

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Service of Remembrance - 1st November, 6.30pm, St Leonard's Church

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society - 4th November – AGM

Churchyard clean up - 5,6,& 7th November. 9.30 to 12.30am

Saint Martin's WI - 12th November will be Veronica Ashby - 'Waste not want not'

Great Mongeham Society - 19th November - AGM

Bingo – 26th November

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Speedwatch - The speedwatch project continues to move forward. We are very fortunate that Nonington Parish Council has agreed to lend us their equipment at least initially.

The equipment will be shared between Great Mongeham, Eastry and Nonington. We have a group of people who have been trained and are now insured by Speedwatch and two groups have been out to trial the equipment and start recording data. We will continue to keep you informed how this is going over the next few months. (TM)

Defibrillator or AED - The Parish council has recently installed a defibrillator on the outside of the Parish Hall. This is for use by anyone in the village should the need arise. However, this is one piece of equipment which we all hope will never be used. The device is fitted with an alarm and is in a heated cabinet. The alarm will sound for three minutes if the door is opened.

Should anyone suspect that someone is having a heart attack e.g. they are unresponsive and not breathing properly, please follow these instructions:

- Call the emergency services (999) describing the situation and location of the incident.
- Open the door of the equipment by pulling the top – at night blinking white lights help identify the location of the device – and remove the device.
- Go to the victim, switch on the defibrillator and *follow the verbal instructions given by the device*. You will also be guided by the emergency services. Please note the equipment is fully automated and is designed to determine first whether defibrillation is required. It will only deliver a shock if it is necessary. It will not work if the victim does not require it.

After use, please do not try to put the defibrillator back in its box, but call Terry Madgwick on 01304 239143 who will deal with reactivation of the equipment and re-sealing it in its box. (TM)

Council minutes can be read at www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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, Mongeham Church Close, Great Mongeham. Tel. 239143

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

Tel. 362202

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES November. All services at 10.00am.

1st Family service

8th Holy Communion

15th Morning Worship

22nd Holy Communion

29th Joint Holy Communion for the whole Parish at St Nicholas, Sholden. No service at St Martin's. No Sunday School.

Flower Rota

1st November Mary and Elizabeth

8th November Lesley and Kathie

15th November June and Queenie

22nd November Wendy and Cynthia

29th November Advent wreath, Lesley and Kathie

Churchyard clean up

We are having another session at extra tidying up of our Church yard on 5th, 6th and 7th November, from 9.30 to 12-30 each day. Volunteers welcome, just turn up, there will be plenty to do. Ivy to be cleared from trees, brush wood be cleared, two over-grown tombs to be cleared etc. (PH)

Bingo

Bingo will be on the fourth Thursday of the month as usual – the 26th November. The numbers attending bingo have been dwindling lately so why not give it a try as we get into the winter months? The prizes are not large but it is a good evening's fun amongst friends. You might even make new ones! (PH)

BELL RINGING

Bell ringing – 'The Art of Campanology' - takes place at St Martin's church every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm. Why not give it a try? It can take several weeks to learn to handle a bell, you do not need muscle but it is good exercise for the whole body, coordinating mind and body. You do not need any other experience of music except being able to hear the bell that you are ringing. Interested - then just turn up one Tuesday evening and you will be given a go under supervision that night? If you would rather, you can call 01304 365460 or 07900141334 for details. (PH)

MONGEHAM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Service at 10.30 am every Sunday. For Church matters and loan of hall contact Chris Godden, 01304 36740 or email: chrisie22@googlemail.com. Local contact Marian Hall 81 Mongeham Road, 01304 361724 or email: minska42@hotmail.com. The Tuesday Group meet weekly for tea/coffee, chat and craft aid, 10.00am -12noon contact Margaret 239566. The Meeting Place every Friday in the Church Hall (behind the Church) for tea/coffee companionship, all welcome 10.00am to 12noon

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

GREAT MONGEHAM SOCIETY

Ex Marine Graham Dear, who had been a member of the official staff at the Palace of Westminster as a Door Keeper, gave a fascinating presentation to the Society on his present role as a member of the Queen's Bodyguard an office which goes back to the 1400s. His talk was full of anecdotes and occasional mishaps which had occurred during his time in these two roles. Chairman, Dr Steve Chappell gave a vote of thanks. Plans of the proposed development behind South Court Garage were displayed by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Terry Madgwick. Comments had to be registered before the middle of October. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. After the formal business a scatter quiz will be held. If you don't know what this is come along and find out; new members welcome. (DK)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The October meeting was held in the Parish Hall and was in a different format from normal. The Committee had produced various healthy home made soups served with crusty bread, enjoyed by all present. Two quizzes were part of the entertainment. The Annual Pumpkin competition was judged, with Marlene Walker winning first prize, her giant pumpkin weighing in at just under 80 lbs. Earlier in the year members had been given a dahlia cutting to grow on and there were some really good exhibits. Claude Buttle's entry was judged the best. Chairman Peter reminded members of that the AGM is the next meeting on the 4th November to be held in the Parish Hall. (JEB)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

The AGM voted in Pam Oiller for her fourth year as president and a full committee. A 'mad' beetle drive with refreshments was enjoyed. Extra events suggestions were taken for 2016, and will be arranged. The next meeting on November 12 will be Veronica Ashby on 'Waste not want not'. The competition is 'what have you recycled to be reused?' 7.30pm in the hall Visitors welcome. (PS-B)

RING AND SING AT ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

The Ring and Sing Groups entertained the residents of Abbeyfield, Walmer on September 9th. A variety of well known tunes were played on the hand-bells including Edelweiss and Lambeth Walk. The Mongeham Singers also sang a selection of songs from the musicals, including Flash, Bang, Wallop and Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend. This programme was enjoyed by residents and performers alike and all present greatly appreciated the refreshments provided by the Abbeyfield staff. The Hand-bell Group also contributed towards the celebration of Harvest Festival at St. Martin's Church on October 4th. Currently both groups are practising for their Christmas programmes. (AEP)

BELL RINGING & Churchyard clean up— see page 2

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL – see front page

Great Mongeham Dance and Theatre Group

Auditions are being held for The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Saturday morning sessions of the Drama Club, held in the Parish Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Membership is open to children from 4 years to late teens for a fee of £4 for one person and £5 for more members in the same family. Come along and have fun. Drama examinations are being held on Saturday 7th November in Northbourne Village Hall so there will not be classes in Great Mongeham on that morning. (CW-T)

| ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH | | |
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| 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 |
| 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 | 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, 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 |