

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

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I will be away for the production of the July newsletter, at a wedding in the USA. Peter will be producing the newsletter, please send all contributions to the same email address. Unfortunately John and I will not be back in time for the village fete, but hope that the sun shines! Penny

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 Horticultural Society

Wednesday 5th June Barbecue and Potato Weigh In

Barn Dance

Friday 7th June at 7-30 pm

Great Mongeham Singers

June 5th and June 19th at 7.30pm

Saint Martin's WI

June 13 Tai Chi Master Chris Thomas

St. Martin's Handbell Ringers

Wednesday June 12th and June 26th in the upper room of St Martin's Church at 7pm

Great Mongeham Society

East Kent Light Railway on Thursday 20th June

Bingo

Thursday June 20th, 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Village Fete

Saturday 6th July from 2pm on the village green, with the Rose and Sweet Pea show in the Parish Hall

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 2nd Morning Praise 10 am
Sun 9th Holy Communion 10 am
Sun 16th Family service 10 am
Sun 23rd Holy Communion 10 am
Sun 30th Holy Communion 10 am

Flower Rota

2 nd June Lesley and Kathie
9th June June and Queenie
16th June Wendy and Cynthia
23rd June Mary and Elizabeth

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Audrey and Jean who are stepping down off the church flower rota, thank you both. LL

Jean Margaret Lilly - Memories of the war taken from her eulogy

June 1940 – I was almost twelve years old and Britain had been at war for nine months. In the last week of May at Deal beach I watched the rescue of thousands of men in little boats from Dunkirk in France. You could see lot of smoke and hear the bombing, it was a miracle that so many lives were saved. At school that week we were told that we were to be evacuated to a safe place. We did not know where we were going to be evacuated but we had to pack a change of clothes, a packed lunch and our gas masks and be at Deal station on Sunday June 3rd. I remember my Mum, Dad, aunt and sister all crying but I did not think we were going very far and certainly not for long. It was very exciting going on a train; the only other time I had been on a train was to Broadstairs on a 'Sunday treat'. My brother, who was two years older than me, was told to take great care of me but he soon found his friends and I soon found mine. It was a very long journey, we passed a lot of trains with soldiers on board and waved to all of them.

We were going through a valley of mountains when we reached our destination; it was called Aberfan in South Wales. It looked a dirty kind of place with a coal mine right in the middle of the village. The ladies kindly gave us some tea of bread with 'marj' and a piece of fruitcake, but by this time we were very tired. A lady came to me and said that I could live with her, but I would not go without my brother and she did not want any boys. So we had to wait until last when the lady came back and said she would have us both. Her name was Mrs Ainsworth, she had a very nice brother and they soon became Millie and Uncle Fred. Uncle Fred worked at the coalmine and he had a lovely voice and was always singing. He used to come home from the pit very dirty and Auntie Millie had to have a wooden tub with lots of hot water ready to clean him. We were very lucky to have such a nice place to stay but I remember being very homesick and used to cry myself to sleep. We lived in Aberfan for about a year and then came home to the bombing and shelling of Deal. There was no school for us but it was lovely to be with our Mums and Dads again.

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

On Wednesday, 15th May members of the Great Mongeham Society met at St. Martin's Church where John Pucket, with the aid of Dobby, a little rescue bat, gave us an engaging talk on bats in general, but our own bats in particular. We were interested to learn that not only were there serotines and pipistrelles in the church, but also noctule bats in the local area. A sobering prediction from Mr. Puckett, chairman of the Kent Bat Group, was that serotine bats could very well be extinct in just a few decades due to habitat loss. Although the weather was too cold for bats to be active, bat detectors did pick up sounds from a couple which were flying around the churchyard. Unfortunately Thursday's meeting of the Society was curtailed by a power failure in the locality due to a damaged overhead cable, so there was no power for the slide presentation from the East Kent Light Railway. The good news is that the presentation will be given next month on Thursday 20th June, the bad news that it replaces the Bat and Trap evening. JR

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The May meeting took place in the Parish Hall, a good attendance on a chilly evening. There was a slight disappointment as the scheduled speaker had to withdraw due to family commitments. However the Society were very fortunate that at very short notice Mr. Jimmy Davies came to give us a talk on the History of the Kent Coalfields. Mr. Davies had worked at Betteshanger Colliery for many years prior to the closure of the Kent Coalfields. Using a Powerpoint presentation we were able to see how the coalmines in Kent started and produced good quality coal in testing conditions. We also learnt how the miners arrived in Deal and surrounding areas from all parts of the country and how housing was provided in villages near the mines. Our Chairman thanked Mr. Davies for a fascinating talk and for stepping in at the last minute. Business was dealt with and Keith reminded members that the June meeting on the 5th would be the annual Barbecue and potato weigh in. JEB

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

The resolution 'Tackling the decline of our high streets and town centres ' was well discussed and passed unanimously and in true W I fashion will be followed through. June 13 a return visit by Tai Chi Master Chris Thomas. Visitors welcome 7.30pm in the hall. PS-B

RING AND SING AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

St. Martin's Handbell Ringers meet in the upper room of the Church at 7pm on alternate Wednesdays, next month on June 12th and June 26th. AP

Mongeham Singers meet in the upper room at 7.30pm also on alternate Wednesday, next month on June 5th and June 19th. VR

For more details contact Val Rees (Mongeham Singers) and Audrey Pitchford (St. Martin's Handbell Ringers)

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.

BINGO

Thursday June 20th, 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

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 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 Church		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	Mon and Wed 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
Mongeham Singers	Alternate Wed, St Martin's Church		Val Rees 373307
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 Handbell Ringers	Alternate Wed, St Martin's Church		Audrey Pitchford, 362202
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