

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

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**GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Great Mongeham Society** - October 15<sup>th</sup> - Graham Dear

**Great Mongeham Horticultural Society** - No meeting in September, next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Martin's WI** - September 10<sup>th</sup> - Dennis Chambers on Supernatural incidents reported to or by the police

**Annual Art Show** - Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September, 11.00 a.m. to 4 p.m in St Martin's Church

**Bingo** - 24<sup>th</sup> September

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 4th October at 10 am

### Great Mongeham Annual Art and Craft Exhibition and Sale

The Friend's of St Martin's are holding the Annual Art Show in St Martin's Church from Friday 11th September to Sunday 13th September from 11.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The profits from this year's show will go towards the repair of the tower floor, so please come along and support us. This year we are having a display of young people's art so if your child would like to exhibit, please contact Wendy on 01304 239143. (WM)

### CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP

At the July PCC meeting it was mentioned that we had a dangerous dead cherry tree in the Churchyard and somehow the tree removal turned into a general clear up of the Churchyard perimeter. The grass in the middle is kept very tidy by two volunteers - many thanks to them! To get to the offending tree there were a lot of Elder and Sycamore saplings and a fallen tree in the way, not to mention a heavy overgrowth of Ivy. We also had to clear several years' worth of rubbish left behind by some of the visitors looking after graves - over four large car loads of discarded old plastic items including flower wrappers and old wreath foundations. The large dead cherry tree will be removed by a tree surgeon. Thank you to ALL who helped in any way; it was true comradeship and fun working together. Just one last plea please; if you bring flowers wrapped up nicely to honor some one who's remains are in our church yard please take the rubbish home with you or deposit it in a bin, not in your church yard. (PH)

## 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 September

Sunday 6th Morning praise

13th Holy Communion

20th Family service

27th Holy Communion

All at 10 am. Sunday school at the same time in the upper room

Please Note: **Harvest Festival Service** will be on Sunday 4th October at 10 am.

### Church Registers

The wedding of Steven Bowden to Lucy Herbert took place on Saturday the 8th of August - a lovely service with a unique Ring Bearer. A well behaved Newfoundland Dog named Ryan proudly presented the rings to the best men at the appropriate time; yes there were two best men as well. One to remember. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bowden!

There will be a Wedding on Sat 5th at 1.30 pm and a Baptism Sunday 20th at 2.00 pm.

### Flower Rota

6<sup>th</sup> September Lesley and Kathleen (wedding)

13<sup>th</sup> September June and Queenie

20<sup>th</sup> September Wendy and Cynthia

27<sup>th</sup> September Mary and Elizabeth

4th October Harvest festival, all arrangers please

### Bingo

September 24<sup>th</sup>

### Toddlers and Families playgroup

The autumn term will start on 14th September in the Parish Hall from 1.00-3.00 pm. The group offers a fun afternoon for children from 0 to 5 years old with craft activities, large and small play equipment, books, songs and refreshments. Cost per family/ carer group is £1.50. For more details contact Wendy on 01304 239143 or just pop in to the Parish Hall on Monday afternoons.(WM)

### MONGEHAM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Service at 10.30am every Sunday. For Church matters and loan of hall contact Chris Godden, 01304 36740 or email: [chrisie22@googlemail.com](mailto:chrisie22@googlemail.com). Local contact Marian Hall 81 Mongeham Road, 01304 361724 or email: [minska42@hotmail.com](mailto:minska42@hotmail.com).

The Tuesday Group meet weekly for tea/coffee, chat and craft aid, 10.0am -12noon contact Margaret 239566.

The Meeting Place every Friday in the Church Hall (behind the Church) for tea/coffee companionship, all welcome 10.0am to 12noon

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

### **GREAT MONGEHAM SOCIETY**

On 20<sup>th</sup> August Jim Rees led a party of about twenty members of the Society on a walk around the village. Along the route he pointed out features indicating the ages of the buildings and evidence for alterations made over the years. Starting at Fairfield in Northbourne Road and by way of Church Path we finished at Jim and Val's home in Mongeham Road. At the start of the walk Jim handed out booklets which contained old photographs of the buildings to compare with the buildings as they are today. Chairman Dr Steve Chappell thanked Jim on behalf of the 13 members present. The next meeting of the Society will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> when Graham Dear will talk about his role as Yeoman of the Guard, the Queen's bodyguard (JR)

### **GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The August meeting held in the Parish Hall was a business/discussion evening. Chairman Peter Aplin updated members with results from the Kent Show. The Society won the 'Members Choice' cup for the 6th time in 8 years. Our Chairman himself won the Vegetable Cup for the 4th year running, (he needs some competition from other members!!) Other members won rosettes and medals. Very pleasing were entries from 3 grandchildren of members who won first prizes in the Children's Section. After updates on the trip to Wisley there was time for a question and answer session with subjects ranging from onion growing to tips on how to grow the best sweet peas. By the time you read this the Annual Summer Show and Boot Fair will have taken place, we are hoping for a good number of entries, visitors and good weather. The Society takes a break in September; meetings start again on October 7<sup>th</sup>. (JEB)

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

Members were saddened by the news of Marguerite Court's death. She had been a member for many years and well known for her knitting and cookery and had filled many posts within the W.I. Marguerite used to live in the village and was known to many, especially the church. The next meeting is on Thursday 10th at 7.30pm in the hall, a talk about supernatural incidents reported to or by the police. The competition is a 'short story to share'. (PS-B)

### **GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Almost 40 people attended a meeting in the parish hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss speeding in the village and to hear a presentation on one way of addressing the issue: Speedwatch. After a very lively Q and A session and debate, 22 people signed up to be volunteers to man the equipment and record details of speeding vehicles. Guy Rollinson, who works for Speedwatch and gave the presentation was overwhelmed with this level of support. A meeting for volunteers will be arranged for early September when they will also be trained in how to use the equipment, what details to record and, most importantly, how to stay safe. One issue is the cost of the Speedwatch equipment and the Parish Council will be looking into ways of sharing equipment with other villages. In addition, to Speedwatch, several other ideas for helping to reduce speeding in the village were raised and these will be discussed by the Parish Council. (TM)

### **Great Mongeham Dance and Theatre**

Calling all those between the ages of 4 and late teens - would you like to take part in "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe"? Then join the Great Mongeham Dance and Theatre Club. The first meeting is in the Parish Hall on Saturday 12th September from 10am to 12 noon. The cost is £4 each or £5 for 2 in the same family. (CW-T)

<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 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 <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