

## **WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2019 ISSUE OF MINSTER MATTERS**

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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 3 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. 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 : 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)

## **MINSTER SHOW RECEIVES HIGH PRAISE FROM LOCAL MP**

'Congratulations Minster on a great show and particular good wishes to Miss Minster and her Court for the rest of the Carnival season.

If you stayed at home and missed it, you lost out on an excellent event!'

Sir Roger Gale

### **VILLAGE VOICES CHOIR – what a debut!**

After anxiously watching the weather forecast, secretly wondering how on earth we were going to get to grips with an unknown sound system and on top of that, singing outside for the first time, we were left wondering why on earth we were worried in the first place. What a performance!

Village Voices out performed themselves. The fun, enthusiasm, community spirit, talent, love, pride, was all there in abundance and was totally infectious. The show-tent roof was almost blown far away, at times quite literally!

How do we put what we do and what we did into words? We can't; it's impossible. What has been achieved, whether personally or as a group, is completely indescribable.

Is it divine intervention? Is it luck? Has somebody sprinkled fairy dust upon us? Or is it just that many different things came together at one particular time and fortunately for us, gave something which could probably never be replicated? Who knows? All we know is that we turn up every week and we sing, laugh, cry, chat and practice and then we performed!

The Minster Show was our first audience and our debut performance was filled with so many wonderful things that to try and put what we did into words would almost spoil it.

If you were there, whether you took part or had a loved one that took part or if you were just a member of the audience, you will know exactly what I mean. We loved it and you loved it.

Our choir is magical.

Thank you!

*Debbie Forsyth*

### **TREK THE ALPS**

I have now trekked the Alps in support of the Salvation Army's work with victims of domestic abuse and modern slavery.

It was an experience I shall never forget and quite a challenge.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me and encouraged me to do this challenge.

Thank you to Karen and Jenny in Attwells for having the sponsor forms and thank you to Minster Cars for a safe journey to the airport and back.

Again, thank you for all your love, support and prayers.

*Angela Keeler*

### **MINSTER W.I.**

At our July meeting Inspector James Ross gave us a very interesting and informative talk about personal and home safety.

There are no meetings in August but we have our annual Bat and Trap evening with a fish and chip supper on the Rec on Tuesday 13th August.

## **OPEN GARDENS 15TH-16TH JUNE, 2019**

"Minster - What a lovely place to live!" - one of the many compliments heard.

Thank you to everyone who gave such a warm welcome to all the visitors who came to Minster on Open Gardens' weekend. 19 gardens opened their gates and generously allowed the public in. Their hard work and creativity did not go unnoticed and their enthusiasm and energy over the weekend was amazing. Thank you to those who took beautiful photos and to Minster Matters for publishing them last month.

The final total the gardeners raised was an amazing £5600 towards the maintenance of our Parish Church. This will enable us to apply for grants to carry out expensive repair work to the building. Our thanks also go to the Royal British Legion, the Corner House, the Hair of the Dog, Jemima's and Attwells for their contribution; and to Monkton Nature Reserve and All Saints Church Birchington for allowing us to display banners. High quality Ploughman's Lunches were on sale due to supplies from AJ Cliffe's and Green's in the village and a wonderful salad donation from Thanet Earth. The WI offered refreshments, alongside a beautiful car collection; Minster honey was on sale, along with a huge variety of plants and cuttings; and the Art Group displayed their work. The Twinning Association helped a French party set up a photographic display and introduced them to the gardens. And children were particularly thrilled by a greenhouse full of exotic butterflies and the excitement of discovering new potatoes under the soil! A wonderful village event.

On behalf of St. Mary's Church, we would like to thank everybody who supported Open Gardens this year and helped us maintain one of the focal points of our village, but especially the gardeners, without whom this event would not exist!

Thank you, Pat Hogben

## **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

Once again, the Club welcomed teams of four from the village to our Open Day. What a pleasure to see the young, the twenty-year old's and the more mature trying their best to master the game of bowls.

We are very grateful to our sponsor of the day, W S Cole & Son Ltd., for both providing the prize money and for entering a team in the competition.

The winners this year were John Bull's team "3 + 1", the two ladies playing for the first time ever were excellent, come back next year to win for a second time!

The "Coles" team put up a good fight just losing out in the final.

Well done to all who took part and made the day a great success.

The two charities that benefited from the prize money were Cancer Research and Prostrate Cancer.

### Bowls Diary Dates

**16 August** – Roll-Up from 4pm BBQ from 6pm £5pp

**27 September** - Lloyd Hollet - The Comedy Wordsmith

- 7pm for 7.30pm £8pp bring your own nibbles

**12 October** – Quiz 7pm for 7.30pm £2.50pp Bring your own nibbles

**6 December** – Christmas Dance 7pm for 7.30pm £5pp Bring your own nibbles

Glynne Hibbert, Hon Secretary, [secretary@minsterbowlsclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@minsterbowlsclub.org.uk) - 821221

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2019

Due to manufacturing difficulties and delays affecting all of NHS England, separate vaccination clinics will be held as follows:

FOR OVER 65s ONLY: Saturday 28 September - from 9am to 1pm.

FOR ALL PATIENTS: Saturday 19 October (*to be confirmed*)

Eligible and at-risk patients will receive a reminder via text, mail or post, but please note it is only possible to pre-book appointments for Saturday 28 September (for the over 65s) at present. Further information will be published on our notice board in the surgery when it becomes available. If you have any concerns about your eligibility or the availability of the vaccination please contact Reception.

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Thank you to all patients who take part and please continue to do so. We welcome your comments because, any feedback good or bad can help us to improve our service to all our patients. Last month responses to "would you recommend our Practice" were: Extremely likely/Likely - 91%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 5%; Unsure/Don't know - 4%.

### SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note the surgery will be closed for staff training on both Thursday 26 September and Thursday 24 October from 1pm onwards. The surgery is also closed all day on bank holiday Monday 26 August.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times and don't forget to include any of the family who may require repeat prescriptions, also 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 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.

### OUR 10TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER, same time, same place! As this is our most popular event, tables are highly sought after and are on sale NOW, many have already been sold so, please book early to avoid disappointment. If you have pre-booked a table please confirm it NOW! I know it's a bit early but its first come, first served!

### PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email: [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

## **PCSO's REPORT**

Here we are for another input of advice. This month I want to talk about burglary. Burglars are often opportunists who will target an open window, an unlocked door or valuables on display if they think they can get away with it.

Most burglaries happen on weekdays, in daylight, when you're more likely to be out. Simple things you can do to prevent becoming a victim are: keep keys, cash and expensive items out of view. Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your house look occupied. Keep all doors and windows locked and secure boundary gates. Lock away bikes and tools and garden items that may be used to break into your home.

You should also photograph expensive items for reference when you need to report an incident and where possible security mark items they can be marked with your postcode and house number. Keep expensive jewellery locked away in a safe or strong box.

For further advice and guidance ask to speak to your PCSO.

## **MINSTER ARMOUITS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

On Sunday 30 June at 6.00am a coach departed from outside Jemima's Tearooms with Minster residents bound for our twinned village of Armouits-Cappel. We were on our way to join in with our French friends to celebrate their annual Ducasse.

I think there was a fair amount of trepidation as to what the day had in store, but no one need to have worried.

After a very smooth crossing on the P & O ferry and a thirty minute journey from Calais to Armouits-Cappel we were met on arrival by members of their Twinning Association who ushered us into the Hotel de Ville (town hall) where we were given refreshments which included an amazing amount of locally made cream cakes (French patisserie is second to none). Now suitably refreshed we joined the village band and majorettes for a procession around the village, where we were welcomed by the citizens of Armouits-Cappel.

Returning to the town hall we were met by the Mayor and speeches were made by both him and Malcolm Bubb our Twinning Association Chairman. The Minster Princesses were also in attendance and they greeted the ensemble in their traditional way, after which the Mayor presented them with gifts. We finished the formalities with drinks and nibbles and more delicious cream cakes.

The Minster party were then taken across the road to the Village Hall to start an afternoon of food, drink and entertainment. The entertainment consisted of a magician plus various singers and musical groups throughout the afternoon.

All too soon it was time to board our coach for the journey home.

On arrival back in Minster everyone agreed that it had been an amazing trip and that our French hosts had gone the extra mile to make it a memorable day. In fact several of our group asked if it was possible to do it again in July.

The Chairman and members of the Minster Twinning Committee would like to say a big thank you to our French friends for cementing our friendship by giving us such a welcome and great hospitality. Long may the association of our two villages continue into the future. Our next Quiz night on Saturday 7 September is almost full but it's still worth phoning Carol on 07745 683 466 to see if any tables are available.

## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

### Autumn Play

Our September production this year is Clerical Errors, a comedy by Georgina Reid. This play examines a number of social issues, particularly homelessness, but also the issues of care of the disadvantaged and elderly and looks at these serious issues sympathetically and with wry humour. It poses many soul-searching questions about these problems and invites us to take a more charitable view of those in need, in the context of an uplifting story with a happy and optimistic ending. Clerical Errors is a gentle, relaxed play that you will leave with a light heart and a smile on your face. It is directed by Sally Reynolds and will be staged from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th September at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. You can book on the box office number which is 07501 894 381.

This autumn we will also be holding a 40th Anniversary Adult Revue at the Hall. It will be on Saturday 19th October at the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Tables of up to eight people at £8 a head

Bring your own food and drink.

Individual or table bookings can be made on 07501 894 381.

This Revue will be supporting our Charities of the year, the Marie Curie Cancer Support, and Macmillan Cancer Support both of which provided nursing care and support for Scott and Janette Steele, friends and fellow Playhouse members, during Scott's last weeks.

## **TEXTILE JOURNEYS**

10th Annual Exhibition of work by Village Textiles students, including those completing City & Guilds Stitched Textiles Embroidery and Machine Embroidery Levels 3 Diploma Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August from 10am to 5pm at Old Schools, Church Street, Minster

Admission £1.50 Tea, coffee and homemade cakes by "The Ladies of the Church" in aid of Church funds.

'Smartfrog' will also be attending, offering an exciting range of textile supplies

Further information from Barbara Inchley on 01843 847 705

## **Annual Summer Charity Fundraising Ball**

The Old Vicarage St Mildred's Rd

17 August £10 a ticket raising funds for Louie's Helping Hands

Tickets available from Attwells

**The NEW INN** are hosting a charity event for the British Heart Foundation on Saturday 10th August

There will be an 18 piece swing band 'The Goodwin Sounds' playing for very little money in an attempt to raise as much money as possible.

There is also a Free BBQ with all profits going to the charity.

Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause.

## **THE RURAL KENT COFFEE AND INFORMATION PROJECT POP UP CAFÉ and INFORMATION HUB**

New Inn Car Park - 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesdays: 13th August; 10th September; 8th October

Come along and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available, or you can just come in for a chat. Please help us spread the word. Everyone welcome, see you soon.

Can't get there under your own steam? Call us and we'll see if we can help.

Liza 07771 661 871 or Kathy 07341 737 041

## **OKTOBERFEST**

Saturday 2nd November 7 for 7.30pm Minster Village Hall

More details to follow - Minster WI

## **SEQUENCE DANCE CLASSES & TEA DANCE**

Every Friday at Minster Village Hall - Lessons from 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Tea Dance with tea & biscuits from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Everyone welcome - Couples or Singles - Come along and meet new friends

## **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

## **VILLAGE VOICES – COMMUNITY CHOIR**

Every Wednesday at the Salvation Army Hall

6pm til 7.30pm £1.50 per session

Everyone Welcome – If you love to sing, we'd love to see you there

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

## **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 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.

## **CLIFFSEND COFFEE MORNING**

Every Thursday from 10.30am 'til 12noon - Village Hall, Cliffsend

(Note - in May this will be moved to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> due to Elections on the normal days) - Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits

Just make a donation, no set prices.

**CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES**

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster - telephone 592 071

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

**Minster Abbey**

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

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

Vespers 6.00pm      Compline 7.50pm (followed by silent prayer)

**The Salvation Army Minster Corps Church & Community Centre**

Captains Luke and Katy Johnson telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Sunny Tots (birth to 5yrs) (term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm home league      Thursdays 9.15am prayer group

Sundays 10.30am family worship

**St Mary Magdalene Monkton      Services in August**

All Services this month will be held in Monkton Methodist Church

4      10.15am      Holy Communion

11      10.15am      Holy Communion

18      10.15am      Holy Communion

25      4.00pm      Seamark Service

**St Mary the Virgin, Minster      Services in August**

Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

4      9.00am      Holy Communion

10.30am      All-age Worship

6.30pm      Sung Evensong

11      9.00am      Holy Communion

10.30am      All-age Worship with Holy Communion

18      9.00am      Holy Communion

10.30am      All-age Worship

25      9.00am      Holy Communion

10.30am      All-age Worship with Holy Communion

A group for children and young people – 'Connections' – meets during services on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**Wednesday mornings at St Mary's**

10.30am - Holy Communion 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



**AMBER'S ADVICE**

Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other...

**TIGER'S TIP**

Quick shine on wood - olive oil and lemon juice in a 2:1 ratio. Use on wood surfaces and they will shine... (2 - olive oil ....1 - lemon juice).

**CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: [galerj@parliament.uk](mailto:galerj@parliament.uk) - write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - your readers this month were:-

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