



NEW MINSTER SKATEPARK

Below are designs from 3 different skatepark companies. Minster Parish Council would like feedback from skateboarders, scooterists and BMX riders who might use it, on which design they prefer. A final decision will be made on Tuesday 5 April so make your comments now! Choose A, B or C and add any comments as well.

Send your choice and comments to: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk or drop them into the library marked F.A.O. Kyla Lamb, Parish Clerk, Minster Parish Council

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL



Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 19 April @ 7pm

Library & Neighbourhood Centre
4a Monkton Road, Minster

The Annual Parish Meeting is to allow members of the public to ask Councillors questions about any issues in the Village

The Chairman will give his Annual Report and the Chairman of the Finance Committee will also give an annual report

Tea and Coffee available



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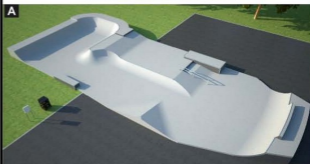
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Thank you
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Welcome to the April 2016 issue of Minster Matters

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Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 5 April @ 7pm in the
Neighbourhood Centre

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:-

9.30am - 12 noon weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email:

clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

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www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

EDITORIAL

Firstly a belated thank you to my near neighbour who kindly donated a second wheelchair to the village and also thank you to my Mum who has recently donated her mobility scooter to the same cause. I can assure you both that we will see they get well used.

I apologise for the lateness of delivery of our March issue of the audio CD if we normally deliver this to you, but due to circumstances beyond our control everything worked against us in being able to complete it, as we normally do, within the week following recording. It all started to go wrong from the moment

we sat down to record it, firstly we were extremely thin on the ground for readers, in fact we had just 2 where normally we can expect 5 or 6, then the microphone played us up and we took nearly an hour longer to record it than usual. Then a variety of things at the library prevented us from actually putting it on disk. So this month we expect to have more readers and we've also purchased a new microphone in the hope it helps solve our recording problems.

Speaking of our lack of readers if there is anyone who can spare an hour or so on a Tuesday evening, every other month, please get in touch with us. Your

diction doesn't need to be perfect, none of us get away without making at least a few mistakes, just provided you can read out loud then we're more than interested. Come on don't be shy, we have some good laughs at our own gaffs and we always edit them out!!

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

Firstly an abject apology, I should have said Abbots not Monks were looking good for promotion in last month's issue. However, I am delighted to report that the Abbots have won Division 3 of the EKSMBA league with two games to go.

Alan Blake and Mark Lendrum were runners up in the East Kent Pairs -

congratulations!

The first Final of the 2015/16 season has already been played, namely the Alf Wood Triples and the winners were Trevor Elson, Don Washer, and Pam Bramley by beating Mark Lendrum, Derek Carter, and Roy Carter (no relation) 15-14 after an extra end in an exciting match.

The other Finals will take place over the weekend 2/3 April and lunches will be provided, at a moderate cost, to both players and spectators but it is essential that names are posted on the list in the Club before then. The Short Mat Presentation Night will be on Friday 6

May starting at 7.00pm.

With the Outdoor season nearly upon us, the Pre-Season Meeting is on Friday 15 April at 7.00pm, and on the following day the Opening of the Green will take place at 2.00pm. A full fixture list has again been provided by Fixture's Secretary, Brian Trinder, so there are ample opportunities for players of all abilities to play representative bowls.

New members are always welcome, and anyone interested in joining the Club should attend the Pre-Season Meeting.

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MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Quiz on Saturday 27 February in the RBL was well supported with 93 quizzers pitting their wits against each other. Questions from the Quizmaster, Ian Munday were well received and posed some hard thinking to those involved. A buffet prepared by the staff of the RBL was greatly appreciated as always. Thank you. The next quiz will be on Saturday 20 August, so pop that into your diary now.

7 May There will be a Race Night at the RBL, details of which can be obtained from Christine Lynch in the first instance at the RBL on 01843 821 471 A poster

will be circulated soon.

19 June from 5-9 pm The Association Barn Dance plans are well under way and again a poster inviting villagers to come and join us will be out in Minster soon. There are limited spaces, so please keep your eyes out for posters. However, in the meantime if you would like to book yourselves in now to avoid disappointment, please contact Jamie Thomson on 01843 822156. You will be dancing to Contraband, a popular local ceilidh band.

The cost will be £5 per couple. Book your place as these sort of events are always good fun. Hot dogs and

beefburgers will be available for purchase on the night.

26 November Advertising has already begun for the Winchester Christmas Market Coach Trip. Seats cost just £15 per person. You can book your place now with no money to pay until the end of August. Further details from Carol Bubb on 01843 447 706.

MINSTER W.I.

There was a buzz around the Village Hall on the evening of the Tuesday 8 March when President, Sarah Eaton Brown, welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and “Craft Corners”. Following Jerusalem and various

notices, plus details re the Wine & Wisdom, Minster Show float and stall, Open Gardens Weekend, a trip to Windsor Castle etc., members gathered on the corner tables where Easter cards, decoupage eggs and floral buttonholes were made while games of Rummikub were chosen by others.

Another enjoyable, sociable and informative evening!

Before Sarah closed the meeting she gave details of April's meeting when 'Sunday Tea with Mrs Read' by Pru Anderton will be on the menu! Guests Welcome!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir

After an incident in Marsh Farm Road yesterday lunchtime, I wonder whether a new road sign is needed.

Whilst the new track crossing is I am sure appreciated by all who use it and live nearby, perhaps a sign “BEWARE LOW FLYING SWANS” might be handy!

Yesterday on returning from the marshes with my dogs, by the gate to the reservoir, I stopped and looked up to see a swan just managing to clear the telegraph wires and hedge. Thinking to

myself that the swan needed to go to Specsavers, in the next second the swan's mate crashed two feet from me in the road. Lucky for her my dogs were leashed and no big threat. With the help of one of the fishermen who opened the gate to the reservoir, we managed to drive her back towards the water where, although limping, she went up the bank and off to safety. Left alone she could have wandered onto the open track.

So when people ask me, as they always do, "Are your dogs whippets?" I will now reply,

"No, they are Swan Herding Hounds," as she wasn't prepared to move for

humans but did for the dogs!

Name and address supplied.

Thank yous

Congratulations and thanks are due to the kind lady who has worked hard to clear the pathway from the Rec to the King's Steps – it has made a real difference.

Thank you,

Alison (full name and address supplied)

Thank you so much to Sarah who has not only cleaned King's Steps alleyway but has also removed loads of soil thus making the pathway wider again. She

has to be the Queen of Kings Steps

Thank you

Glynne and Gwen (full name and address supplied)

Above are TWO very well deserved notes of thanks to the same person for her time spent improving King's Steps alley, for all who use it. Let's hope others who use it can keep it that way, especially dog owners by cleaning up after their pets.

We're led to believe Sarah did this off her own bat but if others feel they'd like to get involved then please remember the Parish Council are still looking for

volunteers to help clean up other areas of the village. Thank you from Minster Parish Council and us here at Minster Matters. Your efforts really are appreciated.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Minster Parish Council staff work tirelessly to keep the village to the standard we are all used to seeing, but unfortunately, with government cutbacks, it is getting increasingly difficult.

Minster has a small group of volunteers who look after and maintain two footpaths in the village. An even smaller

group is working on the High Street car park to make it a nicer area. We are now looking to enhance the cemetery area.

Do you love Minster and would like to help out?

Do you have a few hours to spare per week/month?

Are you aged between 15 and 100?

Would you like to have volunteering listed on your University application?

Are you embarking on a Duke of Edinburgh Award and require a community scheme to join?

If you would like to join any of the above groups, or have another area of the village that you would like to see improved, then please contact The Clerk, Kyla Lamb at

clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk or ring 821 339.

I'd like to introduce myself...

**Kaye, your Personal Travel
Counsellor**

The best thing about memories is making them - that's why I love working in travel!

I believe in providing exceptional

customer service, alongside honest and impartial advice. No request is too big or too small and I enjoy taking care of every detail.

My specialty is tailoring your trip to create your dream holiday. Whether that be a long-haul adventure, some Mediterranean sun, a city break, cruise, hotel or flight only.

I have been a Travel Counsellor for some years now. Having worked in a high street agency prior to this, it is exciting to have my clients as my sole priority.

I am also not limited by 'the nine to five' and can be available when it suits you. If

you prefer I am happy to visit you in order to discuss your travel plans.

I have been lucky enough to experience a variety of destinations. Australia, New Zealand, East and West coast USA, South America and much of Europe too.

It is very hard to pick a favourite destination, too hard really! But I do have a special place in my heart for Mexico.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information, I hope that it has allowed you to get to know me a little.

You can read more on my webpage or Facebook profile, including many client

testimonials.

I cannot wait to get to know you and to understand your holiday needs and preferences.

You can contact me on 01843 807 910 or 07809 229 114 Email:

kaye.dunbar@travelcounsellors.com

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HOUSE CALLS FROM ATTWELLS

Can't get out, always working, can't leave the kids or just haven't got time?

We will call on you at your home in Minster, Monkton, Acol or St Nicholas with a selection of greetings cards for you to choose from. Just call Karen at Attwells on 821363 and let us know what you require.

Don't lose your right to choose.

Also don't forget we stock office

stationery, give us a ring before that trip into town, it could save you valuable time. Copier paper just £4.99. Like our Facebook page; Attwells Newsagents.

MINSTER SHOW

Do you have the date in your diary?
Saturday 23 July Theme - Roald Dahl

But before that remember we have the
Show Schedule Launch on Saturday 7
May

outside of Cliffe's from 10am 'til
12noon. Come along and purchase your
copy, just 40p, whilst also collecting
your child's 'free grow for the show' kit
(remember - entry gets them in for

free!!).

We are in need of another photographer (or two) so if you reckon you're pretty good with a camera and would like to help us out whilst also saving on your entrance fee then please get in touch ASAP, we'd love to hear from you. Speak to Karen in Attwells, Ray at Minster Matters or any committee member.

Our next committee meeting is on Friday 8 April, 7.30 at The Bell Inn.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

“POOL” APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

To increase the availability of GP appointments on a daily basis, once all pre-bookable appointments have been taken, a new “Pool” system has been introduced. Patients are offered an appointment, in half hour blocks, between 10.30 and 12.30, where they are invited to attend the surgery and sit and wait for the next available GP. This system has been trialled during the past few weeks and has been very successful in meeting the high demand for GP appointments and will now be maintained as demand necessitates. It must be stressed however that this is not a “drop-in” facility. Patients must first

book an appointment in the usual way. You might like to know that, at present, the Practice has just over 8000 patients, and currently nearly 600 patients attend the surgery every week!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

All practices now have to submit a monthly report to NHS England of their “Friends and Family” responses. Subsequently, these monthly figures will now be regularly published in this newsletter for your information. Last month patients responses to “would you recommend our Practice” were as follows: Extremely likely/Likely - 89% ; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 5% ;

Unsure/Don't know - 6%.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Disappointingly - a slight increase as 39 patients did not attend their doctors appointment and 61 did not attend their nurses appointment! So that's still 100 patients wasting valuable appointments and time! So please don't get complacent, remember -

don't need it - cancel it, keep forgetting - get our text reminder service. One day it might be you who requires an urgent appointment only be told "Sorry they've all gone."

OUR NEW PROJECT - YOU DECIDE !

We would like your help please! What additional equipment or facility do you think would benefit your surgery the most? Please tell us! What would you like? Various suggestions have been put forward and are displayed on our notice board in the waiting room, so please feel free to comment or add additional suggestions. We look forward to receiving your feedback. Thank you.

SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will be held on Saturday 14 May at “Old Schools”, tables remain at £9 large or £7 small and of course free public entry. Several tables have already been reserved and

only a few remain so book now to avoid disappointment.

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SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00noon on the following days:
Staff Training -Thursday 28 April;
Wednesday 25 May; Thursday 30 June
plus Spring Bank Holiday- Monday 2
May - Closed all day.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course, with holiday periods fast approaching, please don't forget to plan ahead for your repeat

prescriptions. Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111 to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family.

For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049

or via email to kenself@me.com

The Kent Big Weekend comes to Minster!

The “Kent Big Weekend” 2016 took place on 12th and 13th March - and was the

event's 10th birthday!

The Big Weekend forms part of the national English Tourism Week celebrations and is a great opportunity to promote attraction to Kent residents. As part of English Tourism Week the Big Weekend helps to raise the profile of tourism as an important sector in the local economy and gain the support of

the local community.

This year Minster Abbey took part in the event and offered 60 free tours of the Abbey followed by a Cream Tea served in the Parkminster Tea Rooms, by “Looking Ahead”.

This was an opportunity for us to welcome others to our “Abbey Shop” and newly decorated “Parkminster Tea Rooms” and the beautifully tended gardens.

Minster Abbey and St. Mary’s Church have recently produced a brochure in order to promote interest in “The hidden gems of Thanet” You may have noticed the brochure in Minster library, our local

hotels and Durlock Lodge as well as in many of our local shops. If you would like a supply of brochures to help us promote interest please get in touch with Sr. Aelred at the Abbey on 821254 and she would be happy to provide you with some.

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Who are UK Power Networks?

UK Power Networks own and maintain electricity cables and lines across London, the South East and East of England making sure your lights stay on. You don't pay your electricity bills to UK Power Networks. Your electricity supplier is the company you choose to

buy your electricity from, and who you pay your bills to.

Sign up FREE for extra support during a power cut

Need extra support during a power cut or know someone else (maybe a relative, neighbour, patient, or friend) that would need extra support during a power cut? You may be entitled to free extra support from UK Power Networks.

Who can sign up?

You need to live in London, the South East of England or the East of England. You can check whether you live in an area where we own and maintain the

electricity cables by visiting our website at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

If you live in UK Power Networks area then the following can apply:

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Customers who are dependent on medical equipment

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Customers who are chronically sick

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Customers with a disability

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Customers who are blind or visually impaired

-

Customers with young babies

-

Elderly customers

-

A nursing or residential home

-

Other cases will be considered too so please get in touch

What support can you get? Signing up doesn't necessarily mean we can get your power back on more quickly but you will receive:

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A priority phone number that you can call 24 hours a day if you have a power cut

-

A welcome pack with useful advice about preparing for a power cut

-

Regular text message or phone updates during a power cut

-

Extra support from the British Red Cross to visit your home (if you agree)

How to apply

-

Email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

-

Call 0800 31 63 105 or 0333 32 32 105

from a mobile



Download an application form to print off or sign up online

by visiting

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk



Write to Priority Services Coordinator,
UK Power Networks,

Fore Hamlet, Ipswich, IP3 8AA

AGE UK THANET _ HELPING TO BEAT SOCIAL ISOLATION

At Age UK Thanet we are mindful that there are many very lonely older people within the Thanet area. Every effort is made to reach these people and to help them. However not everyone is able or well enough to come to our centre and or our events. So we offer a meal delivery service, known as bloomers buddy box meals, for those who would struggle to cook for themselves. We deliver lunches and afternoon teas; we can even provide a companion to eat lunch or tea with. For many eating alone can be rather depressing and lonely, so we can provide a volunteer to dine with.

Helping to make meal times sociable and enjoyable times again.

Our support at home service runs a befriending scheme, which involves volunteers regularly visiting an older person on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis offering conversation and companionship. A short visit can make a huge difference to an older person's quality of life, providing something to look forward to and an opportunity to make a new friend. If you or a family member would like to find out more about any of Age UK Thanet's services, please phone our centre on 01843 223 881.

We are also looking for new volunteers to help with our buddy box service, befrienders to visit an older person, shop assistants to help in our charity shop in Margate town centre and experienced trustees to assist with the management of the charity. To find out more about volunteering with us please contact Gill Ball on 07735 556 811 or email

agecorecruiter@btinternet.com

Child Sexual Exploitation – silence is never an option

A multi-agency team funded by the Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Ann Barnes, that was set up to tackle child

sexual exploitation (CSE) has had a very successful first three months.

The Kent and Medway Child Sexual Exploitation team, set up in December 2015, brings together the police, Kent County Council, Medway Council and health services to target offenders and identify and help young people at risk.

Since then they have had over 300 calls – resulting in more than 600 pieces of intelligence. A total of 19 offenders have been arrested since the end of December, meaning a number of children in the county have been safeguarded. Protecting vulnerable children from sexual exploitation is a key priority in

the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, and last year she pledged to give £600,000 over three years to help the force deliver on this priority; which has been used to set up the multi-agency team.

Speaking on Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day on 18 March, Mrs Barnes said: "Child sexual exploitation is happening in Britain, including right here in Kent. It is not new, but for too long it went unchallenged. I recognised the need for a more joined-up approach to tackling child sexual exploitation and protecting the most vulnerable of children, which is exactly why I found the money so our vital multi-agency team

could be set up to. I'm delighted at how much success they've had in just three months – it just goes to show what can be achieved when partner agencies work together. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the signs to look out for in young people; such as unexplained gifts or cash, drug or alcohol use, missing school and running away. Silence is not an option – it is never an option – but only by acknowledging the risks can we all work together to prevent abuse.”

Anyone with any information, or who has concerns that a child might be being sexually exploited can call Kent Police on 101, quoting Operation Willow. You

can also call or text 116000.

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Minster & Monkton Wednesday Afternoon Club

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine
Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -
4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests
welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

Minster & Monkton Horticultural Society

Spring Show

Saturday 9 April 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Village Hall

Admission Adults 50p Children Free

Next Meeting Wednesday 20 April
7.30pm

Speaker: Sue Marshall on 'Bearded Iris'

Point's Competition : A Vase of 3 Tulips

Coffee Morning Saturday 23 April
9.30am - 11.30am Old Schools

Minster & Monkton Royal British Legion Women's Section

NEXT MEETING

Monday 11 April 7.30pm A small posy
of Spring flowers

Bingo , Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please contact
Miriam Smith on 822 589

MINSTER WI

Monthly Meeting Tuesday 12 April
7.30pm Village Hal

Sunshine Outing Thursday 21 April
10.30am

Dover De Bradelei Wharf Outlet for
lunch

‘Wine and Wisdom’ Saturday 23 April 7
for 7.30pm Village Hall

Games Evening Wednesday 27 April
7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room

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**St Augustine's Golf Club Cottington
Rd Cliffsend Minster**

Tel: 01843 590 333

Your local Golf Club celebrating over 100 years of sporting tradition is hosting An Open Day on Saturday 16 April from 10 – 4

Just turn up – no invitation required.

One of the most attractive courses in our part of the world and right on your doorstep Very special offers for April/May

Social Membership only £5 for a whole year

Enjoy discounted drinks at our bar and great food from our menu at a price to suit all.

We are proud recipients of the highest 5 star award for food and hygiene

Juniors join free weekly Coaching Academy with Tito

We have immediate vacancies for 10 Ladies plus we will give you a free course of lessons with our PGA Professional Tito

£50 for a month's trial membership in April/May

4 Ball Spring Special. Round of golf and Lunch £60

Come along and see us. A warm welcome is assured.

Follow us on Facebook

For all offers please quote “Minster Matters”

MINSTER CRAFT SHOW 2016

Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 April at ST Mary's Church

This fundraising event will take place inside St Mary's, and we hope it will be a unique opportunity for everyone to get involved. So if you would like to have a stall, demonstrate your favourite craft, exhibit your paintings, volunteer to help run the kitchen, bake a cake, or even put us in touch with someone who might be interested, please don't hesitate to get in

touch with either Martin or Helen on 01843 821 266, craft tables cost £10.00. There will be a small hanging fee and a 20% selling fee for paintings. This will be a fabulously fun way for us to open the Church's doors, raise some funds, have a great weekend, and even have a go at building a real kayak, so please do support this exciting event which will help to maintain our beautiful Church.

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BEACON LIGHTING COMMEMORATING THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

There is a long and unbroken tradition in

our country of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings, Coronations and Special Birthdays with the lighting of beacons - on top of mountains, churches and castle battlements, on town and village greens, farms, country parks and estates, and along the beaches surrounding our shores. The last major beacon celebration was on Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 4th June 2012, which many took part in.

There will be a further opportunity to celebrate on Thursday 21st April 2016, when beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK

Overseas Territories in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday that day.

Minster's own Beacon, which will be erected on St Mary's Church Tower will be lit at 7.30pm on 21 April to commemorate this historic event

BEETLE DRIVE

Old Schools Saturday 23 April 7.30pm
Tickets £6 Under 9s £3

Phone Pat on 822 082 email:
pmhogben@hotmail.co.uk or phone
Stephen on 823 186

Email: stephen1@mypostoffice.co.uk

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

BOWL 4 FREE Introductory Sessions

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 6.00pm ~

SUNDAY 15 MAY 10.00am

THURSDAY 19 MAY 6.00pm ~

SUNDAY 22 MAY 10.00am

**BOWLS – THE SPORT FOR ALL
REGARDLESS OF AGE OR GENDER**

**Call Bernie on 596 955 or Brian on 825
475**

**MINSTER PLAYHOUSE Present
DAY OF RECKONING**

Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 May

Tickets £8 – Refreshments available

Box Office 07501 894 381

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB RACE NIGHT WITH AUCTION

Saturday 13 May 7 for 7.30pm £5 pp
Bring your own nibbles

To book call Brian or Sylvia on 821 196

ART AT THE ABBEY

Minster Art & Craft Group Exhibition of
work

Saturday 28 to Sunday 29 May 10am to
4pm

Parkminster, Minster Abbey Admission
Free

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MINSTER OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Entry to all gardens £5pp Under 14s
Free

Lunches and refreshments available at
Old Schools

2nd ANNUAL SCARECROW

CHALLENGE

Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Across the village

Scarecrow Entry £3 per scarecrow

Further details to follow

SCHOOL PAGE

This is just a taste of the School children's writings this month - as there were 3 full pages of them in the magazine

EASTER

When heard, the 1st thing to come in our minds is chocolate! I don't blame any of you because over years the true meaning of Easter has been covered; now only a few of us know this life-changing miracle that happened years and years ago. And today my friend, I am going to tell you what it is...

Jesus Christ came to this earth to save, heal and guide us, he was put on the cross to die and he carried our sins with him so that we may be forgiven. The blood that Jesus shed on the cross is still being used now, when we call upon the blood of Jesus Christ to forgive us and we have faith he will forgive us, we will be forgiven. However you may think that

Jesus is dead and that is it-but no, Jesus resurrected on the 3rd day and appeared in the tomb. According to Mark...

Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9)--"Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven

demons."

Easter eggs are supposed to symbolize the empty tomb that Jesus was in (mainly the hollow centre of an egg)

Now I've told you the true meaning of Easter go and tell the world. Jesus Christ loves you dearly- he truly does!!

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and remember-don't get too stuffed with all that chocolate!!

By Ayo

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The Royal Observatory

On Wednesday 8th March year 5 went on a school trip to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. We explored the observatory and got taught about the Earth, Moon and Sun. I would recommend this observatory to anyone. We had an amazing workshop that was run by an astronomer called Rad. She taught us about how the Earth rotates and

the sun is made up of helium and hydrogen. The hydrogen sticks together and creates helium then the helium creates light.

After that we went to explore the different space galleries and there was a 4.5 billion year old asteroid that we were able to touch and examine. One gallery had a little clip to watch where it said that in 14 billion years the sun will blow up and destroy Earth. Then there will be another galaxy and another creation of life (hopefully).

Then we went into the Planetarium. It was an amazing sight. We sat underground and looked up to the screen.

We could see the different galaxies and the different planets in full size. Saturn's rings are made up of little pieces of ice and rock. Mars is known as the big red planet, and Jupiter has a big red dot. I hope you enjoy your visit to the royal observatory.

By Milly Sparham

The Royal Observatory

The Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London, is a very interesting place to go; it tells you all about our solar system and other galaxies. The planetarium show is extremely fascinating, you recline back in surprisingly comfortable seats and stare up at the big dome that

shows you all about our solar system, the planets in it, the stars and constellations, and even other solar systems. There is an interactive room where you can press buttons that tell you facts, and explore with different screens and objects. There is also the meridian line, which is amazingly fascinating too. Also the view from the top of the hill where the meridian line is, is absolutely mind-blowing. You can see: Lots of buildings in London, The Queens home and even the O2! All in all The Royal

Observatory is a truly wonderful place, I recommend you visit! Thank you for reading this piece of writing.

By Isla Tilly Bottle

Worry * Acting * Happy

Acting is a mixed emotion type of thing. It helps people learn certain things as the style of their personality. I think I'm very good at acting therefore I would like to be an actress.

Things you need as an actress/actor:

Talent (which you have anyway)

A loud booming voice

Courage and resilience

Ability to perform on stage

A nice smile

Written By Miss Amelia Loughlin

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Internet Safety

Here are a couple of tips about being safe on the Internet

1. Never give out any passwords unless it is a trusted family member. (don't give it to your friend even if they are trusted.)
2. If you receive a message you don't like, tell an adult then block or report that person.

3. Be careful what you look at as it may not be appropriate.

4. Make sure you have got a parents permission to go on YouTube and other public sites.

You need to be safe while surfing the Internet, because you never know who could be on the other end of the Internet. You never know who is on the other side of the line.....

Cyber Bullying.

Cyber bullying is bullying but on the computer basically, it is a bad thing to do. You never know who the cyberbully is it could possibly be a close friend or

family members, it could be strangers or it could be someone from school or work that you know or dislike. People just want to hurt someone for either fun or jealousy or something else.

Thank you for reading this article

By Isla Tilly Bottle

AMBER'S ADVICE

Make your dreams big and grow into them

TIGER' TIP

Add a pinch of salt when boiling milk for making custard it gives it the 'ice

cream' taste that children love.

Alternatively use moist brown sugar instead of white sugar, it gives the custard a caramel flavour

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Just when I thought we'd got the house back to ourselves, I now learn we have a visit scheduled from the Welsh contingent, believe they're here for a week! - then when they've gone back we're having more upheaval whilst we have a new bathroom fitted -

where will it all end?

The old boy's a little balder this weekend as he's been tearing it out

trying to fit two month's worth of school articles into three pages - I heard him say he could have filled six with ease! That comes of not checking files early enough last month to be able to get them replaced before he needed to publish them. Heard he took four memory sticks to school last week to ensure he had at least one with uncorrupt files that he could use.

Doh!!

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CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and

Minster

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road
Ramsgate Catholic Mass each
Wednesday and Holy day of Obligation
at 12.00noon in the Church of St Mary
the Virgin, Minster and each Sunday at
10.00am in Minster Abbey

Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer
throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday
10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm
Vespers 6.00pm 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.

THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER
CORPS

Church & Community Centre, Tothill St.

Major Trevor Green tel: 822 308 or 825

Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship
Club Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and
Toddlers (Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group. We
would love to pray for you.

If you have any prayer requests please
put them in letter box at the hall by
Thursday morning and we will pray for
you. Even better come and join us.

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

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St Mary Magdalene Monkton Services in
April

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10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

10 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

17 10:15am United Holy Communion
with Methodists

24 10.15am Family Service

St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in
April

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

10 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

17 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

24 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home is available
for anyone who is unable to access

Minster or Monkton Church Telephone
821 250 or 822 428

Baptism at St Mary's

20 March Otis Kwakye (8 months)

Funerals at St Mary's

21 March Robert Kershaw – St Mary's
Church & Thanet Crematorium

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