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**Minster Parish Council**

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 5 July @ 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; however

due to commitments that require staff leaving the

office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email:

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

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

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

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**EDITORIAL**

What a couple of busy weekends we've had just recently what with the Street Party at

the RBL then Open Gardens, Scarecrows, Classic Cars, the Twinning Anniversary and

Barn Dance plus a wedding in amongst all of that, the village has been a hive of activity.

The weather at least was good to us all, just an odd short shower on the second Saturday

but nothing to complain about. It was good to see so many people getting involved with

‘village life’ whether they lived here or not.

Now we have to gear up for the ‘Show’ on 23 July, another great event that attracts lots

of visitors to Minster. Are you getting involved? Want a stall? See Karen in Attwells.

Entering the Parade? Then you need a form also available from Attwells.

## **A J Cliffe & Sons**

ANDY and JULIA (A.K.A Mum & Dad) will be retiring on Saturday 9 July after 29 years.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers/friends who have

supported us over so many years. We will be coming into help Steve and Paul covering

days off, holidays and of course 'golf days'. You can't get rid of us that easily.

Steve and Paul will be keeping up the family tradition! They were taught well!

Love, Andy & Julia

**Malcolm Smith**

I would like to thank the people of

Minster and my wonderful family for the support

given to me on the loss of Malcolm.

Thanks also to W.S.Cole & Son for the arrangement

of the Funeral, to Sally Willins for the Service in the Church and the Committal at the

Crematorium, Minster Bowls Club for the Wake and Rosemary Platt for the Flowers. A

wonderful send off.

Miriam Smith

# QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY STREET PARTY

Minster and Monkton Royal British Legion Club would like to express their sincere thanks

to all. We also wish to thank Minster Parish Council for their wonderful financial support,

British Legion Branch Sponsors  
McDonalds, Sainsbury's, Tesco's and  
Road Maintenance

Company AMEY. All those wonderful people who gave support and invaluable assistance on the day. It wouldn't have

happened without you!!

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and the weather was kind.

Once again our sincere thanks, The RBL Club Committee

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## **MINSTER ARMOUITS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Our Anniversary Day on Sunday 19 June proved to be a tremendous success with the

French and English alike, thanks to the support of Thanet District Council and

Minster Parish

Council.

The formal part of the day began in the Abbey where light refreshments were served and

speeches made. The French then had free time to explore some of the Open Gardens,

which they found enchanting.

They arrived in Wayborough Barn (thanks Ed and Matt Spanton) where a sumptuous hog

was roasting. Quex Barn provided the

food which was enjoyed by all.

Musical entertainment was supplied courtesy of Chris Ransom and the Ceilidh Band,

Contraband. The barn soon filled with approximately 150 energetic dancers, not always

precise with their moves, but this added to the amusement of it all.

A formation dancing team from France entertained us in the interval and the Grand Raffle

was drawn by David Otteson, Manager of the Holiday Inn Express, who kindly

donated the

first prize of a 2 night stay in Cheltenham, which was won by Sylvia Davies of Tothill Street.

Thanks again to everyone for the help and support that we received to make this 18th

Anniversary of the Association a great success.

## **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

Despite the appalling weather the outdoor season is well under way. Results of all matches

may be found on our website.

Six new members have been welcomed to the club since the last report.

On Friday 17 June we hosted the Bosom Pals Bowls Evening, they played on all six rinks and

thoroughly enjoyed themselves, they are an inspiration to us all.

Brian Morphey

## **MINSTER W.I.**

Once again the monthly meeting of Minster's WI began with a buzz of excitement as



members arrived dressed in a “Queenly” fashion to celebrate Her Majesty’s 90th birthday.

Some nice hats, tiaras and crowns were to be seen, together with riding boots and royal

headscarves! After distributing birthday cards, mentioning planned events and the

Treasurer’s report etc, President, Sarah Eaton-Brown, introduced Barry Daniels as the

evening’s speaker. Barry told stories of his career in showbiz accompanied by songs and

music. His finale, a singalong, was greatly enjoyed by everyone in the hall. He was then

employed as photographer for the group photo! Members sang happy birthday to the

Queen, toasted her with some fizz and enjoyed a wonderfully decorated royal cake.

Sarah wound up the evening reminding everyone about the Minster Show (Teddy) Stall on

Saturday 23 July and the Bat-n-Trap with a Fish-n-Chip Supper in the Rec on the Friday 5

August at 5pm. This is an annual event and great fun for all! Open Gardens was due to take

place on the weekend after the meeting and Sarah urged members to visit the WI tea,

coffee and cake stall to help boost funds.

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## **SCARECROW CHALLENGE**

Thank you to everyone who entered, without you there wouldn't have been an event for

so many visitors to come and view.

We've had some great feedback from villagers and

visitors alike and some residents are already planning next year's entry.

I must admit I was worried for a few weeks that there were not going to be very many

entered, but you all did me proud and rallied together to produce a splendid show of 32

wonderful creations, some much better built than others, but that's not the object of the

exercise, we don't judge them on

perfection but on what they say to us when we visit.

This year's adult winner wasn't the best constructed but it's theme and how it was

portrayed really caught our imagination, hence why it scored so high. The child's entry we

are hoping to have on our stand at the Show in July, so come along and say hello to Lady

Clarinet and let us know what you think of our Scarecrow Challenge.

**SCARECROW CHALLENGE**

# RESULTS

## CHILDREN'S ENTRIES

1/

Lady Clarinet - Molineux Road

2/ Albert RN - Conyngham Road

3/ Matilda - Monkton Road

4/

Dinosaur Rex - Durlock

5/

Rexii (T-Rex) - Tothill Street

6/

Suzie The Rainbow - Semple Close

7/

Finn-Ollie - Augustine Road

All children's entries received a prize

## ADULT PRIZE WINNERS

1/

School-Run Mum - High Street

2/

Wantsum Maiden - Monkton Road

3/ Roger Jolie - High Street

4/

Crafty Kitty - Augustine Road

5/

Racey Lady - Molineux Road

6/

Zoostorm - Rose Gardens

7/

Prince Philip & Corgi - W.I. Entry at  
Village Hall



8/

Tim Peake - Salvation Army Hall

8/

Maud - Fairfield Road

8/

Betty - Fairfield Road

11/ Walter Wellin - Church Street

11/ The Stig - Monkton Road

13/ Fanlight Fanny - Monkton Road

13/ HM the Queen - W.I. Entry at Village

Hall

13/ Ching Chong - Tothill Street

PUBLIC VOTE WINNER

Roger Jolie - High Street - Prize  
awarded to Mrs Bax of Margate

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OTHER ADULT ENTRIES - IN NO  
PARTICULAR ORDER

Mike the Mechanic - Bedlam Court Lane

Compy - Conyngham Road

Tour de Minster - High Street

Minons - Salvation Army Shop  
Windows

Blunderbirds 1 to 6 and Brains - Tothill  
Street

We awarded a total of 24 prizes for  
which we'd like to say a huge thank you  
to all of the

businesses in the village and beyond  
who gave so generously, without your  
involvement

we wouldn't be able to stage this event.

Thank you also to everyone who took  
part, to the Open Gardens Committee for  
allowing

us to run our event alongside theirs and to their gardeners and volunteers who gave out

our maps and voting forms over the weekend, to all those that came to the prize giving

at the Bell Inn and to Ken and Fiona for use of their premises, plus a special thank you to

my fellow judges who were shouldered with most of the work this year (sorry), I look

forward to us doing it all again next year - I think!!

# **OPEN GARDENS**

Thank you to everyone who supported Open Gardens this year. With your help we have

raised £5000 to help maintain our beautiful church. Thank you to all the teams who

worked so well together to achieve this success and put Minster on the map!

# **MINSTER SHOW**

Saturday 23 July

Theme: Roald Dahl

Have you bought your Show Schedule yet? Now available at various outlets in the village

just 40p - you'll need a copy if you're entering any of the Show Classes!!

Are you or your group intending to enter the Procession from Freeman's Road - if so you

will need a Parade Form available now from Attwells

Wishing To Book A Stall At The Show?

Please contact Karen at Attwells

(not Tues AM, Wed PM or Sat)

or ring her on 07813 648 214

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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting Tuesday 7 June - Summary of  
Key Points

Chairman Bob Grove reported that litter picking took place on the last Sunday of the month, as usual, and volunteers worked well to help keep our village clean. Everyone welcome to join in.

Enquires are currently being made about how the village can update the current CCTV

system to give better and more accessible coverage. An update will be given at the next

meeting.

The Chairman reported that the application for the development of Manston airport has

now been submitted. The Parish Council will have a separate meeting to consider the

details of the application.



There was a reminder of the British Legion celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday on

Saturday 11 June.

Traffic flow alterations on the Buttsfield Estate will commence on Monday 1 August.

District Councillors Crow-Brown and Gregory gave an update on the revised Local Plan.

They confirmed that, following a significant response from residents of Thanet following

the publication of the Local Plan in

2015, preparation of the new plan is still in progress.

Questions were put as to whether recent comments from Chris Wells, Leader of TDC,

about the plans for significant housing developments in the rural areas remain unchanged.

It was confirmed that Thanet is required by the Government to build over 15,000 houses

by 2031; 6000 are currently in the pipeline, and there are 540 empty properties already

identified to be included. 2700 to 3000 people are on the housing list in Thanet. There

were concerns that many of the new houses will be bought by London housing authorities

and occupied by persons from outside the area. Members sought reassurance that efforts

will be made to manage this, and also that infrastructure to support the increased

population will be put in place in good time.

Further discussion took place and it was confirmed that the revised draft plan should be

published by September, when there will be further periods of consultation.

The Clerk reported that KCC funding for the local Youth Club will end in August and if no

alternative is found then the club may cease to operate.

A number of residents have asked the Parish Council to consider the provision of

allotments; unfortunately there is no land

available for such use at present, there may be

provision at a later date via section 106 legal agreements at new developments in

Minster, the Stonehill Park outline application provides for allotments.

A resident complained of the excessive noise caused by helicopters flying over the village.

The Parish Council will write letters to the two companies based at the airport.

The Parish Council agreed to provide a bench for the use of residents of Rivers Court

when waiting for buses subject to consent from the landowner. An additional bench will

also be placed at the car park to enhance the improvements already made in that area.

Planning applications have been made for two sites in the village:-

1. Erection of 36 dwellings at 66 Monkton Road.
2. Erection of 5 dwellings at 15A Tothill Street, following demolition of the existing dwelling.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will object to both developments; due to the nature

and complexity of the plans a consultant will be employed to represent the Council.

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## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

Our September Production

This year, instead of a full-length autumn production we are reverting to our format of

one act plays. These allow more people to take parts and our actors and actresses to gain

experience in shorter, although often demanding roles. The three plays chosen this year

are all comedies, each by a well-known playwright, Alan Bennett, David Tristram, and

Constance Cox.

David Tristram's funny play has a cast of three men and two women, all early middle

aged, and deals with the rut that they



have got into and how they get out of it.  
The play

by Constance Cox is a comedy with a  
cast of four women, liberated from the  
world's

most manipulative man! Alan Bennett's  
play is a typical Bennett light comedy of  
social

manners and missed intentions. This  
funny, ironic look at patronising  
bureaucracy

originally starred Thora Hird as Mam,  
Hugh Lloyd as Dad, and Julie Walters as  
June.

All three plays have a similar running time and will be presented with a short interval

between each, to an audience seated at tables and invited to bring their own food and

drink. There will be just two performances at the Village Hall on Friday 23 and Saturday

24 September at 7.30. Tickets are £8 per person for tables of up to eight people.

Why

not make up a table with your friends and come along and join the fun?

These are funny, insightful plays by top playwrights

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

The Box office is open on: 07501 894 381

or email: [info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

The Quiz night on Saturday 4 June at the Village Hall, was great fun and very successful,

raising a good fund for Oasis, a local charity supporting the victims of domestic abuse,

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

We are always looking for talented children of eight years of age or older who want to

take a small onstage role in our pantomimes, and who can give up the time and

commitment to rehearsals and the shows. Contact [info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk) giving

their name, age, and contact detail, and we will get in touch with you when the auditions

are set up.

## Chaperones

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

everyone else, we are subject to very strict rules about the care and safety of the children

involved. This primarily involves us in providing chaperones for the children during

performances. This is a simple duty and might be attractive to anyone who would enjoy

the involvement with the Playhouse in this capacity. If you would be interested in

chaperoning children for our productions please contact us – we look forward to hearing

from you.

[www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk)  
[info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

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## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **PRESENTATION OF NEW EQUIPMENT**

Although the new equipment has been in use for 4 weeks, namely: 3 x “KeelerJazz Pocket Fibre

Optic Oscopes” used to examine the ear, 2 x “Propulse G5 Ear Irrigators with Digital Timers”

to decontaminate and clean the ear, the official presentation was carried out on Wednesday 22

June when it was handed over to Nurse Practitioner Dawn Langdon and her team. We would

like to thank all those patients and friends who have made donations to this project and our

fund raising, whose kindness and support helped make it such a success, thank you everyone.

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Despite the fact that our weather doesn't agree, for many of us summer holidays beckon! So

please remember to order your "Repeat Prescriptions" in good time, and most importantly

check whether your "Annual Review" is imminent. Please also remember that our Healthcare

Professionals take their holidays at this



time too and available resources may be slightly

stretched, so please make your appointments in good time and ensure they are used

appropriately.

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Despite a slight improvement, thank you, the following figures sadly illustrate that sometimes

our resources are not being used appropriately. Last month 42 patients did not attend their

doctor's appointment and 56 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment! So that's still

98 patients wasting valuable appointments and time! Why bother making an appointment

(difficult enough at times) and then not use it? Don't need it - cancel it! Keep forgetting - get

our text reminder service.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patients responses to "Would you recommend our Practice" were as follows:

extremely likely/likely - 86%; extremely unlikely/unlikely - 6%; unsure/don't know - 8%.

## SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close for staff training from 12.00noon on the following days:

Wednesday 20 July and Thursday 29 September.

Surgery closed all day - Bank Holiday Monday 29 August.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times, and of course,

with holiday periods fast approaching, please don't forget to plan ahead and include all the

family requiring repeat prescriptions and please don't forget your GP's review appointment

where necessary. Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the

NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821 333 where you will be transferred

automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non urgent confidential health advice

and information for you and your family.  
For urgent/life threatening cases please  
dial 999 as

normal.

## PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to  
raise at our next meeting, or require  
further information

on any of the above, then please contact  
either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne  
Lawrence on

821 049 or email: [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

## **POLICE SURGERIES IN MINSTER**

Minster library the first Wednesday each month @ 1400hrs

PCSO Shaun Riches will be holding monthly surgeries for members of the public to come and

speak to a local officer about your concerns on crime and antisocial behaviour

## **KENT FIRE AND RESCUE**

Do your mealtimes feel like a juggling act?

Mealtimes can be a busy time for

families and often residents find themselves trying to juggle

many other tasks while trying to cook for everyone.

Whether it's trying to get the kids organised or catching up with household chores, it is tempting

to try to fit in other pressing jobs while waiting for food to cook.

There are many of other distractions that can cause you to take your eye off of your cooking:

maybe the phone ringing or a text message or even a knock at the door.

Or maybe taking a few moments to catch the end of a favourite TV programme or to check

your social media newsfeed or helping with homework... whatever the activity, you can be sure

that it is preventing you from concentrating fully on your cooking.

In a hectic home it's easy to get diverted for longer than you intended, and even forget all about

your cooking. For most of the time, the worst that may happen is that you burn the dinner,



causing a bit of an inconvenience. But sadly, as Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) knows only

too well, unattended cooking can lead to a serious fire, that could result in severe damage to

your home and may put you, and your family, at risk.

Unfortunately, over half of all the fires KFRS attends start in the kitchen and the majority are

caused by unattended cooking, a build-up of grease and fat on the cooker, or by kitchen

mishaps, where items such as tea towels, chopping boards or washing baskets have been placed

on a hot hob.

By taking a few moments to work out what is coming between you and a fire safe mealtime,

you can avoid a fire of this type happening in your home.

Make fire safety your main ingredient and help prevent a kitchen fire in your home by following

these tips:

Keep an eye on your cooking and remember to switch off your cooker if you have to leave the room

Use a timer for items placed in your oven or grill to remind when your food is done and to save it from burning

Plan and prepare - if you know you have a busy week ahead, try and plan in advance and

prepare meals that do not require lots of cooking

Avoid storing or placing household items on your cooker or stove

Keep your cooker, grill and oven clean to avoid a build-up of grease and fat that could start a

fire

Keep children and pets well away from you cooking area

Ensure electric cookers, toasters and microwaves are turned off at the mains when you have

finished using them

Fit a working smoke alarm on each floor

of your home and test it weekly to ensure it provides

early warning in the event of a fire.

For further fire safety advice visit

[www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking) or call  
0800 923 7000

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## **NEXTDOOR - MINSTER THANET**

Just a quick update on how Nextdoor Minster is progressing.

We now have over 165 members and they are discussing allotments, snakes,

neighbourhood watch, recipes and all sorts of other topics - come and join us and get

involved with your local community - just follow this short link:  
<https://goo.gl/nRr58y> to

sign up.

Having passed the 100 member mark before the end of June we are now in line to

receive £400 from Nextdoor UK to spend on anything we choose - so does anyone have

any great ideas?

Minster has topped the membership chart nationally for the past 4 weeks but we need

new members to help keep us there - unlike Facebook this is a Private Social Network - if

you don't have a street address in Minster then you can't access our network plus the

world and his wife can't read all about you!!

Allotments seems to be the main talking point at present and to that end Minster

Matters have offered to co-ordinate

names and addresses of people who may be

interested in having such a facility in the village to be able to then pass that information

on to the Parish Council on your behalf - just drop us an email to -

[editorialteam@minstermatters.org.uk](mailto:editorialteam@minstermatters.org.uk)

It should be noted however the Parish Council have discussed allotments at their June

meeting and it would appear the stumbling block is acquiring a piece of land, but there is



the real possibility of s.106 agreements from future planning applications being able to

fill this requirement.

We've copied the following from the Nextdoor handbook so as prospective members

can see our aims and goals:

The Nextdoor Manifesto

We are for neighbours.

We're for neighbourhood barbecues. For multi-family garage sales. For trick-or-treating.

We're for slowing down, for children at play.

We're for sharing a common hedge and an awesome babysitter.

We're for neighbourhood watch, emergency response or for just keeping an eye out for a

lost cat.

We believe waving hello to a new neighbour says, "Welcome" better than any doormat.

We believe technology is a powerful tool for making neighbourhoods stronger, safer

places to call home.

We're all about online chats that lead to more clothes line chats.

We believe fences are sometimes necessary, but online privacy is always necessary.

We believe strong neighbourhoods not only improve our property value, they improve

each one of our lives.

We believe that amazing things can happen by just talking with the people next door.

We are Nextdoor.

We are simply you and your neighbours,  
together.

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## **HOUSE CALLS FROM ATTWELLS**

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

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

selection of greetings cards for you to  
choose from.

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

Don't lose your right to choose.

Also don't forget we stock office  
stationery, give us a ring before that trip  
into town, it

could save you valuable time.

## **Minster & Monkton Wednesday Afternoon Club**

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine  
Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -  
4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests  
welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

## **MINSTER ABBEY SUMMER TOURS**

Monday to Friday 2.45pm to 4pm and  
Saturday 11am to 12noon

No charge, everyone welcome

## **AGE UK THANET**

Imagine how you would feel if you  
hadn't talked to anyone for a week or

even two. If al

you had for company was your TV and radio. If you couldn't go out because of

deteriorating mobility, so you had to spend time looking at the same four walls. Family

and friends live a long way away or have died. Sadly this is reality for an increasing

number of older people.

Age UK Thanet is here to help, we are fully aware of the severity of the problem and the

detrimental impact loneliness can have on general health and well-being of older people.

Our purpose built mini buses allow us to pick up people who would otherwise struggle to

go out and transport them to our main centre. At the centre we provide social

opportunities, activities, entertainment, freshly cooked meals and much more.

Our befriending scheme is a real life line for many older people who are unable to travel

by mini bus. A volunteer befriender



visits weekly offering companionship and friendship.

Great friendships often result as people get to know each other and they both look

forward to their visits. These visits can help an older person to connect again with the

outside world and to feel valued.

At Age UK Thanet we would love to be able to help additional lonely older people, we

need more volunteers to assist us. If you have a little time to spare and would like

to

become a volunteer befriender in your local area please contact Gill Ball on 07735 556

811 or email:

agecorecruiter@btinternet.com.

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

**NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 11 July 7.30pm**

A Funny Tale That Happened On A  
Holiday

Bingo , Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information please contact  
Miriam Smith on 822 589

## **MINSTER WI**

Monthly Meeting Tuesday 12 July @  
7.30pm Village Hall

Spkr: Bob Ogley 'Spirit of Invicta' Story  
of Kent in the 20th Century

Games Evening

Wednesday 27 July @ 7.30pm Village  
Hall Committee Room

Each month there is also a Sunshine  
Club Trip, Darts and a Walk

## **MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Next Meeting Wednesday 20 July  
7.30pm

Members Gardens and Supper

## **PSYCHIC FAYRE**

Sunday 3 July Village Hall 10.00am -  
4.00pm

Lots of Stalls

Mediums giving Tarot, Spirit, Angel  
Cards and Psychometry Readings

Tombola for Cats in Crisis

Tea bar open all day at reasonable  
prices

£1 entrance, children free

Come early & book your readings

All profits to be sent to Animal  
Sanctuaries

Enquiries to Kay on 01843 297 665

# **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**

Wayborough Manor, Wayborough Hill,  
Minster

Saturday 9 July at 7pm

Tickets £20 Concessions £10 under 10s  
free – Parties of 8+ £8pp

Telephone 07936 843 819 or email:  
nicolaloud@hotmail.com

Proceeds to St Mary's Church Bring a  
Picnic and a Blanket

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**ATTWELLS Clearance Sale**

Starting 8am Sunday 10 July

Not just a newsagents

Massive clear out of stock including pens, stationery, gift wrap, toys, gifts & more !!

## **PARKMINSTER SUMMER FETE**

Saturday 16 July 11am to 4pm Free  
Entry

Fun for all the family

## **SUMMER SOCIAL VARIETY SHOW**

Show Marquee in the Recreation Ground

Organised on behalf of the Show  
Committee

Saturday 23 July at 7.30pm

Tickets £4 each – bring your own food  
and drink

Tickets available from Katharine and  
Richard on 07714 529 968

Email: [blendsinging@gmail.com](mailto:blendsinging@gmail.com)

Blend – For Everyone Who Loves To  
Sing

**Car Boot Sale**

Bell Meadow, St Nicholas-at-Wade



Sunday 24 July 8am - 12noon

Gates Open at 8am Cars £7 Vans £10

Parking Refreshments Toilets

## **TREASURE HUNT and BBQ**

at the Salvation Army

Friday 29 July @ 6pm

BBQ at 7.15pm

Tickets available from the Community Shop or Audrey on 821792

Adults £5 - Under 12 £3 - Family £10

# **Textile Journeys**

An Exhibition of work by Village Textiles students, including those completing City &

Guilds Stitched Textiles Embroidery and Machine Embroidery Levels 2 and 3 Certificate

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July from 10am to 5pm

Old Schools, Church Street, Minster

Admission £1. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

'Smartfrog' will also be attending,

offering a range of textile supplies

Further information from Barbara  
Inchley on 01843 847 705

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## **QEQM Hospital League of Friends Fete**

Saturday 6 August 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

In the Car Park in front of Maternity,  
QEQM Hospital, St Peter's Road,  
Margate

To be opened by Chetna Makan from  
“Bake Off”

Fun Dog Show takes entries from 10 am,  
with judging starting at 10.30 am.

Twelve

“Fun” Classes.

Pip the Magic Clown, Magician,  
Dancing Displays, Books, Toys, Bric-a-  
Brac, Plants,

Children’s Games, Raffle, Tombola  
Enquiries to 01843 234 507

## **PICNIC IN PARKMINSTER**

Saturday 13 August 4pm to 7.30pm

£12 per person which includes  
Individual Picnic, Live Jazz Band, Cold

Drinks, Coffee,

Teas and Lots of Fun Tickets available  
from Parkminster Tea Rooms

## **SUMMER MARKET**

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

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

A good variety of stalls, entertainment  
whilst you browse, and a trail for the  
children

Admission Free. Proceeds to St Mary's  
Church

## **AMBER'S ADVICE**

Sometimes you have to forget what's gone, appreciate what remains, and look forward

to what's coming next.

## **TIGER' TIP**

Do your bananas get too ripe before you can eat them all?

To make them last an extra three or four days wrap the stalks in cling film.

## **ZAC'S MUSINGS**

Wow, have we had some rain or what?

The pair of them here were running about like

headless chickens pulling up manhole covers to get rid of the run-off from the Rec but at

the same time worrying that one of the cats who visit our garden to terrorise the birds

wouldn't start exploring and get stuck in the drain - well the rain went the manholes

covers were replaced and the cats are back scaring the birds, so everything's just rosy

again!!

The old fella's been fretting over pictures of scarecrows, trying to ensure that at least one

of each appears in this issue, but I think he got it sorted eventually along with all the

other pictures from recent happenings in the village. Heard him mutter that this is

another bumper issue and he hopes Rodney doesn't moan when the bill comes through!!



# SCHOOL PAGE

## YEAR 5 FRENCH TRIP

From June the 8th to the 10th Minster CofE Primary School's Year 5 classes went to

France on a school trip. They stayed in a cabin where there were comfortable beds, very

nice showers and the children got to pick the people they wanted in their room. With the

children's rooms there were five or six people per room. The children were only allowed

their same gender in their room. For example boys HAD to pick boys to be in their room

and girls HAD to pick girls to stay in their room.

The children went to a French School where they sang a song and had food there and

they also spoke to the French children. They went to an Aquarium where they got to look

at lots of different animals and were able to buy some things from the gift shop. They

also went to the market where they got their lunch and they were allowed to buy things.

They also went to the Beach when they got to France. I hope I have persuaded your

children to go to France if they are in year 4 or under.

By Lauren Padfield

## **THE DICK TURPIN POEM**

Taken from Horrible Histories

The legend that surrounds me

Misses out the crucial part

I was a ruthless killer

With a ruthless killer's heart

I was a vicious highwayman

A source of pain and tears

When you hear how my story ends

You won't believe your ears

By Alex Alsop

**YEAR 5 FRENCH TRIP**

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!** Is your

child in Year 4?

Are you concerned about them going on the Year 5 French trip? Then read this article!

On the 8th of June the current Year 5 [including myself] went on a French trip on a

coach. But when we got to Folkestone we went on the Eurotunnel [the trip on the

Eurotunnel took approximately 35 minutes].

However I can't tell you what you'll need to pack because it should say on a

slip around

2-3 weeks before the trip what you will need to pack. But if your child isn't going you

don't need to worry. The first thing we did on the trip was have lunch on Calais beach.

Then we got back on the coach and we went back to the hotel and sat down to have a

drink. Then we were told our room number and who we were sharing with. Afterwards

we played some games and we went

pond dipping. Your child's bedtime is about 9-10

o'clock French time. I do indeed hope this helps to clear up your worries about your child

going on the Year 5 French trip. By Charlie Miles

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## **THE HIGHWAYMAN**

by Alfred Noyes

The highwayman is a poem based on the famous highwayman Dick Turpin. I would say it

is unsuitable for readers under nine years of age. This is the first couple of verses:

The wind was a torrent of darkness  
among the gusty trees,

The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed  
upon cloudy seas,

The road was a ribbon of moonlight  
over the purple moor,

And the highwayman came riding—  
riding—riding—

The highwayman came riding, up to the  
old inn-door.



He'd a French cocked-hat on his  
forehead, a bunch of lace at his chin,

A coat of the claret velvet, and breeches  
of brown doe-skin;

They fitted with never a wrinkle: his  
boots were up to the thigh!

And he rode with a jewelled twinkle; his  
pistol butts a-twinkle,

His rapier hilt a-twinkle, under the  
jewelled sky.

If you want to read on you need to get the  
book. WARNING this is not for people  
who

faint if they hear or see goriness. The rating is 4 and a half stars. The genres are thriller,

romance and tragedy. I hope you consider reading his poem.

by Charlie Miles

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## **CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES**

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

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone  
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &  
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road  
Ramsgate

Catholic Mass each Wednesday and  
Holy day of Obligation at 12.00noon in  
the Church

of St Mary the Virgin, Minster and each  
Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

## **MINSTER ABBEY**

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

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer  
throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday

10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm

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

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

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

beautiful monastic chapel.

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER  
CORPS**

Church & Community Centre, Tothill St.

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

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers  
(Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group. We  
would love to pray for you. If you have  
any

prayer requests please put them in letter  
box at the hall by Thursday morning and  
we will

pray for you. Even better come and join us.

10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

**ST MARY MAGDALENE  
MONKTON SERVICES IN JULY**

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10:15am Holy Communion (CW)

10 10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

17 10:15am United Holy Communion  
with Methodists

24 10.15am Family Service

31 10.00am Benefice Service at Chislet  
(No Service at Monkton today)

Wedding at St Mary Magdalene Monkton

4 June - Gemma Rosevear & Kieron  
Field

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

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

10 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

17 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

24 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)



10.30am Family Communion (CW)

31 10.00am Benefice Service at Chislet  
(No Service at Minster today)

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to  
access Minster or Monkton Church

Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Weddings at St Mary's

18 June - Kerry Vinson & Robbie  
Robson

25 June - Kaylee Barnett & Lewis  
Bowman

25 June - Sandie Coulson & Jeffrey  
Smith

Baptism at St Mary's

5 June

Jacob Gammon (9 months)

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**CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT &  
COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

## TDC Villages

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

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County

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE

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Contacting your MP: Sir Roger Gale MP

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Thanks for listening - Your readers this  
month were

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Musical interludes supplied courtesy of  
Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard

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