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## **Welcome to the August 2016 issue of Minster Matters**

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## **Minster Parish Council**

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 6 September @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre – There is no meeting in August

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are

available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

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

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email:

[clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk)

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

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

## **EDITORIAL**

Did you go to 'The Show'? I take my hat off to all the stall-holders, traders, Show committee members, entertainers, gate attendants, litter-pickers, the first-aider, disabled toilet attendants, parade marshalls, Grand Draw ticket sellers and writers, photographers, Carnival Courts, general dogsbodies, members of the public and anyone else I may have forgotten, who gave up a glorious day on the beach to make the afternoon another great success - well done everyone, oh and thank you to McDonalds for our water - it was real a lifesaver!!

Now we start planning for 2017!!

Our Nextdoor Minster Thanet website continues to grow at a steady rate and we've been discussing what to spend our £500 winnings on, so if you've already signed up and haven't yet given us your opinion then please take a few minutes to do so, then I can then let Nextdoor UK know what we intend to spend it on and they will release the funds. If you haven't yet signed up then be assured we'd love to see you there, remember however you must live within the parish boundary or you will be unable to apply to join (the software will check your postcode before it will allow your application). It is a closed

network, unlike Facebook, and messages can only be read by members. To sign up go to <https://nextdoor.co.uk> and use the invite code RYDEW, I look forward to welcoming you aboard. If for some reason this code doesn't work then just drop me an email, to [rayowen@gmail.com](mailto:rayowen@gmail.com), and I'll send you another link.

## **MINSTER AND MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

To all members of the Minster & Monkton Royal British Legion Women's Section.



It is with great sadness the 'Section' will close from Friday 30 September 2016.

This is our decision to close due to the uncertainty of our National status.

We have made the decision as many branches have already closed, not wishing to

become a District of the Royal British Legion.

We have been in existence since 1921 and feel we have been put on the scrap heap.

Anyone wishing to become a member must join the Royal British Legion,

enquiries to the Club.

We would like to thank you all for supporting us over the years to raise funds for Women's Section Charities.

From, Your Chairman and her Committee.

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## **MINSTER ARMOUITS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The next date on our event calendar is 20 August when we will be holding our quiz at the Royal British Legion. Ticket prices have been maintained at £5 per person and this includes a buffet. We

need teams of 6-8 people, but please note that booking is essential as this was a very popular event last year. Please ring Carol Bubb on 07745 683 466 to secure your table.

If you cannot bring a team, you can still contact Carol and you will be teamed up with other quizzers. The fun starts at 8pm sharp but please arrive at 7.30pm to settle in to the table allocated to you.

In September we are holding a Treasure Hunt in the village, full details of which will be given in the next Minster Matter's issue. Please note, that the date has now been changed from 11 September to 18 September. Again, it is

essential for prior booking so please ring Jamie or Ann Thomson on 01843 822 156.

Future events will be advertised at a later date.

Enjoy the sun.

## **MINSTER W.I.**

The final meeting before we 'broke-up' for the Summer was a jolly affair with lots of thank yous from President, Sarah Eaton-Brown, for all the help during Open Gardens weekend where a healthy profit was made both for the WI and the Church. Sarah also outlined plans for our part in the Minster Show on

Saturday 23 June.

The scheduled speaker cancelled and was replaced by Linda Warren with a most

entertaining and nostalgic talk about her career as a fashion designer in the 60s. She brought back many memories for the older members and delighted the younger ones

with her superb presentation. Thank you Linda!

With no meeting in August but bat-n-trap plus a fish and chip supper in the Rec on Friday 5 August for friends and families to look forward to – events in September

were

discussed, especially the trip to Windsor on Saturday 17th!

Minster WI, a very lively and varied-age group, meets every second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm and there is also a monthly walk, games evening, darts and a sunshine trip. The theatre group are also very active throughout the year so if anyone would like to see if it's for them then just come along to Minster Village Hall for a taster. Guests are always most welcome!

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**MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

Minster Show will have come and gone by the time this is published, but once again Minster Bowls Club took part organising the catering in the pavilion, a bric-a-brac stall, and a recruitment stand.

Our social calendar for the next few months looks like this Friday 23 September Song and Dance with Russ Pinder, Saturday 15 October Jazz with Tony Richards

Rascals, Friday 18 November Quiz Night, Friday 9 December Christmas Dance. These social evenings are open to members of the public, contact the club or a known member if you would

like to attend.

As always we are looking out for new members outdoors, short-mat, or both. Tuition from qualified coaches is given, for free, to anyone new to the game.

Brian Morpew, Hon. Secretary

[www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk)

## **OPEN GARDENS THANK YOU UPDATE**

It took a while to sort out the bills and collect out-standing money, but the final total raised was an amazing £5,800 towards the maintenance of our Parish Church. This will enable us to apply for



grants to carry out expensive repair work to the building. On behalf of St. Mary's Church I would again like to thank everybody who supported Open Gardens this year. The Gardeners all worked extremely hard and we are immensely grateful to them, and to all those that helped behind the scenes in any way. Well done to the WI who took on the challenge to provide extra refreshments. A special thank you too to Thanet Earth who donated 2 huge trays of perfect tomatoes; Monkton Nature Reserve and All Saints Church, Birchington, who allowed banners on their fences; the British Legion, the Saddler, the New Inn, Jemima's Locket, Hair of the Dog and the Corner House

for giving a donation to be on the map; and the Bell for hosting the Classic Car Exhibition. It was wonderful that the Abbey agreed to include their garden this year, and at the last minute were able to offer refreshments in the Parkminster tea rooms.

It was a fantastic weekend with the weather fine for most of the time and the atmosphere was warm, welcoming and friendly. We have had a lot of comments from people saying that the Village hospitality was great. Visitors loved the huge variety of gardens, the Scarecrows and the Classic Cars. It was also good to see the enthusiasm of the French party

invited by the Twinning Association, spending their spare time enjoying the event too.

**A SUPERB SUCCESS. THANK YOU!**

Pat Hogben, St.Mary's Church, Minster

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## **MINSTER SHOW GRAND DRAW**

A huge thank you to all the businesses and supporters who donated such generous prizes for The Show's Grand Draw. Also thank you to everyone who sold the tickets or spent the afternoon writing on them.

The money made from this draw is a main contribution to the running of The Show and it couldn't happen without you all!! Karen Brazil

## **“Lady C’s Visit to Minster”**

“Lady Clarinet” was created by Romany at our Art Studio in Acol. Since the Studio opened in March 2016, we have given opportunities to children and young adults, who have additional communication and learning difficulties, to enter local and national Art Competitions. Romany was given the chance to enter the Minster Scarecrow Competition 2016.

Over several Art Sessions Romany worked hard through some difficult processes to complete “Lady C” in time. Her confidence is growing with her creative ability. Through the competition Romany is also developing life skills such as working as part of a team, keeping to a schedule, completing artwork to a deadline as well as contributing to her local community.

Romany said “I was very happy to hear that I had won the Junior 1st prize for Lady C. I enjoyed taking part and walking around Minster with my Mum, looking at all of the other Scarecrows. Lady C is going to live at home with us.”

Our Saturday club also enjoyed the visit to the Minster Scarecrow Competition. The student's favourites were the Captain Hook and the Mermaid.

Real activities like this wonderful community competition are valuable for the young people who attend the Art Studio at Sandra Art4All. We are an inclusive, creative, safe learning environment. We offer rewarding and realistic experiences through a purposeful and meaningful creative practice.

In September 2016, we will be opening the after school Art Club and Childminding sessions. The small

groups will be for a maximum of five children. We will be able to pick your child up from school and drop them home. The Art session can also include a homework club.

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## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

### **Our September Production**

This year, instead of a full-length autumn production we are reverting to our format of one act plays. These allow more people to take parts and our actors and actresses to gain experience in shorter, although often demanding roles.

The three plays chosen this year are all comedies, each by a well-known playwright, Alan Bennett, David Tristram, and Constance Cox.

David Tristram's funny play has a cast of three men and two women, all early middle aged, and deals with the rut that they have got into and how they get out of it. The play by Constance Cox is a comedy with a cast of four women, liberated from the world's most manipulative man! Alan Bennett's play is a typical Bennett light comedy of social manners and missed intentions. This funny, ironic look at patronising bureaucracy originally starred Thora Hird as Mam, Hugh Lloyd as Dad, and



Julie Walters as June.

All three plays have a similar running time and will be presented with a short interval between each, to an audience seated at tables and invited to bring their own food and drink. There will be just two performances at the Village Hall on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September at 7.30. Tickets are £8 per person for tables of up to eight people. Why not make up a table with your friends and come along and join the fun?

These are funny, insightful plays by top playwrights

to be watched in a relaxed setting – do come and enjoy them.

The Box office is open on: 07501 894  
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or email: [info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

Do your children want to take part in our  
next Pantomime?

We are always looking for talented  
children of eight years of age or older  
who want to take a small onstage role in  
our pantomimes, and who can give up  
the time and

commitment to rehearsals and the shows.  
Contact [info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)  
giving their name, age, and contact  
detail, and we will get in touch with you  
when the auditions are set up.

## Chaperones

We like to have children in our pantomimes and they enjoy performing, but, like

everyone else, we are subject to very strict rules about the care and safety of the children involved. This primarily involves us in providing chaperones for the children during performances. This is a simple duty and might be attractive to anyone who would enjoy the involvement with the Playhouse in this capacity. If you would be interested in chaperoning children for our productions please contact us – we look forward to hearing from you.

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk  
info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk

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## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **OUR NEW PROJECT**

To purchase an “Ankle-Brachial Index” (ABI) screening device to help diagnose patients who suffer with “Peripheral Arterial Disease” (PAD). This is a circulatory problem where narrowing arteries can cause reduced blood flow to your limbs. Groups more likely at risk to PAD include those with Hypertension, Diabetes, Overweight and Heavy Smokers. The approximate cost of this

state of the art equipment is £1500 - £2000, dependent on model. Full details can be found on our notice board in the surgery.

## PRESENTATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT

A picture of the presentation of the new equipment purchased last month can be seen on page 25 of this magazine. We would like to thank all those patients and friends who attended the presentation and made donations to our project fund raising and whose kindness and support helped make it such a success, thank you everyone.

## SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU

## VACCINATIONS

Although at the time of going to press, we cannot confirm the actual dates, Vaccination Clinics will be held towards the end of September/October as usual. Appointments will be available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery. Eligible and “at risk”

patients will receive a reminder on their “Repeat Prescription List” and will be invited to make an appointment. If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception.

## IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Despite the fact that our weather doesn't

always agree, for many of us summer holidays beckon! So please remember to order your “Repeat Prescriptions” in good time, and most importantly, check whether your “Annual Review” is imminent. Please also

remember that our Healthcare Professionals take their holidays at this time as well, and our resources may be slightly stretched, so please make your appointments in good time and please ensure they are used appropriately.

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Oh dear back to square one! This sadly illustrates that sometimes our resources are not being used appropriately. Last

month 50 patients did not attend their doctor's

appointment and 56 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment. So that's still 106

patients wasting valuable appointments and time. Why bother making an appointment (difficult enough to do at times!) and not use it? Don't need it? Cancel it. Keep forgetting? Get our text reminder service.

**A SINCERE "THANK YOU" TO  
THOSE WHO DO CANCEL OR  
APOLOGISE!**



## FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patient responses to “Would you recommend our Practice” were as follows: Extremely likely/Likely - 90%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know -

4%

## SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00noon onwards on the following days: Bank Holiday - Monday 29 August - Closed all day.

Staff Training - Thursday 29 September:  
Wednesday 19 October.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions and check when their medication review appointment 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 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 you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
will be held on SATURDAY 26  
NOVEMBER.

As this is our most popular event, Tables  
are highly sought after, and are on sale  
NOW!

So please book early to avoid  
disappointment, as some have already  
been sold!

## PATIENT GROUP MEETING

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

or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

## **POLICE SURGERIES IN MINSTER**

Minster library the first Wednesday each month @ 1400hrs

PCSO Shaun Riches will be holding monthly surgeries for members of the public to come and speak to a local officer about your concerns on crime and antisocial behaviour **HOUSE CALLS FROM ATTWELLS**

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

We will call on you at your home in Minster, Monkton, Acol or St Nicholas

with a selection of greetings cards for you to choose from.

Just call Karen at Attwells on 821 363 and let us know what you require.

Don't lose your right to choose.

Also don't forget we stock office stationery, give us a ring before that trip into town, it could save you valuable time.

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## **MINSTER ABBEY SUMMER TOURS**

Monday to Friday 2.45pm to 4pm and

Saturday 11am to 12noon

No charge, everyone welcome

**MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL  
BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S  
SECTION**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 August 7.30pm

Pictures of a Summer Cocktail

Bingo , Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please contact

Miriam Smith on 822 589

## **Minster W.I.**

Next Meeting Tuesday 13 September  
with a talk on the Kent Air Ambulance –  
there is no meeting in August

## **Minster & Monkton Horticultural Society**

There is no meeting in August – next  
event is the Autumn Show on Saturday  
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September – next meeting Wednesday 21  
September

## **PICNIC IN PARKMINSTER**

Saturday 13 August 4pm to 7.30pm

£12 per person which includes  
Individual Picnic, Live Jazz Band, Cold  
Drinks, Coffee, Teas and Lots of Fun  
Tickets available from Parkminster Tea  
Rooms

**MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL  
BRITISH LEGION BRANCH**

**FAMILY OPEN DAY SUNDAY 21  
AUGUST**

**12 noon - DISPLAY BY THE VIPER  
CORP OF DRUMS**

**1pm - 2pm - CHILDREN'S  
ENTERTAINER - KAZAMATAZ**



(One of Kent's leading kiddies entertainers - not to be missed!!)

2.30pm - 5pm – THE FABULOUS ANNIE LOVE

(With Wartime Favourites and songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s)

5pm - 9pm - JOHN SMITH - SINGER/DISCO

B.B.Q. 2pm - 5pm Tombola Club Meat Raffle

EVERYONE WELCOME

# **SUMMER MARKET**

Saturday 27 August 10am to 4pm at St Mary's Church

Including a Strawberry Tea served in the churchyard or Old Schools if wet.

A good variety of stalls, entertainment whilst you browse, and a trail for the children Admission Free. Proceeds to St Mary's Church

# **ART EXHIBITION**

All Saints Art Group, Church House,  
Kent Gardens, Birchington

27, 28, 29 August 10am to 4pm

Refreshments, Tombola, Free Admission

## **ELVIS NIGHT AT THE SPORTSMAN**

Starring Cliff Castle

Friday 9 September 7.30pm Tickets  
£5pp available from the Sportsman

All proceeds to St Mary's Church  
Minster

## **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

### **AMBER'S ADVICE**

Enjoy the little things in life for one day  
you will look back and realise they were  
the big things!

### **TIGER' TIP**

Keep your toothbrush clean, fresh and

free from germs. Make a weak paste with water and bicarbonate of soda, soak toothbrush overnight and rinse in the morning.

## **ZAC'S MUSINGS**

Firstly I must say thank you to one of my biggest fans for the very kind present of doggy sausage rolls, they're delicious and great to play with before I eat them.

Hasn't it been hot, I can't sleep and I keep waking the old boy up and making him come back downstairs, even if we've only been in bed for 10 minutes or so. Why should he sleep if I can't?

Been watching over a family of young

robins in my garden, it's been really interesting watching them fledge, trying to catch the butterflies and moths and attempting to catch and eat the mealworms we'd put out for their parents, but oh see them bathing in the birdbath hilarious!

The new fly curtain on our back door is a pain the magnets keep catching me in the ear -

Grrrr!

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**CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE  
TIMES**

# **THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RAMSGATE AND MINSTER**

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone  
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &  
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road  
Ramsgate

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

**MINSTER ABBEY**

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

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

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

Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm  
(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but people of all faiths and spiritual tradition, all who

‘truly seek God’ (rule of St. Benedict) are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer, in our beautiful monastic chapel.

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER  
CORPS**



Church & Community Centre, Tothill St.

Major Trevor Green tel: 822 308 or 825  
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Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies  
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship  
Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers  
(Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group. We  
would love to pray for you. If you have  
any prayer requests please put them in  
letter box at the hall by Thursday  
morning and we will pray for you. Even

better come and join us.

10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

**ST MARY MAGDALENE  
MONKTON SERVICES IN AUGUST**

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10:15am Holy Communion (CW)

14 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

21 10:15am United Holy Communion  
with Methodists

28 10.15am Family Service

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

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

14 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

21 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

28 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

There are no midweek Services in  
August

Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to  
access Minster or Monkton Church  
Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

## Weddings at St Mary's

23 July Lauren Statham & Nikki Stroud

29 July Aileen Cooney-Nutley & James Scott

30 July Alexandra Simes & Benjamin Watson

## Baptism at St Mary's

3 July - Benjamin Edward Randolph Gray (14 months)

and Hein-Willem van Malkenhorst (9 months)

24 July - Jaxon Harry Guy Parker (10

months)

31 July - Natalina Maria Rose Baker (9 months)

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## **CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY 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

Email: [cldr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:cldr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk)

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown

Tel: 821 449

Email: [cldr-derek.crow-brown@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:cldr-derek.crow-brown@thanet.gov.uk)

District Councillor Ken Gregory Tel:

822 368 or 07850 233 359

Email: [cldr-ken.gregory@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:cldr-ken.gregory@thanet.gov.uk)

County

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE

Tel: 01843 841 956 or email:

[roger.latchford@kent.gov.uk](mailto:roger.latchford@kent.gov.uk)

Contacting your MP: Sir Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries for appointments and advice on urgent problems: Tel: 01843 848 588 (a.m. from 10.00) Fax: 01843 844 856 (24-hour) Web:

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Write:

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SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were



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Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

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