

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

December 2013



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – from Peter, Penny and all the contributors and delivery people.  
Thank you to all those who help to make and deliver the newsletter.

Are you new to the village and have you got your Welcome leaflet? If not ring Diana 375420

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](mailto:greatmongehamnews@gmail.com)

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## **ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH**

Benefice Priest in Charge: Rev. David Flewker      Tel. 360654  
Ordained Local Minister: Rev. Peter Hambrook, 1 Church Hill Cottages, Northbourne  
Road, Great Mongeham. Contact for Weddings and Baptisms      Tel 07900141334  
Church Wardens: William Bush,  
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**

### **Services for December**

Sunday 1st Advent Sunday. Morning Praise  
Sunday 8th 10 am Holy Communion  
Sunday 15th 10 am Crib Service and 4 pm Carols by candlelight  
Sunday 22nd 10 am Holy Communion  
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve 5 pm Christingle service and 11.15 pm Midnight Mass  
Wednesday 25th Christmas Day 10 am Holy Communion  
Sunday 29th 10 am United Communion at St Nicholas Sholden

### **Services for January**

Sunday 5th Morning Praise  
12th Holy Communion  
19th Family Service  
26th Holy Communion

### **Services for February**

Sunday 2nd Candlemass Morning praise  
9th Holy Communion  
16th Family Service  
23rd Holy Communion

### **Bingo**

Thursday 19th December. Please note that this is the third Thursday of the month this month only.

Thursday 23rd January 2014 – 7.15 for 7.30 pm start.

Thursday 27th February 2014 – 7.15 for 7.30 pm start.

### **Flower Rota**

1st December.....Advent. Lesley and Kathie  
8th December.....No flowers  
15th December.....Decorating church for Christmas, I will be there from 10am 13th.  
22nd December.....June and Queenie  
29th December.....No flowers

### **CAROLS**

Carols round the tree on the village green on Friday 20th December at 6.30pm. Light refreshment afterwards in the Parish Hall.

## **GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Societies AGM was held in the Parish Hall early in November. Reports were given by Chairman Keith on the years activities, and Treasurer Alan presented the financial account for the year. Our Chairman Keith Atkinson and our Secretary Liz. Atkinson stood down from their posts having worked very hard during their 5 years in office and were thanked by all at the meeting for their guidance and enthusiasm. New members to the committee were elected for 2014 with Peter Aplin as Chairman and Lita Smith as Secretary. There were 8 monster entries for the pumpkin competition which was won by Brian Knight, his weighed 40lbs. Details of the Christmas party were announced , entertainment would be from a local singing group, a 'bring and share supper' please bring your own cutlery/plates etc. The next meeting is the Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Society does not meet in January so the 2014 programme will start on the first Wednesday in February. (JEB)

## **RING AND SING AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH**

Mongeham Singers will be meeting at Abbeyfields on 4th December at 6.30 to lead the singing of Christmas songs and carols. The group will then not meet in January or February and will get together again in March - date to be decided.

St. Martin's Handbell Ringers will meet on Wednesday December 11th at 7.15pm. The handbells will play during St. Martin's Carol Service on Sunday 15th December and also after the Carols round the Tree on the green on Friday December 20th. We will then meet again in the New Year.

## **DROP IN**

Market Day needs your support on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10am in the Parish Hall. Come and browse the many stalls selling produce, preserves, wooden items, knitted garments, jewellery, handmade greeting cards, Christmas gifts and decorations. Coffee, tea and biscuits served. (D.K)

## **GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

KALC Community Award Scheme - The Kent Association of local councils (KALC) has launched a Community Awards Scheme supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of Kent County Council and Mayor of Medway. The aim of the scheme is to recognise those that have made a significant contribution to their local community. The award will be presented at Parish and Town Council Annual General Meetings in May 2014. If you would like to nominate someone in the village for this award please write to Terry Madgwick at Glendower, Mongeham Church Close, Great Mongeham, CT14 0HL or e-mail [terry\\_madgwick@hotmail.com](mailto:terry_madgwick@hotmail.com). Please give the name of the person and your reason for nominating them. The Parish council will consider the nominations at its February meeting so please ensure you have any nominations to me by January 14th.

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

**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

<b>ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH</b>		
<b>Organisation or Club</b>	<b>Meeting times &amp; Location (Parish Hall unless states otherwise)</b>	<b>Contact Telephone Number</b>
Gt. Mongeham Parish Council	1st Thurs 7.15 pm, not Aug/Jan	Terry Madgwick 239143
	<a href="http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/">http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/</a>	Sarah Wells 614320
1st Gt. Mongeham Brownies	Weds 5.30-7pm term-time <b>Baptist Hall</b>	Julie Caldwell 372493
Baby Ballet – age 2 to pre school	Mon 4.00 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Ballet & Tap – age 4-6	Tues 4.00 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Ballet & Tap – primary age	Fri 4.30 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Ballet & Tap – senior	Fri 5.30 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30 pm. <b>St Martin's Church</b>	Peter Deverson 365460
Bernice Dance Group	Friday 1.30-3.30 pm (not 4th in month)	Bernice 368920
Children's Singing	Saturday 10.30 am	Jess Morris 07791552814
Dance for SPECIAL NEEDS	Tues 6.15 pm	Jan 07760150233
Drop In	Thursday 10.00 am	Barbara Spence 375786
Friends of St. Martin's		Nigel Pitchford 362202
Fitness Mix	Weds 9.30 am	A Reynaert-Hicks
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 Term-time only	Julie Kersey 373299
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Weds. 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	Liz Atkinson 381719
Karate	Mon and Wed 6.30pm	Jan Easton 367001
Keep fit for life	Mon 10.15 am <b>Baptist Hall</b>	Jan Anton 07760150233
Line Dancing	Monday 8.30 pm	Janet Dean 613927
Modern Tech – Jazz/Acrobatocs	Age 7 up - Tues 5 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Mongeham-Ripple W.I.	3rd Weds.2.30 pm (Dec.2nd Wed)	Sue Case 374025
Mongeham Singers	Alternate Wed, <b>St Martin's Church</b>	Val Rees 373307
Parish Hall Bookings	Tracey Ridyad	07966149590
Pilates	Thursday 5.45 pm	L Pullen 07734473784
Scottish Country Dancing	Tuesday 8 pm	Mary Quinton 375836
St. Martin's Handbell Ringers	Alternate Wed, <b>St Martin's Church</b>	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	Mon 1.00 pm. Term-time	Wendy Madgwick 239143
Tap Dance (adult)	Mon 5 pm	Jan Anton 07760150233
Weightwatchers	Friday 10 am	Tracey Tonks
Yoga	Tuesday 10.30 am	Audrey Clarke 368521

**Recycling, Waste and Garden Collections - PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL COLLECTIONS FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013 ARE AFFECTED.**

<b>Normal collection day</b>	<b>Revised collection day</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December

Recycling and waste collections will return to normal from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December – there **will be** collections on Wednesday 1 January 2014 as normal. There will be no garden waste collections week from 30 December until week ending 10 January 2014.