clothed (including walking shoes) and a torch is essential. The walk will take about 1.5 hours. If you are unable to walk do come and hear the talk. (DK)

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Council minutes can be read at <http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH			
Organisation or Club	Meeting times /Location (Parish Hall unless states otherwise)	Contact Number	Telephone
Gt. Mongeham Parish Council	1st Thurs 7.15 pm, not Aug/Jan	Terry Madgwick	239143
	http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/	Sarah Wells	614320
1st Gt. Mongeham Brownies	Weds 5.30-7pm Term-time. Baptist Hall	Julie Caldwell	372493
Baby Movement	Friday 4pm	Jan Anton	813749
Ballet & Tap	Juniors 4.45pm, Seniors 5.30pm	Jan Anton	813749
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
Cabaret/Tap for 40s+, beginners	Monday 4.45 pm	Jan Anton	813749
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
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Weds. 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	Liz Atkinson	381719
Jazz & Acrobatics (5 to 7 years)	5to7 yrs Mon 4pm.7to12 yrs Tues 5pm	Jan Anton	813749
Karate	Mons. and Weds. 6.30pm	Jan Easton	367001
Keep Fit For Life	Monday 10.15am—11.15 am	Jan Anton	813749
Mongeham-Ripple W.I.	3rd Weds.2.30pm (Dec.2nd Wed)	Sue Case	374025
Parish Hall Bookings	P Scott-Bradford	Tel	362815
Pilates	Thursday 5.45 –6.45pm	L Pullen	07734473784
Scottish Country Dancing	Tuesday 8 pm	Mary Quinton	375836
Special Needs Dance Club	Tuesday 5.45 to 6.30pm	Jan Anton	813749
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	813749
Weightwatchers	Friday 10 am	Tracey Tonks	
Yoga	Tuesday 10.30 am	Audrey Clarke	368521

Harry Roberts

28th March was the funeral of Harry Roberts in St Martins Church. Although like all funerals it was a sad occasion, I must say it was a pleasant occasion with so many of Harry's friends and family there full of happy memories of a local born and bred lad, a man who made good for himself, working as he did locally all his life. As most of you know Harry was a well loved builder, building many houses in the locality, quite a few farm buildings and employing quite a few men during his life time. He also along with other builders in the parish voluntarily did a major repair to our Parish hall, after a car managed to drive right through the front of the building, ending up half in the hall making the building very unsafe and unusable. But thanks to Harry - not for very long. He called in a few mates and over one weekend did a thorough and permanent rebuild job so that it was business as usual in no time at all. I have many happy memories of Harry dating back to attending Ripple School with him during the Second World War years. He was in the senior class when I was in the infants. He will be much missed by a lot of people in the area, most of all by his family. We thank God for his time on this earth and send our good wishes to his family. (PH)

