

Dear Friends & Community

Members, we are honoured to invite you to a very special evening celebrating the creative journey and resilience of local photographer **Anthony "Tony" Peter Friend (85)**.

Hosted by Gillian Pollard, this showcase highlights Tony's extraordinary talent, unwavering passion for visual storytelling, and lifelong dedication to art.

When: Friday 18th September, 4 – 8pm

(Complimentary refreshments served at 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM)

Where: The Reception Lounge, Caesar Court Retirement Complex, Mongeham Road, Great Mongeham, Deal, CT14 9FT

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"Overcoming Parkinson's, profound hearing loss, and major trauma, 85-year-old **Tony Friend** proves that true art isn't seen the eyes—it's captured with the soul."

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Friday, 18th September
TIME: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
LOCATION: Reception Lounge, Caesar Court
Great Mongeham, Deal, CT14 9FT
EXHIBITION: An exclusive collection of Tony's landscape photography will be on display throughout the evening.
HOSTED BY: Gillian Pollard

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The artist: Despite facing severe health challenges—including Parkinson’s disease, profound occupational hearing loss, and the loss of an eye in a pedestrian accident—Tony’s passion for visual storytelling has never dimmed. Throughout his life, Tony developed a unique style capturing uncommon perspectives, from striking reflections to fascinating historical finds. His talent has earned him numerous competition prizes, features in newspapers and magazines, and even inspired a published book of poetry. Local residents may have seen his three iconic panoramic shoreline prints proudly displayed at King’s Cafe on South Street. An unforgettable collection & a worthy cause. This final exhibition will showcase an assortment of Tony's finest work, alongside a selection of unframed prints available to purchase.

The cause: All proceeds from the exhibition will go directly towards fundraising for the **St Martin’s Church Roof Fund**. Tony’s mission for this showcase is to leave a lasting photographic legacy while helping preserve a vital piece of our local heritage.

Please spread the word. We would be incredibly grateful if you could help us make this event a success! Please feel free to forward this email, share the attached poster with friends, family, or local community groups, or post the blurb below on your social media channels.

St Martin’s church is one of four churches in the parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham. We are in great need of funds for building work in our churches. We are grateful for this and any help with their upkeep and fundraising.



