

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

December 2014. There is no newsletter in January.

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MONGEHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**
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*Are you new to the
village and have you
got your Welcome
Leaflet?
If not please phone
Diana 375420*

We would be grateful to receive any items for the February edition before the 20th of the month by e-mail to greatmongehamnews@gmail.com

Anyone wishing to advertise in subsequent issues please produce 420 copies on an A5 flyer. These will be delivered for £10 - telephone Peter Hambrook on 07900141334.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Carols - Saturday 20th December at 6.30pm around the Christmas tree on the village green. (**NOT Friday as previously advised**)

New Year's Eve Disco - see inside.

Ian's Christmas Quiz – Saturday 13th December at 7pm.

Great Mongeham Society - January 15th 2015. Alan Haines will present 'A Kick up the Sixties' a humorous look at the 60s.

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society - Christmas party on 3rd December. No meeting in January.

Saint Martin's WI - Christmas party December 11th 7.30pm

Bingo - Thursday 18th December and Thursday 22nd January 2015, 7.15 for 7.30pm.

RING AND SING AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

During December the final practice for the Singers will be on 3rd December. We then combine with the Handbell Ringers to ring and sing for the residents of Abbeyfields Residential Home on December 10th. We will also be singing and ringing at the 'Carols round the Tree' event on Friday 19th December. (Val and Audrey)

New Year's Eve Disco

Buffet Included for £10 per person but bring your own drinks. Any profit will go to the Hall roof fund. From 7.30pm till late. By ticket only, available from Tracy, gmpbbookings@aol.com, 147 Mongeham Road, phone or text 07966 149590. (TR)

Toddlers and Families Playgroup

Toddlers and Families Playgroup finishes the year with a Christmas party on December 15th. Come along and meet Father Christmas - all pre-school children welcome. The new term starts on 12th January 2015. To find out more, telephone Wendy on 239143 or come along to Great Mongeham Parish Hall on Monday afternoon at 1.00pm. (WM)

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Benefice Priest in Charge: Rev. David Flewker

Tel. 374076

Ordained Local Minister: Rev. Peter Hambrook, 58 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham.

Contact for Weddings and Baptisms

Tel 07900141334

Church Wardens: William Bush, Jennie Esposito, 224 Mongeham Rd, GM Tel 369304

Secretary: Wendy Madgwick, Glendower, Mongeham Church Close, GM Tel. 239143

Treasurer: Nigel Pitchford, 141 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham. Tel. 362202

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES

Services for December

7th	10 am Morning Praise
14th	10 am Holy Communion
21st	10 am Crib service & 4 pm Traditional Nine lessons and carols
Christmas Eve.	5pm Christingle service & 11.15pm Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	10am Holy Communion
28th	10am Holy Communion

January 2015 Services.

4th	10 am Morning praise
11th	10 am Holy Communion
18th	10 am Brunch service at St Richard's
25th	10 am Holy Communion

Flower Rota

30th Nov	First Sunday of Advent	Lesley and Kathie
7th Dec	No flowers	
14th Dec	No flowers	
21st Dec.	Carol service. All arrangers please Sat 20th from 10 am. We also need help to decorate the tree and put up the crib. Please call 360654 if you are able to help.	
Thank you LL		
28th Dec	Lesley	

Christmas Carols

On Friday 19 December, carols round the Christmas Tree on the village green starting at 6.30pm. If it is wet we will meet in the village hall. Light refreshment afterwards

Church Keys

Recently the lock on the church door broke and had to be replaced so those who had keys will no longer be able to access the building. I have recently purchased 14 new keys and distributed them to those who need them. Anyone else who needs to gain access please contact me for the use of a key, or one of the two houses next door to the church where keys are always available. Please see notice board in the church porch for details. Peter Hambrook 07400141334.

Bingo

Christmas Bingo Thursday 18th, 7.15 for 7.30pm start sharp.

January Bingo Thursday 22nd, 7.15 for 7.30pm start sharp.

CHRISTIAN CENTRE Graham Herbert 366332 Mick Godden 239801 or 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

The AGM was held on Thursday, 20th November, when the committee was elected. Some new blood was recruited onto the committee and others stepped down. Concern was raised about the declining membership and the future of the Society was considered. It was agreed that the Society should continue for another year and the position be reconsidered then. The remainder of the evening was spent looking at various items brought in from "Grandma's Attic". There were some items which were brought in simply because they had a story behind them. Others were also quite valuable, although none required Securicor to accompany them. The evening concluded with a glass of wine and accompanying nibbles and of course the usual chat. There is no meeting in December, so the next meeting will be on January 15th 2015 when Alan Haines will present "A Kick up the Sixties", a humorous look at the sixties by using newsreels, animations, music and archive film footage. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Please contact Moyra Carey. Tel: 369306 for details. (JR)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The AGM of the Horticultural Society was held in the Parish Hall in early November. This was combined with the annual 'Pumpkin' weigh-in. Peter, our Chairman, welcomed members to the well attended AGM and officers and committee were elected to serve in 2015. Various matters discussed by the committee were put to members by Peter. There will be a small increase in annual subscription to £6 (still a bargain), a small charge for each meeting and prize money will no longer be handed out at shows, although winning certificates will still be awarded. The annual Show in August will in future be open to non-members in all categories. At the conclusion of the AGM the pumpkin weigh-in took place. There were ten pumpkins ranging from very small to very large. The heaviest was grown by Liz Atkinson, and Keith Atkinson was second, both pumpkins weighing over 50lbs. Chairman Peter reminded members of the Christmas party to be held on 3rd December. The society does not meet in January (JEB)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

November was a Home Grown meeting. Everyone had the chance of trying crochet, hexagonal quilting, cut card work and hanging decorations. These may lead to classes in 2015. The next meeting is the Christmas party on December 11th with a 'bring and share' buffet, 7.30pm. The next meeting will be 7.30pm Thursday January 8th. (PS-B)

IAN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Two very good friends of ours (Steve and Caroline) will be running the Brighton marathon in April 2015 in aid of the Ataxia-Telangiectasia society (A-T). This is a small charity which helps children and young adults. Children often need to use a wheelchair by the time they are 10 and sadly many children die young. It is unusual for a person with classic A-T to reach 25 years of age. This condition is rare and affects one of our local Deal residents. Steve and Caroline would like to raise a combined amount of £1200, so we thought we would kick start their fund-raising by organising a Christmas Quiz on Saturday 13th December in the village hall, 7 for 7.30 pm. Please support us. All monies raised will help the A-T society to provide ongoing support for children and their families, buy specialist equipment and fund medical research towards finding a cure. Please call Ian or Lesley 360654 to book a table of 8, £5 a head. American supper but home made mince pies and a cup of tea provided free of charge. (LL)

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	Wed 5.00 -7pm term-time Baptist Hall	Julie Caldwell 372493
Baby Ballet, age 2-pre school	Mon 4.00 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Badminton	Wednesday (not 1st of month) 8 pm	Val Rees 373307
Ballet & Tap – age 4-6	Tues 4.00 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Ballet & Tap – primary age	Fri 4.30 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Ballet & Tap – senior	Fri 5.30 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Bell Ringers (Church Tower)	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
Drop In	Thursday 10 am	Barbara Spence 375786
Friends of St. Martin's		Nigel Pitchford 362202
Friendship Morning	Wednesday 10 am	Jan 853592
Good Companions	Thursday 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Barbara Spence 375786
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30 pm	M Carey 379306
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.45pm Term-time only	P Summers07583187035
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Weds. 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	Peter Aplin 372237
Gt Mongeham Theatre Club	Saturday 9.45 - 11.45 am	M Duncan 07595430180
Karate	Mon and Wed 6.30pm	367001
Keep fit for life	Mon 10.15 am Baptist Hall	J Anton 07760150233
Line Dancing	Monday 8 pm	Janet Dean 613927
Modern Tech–Jazz/Acrobatics	Age 7 up - Tues 5 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Mongeham-Ripple W.I.	3rd Weds 2.30 pm (Dec.2nd Wed)	Sue Case 374025
Mongeham Singers	Alternate Wed, St Martin's Church	Val Rees 373307
Parish Hall Bookings	Tracey Ridyard	7966149590
Pilates	Thursday 5.45 pm	L Pullen 07734473784
Love My Fitness	Monday 10 am	Lisa 07835615457
Scottish Country Dancing	Tuesday 8 pm	Mary Quinton 375836
St. Martin's Handbell Ringers	Alternate Wed, 141 Mongeham Road	A Pitchford 362202
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7-30 pm	Pam 373604
Sunday School (3 yrs.& over)		Sylvia Griffiths 367124
Table Tennis	Friday 7pm	Val Rees 373307
T.A.F. Playgroup	Mon 1-00 pm. Term-time	W Madgwick 239143
Tap Dance	Mon 5 pm	J Anton 07760150233
Yoga	Tuesday 10.30 am	Audrey Clarke 368521