

# GREAT MONGEHAM NEWSLETTER

November 2016.

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Great Mongeham Society** - 17th November at 7.30 - AGM

**Great Mongeham Horticultural Society** - 2<sup>nd</sup> of November - AGM

**Saint Martin's WI** - 10th November. Alan Haines - 'A kick up the 60's'

**Mongeham & Ripple WI** - November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm - AGM

**Bingo** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Fair at Caesar Court** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am until 4pm (please see separate flyer.)

**Churchyard maintenance** - 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Mongeham & Ripple WI**

December 7th at 12 noon - lunch at the Coach & Horses.

December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm - the Group Carol service at St Saviour's Church, Walmer.

## **THE FUTURE OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

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## **CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE**

Last year we had a blitz on St Martin's Churchyard and we would like to have one more go this autumn on Friday and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 10-1.30pm . Anyone who has a little time to spare time and would like to help will be most welcome. Bring your own tools if possible, and refreshments will be provided. This should enable us to keep it in order in the future. While writing about this I should like to thank the two people who keep it mowed and looking so nice for us. It's a pleasure to see, so thank you to all who do their bit. (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: Sandy Sullivan 01304 379106 and John Fletcher 01304 362109

Secretary: Wendy Madgwick, Glendower, Mongeham Church Close, GM Tel. 239143

Treasurer: Nigel Pitchford, 141 Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham. Tel. 362202

**ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH SERVICES** for November.

6<sup>th</sup> Family service

13<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

20<sup>th</sup> Morning praise

27<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion

Sunday school every Sunday at the same time as the service.

### **Flower Rota**

6th November Lesley.

13th November Remembrance Sunday, poppies, June and Queenie.

20th November Elizabeth and Mary.

27th November 1st Sunday of Advent, Advent wreath, Lesley.

**Bingo** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

## **THE FUTURE OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

What would encourage you to attend your local Church? St Martin's Church has been the parish church of Great Mongeham for many centuries, serving the local community. Like most other country churches it is a high maintenance building always in need of tender loving care. Apart from one or two outstanding jobs it is weather proof, fairly warm and well lit. It is well cared for and loved by its faithful but slowly shrinking congregation. Most of us are in our senior years, although we do have an active Sunday school of four children, which on most Sundays counts for one fifth of the total weekly attendance. As most of you know I am standing down from being the local minister of St Martin's in 2017 and obviously there will have to be changes. We need to get more people attending services and we (you) as the parishioners are being asked your views on what sort of services would encourage you to get involved. Services do not have to only happen on a Sunday, they need not only to be in the formats that we use at the present time. Let us have your ideas. At the moment there is no intention of closing St Martin's but we must improve our worshipping numbers to remain viable. We would be pleased to hear your suggestions as to what would encourage you to come along. Please let us know. You know the old adage "If you don't use it you will lose it!" Please reply to Peter Hambrook, or Reverend Flewker or to St Leonard's office. (PH)

## **MONGEHAM CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

Service at 10.30a.m. every Sunday. For Church matters contact Church Secretary Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or email: [chrisie22@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

After some consternation about setting up the projector Brian Laverick-Smith went home to collect his projector. The equipment was duly set up and , the business of the Society concluded, Mike Burrows commenced his talk on 'Smuggling in Kent'. After another projector malfunction Mike continued stoically without visual aids. He told the assembly about the methods used by the smugglers and measures taken to thwart them. He explained how entrenched smuggling was in the economy of the county and how it involved society at all levels. He concluded by recounting a number of stories such as the exploits of the Hawkhurst Gang, which started in Kent, but whose activities ranged as far as Dorset. The gang showed a high degree of organisation but committed brutal acts of assault and murder, quite like the Mafia of today. Our AGM will be held in the village hall on Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm. At the conclusion of business we will enjoy cheese and biscuits and a glass of wine. (JR)

### **GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Society met at the Parish Hall early in October for a social evening. Delicious food prepared by committee members was soon devoured. This was followed by a light-hearted quiz won by the Atkinson Table. The annual pumpkin weigh-in then took place. Liz Atkinson was third her pumpkin weighing in at 23 lbs, her husband was second with 27 lbs and the winner with a massive pumpkin was Steve Pitcher (Jnr) 65lbs. Daffodil bulbs were distributed for the club competition at the Spring Show. Chairman Peter drew members' attention to the 2<sup>nd</sup> November meeting which will be the AGM. He will be standing down after many years in the Chair and new faces will be required on the committee.(JEB)

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

St.Martin's W.I. held their AGM on 13th October when they were joined by W.I. advisor Gill Crone from the Federation Office. Following the annual reports by Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer the existing committee were re-elected en bloc. A light hearted game of Bingo finished the evening. President Pam has since received a letter from Gill Crone saying what a cheerful welcoming group we are, which was very nice. The next meeting is on 10th November when the speaker will be Alan Haines and his subject 'A kick up the 60's' (JEB)

### **MONGEHAM & RIPPLE WI**

What is Iris folding? It originated in Holland along with teabag folding. Paper is folded and placed anticlockwise to form a design. Think of an iris of a camera or the eye. Easier than it sounds but all members enjoyed the experience. This WI has a growing membership and the AGM will be at 2-30pm on November 16<sup>th</sup> when we hope to encourage members to go on the committee. The competition is GOLD. To start the festive season there will be a lunch at the Coach & Horses on December 7th at 12 noon. The Group Carol service on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm will be held at St Saviour's Church, Walmer and the host is Walmer WI. The AG M will be at Margate on March 22nd 2017, guest Speaker Terry Waite, 25 years after his release from captivity. (PS-B)

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Evi and Kevin Wheeler and their dog Molly. They have moved into Cherry Orchard, Cherry Lane from Sherpherdswell. Best wishes in their new home. (DK)

<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 07484877574
Badminton	Wednesday (not 1st of month) 7.30 pm	Ian Johnson 366146
Ballet & Tap – age 4-6	Tues 4.00 pm	J Anton 07484877574
Ballet & Tap – primary age	Fri 4.30 pm	J Anton 07484877574
Ballet & Tap – senior	Fri 5.30 pm	J Anton 07484877574
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
Drama Group	Saturday 10-12 am	Cecilia 01303 311524.
Friends of St. Martin's		Nigel Pitchford 362202
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 10.15 to 1200 am	Ceilia 01303 311524
Karate	Mon and Wed 6.30pm	367001
Keep fit for life	Mon 10.15 am <b>Baptist Hall</b>	J Anton 07484877574
Modern Tech–Jazz/Acrobatics	Age 7 up - Tues 5 pm	J Anton 07484877574
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 Ridyrd	07966149590
Pilates	Thursday 5.45 pm	L Pullen 07734473784
Love My Fitness, Pilates	Monday 10 am & 11.30am	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 7.30 - 9.30pm	Brian Jones 851914
T.A.F. Playgroup	Mon 1.00 pm. Term-time	W Madgwick 239143
Tap Dance	Mon 5 pm	J Anton 07484877574
Yoga	Tuesday 10.30 am	Audrey Clarke 368521