



TUG 'O' WAR

Sunday 24 January

Meet at The Saddler at 12.00noon

1.00pm Start on the Marshes

Fundraising 4s

ALL Money raised from these 2 events will go towards
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QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 2 February

At The Saddler 6.30pm Start

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more music variety

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Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4th February @ 7pm

in the Neighbourhood Centre

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

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269

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clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

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EDITORIAL

Space , in the magazine was a at a premium this month so I had to keep this short and sweet. I can already hear some saying ‘Great - not much of his waffle - hurray’ but then there are those who tell me they enjoy my monthly rant.

Most controversial this month seems to be the lack of policing in the village and the red and white plastic monstrosity outside the

butchers - what's all that about? It appears to be neither one thing or the other. Is that it or is there more to come? What's it supposed to achieve?

I'm sure there will also be mutterings about the demise of the Route 51 bus that used to go to Birchington - Stagecoach say it wasn't viable as there weren't enough people using the service - so let this be a warning that the routes we do have 'Nos 11 and 42' need our support. 'Bums on

Seats' are what will keep them running - they can't survive running on empty!!

Another bumper 36 page issue this month - we were really sweating that we'd not get everything in, but with a bit of magic we've squeezed in all we have. If you sent us something by email that isn't in here then I must apologise but I had a computer crash just before Xmas and lost everything in my MM Inbox.

SOUP ON WEDNESDAY

Regularly throughout the Winter months (November to March) a small band of

volunteers, at the Old Schools in Station Road, run a lunchtime 'soup kitchen'. At present they have about twenty regular clients but to remain viable they need more people to support them by coming along to partake of their

delicious offerings or to help out with the preparation and serving .

We know that when you think of ‘soup kitchens’ some of you may believe it is for the

‘down and outs’ or ‘homeless’ amongst us but that couldn’t be further from the truth in this instance. It’s more like a friendly lunch club where you’ll find villagers from all walks of life eating together and enjoying a bit of banter and a laugh.

For just £4 you can have a large bowl of fresh 'homemade' soup with bread and butter, followed by tea and cake in a very friendly atmosphere.

So come along and give them your support – Wednesday lunchtimes 12noon to 1pm,

Old Schools – but get there earlier rather than later if you want a choice of everything on offer!

If you'd like to help by making

soup, serving or just being
involved in general kitchen duties
please either pop in on a
Wednesday lunchtime to speak to
those on duty or ring Sheila on
822348 – they'd love to hear from
you!

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POLICE CONTACT POINT

Some of you, who read our magazine regularly, will perhaps notice, whilst perusing this issue, that we have not listed any Police contact point dates for Minster this month – why not you may ask? Well MM asked the question on your behalf and we discovered that not only have we lost our

rural beat officers, as we're sure by now you are all aware, but it appears we no longer qualify for a regular visit from the Contact Point vehicle – why?

Because it wasn't being used!!

Now that could well be our fault as we've always listed it as being in the Monkton Road car park, because that's where we were told initially that it was going to be, however we now learn, since its demise, that it has actually

been stationed beside the recycling bins in the car park at the bottom of the High Street! Who was ever going to look for it there?

Surely the centre of the village was the place to park it, e.g. either the Monkton Road or New Inn car park where it would be visible! So now Minster has no regular police presence in any shape or form – is that really what we deserve?

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO
USE THE SURGERY

PHARMACY

Please note that, with immediate effect, the contact e-mail address used by patients who have their

prescriptions dispensed by the pharmacy at the surgery, has changed to:

tccg.minsterdispensary@nhs.net

This does not affect those patients who use other pharmacies, whose contact details remain unchanged.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our fund raising project and helped make the various events we held during

2013 such tremendous successes.

The prize draw was held at the Bazaar and the winner of the £100 cash prize was Mrs Ray from Monkton, with the second prize going to a lady in Cliffsend and the third prize to a lady in Minster.

Mrs Ray very kindly donated the money back into our fund raising project, for which we are extremely grateful.

A full list of the 12 lucky winning

numbers and prize winners have been displayed in the surgery, and we are pleased to say all prize winners have been notified and all prizes collected. Pictures of the prize winners can be seen on Page 19 of this magazine.

FUND RAISING PROJECT - UPDATE

We are extremely grateful to Mr Wilson and Mr Heath, both of Minster, for their kind and generous donations. Together

with the monies made from our raffle and Christmas Bazaar our fund now stands at nearly £1500 - which is fantastic! Raising such an amount in just a few months when we only launched the project in October is unbelievable. So thanks to everyone who has supported us! We will maintain a detailed progress chart on our notice board in the Waiting Room, so you will be able to continually monitor our progress.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Mid-day on the following days: Thursday 13th February; Wednesday 12th March; Thursday 10th April and Tuesday 13th May.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the “NHS 111

Service” via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred

automatically, or you can call direct on “ 111 “, to receive “non-urgent” confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For Urgent/Life threatening issues, dial “ 999 “ as normal.

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MISSED APPOINTMENTS

STILL BREAKING YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

NOT THIS ONE PLEASE!!!! “

DON'T NEED IT - CANCEL IT
!"

Last month: 59 PATIENTS did
not attend their DOCTOR'S
APPOINTMENT!

54 PATIENTS did not attend their
NURSE'S APPOINTMENT!

SO A TOTAL OF 113
PATIENTS WASTING
VALUABLE APPOINTMENTS!

In common with other NHS
Services, a list of those patients is

now being compiled and action will be considered against repeat offenders.

ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE - DATE FOR YOUR DAIRY

Our Annual Spring Fayre will be
HELD ON SATURDAY 17TH
MAY

Table Bookings are now being
taken –

SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT - RING

821200 NOW!

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

KEN SELF on 821200 or
JEANNE LAWRENCE on
821049

AND FINALLY!

To those of our Minster Patients and friends where this is their first Newsletter of the New Year, we would like to wish you all: A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has supported me through diagnosis, surgeries and new treatments for breast cancer. Your kindness in thought, word and deed is helping me in so many ways. Thank you all very much.

Glenys Cowell

**THANK YOU from Lil and
Esther**

Lil and Esther wish to say a huge
thank you to everyone who has
supported them

throughout the year, especially
those who have been kind enough
to make donations and support the
various stalls they have run at
such venues as the Art Show and
the Flower Show. Special thanks
also go to Ben's and the Coop for

their continued support.

The excellent Band Concert, by the Snowdown Colliery Band was well supported and thanks goes to Audrey for arranging this.

Editors note: Lil tells us they have raised a further £4025.06 for Pilgrims Hospice.

Well done ladies - keep up the good work !!

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big 'Thank you' to my lovely family; Julie and Gary, Kevin and Karen, Katie and Jim, Chloe and Ricky, Sam and Kelly, Tom and Gemma, for giving me a wonderful 80th Birthday Party at the Royal British Legion Club.

It was amazing to see so many of my family and friends, some of

whom had travelled from Bournemouth, Hawkhurst and Sevenoaks to be there.

I requested that I didn't want presents, but if so wished donations could be made to be split between 2 Charities; The Royal British Legion Women's Section Benevolent Fund (War Widows and Children) and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, for research into Children's Brain Tumours. I am pleased to tell you that I was able

to send £210 to each charity.

Thanks once again to you all and thank you also to Gail for the buffet and Chris for the music.

Doreen Smith

Thank you to Jonathon Cole and team for the time spent preparing the Firework Display and for all the clearing up. The display was fantastic (REALLY REALLY COOL - from our Grandchildren). We liked the idea of a Christmas display better than a November

5th one! (Name and address supplied)

Jack's Borneo Trip Fund Raising

Happy New Year to you all...
hope you had a good Christmas.
Just an update on my

fundraising for my trip to Borneo this year.....In December we held another quiz night and once again raised around £300, I also had a book stall at Thanet Farmers Market and raised another £100. I

had a very kind donation posted to me in a Christmas card through my door from a very kind couple in the village. In total I have now raised over

£2500!!

My next fundraising event will be an Indoor Boot fair on Saturday 22 February at Minster school hall, (a big thank you to the Head Teacher Mrs Stone for kindly allowing me to use the hall free of charge and for the caretaker Jamie

for agreeing to open up the school on a weekend) Doors will open at 9.30am and stall holders from 8.30 am, if anybody would like a table (£7) please ring 01843 821778. Please come and grab yourself a few bargains.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who has supported me, as the time draws

nearer I feel more excited about the trip knowing that the work I do out there will make a

difference.

Hope to see you at the indoor
boot fair! With thanks. Jack.

STAMPS FOR DONKEYS

Mary Lord has asked us to say a very big thank you for the stamps you have supplied her throughout the year in aid of the donkey sanctuary. Keep up the good work. For those who are unaware of where to drop your used stamps – please pop them

through the letterbox at 33 Tothill Street.

Dear Minster Matters,

We would like to express our thanks to Minster Parish Council, but particularly to District Councillors Bob Grove and Mike Roberts, for highlighting the errors and discrepancies in recent Minster planning applications.

Drawings presented were inaccurate and misleading, even as they related to matters of road safety. Without the help of Cllrs

Roberts and Grove these drawings would have been passed.

If anyone finds themselves dealing with an inaccurate planning application, it is not enough to write an objection letter which highlights the mistakes. The help of MPC or local councillors is essential to ensure common sense prevails,

Yours faithfully

Ben and Sue Whelan

Dear Minster Matters

A big thank you to Bob Grove for attending the TDC planning committee site visit in Minster High Street on 6 December and pointing out to councillors that the application was ‘completely flawed’.

It is not good enough to say that a site in Minster is in Birchington and for the architect to apologise

that his drawings were not accurate “because the site was so overgrown I couldn’t measure it properly”

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Liam, Kate and Theresa Brown

**Former Eastonways Bus Routes
in the Village**

Revised timetables from Monday
27th January.

Route 42/42A

A new timetable will be introduced. The off-peak morning timetable will be slightly more frequent and one journey in each direction will be extended to Westwood, QEQM and Margate. New peak hour route 42A will replace existing route 947 and extend to

Newington Road and the Broadstairs schools.

Timetables are available in the

library

Route 51 - This route will be withdrawn. Please use route 11 or 42 instead.

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Village Voice

In the last edition we asked for your opinions again on the new recycling scheme. Many thanks to Clive, Les, Ian, Ingrid and Ken for their replies.

Without exception the main grievance is with the red bag. It is too heavy to lift out, becomes sodden when it rains, the lid will not shut properly and litter is always found strewn around the

streets after collection.

We forwarded a summary of the responses to Howard Evans, DJ for Academy FM who

was talking to Alan Poole from TDC in his show on Sunday 12th. Howard said that he would take up the matter on Minster's behalf. Mr Poole's suggestion was that we didn't fill up the red bag as we go along but should wait until collection day, take the bag out and fill it there. This means that

we would all have up to two weeks' worth of

newspapers and packaging piling up in our kitchens or wherever!

He also stated that the average bag, when full, weighed 10kg which "isn't heavy". This equates to 1 stone 8

pounds which apparently we can all lift. A further suggestion was that we could apply for a second bag. Not sure where we would keep this – in the kitchen with all

the piled up rubbish? What Mr Poole didn't say was that a return to a weekly collection would solve the problem!

This month we would like to ask you about Broadband. Did yours go slow over the Christmas period? Or did it keep "jumping out" as has happened in some households?

Does anyone know why this has happened? Does anyone know what can be done?

Please send your views and opinions to:
yourvillagevoice@minstermatters.
Remember to include your name and address in any correspondence – we will be unable to print comments submitted anonymously.

(Questions sent to Howard by our Village Voice Columnist)

Howard Evans passed a copy of your question to me.....

Concerns about the red bag have been raised quite a few times times.....we have

weighed a selection of red bags and they average about 10Kg (22lbs).....our Health

& Safety people inform us this can be safely lifted.

I normally place my red bag in the top of my blue bin on collection day.....if the red bag is too heavy I decant some of the paper and then replace it once the bag is

in the top of the bin....the bin can then be safely wheeled to the collection point.

This also keeps the paper dry. I do leave the flap of the bag hanging out of the bin as the bin men have been known to recycle the bag! The binmen have been instructed to check the blue bins!

Residents with large amounts of paper can request a second red bag.

Paper and card are collected

separately as they are more valuable that way. On windy days the paper can get blown about. The binmen have been instructed to pick up any spillage!

We are not allowed to mix glass and paper.

The new system is designed to reduce the amount of refuse going to landfill as it costs the council tax payer £100 per tonne to landfill.

We are currently recycling 50% (up from 26%) a great achievement.

We have experienced teething problems with the new system.....it was

introduced in November to 67,000 properties and we anticipated a few problems.

Christmas obviously didn't help us much! We are now hopefully returning to a normal service.....please don't snow!

Regards, Cllr Alan Poole.

TAKE THAT

Village life was going on gently

When suddenly out of the blue,

The council said, “More bins for
your collection.

It will affect all of you.”

Blue, black, brown and grey bins

A container coloured red,

We looked in amazement at the
colours,

“Now get it right,” they said.

There appeared to be one big
problem,

It was something the council
forgot,

We couldn't start the new
collections,

Until they'd removed the old lot.

Our bins they didn't empty,

So as the weeks went by,

Endless phone calls were made
by residents

Men at the top just turned a blind
eye.

One Friday at last they collected,

We then could start anew,

For those with good memories it
was easy,

But that was only a few.

A few weeks into the project,

It's getting easier by the day,

As different bins go out each
week,

The council got its way!

Anon. (Name supplied.)

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MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

The newly-elected President, Sarah Eaton-Brown, welcomed members and guests to the first monthly meeting of 2014 and then led the singing of Jerusalem. Before the speaker was introduced Sarah reported on the successful December events – the Christmas Party and the mince pie contributions made for the Civic Carol Service at the Lychgate. Sarah also mentioned various forthcoming events, especially Minster WI's 50th Birthday Celebration to be held in July.

She also asked for ideas to boost fund raising and urged members to support events whenever possible.

Speaker, Barry Penton, then told the fascinating story about how he came to have Calli, his 'Guide Dog for the Blind' and their life together. Members made a collection after Barry's inspiring talk and raised £40 for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Following refreshments Glenda

announced that the proposed theatre group idea had been enthusiastically received and she will be organising trips to local theatre productions at The Marlowe etc. Marion Rose gave details of delegate representation for the ACM

on the 26th March at Folkestone when John Craven will be Guest Speaker. The Raffle was held and, at the end of the evening, Sarah read an Arabian Proverb closing the meeting at 9.40pm.

The next monthly WI meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 pm in Minster Village Hall with Melanie Gibson-Barton's talk entitled 'It's More Than Just Chocolate –

Bruges'. All welcome!

NB: Change of date and venue for the Craft & Home Economics meetings :- 4th Tuesday in the month, 7.30 pm; at Church House, Kent Gardens, Birchington.

Knitting Group Christmas 2013

During the last meeting of 2013 of the Minster Library knitting group Paula Moon presented 25 hand knitted blankets to Sharon Smith who works for Nightingale Care.

This is an organisation providing care mainly for the elderly within their own homes. The group hope that these blankets will provide warmth for those in their own

homes over the cold winter months. Minster residents are among Sharon's clients so it was a community based project. The knitting group would like to thank all those in Minster who contributed by leaving squares or even completed blankets in the library.

After the presentation the group relaxed and celebrated at the Corner House.

They meet every Friday from

10.30 – 12.00 starting again in
January.

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MINSTER SHOW

Happy New 2014 to you all. We have started thinking about your Show for this year (19th July - put it on your calendar!!)

We would like the bike race to be better supported so are investigating where you can safely store bikes for the afternoon and also if we are able to supply some helmets for you to race safely. The minimum age

will be 10 years old (Year 6 at school) as it is 1 mile

- 8 laps. If you have any ideas to help us support you in participating please talk to one of the committee (details on our website).

Reminder for parents: the "Grow for the Show" category does give FREE entry to each child (a saving of £3 per child!!) that brings an exhibit to the Marquee on the day before 10 am and gives

it to Christine or Alison. The category will be launched on Saturday 10th May along with the Show Schedules in the Village from 10-12.

Keep talking to us to make this year a brilliant one.

Dominique (Chair) Minster Show Committee

www.minstershow.org.uk

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

The Annual General Meeting of Minster Playhouse will be held on February 4th at 7.30pm, upstairs in The Bell. This is your opportunity to question the committee on any matters pertaining to the running of the Playhouse.

If you would like to join the MPH management committee, please

contact me and I will supply
further details.

Terry, Secretary, Minster
Playhouse

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

WANTSUM MORRIS

You may have seen them at Late Night Shopping for the last few years – they are now practising in the Village.

They would like to meet you, especially if you are male and interested in Morris dancing!

They can be found in the Sports Pavilion at the Rec from 10.30am

– 1.00pm each

Sunday morning.

All ages welcome from about 9 years old. No experience necessary as full training will be given. Wantsum Morris dance at a number of venues and festivals throughout the summer.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

A slightly belated Happy New Year to you all. As there are quite a few things to report since the last edition of MM, I will try to be as brief as possible:

Winners from the games at
Christmas Bazaar in the Village
Hall on 30 November:

Mr Palmer from Brockman's
Close -Lottery Ball winner

David Local from Tothill Street
guessed the weight of the
Christmas cake (made and
donated by O'Sheas and iced by a
committee member) He guessed
2.65 kgs and the

correct weight was 2.675kgs

Di Satterthwaite from Birchington won the jar of sweets. She guessed 110 and the final count was 114

Thanks go to Chris Ransom who provided light hearted festive accompaniments on his accordion at varying intervals throughout the morning.

The AGM was held on 22 November.

The new Chairman is Roy Bailey, Vice Chair - Malcolm Bubb,

Secretary - Heather Epps,
Treasurer - Barbara Quittenden.
Christine Lynch, Bernie Watler,
Chris Ransom, John Quittenden,
Carol Bailey, Carol Bubb, Sarah
Bottle and Pat Hogben are also
valued committee members, each
satisfying a different role within
the Association. Welcome to the
newcomers and past committee
members who I'm sure will all
work together to make a strong
team.

Chris Bubb is currently updating

the web site for the Association and in particular thanks Ray Owen, Bernie Watler and Heather Epps for their valuable input along with other members who have been supporting him to get this project underway. We hope that this should go live in the very near future, but in the meantime, you are asked to show your support by going onto our new face book page:

www.facebook.com/minstertwinni and clicking on 'like'. When the

website is finished and due for publication, we will inform you all via an update on this page. The face book page will also keep you informed of what we do and the success of events we run.

The first proposed event of the New Year will hopefully be a Quiz in the Royal British Legion Hall on Saturday 22 March. Confirmation of the date will be on Sunday, after the article has been submitted, so if you're interested in having a table of 6-8

people at £5

per person, including a buffet,
please ring Carol on 07745 683
466 to check the date.

Anniversary Day is on 4 May and
we are looking for volunteers to
man the 2 giants that we will
parade through the village in the
afternoon. More information will
follow nearer the time. The
catering has not yet been
finalised, so anyone who would
possibly consider doing a buffet

for about 120 people, please send your quote to Heather Epps at 3 Prospect Gardens, Minster, prior to our next committee meeting which will be on 6

February, when all quotes will be considered.

We look forward to your support as always

Minster Twinning

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

It's a New Year, a New Day, A
New Dawn.

Where have you been?

THERE ARE NO STRANGERS
IN THIS CLUB.

ONLY FRIENDS YOU
HAVEN'T MET.

Why not start coming from 10.00am onwards on Tuesdays or Thursdays or even both days?

Those friends had a very happy "Xmas Do". The evening started with Minster School Choir entertaining us with carols old & new, a lovely start to the evening. Well done girls and boys.

An excellent hot meal from our "New" Catering Manager followed by one of the best 5 piece bands in the area.

The music was so good even those who in the past never get up, were on the floor swinging & swaying. All thanks to Sylvie Arnold who booked and organized this, plus the other events during the year. A shame this was her last social event.

The first phase of expansion and improvement has been taking place during December.

The new Men's changing room is up. The stalwarts have been busy

painting and putting the finishing touches to the inside. The old internal Men's room has disappeared giving more space inside the pavilion. Sunday 2nd February is the day that the Triples competition is played to see which two teams will meet in the final in April.

On the 16th it is the Men's & Ladies Singles Day.

Every Friday we hold a social evening and make use of the bar,

plus evenings when the Fours teams play.

Home League Matches in February are on the 6th, 11th, 13th, 20th, 25th, 27th. These evenings see one team from each of the different divisions playing.

NEWS FROM THE BELFRY

Thanks mainly to the efforts of our tutor, Tony Goodman, bell ringing is starting to flourish in the local area. Tony has started bands at the Towers of Chislet, Preston and Monkton churches, as well as keeping an enthusiastic band in our home tower of St.

Mary's.

As well as being good exercise, bell ringing is fun, with much laughter during practices, and a convivial visit to the pub afterwards.

However, Tony's efforts haven't stopped at the tower bells. Before Christmas he turned up with a set of handbells, kindly loaned to him by Wickhambreaux Tower. The band all tried this new direction in ringing, and some took to it, while others preferred to stick to the tower bells, but new interest

was sparked in the Village and new people turned up specifically to ring the handbells. Things went along apace, and the handbell band agreed to play at the Christingle Service. Much effort went into learning and perfecting Silent Night, ready for the big day.

Sadly, Wickhambreaux then asked for their bells back, and it looked as though the handbell group would have to be disbanded, because handbells, like much else

in bell 14

ringing, are quite expensive. Even a basic set of 13 bells costs about £6,000 new, and good second-hand sets are in demand, and difficult to find.

At that point, however, the Christmas Fairy appeared in the guise of one of the new handbell ringers, who very generously offered to fund a set of handbells for the St. Mary's Handbell band. Tony went into overdrive, and

contacted the head of the Association of Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, who forwarded an email address of a lady selling a second-hand set, ideal for our needs, in perfect condition, and at a very reasonable price.

Thanks to our benefactress, the deal was done and the new set delivered on the Friday before Christingle. The band practised with the new bells on the Saturday and the next day, at Christingle, Silent Night was

played during the Service to great acclaim, and a very positive response.

It is intended to have a Service of dedication and blessing of the new bells, and the handbell band is busy preparing music for that event.

If you think that you might find interest and enjoyment in bell ringing, whether tower or handbells, then call our Tower Captain, Sheila Palmer on

822348.

The band of St. Mary's tower hopes to hold an Open Evening in the spring, when all will be welcome to come along to see bells being rung and perhaps to try hand bell ringing.

Watch Minster Matters for more information

**MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
CO-OPTION TO PARISH
COUNCIL**

Applications are invited from residents wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council.

Would those persons wishing to be considered please apply to Mrs Kyla Lamb, Clerk to the Council, setting out their personal details and experience and any involvement they may have had serving the community and why they would like to be considered for co-option to the Council.

Applications should be addressed to the Clerk to the Council,

4a Monkton Road, Minster, CT12 4EA and be received by:-

Friday 14th February 2014

A panel of Council members will interview those persons who apply and a

recommendation will be made by the panel to Council on the person to be duly

appointed.

Kyla Lamb, Clerk to Minster
Parish Council

Jelly Legs Running Courses -
Starting 3rd & 5th February in
Thanet

Jelly Legs Running Club - Thanet
will be opening new 'Returners'
sessions on Monday evenings and
Wednesday mornings from 3rd &
5th February. If you or anyone you
know can run for around 5
minutes without stopping, this

course is the next step in getting you running for 30 minutes and completing a 5k distance in just 5 weeks - REALLY!

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Lil's Labour of Love (Reprinted by kind permission of Pilgrims Matters)

For 18 years, Lil Smith has cycled round her home of Minster collecting for Pilgrims Hospices Lottery.

At 88 she has hardly a grey hair and is as passionate as ever about volunteering - she shares her secrets!

Every inch of Lil's house is devoted to her volunteering. On her table pink knitting for a fair, cupboards hold collecting tins, in the porch freshly delivered donations. "I had to get an extra shed for all the raffle prizes," she says. "And that's full now!"

Her involvement began when Lil's

neighbour needed driving to the local hospice. "I offered," she recalls. "but thought, 'what am I doing this for? It'll be depressing'. It wasn't though. As I walked in I was so impressed. It was so peaceful, such a happy place."

Lil spotted a leaflet about Pilgrims lottery and asked for information and before she knew it she had her first round as a collector. Over the years Lil estimates she's raised a staggering £80,000 through collecting and

fundraising.

Her tips? "You've got to be friendly. When people ask me how long a round takes I always say 'it's an hour round, but it'll take you four'. You need to mix with people, have a laugh."

As well as collecting, Lil has held countless coffee mornings, selling knitting, holding raffles - anything to support the charity.

"I don't miss an opportunity!
Everyone in the village knows

what I do and they are so generous." By Lil's side is friend Esther, who she met on her round. They have been inseparable since. "I'm proud of what we do, we work very hard, getting up at the crack of dawn for coffee mornings, collecting in all weathers, but it's well worth it. The knowledge we're helping people keeps us going."

Pilgrims Hospices Lottery costs just £1 per week and gives you the chance of winning weekly or

rollover prizes. Thanks to the East Kent community it contributes over

£500,000 each year to help fund care for local people. Find out how to help or play our lottery by visiting www.pilgrimshospices.org or phoning 01227 379741.

It's a Six for Minster

Well done to these six Cubs on gaining their Chief Scout Silver Award.

The Cubs were presented their awards by Akela (Wolves) ADC Cubs and Rikki.

They had enjoyed many events
Camping at Marshside Campsite,
Sixer and Seconder

Hike, Bear Grylls Survival Camp,
Skating, Bowling, Climbing,
Shooting, Archery. Gilwell
Funday, Minster Show, Hiking.
Steps, visit by the Police and Fire
Service and evening at
Hobbycraft. Litter picking with

McDonalds.

They have completed a variety of badges including Road and Home Safety, Map

reading, Completing Air Activities, Environment Award, Global Challenges, Tracking, Craft, Home Help, Artist, Athletics. The have taken part in the district Swimming Gala, Fizz and Quiz, Cross Country, Chess and Camps, and lots of other new things.

Well done and Congratulations to
you all on your Achievement.

Akela, Baloo, Kaa, Shere-Khan

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Dear Friends at Minster

Thank you very much for supporting our Smile International Christmas Shoebox

programme and for the wonderful donation of 102 shoeboxes.

Please do thank all those who donated a shoebox. We really appreciate your support in helping to put a smile on children's faces this Christmas.

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we loaded a 40ft lorry to Kosovo on Saturday, 30 November, which was full of thousands of Christmas shoeboxes, medical sundries and equipment for our palliative care work, as well as blankets, clothes, shoes and toiletries. We know the shoeboxes are going to give enormous pleasure to so many children this Christmas and the aid will be such a help to those living in extreme poverty.

Thank you again for making a difference to children in need.

Wishing you a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Lydia Evans

Shoebox Coordinator

ROBIN IN MY GARDEN

There's a robin in my garden
sitting on the fork

Waiting for a worm
below the sods of dirt.

He doesn't leave the garden
for fear he'll miss his treat

I dug the soil roughly

underneath my feet.

The worm is now on top

there the bird can see him

It makes him start to hop

towards the creature on the soil

He knows he's had his lot.

Pam Parkinson

HEALTHWATCH

Would you like to help people get the best health and social care in Kent?

Volunteer with Healthwatch Kent and help us to make a difference

Healthwatch Kent is your new champion. We take your views and opinions to the people who commission health and social care services in Kent to make them better for the future. BUT we

need your help to make it happen!

We have a whole range of opportunities to get involved from attending meetings on our behalf, reading and analysing information, leading our Area Teams and providing administrative support.

Sounds interesting? Come and talk to us at any of the following meetings:

(Editor's note: We've only listed the 3 closest to Minster)

Canterbury : Wednesday 5th
February 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Asda Canterbury, Sturry Rd,
Canterbury CT1 1DG

Deal : Friday 7th February
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Deal Town Hall, High Street,
Deal, CT14 6TR

Broadstairs : Monday 10th
February 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Kent Innovation Centre, Thanet

Reach Business Park, Millennium
Way Broadstairs, Kent, CT10
2QQ www.healthwatchkent.co.uk
0808 801 0102 @healthwatchkent

Thinking about booking your holiday this weekend?

Kent Trading Standards have put
together the following tips

to help you keep safe when
booking your holiday on-line.

Be wary of fraudulent companies.
Use a search engine to check if

the company is known to others. You can also check their geographical address in a search engine to make sure it is real.

Remember that paying by credit card offers greater protection against fraud and non-delivery.

When making a payment to an individual, never transfer the money directly into their bank account but use a secure payment site such as PayPal, where money is transferred between two

electronic accounts.

Make sure the site is secure. A secure website should begin with <https://> the 's' stands for secure.

Double check all details of your purchase before confirming payment .

If you are going to Europe make sure you have a European Health Insurance Card

(EHIC): there are a host of unofficial sites that charge a fee

of about £20 to do it for you.

Apply via the official link,
www.ehic.org.uk,

For more advice about booking
your holiday on-line visit Citizens
Advice website at
www.citizenadvice.org.uk

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**This is a message from the
NHW Liaison Officer for the
East Division.**

Sent to all Zones in Thanet as these men may be operating across the Island.

On Saturday the 4th January 2014 a member of the public from Ramsgate Road,

Margate has reported that an unknown male knocked on her door and made her aware that a couple of her roof tiles were loose. A quote to undertake the work repairing her roof was given straight away. The quote

was accepted for the work and the male has then carried out the repair work. The male alleged that he was a builder and had the materials to repair the roof with him. The male was then joined by another male and they have both gone up onto the roof and conducted the repairs. After the repairs were done the member of the public gave the alleged builder £310 for the repair work. It wasn't until the builders left and the repair was checked that it is suspected that the builders were

possible rogue traders, as the quality of the workmanship was very poor. The only details of the builders were on a hand written receipt, the building company is AK

Roofing and the name of the workman is Tom WHATS. No contact numbers.

Descriptions -

Both males are described as being white, both in their late twenties. One of the males was

slim build with medium length dark hair. The second male had light coloured hair.

The van that they were driving was a white van, possibly a Ford. No registration number taken.

Please continue to advise neighbours not to accept quotes and commission work from cold callers on your doorsteps.

Individuals and businesses are encouraged to become 'Cyber

Streetwise'

The UK government has launched a new campaign to change the way people protect

themselves while shopping, banking or socialising online in order to avoid falling victim to cyber criminals.

With more than 11 million internet-enabled devices received as gifts during the Christmas period, Cyber Streetwise will help in the fight against online

criminals.

The new website, www.cyberstreetwise.com offers a range of interactive resources and clear advice on the essentials for enjoying a safe experience online.

Adopt a few simple online behaviours to protect you and your family:

Use strong, memorable passwords

Install anti-virus software on new devices

Check privacy settings on social media

Shop safely online - always check online retail sites are secure.

(The web address should have https:// in front - the 's' stands for secure)

Download software and application patches when prompted

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use their online fraud reporting tool.

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Don't Suffer In Silence This Winter

The cold, dark days of January is typically the most depressing month of the year and it can be a difficult time for those who are isolated or vulnerable.

Kent County Council has a range of services and support available for elderly and vulnerable adults to prevent them reaching crisis point.

Statistics suggest between 13,855 and 44,336 people aged over 65 in Kent could be suffering from loneliness and 33,525 over-65s could be socially isolated.

Graham Gibbens, KCC cabinet member for adult social care and public health, said:

“During the cold, wet winter months, vulnerable people can feel even more cut off from those around them. Loneliness and isolation can be debilitating emotionally and physically, increasing the risk of ill health. When the elderly who are living alone become depressed, this increases the likelihood of them having to go into hospital and residential care. The right support at the right time can make an enormous difference to someone’s quality of life.

“People do not need to suffer in silence, they should get in touch with us to find out what support is available from KCC and our partners.”

Among the services available are:

Befriending: Volunteer befrienders have been recruited across Kent to visit elderly people. It aims to help people live more fulfilled lives, reduce social exclusion, increase access to community resources,

information and advice, improve health and wellbeing, and to help people become more independent.

Dementia support services: There are dementia cafes and peer support groups across the county. KCC's Shared Lives adult placement scheme, which offers long- and short-term fostering for vulnerable adults, has also been extended to include people with dementia.

There are Read Aloud sessions

for people living with dementia as part of the Dementia Friendly Libraries project. Twelve dementia-friendly communities are being developed to increase awareness, reduce stigma of the disease and encourage communities to support people living with dementia.

Carer Support: More than 150,000 people in Kent are carers for a sick, elderly and disabled relative and this can take a huge emotional and physical toll. The

carer assessment and support service offers advice, guidance and information as well as practical and emotional support. The Carers Short Breaks service also offers the opportunity to get respite from their caring role.

The Good Day Programme:
Offers adults with learning disabilities the opportunity to take part in activities, to learn new skills and get involved in the community.

The Care Navigator Service: this service is run by voluntary agencies across Kent and offers free and impartial advice to over-50s who feel they may need extra support to stay independent in their own home.

Support for deafblind people: The Kent Dual Sensory team's main aim is to increase independence. This includes provision of specialist equipment, one-to-one communication and guiding

support and learning new communication skills. The Kent Association for the Blind has a Guide Communicator service with one-to-one specialist support workers to help reduce isolation by supporting deafblind people to remain 20

independent, access the community, maintain social contact and minimise reliance on friends and family. KAB also provides a befriending scheme for visually impaired people.

Other services are also available.

KCC works closely with the voluntary sector in Kent to deliver a wide range of support and services to the elderly and vulnerable.

To find out how to access any of these services and to see what other services are available, visit www.kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 61 61.

Safeguard your nearest and dearest from fire

When a fire engine zooms down the road on flashing blue lights with sirens blazing, often the first thing people think is “I hope it’s not a fire in my home or that of someone I know”.

But how often do you take the time to check that your nearest and dearest are fully equipped with the right advice to protect themselves and their homes from fire?

Kent Fire and Rescue Service

(KFRS) is appealing to residents to make sure their homes, and those of people close to them, are safeguarded.

KFRS Community Safety

Manager Stuart Skilton said: “Just three breaths of toxic smoke from a fire can be life-threatening, but we offer free safety advice and services to help minimise the risk of being harmed.”

“Neighbours, friends and loved-ones may need your help to

protect themselves from the outbreak of fire. Perhaps you have an elderly parent, or know someone who lives alone, or with young children, who could benefit from safety advice or need help to test their smoke alarms. Maybe your own children are now grown-up, starting a family of their own and need some tips on fire prevention.”

Where needed, KFRS offers people practical help to reduce the risk of fire. Maybe they need a

smoke alarm fitted, advice on escape routes and what to do if a fire starts in their home. Or perhaps they need some more extra guidance to keep safe. KFRS has a

dedicated team can provide specialist advice and equipment, such as fireproof bedding and smoke alarms for the hard of hearing, to help protect more vulnerable residents.

Stuart added: “By encouraging

those you care about to get in touch, you will be playing a huge part in preventing a fire and may even save a life.”

Tips on staying safe from fire:

Make sure you fit, and regularly test, a smoke alarm. It is the single most important piece of safety equipment in any home. If you plan on using an open fire, make sure your chimney has been recently swept as build-ups of soot and ash can cause chimney

fires.

Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires. When going to bed, make absolutely certain that any open fire is either out, or pushed back into the grate and a guard used to prevent sparks setting light to carpets or furniture. Interior doors should always be closed when going to bed as they can dramatically reduce the spread of fire. Portable heaters should be dust-free and kept well away from anything that

could catch fire.

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Always place candles on a non-flammable surface away from soft furnishing like curtains and never leave them unattended. It is far safer to consider using torches instead of candles.

For further information or to learn more about the free advice and services on offer to residents contact KFRS on 0800 923 7000 or visit www.3breaths.info.

Minster Carnival Association Selection Dance

Girls - will you be a minimum of 14, or under 20, by the end of June 2014?

Would you like to be a part of the Minster Carnival Court to meet new people and make new friends both in the village and around Kent, as well as representing

Minster in our French Twinning Village of Armbouts Cappel ?

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 8th February 7.30pm,
Minster Village Hall

Admission for non-entrants is

£4.00

Tea and Coffee available
otherwise please bring your own
drink.

Interested? Then please contact
Roy or Carol on 821705

**ST MARYS CHURCH,
MINSTER**

Coffee & Cake plus Clearance
Sale

Saturday 15 February 10am –

12noon Old Schools

Come and Bag Yourself a Bargain

Everything £1

Clearance of all seasonal market
stock in aid of church funds

TRASH & TREASURE SALE

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas at Wade

Saturday 8th February 9.30 –

12noon

**Minster & Monkton Royal
British Legion Women's Section**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 February 7.30pm

The Most Romantic Gift given to
you

Raffle prizes needed for all
meetings

For further information please

contact

Miriam Smith on 822589

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MINSTER W.I.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 February 7.30pm -
Village Hall

Speaker Melanie Gibson-Barton

‘It’s More Than Just Chocolate -
Bruges’

All welcome

MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 February

7.30pm Village Hall

Speaker Bill Butcher

“Bressingham Gardens “

Points table: “Three Cupcakes”

THE BIG BROWNIE BIRTHDAY

Were you a Brownie ?

Brownies are a 100 yrs old this year and throughout the year we celebrate the Big Brownie Birthday.

To raise funds we would like all of you in the village who were

Brownies to purchase a special Thinking Day Candle to put in your window and light on the 22 February to remember all Rainbows, Brownies and Guides across the World.

To purchase a light at £1 each please contact Brown Owl

TWINNING ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 22 MARCH
(Provisional date)

Tables of 6 - £5 pp - to book ring
Carol on 07745 683 466

Minster & Monkton
Wednesday Afternoon Club

Royal British Legion

Come and join us for a game of
Bingo

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -
4.00pm

ALL MEMBERS & Bona-fide
guests welcome

Phone Pat - 822622

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THANET FARMERS'

MARKET

2nd Sunday of each Month

9.30am - 1.00pm

Marlowe Academy, Marlowe
Way, Ramsgate

enquiries@southbarngifts.com

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of each Month-
Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie
Clarkson 01304 617 197

info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

Last Sunday of each Month - Oval
Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further information phone:
226033

k.chadband@btinternet.com

Minster

Community Shop

Do you have some spare time on your hands?

Enjoy meeting people? Can you help?

The Salvation Army Community Shop is looking for Volunteers, especially those who are able to work on a Saturday morning. The Shop meets many needs within

our community and already has a wonderful volunteer workforce but we need additional volunteers who can cover a Saturday morning from 9.00am – 1.00pm. Are you that volunteer?

If you would like to help your community through volunteering in our Shop, please Contact Captain Bryn Hargreaves 01843 825178 for more details.

MINSTER LIBRARY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The library are looking for volunteers to help with a Manga Reading Group, as well as requiring Computer Buddies, a Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time Host and a Homework

Helper. Interested in any of these then please contact the library on

821442

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SCHOOL PAGE

Editors this month were Chloe
Smith & Bethany Strickett

Minster Athletes

During Saturday 7th of December between 9o'clock and 10o'clock one of our teachers (Mrs Elks) took some children, including me, to a sports athletics event at Ursuline College. We all had to do two field events and two ground events.

The results were:

Boys - 3rd Place Girls - 6th Place

Over all we were 5th Place out of a total of 15 schools.

By Chloe Smith

We Won The Christmas Factor!

On Tuesday the 10th of December, at Dockside Outlet Centre, they crowned the Xmas Factor 2013 champions.

Our school choir went to Chatham to sing in the Heart Xmas factor finals and guess what? WE WON!!

We got a trophy and £1000 for
Minster School!

My partner and I interviewed
some of the Y5 Choir and they
have all said they were amazed
that they won. They all say a very
big thank you to

Miss Youlton and Mrs Morton.

Anti-Bullying Week - Year 6 Song Lyrics

Don't threat, Don't cry

Cause I am not gonna lie

I gotta stand up for myself

Get some friends and adults to
help

If you don't stop now

I am gonna say it out loud

You're a bully And you're gonna
stop now

Why oh, why do you pick on me

Can you just, just leave me be

‘Cause you’re no bully you’re a
lot like me.

Lyrics by Lucy and McKenzie

Post it on-line, think it's fine.

Big star, took a joke too far.

When you feel small,

You take it out on me,

Because it makes you feel tall.

Why do you make me cry?

Lyrics by Joe, Callum, Archie and
David

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Christmas Fayre 2013

A big thank you to the PFA for organising this years' Christmas Fayre and to everyone who came along after school to join in the fun. The Fayre raised over £450 for our school and every penny is very much appreciated.

Minster School

Panto

On the last day of term, the children enjoyed a very special treat. The teaching staff of Minster Primary School performed their very own version of “The Wizard of Oz”. The children and staff had a great time and thought the performance was fantastic.

TIGER’ S TIP

Clean glass shower doors by rubbing with white vinegar. This will bring up

a shine and remove the white film caused by water.

AMBER'S ADVICE

Patience can be bitter, but the seeds you plant now will bear sweet fruit.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Less stressed after a month off the

old man has been chafing at the bit to get back to producing this issue of the magazine. Over Christmas and New Year though it was a different story - he was ill just about every day for 2 whole weeks only to find it was upping the dosage of his medication just before the holiday, that was causing the problem. We're all ok now though and it's wonderful here at present - let's just hope it lasts !!

From Minster to Manila - Lychgate Civic Carol Service

Thanks to all who attended;
Minster School Choir, Margate &
Minster SA Bands and the
readers. A total of £263 was
raised on the night for the
Philippines Typhoon Appeal.
This amount, along with monies
raised by Minster School (£182)
and a Salvation Army
collection (£113) a grand total of
£558 has been sent to the

Philippines The following gives an idea of how the money is being used... Cooked food and water was distributed to around 1000 individuals that were left homeless after two empty barges drifted off a pier and rammed their houses along the coastline of Manila Bay at the height of torrential monsoon rain at the aftermath of Typhoon Gener. Residents were marooned on their roofs as parts of Manila were submerged in waters above head height in one of the worst flooding

to hit the capital city of 15 million people. Others headed to the evacuation centres for shelter. Nearby provinces also suffered heavy losses.

1,660 families received parcels of relief goods and 3,207 individuals received packs of ready to eat food. The Officers Training College was assigned to go to Cainta Rizal where 3,762 individuals received packs of ready to eat food and where Salvation Army Halls were used

as clinics for those needing medical treatment.

Cash donations allow disaster responders to immediately meet the specific needs of disaster survivors without incurring many of the costs associated with sorting, packing, transporting and distributing donated goods.

Salvation Army disaster services are funded entirely by donors, and The Salvation Army uses 100% of all disaster donations in support of disaster relief

operations.

Special Thanks

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who contributed in any way by volunteering, donating goods and monetary gifts during December to enable The Salvation Army to give a good Christmas to people of our community. We were able to help local families with gifts of toys, food parcels and provide our Christmas Day Dinner for those who might otherwise have

been on their own.

Captains Bryn & Lyn Hargreaves

Thank You

Captain Lyn Hargreaves would like to thank everyone

for the kind condolences and cards received

following the ‘promotion to glory’ of her father.

ROBERT CLARK

(Scottish) Robbie, to his friends, was found peacefully at rest in bed at home in Glebe Court on Sunday 12 January. Robbie was well known around the village and especially at the various watering holes in the area.

Collections for his funeral are being made at some of the local ale houses so if you'd like to contribute please pop in and

donate what you can.

A nice guy to speak to he will be
sadly missed in the community.

R.I.P.





Church News and Service

Times (CW = contemporary

language BCP = traditional

language) **The Catholic Parish of**

St Mary Magdalene

St. Mary the Virgin, Minster

Ramsgate and Minster

Monkton

Tel: 821250

Sunday Services in

Sunday Services in

Reverend Marcus Holden

FEBRUARY

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**2nd 10.15am Holy Communion
(CW)**

**2nd 9:00am Holy Communion
(BCP)**

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com

**9th 4.00pm Dedication of Bell &
East**

10:00am Praise!

Window by the Bishop of

www.ramsgateandn

Dover

6:30pm Candlemas Celebration

Parish Office

16th 10.15am Holy Communion

9th 9.00am Holy Communion
(BCP)

**Saints Ethelbert & Gertrude
Church**

at the Methodists

72 Hereson Road

10.00am Family Communion
(CW)

23nd 10.15am Family Service

Ramsgate CT11

7DS

16th 9.00am Holy Communion
(BCP)

Catholic Mass each Wednesday
and

Christmas Thanks

10.00am Morning Worship

Holyday of Obligation at
12.00noon

As the coordinator for the TWAM
(Tools

in the Church of

with a Mission) Scholar Packs
initiative across

**23rd 9.00am Holy Communion
(BCP)**

St Mary the Virgin, Minster

the Wantsum Benefice may I thank
everyone

and each Sunday at 10.00am

who supported the Gift Services.
We had a

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

wonderful response, the four

churches created

in Minster Abbey

116 scholar packs containing
basic school

Every Wednesday

materials (which will be sent to children in

For other Catholic Services please

Africa via TWAM) and donated just over £325.

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

see the Minster Abbey entry below

Thanks too to everyone who came to our

Christingle Service, Christmas
Eve Special,

Midnight Mass or Christmas Day
Communion.

Minster Abbey

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church

We move into a new year with a full programme

www.minsterabbey

of services and children's
ministry, supported 1st
December: Elliot James Reeves
by many willing folk to whom our
thanks is

8th December:

The Abbey Chapel is open for
due.

Wilbur James Dutton

prayer throughout the day

*Sally Willins: Licensed Lay
Minister*

Lauds: 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Funerals

Mid day prayer

12.10pm

**14th November: David
Burner**

Vespers 6.00pm

**Minster Church and
Cemetery**

Compline 7.50pm

**17th December: Gladys
Lord**

(followed by Silent Prayer)

Thanet Crematorium

Tuesday 4th February,

19th December: Josette White
(RC)

All our visitors, not only
Christians

Minster Church and Minster
Cemetery

4.00pm - 5.45pm

but people of all faiths and
spiritual

Come along as a family and enjoy
tradition, all who 'truly seek
God'

CORRECTION

time together, doing crafts,
worship

(rule of St. Benedict) are warmly

16th October: Frank Goulding

and sharing a meal together.

Minster Church and Cemetery

welcomed to join us in prayer,

(Not Crematorium as listed in

previous edition)

Donations appreciated for cost of
in our beautiful monastic chapel.

Apologies: Sally Willins
meal.

For further details contact:

**Minster Corps, The Salvation
Army**

Captains Bryn & Lyn Hargreaves

Church & Community Centre

01843 822308 or 825178

A Christian Church and a
Registered Charity No 214779

**11 Tothill Street, Minster, Kent
CT12 4AG**

& in Scotland SC009359

Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Thursday 9.30am Bumps &
Babies 9.30am Parent & Toddlers
10.15am Keep Fit 9.15am Prayer

Group 2.00pm Friendship Club
4.00pm Messy Church 2.00pm
Home League

(first Tuesday of the month)

Sunday - 10.30am Family
Worship (*including Kids Church
11am*) 6pm Evening Worship

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Minster Parish Council

Extracts from Minutes of January
Full Council Meeting

Police: No rural Police Officer
but 2 additional PCSO's.

Waste Collections Butts Field
Estate: Chairman is aware of the
issues.

Chairman will also enquire about

using smaller refuse vehicles for Durlock, Rose Gardens and Watchester Lane.

New public seat at Pinks Corner.

Youth Council draft Constitution approved – to be established by Tuesday 1 April.

H2B Site (Heronsbrook) HAGS SMP playground project approved subject to

confirmation of land transfer to Parish Council.

Pilgrims Hospice approved
permission to use Rec for 'It's A
Knockout' on

Sunday 18 May.

Service 51 bus is being
withdrawn from 27 January.

No Air Show in 2014.

Contacting your District & County
Councillors

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 821339

District 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

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