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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council

will be held on: Tuesday, **6th April**, in the Neighbourhood Centre at **7 pm**.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays;

tel: 821339 fax: 825269

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Next month's meeting will be held

on: Tuesday, **4th May 2010**.

EDITORIAL

Is it me or is Spring actually beginning to break ? We seem to have had our fair share of cold wet weather just lately, in fact myself and my 2 neighbours had to sandbag our back doors just a couple of weeks ago, so it is really nice to see the sun when it pops it's head out.

Firstly this month I feel I must make an apology to our local bobbies, who took my mentions of 'police' last month to mean them personally, when actually I was using the term in a general sense and not trying to decry our local lads. Sorry guys didn't mean to get your backs up, I'll think before I write next time !!

I also received a very irate letter from someone who I presume is a resident, but not really worthy of any reply as they weren't open enough to give me their name. But to answer one of their points, with regard to our "Poor Parking" pictures, they aren't meant to suggest that anyone is doing anything illegal that's why we only label them as "Poor Parking"(and we always remove number plates if they show,) they are just to show the bad parking that we constantly endure in the village, a point which was also mentioned in the letter and which the writer said no one ever did anything about.

Well we feel our pictures do just that, we do do something about vehicles we see, we shame them with a picture in the hope they don't do it again !! I'm sure most drivers would prefer that than to get a ticket from the police for parking on corners, across footpaths or abandoning them on bus stops or just out in the road causing a traffic flow problem, and believe me we'd also love to see the bus not using the estate.

Gripe over. Now would you like a bit of light relief, have you seen that advert where the elderly couple are discussing the purchase of an item they won't name but it goes up the stairs. Well I'm not crippled yet (maybe that could change if I take more poor parking pic's though ?) but I have just acquired one of those items via the Freegle Thanet site, that I run, and already it has been a godsend transporting some heavy items both up and down the stairs. When I told the Community Warden I'd got it installed he had a real chuckle.

Dog fouling continues to be what most villagers moan at us about, especially in Gas Alley, Domneva Road and of course the Rec. We always pass on your concerns and we hope eventually someone will get caught and fined, it might make others stop and think.

**MINSTER
PARISH COUNCIL**
Annual Parish Meeting
will take place on

Tuesday 20th April at 7 p.m.

Library & Neighbourhood Centre
4a Monkton Road, Minster

The Meeting will commence with a Presentation on the
EAST KENT ACCESS WORKS by Kent County Council

Members of the Public are invited to attend to hear the presentation and ask
questions about the above project

Tea and Coffee will follow the presentation

The Annual Parish Meeting will then continue and the public will be able to ask
Councillors questions about any other issues in the Village

**MINSTER ACTION GROUP
YELLOW LINES
PUBLIC MEETING
SATURDAY 17th APRIL
10.00am
Village Hall
further enquiries to either
822858 or 821483**

**PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)
NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2010**

Missed Appointments

Missed appointments are still causing a concern, where patients fail to attend on average 2 to 3 appointments each day!

Bearing in mind the difficulty some patients experience when trying to make an appointment, this causes inconvenience to all concerned, and above all, is a waste of precious resources.

So this is a "BIG REMINDER" to all those who find they no longer need an appointment they have previously booked.

PLEASE PLEASE remember to cancel it so that others may benefit. You never know, one day, that someone may be you!

Telephone Appointments

We would also like to remind you that all doctors are available for "Telephone Consultations".

If you do not actually need to see a doctor but just require a consultation, this could present an easier and more convenient option. Such consultations can be booked in the normal way, via reception, on 821333.

May Day Craft Fair

Saturday 1st May is nearly upon us, (where has this year gone!) and we are holding another fair at the "Old Schools", 9.00am to 1.00pm. We have already sold nearly half of the tables so get in quick if you don't want to be disappointed! Please see our advert on page 26 for further details.

Easter Holiday Surgery Closing Times

Please note that the surgery will be closed during the following times :

Good Friday 2nd April and Easter Monday 5th April

Should you need to see a doctor during these times please contact "Doctors on Call" via the normal surgery number - 821333.

Patient Liaison Group Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April at 6pm in the surgery conference room. If anyone would like to attend, or has issues they would like to raise, then please contact either of the numbers shown below.

All are welcome.

Ken Self : 821200 or Jean Taylor : 845072

COMMUNITY WARDEN

Steve promised us a couple of paragraphs this month, but although he sent us an email he forgot to attach his “precious words of wisdom”, so on his behalf we have been asked to tell you that he is making a good recovery from his recent illness and is delighted to be back at work.

He is available again for residents to contact him on his usual number and he says you will see him out and about walking in the village.

He thanks everyone for their words of sympathy and all the get well messages he received and he’s looking forward to Minster Matters giving him their usual ribbing again !!

TRADING STANDARDS

Reports have been received from Kent residents who have had “CSS Childrens Support Society” charity donation bags posted through their letter boxes. They ask residents to fill the bags with items they wish to donate to the charity – such as unwanted clothes, toys and bedding.

The bags quote their Registered Charity Number as 526305, but this is not a valid number and CSS is believed to be a bogus charity.

Please do not make donations to this bogus charity. Always ensure that your donations are going to reputable charities. You can check charity details by contacting the Charity Commission on 0845 3000 218 or by going to their website www.charity-commission.gov.uk

Please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or go to www.consumerdirect.gov.uk if you receive one of these charity bags, or have any further information about any bogus charities.

Kent Trading Standards wish to hear from anyone who has booked a boating holiday on a ‘Luxury Yacht’ in Alicante, Spain through a company by the name of Dream Catchers purporting to be based in Sevenoaks. Information suggests that the holidays do not exist and the company is not responding to attempts to contact them.

Please contact 01732 525291 if you have any information regarding the company. Please call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or go to www.consumerdirect.gov.uk if you need further advice on your consumer rights, or you want to report and traders you have concerns about.

Re - HELP FOR HAITI VOLUNTEER KNITTERS

Because of articles in Minster Matters and local papers, Gwen would like to say a big Thank you to Thanet Lions who have offered space -in a container they have arranged in July. Because of this she is now in a position to accept a lot more knitwear, not only the little vests but knitwear of any size or pattern, also blankets would be gratefully received and included in the shipment.

Survey Results for Kent Village of the Year 2009 Money

The following are the results of the recent survey regarding what the £500 should be spent on that the village won in the Kent Village of the Year Competition for 2009

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Vote Count/Percentage</u>
1/ Further Public Benches	0 Votes (0%)
2/ Small improvements to the children's play area in the Recreation Ground	0 Votes (0%)
3/ Small improvements to the children's play area in Molineux Road	0 Votes (0%)
4/ Improvements to facilities at the Pavilion	0 Votes (0%)
5/ Put it towards equipment to be placed on the new Recreation Ground extension	0 Votes (0%)
6/ Install an Internet Wi-Fi Hotspot in the village centre, covering the area from Bens to the Gossip Shop, and possibly for some distance beyond.	3 Votes (50%)
7/ Donate it to the village Christmas Lights Appeal - that is what was done with the £250 that we won in the same competition in 2008, on the recommendation of the Minster Matters team, as it was awarded for winning the Communications category.	2 Votes (33%)
8/ Donate it to another village group or groups	0 Votes (0%)
9/ Plant more bulbs and/or trees	1 Votes (16%)
10/ Use it to help make improvements to a specific area in the village	0 Votes (0%)
11/ Own thoughts/ideas	0 Votes (0%)
Total Votes: 6	

The following is from the Draft Minutes of the March Parish Meeting

Members noted with concern that only 6 responses had been received following an item appearing in Minster Matters seeking residents views on how they would like to see the £500 prize money from the Village of the Year award expended.

RESOLVED: That it be agreed in principle to expend some of the money of the Christmas lights and that the amount to be spent be agreed at the next meeting.

Editor's note: Slightly disappointed that this doesn't make any mention of the WiFi access point which MM originally asked the Parish Council for, and which received 50% of the vote as shown above.

Running the Paris Marathon for QEQM Hospital

Four energetic consultant surgeons from QEQM hospital are taking on a new challenge. Gynaecologist Zoe Woodward, and orthopaedic surgeons Andrew Smith, Richard Slack and Mark Cornell are running in the Paris Marathon on April 11th. The four are seeking sponsorship for this 42 kilometre endeavour to raise funds for the QEQM hospital's League of Friends.

The League's current project is the purchase of new furniture for the Walmer outpatient department which is being renovated. Many patients attend clinics every week and will benefit from the improvements.

Next, the League will be replacing many of the bedside armchairs throughout QEQM hospital. It is important for patients to have a chair that is comfortable and the right height, especially after undergoing joint replacement surgery. Money raised sponsoring Zoe, Andrew, Richard, and Mark will support this project.

The League's chairman, Jeremy Voizey said, "I am delighted that our surgeons are running to raise funds for the League. The more money we raise, the more we can do to improve the comfort and care of patients in our hospital."

The runners will follow a route through the streets of Paris, beginning at the Champs Elysee and finishing near the Arc de Triomphe.

To sponsor the runners, you can phone the League of Friends on 01843 234507 and request a sponsorship form (please add Gift Aid if applicable), or you can sponsor them online at www.justgiving.com/qeqmhospital-lof.

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

Mouth-watering aromas wafted through the Village Hall at the March meeting, when Tina Cesbron from The Chai Stop spoke about the business of making curries, and brought samples for us to try. Members had been asked to bring along favourite recipes, and Sarah Eaton-Brown kindly made her recipe for fudge, which was much appreciated.

We had previously made a collection of money and items for 'Support our Soldiers' Grab Bags, and Beryl Ravensdale plus two colleagues from Whitstable WI attended the meeting to receive the donations. As well as six other visitors, we welcomed four new members to our institute.

Looking ahead, ideas for the next Dabble Day were requested. At the Acol Group Meeting attended by several members, it was Minster's turn to run the raffle, and give a report of last year's activities. We were then treated to an excellent talk about the life of women in Japan, and shown examples of clothing and shoes, which we were able to handle and examine.

MAYHEMS

Minster Mayhems will be dancing near the Bell from 5.15pm to 6.00pm on 23rd April to celebrate St George's Day. It would be really good to see some of the village come out and support the young dancers.

Check out the Mayhems website, we have loads of new pictures from some of our 2009 events, Broadstairs, Tenterden, Deal and Rochester to name but a few .

A list of our 2010 Stands should be available in the very near future, so please look back again real soon.

www.minstermayhems.org.uk

Dominique

THE SALVATION ARMY

Minster Corps

COMMUNITY SHOP

We are still in particular need of the following:

- **Small items of furniture**
- **Electrical goods**
- **Volunteers to work half a day a week or more**

Thank you to all those who have already kindly donated.

Local Praise for Minster Matters Online

I do not often visit MM's site but have done so this morning only to find a wealth of information you have added since I last logged on, so I thought I'd reply to your request for feedback and say that I think the magazine is terrific and I would like to congratulate you all on a very professional and informative magazine.

I think Minster is very lucky to have such a dedicated team working to keep the residents informed of all that the village has to offer, which is quite a lot. Long may you reign and thank you on behalf of many of my acquaintances who look forward to the magazine every month, but do not have access to the Internet and probably don't get around to saying 'thanks' personally.

Barbara White

Minster Show

Do you or your group want a stall at the Minster Show on 24th July?

Please see Karen in Attwells to make your booking or ring her on 07813 648 214.

Flower Show Reminiscing

The Minster Show Committee are looking for interesting facts, figures and pictures to use on their brand new website. The site is undergoing construction at this time and it is proposed to have the site launch on Saturday 8th May which is also Show Launch Day.

You can help us by relating to us your memories, good or bad, of past shows, or by looking through your old photo albums and loaning us your treasured pictures/slides.

We are happy to receive written stories/memories or we will come to you and record them audibly if you would prefer. With pictures/slides we would like to borrow them for a very short while to scan them into our computer and then return them to you. Even better would be to have names to go with any persons that they show, although we are happy to receive pictures/slides that are “unnamed”, such as those recently published in Minster Matters. We are also interested in finding images of past Carnival Queens and their Courts, Show Princesses etc, in fact anything and everything to do with the show in days gone by.

Please contact a Show Committee member or the Editor of this magazine if you can help in any way, no matter how small that may be. Help us to make the website something Minster can be proud of, we're waiting to hear from you.

MINSTER SHOW SCHEDULE LAUNCH

Saturday 8th May, 11.00am to 1.00pm

“Grow for the Show” French Marigolds
(We also plan to launch our New Website on the same day)

Do you know of any local groups or soloists that would like to appear in the “Showcase” at the Show on Saturday 24th July ?

Interested ??

Ring Bernie Watler on 821758

Can you help with memories/stories or old pictures for our website

Kent Wildlife Gardening Awards 2010

After another long, cold winter, signs of spring are starting to appear, which means there's no better time than now to start thinking about entering your garden into the Kent Wildlife Gardening competition.

The Kent Wildlife Trust wants to know, are you wild about your garden? If you've got a garden that attracts wildlife, why not show it off and enter it into this year's competition?

The Kent Wildlife Trust, Royal Horticultural Society, Wildlife Trusts and local authorities across Kent are working together to inspire people to take action for wildlife through gardening. This competition, as well as a garden centre approval scheme and other educational events and projects aims to create awareness for the importance of gardening to our local wildlife and to link many small gardens into a 'Living Landscape'.

If you'd like to enter your garden into the competition, please visit

**www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/our-work/wild-about-gardens/
and enter by 30th June 2010.**

East Kent Alpine Garden Society's Garden Safari

The East Kent Alpine Garden Society's Garden Safari is **on Sunday 18th April from 11am to 5pm**. Featured gardens are located across East Kent from Faversham to Whitstable, Canterbury, Wingham and Walmer, and will show woodland perennials at their best, plants from 'down under' and over 60 Alpine sinks.

Ticket and map is £3.50 for entry to all 10 gardens featured.

For more information, contact Tim Ingram on 01795 535919, or visit www.alpinegardensociety.net/groups/East-Kent/Safari/

Minster Arbouts Cappel Twinning Association

The Association is up and running again, with Roy Bailey having stepped in as Chair. We are in a resurrection process with the Parish Council to sort out the paperwork. The really good news is that "The French Are Coming" on 2 May 2010. This event covers the Twinning Anniversary. Look out for Posters around the Village and of course check Minster Matters for updates.

Heather Epps

Dear Residents of Minster

I am attached to the Armbouts Cappel Twinning Committee. I have been reading the report on the Minster Twinning Association in your Minster Matters December/January 2010 issue. I was very surprised to find that the majority of the population of Minster had lost interest in the Twinning and could not form a Committee to save the Twinning from folding up. Everyone on the French side and on the English side have worked very hard to keep it alive. You will find from the different pages and cuttings that I have enclosed, (*available from MM Editor - if required*) information on various visits over the years.

The Associations that are existing in Armbouts Cappel, I myself and Monsieur Jean Bonduelle received a delegation of Scouts in 2001, we have school exchanges which are very important these days, I also have regular visits from the Royal British Legion to attend our different ceremonies in the course of a year.

I had a very good friend in Minster, his name was John Lynch until his passing away. I am still in contact with his family. John always supplied delegations for our ceremonies. I have always been extremely grateful over this and his kindness shown to us over the many years that I knew him. A charming man, he worked like myself with another friend of mine in Ramsgate keeping the Military Liaison alive, he always believed like us that Exchanges and Twinning between different Towns, Villages and Associations of different countries was good for the moral.

We must try and keep this Twinning alive.

God bless you Dear Friends.

Sincerely

Jack G.C. Squire

France

Charity Parachute Jump

On 14th June at the tender young age of 76, Geoff Taylor of Minster will be making a parachute jump at Headcorn in aid of Prostate Cancer and Cervical Cancer Research.

If you would like to support Geoff (*Note from Editor: We thought the parachute was supposed to do that !!*) then you can sponsor him, which is easier than jumping out of a plane !!. There will be a sponsor form in Attwells Newsagents or you can email him direct on geoffrey@taylor9093.plus.com

Thanks.....

DIANE HUNT, a member of the MM team wishes to express her thanks to Sue Greenstreet (another team member) for her help and assistance on the day that she sustained a dog bite whilst posting leaflets in Tothill St.

JACKIE AND SALLY wish to thank Minster Matters for their article recording Len Coeshott's passing last month, and they would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended his funeral service. Thank you also to Doreen for the wonderful spread, to Alan and Margaret for running the Bar and to anyone else who helped out. Donations to Cancer Research totalled £195.

Visit the Minster Bowls Club Open Days

Saturday 24th April, 11.00am-3.00pm

Saturday 1st May, 11.00am-3.00pm

At the beginning of each outdoor bowling season, we like to offer members of the public, the opportunity to call for a chat at the bowling green and new pavilion on the Minster recreation field.

Not only do we offer free bowling tuition, but we can inform you about all the opportunities there are to bowl in friendly games against other clubs, fun roll-ups with club members and, as you progress, the chance to play in league teams and other competitive games. The green is open for play seven days a week from 10am until dusk.

The outdoor season closes at the end of September when many members transfer their interest to indoor short mat bowls in our pavilion. This is played mainly in the mornings and evenings from October to April. Again, we have club championship competitions, fun roll-ups, matches against other clubs (both at home and away) and league matches. You can play for fun or you may be a competitive person - there are opportunities for both.

The club also has a thriving social membership side with our entertainment team putting on many events including a barn dance, quiz evenings, race nights, and other fun nights. Over eighty members attend the Christmas dinner. We have monthly Sunday lunches during the winter months that are very popular. This is your chance to meet others in the community and make new friends.

Our address is Ray Razzell Pavilion, Molineaux Road, Minster, CT12 4DN. Approach the recreation ground from opposite Ben's Londis shop. You might also like to contact Brian East in Monkton (tel. 825475) or Glynne Hibbert in Minster (tel 821221), or just turn up!

Going Back in Time.

The rough road as we called it, beside the new Housing Estate, was our way to School. We walked through the artichokes that were taller than us, before Butts Field development.

Seeing the Head Teacher Mrs Budds, going to School, driving her little car, known as The Greengage, and the arrival of small bottles of milk that came in crates, for each child.

Taking off over the marshes or the Drove, across the railway to the river Stour, or a walk round the lanes. Franks Café next to the men only Molineux Institute, now the Village Hall, Blackmans fish and chip shop now the Indian Restaurant, later came Kings Café now Mortons Fork, every one of the venues down by the church, where we all congregated, The Guides, run by Mrs Black then Ruby London, The Youth Club with its big old fire in the middle of the room, run by Dennis Golder, and later by Frank and Pam Gillett. We all gathered in the cold, watching the Cadets in the school playground, being put through their paces. The Rec., where all kind of sports were held, and every one gathered to watch., Sunday School, not only in the Church, but in a little house in Prospect Road with the owner Miss Simpkins, Apart from the shopping area, the shops, in someone's living room. One in Augustine Road, which was Razzell's, and Ashley's in Prospect Road, Also remembering the deep snow drift at the top of Prospect Road.

We knew nothing about illness and ailments, our Grandparents, were not ill they just passed away.

These are a few memories, I am sure some Minster residents will remember.

Minster Playhouse

A word from Ruby.....

Being dead just doesn't suit me, darlings.

I was a star, snuffed out at my brightest hour. It wasn't my time to go and if the person who did this to me thinks I'm going to take it lying down, they can think again.

Now know I was no saint (and if you're in any doubt you can ask my not so devoted husband Edward) but really; being found dead at a party with an empty glass by your corpse is just so tacky. So here's the plan, sweeties. Round up the suspects and give them a night they won't forget in a hurry.

Frances, Hedley, Alex; they might look like a bunch of harmless old luvvies but I wouldn't trust them as far as I could throw them and it wouldn't surprise me if they know a thing or two about my sad demise. This could be my finest performance yet, my chance to go out with a bang, and if I were you I wouldn't miss the chance to witness my revenge...

With special effects and laugh a minute lines, this is one not to be missed! This show is directed by Scott Steele.

12th – 15th May and Tickets £6.00 and £5.00

Available from Terry on 01843 220208

COMPUTER CORNER (I'M BACK!!)

I know it's been a while since I've written a computer corner, but magazine space has been extremely limited and there were always more worthwhile articles that needed to be included first.

I've had quite a few enquiries recently about web-sites that appear to have scanned your computer for viruses and then tell you that they have found a goodly number, and are asking you to pay for the software to remove them. **DON'T !!** This is just a scam to get you to part with your money. You probably don't have any malicious viruses and their software definitely won't remove them. What it will do though is lighten your bank balance somewhat and possibly infect your computer into the bargain !. If you're being plagued by this type of site then it is highly likely you do have an infection but it is of their making and you should seek help to get it removed, if your own antivirus program can't do it for you. Please don't say at this stage "but I don't have an antivirus program, or mine isn't up to date". If you are using the Internet without adequate security you are leaving your computer wide open to all sorts of problems not all of which you will become aware of, except that you may notice a rapid drop in performance and see that your hard disk light is working overtime, which could well signify that your machine has become a "bot" in a large chain of infected pc's, churning out spam or 'denial of service attacks' without you being aware that anything is wrong, because your machine has been taken over by some unscrupulous individual who wishes to cause havoc to others and insecure computers are their life blood.

Whilst mentioning Antivirus programs I've also received calls about AVG now updating to version 9 and the fact that it is no longer free - well it is still free - you just have to look hard for the none too conspicuous links on the AVG website. That's all folks !!

If I don't get hijacked I may be back next month !!!

Itsma Hobby

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - March

(The following are excerpts taken from the Draft Minutes)

Minute 245 – Village of the Year Award

Cllr. Mrs Thomson enquired whether a response had been received and the Clerk responded that she was still awaiting information about retaining the signs and the re-instatement of the sign that had been damaged.

East Kent Access Phase 2 – Closure of Footpaths

The Clerk reported that KCC had advised of proposals to temporarily close footpaths T37, T39 and TR 32 during the construction works for the Access Road. Cllr. Day reported that he had raised concerns with the public rights of way officer (KCC) and the Clerk undertook to raise this matter with Geoff Cripps, the KCC officer who had addressed the Parish Council on the access road proposals and obtain the necessary maps of the closure. KALC would be asked whether such closures can be made without proper consultation.

iii) Tothill Street – The road is to be re-surfaced within the next few months.

v) H2B Site – Complaints had been received about the closeness of the front doors of some dwellings close to the Bumpy Track. It was agreed to refer this matter to the Planning Committee for consideration and a possible site visit.

264. Community Warden and Policing Reports

P.C. Reed reported that there had been 9 reported crimes during the month of February and gave details of the incidents. Members were also advised that there had been 57 calls logged from the Village and these mainly related to vehicles and accidents.

He also referred to the report later on the agenda (Minute 265 refers) in respect of anti social behaviour particularly in Molineux Road and graffiti problems in Gas Alley.

In respect of Gas Alley the Clerk was asked to discuss with TDC whether lighting could be installed in the alley and Cllr. Day enquired whether the lights could be provided from the highways improvement fund and Cllr. Hibberd undertook to investigate. Members were advised that Steve Taylor the Community Warden was on sick leave and that Alan McDonald, the Warden from St. Nicholas at Wade would undertake warden duties within Minster.

Finally the Kim Burgess referred to a “Kill Your Speed” sign and asked whether Council would wish to purchase any for the Village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk seeks funding from TDC/KCC with a view to installing a lighting unit in Gas Alley,

(B) the question of the purchase of a “Kill your Speed” sign be referred to the Operations Committee for consideration of the possible siting; and the Clerk to arrange a meeting between P.Cs Burgess and Reed and Cllr. Mrs. Thomson to discuss general policing matters in the Village.

265. Molineux Road Play Area

The Council were informed of anti social behaviour from youths aged between 13 to 20 on the Molineux Road play area. Police had been involved with complaint to deal with the disturbance which often went on until 1 a.m.

Members advised that the playground had been provided for children up to the age of 11 years. It was suggested that the problem may be alleviated if the fencing was raised in height and the playground was locked overnight.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and that the Clerk obtain quotations to allow for raising the height of the fencing and for the securing of the gate and that the matter be further considered at a future meeting.

266. **The Use of the Pavilion by the Dog School**

The clerk reported upon concerns that have been raised as a result of the hiring of the Pavilion by the Dog School. Councillor Day and the Clerk undertook to visit the pavilion and consult with the Dog School operators and draw up a hiring form setting out the conditions of hire.

267. **All Weather Playing Surface - Use by Police**

P.C. Burgess addressed Council and requested the use of the AWPS on Wednesday afternoons for a project to encourage children to participate in sport. The initiative would be supervised by the Police and the School were aware of the proposal and it would have no impact on its programme of sports as they did not use the pitch after 2 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the request from the Police to use the AWPS on Wednesday afternoons be approved free of charge between 2 to 5.30p.m.

268. **Proposed Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)**

Members noted the summary of the discussions held at the public meeting on 13th February 2010 on the proposals to introduce double yellow lines.

The Clerk also reported upon a consultation document received from Kent Highways on this subject.

RESOLVED: That the Council

(A) reject the proposals for the introduction of “double yellow lines” on the Buttsfield Estate’

(B) reject proposals for the introduction of “double yellow lines” on the north side of Monkton Road; and

(C) Members advise the Clerk of their thoughts on the possible need and introduction of alternative parking restriction measures for consideration at the next meeting.

272. **Request for Dog Bins in Marsh Farm Road**

Request considered that several bins be sited in Marsh Farm Road and Members noted that other requests had been received for bins to be positioned in Monkton Road and Greenhill Gardens.

RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Operations Committee.

273. **Minster Show**

RESOLVED: That the request for the free use of the recreation ground, skate park and pavilion for the holding of the annual Minster Show be approved for 23, 24 and 25th July 2010.

277. **Emergency Traffic Control**

It was agreed to refer consideration of the traffic problems created on 24th. February by the closure of the “top road” to the Operations Committee.

**IN MEMORY OF
LESLIE (LES) SHARP**

Who passed away at the age of 92 on the 18th February in The Pilgrims Hospice. His funeral was held at Thanet Crematorium on 5th March.

Les' family; Andrew, Sue, Christine, Barry and David would like to thank all his friends and neighbours for their very kind messages of sympathy and condolence and also for the flowers and generous donations which will be split between the Hospice and the RNIB.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

FRED GRAY

THE FAMILY AND THE R.S.P.B. Would like to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to all neighbours and friends of Fred Gray of Laundry Road Minster for the kind donations that you gave in his Memory for the R.S.P.B. He was a very kind warm hearted person. Very sadly missed. Thank you.

TIGER'S TIP

Egg Stains -

Save water used for boiling eggs and soak cutlery stained with egg yolk in this water.

AMBERS ADVICE

And then my heart with pleasure fills - And dances with the daffodils.

(Wordsworth)

GOING GREEN WITH NORA

Growing up in drought-prone California, some things have been habit my whole life, and so it surprises me when I see the opposite done years later, even when it comes down to something as simple as brushing your teeth.

Ecotip:

Don't leave the water running when you are brushing your teeth. Turn the water on only when you need it to rinse your mouth and the brush.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Obviously some of my Mutley Mates have Owners who can't read, as some of the "piles of poo" I've seen in the Rec just lately defy description !!

PROSPECT ROAD LAMENT

Best for the village?
 Seems like pillage
 Road space taken
 Planners mistaken
 It's not safe
 Turning left, turning right
 Very best outcome
 Just a fright
 It's not safe
 It's too narrowed
 Simply too late
 When family sorrowed
 Mark these words
 Heed this view
 Crashes and tears
 I warned you.
Concerned Prospect Road Resident

Is it my fault?

(or my master's)
 I am a doggie
 I hope I don't get fined,
 For all of the mess that,
 That I leave behind.
 Now I know it's my Master,
 Who should pick it up for me,
 But he doesn't want to,
 And neither does she.
 So everyone complains,
 when my muck gets on their shoe
 And they mumble to themselves,
 "I've got to clean off this poo"
 Please Master would you mind taking
 When we go for walkies, a bag?
 And then the streets of Minster will be
 The cleanest in Thanet, I'm sure we can brag.
 (Rover)

SCHOOL PAGE

Editors this month are Helen Birch & Sophie Stevens

Horseying around!

My friend Helen and I went down to my stables in the Christmas holiday to groom and look after our horses. We had lots of fun playing in the snow. Also we had fun with our horses and now we have moved our horses to a nicer place in Preston, hopefully we will have more fun. Where our horses are now we can do some sponsored rides for charity, like at Easter time we are doing an Easter egg hunt on horse back in Preston. I have been with horses along time but my best friend Sophie has grown up with horses all of her life.

By Sophie Stevens and Helen Birch!!

Alice In Wonderland

Alice in Wonderland is a new film that is directed by Tim Burton. The film came out on the 5th of March 2010. There are loads of characters in the film such as Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, the Rabbit, Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee and lots more. We can't wait to see the new film because it is magical and very exiting. The Mad Hatter is played by Johnny Depp and Alice is played by Mia Wasikowska. By Emma Holland & Rosie Malloy

JLS Facts

- JLS are a boy band that came second in the 5th X factor series.
- JLS include, Aston Merrygold, Marvin Humes, JB, and Ortise Williams.
- They have done loads of concerts all around the world.
- They also have an album out which has lots of cool songs on.
- JLS have 3 number ones Beat Again, Everybody in Love and One Shot.

I think JLS are a great boy band and they have become a great success. By Emma Holland

NETBALL

On Saturday 27th February the netball team went to a tournament.

There was 4 teams, including us, and we had to play all of them twice. The schools were Newington, North down, Clifftonville and Us! We played each of them and won both of the matches with Newington and Clifftonville but sadly we lost both times to North Down but we did score one goal against them and we managed to get in the Finals.

We sadly lost the finals but we did come 2nd and received Gold Medals!

There are 7 players and they each have a position. There is:

Goal Attack - Helen, Wing Attack - Keeley,
Goal shooter - Charleigh, Wing Defence - Megan,
Goal keeper - Jason, Centre - Thomas

and Goal defence - Libby!

By Keeley Allen and Helen Birch!!!!

SPEED STACKS

On the 17th of March 2010 some of year 5 and 6 from Minster Primary School went to a speed stack competition at Monkton School.

We got the coach from St Mary's Church in Minster and when we arrived at Monkton School we went into the hall and got into groups of 4 or 5.

Speed stack is a fun activity where you have to stack cups in all different ways.

I had a great day and would like to thank Mr Blyth for organising the trip. By Emma Holland

The Jedward Bird

What is the difference between jedward and the jedward bird?

There is none apart from one being slightly brighter than the other I.E the jedward bird.

By Oliver and Jasper.

Mr Danton

As all of you should know, Miss Jackson left Orange Class before the Christmas holidays and we have been taught by Mr Packer and Mr Wookey.

Mrs Stone (our head teacher) has found a new permanent teacher for Orange Class and his name is Mr Danton. Orange Class has met him and we all think he is extremely nice. He used to be a policeman before becoming a teacher.

We all hope that he is going to like us and we promise to give him a nice, warm welcome! By Libby Thomson

Be Water Safe

On Tuesday 16th March Minster school had a water safety talk. Four people came in and talked about the water code and about which flags mean what. They told us how to be safe when we're at the beach.

By Oliver and Matthew

School Sports Partnership

On Monday 15th March some children got chosen to go to Marlow Academy for a Thanet Sports Festival. We all met up outside St.Mary's Church at 8:10 and when we arrived there were 7 schools. These were Upton A, Upton B, Us (Minster C of E Church of England Primary School), St Lawrence, Garlinge, St Peters and Cliftonville.

We did lots of events such as; javelin, speed bounce, vertical jump, long jump, chest pass, relay races and lots of different running races!

All together we came second to last! However, we all had good fun and enjoyed ourselves.

By Keeley Allen

My Pet Giant African Land Snail - Bary

Bary is a giant African land snail, he likes to eat cucumber but he is very fussy because he only eats it with the skin taken off. He doesn't like spinach for some reason. He likes to go in his Easter island house because of the shade.

By Nathan Munday

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By Nathan Munday

My Cat Shady

My cat Shady is a very mad cat that runs around the house and rolls on the carpet. He likes to attack the other cats sometimes. He also likes to have a rub on the belly, but when he has had enough he attacks you. He loves pretending my dad is a train, because he jumps on his back and rides around all the time. He loves me because when I am looking out of my window, I hear a sound, and he jumps up to the window!

By Scott

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

(MINSTER)

May Day Craft Fair & Bazaar

Sat 1st May,

0900-1300

Old Schools

Only £6 per stall/table book early

Contact Kent Self on 821200

SATURDAY MARKET

10th April, 10.00am to 12noon

Old Schools

All our usual stalls in aid of Church Funds -

Everybody welcome

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of every month

Next Market April 24th

9am to 4pm

Guildhall, Cattle Market

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Next Market April 25th

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further info contact

June Chadband on

226033

Or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

SOUP ON WEDNESDAY

Soup on Wednesday has now finished and we would like to thank everyone who supported us through this really cold weather.

The final money raised is nearly £800 some of which goes to Christian Aid
Thank you everyone

Minster & Monkton

Royal British Legion

Women's Section

Monday 12th April, 7.30pm

A poem "Showers"

Bingo Speaker or Quiz Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please ring Miriam Smith on 822589

**MONKTON
OPEN GARDENS
5th & 6th JUNE 2010
11am-5pm**

**OPEN GARDENS 2010
19th- 20th June.
12th anniversary**

We already have many gardens but are always looking for more!

**If you are considering entering your garden then please contact Rev'd Bob
Coles on 821250**

Minster-in-Thanel WI.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th April

Village Hall

7.30pm

Speaker from "The Secret Garden"

New members and guests welcome.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Thursday 15th April

Village Hall Committee Room

10am to 12 noon.

All welcome.

WINE & WISDOM EVENING

Saturday, 10th April

7pm for 7.30pm start

Village Hall

Quizmaster Peter Warr

Tickets £5 per person, includes supper

Maximum 8 per table

Further details and tickets

from Ann, 821152

**MINSTER & MONKTON
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 10th April

Village Hall

2.00pm to 4.30pm

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 21st April

Village Hall

Jean Tallboys

“The Work of plant heritage”

Points table: Three geraniums or fuchsia cuttings.

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 24th April

Old Schools

9.30am to 11.30am.

All visitors are welcome 50p

MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club

Augustine Road

Come and join us for a “Cuppa” and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

EVERY WED 2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome

For further info please ring Joan Cordwell on 823782

MOTHERS UNION

Our March Meeting was beautifully led by Primrose Northrop ably assisted by Isabella who played gentle music on her guitar between the prayers, most fitting for our

Lenten Meeting.

We are not meeting in April but hope to arrange a delayed “Christmas Dinner” soon!!

Canterbury Accordion and Social Club

GRAND MUSICAL EVENING

Tuesday 20th April

7pm for 7.30pm Start

Come to be entertained by **HARRY HUSSEY**

The well known accordionist -

A celebration of his 80th Birthday

AT THE BARN,

KINGSTON VILLAGE

ALL WELCOME

Refreshments Raffle Admission: £4.00 at the door.

Kingston village is approx 5 miles from Canterbury off of the A2

Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250

Sunday Services In APRIL

4th April

Easter Day

9am: no service
10am: Family Communion
6.30pm: Evensong

11th April

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Communion

18th April

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Morning Worship

25th April

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Holy Communion (CW)

Mid week service at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In

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18th April

10.15am: Holy Communion with the
Methodists

25th April

10.15am: Family Service

Services During Holy Week

1st April

Maundy Thursday

10.30am: Holy Communion (BCP)
at Minster
7.30pm: Passover Supper at Chislet

2nd April

Good Friday

9.45am: Walk of Witness
starting at the Abbey Gates
12 Noon: "An hour at the Cross"
at St Nicholas-at-Wade
2pm: "The Passion at the Cross"
at Minster

SS Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic
Parish Ramsgate and Minster

Rev S. Fisher, 592071

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Catholic Mass each Wednesday and
Holyday of Obligation at 12 noon in the
Church of St Mary the Virgin
For other services in Minster
please see Minster Abbey entry.

Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for
prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 7.30am

Mass 8.15am, Sunday 10am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but
people of all faiths and spiritual tradition,
all who 'truly seek God' (rule of St.
Benedict) are warmly welcomed to join
us in prayer, in our beautiful monastic
chapel.

Funerals:

4th March: Marc Dunk (28)
at Minster Church and Cemetery

Christians Together in Minster and District

Good Friday, 2nd April

There will be a silent procession
starting from Minster Abbey gates at
9.45am, continuing to the Bakery
where we will gather to sing hymns.
You would be welcome to join in a
service that follows in the Salvation
Army from 10.30am - 11.30am.
*All are welcome to join us in this act
of witness on this Holy Day*

The Salvation Army
11 Tothill Street, Minster

Major Denise Cooper

825178 / 822308

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)
11.00am - 12.00pm
Morning Family Service,
11am - 12pm
Evening Service, 6pm - 7pm

Monday

Baby Group
(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),
9.30am to 12.30pm
Friendship Club
(Over 50's), 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday

Parents and Tots,
9.30am - 11.30am
7 Up (children's club for year 3-6, ages
7-11) 6pm - 7pm commencing
Tuesday 27th April 2010

Wednesday

Keep Fit, 10.15am - 11.15am
Home League, 2.00pm - 3.45pm
Pilates, 6.30pm-7.30pm
& 7.30pm - 8.30pm
(for details ring Andy on 07505399512)

Thursday

Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time
9am - All are Welcome
Please contact for details
- not held at Hall

Friday

7 Up Club will run on a Tuesday
evening from **Tues 27th April** and it is
hoped the **Youth Club** will commence
in June on a Friday evening for ages
11-16 year olds

Saturday

There are events happening on most
Saturdays please see other pages of
Minster Matters for details.

EASTER WEEKEND

Palm Sunday Services 11am and 6pm
Good Friday Service 10.30am
Easter Sunday Service 11am only
(6pm, Songs of Praise
at The Salvation Army in Margate)

Salvation Army telephone number for
the new building is 01843 825178
For more information please visit the
website
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/minster

Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Independent Ward Councillor for the Thanet Villages

Tel: 821195 email: cllr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk

Bob now holds a regular monthly surgery, on every 1st Wednesday of each month, in the Neighbourhood Centre at 1.15pm. All residents are welcome to attend

Councillor Mike Roberts

Conservative Ward Councillor for the Thanet Villages

You are most welcome to contact Mike with any issues or problems you may have regarding Council matters

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