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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council

will be held on: Tuesday, 1st June. in the Neighbourhood Centre at 7 pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays;

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Next month's meeting will be held on: Tuesday, 6th July 2010. 2

EDITORIAL

Well the Op never happened !! I've got to wait until I've completed my years worth of tablets after having had my stents fitted. What niggles me is that I asked that very question, twice, and was told both times it wouldn't be a problem, I'd just need to stop them for a week prior to the op, however having seen the anaesthetist 3 days before the op was due, he said sorry Mr Owen but we aren't allowed to stop those drugs, you must complete the course before we can contemplate the hernia repair. So I'm still waiting for a new appointment, hopefully in June as I complete the tablets at the end of May. Fingers crossed, and thank you to everyone who has asked how I got on.

Now I must also say thank you to a mother and daughter, Connie and Hazel Shepherd, for their extremely generous donation to MM, and also to Janet for making it possible. Connie and Hazel live in London but enjoy reading the magazine, which they are sent each month, by Janet Walmsley, and I am told they visit Minster quite regularly during the summer months. We're pleased to hear you enjoy our mag and look forward to meeting you sometime when you are here.

It was very sad to hear of the recent death of our Road Sweeper, David Harlow, I know he never really got over the death of his mum and has led a pretty lonely life since then. His worries are now over and we send our condolences to his family at this sad time. Also our thoughts are with Keith the milkman and his family, after the recent incident in Ramsgate when he sustained skull fractures and bleeding to his ear. I understand from his mum that he was progressing well but following 5 days at the QEQM he was transferred to Kings College in London for closer observation as his headaches were not subsiding as they expected them to. So at the time of writing let us hope and pray that he is going to be ok and soon back on his float.

You will see elsewhere in this issue, at the end of the Community Wardens piece, where we have set up a web-site for villagers and friends to leave messages for Keith. It is very simple to use, so don't be afraid to add your words to it. For those who do not have Internet access you can either leave a written note at Attwell's and Karen will put it on for you, or you can ring me at home, giving me your message over the phone, and I will do the same, or IF you see the Warden he will pass them on for you. Remember, this month it is Open Gardens on the 19th and 20th so come on out and support this event, look out for the new MM gazebo (weather permitting) it will be somewhere in the village, and don't forget the Show next month on the 24th, we'll be there as well.

Have you been and had a look at the display of artefacts from the East Kent Access Road dig at the Holiday Inn. I've been pushing to get it moved to the library where more villagers are likely to get to see it, I've not had any luck so far but I haven't given up hope as yet. After all, I would estimate that over 90% the works are inside our parish boundary, so surely we ought to be a priority venue for them, not a last resort. I have been told the Thanet Library management decided there wasn't room at our library for it, so that is why it has gone to the Holiday Inn. Do you think we ought to have it here in the centre of the village, let me know if you do it may help my plea for it to be reconsidered. I have also approached OWA to see if I can use some of the more interesting photographs and maps from the dig on our village web-site, I await a decision on this as well. That's it for another month!! NOW - Who was that I heard saying "Thank goodness".

LOCAL NEWS

KCC Community Warden, Steve Taylor

It seems a long time since I've had the chance to write an article for MM but here goes. As you know I have been covering the Area supervisor while she was on maternity leave and then had a short time in hospital recently so it's good to be back here in Minster for the foreseeable future.

I would like to thank all of you who sent kind wishes and for your words of support since my return. I am getting round to various groups etc together with the local school. I was asked by the school to take part in a litter-pick recently and it was good to get involved again with these youngsters and it is reassuring to know that we have some great kids who want to do their bit for the village. I attended the school assembly last week and presented the volunteers with a little gift as a thank-you for taking part.

I'm afraid I'm going to have to get on my soap box about the issue of dog-fouling. I have noticed more and more incidents in practically all parts of the village, which really is unacceptable.

I'm often asked what can be done about this anti-social behaviour, and I'm asking everyone to report to me if they witness this happening. I don't expect anyone to challenge the offender(s) but if they recognise the owner or can give me a description of the type of dog, or both, contact me and I will ensure the matter is dealt with through the right channels. It's no consolation that we aren't alone in suffering this problem, but by working together let's see what we can do to help send the message to these people that the residents of Minster find this behaviour totally unacceptable.

Remember most of our dog owners do act responsibly and pick up after their animal, so once again it's the minority causing the problem.

On to other things and as I'm sure you will know by now that Keith Morgan, our village milkman, is, at the time of writing, in hospital following an incident in Ramsgate. I know a lot of you will want to send a message to Keith and we thought that a jointly signed card would be impractical but one way that most might become involved could be through the Internet. So Minster Matters have set up a web-page, dedicated to Keith, which you can log onto and send him your own personal message. The web address is www.tinyurl.com/keiththemilk and a link can be found on both the village website at www.minster-in-thanet.org.uk

or

on

the

Minster

Matters

website

at

www.minstermatters.org.uk

Attwell's also have a collection tin on their counter if you should wish to donate. For those who cannot access the Internet, Karen in Attwell's will take any hand written messages, or you can ring the Editor of MM, and either of them will make sure that your words are added to the page for Keith to read.

I would like to add my own thoughts about what happened to Keith and what he means to us all.

I've known Keith for about 12 years and worked with him for a while and I know what a hard working, dedicated man he is. Probably like you I get annoyed at some members of

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(Community Warden, Steve Taylor)

society who have no respect for others and feel the need to upset someone else's life. Let's hope that whoever is responsible for this is dealt with in the proper manner and most of all let us hope and pray that Keith will soon be back amongst his many friends here in Minster and Monkton.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

ROADS

Construction of the East Kent Access Road

Proposed dates for future progress meetings, at the Neighbourhood centre, which residents are welcome to attend are as follows

20th July 2010; 23rd November 2010; 22nd March 2011, 26th July 2011, 22nd November 2011

Please watch MM and local noticeboards for further information closer to the time.

Closure of High Street and Tothill Street for Resurfacing The High Street will be closed and there will be no parking allowed on 8th October between 7pm and Midnight

Like wise Tothill Street will be closed and there will be no parking allowed on 13th October between 7pm and Midnight

SHOPS

Bens – A Work in Progress

The continued support by villagers choosing to use his shop is one of the main reasons that Ben has made the decision to extend the store.

The shop now employs 25 staff and at present is undergoing a major extension to the rear and overhead. The new extension to the upper floor means that the area will now include both a one bed flat and a two bed flat and also further stock storage space to compliment the new storage space on the ground floor.

The inside of the main store will also be enlarged from approx 1,800 sq ft to 2,400 sq ft so an increase of about 33%. This will mean that the „Food to Go“ area will be greatly improved and Ben intends to undertake many more promotional activities along with an increase in stock lines.

Ben tells us he wishes to remain at the heart of the community, and thanks all his clientele for their continued support, however the new improvements mean that the store will have to remain closed for between 7 to 10 days when the major work has been completed, to allow them to finalise the shop fittings and in-store layout. Please watch for notices displayed instore and in this magazine as to when this will be. At present it is expected to be around 8 weeks time, but this obviously depends on many factors, so should not be taken as read at this time.

Ben would like feedback from his customers if they have any suggestions or comments regarding the proposed layout of the store, plans are available to view by the tills, please speak to either Ben or Julie before the final decisions are made. 5

LOCAL NEWS

RSPCA ISLE OF THANET BRANCH

Inc. The Woodchurch Animal Centre

Homes wanted for the following:

Sammy is a 7 year old female cat who came to the Centre as her owner was no longer able to look after her. She is shy but friendly and has lived with another cat. If you are able to offer Sammy a loving home please contact the Animal Centre.

Fluffy is a long haired male cat approx 2 years old. He was found as a stray and would love a home of his own where he can get lots of cuddles and attention. *Lucky* is a 5 year old male cat who came to the centre because he was unsettled in a busy household. He is a very sweet natured cat who loves to be cuddled. He would be happiest in a home with no young children. *Rosie* is a 9 year old female cat who came to the Centre because her owner was moving to a flat and was unable to take her. She doesn't like other cats so is finding it very stressful being in a cattery environment. Rosie is quite an independent cat who likes fuss on her terms.

Minx is a 16 month old female cat who had to be re-housed due to her owners personal circumstances. She is very friendly and is looking for a home together with Nelly.

Nelly is an 11 1/2 month old female cat who had to be re-housed due to her owners personal circumstances. She is timid but friendly and is looking for a home together with Minx.

Toffee, a black and white cat, had been living rough in a shed and is now looking for a permanent loving home.

Rebel is a 3 year old male cat who came to us from another Centre. He is very friendly and is good with dogs, cats and children.

Rosy is an 8 month old female rat who is looking to be re-homed with her sister Posy. Rosy is quite a timid girl whilst Posy is very outgoing and has already bitten several volunteers. They are looking for a home with an experienced rat owner.

Bobby, a rat, is approx 4 months old he came to the centre with another male rat after being saved from being live snake food. They are looking to be re-homed separately as they do not get on.

George & Mildred are 2 x 1 year old budgies who are looking for a home together.

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LES MISERABLES GOES FROM LOCAL SCHOOL TO STAGE

Sandwich Technology School's recent production of Les Miserables School Edition played to packed houses and received glowing praise from all who went to see it. Almost 50

students participated in the production, with the addition of young Rosie Malloy (11 yrs.) from Minster School, who played Little Cosette. Comments like: „We enjoyed it as much as the West End version“, „To put it in a nutshell the production was mind blowing“ and „It was one of the most fantastic performances I have ever witnessed“ gave producer/director Josephine Buchan the idea to take it to a wider audience. To this end the show will transfer to the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury in July of this year.

Star been offered singing scholarship

One of the principal roles in the show, that of Javert the policeman, was played by Yr. 11

student Alaric Green (16 yrs.) Although taking Drama at GCSE Alaric did not take part in any major productions, and certainly no-one – not even Alaric himself – had any idea what a beautiful baritone voice he possessed. Such was the strength, passion and ability of his performance that Kate Griffin, Managing Director of independent music school All Sorts of Music in Ham, on seeing Alaric's performance, immediately offered him an open-ended scholarship for private singing lessons.

Alaric said: „I can't believe it, my life has changed overnight. I'm going to give it everything I can, stay focused, and hopefully make this my career. For more info contact Rose Osborne 07784 009 397 01304 614878

Josephine Buchan - Producer / Director 07525 835 854

Veronica Gomez - Head Teacher Sandwich Technology School 01304 611000

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI69tEEy-po>

Show dates and performance times

Tuesday 20th July 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 21st July 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 22nd July 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 24th July matinee 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 25th July 7.30 p.m.

Tickets priced at £14 and £12 for concessions (Students and OAPs) Box Office -01227 7690757 Email-boxoffice@kent.ac.uk

The Gulbenkian, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NB

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LOCAL NEWS

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR „SHEEMAUN

Dr Rodney Pell, of Minster, and his Gentleman's Motor Yacht „Sheemaun have recently been awarded the accolade of Flagship of the National Historic Ships for 2010. To read more about her history visit this website

<http://tinyurl.com/sheemaun>

At the ceremony Dr Pell was heard to comment that he has had 2 new engines fitted which instead of naming them the traditional „port and starboard engines he has affectionately called them NANK and NACC, that's „Not a new kitchen and „Not a Caribbean cruise thanks to the generosity of his wife, Maura, in accepting that the job needed to be done !!

Minster Matters takes this opportunity to thank both Rodney and Maura for inviting us to this prestigious ceremony, and we wish you "Fair Sailing" for many years to come. Copied from the NHS Website

Sheemaun was built as a gentleman's pleasure yacht and requisitioned for naval duties as an armed Thames estuary patrol boat throughout the 2nd World War. Now privately owned, she is enjoyed by the general public on both sides of the Channel. Included on the National Register of Historic Vessels, she has been awarded the accolade of Flagship of the Year 2010

by National Historic Ships in recognition of her wide-ranging public summer cruising programme. In this role, Sheemaun will be promoting the 1,200 other vessels on the National Register of Historic Vessels at events which include the Calais Fete de la Mer, the Swallows & Amazons Rally and the Mayor's Thames Classic Boat Festival.

LITTER PICKING WITH ECO HEALTH WARRIORS:

Branden, Matthew, Theo and Ben.

We were all really pleased by how little litter we found. Minster Primary School has recently been re-assessed for the Eco schools Green Flag. We are delighted to say that assessor declared that we are entitled to keep our flag for the next two years.

Activities like the Litter Pick go towards this green flag award. *Pat Hodges, ECM Co-ordinator, Minster CofE Primary School*

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Ghost Writer Reviews

Another triumph for Minster Playhouse, with the production of Ghost Writer. Comments were as follows

"We all had a great time on Thursday. Had to stop my Mum from snorting so loudly

when she laughed!!"

“Minster Playhouse is the real deal, the dog’s whatsits (with added sparkles) ...strength and talent in bundles. Well done everyone from the Boss Man , to the son et lumiere fold, right down to the mould painter (!!) ... a brilliant, brilliant production.”

“Congratulations again on a great play! In my opinion it would be a shame not to be able to revive it later in the year.”

“My friends and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance and can’t wait for the next one.”

“You are a talented group, developed by a fine director!! I shall look forward to hearing the results of the competition.”

As some of you are aware we were adjudicated for the Kent Drama Festival on the Friday performance and the feedback was very positive so the Playhouse is keeping its fingers cross that we will be nominated for a few of the categories.

For those of you who came along and had a great night thank you very much and for those who stayed at home, think about having a night out the next time we have a production, you will not be disappointed.

MINSTER WALKING BUS

On a sunny Saturday in May a record number of Minster Walking bus children marched through the streets of Canterbury singing the Walking Bus song. They were there to help break the record for the largest walking bus in the county. 247 children in all from 20

different buses across Kent joined forces to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Walking Bus charity.

Minster Walking bus was presented with its 11th Birthday certificate as the oldest bus in the county (and the only one attending from Thanet). This was accepted by one of the founding members of the bus Brian Portanier, who despite the fact his children have long since left Minster school, still “drives” the bus most days down Tothill Street. A great day was had by all with free pizza, games and goody bags for the children. The Rae family were also the lucky winners of an ipod in the raffle. Thanks to all the children on the bus who helped to make the fabulous banner and who walk to school each day in all weather!

If you would like more information on the walking bus, please contact Minster school or log onto www.kmwalktoschool.co.uk

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YOUR LETTERS

„Brighton Marathon by Odette Collard-Woolmer

On Sunday 18th April I ran the first ever Brighton Marathon. I decided to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind as one of my work colleagues is blind and relies on his guide dog to enable him to live independently and work. Mark is the same age as me (33 years) and I have worked along side him and Lister for a number of years. Lister is Mark’s second guide dog.

So far we have managed to raise over £1300 for Guide Dogs with a great deal of support from our colleagues at Medway Council. Guide Dogs is a charity entirely funded by donations and enables approximately 5000 blind and partially sighted people in the UK to get around as independently as possible.

The marathon itself fell on a hot and sunny day with over 30,000 supporters. I managed to complete the marathon in 4hrs 38mins which is a significant improvement on my London time last year which was over 5 hours. This is my second marathon and I am keen to run again next year and hopefully raise funds for another worthy cause. Thank you again to those who have supported me in the village again this year. If anyone else would like to donate to Guide Dogs then this can be done on my Just Giving web page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Lister-Mark-Odette>

THE DRAGON INN, MINSTER - We were extremely pleased and delighted with the fantastic service and quality of food received at The Dragon Inn, Minster, on a recent visit. The restaurant was able to accommodate a large gathering for a 40th Birthday Party with ease and professionalism, catering for all with huge compliments to the chef. We would like to thank the staff for their continuous assistance in making sure we were all well fed and looked after throughout the meal and of course to those who cooked the delicious delights that completely satisfied our hunger. The Dragon Inn can certainly rely on our custom again - A RESTAURANT WE WOULD

HIGHLY RECOMMEND to all.

We look forward to our next visit (hopefully soon!)

Staff at Minster Primary School

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MINSTER LIBRARY -I visit the Library frequently and would just like to say what a good service the staff provide. They get me numerous books from far-away places if they don’t have them in situ. I get a free notification when a book I’ve requested is in and when I return it they then send it back to the

library it came from. This all takes time and is offered free and with a friendly chat. So Thank You staff of Minster Library. *Brenda and Grady*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE -who sent messages of congratulations on my retirement from the library. A new chapter has begun ! *Sandra Day*

THANK YOU TO THE KIND RESIDENTS of Minster and Friends of the Salvation Army for their concern and offers of help during Robert's recent illness. *Robert and Gwen Heath*

A KIND HEARTED LETTER

Now you're getting old gal

Your sight is fading fast

But that is not surprising

You knew it wouldn't last

And you're mouth it must feel empty at night cos' them teeth, they're made of plastic Yeah, taking the old gnashers out each day

I guess must feel kinda drastic

And you're waist it's getting bigger gal

Not by centimetres, but by inches

And those old dresses you want to fit back in

You look at and give awful winces

But you knew that it would happen

That, I mean, not being able to bend

But now it's the time when I can't say

Soon you'll be on the mend.

But no matter what, you'll always know

I will always be here,

And I just thought that I would tell you this

You've got my sympathetic ear!!

(Marvyn Attwell).

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YOUR LETTERS

The Playtex Moonwalk is no ordinary sporting event. Run annually, women from all over the country power walk a marathon through London - at night! - wearing customised, decorated bras and pink baseball caps to raise awareness (and money) for breast cancer research and holistic cancer care.

This year, villagers, Linda Wade and Gilly Brown, took up the Moonwalk challenge, with sponsorship from W S Cole & Son. On an extremely cold night in May, they left Hyde Park at midnight. Their marathon route took in all the sights of London, from Buckingham Palace to Big Ben, the Tate Modern to Knightsbridge ... even the late night/early morning London revellers made their special presence known!

In all, 15,000 women took part, creating a massive snake of pink through the streets of London. Traffic came to a standstill when the women crossed roads; cars peeped their appreciation throughout the night as did spectators who lined the route offering encouragement and support. The impact was massive - the statement simple ... with enough support, enough awareness and enough funding, we can beat cancer one day!

It was a truly inspiring event. Hard going! Tiring! But so very special. Before starting, all 15,000 women held a minute's silence to dwell on what they were doing and why ... most had been touched by cancer, either personally or through friends and relatives. The atmosphere this created was moving beyond belief.

In the 12 years that it has been running, the Playtex Moonwalk has raised £42 million. And this money IS making a difference. Recent developments in research have isolated a gene that, it is hoped, will eventually cure 30% of future breast cancer cases. Similarly, advancements in holistic care are radically improving reactions to treatments and quality of life.

By comparison to the enormity of the occasion, and the target of £6 million that this year's Playtex Moonwalk is hoping to raise, Linda and Gilly's aching feet and legs at the end of the marathon seemed somewhat irrelevant.

Well, almost irrelevant ... certainly nothing that a glass or two of champagne at the finishing line didn't put right!

If you would like to sponsor Linda & Gilly's achievement, it's not too late!

Every single pound makes a difference, and will be so gratefully received.

Donations can be handed in to the office at:

W.S. COLE & SON, 17-19 HIGH STREET, MINSTER.

Thank you!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

STREETWISE OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB, MINSTER

OPEN DAYS

Streetwise is inviting all parents/carers to a session of open days giving you the opportunity and an insight of how our out of school club operates and what we have to offer your children. You will experience a fun atmosphere on your visit, meet and greet the staff and also see what activities, indoors and outdoors, menus and opportunities that are available daily.

Our Open Days are from 15.30-17.30

on June 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th

Booking essential, for further information call:-**Anita 07950 448595**

VACANCY FOR

STREET CLEANSING OPERATIVE/GENERAL ASSISTANT

A vacancy has arisen for the position of street cleansing operative/ general assistant for Minster Parish Council

For an application form and job description please contact Kyla Lamb the Parish Clerk on 01843 821339 or email

clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office by Monday 14th June 2010

KENT VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2010

The format for this competition has changed and the Parish Council have decided that they will not be entering this year, due to time constraints and other commitments, however it is still open for any other group to make an application. Forms must be completed and returned by 30th June and it is now based on local projects that have made a real difference to the community. Forms can be obtained from the Editor of this magazine if you are interested in entering.

MINSTER CRICKET CLUB Fixtures for May & June 2010

Date	Opposition	Home/ Away	League	Start Time
<u>May</u>				
Sat 8th	Worth	Away	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
			<i>Result - Minster Won by 154 runs - I. Tong scored 160 not out</i>	
Sat 15th	Bapchild	Away	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
			<i>Result - Minster Won by 140 runs</i>	
Sun 16th	Borden	Away	Kent Village League	2.30pm
			<i>Result - Minster Won by 144 runs - A. Lee 104</i>	
			<i>D. Ridley took 5 wkts for 4 runs</i>	
Sat 29th	Brook	Away	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
Sun 30th	Southfleet	Home	Kent Village League	2.30pm

June

Sat 5th	Ramsgate Corinthians	Home	Kent Regnl Cricket League	1.30pm
Sun 6th	Highways	Away	Kent Village League	2.30pm
Sat 12th	Betteshanger	Away	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
Sun 13th	Elham Valley	Home	Kent Village League	2.30pm
Sat 19th	Folkestone	Home	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
Sat 26th	Littlebourne	Home	Kent Regional Cricket League	1.30pm
Sun 27th	Benenden	Away	Kent Village League	2.30pm

Any new players of all standards welcome,

also anyone interested in Umpiring would be most welcome

Please contact either I. Tong on 07809 623 087

or N. Harrop on 07745 161 070

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Attwells are now collecting Supermarket vouchers.

Sainsburys vouchers for the Scouts and all others for the School, so please if you shop in the supermarkets and don't require the schools vouchers then pop them into Attwells and they will be put to good use.

They are also collecting Dog, Cat or Bunny food which will be distributed locally to both Minster Cat Care and TAG.

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MINSTER ARMOUITS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Well the 48 French visitors were treated to some good old English weather on 2nd May!

That did not stop everyone having a really good day though. Roy Bailey and the Carnival Court greeted the guests at the railway station and from there they went to The Bowls Club. Speeches and gifts were given and received, and refreshments taken. Thanks to the Parish Council for providing drinks and especially to Mrs Anne Thomson for giving her speech in French. The French now have a hamper of English produce and we have one of French produce – so obviously great minds, and Twinning Associations, think alike. Most people had a go at short mat bowls, for which thanks to The Bowls Club, and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was still raining and blowing and the giants were too scared to brave it, but the journey was made to The Royal British Legion Club for socialising, a delicious meal and the raffle. Paul Cornwall's musical renditions were well received and contributed to a happy atmosphere.

The English were invited to a "boot fair" on Sunday 9 May and four people ventured over for a pleasant day. There is also an invitation to attend a Ducasse, a kind of village fete, on 27 June. The Carnival Court will be going and villagers are welcome – perhaps a coach could be arranged if there are enough takers – so please let the Association know if you would like a trip to France. The French asked for the date of Minster's Village Show, which is 24 July, and they will be making their next visit then. Hopefully by then there will be better weather that is more suitable for giants.

Would anyone be interested in joining, or even a running a 100 or 200 club to raise funds?

Please let the committee know as we would like to start such a club if we have enough subscribers.

The next committee meeting will be at The Royal British Legion Club on Thursday 3rd June at 8.00 pm if anyone would like to attend they will be most welcome. 15

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI.

There were two distinctly different parts to May's meeting. Firstly, Marion Rose and Cathy Hoenes presented the WI's resolution for 2010, which is to urge the Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country, since unclear and misleading information on packaging denies consumers the chance to make an informed choice when purchasing goods. They gave examples of products with limited or no information, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Secondly, on a light-hearted level, we had a fashion show, courtesy of Edinburgh Woollen Mills. Our 'super models' on the catwalk were Mesdames Backler, Butterworth, Day, Eaton-Brown, Fuller, Shervington, Tinker and Todd. Refreshments rounded off the evening.

A New Members Evening was held, when the ladies who joined recently met our Committee, plus Janet Bradley (WI Adviser for Acol Group), and learnt about the history of the WI, its organisation and numerous activities. This was followed by a buffet and much chatter!

Our next meeting, to which visitors and new members are welcome, will be on Tuesday, 8th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when there will be a talk about the Royal British Legion.

On 12th June there will be a Garden Morning at 9 High Street to which all are welcome.

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MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor season is now up and running. During the day time if you visit our green you can see members bowling and trying to find the Line and Length to the jack. Once competitions and games, against other clubs, are under way they will be looking for the third

"L" LUCK.

Matches against other clubs have started, and to date we have played four, resulting in two wins and two losses. The first game we won by 23 shots, the second by 22. Our next game which we lost by 6 shots was the first round and away leg of our annual Challenge Shield, with our home leg still to come. The league match against Herne Bay also resulted in a loss by 18 shots.

Our Ladies County Pairs team got off to a good start, with a nice win over the Ladies from Deal BC. Well done to Sylvia Pritchard and Audrey Gent. For those who can spare the time to come and see the club playing at home here are the relevant dates until the end of June:-**30th May - Thanet BC**

12th June - Barham BC

13th - Victoria Park, Deal.

16th - Whitstable BC

19th - Chislet BC.

Also, don't forget our Charity Open Day on Sunday 27th. For all you newcomers to the village this is a day especially for the villagers, when nonbowlers compete against each other in the hope of benefitting their own chosen charity. Bowls are provided, and all we ask is for players to come with flat shoes. Food and drink are available and the bar is open all day, you will find our prices are excellent. We have already had quite a few new members join this year, so don't be scared to come along, maybe you'll be taken by the game or the social ambience of the club and wish to join too.

CONGRATULATIONS to Minster Bowler - Len Cooper,

on winning „Yard of the Jack“ and „Mixed Singles“ competitions at Thanet Indoor Bowls over the 2009/10 season

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JOURNALIST CLUB

Editors this month are Rosie Malloy & Keeley Allen

The Lollipop Lady

On Wednesday 28th April Streetwise out of school club had a visit from the lolly pop lady. She told us all about road safety and we got to ask her all these sorts of questions. We learnt all about her job and what would happen if something happened.... By Keeley Allen

If Only I Had Stopped To Think

One day I was out playing with my friends in the park. We were playing dares and I dared someone to lie in the middle of the road when a car was coming. I told the others that I didn't think he would do it. A car was coming I told him to move but he didn't and the car hit him. I started to cry and called an ambulance. After a few days he died. By Helen Birch

(Note : This isn't a true story)

Littlest Pet Shop

Littlest Pet Shops are a range of toys that Children can play with. The toy franchise is owned by Hasbro. There is a littlest pet shop House, a littlest pet shop nursery, a littlest pet shop get better centre and a littlest pet shop adoption centre. There is a wii game, a ds game and a computer site where you can play anytime. Littlest pet shops are so cute and we have lots of them!

by Emma Holland & Rosie Malloy

My Snake Arthur

I have a snake called Arthur. Out of all my pets (15 because 1 degu died suspiciously) Arthur is the only reptile. Snakes shed occasionally; Arthur is about a year or two old and has shed once. Snakes can live to about 20; the oldest python in the world is about 40 years old. Arthur is a royal python, easy to take care of. Royal pythons are constrictors, like all pythons, and are not poisonous. Arthur has never bitten a human in his life because I get him out of his Vivarium often. He eats frozen mice, bought from most pet shops, with a bottle of vitamin powder. He needs his water changing nearly every day to take care of him, but he is having feeding problems right now, he only eats warm mice. Yuck! I chose the picture that looks most like Arthur.

By Scott Oakes

BOB

Bob is a random guy, he likes pie and rabbits and stuff. He doesn't like people because they freak him out.

By Nathan Munday

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Enterprise Week

Enterprise week is a very fun week for the year 6's at Minster Church of England Primary School. It's like Dragon's Den but the Dragon's were Mrs Kirke-laird, Mrs Stone, Mrs Newgreen, Mrs Elks and Mr Packer. The task was to create something like jewellery, egg cups, photo frames, decorative boxes, foam or puppets. In my group the manager was Sophie and there was also Katherine, Sam, Adam, Lawrence and me. We made photo frames and are having a sale in Minster School Hall on Thursday the 19th of May 2010. It was so exiting and I can't wait till we go to hindleap next week.

By Emma Holland

Cathy Cassidy

Cathy Cassidy is another successful writer (one of my other favourite writers) has just written her new books: gingersnaps, Dreams and doodles day book, Angel cake, Letters to Cathy and love, peace and chocolate but one of her books I particularly like scarlet. Her first ever book is called dizzy witch I'm reading right now! If you want a fabulous book of your own buy one at WHSmith or Waterstones.

Netball

On Saturday 27th February the netball team went to a tournament. There was 4 teams including us and we had to play all of them twice. The schools were Newington, North down, Cliftonville and Us! We played each of them and won both of the matches with Newington and Cliftonville but sadly we lost both times to North Down but we did score one goal against them and we managed to get in the Finals. We sadly lost the finals but we did come 2nd and received Gold Medals!

There are 7 players and they each have a position there is: Goal Attack= Helen, Goal shooter= Charleigh, Goal keeper= Jason, Wing Attack= Keeley, Wing Defence= Megan, Centre= Thomas and Goal defence= Libby!

By Keeley Allen and Helen Birch!!!!

Minster Matters Ray

We should all thank Ray for using his time to produce the fabulous local paper the Minster Matters. Here at Minster school we really appreciate Ray using his time to come in and let us put some things in the Minster Matters. Jessica (my annoying sister aged 8) has just joined journalist club and she thinks that Ray is really funny.

THANKS RAY!!

By Sophie Stevens and Jessica Fright

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WHAT IS ON

World Environment Day

on **Saturday 5th June 2010**

A Green Fayre is being held at Broadstairs library

Fair trade goods will be on sale and locally sourced products **The Fayre will run from 10.00am - 4.00pm.**

MONKTON OPEN GARDENS on 5th & 6th JUNE 2010

From 11.00am-5.00pm

Musical Evening

Presented by Young People (From The Salvation Army in Sutton, South London) **26th June at 6.30pm**

In the Salvation Army Hall, Tothill Street

PSYCHIC FAYRE at Minster Village Hall

On Sunday 27th June from 10.00am-4.00pm

Lots of stalls: Tombola for Cats in Crisis; Mediums giving various readings including Tarot, Psychometry, Angel Cards, Spirit Linking & possibly Crystal Ball; Aurasoma Life Readings

Refreshment Bar open all day for tea, coffee, snacks & cold drinks **Admission £1 includes tea & Biscuits - children FREE**

Proceeds to various Animal charities & sanctuaries

Further details from Kay on 01843 297 665

SUMMER SERENADE

on Sunday 27th June, 3.00pm at St Nicholas-at-Wade Church Thanet Light Orchestra and guests (this time including the school's renowned choir) will perform a varied programme of light music and popular classics, in aid of church restoration. **Entry only £5.00, free to those 18 & under**

Refreshments will be available, for a donation

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WHAT IS ON

GIRL GUIDING CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

1st Minster Guides and Brownies are having a stall at the Minster Show. Please come and see us and maybe have a go at a few of our crafts, or play some games, or perhaps have a go at tie dying

You might even want to join us on a Monday night at the Pavilion. Brownies 5pm to 6.30pm or Guides 6.45pm to 8.45 pm

MINSTER SHOW ON Saturday July 24th

To be opened by **Amanda Piper** of Meridian TV News For full details of the Show please visit our „Brand New Website at **www.minstershow.org.uk**

There are some really good pictures of past shows, maybe you'll find an embarrassing one of yourself !! and information on what you can expect

to entertain you this year.

Get your Ceilidh and Grand Draw tickets from Attwell's NOW!!

Thanet Festival Choir will be performing a Summer Concert of light music, under its conductor Clifford Lister, **on Saturday 19th June at 7.30 p.m.** at Holy Trinity Church, Cliftonville

The programme will include songs by Noel Coward (The Stately Homes of England, Chase Me Charlie),-Ivor Novello (Waltz of my Heart, I can give you the Starlight) - Flanders & Swann (The Hippopotamus, The Elephant, The Slow Train), and excerpts from Oliver by Lionel Bart.

It promises to be a great toe-tapping evening of music. **Tickets available on the door – Adults £8, Children £2.**

**MINSTER-IN-THANET
OPEN GARDENS**

**Sat/Sun 19th/20th June 2010
10.00 am to 5.00 pm**

**Tickets on Sale at the
Old Schools, all Open Gardens
and Recreation Ground**

Price £4.00
(Children under 14 free)



**Lunches/Refreshments
in Old Schools**

**Free Car Parking at the
Recreation Ground CT12 4DE**

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COFFEE MORNING At 101 Tothill Street, Minster

On Saturday 26th June from 10.30

Nearly New stall, Tombola and Bring and Buy. Proceeds to QEQM Midwives who are making a difference to the maternity practices in rural Ethiopia
Fact: Globally one woman dies every minute through pregnancy and childbirth Help us to help them!

Call Kate Humphreys 823319

Midwives in Ethiopia

or Mary Lord 821408

in partnership with

for details

Health For All

Registered Charity Number: 1076913

MINSTER OPEN GARDENS 2010

12th anniversary

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Speaker: Mrs Anne Hill, On The Royal British Legion

NewMembers and Guests Welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT MORNIBG

Thursday 17th June in the Village Hall Committee Room From 10.00am to 12.00noon.

All welcome.

GARDEN MORNING

Saturday 12th June, from 10.00am - 1.00pm

At 9 High Street, Minster

Stalls, refreshments, raffle All welcome

Further details: 597287

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WOMENIS SECTION

NEXT MEETING

Monday 14th June at 7.30pm

Flower Demonstration

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information ring Miriam Smith on 822589

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NOTES & EVENTS

SATURDAY MARKET

In the Old Schools

On June 5th at 10.00 - 12.00noon

(first Saturday, for this month only)

Plants, cakes, preserves, cards, Bric a Brac and Refreshments Do come along and join us All Welcome

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NOTES & EVENTS

SANDWICH FARMERS MARKET

Last Saturday of every month

(29th April, 26th June, 31st July, 28th August,

25th September, 30th October, 27th November)

9am to 1pm

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

Or email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

(30th May, 27th June, 25th July, 29th August, 26th September, 31st October, 28th November) Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further info contact

June Chadband on

226033

Or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

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MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a "Cuppa" and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome

Joan Cordwell - phone 823782

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm

Village Hall

Please note change of speaker to **Mr Neil Arnold** talking on "**Mystery Animals of the South East**"

Investigating strange creatures in our woods and gardens Points table: A vase of Roses

All visitors are welcome 50p

AMBERS ADVICE

"RETIREMENT"

May I have a small house and a large garden, a few friends, and many books !

(Cowley The Prophet) All true !

TIGERS TIP

Speedy Ironing - Place a strip of aluminium foil under the cover of your ironing board - the foil reflects heat back into the underside of the material

ZACIs MUSINGS

Believe it or not - Life for me is not always a bed of roses, sometimes I'm forced to sleep on a soft fleecy blanket

Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250
Sunday Services In
JUNE 2010

6th June

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: No service (joining Monkton)

13th June

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Communion (CW)

20th June

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Father's Day Service

27th June

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Holy Communion (CW)

Mid week service at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
JUNE

6th June

5.30pm: Open Gardens Songs of Praise

13th June

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

20th June

10.15am: Holy Communion with
Methodists

27th June

10.15am: Family Service

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:

17th April: Rosalie Bentley
16th May: Tommy Beale
16th May: James Hockley

Funerals:

22nd April: Audrey Pickering (78) at
Minster Church & Thanet Crematorium
11th May: Violet Brown (93)
at Thanet Crematorium

SS Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic
Parish Ramsgate and Minster
Rev S. Fisher, 592071

ethelbert@fastmail.fm
www.rc.net/southwark/ramsgate

Parish Office:
SS Ethelbert & Gertrude Church
72 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7DS

Catholic Mass each Wednesday and
Holyday of Obligation at 12 noon in the
Church of St Mary the Virgin

For other services in Minster
please see Minster Abbey entry.

Minster Abbey www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for
prayer throughout the day

Lauds 7.30am
Mass 8.15am, Sunday 10am
Mid day prayer 12.10pm
Vespers 6pm
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.

Open Gardens 2009

12th ANNIVERSARY

19th - 20th June.
10.00am to 5.00pm

22 gardens being opened:
19 on Saturday,
18 on Sunday



Admission
to all gardens:
£4.00

The Salvation Army
11 Tothill Street,
Minster
Major Denise Cooper
825178 / 822308

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)
11.00am - 12.00pm
Morning Family Service,
11am - 12pm
Evening Service, 6pm - 7pm

Monday

Baby Group
(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),
9.30am to 12.30pm
Friendship Club
(Over 50's), 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Tuesday

Parents and Tots,
9.30am - 11.30am
7 Up (children's club for year 3-6, ages
7-11) 6pm - 7pm

Wednesday

Keep Fit, 10.15am - 11.15am
Home League, 2.00pm - 3.45pm
Pilates, 6.30pm-7.30pm
& 7.30pm - 8.30pm
(for details ring Andy on 07505399512)

Thursday

Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time
9am - All are Welcome
Please contact for details
- not held at Hall

Friday

It is hoped to resume the Youth Club
for ages 11-16 year olds after the
Summer Holidays

Saturday

There are events happening on most
Saturdays please see other pages of
Minster Matters for details.

Salvation Army telephone number for
the new building is 01843 825178

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CHURCH NEWS

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Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is now holding regular monthly surgeries every 1st Wednesday of each month in the Neighbourhood Centre at 1.15pm.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Councillor Mike Roberts

Conservative Ward Councillor for Thanet Villages

You are most welcome to contact Mike with any issues or problems you may have regarding Council matters

Tel: 01843 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP:

Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

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

Fax: 01843 844856 (24-hour)

Web:

www.rogergale.co.uk

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were

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Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE