

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

May 2015

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**GREAT  
MONGEHAM  
PARISH COUNCIL**

Council minutes:

[www.greatmongehamc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.greatmongehamc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

*Are you new to the village and have you received your Welcome Leaflet? If not please phone Diana on 375420.*

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Great Mongeham Society**

Thursday 21st May - Roger Austin, a horticultural judge, "Life on the Show Bench"

### **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

May the 6th - Rob Masters, 'Adventures on the Allotment'

### **Saint Martin's WI**

May 14 at 7.30pm

### **Broadstairs and St Peter's Concert Band**

Friday 22nd May 2014

### **Parish Council**

Next meeting is May 11th at 7:30

### **Kent Miners' Festival – 31 August**

Coal production ceased in Kent in 1989 when the last mine, Betteshanger, was closed. The close-knit, hard-working mining villages suffered severe deprivation for a very long time. Mining is part of our heritage and it is celebrated every year with the Kent Miners' Festival. This year's event will be hosted by Hadlow College at Betteshanger Sustainable Park on August Bank Holiday Monday, 10am - 5pm. The Kent Mining Heritage Exhibitions will be on show in the 'Heritage Marquee' and this year the Invicta Military Preservation Society will be involved for the first time. The excellent Colliery Brass Bands are playing and will hopefully be joined by other local brass and silver bands. A skate board park will be available and the Betteshanger Garden & Allotment Group will be exhibiting. The Community Fun Dog Show is being organised by Betteshanger's Dog Club and Deal Regatta Association has agreed to host a 'Kent Community Coal Queen Parade,' a revival of the very popular "Coal Queen" Beauty Contest which was held at the old Mining Galas. Dover Community Radio will be there with their Road Show and with fun fairs & entertainers, food courts & stalls, dancing & boxing, beer tent & mining reunion there will be something for everyone. Visit: <http://www.kentminersfestival.org.uk> for more information.

## **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**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Family Service

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Holy Communion

### **Bingo**

Thursday - 7.15 for 7.30pm start

### **Flower Rota**

3rd May Mary and Elizabeth

10th May June and Queenie

17th May Wendy and Cynthia

24th May Lesley and Kathleen

31st May Mary and Elizabeth

7th June June and Queenie

14th June Wendy and Cynthia

## **ST GEORGE'S DAY SUPPER**

Many thanks to everyone who cooked, helped, donated, gave raffle prizes and came along to support the St George's Day supper on Thursday 23rd April. It was a most enjoyable event and raised £276 for the Friends of St Martin's funds which go towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church.

## **BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S CONCERT BAND** - Friday 22nd May 2014

This very enjoyable concert hosted by The Friends of St Martin's is becoming a popular annual event. Once again the concert band is returning in May to entertain us with a variety of light orchestral music. Please come along for a fun evening with music and light refreshments, starting at 7.30. For tickets £6, tel. Wendy 239143 or Nigel 362202.

**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

## **Betteshanger Sustainable Parks Community Presentation**

Richard Morsley, Director of Betteshanger Sustainable Parks, is giving a presentation concerning the Betteshanger Sustainable Parks Development on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7pm at the Betteshanger Social Club, Circular Road, Betteshanger, Deal, CT14 0LT. The evening is an opportunity to obtain updates on the progress being made and discuss ways in which the community would be able to participate.

## **CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS**

### **GREAT MONGEHAM SOCIETY**

Clare Ungerson was the speaker at the April meeting of the Society. She is the author of "Four Thousand Lives" about the rescue of German Jewish Men to a disused army camp near Sandwich in 1939. Clare explained that when she retired to Sandwich in 2004 a plaque under the Barbican commemorating those who had resided in the Kitchener Camp, also known as the Transit Camp, sparked her interest. In her book she answers questions about how such a small town reacted to an influx of German-Jews and why it had never been noted before. The meeting was well attended and a vote of thanks was given by Tony Timperley. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st May when Roger Austin, a horticultural judge, will talk about "Life on the Show Bench". Visitors are welcome. (DK)

### **GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Spring Show is always a treat - to walk into the Parish Hall and find it bright with the different coloured flowers and vegetables and smelling so nice. Whilst judging went on, Steve Pitcher who is such an experienced gardener, hosted a question and answer session and gave us valuable help and information. Following refreshments and the raffle, Judge Roger Austin made his usual rounds explaining his reasons for choosing winning entries and advising members on presentation and staging. Congratulations to the winners, Alan Ford section 1 winner for his daffodils and Keith Atkinson section 2 winner with a splendid cactus. Patricia Mason won the Floral Art Section. Why not come and join the Great Mongeham Horticultural Society. We are a friendly bunch - some are experts most of us are struggling amateurs. The Society meets monthly. The experts are always willing to help and you learn a lot chatting over coffee! We have excellent speakers, outings, a Christmas party and a BBQ every June. All this for £6 annual subscription and 50p per meeting. Our next meeting is May the 6th when Rob Masters will talk about 'Adventures on the Allotment'. Look forward to seeing you there. (JEB)

### **SAINT MARTIN'S WI**

Kate Lumley gave an insight into the charity Porchlight, which celebrated 40 years in 2014. They help not just homeless but those perhaps losing their way in life. Funds are raised in many ways from a golf day at Sandwich to wedding present donations and the bike ride and other sports. The next meeting is May 14 at 7.30pm the resolution, Failing to care- assessment of need in long term care. The competition is 'Something made of wood' (not too large please). (PS-B)

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Four people (out of a possible 7) have been elected to the Parish Council without the need for an election (Geoffrey Dunne, Peter Hambrook, Terry Madgwick, Tracy Ridyard) Another person has agreed to be co-opted on to the council and we are very grateful for their willingness to work on behalf of the village. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on May 11th at 7:30 and if you have any issues you believe should be considered by the council, please don't hesitate to raise them. Full details on the council website: [www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk) (TNM)

### **THEATRE CLUB**

Pupils from the Great Mongeham Theatre Club took part in "Showtime" a concert in aid of Cancer Relief at The Lees Cliff Hall on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. They performed a tribute to 150 years of Alice in Wonderland and sang a Disney selection- "One Voice". The Club meet at the Parish Hall every Saturday from 10am to 12noon, new members are always welcome. (Cecelia, Principle).

### **BATTERSEA DANCE OFF.**

Every day, more lost or abandoned dogs and cats arrive at the doors of the Battersea centres in London, Brands Hatch and Old Windsor and it is only with the help of local communities that we raise £15.4m each year to continue giving them the second chances they deserve. We are asking schools to hold a 'Battersea Dance Off' in June. Pupils create a dance using dog and cat inspired moves and donate £1 to take part. Dance Offs can be as compact as a Chihuahua, or as massive as a Mastiff! Participants receive a free pack. If you know a school that might like to take part, ask them to register at [battersea.org.uk/danceoff](http://battersea.org.uk/danceoff) or email [danceoff@battersea.org.uk](mailto:danceoff@battersea.org.uk).

<b>ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH</b>		
<b>Organisation or Club</b>	<b>Meeting times &amp; Location (Parish Hall unless stated 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-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. <b>St Martin's Church</b>	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 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 <b>Baptist Hall</b>	J Anton 07760150233
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 <b>St Martin's Church</b>	Val Rees 373307
Parish Hall Bookings	Tracey Ridyard	07966149590
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, <b>141 Mongeham Road</b>	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