

GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

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MONGEHAM
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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.

THE DROP IN

Until further notice the Drop In will be in Ripple Village Hall from 10-11am, whilst the new roof is put on Great Mongeham Hall.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Great Mongeham Society

August 18th is a visit to Shepherdswell Railway

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

3rd August in Ripple Hall. Bob Acton on 'Parcel Wrapping'.

Saint Martin's WI

August 11th –walk followed by supper at the Zetland Arms.

Mongeham & Ripple WI

17th August - afternoon tea at June's house

Drop in

At Ripple Village Hall from 10-11am until further notice

Bingo - August 25th 7.15 for 7.30 start

Afternoon Tea and view registers in the Church yard.

Sunday 21st at 3.00 until 5.00 pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Friends of St Martin's Annual Art Show in St Martin's Church - Friday 2nd September to Sunday 4th September.

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: Bill Bush 07872 940900; Sandy Sullivan 01304 379106 and John Fletcher 01304 362109

Secretary: Wendy Madgwick, Glendower, Mongeham Church Close

Tel. 239143

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

Tel. 362202

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES, all at 10 am

7th Family service

14th Holy Communion. Holy baptism at 2.00

21st Brunch service at St Richards. NO Service at St Martin's.

28th Holy Communion 10 am, and Holy Baptism 3.00 pm

Sunday 21st at 3.00 until 5.00 pm **Afternoon tea** will be served in St Martin's Church in the Church yard if the weather is amicable. Copies of the **Church Registers**, which date back to the fourteenth century, will be on display a well as other church paraphernalia.(PH)

Flower Rota

31st July Lesley

7th August. Wendy and Cynthia

14th August June and Queenie

21st August. Mary and Elizabeth

28th August Lesley

4th September Wendy and Cynthia

May I also take this opportunity to THANK Wendy, Mary, June and Queenie for all their help and support, using their wonderful skills, to put on a successful flower festival at Northbourne Church on the weekend 16/17 July. Lesley

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FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN'S - Great Mongeham Annual Art Exhibition and Sale

The Friends of St Martin's are holding the Annual Art Show in St Martin's Church from Friday 2nd September to Sunday 4th September from 10 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and 11.00 to 4.00 on Sunday. There is something to suit almost everyone's

tastes and pocket. So come along and enjoy the variety of art on display and perhaps buy a unique gift for a birthday, anniversary or Christmas. Refreshments will be available.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of this beautiful Grade II* listed ancient church, so please come along and support us and the artists. This year we are having a display of young people's art again at no charge so if your child or someone you know would like to exhibit, please contact Wendy on 01304 239143. (WM)

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

At our first outing of the summer we met at the visitor centre of Samphire Hoe at the earlier time of 7.00 and we certainly needed the extra time as the warden, Paul Holt kept our attention for nearly two hours as he led us around the reserve in the late evening sunshine. In the 18 years since the chalk marl was excavated from the Channel Tunnel, the site has greatly matured. In all that time Paul has been warden. He told us that originally the area was seeded with wildflower seed collected by Wye College from nearby locations. Some 36 species grew from that seeding, but since then the flora has been supplemented by self-sown wildflowers, so that to date well in excess of 200 species have been recorded at various times on the site. He showed us great drifts of Restharrow which he said was unusual to see in such profusion and told us it was particularly good for fattening lambs. Besides demonstrating his extensive knowledge of the flora, he also drew our attention to the magnificent coastal scenery, pointing out a sky dog rainbow, and beautiful reflections in the still waters of the ponds. There was something for everyone that evening, and we all had a thoroughly good time. The next meeting on August 18th is a visit to Shepherdsweil Railway. (JR)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society held their Rose and Sweet Pea Show in the Parish Hall early in July to coincide with the Village Fun Day. There was a lovely display of colourful /fragrant roses and sweet peas together with vegetables and soft fruit. There were many visitors admiring the exhibits. Alan Ford won the Sweet Pea cup and Marlene Walker won the cup for the most points in the show. The next meeting on 3rd August will be held in Ripple Village Hall. Our speaker will be Bob Acton on 'Parcel Wrapping'. (JEB)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI

The WI. was entertained to afternoon tea in President Pam's garden for their meeting, where they enjoyed a delicious assortment of cakes and drinks, a very pleasant July meeting. Our 11th August meeting will be a walk followed by supper at the Zetland Arms. (JEB)

MONGEHAM & RIPPLE WI

On a very hot afternoon Mrs Gardener spoke about her visits to Bangladesh, a very poverty stricken country, and Qatar a very rich place. To water the many flowers they import water and employ many workers from other countries. She spoke about clothes, food and customs. The 17th August meeting will be an afternoon tea at June's house. September 21st will have Debbie Baxter showing Iris Folding and the competition is BROWN. Visitors always welcome. (PS-B)

BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Table Tennis Club is having a break for summer and will resume on Friday September 16th at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. The Badminton Club is also having a break and will resume on Wednesday September 21st at 8 pm also at the Parish Hall. New players are welcome so do come along and support our village club. (VR)

PARISH HALL

The Village Fete was a roaring success once again and we were very lucky with the weather. We raised £1184.63 which will go towards refurbishing the Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone for attending. (TR)

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	Ceilia 01303 311524
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 Ridyrd	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

FETE AND GARDEN PARTY

The month of July has certainly been a busy for raising funds for various charities. Firstly the village fete which has become a much looked forward to event in Great Mongeham. This year's event was a resounding success accompanied as usual by the Mongeham Horticultural Society's early summer show. Together there was plenty for all to enjoy and take part in. A team lead by Tracey Ridyard is to be congratulated for all the hard, but enjoyable, work. Also the gardeners for the beautiful display of sweet peas along with early veg and other flowers. The funds raised will go towards the repair of our Village hall roof. Also a thank you to the fete organisers for allowing other village organisations to boost their funds by putting on side shows and organising and running the tea tent. Secondly the Garden Party held at 58 Mongeham Road, an event of a different sort but just as enjoyable in its own way, raising a wonderful £660 plus towards the running costs of St Martin's Church. Both events were blessed with fine summer weather making them even more enjoyable. Many thanks to all involved in any small way to the success of each event, especially those who came along to the functions. (PH)

SPEEDWATCH

In the three months since we have had the new equipment, despite limited availability of personnel for sessions, we have seen over 100 cars doing 40 or over and reported 650 for speeding. On our regularly held sessions we are now seeing a 50% reduction on reports. Volunteers to help would be most welcome, contact Terry Madgwick or Chris Saville (CS)

30 MPH CAMPAIGN

It is hoped the signs made an impact on the traffic. If you displayed 'thank you' and if you would like a sign there are a few available. The August Bank Holiday Monday 29th will be the Horticultural Societies Summer Show and Boot Fair. Again large volumes of traffic and the signs will hopefully be of help to keep the roads safe. Speak to Patricia 07967307440. (PS-B)

RHS COURSES AT HADLOW

Hadlow College, as part of the 2016 Year of the Garden, is offering 'early bird' discounts for those who register for an RHS course. Hadlow College offers RHS courses at Levels 2 and 3 at the main campus just outside Hadlow village and the out centres at Canterbury and Mottingham. Come and find out more about the courses on offer by attending one of our RHS Information Evenings, both events at 6pm with registration and a buffet supper (free) followed by formal and informal presentations (7pm onwards), meet the celebrity guest and further opportunities to ask questions. Canterbury Campus, Spring Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1TB on Tuesday 6th September 2016.

Mottingham Campus, Mottingham Lane, London SE12 9AW on Wednesday 7th September 2016.

*Please register attendance by 2nd September 2016: pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk
01622 618628.*

EULOGIES

BRENDA FOWLER

In July we interred the Cremated remains of the Late Brenda Fowler. Many of you will remember Brenda from her time as post mistress in what is now the old post house Mongeham Road. Some of us remember her from the time she first came to Kent as a Land Army Girl employed by the local farm at Sholden Bank. (now Sholden Bank Close. She became quite the driving force on the farm getting on well with the then owner, Robert Fowler. He himself was one of an old farming family of the area, mostly growing and supplying fodder for the transport of the day (the trusty horse and van) and also to the horses of the Royal Marines depot in Deal. When Brenda joined were changing with the modes of transport needing petrol rather than hay. With an up and coming farmers son Brian, (who she was to marry) she engineered a change from grass crops to grain and vegetables and used to run a vegetable round every Saturday morning. I can remember my own Mother getting her weekly veg from them as they came round in their old blue lorry. They branched out into one of the first farm shops in the area, their front room! As time went on and farming became more and more intense, needing more expensive machinery the decision was taken to sell up and purchase the village store and post office. They modified the premises and turned what was a sleepy and rather dilapidated shop to one where you could buy anything from a bike to a loaf of bread. A good job there was no sell by dates then! Brenda made most of the decisions in their relationship and as time wore on, she decided the right time had come to sell up and retire. They moved to the first bungalow at the lower end of Cherry Lane. They lived there until sadly Brian passed away in the late 1990s. Brenda could not settle and moved to several addresses in the area, eventually going to live with her brother, who she never really got on with, at Ostworthy. She visited friends back here several times, doing the whole journey by taxi due to failing eyesight; such was her love for the area. It was her wish that her earthly remains should be interred in St Martin's Churchyard. Another of Great Mongeham legends moves on, God rest her soul. (PH)

ANNE BAKER

Anne Baker also from Cherry Lane passed away in the last month and her funeral was at Barham on 30 June. Anne lived alone in Cherry Lane for the last few years of her life after her second husband died. Her first husband passed away several years ago and after many years of friendship she married her next door neighbour and they enjoyed a happy time together. Since her last bereavement she tended to stay at home but was visited many times by neighbours and always wanted to be kept updated on village matters, She said she liked to read the Great Mongeham Newsletter as it kept her in touch. Alas she became ill and after a spell in hospital went into residential care with she did not accept very well. At her funeral friends from Cherry Lane paid a tribute to her in the form of a poem (The Golden Chain of Friendship) which was read out on their behalf. May she rest in peace. (PH)