

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

March 2016.

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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 Horticultural Society

2nd March – Brian Laverick-Smith

Great Mongeham Society

17th March, 7.30 pm – Heritage Evening.

Saint Martin's WI

10th March - 'Testing your taste buds'

Mongeham & Ripple WI

16th March 2.30pm. June Hobbs - early days in nursing

Bingo

24th March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Parish Council

7th April - Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council decided at its February meeting not to increase the council tax, this in recognition of the difficult financial environment in which we are all living. The council agreed to purchase three wooden bollards for the junction of Cherry Lane and Northbourne Road to stop people parking on the verge and churning up the grass there. Last year we borrowed Speed Indicator Device (SID) equipment from Nonnington Parish Council and showed that there is a problem with speeding in the village, however a number of deficiencies were evident in that equipment so the council agreed to purchase a new SID for use by the **Speedwatch** teams. While we currently have 4 enthusiastic teams we are still looking for new people to help. If you would like to join the Speedwatch initiative please contact Terry Madgwick on 239143 or at terry_madgwick@hotmail.com and I will arrange another training session. The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on March 3rd at 7.30pm and the Annual Parish Meeting is on April 7th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. (TM)

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

CHURCH SERVICES at ST. MARTIN'S

6th Mothering Sunday Service 10 am

13th Passion Sunday Holy Communion 10am

20th Palm Sunday Morning Worship 10am

27th Easter Day Holy Communion 10am

Sunday School each Sunday as usual.

Please note there will be no Good Friday service at St Martin's this year, but the church will be opened during the morning for private prayer and quiet contemplation between 10 and 12 midday. Numbers have dwindled for the Good Friday service over the last few years so we are joining with the other three churches of our group for all the holy week services. Please come along! If anyone would like a lift please contact Peter on 07900141334 to arrange.

Services for Holy Week - Joint service at St Leonard's:

Monday 21st at 7.30 pm Compline

Tuesday 22nd at 7.30pm Compline

Wednesday 23rd at 7.30pm Compline

Maundy Thursday 9.30am Holy communion

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 25th March at 2.00pm (to 3pm approx). "The Stations of the Cross."

A lot of our congregation, including me, are suffering from hearing loss and we are having a demonstration of amplification equipment by a specialist in church audio at St Martin's. The time has not yet been agreed but will be made public as soon as possible.

All are welcome to come along and see what you think. We want to get it right! (PH)

Flower Rota

26th March All arrangers please.

3rd April Lesley

10th April June and Queenie

If anyone would like to make a donation for Easter lilies please give to either me or Peter Hambrook. Thank you (LL)

Bingo

24th March at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

MONGEHAM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Service at 10.30am every Sunday. For Church matters contact Church Secretary Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or email: chrisie22@googlemail.com. For hire of Church hall contact Angie Jeffery on 01304 366783. Local contact Marian Hall 81 Mongeham Road 01304 361724 email minska42@hotmail.com. The Tuesday Friendship Group meet weekly for tea/coffee, chat and craft work, 10 to 12am contact Margaret on 01304 239566. The Meeting Place every Friday in the Church Hall (behind the Church) for tea/ coffee companionship, all welcome 10 to 12am.

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

GREAT MONGEHAM SOCIETY

Two years after enthraling us with his account of the history of the East Kent Coalfield Jim Davies returned to continue his account. Using slides and archive footage Jim held our interest for the full 45 minutes. For those of us who have lived in the area for a long time it was interesting to see familiar faces as very young men. Those of us new to the area were made familiar with a piece of local history which had a great impact on our village. Jim's personal experience as a miner together with his exhaustive and ongoing research made it a most enjoyable evening. Next month at 7.30pm on 17th March Jim Rees will host a "Heritage Evening" which will provide an introduction to the Great Mongeham Society Archive. A range of material from the archive will be on display and Jim will give a slide presentation highlighting some of the material. (JR)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society started the year in fine style with a demonstration of Kentish Songs performed by Sue Watson with members joining in heartily in choruses about hopping, smuggling and other Kent activities. At the meeting which followed Peter and Marlene paid tribute to Hazel Higgs, a long time supporter and vice president of the Society who had died recently. Members held a silence in her memory. Seed potatoes and pots were distributed for the annual competition and arrangements for the outing to Wakefield Place discussed. The next meeting will be on March 2nd where our speaker will be a village lad Brian Laverick-Smith!! (JEB)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

St. Martins W.I. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall. It is a cheerful, friendly group and visitors and new members are always very welcome. We have a varied programme of events. At our February meeting Ros Shawcross told us about her work as a reflexologist, using several members to illustrate points. It was a very interesting demonstration and several people went home feeling very happy and relaxed! Our next meeting on 10th March is entitled 'Testing your taste buds' (JEB)

MONGEHAM & RIPPLE WI

Members got lovely sticky fingers when having a go at Descappage . They covered small boxes but anything can be improved with this hobby. The next meeting is on March 16th in the hall, 2.30pm start. Member June Hobbs will speak about her early days in nursing. The competition is Bronze. New members and visitors always welcome. (PS-B)

Charity Fashion Show Saturday April 16th

Caroline and Charlotte Chambers, mother and daughter from the village, are taking part in the Moonwalk to raise money for breast cancer charities. They will be walking the Half Moon event of 15 miles (1 mile for each year of Charlottes age - Caroline's would take far too long!) through London starting at midnight on May 14th. The Moonwalk supports breast cancer charities. To raise money for this charity, we are also holding a fashion show in Northbourne Parish Hall on Saturday 16th April 2016; doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Travelling Trends, a professional company, will be providing a fantastic display of high street brand clothing at discounted prices. Tickets are £5 to include a complementary drink. There will be a catwalk show followed by shopping as Travelling Trends bring ladies clothing in a range of sizes and styles - try before you buy! Refreshments will be available. For a great night out, in support of breast cancer charities, please contact Caroline for tickets on 01304 381354 / 07522 402827.

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
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	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