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Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 3 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. There is also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton

Drive.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from:-

9.30am – 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the

office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

Telephone: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

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www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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POPPY UPDATE – Well past the halfway mark but lots more needed!

To date we have 10.996 red Poppies. Work will be starting in August to make all the

decorations for the village and if you would like to help with this project then please leave your contact details at Attwells or phone myself on 07374 214 279.

Barbara Quittenden

London Marathon in aid of The Stroke Association

I am running the London Marathon on 22nd April 2018 in aid of The Stroke Association.

So far, 5 members of my family have been affected by Strokes, The Stroke Association

work tirelessly to help those who have suffered a stroke to lead as normal a life as

possible afterwards. So far, I have raised £1000 of my £2000 target but I still need

everyone's help to reach my fundraising target! Please can the wonderful people of this village and the area sponsor me, just a few pounds will help so much.

I can be sponsored by text message, simply text PCMH76 £5 to 70070 in order to

donate to my cause or go to

www.virginmoneygiving.com click on "make a donation" and search for Mark Huttley to make a donation there.

Many thanks to all those who can donate, and if you can't, then please cheer me along

the way on April 22nd (I'm going to need it!)

Many thanks, Mark Huttley

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to Katrina of "Forget Me Not Angels" for giving new life to my husband's memorial which was in a sorry state. It is a pleasure to see it now and it gives a nice warm feeling to me to see his place lovely again with flowers as well.

Brenda Saker - wife of Ken

IN MEMORY OF

Pauline Dyer

Graham and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support over

such a difficult time. A memorial service will be held in Minster at a future date

Sad passing of Musi

It is with regret that we share the sad news that Musi, formally of Archie's Fish and Chip shop has passed away. Musi made a lot of friends in his time at Archie's and will be

missed by many people. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

There is a collection tin in Attwells for any donation people wish to leave. This will be donated on your behalf to a children's charity as requested by his family. Funeral details will be posted on Attwells Newsagents Facebook page.

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MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On Saturday 10 March we held a very successful Quiz Night at the RBL. Thanks go out

to the Legion, Ian Munday, Christine Lynch, Kathryn and the bar staff for looking after 120 people throughout the evening. The winning team, led by Roy Burden, were victors

by just 1 point and their winning bottles were accepted with enthusiasm and surprise!

Who's up for the challenge to beat them at the next quiz on Saturday 9 June? As

mentioned before, don't be disappointed if you leave your booking until just two weeks beforehand, because we had the upsetting task of declining some requests to join in as we were over-subscribed. More details of our next quiz in the May issue.

We are having a lot of interest shown for our next Bingo Night on Saturday 14 July, so again keep your eyes peeled for full details in May.

Sunday 11 March, ten of us went to Armbouts-Cappel for the opening ceremony of their

Arts and Crafts Exhibition where we found a beautiful display of our English exhibits.

Eight of us decided to stay overnight in Ypres to witness the Last Post at the Menin Gate and this proved to be a moving ceremony. The following day, we visited an open-air

museum, the sight of which brought it home to us, just how awful war was.

Plans are still ongoing for our 20th Anniversary May Ball, however Saturday 12 May will see the start of our 20th Anniversary celebrations as from 12noon to around 3pm at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground we will be holding an official Meet and Greet with our French friends, followed by the Crowning of our May Queen, Maypole Dancing, Morris

Dancers and the Armbouts-Cappel Village Band. Everyone is invited to attend and join us for a glass of wine and some cheese.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

The Indoor season is rapidly drawing to a close, by the time you receive this issue the League season will just about be over.

At the moment the Hinds are 4th in Div.1, the Abbots 8th in Div.2, and the Monks 4th in Div 3. The Finals of the Club Competitions will be played over the weekend 7th/8th

April, and everyone is welcome to attend. The Presentation Dinner will be on Friday 4th May.

The Short-Mat Friday Club for Minster Primary School pupils has now finished until the Autumn term. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the experience and reached

commendable standards.

However, we are looking forward to the Outdoor season, it will be good to see those

bowlers again who merely play outdoors.

The Pre-Season Meeting is on Friday 6th April. Remember folks all fees are due at this Meeting. The Green will be officially opened on Saturday 14th April and the first match is on Sunday 22nd April v Whitstable at home, 2.30 start.

Anyone who is considering taking up bowls or wishes to change Clubs is welcome. First-

time bowlers will receive free tuition from qualified coaches.

Contact Brian Morphew, Hon Secretary on 845 638, or e-mail brimaur26@gmail.com

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KEEPING YOU SAFE

By PCSO 56550 Adrian Butterworth

Welcome to my crime prevention advice slot. This month I would like to draw your

attention to cold callers. This is where someone appears at your door offering to do work on your property. They will usually say that they are working locally and have noticed something wrong with your roof or guttering. This is followed by a sales pitch where they will offer to do the work there and then at a really good price. These persons usually target bungalows and areas with an elderly population. They rely on the fact that a lot of older persons worry about the condition of their houses and would not want them falling into disrepair. The work is usually quoted at one price and then after the job is done the price has risen dramatically. It is not just roof sometimes it is drives that are being worked on. They offer to do the job in a couple of days when it would normally take

weeks to do it properly. If you have one of these types of visits politely tell them you are not interested and seek advice form a reputable trader if you are concerned by what you have been told. Legally they should give you a cooling off period to think things over before starting work and give you a chance to pull out. These persons just want your

money and will not offer this and do a shoddy job. BEWARE.

On a lighter note I will be holding a Community surgery at Minster Library on the first Thursday of every month between 14:00 and 15:00 if you wish to come and speak to

me. There is no such thing as a silly question so please come along.

MINSTER W.I.

New members and visitors were warmly welcomed and Jerusalem was sung, then

Minster WI enjoyed a relaxed and friendly meeting in March, with many members trying out crafts - cross stitch Easter cards, glass painting and making a quirky fabric chicken paperweight - whilst others enjoyed socialising and playing board games.

The competition for a plate of 6 iced Easter biscuits was won by Jo Thorne by popular

vote, and entries were added to the treat of special refreshments of hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Members were reminded about fundraising plans for the year, starting with our Wine

and Wisdom quiz night in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st April, where we will be

serving our generous ploughman's supper for £6 per ticket, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery. Tables of 8, contact Liz on 07968 473 689 for

tickets

Advance notice was given that our May meeting will be postponed for one week

to Tuesday 15th May as the Minster Playhouse will be using the hall on our usual

evening.

Each year Minster WI awards a bursary to one member towards the cost of a short

residential educational course at the WI Denman college. This time the draw was won by Dorothy Butterworth. Congratulations Dorothy!

Our Speaker in April will be Eddie Smith, talking about a career as a milliner.

Visit the Minster WI website at www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Our May Play, Pygmalion, by Bernard Shaw, is at the forefront of our minds and

endeavours at the moment. Rehearsals have started and are going really well, with much laughter. I hadn't realised quite how funny this play is until I saw it delivered well in rehearsal.

I learnt something interesting and a bit surprising from a TV quiz show this week; Bernard Shaw is the first and only person ever to win both the Nobel Prize for literature, and an Oscar!

The Oscar was for his adaptation of his play to the screenplay of his 1938 film of

Pygmalion with Leslie Howard in the role of Higgins.

The script that we are working from contains the scripts for parts of the screenplay that Shaw added to flesh out the play with scenes not possible in a stage performance. I am hoping to incorporate some of these scenes into our performance using multi-media. I do not know if it will be possible yet as there are many difficulties to overcome but we shall certainly do it if we can.

Shaw certainly handles the comedy with a light, sure touch that is a joy to watch.

For this production we have yet another newcomer to our ranks, this one from the heady heights of acting for the BBC!

Pygmalion runs from Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th of May at the Village Hall at 7.30

p.m. Please come along and support us while having a good night out.

The Box Office is now open on 07501 894 381, Tickets are £8.00.

AGELESS THANET

We are delighted to announce that our next group of FREE Wellbeing Activities will be

starting at the end of April! Our activities are aimed at people aged 50+ living in Thanet, who may feel lonely, or would like to improve their physical or mental health.

The workshops take place in easily accessible venues across Thanet and run for a period of 8 weeks. We have lots of exciting activities on offer such as Art, Pottery and many more! The Wellbeing Activities will introduce you to like-minded people, as well as

having the opportunity to try something new.

This is what one participant of our Wellbeing Activities has said of their experience:

"I had not socialised for a good few years, and I found the prospect daunting. However, it soon became clear that we were all there for the same reasons, to make new friends, and to try something new. Everyone was so friendly, and I'm so pleased I went along, it has helped me enormously."

So, if you or someone you know feel that they would benefit from taking part in one of Ageless Thanet's activities, please call 01843 296 687 to find out more information.

Spaces are limited, so booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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Minster Parish Council Meeting - Summary of Key Points 6th March

• PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported 34 calls to the Minster area in the last month, including theft from the Co-Op in Tothill Street, theft from a vehicle, damage, snowball throwing, domestic problems and a number of calls regarding the travellers who had arrived in Ebbsfleet Lane. He has maintained a regular presence at the school in the mornings and afternoons

and this has helped to reduce some of the parking problems; unfortunately, some drivers still choose to ignore the yellow lines putting their own and others' children at risk. The TDC

enforcement office have added this location to their list for attendance.

- County Cllr. Emma Dawson reported that KCC have confirmed that current bus services (39,42,56) will not change at present. There will be further consultations in April and May and a pilot scheme is running elsewhere in Kent using a phone app to provide a 24/7 service and the use of virtual bus stops. (Beam me up, Scottie?!)
- Cllr. Dawson has provided funding for Community Wardens to roll out a Be Safe, Be Seen scheme making use of illuminated products to wear on bags, clothing, cycles etc. so that they can be seen in the dark. She also informed the meeting that KCC are lobbying the government to highlight the high levels of council tax in Kent in comparison with London Boroughs.
- District Cllr. Crow-Brown advised that the shift patterns of enforcement officers is being changed to enable better coverage of parking problems near schools and in the evenings.

There is still no update on possible government intervention regarding the Thanet Local Plan.

In the meantime, TDC are working to refurbish more empty properties and get them back into use. He added that housing demand is high, demonstrated by the fact that a vacant property in Taylor Road had 160 applicants.

- The Chairman thanked councillors for assisting in clearing the old archives at the Pavilion and informed the meeting that we are still awaiting a new date from Savills for the exhibition regarding the proposed development to the west of Greenhill Gardens. (We now know it will be 28th March.)
- An update was given on a recent meeting with KCC Highways; their engineers are going to consider our requests for speed reduction when approaching and leaving the roundabout at the top of Tothill Street, improved warning signs on the eastern approach to the roundabout, new gateway signs

when entering the village and additional yellow lines in various areas. The new passing place/layby in Laundry Road has been completed.

- The meeting agreed the minutes of the recent Operations Meeting, which included plans for maintenance work at the cemetery, including re-surfacing a section of pathway, consideration of barriers on the top road to prevent fly tipping, and consideration of suggested locations for the planting of trees within the Parish. Any ideas, please?
- Cllr. Goodman informed us that the Open Gardens would be on 16th and 17th June this year and the meeting agreed the use of the recreation ground for parking during this event.
- Questions from the public included concerns over the location of the travellers, and the proposed development to the west of Greenhill Gardens. There was also an issue raised about too many yellow lines in the village causing problems with parking. The Chairman said that the small minority of inconsiderate drivers meant that there was little choice but to place yellow lines around junctions and corners.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to announce that Sandra Houghton will be returning to the Practice on Tuesday 3rd April. Sandra left the Practice to become Practice Manager at a surgery in Herne Bay and will now return as Assistant Practice Manager at Minster.

SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 12th May at Old Schools, Church St as usual. Tables remain at £8 for small and £12 for large and are selling fast, so please book early to avoid disappointment. We will be launching our raffle on 3rd April with

many excellent prizes so please check our notice board for more information.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Despite a slight increase in GP figures they remain encouraging, thank you very much. 36

patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 47 did not attend their nurse's appointment, but that's still 83 wasted appointments and time, so please remember if

you don't need it, cancel it, by phone, text or online.

"FRIENDS AND FAMILY" SURVEY

A total of 140 patients responded last month with the following results: Extremely

likely/likely - 93%; Extremely unlikely/unlikely - 3%; Unsure/don't know - 4%.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 noon on the following days for the

purpose of staff training, Thursday 26th April, Wednesday 23rd May and Thursday 28th

June

BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on Good Friday 31 March, Easter Monday 2nd April,

Monday 7th May and Monday 28th May. Please ensure you have sufficient medication

to last you during these periods, and of course don't forget to include all the family who may need medication and check when their "Medication Review" is due.

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 all the family, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For urgent/life threatening issues 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 821200 or

Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email; kenself@me.com.

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1st Minster Cubs win Swimming Gala after almost 30yrs

On Saturday 24 February, a team comprising of Amey Archer, Erin Archer, Nicholas

Thompson, Milan Thompson, Olivia Jenkinson, Ethan Simpkin and Kyle Freeborn,

entered the Annual Cub District Swimming Gala and were successful in winning the

competition. The last time we appeared on the trophy was back in 1990, so well done to all.

Don't Forget! We are the only village-based Group in the Thanet District and are always on the lookout for adult assistance to help run all 3 sections of the

Group to continue to help our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, or assist the Group behind the scenes. If you're

interested please get in touch.

Thank you, Baloo

gsl1stminster@btinternet.com Chris Porter 823788

Francesco Pablo de Besperato

"The famous artist who lived in a Council House in Minster"

There was a painting kindly donated to Minster Surgery PLG by Alan Razzell, who had

owned it for 50 years and wanted it to go towards one of their fund-raising campaigns.

Despite approaching local art dealers to verify its authenticity and offer it for sale, no one expressed an interest. After Christmas it was on display in the Waiting Room. where

patient, Anna Cousins, who came in for a routine appointment, took one look at it along with the associated description and photographs, and shouted "That's me in the photo,

I'm his daughter!" During a long emotional conversation Mrs Cousins, told the PLG that she had lost her father when she was 11, moved away and lost contact with her family.

The PLG introduced her to Mr Razzell and they all met again at the surgery when Mrs

Cousins brought in several old family photos and treasures and is now hoping to have the complete collection on display somewhere.

MINSTER SHOW STALLS

Anybody wishing to have a stall at this year's show on 21st July please contact

Karen on 07813 648 214 or call into Attwells

Minster Art & Craft Group

We meet at the Old Schools every Monday morning from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested. The charge per week is £2.00 to cover the hall etc and includes refreshments. You are welcome to come along for a free morning session to see what we are doing.

Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

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

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Minster & Monkton Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 14 April, Village Hall, 2pm to 4pm

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 18 April 7.30pm - Village Hall

Speaker Gillian Regan on 'Buttercups and their relatives' – All Welcome

AMBER'S ADVICE

Anxiety's like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you very far......

TIGER' TIP

A dab of foaming shaving cream can help remove many red wine spills from carpets......

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Who ordered that white stuff? I'm shaky enough on my old pins now without it being

like glass underfoot, Brrr, don't need any more of that, thank you very much.

Mind you we've also had a few sunny days and it's great to spread myself out across the carpet to soak up the rays, I love the sun, more of that please!

The old boy has had quite a few nights on the sofa with me of late, not sure if he thinks I'm too poorly to leave on my own or if he's just fallen asleep and forgotten to go to bed!

I do know he takes most of the sofa!

I have noticed he appears a lot less stressed since Amy came onboard as coeditor taking on the layout of the pages and saving us here at home from lots of heavy sighing and the odd bit of 'blue' air, life is almost normal again now, so thank you Amy.

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone 592 071

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

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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.

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THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER CORPS Church & Community Centre

Lieutenants Luke and Katy Johnson tel: 821 543

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

ST MARY MAGDALENE MONKTON SERVICES IN APRIL

10.15am Easter Day Holy Communion 8 10.15am Holy Communion 15 10.15am Holy Communion 22 4.00pm Seamark Service at Monkton School 29 10.00am Benefice Service at St Mary's Minster, no Service at Monkton today ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN APRIL Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250 1 6.00am Sunrise Service – meet at St Mary's 10.30am Easter Day Holy Communion & Egg Hunt 8 9.00am **Holy Communion** 10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion 15 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship

22 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

29 10.00am Benefice Service

A group for children and young people 'Connections' meet during Services on each

Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month when we all worship together

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

Funeral at St Mary's Minster

1 March – Margaret (Midge) Galt (79) Minster Church & Thanet Crematorium

2 March – Rose Taylor (81) Minster Cemetery

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CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

TDC Villages

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 Reece Pugh Tel: 07740 288 713

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Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson Tel: 07976 804 113

Contacting your MP: Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: galerj@parliament.uk Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London,

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