

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

March 2015.

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

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

Great Mongeham Society
19th March at 7.30, Mark Lumsdon-Taylor from Hadlow College - developments at Betteshanger and the Fowlmead Country Park.

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society
March 4th - Russell Miles on wildlife photography

Saint Martin's WI
March 12 - John & Sue Pearce speaking about 'Flowers for Emma'

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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 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 March

Sunday 1st - Morning Praise

Sunday 8th - Holy Communion

Sunday 15th - Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 22nd - Brunch Service at St Richards, Mill Hill

Sunday 29th - Holy communion Palm Sunday

All services are at 10.00 am with Sunday school or children's activities at the same time.

Flower Rota

No flowers during Lent

Saturday 4th April, all arrangers please, from 10 am.

If anybody would like to make a donation towards Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please either see myself or Rev Peter Hambrook. (LL)

Muriel Gatland

It was on the 14th January that I officiated at a small ceremony for the scattering of ashes of an old friend of mine and of a lot of people in the village as well. Those of Muriel Gatland who passed away last October. Muriel was a well known woman in the village and for a long time lived at Sholden Bank House. She was a great supporter of functions and clubs in the village as well as village life and a worshiper at St Martin's church. Her ashes were scattered around a tree in the Churchyard that was planted many years ago in memory of her father in law and is now a full grown Acer tree near the corner kissing gate. (PH)

Ashes

No news on the illegal ashes scattering from last month so I will contact the next of kin who lives at St Nicholas-at-Wade so as to be able to put the church records straight which date back to the sixteenth century. (PH)

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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 this month's meeting of the Great Mongeham Society Stephen Solley sent his apologies, for not being able to give the talk he promised. However Daughter Katie and her husband Keith stepped into the breach and proved more than able substitutes. While Katie manned the projector, Keith delivered a clear and fascinating account of how they produce their Jersey cream ice cream. At the end of the talk Keith fielded a barrage of questions while Katie handed out free ice creams to one and all. Altogether a most enjoyable evening.

Next month, on the **19th March at 7.30**, Mark Lumsdon-Taylor from Hadlow College will give us an insight into the developments taking place at Betteshanger and the Fowlmead Country Park. Hadlow College has some exciting plans for development. All are welcome to come and join our meeting to find out what is planned. (JR)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Horticultural Society held their first meeting of 2015 in the Parish Hall on February 4th; despite a cold evening there was a very good attendance to hear a very good talk from Kristin Boulden who farms with her husband on the Romney Marsh. Her talk was about the various wools that come from Romney sheep, she had brought with her various samples of wool which we were all able to inspect and a special favourite was wool from the Merino flock, sheep you find rarely in the UK. Kristin also had on display a beautiful display of blankets, scarves etc which are sold in many retail outlets in Kent. After tea and chat seed potatoes and pots were handed out for the annual potato competition. Our next meeting will be on March 4th with another good speaker, Russell Miles, who is a wildlife photographer. (JEB)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

Jennifer Van Lens spoke about her 33 enjoyable years with NATO HQ. Starting with 16 countries in 1974 NATO now has 28 members countries. She now lives in Ringwoud and is a WI member. I was pleased to celebrate my 50 years as a WI member with my fellow members by eating Celebration chocolates. The next meeting on March 12 will have John & Sue Pearce speaking about 'Flowers for Emma'. The competition is 'My favourite flower' in any medium Everyone is welcome. This is a reminiscence of WW1. (P.M.S-B)

THE DROP IN

This is a community supported time for every one of one hour a week on Thursdays, 10 to 11 am. Tea, coffee, biscuits and chat. People come from all local areas. Books are exchanged, hand made cards sold, football discussed by the ladies and an eye kept on Charlton. If you have not spoken to anyone in a few days this is time to try the Parish Hall. (P.M.S-B)

RING AND SING AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

After the winter break the Handbell Group and Singing Group are now back in action. The Handbell Group will meet on 4th and 18th March at Audrey Pitchford's house and the Singing Group will meet in the upper room of the Church on the 11th and 25th March. (AP & VR)

ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH		
Organisation or Club	Meeting times & Location (Parish Hall unless stated 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 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 10.00 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 1.45 Term-time only	P Summers 07583187035
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/Acrobatcs	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