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Any idea what these planting instructions mean? No, they're all Dutch to me!!

## Spring planting and maintenance by the 'F' team



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## **Minster Parish Council**

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4 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.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 18 April – 7pm in the

Neighbourhood Centre

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

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

[www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

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## **EDITORIAL**

We've really struggled to fill 32 pages this month, having completely run out of articles or letters to publish, something that doesn't usually happen. The article we removed last month has been superseded by another so we couldn't even use that to fill a space.

We've had reports that some find difficulty in reading the magazine. If that's you then please just ask us for an audio copy that you can listen to on your CD player or download a copy for your phone/tablet or MP3 player from our website.

Some of us spent a couple of hours last week on the green beside the flagpole clearing the border along the back fence line of weeds and planting over 100 plants and bulbs, which we purchased with the remainder of the money that was raised initially for the flagpole and surrounding beds. The plants we've put in were chosen for their ability to attract butterflies and bees and although it will

probably be a year or two before they look anything like intended we hope they will eventually add a bit of colour to that area.

The Parish Council have kindly seeded the bare patches around the wooden beds so that too should look much better once the grass has begun to grow.

Speaking of the flagpole, we now have a small team of volunteers who will be raising a flag every day (weather permitting). The commemorative plaque hasn't weathered too well so we intend to remove it, have it rebuffed and then lacquered to try to keep it looking better.

Finally, my collection of plastic bottle

tops is coming on a treat, thank you to everyone who has kept me supplied to date, but I'm still in need of a lot lot more so please keep saving them.

Remember you can drop them in at the Library, Attwells or Jemima"s.

## **William Frederick Fagg (1923- 2017)**

It is with sadness that I write that William Fagg always known as "Joe" passed away on the 20th February aged 93 years.

Joe was born and lived in Minster all his life starting work at the Old Laundry before moving on to Brockman's Farm and finishing up his working life at Manston Airport on the Ground

Maintenance team.

Sadly missed by all who knew him our thoughts and prayers go out to his son Trevor and grandchildren Daryl, Deborah and families.

## **THANKS FOR LOOKING FOR SUZIE**

Dale and Julie Martin would like to thank everyone who turned out to look for Suzie who had done a runner from the Minster Rec on Saturday 4 March at around 1pm. Thankfully she was found and caught near to the Cliffsend roundabout. It's lovely to think there are still some wonderful people who are willing to give up their time to help out

people they don't know.

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## **NOT 1 BUT 2 MORRIS SIDES!!**

There will be 2 Morris Sides performing in the Village for St George's Day! Sunday 23

April. Where? At the Hair of the Dog from 7pm!!

Wantsum Morris Men and the „new“ Offcumduns - same green and black but with sticks.

This will be the first dance out since Offcumduns changed style.

Wantsum practise in Minster and Offcumduns at St Nicholas- so if you are interested come and chat to us.

## **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

Since the last issue we've had two funerals those of Margaret Griffiths, and of past member Roger Davies.

On a happier note we have now had three sessions with the pupils from Minster Primary School on the short-mats. They are enjoying it and in such a short time are showing improvement. During the summer term Alan Razzell will be in charge of the outdoor bowling with the children.

On the competition front the Mixed Triples finalists are Sue Jones, Brian Hedges, and Paul Churchley who will play Elaine Symonds, David Ormerod, and Alan Blake. The Men's Singles finalist are Brian Hedges and Paul Churchley. The Mixed Pairs finalist are Barby West and Paul Churchley who will play Sylvia Davis and Mark Lendrum. These finals will be held over the weekend of 8th/9th April.

Anyone who would like to watch these finals will be welcomed.

In the East Kent Short Mat Leagues all three of our teams are in the top 4 in their respective leagues.

The pre-season meeting for the outdoor season is on Thursday 6th April, and it is at this meeting that annual fees are due. Any member of the public who is thinking of joining the club is welcome to attend. Non-bowlers receive three free tuition sessions, from our qualified coaches, when they join.

Brian Morphew, Hon. Secretary  
[www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk)

## **MINSTER ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Not much to report this month, but we'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved on 4 March for making our Quiz a record breaking

event. We had 20 tables and almost 140 people attending. The next Quiz will be on 3 June and pre-booking will be essential. Those who leave it to the day may well be disappointed, so please book well in advance with Carol on 07745 683 466. We will definitely restrict the tables to 8

people! And again, thank you all.

At present there are 9 spaces left on the coach for the Anniversary Celebrations in Armbouts-Cappel on 25 June. This is a great day out for just £20 per person, which includes travel, food and entertainment. To reserve your seat, please ring Carol ASAP.

Thank you.

Future events also include another Quiz in September, a Treasure Hunt and a Race Night, details of which will follow in future issues of Minster Matters.

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## **MINSTER W.I.**

Our March Meeting had an "in house" theme, with members having the opportunity to try out something new. We had a go at decorating a candle, tried our hand at making beautiful sugar paste roses, even an introduction to social media! Or there were traditional games, so something for everyone. The

competition for six decorated cupcakes meant we got to enjoy a delicious cake at refreshment time.

We had a collection for Pennies for Friendship with the money raised going to ACWW, which supports women in Africa in setting up their own businesses, which in turn enables them to support their family.

Next month's meeting we are hosting our very own Fashion Show , members are challenged to find an outfit from a charity shop for a tenner or less and to tell us where they would wear it, ie A Day at the Races, A Wedding , maybe A Festival or your favourite Rave!!

## Forthcoming Dates

11th April Fashion Show, charity shop challenge ( max £10 per outfit) Bring a friend.

27th April our New Moon Light Club open to all members will meet at Manston Golf Centre for a fun filled night trying to hit those little white balls in the right direction.

Visit the new Minster WI website at [www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk](http://www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk)

## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

In the next week we hope to start

rehearsing our May play, David Tristram's Inspector Drake's Last Case, on the set, which allows the cast to get a feel for the acting space and for me to see where my direction has gone wrong!

The ability to do this is a great blessing, usually denied to amateur groups that have no permanent venue to practice in, and is thanks to the kind patronage of the Clifton and Southorn families.

Sitting at the back of the hall during our productions, I can watch with great satisfaction as our audiences laugh continuously from start to finish in our comedies, and I ask myself,

“When was the last time you laughed all

the way through a comedy on television?"

There is no doubt that laughter is the best and cheapest therapy for the worries and stresses of everyday life, so leave the TV, and come and join us for an evening of life-enhancing laugh therapy with Minster Playhouse and

Inspector Drake"s Last Case

Wednesday to Saturday, May 17th to 20th at the village Hall Minster at 7.30 p.m.

Box Office now open on 07501 894 381

Minster Playhouse is not a run-of-the-

mill amateur dramatic society.

We work to unusually high artistic and technical standards, and have a dedicated following of enthusiastic theatre-goers who make a point of not missing our productions.

If you haven't been to see us, make the effort and come along – we work hard to make sure that you will be pleasantly surprised.

If you fancy joining in with any part of our productions we are a very open and welcoming society – do come along!  
[www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

## **AGE UK THANET**

Support at home reaches over 1000 referrals

Recently our Thanet Support at Home Service reached the impressive landmark of having received over 1000 referrals. To have achieved this in less than three years is something our Support at Home Team should be immensely proud of.

Once someone is referred to us, Debby Turner our Support at Home Manager will make the initial contact, to see what help or assistance is required. The service is free short term help with practical tasks and emotional support, to

help older people build confidence and reduce the risk of becoming socially isolated. It is available to people over 75, with significant health conditions and living in the Thanet area.

Debby does the initial visit to assess the needs of the prospective client. Together they will agree an action plan, to provide the help and support required. Debby will liaise with her team to ensure everything is put in place. It is always very heart-warming to see the difference we can make to those most in need, by completing simple tasks like shopping, house work and ensuring basic essentials are in place. We aim to take away the worry and stress that not being

able to complete these tasks can cause.

Unfortunately due to the service being time limited Debby and her team's time is limited, ideally we would like to stay in regular contact with everyone but unfortunately we can't.

However we try to arrange volunteer befrienders to visit the client, to have a chat, to offer friendship and companionship. If you would like to become a volunteer befriender in the Thanet area and have an hour or so to spare each week, please contact Gill Ball on 01227 749 570 or 07735 556 811 or email [agecorecruiter@btinternet.com](mailto:agecorecruiter@btinternet.com) to find

out more. To find out more about our Support at Home Service, please call Debby on 07718 974 179.

## **The Corner House Minster collects Taste of Kent Restaurant of the Year 2017**

It is the second time that The Corner House, which celebrates its fourth anniversary in June, has been presented the award, having been a finalist in the best restaurant category for the past three years. The award recognises the quality of the guest experience from arrival to departure.

Matt was bowled over with the award

and says, “We were up against some tough competition and I can honestly say that the win was totally unexpected. The team has been working especially hard to ensure we maintain standards whilst opening up a second restaurant and this award is for them. It's a real honour to work with such a professional and enthusiastic team and they thoroughly deserve this recognition. It's also fantastic to have the spotlight shining back on our flagship restaurant, following the successful launch of Canterbury last year.”

The Corner House restaurants are currently looking to add to their award-winning team.

Please email:

emma@cornerhouserestaurants.co.uk for details of positions available.

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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Summary of Key Points 7th March, 2017

The Community Warden's report confirmed that a male has been arrested in connection with damage to motor vehicles in Tothill Street, but there are no leads as to the identity of offenders who damaged the public toilets and CCTV equipment.

Speedwatch is being revamped and volunteers are to complete further training in the near future.

County Councillor Latchford reported that KCC have now balanced their budget; there is council tax rise of 3.99% which includes 2% to contribute to care of the elderly.

Elections are now 2 months away and Cllr. Latchford stated that he will not be standing for re-election.

District Councillor Gregory reminded everyone to be aware of people knocking doors in the area asking for money, purporting to be deaf; this is a scam, do not give them money. If in

doubt always ask for official identification. The idea of a unitary council is still being considered and in addition another option of a Thames Gateway group is being discussed.

There is a great deal to be considered and consultation will eventually take place.

Chairman Bob Grove reported that the TDC budget has been agreed by all parties, quite an achievement!

He has signed a further letter of objection to send to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Thanet District Council Planning Committee in relation to the appeal on the planning

application at 66, Monkton Road.

A number of residents attended the meeting to raise concerns about vehicles using the pedestrian access paths as a cut through to Thorne Road from Heronsbrook, posing a risk to pedestrians. The Clerk reported that she had liaised with KCC and it was agreed that some 106 funding from the development would be used to install bollards as traffic calming measures. The residents indicated that they were satisfied with this resolution.

The Chairman spoke on the matter of anti-social behaviour in Tothill Street in the early hours of the morning. In view

of the absence of police patrols or wardens overnight it was suggested that consideration be given to members of the public providing a high visibility presence as a deterrent. This matter will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Clerk reported that there is a proposal to change the venue of the dog training classes from the area in front of the Pavilion to the land adjacent to the MUGA which will allow an extension of the classes during the summer when cricket is being played. Cllr. Gimes expressed concern that this area is adjacent to all of the facilities aimed at young people; if a section was

cordoned off this could reduce the open space for children and families during summer weekends. Further consideration is to be given to the matter.

Cllr. Gimes raised the issue of correspondence sent on behalf of the Parish Council being agreed by all members. The matter arose from a letter from Minster Parish Council to the Planning Inspectors objecting to 66, Monkton Road in which it was suggested that the land to the west of Tothill Street is more suitable for development, and would take over 250

houses rather than the 150 set out on the Local Plan. This letter had not been seen

prior to despatch by all councillors and at least 2 would not have agreed to its contents. It was proposed that all correspondence relating to planning, highways and other significant matters be circulated to all councillors for consideration. This proposal was agreed.

Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air ambulance wrote to the Parish Council explaining that they rely almost entirely on public contributions and were seeking a grant of £250 from the council.

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(No doubt similar letters have been received by parish councils across the

area.) It was agreed that the air ambulance provides an invaluable service and that, as we are a larger parish, we would donate £1000.

Quotations have been received to address the drainage issues around the skate park, car park and play area. It was agreed to go ahead with the necessary works.

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **DROP IN SERVICE FOR CARERS**

In response to a suggestion written on our notice board in the surgery, we are delighted to inform you that we are introducing this facility within the next

couple of months. If you are interested in taking part please contact the surgery to register your interest.

We would like to express our thanks to the patient who put forward this suggestion and we continue to welcome any other suggestions or comments that patients may have.

## “WALK FOR LIFE” ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The surgery have now launched this programme and we are inviting people to come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting others, becoming more active and enjoying our community.

These walks take place every Thursday at 10.30 so do please come along and join us, or if you would like further information please contact the surgery.

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS

During the past month only 26 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 58 did not attend their nurse's appointment. Thank you to everyone who has helped us achieve such an improvement, please continue to do so.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

A total of 158 patients responded last month with the following results:  
Extremely likely/likely -

94%; extremely unlikely/unlikely - 2%; unsure/don't know - 4%.

## SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Wednesday 26th April; Wednesday 24th May; Thursday 22nd June.

## BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on: Good Friday 14th April and Easter Monday 17th April, Monday 1st and 29th May. Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods. Should you need to see a

doctor when the surgery is closed,  
please call the NHS

111 Service via the normal surgery  
number 821 333 where you will be  
transferred automatically, or you can call  
direct on 111 to receive non-urgent  
confidential health advice and  
information for all the family. For  
urgent/life threatening issues dial 999.

## LIAISON 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.

**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 2pm  
Village Hall

Open to All – Entry forms from either  
No 10 or No 71A High St

Entries to Joan Card at 71A High Street  
by Wednesday 5 April

Next Meeting Wednesday 19 March  
7.30pm Village Hal

Speaker: Russell Miles on „Life of  
Hares"

Points Competition: A wildlife photo

## **JUMBLE SALE**

Old Schools Saturday 22 May 10am –  
1pm

Jumble donations and Cakes to Sell  
gratefully appreciated

Pleas either bring to Church on a Sunday  
Service or we can collect

Phone Rita on 07986 762 015

## **SALVATION ARMY QUIZ**

Saturday 22 April 4.30pm

£6 pp including Ploughman"s, Fruit &  
Ice Cream, Tea or Coffee

Contact Audrey on 821 792

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

## SPRING FAYRE & BAZAAR

Saturday 13 May 9am – 1pm Old  
Schools

## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE – MAY PLAY**

Inspector Drake"s Last Case

Wednesday 17 – Saturday 20 May

Village Hall

Tickets available from the Box Office on  
07501 894 381

## **ABBEY PATCHERS BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW**

# St Mary's Church

Saturday 27 May 10am – 5.30pm

Sunday 28 May 12noon – 4.30pm

Monday 29 May 10am - 4.30pm

Tombola, Traders, Sales Table

Refreshments (proceeds to church)

Quilt Raffle in aid of East Kent  
Independent Dementia Support

Free Entry

## **AMBER'S ADVICE**

Lose the need to be a perfectionist - Be clear about your expectations - Enjoy what you do **TIGER'S TIP**

Trouble removing a jar lid? Use 2 wide elastic bands for better grip, one around edge of lid and other around body of jar.

## **ZAC'S MUSINGS**

I'm writing on Zac's behalf this month as the poor little lad has been under the weather of late (he is 16 and a half - that's nearly 116 in human years!!).

Zac went to the vet for his annual jabs a couple of weeks ago where it was found

he had a heart murmur and some bad teeth. We were worried about how he would react under the anaesthetic which he needed for his dental work, but after a pretty worrying day we were thankfully able to bring him home, albeit in the new knowledge that blood tests they'd taken had shown he possibly had a kidney that was failing. Then I had 4 sleepless nights whilst I sat up with him. We were back at the vets after a week for further tests, which confirmed the kidney problem. Now he's on a new Renal diet and daily tablets. So what with his existing cataracts and deafness he's feeling pretty sorry for himself, but nevertheless he'd like me to say a big thank you to George, Keith and all the

staff at Eagle Vets who have been have been really good to him.

## **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 Holy day of Obligation each  
Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

**MINSTER ABBEY**

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.  
[www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org)

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER  
CORPS Church & Community Centre**

Lieutenants Luke & Katy Johnson Tel:  
822 308 or 825 178

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.  
10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

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**ST MARY MAGDALENE**  
**MONKTON SERVICES IN MARCH**

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10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

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10.15am Palm Sunday - Holy  
Communion (BCP)

14 12.00noon Good Friday – An Hour at  
the Cross

16 10.15am Easter Day Holy  
Communion

23 4.00pm

Seamark Service

30 10.00am Benefice Service at  
Monkton

**Something new for Monkton**

**Seamark – look in, look up, look out -  
Worship for all**

**4.00pm Sunday 23 April Monkton  
Primary School Hall**

Then each Fourth Sunday of the month

Accessible worship for all the  
community

Come and try this new service

45 minutes to learn more together about

Jesus with singing, activities and prayer followed by simple food and drink.

**come and see**

Info: Richard Braddy | 821250 |  
info@wantsumchurches.org

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN MARCH**

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

6.30pm

Evensong

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9.00am

Palm Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

14 2.00pm

Passion at the Cross – words and music  
for Good Friday

16 5.25am

Sunrise Service – meet at St Mary's

10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion  
and Egg Hunt

23 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

30 10.00am Benefice Service at  
Monkton – No Services at Minster this  
day

**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

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## **CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact him via the Parish Office on 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown  
Tel: 821 449

District Councillor Ken Gregory Tel:  
822 368 or 07850 233 359

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE  
Tel: 841 956

Sir Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries -  
for appointments and advice on urgent  
problems: Tel: 848 588 (mornings from  
10.00)

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were

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Musical interludes supplied courtesy of  
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Spendlove MBE