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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council will be held on:
Tuesday, **7th December**, in the Neighbourhood Centre at **7 pm**.

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:-

9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays; telephone: 821339 fax: 825269

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Next month's meeting will be held on: Tuesday, **11th January 2011**.

EDITORIAL

Here we are with another Bumper issue, 32 pages for your delight and even then we've left a number of articles out. If it was something you sent into us, we apologise for omitting it, but the extra cost for even 4 more pages is quite a tidy sum and not one we could afford every month.

This is the final magazine before the New Year and as such it also sees us listing, on page 2, our new advertising rates which start with the next issue. Please be aware they will only affect present advertisers from when their next invoice is due.

We are very nearly there in our fund raising for the Braille Embosser/Printer, having just been given a further £500 from KCC by County Cllr Hibberd, now we are waiting for what we hope will be good news from the KIACC at Manston to complete our requirement to be able to make the purchase.

To those of you who may be worrying about household waste and recycling collections over the Christmas/New Year period, there is to be no change from normal collection dates except for Green Waste. TDC are operating normal working hours across the holiday period with the exception of Dec 25th/26th and Jan 1st. Green collections in the village will be made as usual on 17th Dec and not then again until 28th Jan.

I am pleased to be able to tell you all that Amy, my Co-Editor, who threatened to move out of the area earlier this year, has now decided to stay in Thanet (although not in Minster) and she has promised she will be continuing to most ably assist me in getting the magazine out on time, to you all, for the foreseeable future.

I've been out and about on the bike, plenty have seen me so it can be confirmed. However I am a little disappointed at some of the car drivers who don't give me enough room when overtaking, if they knew just how unsteady I was on it, they would give me a much wider berth I'm sure, certainly some of them really chance their paintwork and mirrors.

Now away from the bike and speaking as a car driver, I have a gripe, I get pretty upset when I stop to let traffic through and don't get so much as a nod in thanks, there are a lot of people around who seem to think they have a right to just keep coming and ignoring myself, or others, when we move over or flash them to allow them to continue. What does it take to show a bit of common courtesy and just raise your hand in thanks, to those who do then thank you very very much, to those who don't - try it it isn't hard and it makes others happy that their act of courtesy has been acknowledged. You might even find you like it and that it gives you a warm feeling and lifts your spirit.

Well space is getting tight now so I must just say a really big thank you to everyone who stops us and makes great comments about this little magazine of ours, myself and the team really appreciate your views, it brightens our day and shows us why we commit so much of our own time to putting it together for you.

So - A Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year to you all. We look forward to writing for you again in 2011, until then keep well, enjoy the festivities and don't forget your lonely neighbours and your animals.

Where's Zac ?

LOCAL NEWS

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- 9) The family of the applicant are employed in one of the Thanet Parishes.

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BT RACE TO INFINITY

This village still needs a great number of votes to be in with any sort of a chance of making it into the top 5 across the country, but we can still do it if enough of us make that final effort to get online and vote.

Voting closes on 31st December, so it really is important to get it done ASAP.

Remember it will affect every phone line on our exchange, (that includes Monkton) and **it is not** just those who pay BT for their service, it is **every** line

Go to: www.racetoinfinity.bt.com and vote now !!!

LOCAL NEWS

Minster Day Nursery Sensory Garden Opening and AGM

Monday 1st November saw the official opening of Minster Day Nursery's Sensory Garden and also their AGM. There was a good attendance and the Garden was officially opened by Paul Twyman –Chairman of Kent International Airport Consultative Committee. Mr Twyman said it gave him great pleasure to be invited to open the garden as he is a keen gardener himself and as Chairman of KIACC, who gave £1000 grant towards the building of it, he was pleased that the fines received by Thanet District Council for night flights from Manston were being donated to local organisations who would benefit.

The remainder of the money to build the garden was raised through fundraising by the committee and staff of the nursery who are very proud to have achieved this for their nursery.

The Nursery are currently making various improvements to the facilities and are hoping to be able to replace the outdoor multi unit and some of the rubber surface in the New Year. For more information about the Nursery please contact the Manager Allison Miglorine on 01843 821482

CIC (Cats In Crisis)

(Registered Charity number 1122296)

I foster cats and do voluntary work for Thanet charity Cats in Crisis. Cats in Crisis currently have approximately 150 cats and kittens for urgent rehoming. CIC take in elderly, sick, unwanted and abandoned cats and have a trapping service for strays etc. Some of the cats are feral and CIC is looking for help to find an outdoors location or stables where these cats could make a home.

If anyone feels they would like to give a loving, permanent home to any of the CIC cats/kittens, or know of stables available for ferals could they contact Mary Knott on Thanet 299295. If unable to offer a home it is possible to donate monthly by standing order to help with the work CIC does.

Many thanks, *Linda Byway*.

LOCAL NEWS

Community Warden

Well here we are about to celebrate another Christmas in Minster. I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity of visiting your local shops as they remained open for late-night shopping. This is traditionally a very successful event with lots of good things happening.

We have other things to look forward to such as the Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church which will take place on Tuesday 7th December so make a note in your diaries as this is another very popular evening for all those who attend.

Although this is a time of celebration and fun for most of us we must also remember there are some members of the community who may feel more vulnerable and lonely at this time, so if you know of anyone that might appreciate a call or a visit why not drop in on them or as always let me know and I will endeavour to get any support that might be appropriate. This is the sort of thing that helps make us a strong community.

While on the subject of community spirit and having concerns for each other, I wanted to share with you an incident that highlighted to me just how good you are in Minster at keeping a watch on each other.

I received a call from several concerned residents who told me that one of our residents had not turned up at his usual stop-off points and that it was unusual for him not be seen.

Myself and a local police officer attended but unfortunately the gentlemen had passed away. The point I'm making is that due to your concern for one of your own, we were able to get a quick response which in turn prevented any lengthy delay in getting the attention he deserved. I would like to thank those who called me at the time, but I'm not surprised as this is what Minster is all about and long may it continue.

Thank you all for your support this year which has been difficult for me at times and I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Merry Christmas.

Steve Taylor.

LOCAL NEWS

Vicar's letter

We had a very well supported "Always Remembered" service at Minster on 2nd November, ('All Souls' Day). It was, I hope helpful to those who came, but it is also a reminder that, for some, Christmas can be a very difficult and sad time as memories of Christmas shared with loved ones who have died come to the surface. I hope and pray that the wonderful message of Christmas will break through and help any who are grieving to feel connected with those they are missing.

St John, in his gospel, reminds us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The realization of the extent of God's love for us is one of the greatest gifts we can possibly have. It's a love we can know and respond to now, and look forward to experiencing in its fullness one day in the company of all the saints.

In the meantime, Christmas provides us with a fresh opportunity to show our gratitude to God as we share his love with others, and worship him, giving him thanks for the gift of Jesus. Two opportunities for us to do this as a community are the 'Gift Service' on 5th December with the donated material being distributed to school children in Africa, and our collection for Air Ambulance at the Lych Gate Civic Carol Service at 7.30pm on 7th December. I do hope that you will be able to join in some of the Christmas celebrations listed elsewhere in Minster Matters, and that this Christmas will prove to be a time of special blessing to you all.

Bob Coles

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT MINSTER

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There was a really good turn out in Minster for Remembrance Sunday. Starting with a parade from Minster and Monkton Royal British Legion through the village to a service at St Mary's church. This was led by the Ramsgate Militair Marching Band, followed by RBL members, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies and two ex-military vehicles.

After the service at the church it was back to the RBL club for a wonderful buffet lunch and hot soup. Minster people were joined by our French comrades from Armbouts Cappel, and members of the Margate RBL.

Everyone seemed very impressed with the display of tributes. This display is part of an on-going project by Steve Philpott who puts a great deal of work into researching the facts about local men who fought and died in the great wars, and this work is a credit to him. Also displayed were uniforms, weaponry and other war memorabilia. There was even a tribute to our brave men and women who are still in Afghanistan.

MM would like to say well done to all the people who put so much effort into making this a very memorable day, even the rain eased off for the march to the church.

Congratulations to all the people who worked so hard on Sunday 14th November for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service, I think it was the best ever to date. The Service was excellent and the Church was full to bursting.

The exhibition at the British Legion Club after was very well presented and must have taken Steve Philpott and Co. many hours of research. Well done Steve.

The FREE Buffet was wonderful, thanks go to Julie Beany and Sam Card for their hard work, again "Well Done Minster"!

Miriam Smith

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES A FUTURE

There are many schools in Africa and around the world that have little or no reading or writing material. Sometimes the only person with a book or writing material is the teacher.

Tools with a Mission (TWAM) are working with these schools to provide individual 'Scholar Packs' for each child to help with their learning.

Plastic document wallets are supplied by TWAM and you are invited to fill them with the following new items and take them along to the Gift Service on Sunday 5th December:

- A4 Writing Pad
- Pack of Pencils and Biro Pens
- Pack of Colouring Pencils, not felt tip
- Geometry Set. i.e. ruler, protractor and square.
- Rubber and Pencil Sharpener
- Small Calculator

You may like to make up a wallet with a friend.

The plastic wallets can be collected in advance from the church, or you can place your items in them 'on the day'.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to help with packaging, shipping and distribution, special envelopes are available.

Any further information can be obtained from

Rev'd Bob Coles (821250) or Rev'd Peter Gausden (825374)

BIG REWARDS FOR GREAT OAKS SMALL SCHOOL

Students of Great Oaks Small School near Minster, Ramsgate celebrating their richly deserved awards presented by Dr Rosemary Dunn FRSA at the School on Friday 5th November.

This event also coincided with the School's 9th birthday marked by a magnificent cake and a fireworks display.

The evening opened with a welcome from the two school leaders Matthew Goldsmith and Sabina Hawkthorne.

Dr Dunn addressed students, staff, parents, carers and friends and told stories illustrating a pathway to achievement in life, including having the courage to take what seems to be a huge step. She also underlined that we can achieve great things when we don't fit "the mould" because we bring new perspectives to situations.

Liz Baker (Head of School) thanked all the assembled company and everyone associated with the GOSS Community for their greatly valued support during the last year, especially staff who work so tirelessly to help students achieve their goals be it in GCSE, A Level, Duke of Edinburgh, Life Saving, sports and many other successes."

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Well, we held our AGM and it was well attended – by the existing committee and friends and two new people! We still have nobody to run the proposed 100 club, but we do have a new committee member and she is very welcome. Otherwise the committee remains the same. Thanks to everyone for offering to continue their posts. Tammy Kentfield gave a very enlightening talk on the link with the school at Armbouts Cappel and how she wishes to increase the educational value of the school's trip to France. The Twinning Association was able to offer support to her ambitions, along with the hope that the French school will reciprocate.

Representatives from France attended Remembrance Sunday and went on to the Bowls Club, where hopefully yet more links were established.

We have had to cancel the original race night date, but watch this space to find out when it will be now. The newly renovated giant will be around on 26 June – so again watch this space.

Our next committee meeting is to be held at the Royal British Legion Club on 13 January 2011 at 7.30 pm and the new committee (well the old one plus one) invite any and all villagers to attend.

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

October's " Dabble Days" were thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part and tried their hands at Barge Painting, Salsa Dancing, Flower Arranging, Gentle Exercise, Friendly Plastic and Card Making. A cooked lunch, with choices of main courses and puddings, was organised by Marion Rose, assisted by a band of helpers.

November's meeting was our AGM when the committee for 2010-11 was elected with Joan Backler and Marion Rose remaining as President and Secretary respectively. Joan gave her President's Address, thanking all committee members for their hard work. Marion outlined the past year's activities in the Annual Report, and the Treasurer presented the accounts. Table quizzes, cheese and wine, tea and cakes, rounded off the evening.

December's meeting on Tuesday, 14th December, will be our Christmas Party for current members and official guests only. The time will be 7pm for 7.30pm at our usual venue, the Village Hall;. Members who were not at November's meeting are reminded to bring a contribution of food to share, but not crisps or nibbles.

The next meeting to which visitors and new members are welcome to attend will be on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Peter Warr who will give a talk on charity work in Tanzania. Don't forget to support "Bring and Buy" that evening.

Meanwhile, we take the opportunity of wishing all members and Minster residents A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

MINSTER SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee wish to say a very big thank you to all of you who came and supported us at our recent AGM.

From that it has been agreed "The Show Will Go On" albeit overnight security will be much tighter in future years.

So please make a special note in your diaries that on Saturday 23rd July 2011 we will be staging the 125th Minster Show.

We are already planning for this event and are at present looking for an 'Opener' so if you know of any well known personality that might agree to come along, preferably for free, then please let us here at MM know.

Is there anything you'd like to see us have at the show, H&S and Insurance permitting ? We are open to ideas for this and future shows so get your thinking caps on and give us your thoughts.

Our next committee meeting is on 14th January, so if you have anything you'd like us to discuss then please contact MM or Karen in Attwells with your thoughts and/or ideas.

If you'd like to look back at last year's show, or an even earlier one, then visit our website at www.minstershow.org.uk. We are always in the market for more pictures and memorabilia to add to our growing collection.

That's about it for 2010, there's just time and space enough for the Committee to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2011, at the Show.

Ray (on behalf of the Show Committee)

MINSTER SCHOOL PFA

It is with regret that Minster School PFA decided to cancel this year's firework event. We are aware of the disappointment that this has caused around the village. The decision was not taken light-heartedly.

It takes weeks of preparation to put on an event like this and lots of running around and organising by the very few members that are on our team. We are a small group of parent helpers at the school, who give up a lot of our free time to raise funds for the school and that our children will benefit from.

The decision to cancel this year's event was due to high rising cost, and also insurance. We could stretch to cover the insurance (but took the risk of running the event at a loss) but there were doubts in the cover regarding boundaries. We could not guarantee that we could adhere to the boundaries and distance, which in the case of an incident happening would make the insurance null and void. We put the safety of the spectators as a priority and therefore, much to our disappointment, we decided to cancel.

We have had a lot of feedback from parents and from villagers who are always there to support us. We are looking at raising more funds towards the event for next year.

We look forward to your support at our Christmas Fayre this year, being held at the school on the 3rd December 3.30 – 5.30pm. There will be a BBQ and refreshments on sale, so come along and grab yourself a hot chocolate, buy a raffle ticket, see our snow machine, and soak up the atmosphere of Christmas. I have heard that Santa maybe paying us a visit himself at this event.

We are always on the lookout for helpers for our events; any free time that you can spare is very much appreciated. We're in need of sponsorship, fund raising ideas, AND DONATIONS for our Christmas raffle!!!! If you would like to support us in any way, or give up just a small amount of your time to help at any of our events, we would love to hear from you. Please leave your contact details at the school office and one of our team will contact you

Thank-you for your support, *Alison Jefferson, Vice chair*

MINSTER CAT CARE

Sandra Barrett and all the volunteers at Minster Cat Care would like to thank customers for their generosity of donated items and their custom during 2010 and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Minster Cat Care operates independently of, but along with, other animal charities in Thanet. To remind customers, old and new, our little Tardis of a shop in the High Street (our main source of fund raising), has been open since 2004, and funds are then put back into the community by way of providing improved animal welfare, not necessarily just for cats, in Minster and the near surrounding area. Our wide scope includes assistance with emergency veterinary care and a neutering programme which aims to ensure that the local population of cats is kept at manageable levels.

The shop is open in the mornings, 9-1 Monday to Friday and 9-12 on Saturday; should you see an item/s in the shop that you wish to buy when we are closed, please pop a note through the door, detailing the item/s, your name, when you can collect and pay for them and we will be happy to reserve them for you. Donations can be delivered to the shop during opening hours but we can also arrange collection at other times, by prearrangement, should that be more convenient.

So that we carry on with our work into 2011, we would appreciate your continued support by your generous donations, in particular of clothes, of any condition (with the exception of duvets and pillows, please), along with any other items you no longer use but you think someone else could. Although we cannot accept large furniture into our very small shop, we can consider selling these items by other means (please ask). Overflow storage facilities are always needed, if anyone can assist.

We also always need pet food donations, where possible - this could just be the sachet flavours that fussy pets just won't eat in the mixed packs that tend to clog up your cupboards!

We always have loads of bargains in the shop including: our ever popular 50p clothes rail (added to every day!), other clothes and shoes starting at £1, most paperbacks at 25p and most hardbacks at 50p. However, as Jennie, our Wednesday and Friday volunteer, dresses the window with such finesse, new customers looking through the window often don't even realise that it's a charity shop!

Finally, we have some exciting raffle prizes for our December raffles including: a Hornby Scalextric Set worth around £30, a Next gift card for £25 (this could be redeemed at Westwood Cross for a Christmas top, Christmas cards/wrapping paper or a household item, perhaps), a beautifully gift wrapped Lush goodie box worth £15 (smells divine, so you may want to keep this one girls!) and a Boots gift card for £15 – all will make fantastic presents for Christmas – so please support us each time you come into the shop by buying some raffle tickets, if nothing else, as every little helps!

Although we appreciate there are other very worthy causes out there, we like to think that Minster Cat Care holds a special place in the Minster villagers' hearts.

YOUR LETTERS

'Rec' Outing Ruined

I often tell my family how enjoyable it is to live in Minster and during the school half term I wanted to show this beautiful village off. My daughter brought my grand daughters over and we went down to the "rec" to walk my dogs and let the girls play on the swings. We were having a lovely time till we realized that my grand daughter had sat in dog pooh! The only places she had sat was the slide and swing. I hope that it was accidentally left there and someone did not deliberately put it on the toys. It still does not detract from the fact that someone DID NOT CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOG!!!!

If you are clever enough to have a dog then surely you're clever enough to clean up after it. You are responsible for what goes in the head end so be responsible for what comes out the tail end. When my dogs go to the toilet my two year old grandson goes to fetch a "pooh bag" so if a two year old can do it why cant others?

Needless to say the outing was ruined and we had to return home to clean up her shoes and wash her clothes. She was very upset by what happened and doesn't want to go on another swing or slide until its been checked. I hope she grows out of this!!

(Name and Address Supplied)

The Salvation Army, Minster Corps

I am not a member of the Salvation Army, but I have many friends in the village who are. I was invited to a Music Festival, by the Young People's Choir and Band of the Canterbury section.

I was overwhelmed by the talent of these young people, one young girl no more than nine years played the flute so beautifully. A young man played on the trumpet, so talented, unbelievably so. Others sang and their sound was so beautiful. The band as a whole was as good to listen to as any I have heard before anywhere.

In all a heart warming experience, and I am grateful for having been asked to attend. *Yvonne*

Plea for Help !

If you have a old, unused caravan that you would be willing to donate for someone to use, please contact Mrs Val Hope on Minster 823830. *Thanks!*

THANK YOU

Royal British Legion Women's Section... As Chairman of Minster and Monkton British Legion Woman's Section I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all that took part in the 'Remembrance Day Parade and Service'. It was so nice to see so many marching especially the Cubs and Brownies which after all are our future.

D.P.Smith

Carnival Association.... On behalf of Minster Carnival Association we would like to thank everybody for their support towards the Committee, Miss Minster and her Court. We would also like to say thank you to the Court, Paige, Anjelica, Feyya, Megan and Hannah (who stepped in and helped) for all the effort they have put into this year.

Gossip Shop... Thanks to all our customers for their support and here's wishing you all a Very **MERRY** Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Teresa

Flo Fright.... would like to thank all the people who have kindly given her wool. Throughout the year she has knitted numerous children's hats, scarves jumpers and cardigans, which at Christmas time are collected by "Mustard Seed Relief Missions". The hats and scarves go in the Mission's "Love in a Box" Christmas Appeal, the jumpers and cardigans distributed by the Mission as part of their humanitarian aid. Over the past years the children's "Love in a Box" and aid, has gone to Romania, Croatia, Serbia, Moldova and the Ukraine. Flo hopes to continue knitting, and again says Thank You to everyone.

Audrey and Shirley... would like to say thank you for your support also the superb raffle prizes received for our Charity Dance on Saturday 26th November.

We are pleased to say the money raised will go towards the Christmas Lights in the Village. **Our next dance is March 19th 2011.** Shirley and Audrey would like to wish all our friends a Happy Christmas AND A Healthy New Year.

Minster Scouts... would like to thank those that gave a good response to the boot fair event that sadly we had to cancel due to the Rec being waterlogged.

Barbara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Minster & Monkton Royal British Legion Branch would like to make it known that the CLOSING DATE FOR SUBS RENEWALS IS THE 30th NOVEMBER 2010.

Shortly after this date all membership cards will be returned to Headquarters for their attention and discretion.

MINSTER CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION SELECTION DANCE

*Girls *Girls - Minster Needs You! - *Girls *Girls

Will you be a minimum of 14, or under 20,
by the end of June 2011?

Then why not come along to the Selection Dance for a chance to enjoy a really exciting year representing the village across Kent and into France as a part of the Village Carnival Court.

You can be assured of some great days out and some really interesting experiences that will see you as ambassadors for Minster.

To be in with this chance of a lifetime just turn up on the evening, entry is free to anyone taking part.

Saturday 12th February 7.30pm, at Minster Village Hall

Admission for no-entrants is £3.50

Tea and Coffee available otherwise please bring your own drink.

All the staff at the Library wish the residents of Minster
a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

POLICE ADVICE

Police are reminding drivers that during frosty conditions leaving your vehicle to defrost, with the keys in the ignition, can affect your car insurance validity.

This is intended for people who start their vehicle, on their drive or on the road, to warm up the engine and defrost the vehicle.

People often return into their house, for whatever reason, and that can result in the theft of or the theft from a vehicle with the result being that drivers are then not able to claim for any losses, from their insurance company, again due to the keys being left in the ignition.

Our advice is not to leave your vehicle unattended whilst the keys are in the ignition at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY MARGUERITE WALTHO 1932 - 2010

Following her degree at Goldsmith's College, University of London, Dorothy made teaching not a career, but a lifelong passion for passing on her knowledge to 1000's of children in Thanet. First at Minster School, then Newington Junior School. Today many pupils now in middle age, still say Mrs. Waltho!

Dorothy and Peter first came to Minster in the late 1950's later settling in Watchester Lane with their children Julian and Helena in the 1960's. Dorothy joined in the village activities, the WI, plays in the old village hall. Her interests were varied, East Kent Ramblers, National Trust, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, and the Dickens Players, either acting or directing the plays. A couple of sentences were not in her vocabulary "I can't do it" and "that will do". Dorothy did and expected everyone else to work to the best of their ability.

Peter who was Head of Art at Charles Dickens School used his skills by designing and painting the scenery for many plays. In recent years Dorothy and Peter were part of Minster Open Gardens, a couple of weeks before the event, days were spent tending shrubs, de-heading flowers, cutting grass and trimming hedges. Peter's artistic talent was used. He could place a few flint stones, some metal and a twisted piece of wood bark into an eye catching display.

The first year was a great success, the following year Dorothy was very concerned, a shrub had to be removed, some flowers did not bloom. Going into a neighbour's garden for a chat, she saw the ideal substitutes for the bare patches - 4 large pots of Hosta's, the pots were taken down to No. 11 in a wheelbarrow and put into place. Dorothy and Peter smiled when visitors admired the tubs and asked "how did they keep them slug free?", Dorothy replied with a smile, "we have our methods"!

A celebration of Dorothy's life was held at Minster Church on 4th November when a congregation of around 150 listened to relations and friends recalling memories of her which enriched the lives of so many children and adults.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MOLLY COOPER

Ex-Minster resident Molly Cooper who lived in Minster for over 80 years celebrated her 100th birthday on 17th November. She moved to Lutterworth in Leicestershire just over 2 years ago to be nearer to her daughter, Christine.

She spent her Birthday celebrating with friends and family and certainly still had a twinkle in her eye while she sipped her bubbly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't lose your right to choose!

If you are housebound, we will deliver a selection of Christmas Cards for you to choose from. Please phone Attwells 821363

ON THE PASSING OF FRANCES OF RIVERS COURT.

Frances

We'll all think of you, oh! little one.

We'll think of you, you were a lot of fun.

When your dear brother Norman was here.

You took care of him, you were a dear.

You never wanted any fuss.

Your dear niece, Wendy, came over on the bus.

Wendy brought you each week, your shopping.

Your famous niece other times did pop in.

Brenda, her name, has film star fame.

Now, my dear Frances, save us a seat.

One day in the future, again we will meet.

Yvonne

I have a new book titled Aotearoa (The Land of the Long White cloud) New Zealand. I am going to have to charge £3.99p to cover the cost of the cartridges etc., and I hope to donate something again to the school garden, if the sales permit.

Yvonne

SCHOOLSCRIPT

Editors this month are: Georgia McGuirk and Emily Spain

FOOTBALL

We have lots of football tournaments and games. We are very lucky to have an All weather pitch and to have a brilliant P.E teacher, that help us learn football and he does not judge on how far you can kick a ball or how hard he just votes on are concentration and use of dribbling. The girls have a couple of matches on Saturday hopefully we will win.

by Rebbecah Stone and Georgia Elks

HOLLISTER

Hollister is a really cool clothes shop at Bluewater Shopping Centre and it is quite different because it is very dark in the actual shop and it is more like a big market because of all the sections it has. When i went there, we had to queue up to get in because they can't have too many people in there at once otherwise you might bump into people. Go there soon,

Olivia Brewer x

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas !
Everyone loves Christmas.
Red nose reindeer.
Red and blue sparkles on the baubles.
You and I love celebrating Christmas.
Christmas crackers on the table.
Ho Ho Ho!
Ribbons on all the presents.
Icicles on the windows.
Santa will soon be here!
Tinsel on the tree.
Mummies are cooking the dinner!
Angels in the sky.
So come and join the celebration!

By Madeleine Witham and Lori Wright

SCHOOLSCRIPT**ANTI BULLYING**

At Minster School this week we've been learning about how to stop bullying. We have also been learning about how to react to bullies and what to do if you or someone you know is getting bullied. We've been listening to stories about people that have been bullied and talking about them in class.

We can only stop bullying if we all work together and that is what we are going to do at Minster School, so everybody is happy and safe.

By Maisie Mac

WINTER HAIKU

Grounds are frosting up,
Winters moon is coming now.
Days are getting cold.

SEASON TANKA

Different climates,
Spring is first in the seasons,
Summer is here now,
Today leaves fall in autumn
Winter comes in December.

SUMMER HAIKU

Going to the beach,
Sun cream is being put on,
Days are very long.

NIGHT TANKA

Stars come out at this time,
The moon lights up the sky now,
Street lights are now on

by Thomas Hulks

CATHEDRAL DAY

On the 17th of November year 6 went to Canterbury Cathedral. We did lots of fun things like making books, dancing, doing plays, painting and making shields of arms. We made a banner and Rinah and Izzi carried it down the aisle. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

By Penny Curry and Rinah Hauptfleisch

SCHOOLSCRIPT**ANNE FRANK**

Anne Frank was born on 12th June 1929. Anne's family were Jews. On her 13th birthday she was given a diary which she named Kitty. Her Dad was called Otto and her Mum Edith. Her sister Margot was older than her by three years. Her family went into hiding for two years! Sadly she died in a concentration camp called Bergen Belsen at the age of fifteen. Her father was sent to a different concentration camp called Auschwitz and her father was the only survivor of the Frank family. He was given Anne's diary when he returned home and after the end of World War Two he published the diary.

By Rinah Hauptfleisch & Penny Curry

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!!!

Merry Christmas everyone!!

Everyone come and celebrate!

Really it's the best time of year.

Ready to wrap up presents.

Yule logs waiting to be eaten!

Come on everyone!

Ho ho ho says Santa Claus!

Ready or not I'm coming!

I think he's left us some presents, lets go and look.

So excited, I can't wait till Christmas day!

Time to give the presents out.

Merry Christmas!

And have a great day!

Seasons greetings to one and all!!!!!!

By Mollie Mumby

WHAT'S ON

CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

The Civic Carol Service held annually around the Christmas Tree beside the Lych Gate is to be held on Tuesday 7th December at 7.30pm
Donations made on the evening will go to the Kent Air Ambulance Appeal.

CALLING ALL DADS/LADS/LASSES....

Fun new course starting in February - Taster sessions throughout January
'Figure It Out'

FREE Dads/Lads & Lasses Football Course With Adult Education
based at Margate Football Club (Children Age 7 - 12)

This course is aimed at dads & lads improving both their football skills as well as their maths skills!

The course runs over 4 weeks and involves a mixture of family football fun as well as some individual football coaching for the kids, family maths games and other maths tasks looking at league tables and other material relating to football. The finale for completing this 4 week course will be free tickets to watch a live match at Margate!

Have some fun while learning new skills!

Come along and find out more at one of our taster sessions on 15th, 22nd or 29th January 10-00-12.00

Four week course Starts on 12th Feb & continues on 19/02, 5/3 & 12/3
(Not on 26th as half term)

For more information or to book onto a taster session call Debbie McLening
07827970579 or email deborah.mclening2@kent.gov.uk

Coming to Minster school in January - New Start for 2011!!!

New FUN Family Multi Skills Course Starting on Wednesday 12th January
3.30 - 4.30 for five weeks year one upwards everyone welcome

Come along and try new skills each week, team games, keep fit and lots more.

To book your place call Debbie McLening 07827970579 or email
deborah.mclening2@kent.gov.uk

or Contact Ali Gillat Family Liaison Officer on 07754590997 / 01843 821384

MINSTER CHURCH AND MONKTON CHURCH

Hold a Gift Service on 5th December

Both Minster (10am) & Monkton (10.15am) will be holding a Gift Service this year on 5th December and we invite your participation. This is a change from our recent Toy services.

WHAT'S ON

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE EAST KENT WITH SWALE AREA

Training Course

Awareness in Bereavement Care

Accredited Course

Course starts on 26th February 2011 for 9 Saturdays during March and April, completing on 7th. May 2011

Venue:

Sittingbourne Memorial Hospital, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4DT

Your opportunity to-

- Learn Counselling skills
- Develop specialised bereavement awareness
- or become a Cruse Bereavement Care Volunteer

Cost £250

Find out more

Contact: telephone numbers 01795 844069 Or Mobile No, 07855 750 890

e-mail EastKentwithSwale@cruse.org.uk

Cruse Bereavement Care. Room 3. Jagow House. Millstrood Road,
Whitstable, Kent. CT5 3PS 01227 639 745

WHAT'S ON**MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS**

'Alladin'

From 1st to 4th December, at 7.30pm

(matinee performance on Saturday 4th December at 2.30pm)

At the Minster Village Hall

"Find the honest but stupid son of a washer-woman and you'll be rich beyond your wildest dreams". It sounds like a simple enough task, but you wouldn't believe the trouble it's causing me.

That foolish boy Aladdin is so busy chasing after his beautiful princess that he's no use at all to me. Even a dose of Abanazar's Miracle Pills, sold to him by my faithful henchmen Abdul and Ming Varz have failed to bring him to his senses. As for Aladdin's mother, the Widow Twankey – well, she thinks I'll be her next husband and is forever chasing after me with a pair of recently laundered long johns !

I had hoped that with the Genie of the Ring on my side all would be well, but he seems more interested in plotting his escape to freedom. Whoever heard of such a thing?!

My evil plan to become rich and famous is in serious danger of failing. I hear, though, that the villagers of Minster will be coming along to help me out. All I need you to do is boo my enemies, cheer on my friends and warn them of danger when they venture into dark and dangerous caves. You can do that for me, can't you? (And if you don't, I'll turn you all into toads)

From your friendly baddie - Abanazer.

Tickets are available by calling 01843 220208, priced £6 (£5 concessions) and with a "Buy One Get One Free" offer on Wednesday night.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

RUN UP TO CHRISTMAS AND BEYOND!

NOVEMBER 2010

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Get switched on for Christmas at Birchington's Big Weekend
Birchington lights up on Saturday 27th November with its big switch-on and
Christmas parade. Join the carol singing and other seasonal festivities to
get you in the mood for the following:

SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

11am, Quex House, Birchington
QUEXMAS GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR
FREE ENTRY

This year's Christmas Fair at Quex promises to be a bumper event with over
50 stalls offering gifts in abundance - jewellery, floral displays, soaps, cakes,
confectionery, wooden toys, books, prints and more.

Quex House will be open and dressed for a Victorian Christmas and there will
be choral singing by Birchington School and the Quexmas singers.

Santa is due to arrive by horse and carriage at 11.15am and may be visited
in his grotto throughout the day. Special activities for children include face
painting, card making, lino printing with local artist Hugh Ribbans, and
a find-the-reindeer trail through the museum.

Weather permitting, Quex Carriages will be offering carriage rides, and
Friends of Quex will provide such seasonal refreshments as mulled wine, and
mince pies, as well as tea, coffee and cakes.

The museum gift shop will have a special range of gifts for £3 for children to
buy and have them secretly gift wrapped for that special person.

DECEMBER 2010

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

3.30pm - 5.30pm, Minster CEP School

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Come along and support us, you may even see Santa pay us a visit!

Refreshments, BBQ, raffles and stalls a plenty.

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER

11am, The Salvation Army

SERVICE OF APPRECIATION FOR ALL

Community Shop Volunteers

All Welcome!

TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

7pm Doors open, Thanet Quilters

Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Free Entrance, Free Refreshments,

Super Raffle as well as a wonderful selection of Christmas Gifts. A Craft

Fayre with a Difference!

Friday 10th December

8pm, The Bell Inn Minster

CHRISTMAS QUIZ & SUPPER NIGHT

In Aid of the Kent Air Ambulance

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER

10am-12noon, Mothers Union, Old Schools

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come and join us for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie (coffee also available).

Raffle - Cakes and Preserves - Gifts and Card Stalls.

All Welcome

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

11am, The Salvation Army

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

All welcome!

11.15am, Minster Abbey, in St Benedict's Room

ST LUCY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

In Aid of the people of Pakistan who are being persecuted

for their Christian beliefs

Refreshment proceeds will go to **THE COMBAT STRESS APPEAL**

2.30pm, Snowdown Colliery Band,
Village Hall, Minster
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Entrance £2.50
Raffle - Teas
Father Christmas may make an appearance!
Proceeds for The Pilgrims Hospice

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2010
6pm, The Salvation Army
CORPS CAROL SERVICE
All welcome!

6.30pm, St Mary's Minster
TRADITIONAL CHRISTINGLE
Celebrating Jesus, the Light of the World

CHRISTMAS EVE (FRI 24TH DEC)
4.30pm, St Mary the Virgin: Minster
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL
'Away in a manger'

CHRISTMAS DAY (SAT 25TH DEC)
10.30am, The Salvation Army
FAMILY WORSHIP
All welcome!

12 noon, The Salvation Army
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Please let us know if you will be or know anyone else who may be on their own Christmas Day, and would like to join us for lunch at The Salvation Army, Minster. Any donations towards Christmas Lunch please also contact Audrey on 821792

BOXING DAY (SUN 26TH DEC)
11am, The Salvation Army
INFORMAL WORSHIP

JANUARY 2011

SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY 2011

The Salvation Army

In 2011, The Salvation Army in Minster is celebrating its 125th Anniversary.
Watch out for various events to celebrate this occasion.

The first being: A BEETLE DRIVE

(see S.A. Noticeboard for more details nearer the time)

7.30pm, Minster Playhouse, Village Hall

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Bring your own Refreshments

“Who Killed The Director”

Come and Enjoy our evening of “Who Dunit” and try and guess

Who Killed the Director

Tables of Eight £6.00 per person

Telephone Janette on 01843 822458

SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY 2011

6pm, The Salvation Army

**UNITED SERVICE FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY.**

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Tuesday 14th December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Christmas Party for current members and invited guests only.

Visitors and new members welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

Thursday 16th December in the Village Hall Committee Room

From 10.00am to 12.00noon. All welcome

2011 MEETING

Tuesday 11th January, 7.30pm in the Village hall

Speaker Peter Warr: "Bring and Buy" table

Visitors and new members welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT

Thursday 20th January in the Village Hall Committee Room

From 10am - 12noon *All Welcome*

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Monday 13th December at 7.30pm

Decorate a Log for Christmas

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information Miriam Smith 822589

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING **Wednesday 19th December**

Village Hall 7.30pm

Speaker Denis Golder will be giving a talk on the care and exhibiting of Daffodils. The monthly points Competition is a photograph of a Daffodil.

All visitors are welcome 50p

SOUP ON WEDNESDAY

12.00noon to 1.00pm, In the Old Schools. *All Welcome*

MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a "Cuppa" and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome. Joan Cordwell - phone 823782

NOTES & EVENTS

MOTHERS UNION

Next Meeting **Wednesday 8th December**

2.00pm at 11 High Street by kind invitation of Heather

All welcome

“Wave of Prayer”

will take place on Wednesday January 5th, 2011 at 3.30pm

A copy of the service will be given to each member to read in their own homes.

2011 MEETING - 9th February, 2pm in Church

DEANERY QUIET MORNING

February 14th 2011, 10.30am at St. Mary's, Minster;

This will be led by Bishop Trevor the Bishop of Dover. Soup and Rolls will be served afterwards. -

All welcome.

SATURDAY MARKET

February 12th 10am - 12noon in The Old School (weather permitting).

NO MARKET IN JANUARY.

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Will be closed until March 2011

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Next date 19th **December and 30th January**

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact

June Chadband on **226033** or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

AMBERS ADVICE

“HAPPY CHRISTMAS” Love from “AMBER” xx

TIGERS TIP

“HAPPY CHRISTMAS” Hope my Tips have helped over the year.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Christmas 2010 !!!

Cake - Ham – Biscuits, to name but a few of the treats I might just be given

2011 DIET !!

CHURCH NEWS

Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster

Rev. Bob Coles, 821250

Sunday Services In
DECEMBER 2010
JANUARY 2011

5th December

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Gift Service

6.30pm: Advent Service of Light
at St Nicholas-at-Wade

12th December

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Family Communion (CW)

19th December

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Morning Worship for Advent

6.30pm: Christingle

24th December

4.30pm: Crib Service

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am: Family Communion (CW)

26th December

9am: no service

10am: Holy Communion (BCP)

2nd January

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Family Praise

9th January

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Family Communion

16th January

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Morning Worship

23rd January

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Holy Communion (CW)

30th January

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10am: Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm: Candlemas

at St Nicholas-at-Wade

Baptisms

at Minster Parish Church:

21st November: Annabelle Fleming and
Harriet Harrison

Funerals:

4th November: Dorothy Waltho (78) at
Minster Church and Thanet Crematorium
16th November: Trevor "Tiger" Gibson
(67) at Minster Cemetery

Ss. Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic Parish

Ramsgate and Minster

Rev Marcus Holden 592071

ramsgateandminster@gnail.com

www.rc.net/southwerk/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
10.00 am 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.

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton

Sunday Services In

DECEMBER 2010

JANUARY 2011

5th December

10.15am: Gift Service

12th December

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

19th December

6.30pm: Nativity Service

24th December

4.30pm: Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day

10am: Holy Communion (CW)

26th December

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

2nd January

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

9th January

10.15am: Holy Communion

16th January

10.15am: Holy Communion
with the Methodists

23rd January

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

30th January

10.15am: Family Service

The Salvation Army

11 Tothill Street,

Minster

Major Denise Cooper

825178 / 822308

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)

11.00am - 12.00pm

Morning Family Service,

11am - 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

(children's club for year 3-6, ages 7-11)

6pm - 7pm

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: 01843 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP:

Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Ring: 01843 848588 (a.m. from 10.00)

Fax: 01843 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

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Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE