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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

There is no Meeting in August

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:- 9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays;

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269 Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th September at 7pm.

EDITORIAL

Apologies before I start, if there are any glaring mistakes this month then they are all mine. The busiest weekend in July (Show Weekend) my Co-Editor decides to book herself a holiday to PortaVentura and leaves me with it all to do - just wait, I'll get my own back later in the year.

So with Saturday out of the equation and only one of me to do two peoples jobs in half the time, I spent all of Sunday and a good few hours of Monday getting it all together, so as I say, you may well find a few mistakes, for which I humbly apologise.

What a great day Show Day was, nearly everything went like clockwork, or if it didn't I wasn't aware of it. The Show Committee and their valiant band of volunteers worked extremely hard from Friday evening through to Sunday morning, setting up and taking down. You'd be amazed at what goes on prior to and after the Show to make it a success.

Thanks must go to all those who made it work, and also to Pat Marsh for doing us the honours this year. He spent the whole afternoon here and even asked if there was anything he could help with just before he left. Thank you Pat, and thanks for all the radio plugs you gave us prior to the event, looking at the crowd it would seem it had the desired effect.

Did you come to the show, if so did you meet Mickey and Minney? We thought for a while they weren't going to make it as they rang Karen from the

M25, where they were 'going nowhere' and much later they rang again to say they couldn't get into the village as the roads were closed, but thankfully they did eventually arrive and were a great hit with most of the youngsters, although I did see one or two who were unsure and one in particular had quite a few tears outside our tent.

Most of the acts in the Showcase were really enjoyable, but the committee did have complaints about the language of one of the entertainers for which they apologised. Young Luke gave an outstanding performance and we all wish him the very best of luck in his ambition to win X Factor 2011 - he needs your votes to help him succeed, so don't forget to ring in when he's on the TV.

Sadly we have had to move our 'recording studio' from the Holiday Inn and we will now be using our office in the library for this purpose. We thank HIE for all they have done for us in the past but we realise all good things must eventually come to an end, but it was good while it lasted.

The office is nearly ready to receive visitors but not quite, although I have done a lot of work in the past week or two to enable us to use it for recording purposes, there is still a bit to do before we'll be fully operational, so I think I can safely say we will hold over the official opening until the beginning of September. So watch the next issue for details of when that will be and pop along for a cuppa with us (maybe something stronger but I'm still working on that !!)

Disappointingly we are still inundated with reports of dog fouling, we even had a batch of pictures sent in of a particular problem in the main entrance to the Rec, but the team agreed we wouldn't inflict them on our readers, however we say AGAIN - you never see dogs roaming alone, so there is no reason why there should be any fouling left on our footpaths, in the Rec, down Marsh Farm Road or along Sheriffs Court Lane. If you own a dog you are responsible for its actions, so CLEAN UP after it, leaving it for others to either step in or clear up for you, just isn't playing the game, and you should be ashamed of not doing your duty. To those who do 'pick up' please don't hang it in a tree or throw it in/over a hedge, either put it in a dog bin or a waste bin, or if you don't pass one then take it home (it doesn't bite !!) and deposit in your own bin. Thank you.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

On 26th June the Twinning trip to Armbouts-Cappel started early, with 36 people leaving Minster in the coach at 6.30 a m. A pleasant trip across the channel with a hearty breakfast was enjoyed by most people. Minster Carnival Court travelled with us, as well as some representatives of other Courts.

When we arrived in Armbouts-Cappel at 11.45 a m, French time, the day's planned activities had not started as we were a bit early, so we did not miss anything. The village entertainment started with their majorettes dancing and twirling batons. The sun came out and it got very hot. Lunch was laid on in the hall and we were entertained by a French duo and people were able to dance if they wanted.

After lunch we went to the Mayor's Parlour for the speeches and exchanging of gifts. We received a hamper full of local produce and we gave them a trophy, engraved with their coat of arms and our village sign, which is to be awarded annually for sporting achievements.

Carol Bailey received a bouquet of flowers for all her hard work with the Carnival Court and the girls from the Court, in their beautiful new dresses, performed their traditional curtsey display to the Mayor and Councillors.

By this time the village day was well under way with a fun fair and a talent competition in the hall. Our girls took part by singing and one young boy was an excellent singer, but we've yet to hear whether or not he won.

We left at 5p m French time to catch our ferry. However, owing to its late arrival, we had a wait at Calais, but it had been a most enjoyable day out.

We are now planning a quiz night and a race night so watch this space for another opportunity to support the cause and have some fun at the same time.

A diary date for next year is 27 May 2012 when the French will be visiting us.

If you would like to attend our next committee meeting, you will be most welcome at The Royal British Legion Club at 7.45 p m on Wednesday 10 August 2011.

The **Queens Diamond Jubilee** is being celebrated by an extended Bank Holiday weekend , Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June 2012.

The Parish Council are considering how best to celebrate the event.

To help them make a decision it would be helpful to know what events are already being planned by streets / organisations / businesses in the village.

If you are planning an event or if you have particularly strong views on how the occasion should be marked and are willing to help organise an event then please let the Parish Council Clerk know.

**Contact Kyla Lamb – Parish Clerk – Tel: 01843 821339
or email Clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk**

Kent Keylink

In partnership with Kent Police, Kent KeyLink provides a vital service to help keep homes throughout the county of Kent safe.

Peace of mind as Kent Police has 24 hour access to your keyholders' details, 365 days a year

Kent Police will contact your nominated keyholders in the event of an incident and also contact your nominated trade services should emergency repairs be required.

Kent KeyLink are a partner of Kent Police, based at Force HQ Maidstone, managing the Kent Police keyholders' database.

As a not for profit company, any profit made from membership fees is reinvested into crime prevention initiatives within Kent.

As a partner of Kent Police, Kent KeyLink would like to offer all Neighbourhood Watch members one year's residential membership to the Kent KeyLink keyholder scheme for only £10 for one year, half the standard price (usually £20). For more details and to register visit Kent KeyLink at:

www.kentkeylink.co.uk/neighbourhood-watch/

The Margate Museum FREE DAY OUT !!!

With summer on its way and the children home from school for 6 long weeks it can be a strain emotionally and financially ,so it's great to find a little gem of a day out which does not cost an arm and a leg.

Margate might not be the first place you would think to visit, but apart from the stunning beach the old town is really coming into its own. As well as window shopping in the boutiques and a visit to all the little art galleries (not to mention the big art gallery on the sea front, which has free admission) a visit to the Margate Museum is a must.

It has recently been re-opened after 2 years by a team of volunteers who have put together a fascinating collection of artefacts which will interest young and old alike. The building itself was used as the court for the trial of Mods and Rockers in the 1960's and the cells where the prisoners were held are open for viewing. Admission is free, with quiz's for children about Margate,the Museum building and the curios within it. Minster CEP school took their Year 2 pupils there recently and a great time was had by all, why not give it a try?

Opening Times 11am -5pm Saturdays then 11am-5pm Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays in the summer holidays.

Sue Greenstreet, MM Newshound

(Co-Editor's note: Having visited the museum recently I absolutely agree with Sue's recommendation to this attraction and would like to give high praise to the volunteers who were extremely knowledgeable within their area of expertise. They managed to teach me quite a thing or two about Margate's history - WELL WORTH A VISIT!)

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

June's meeting started with a fantastic presentation from Michael Andrews about his VSO (Voluntary Services over Seas) experience in Papua New Guinea.. Michael retired from teaching children with special needs and wanted to do something purposeful with his retirement. From the outset Michael's talk had the WI members captivated, he spoke in Pidgin English to introduce himself. A colourful portrayal of life in Papua New Guinea and it's inhabitants followed, accompanied by photographs captured over the two years that he was there. Members were left with lots to think about particularly when it comes to how lucky we are to live where we do. As Michael said "When you have watched someone walk 40 miles carrying their child with Meningitis in their arms praying someone might be at the first aid post you will never moan about a 2 hour wait in A and E again!" Minster in Thanet WI would like to wish everyone attending The Minster Show a wonderful event, look out for us in the Parade and come and see us on our cake stall at the Show.

1911-2011**One Hundred Years of Football
Minster Making History**

Minster Football Club will be celebrating a remarkable milestone this year by honouring 100 years of football this coming season.

The football club are looking to establish a new committee dedicated to celebrating and marking this unique experience throughout the season.

The aim of the committee will be to assist in generating ideas, seek funding, sponsorship opportunities and general organisation in hosting numerous celebration events throughout the season.

The football club are also interested in any memorabilia past and present that may illustrate the clubs unique history.

If you are interested in any of the following:

- Being part of a newly formed committee, integral to the development and planning of Minster Football Club's unique celebration events, including seeking funding and sponsorship opportunities.
- Able to supply any past and present memorabilia, including memories, stories and photographs that illustrate and document the clubs unique history.
- Would like to offer your support in any way to the football club's historic landmark.

Please contact the football club's manager,
Robin Rae on 01843826276 or 07809241740

Your support and involvement will be much appreciated.

Minster Football Club 1911- 2011

One Hundred Years of Football

Minster Making History

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB - Sunday 26th June saw the Minster Bowls Club Charity Open Day. The Sponsor for the day, Jonathan Cole said it gave him great pleasure to be amongst the Minster residents on such a happy day, normally it is on a sad occasion. 24 Teams took part in the first round of bowling. 12 went on to challenge for the first prize in a knock out competition donated by W.S.Cole & Son. 12 teams of first time losers played a knock out competition for the prize donated by Minster Bowling Club. The Club wish to thank all those who took part in the bowling and the spectators for their support playing, eating, and drinking us dry once the bar opened after 12.00 noon.

HIGHWAYS ACTION TEAM (HAT) - RURAL SPEED WATCH -

During the past month traffic flows in Tothill Street has been monitored in 2 areas:-

Lower - between Foxborough Lane and Fairfield Road

Upper - between Fairfield Road and Minster Roundabout

We are pleased to report that in the lower section, most drivers are driving well within the speed limit and in a careful and considerate manner. Of course, there are still exceptions and these have been identified.

However, in the upper section that is not the case! Over 20% of drivers monitored were exceeding the speed limit and some quite excessively. This applies to vehicles travelling in both directions, in and out of the village. Clearly, this warrants further investigations, and advice will be sought as to how to resolve this.

So please adhere to the temporary signs and "KILL YOUR SPEED".

Please also be aware of the 30 mph speed limit that now exists on the new road from Minster roundabout and extends all the way into Cliffsend. This section is controlled by KCC Highways Department and "Safety Camera Vehicles" are regularly deployed to monitor the traffic, to ensure the safety of the contractors and public alike.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

Kent County Council have issued a road closure notice for part of Monkton St, Monkton .

The road is due to be closed in both directions between Willetts Hill Junction and the bottom of Colletts Hill (opposite Foxhunter site), Actual closure is in the vicinity of No121 Monkton Street, near to Monkton School.

The closure is on or after 8th August. for up to 5 days or until the work is completed .

Alternative route is via Willetts Hill, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street and Monkton Road.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - DOCUMENTARY - CHANNEL 4

Britain's best decorated houses at Christmas - Channel 4 are trawling the country for people who love nothing more than decking their houses with lights and illuminated ornaments at Christmas. We are developing a documentary for Channel 4 which will be a fun and light-hearted look at this popular British Yuletide pastime. We are trying to make contact with as many Parish and Town Councils as possible to see if :

A) they run local, annual competitions and

B) if there are any houses or streets in their communities that are famed for their decorations.

An Englishman's home is his castle. And some, at Christmas time, like nothing more than lighting up their castles with thousands of lights, flashing Santa's and reindeer, and even synchronised music.

Further details can be obtained from the Parish Office or email:

kenself014@btinternet.com

"But They Can't" – They Did

On Monday June 7th from around 8.30am onwards, a number of Families found their world crashing around them – or so they thought.

Our lollipop lady was given the third degree, and couldn't answer the question fast enough.

"What", How! Why? When!

"But I'm the Lollipop Lady, and I walk from Monkton". She replied.

The reason became clear, parents had been warned, but didn't believe it.

The roads around Buttsfield estate to the school were closed for resurfacing. Children and Adults HAD TO WALK from Taylor Road to the School. "It's like the Olden days" one child was heard to say. (The 30 something's, many of whom I remember walking to school, are now "The Olden Days").

Not everyone was unhappy; around 9.30am one well known recycled teenager was finding life very enjoyable, with roads out of action he was cycling on the pavement in St. Mary's Road, no cars, and a huge grin on his face.

As he cycled in Molineux Road one of his contemporaries called out "get off the pavement". A roar of laughter was heard. Life in Molineux Road would never be quite the same again! *(name withheld)*

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)
NON – RESIDENT SURGERY PATIENTS

In the last issue of Minster Matters for July (No.127) a letter was published “From a concerned resident” concerning patients who live outside the village. Minster Surgery, being a rural practice, does have a wide catchment area, including the villages of Monkton, St Nicholas, Acol and Cliffsend. However, with reference to the other points raised by the writer, a full reply is published below this report.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

The Surgery will be closed, for the purpose of staff training, from mid-day onwards, on the following days:

Tuesday 13th September

Thursday 20th October

Patients who need to see a Doctor during these times are requested to contact “Doctors on Call” via the usual surgery number – 821333.

SEASONAL FLU VACCINATIONS

As usual the vaccination program will be carried out during October, although the dates have yet to be finalised.

Patients who are entitled to a vaccination will be contacted in due course and invited to make an appointment at the surgery.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The last meeting was held on the 19th July and the next is scheduled for September.

If you have any issues to raise or require further information on the topics raised, please contact;

KEN SELF on 821200 or JEAN TAYLOR on 845072

Non-Resident Surgery Patients

Dear Concerned Resident

Thank you, for taking the time to express your concerns and I would like to respond to your letter that appeared in the last issue of Minster Matters (No.127 July).

A large number of such patients are those from local families who originated from the village, and wished to remain with the surgery, which they have come to know and respect.

Minster Surgery, being in a rural area, the villages of Monkton, St. Nicholas, Acol and Cliffsend fall within the catchment area of the practise and for example, the surgery runs a weekly clinic in St. Nicholas for those patients with restricted mobility.

Also patients who become dissatisfied with their own surgery for whatever reasons, can ask to transfer to another, and as such, have been considered in the past, subject to guidelines laid down by the SE Coast PCT. However, this practise is currently under review.

The Surgery appreciates some patients have difficulties in making appointments and are always looking at ways to improve the service to their patients. However, I would like to draw the writers' attention to our newsletter on page 4 of the same issue (No.127) concerning missed appointments. One must agree that, with the high numbers involved, it makes alarming reading and is an area of concern.

Ken Self

Patient Liaison Group, Minster Surgery

Thank you ... Wendy and Jac in the school office wish to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful children and parents for the many gifts and cards we've received.

Congratulations to the Minster Carnival Court

Well done for winning 1st Float and 3rd Court at Dover Carnival, and a special WELL DONE for winning Court of the Day at Teynham.

We can also report the 'Girls' did us proud on their recent visit to France and it has reached our ears that Clara and Kizzie made a very brave attempt to sing 'In The Jungle' in French, which we are reliably informed was 'interesting' to say the least.

Well Done Girls, you are great ambassadors for our village.

Strawberry Tea... Cynthia says thank you to everybody who came and supported this annual event, once again the weather was kind to them and they raised over £600 on the day, plus other generous donations. Thanks also go to Cynthia's team of brilliant helpers. Well done

£10,000 LOTTERY SUCCESS FOR MINSTER DAY NURSERY

The Committee of Minster Day Nursery are extremely pleased to announce that their funding bid to the Big Lottery's Fund "Awards for All" Programme was successful and they have been awarded £10,000 towards 2 new outside multi play units and replacing worn rubber safety surfacing in their outside play areas.

The Nursery is a committee run registered Charity. Following the "Good" Ofsted report last year with elements of "Excellence" the Committee and staff are committed to continued improvements and the grant will enable the children to have more time playing outside which is in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

The Nursery is open 51 weeks a year and provides childcare for children aged 1-11 including nursery care, out of school club and holiday club.

If you would like more information about the Nursery please contact either of the Managers Nikki Groom or Sue Yardley on 821482 – or see the website at

www.minsterdaynursery.co.uk

The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All programme offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 to projects that will benefit local communities and make a difference to the lives of those most in need. Voluntary and community groups, schools, health organisations and parish and town councils can all apply.

LOVE - It makes the World go round

Love can mean so many things
 Love, much security can bring
 Yet love can bring you so much pain
 Love can be hopelessly given in vain
 Love can give hope and can give strength
 To love can mean one goes to boundless lengths
 To save someone from suffering is their intent
 All done in the name of love, is what is meant
 Love is warm and tender, given by anyone to anyone of any gender
 Yvonne Chapman

TIGER'S TIP

Fresh Fruit - Line the salad drawer in your fridge with paper towel or T. towel
- this will absorb moisture and keep fruit and veg fresher for longer

ZACS MUSINGS

Most disappointed this past weekend, when on visiting the Minster Show I wasn't even recognised by some. Maybe I need a bigger picture !

AMBERS ADVICE

Within our dreams and aspirations we find our opportunities
(Sue Ebaugh)

VACANCY FOR CLERK TO MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy will soon exist for a Parish Clerk to Monkton Parish Council.

The hours and salary are negotiable. Currently the clerk would be expected to work from home around 8 hours per week, but this is flexible.

This is an immensely rewarding and interesting position, requiring a number of interpersonal and administrative skills, giving the successful applicant plenty of scope to contribute something really useful to the Village community.

Whilst some previous experience would be an asset it is not essential. Computer literacy is a requirement and an ability to operate a small Village web site effectively.

The job includes dealing with the financial side of the Parish council matters and generally assisting the Parish councillors to carry out their responsibilities.

This position may suit an existing Parish Clerk looking to increase their overall hours.

For an informal discussion, please contact:

John Way (Chairman, Monkton Parish Council)

Tel no 01843 823063, or write, enclosing a copy of your CV, to:

10 Monkton Manor, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JT.

The closing date will be Saturday August 13th, 2011, interviews for this position will take place later in August.

KENT TRADING STANDARDS

An East Kent resident received a telephone call from “a foreign sounding man” claiming to be from a

government department, advising that as the resident paid their Council Tax and did not have a criminal record they were entitled to a reward of £5000 to £7000 through a new “Good Citizen Scheme”.

The caller told the consumer that in order to release the money they needed to pay £299.00 via PayPoint.

The caller then directed the resident to their nearest PayPoint outlet.

Fortunately the resident knew this was a scam and did not carry out the caller’s request, despite numerous subsequent telephone calls received from the bogus caller chasing the payment.

Kent Trading Standards are warning consumers to be very wary of anybody contacting them purporting to be from the government. **There is no known Good Citizen Scheme.**

Please contact Consumer Direct on 0808 156 2256 or go to www.direct.gov.uk if you need further advice on your consumer rights, or want to report any businesses or incidents you have concerns about.

Kent Trading Standards have also received complaints from local businesses concerning the delivery to them of goods they have not ordered. These deliveries are followed by demands for payment.

If you have not ordered the goods you should not pay for them.

Contact the seller via a recorded delivery letter advising them that the goods were not ordered and are ready for collection.

To report any concerns you have or for details of Buy With Confidence traders call Trading Standards via Consumer Direct on 0808 156 2256. You can also visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk for a list of traders.

SALVATION ARMY

Not only is Minster Salvation Army celebrating its 125th anniversary but also rejoicing in the appointment of the new officers, Captains Bryn and Lyn Hargreaves, to replace Major Denise Cooper who left at the end of last year (Majors Richard and Valerie Hope who have been temporarily in charge have returned to retirement once again).

Captain Bryn grew up and attended the Salvation Army at Connah's Quay Corps in North Wales, which, incidentally was Major Val's first appointment in 1966. Captain Lyn was introduced to the Army at the age of 10 years old and was at Rugby Corps in the Midlands until she met Captain Bryn at a national event for young people. They were married 30 years ago and have been blessed with 3 wonderful children and at the last count now have 5 beautiful grandchildren. They entered the Salvation Army's William Booth College in 1997, where each new year's intake receives a unique name, and trained to be officers as part of the 'Faithful Intercessors' session. Prior to coming to Minster they served at Barrow-in-Furness, Tunstall and, for the past seven years, at Gillingham.

They said that they wanted 'To greet you all in the name of Christ and say how pleased we are to be appointed to Minster Corps'.

There is only one scheduled change to activities in August. On the 21st at 5.30 pm we shall be joining at Cliff's End Church for an open air 'Songs of Praise'.

Richard Hope, Major

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE**www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk***Excellence in Quality of Theatre, for the People of Minster Village***NEWS****Minster Playhouse Summer Youth Workshop**

A week long Dance, Drama, Music and Stage workshop for children and young people aged 5 – 18. The workshop will run from Monday 15th August to Friday 19th August from 10am – 4pm at the EKSS venue in the grounds of the Marlowe Academy.

Young people will have the opportunity to dance, sing, act, play musical instruments, make costumes and create set in small groups with experienced performers and crew to guide them. As a finale the children and young people will present a spectacular variety performance on Saturday 20th August at 7pm in Minster Village Hall which will be free for the family of performers.

The cost for the week will be £65 per child which will include lunch and refreshments for the week and also a fish and chip supper on the evening of the Saturday Performance.

For full details and an application pack please contact Niki on 07852 271 614 or email your details and questions to minsterplayhouse@hotmail.co.uk or go to our website www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

One Act Play Season**A “Cabaret” of Comedies 23rd & 24th September £7.00**

This will be "Cabaret Style" where you can bring your own drinks and nibbles around tables for a relaxed evening of comedy.

The venue is **Minster Village Hall, The time is 7.15 pm and the cost is £7.00**

You can book a whole table for 8, or if you only require 2 tickets then we will sit you alongside like-minded people.

You will be getting very good value as we will be presenting a total of six one act comedies all of which are very funny and chosen to suit all tastes:

The Fat Lady Sings in Minster, Late Entry,
The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish
Dancers, The Gender Agenda, Medieval Helpdesk

Bookings 01843 822458 (*More Details on each play in September's Minster Matters or go to www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk*)

**This Year's Pantomime is “Beauty and the Beast”
directed by Dawn Ledingham Details to follow.**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The following matters were raised at the Parish Council meeting on 5th July:

1. Planning/Development

a. 13 Augustine Road development has been refused on the grounds of over-development.

b. The Chief Executive of Manston Airport will meet with the Parish Council to discuss the airport's development. The current 106 agreement still stands but a new agreement will be submitted by Infratil to TDC.

2. Events

a. It was agreed that Public opinion would be sought as to what event the Parish Council should be involved in for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations. It was noted that events should be co-ordinated in the Parish and perhaps with other local parishes.

3. Warden's Report

a. A silver mountain bike was stolen from the front of the Library

b. There is a trip hazard on the Tarmac outside the Indian Takeaway and this will be addressed by Highways

c. Door-to-Door sales persons have been reported to their Company because of their conduct and pressured sales techniques.

d. There has been a burglary where entry was gained through open patio doors – the Warden asked for residents to be particularly vigilant during the hot weather.

4. Other Business

a. Speed checks have taken place in the village on Tothill Street and Monkton Road. Surprisingly, there was little evidence of speeding on Tothill Street.

b. The Parish Council is investing in interactive signs for the village to assist with this issue.

5. Date of Next Meeting

September 6th - No Meeting in August

6. Minutes of all meetings can be found at the Parish Council website www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=minutes

CHURCH NOW KEPT LOCKED !!

It has recently come to our attention that, sadly, our church is now having to be kept locked, due to vandalism and damage caused by a minority in our community.

Now we have visitors who are unable to view the interior of our beautiful church except when a keyholder or the Vicar are in attendance.

Such a shame. Let us hope matters can soon be put right and those responsible are dealt with appropriately, then once again we may be able to access to the church without having to inconvenience another to have it unlocked. It would be a real shame if we cannot get back to the way we were, with uncontrolled access available to all when the church wasn't in use.

Can You Find Us A Home ?

Sid and Tommo came to the Woodchurch Centre from a multi-cat household last September. The other cats from the household have now found good homes but Sid and Tommo are still looking.

They were underweight and quite nervous, having never been out or played with toys, but are steadily gaining confidence and are now friendly and affectionate.

They both have slight heart murmurs but are not on any medication and only need to be checked once a year, by a vet, when they have their vaccinations.

They need a quiet home with no children where they can be the centre of attention and love.

WHATS ON

MINSTER LIBRARY

ROLL UP !! to this year's CIRCUS STARS Summer Reading Challenge

Anytime from 16th July through to 16th September

Children are encouraged to read at least 6 books of their choice, with stickers etc to collect and a certificate and medal when the challenge is completed

POOCHES ON THE PROM

Demelza Charity Dog Walk

7th August

from Ramsgate Bandstand

Registration from 9.00am

£5 entry fee including a Bandana and Doggy Bag

Dog Chipping and Grooming available at a reduced price

Also

Companion Dog Show

Dog Agility Show

Face Painting

Spot the Bone Competition

Doggy Treats Stall

For further information call **01795 845 288**

or book at **www.demelza.org.uk**

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th August, 7.30pm

Flower Arrangement

Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information ring Miriam Smith 822589

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QEQM HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

F E T E

To be Opened by Amanda Piper from Meridian TV

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST

10.30am - 2pm

QEQM HOSPITAL, Maternity Car Park

Stalls, Games and lots more!

For information on Fete please phone 234507

including

F U N D O G S H O W

Judging starts at 11.00am on the lawn near Maternity Department

Entries taken from 10.00am

1. Best baby puppy (up to 9 months)
2. Best youngster (up to 18 months)
3. Best rescued or re-homed dog or bitch
4. Most handsome dog
5. Prettiest bitch
6. Most appealing expression
7. Dog/bitch in best condition
8. Dog/bitch with waggiest tail
9. Best veteran (over 6 years old)
10. Best large dog (over 18" at shoulder)
11. Best small dog (under 18" at shoulder)
12. Dog the judge would most like to take home

Rosettes in each class to 5th place

Entries £1 each class

Enquiries for Dog Show phone Pauline Osborne on 225801

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI.

No Meeting in August

NEXT MEETING

Friday 9th September, 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

Members and guests welcome

Also No Coffee and Chat in August

MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MINI SHOW & SOCIAL EVENING

Wednesday 17th August, 7.30pm

in the Village Hall

Combined with Acol and Birchington Societies

All members are welcome to enter something on the evening

Schedules can be obtained from Don Wilks (825152)

There will also be refreshments available during the evening.

Mothers Union

No Meeting in August

SATURDAY MARKET

13th August, 10.00am - 12.00noon in The Old Schools

All welcome

All the usual stalls

MINSTER & MONKTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a "Cuppa" and Chat, Bingo and Raffles

EVERY WEDNESDAY

2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome

Joan Cordwell - 823782

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further info contact June Chadband on 226033

or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of each Month

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617 197

email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

NELSON PARK RIDING CENTRE

OPEN DAY AUGUST 29TH 2011

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

- ◆ *Vintage Fire Engines.*
- ◆ *Go Karts for the kids!*
- ◆ *The Neptunes Hall's Beer Tent.*
- ◆ *Ice Cream.*
- ◆ *Competitions.*
- ◆ *Face Painting.*
- ◆ *Kent Air Ambulance.*
- ◆ *Lexi Lou Scrumptious Cakes.*
- ◆ *Quex Paintballing.*
- ◆ *Carriage Rides.*
- ◆ *Horizon Sea Safari's.*
- ◆ *Bouncy Castles.*
- ◆ *Rodeo Bull.*
- ◆ *Charity Raffle & Tombola.*
- ◆ *Henna Tattooing.*
- ◆ *Alzheimers Research UK.*
- ◆ *Phillip Boothby Photography.*
- ◆ *Trugrip 4x4 driving experience.*

PLUS LOTS LOTS MORE!

***** LIVE MUSIC WITH THE INTERSEPTORS *****



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Booking essential as limited places during the day, call 01843 822251

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SCHOOL PAGE

Editor s this month are: Emily Wallis & Georgina Graham

Hornby

Hornby are a company that makes electrical trains you can get all different trains , carriages, accessories for your track .you have a choice of trains some you can make puff out smoke there is also some really old ones some go fast some a bit slow there are steam trains a modern trains.

By Richard Hulks

Journalist club.

The children section in the Minster Matters would not exist

If it was not for Ray and Miss Wood. I think everybody should say a big thank you

to them for setting up such a great club. I am honoured to be part of it.

THANK YOU!

By Oscar.M

Take That

On the 30th of June my mum went to go and see Take that at Wemberly stadium. My mum ordered a Take that t shirt on Amazon. The day before it came she got a t shirt which was from her sister and got her to wear it when she goes. My mum was at the front of the stage and she got to touch Robbie's hand.

By Stacie Holland

Sports Day

On the 13th of July 2011, Minster CEP school had their sports day.

We did lots of fun sporty things and at the end we did a Relay. It was so cool, you could see who is the fastest in the school.

There was also a Teachers race.

There was a Mums race and a Dads race.

We did lots of different things. There were so many things we did that I cannot name them all.

We had lots of fun. The Mums and Dads could watch if they liked and we appreciated their support.

There were lots of supporters there, watching everyone. So it was a very good day.

By Annabelle Fleming.

Skittles

You get so many different flavours. There is even a new flavour called blueberry! Here is a list of some of the flavours: strawberry, apple, lemon, blackcurrant and we can't remember the rest!

The new blue skittles make your tongue turn blue!!!!

Our favourite flavour is Strawberry!

CU SOON

Rinah the Muffin & Penny the Cookie

P.S. A special mention to our good friend Flick!!!

GENERATION GREEN

On Wednesday the 6th of July, one or two children from each class, went to the school garden and planted a tree, as well as having a tree party. We also had some goody bags. We planted the trees because British Gas gave Minster School £50!! By Georgina Graham!!!!

Tea with the Queen!

Helen Saunders and her mum went to see the Queen this week for a tea party. Helen Saunders is my Aunty. She said that the tea party was very big!

By Grace Mc Donald

Miss Wood

Miss Wood is an amazing teacher who runs Journalist Club. Unfortunately I have not been lucky enough for her to teach me but I know that she is very good at teaching anyway! In my last year at Minster I have been in Journalist Club and Miss Wood has always been really friendly and supportive to everyone here!

By Olivia Brewer

Jedward !!!

Jedward are great singers but some people are different and hate them.

I like them because of their hair and their amazing singing.

I have seen them at the winter gardens before and I enjoyed it a lot.

They are the best and can do handstand for over a minute because they did it at the concert.

By Emily Wallis

**Church News
and Service Times**

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250
Sunday Services In
AUGUST 2011

7th August

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: No service this month

14th August

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

21st August

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

28th August

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

Mid week services at St Mary's
No Midweek Services in August

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
AUGUST 2011

7th August

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

14th August

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

21st August

10.15am: Holy Communion with
Methodists

28th August

10.15am: Family service

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:

3rd July: Toby Skinner,
Jackson Tilbee and Tabitha Field
10th July: Evie-Mae and
Hadley Dawkins
17th July: Zac McLaren and
Maizie Barnes

**Weddings at
Minster Parish Church:**

16th July: Natasha Radford and
Daniel Hollow
25th July: Anna King and
Iain Weston

Ss. Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic
Parish Ramsgate and Minster
Rev Marcus Holden 592071

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com
www.rc.net/southwark/ramsgate

Parish Office:

Ss Ethelbert & Gertrude Church
72 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7DS

Catholic Mass each Wednesday and
Holyday of Obligation at 12.00noon in
the Church of St Mary the Virgin and
each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster
Abbey

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 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day 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.

Funerals

6th June: Iris Cook (84)
at Monkton Church and
Thanet Crematorium

27th June: Margaret Pittock (95)
at Barham Crematorium

The Salvation Army
celebrates 125 years
in Minster

See details of New Officers
appointments elsewhere
in this issue

**The Salvation Army
11 Tothill Street,
Minster**

Mjrs Richard and Val Hope
823830

(currently in charge until new officers
appointed, possibly end of July)

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)
11.00am – 12.00pm

Morning Family Service,
11 am – 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 Club

- CURRENTLY SUSPENDED -

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

Due to circumstances, the Youth
Club for 11-16 year olds is unable
to commence at this time. Please
look out for notification when this
may happen.

Saturday

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

Salvation Army telephone number
for the new building
is 01843 825178

Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is now holding regular monthly surgeries 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 Thanet Villages

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

Tel: 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP: Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Ring: 848588 (mornings from 10.00am)

Fax: 844856 (24-hour)

Web: www.rogergale.co.uk

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE