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LOUIE'S HELPING HANDS

CALLING ALL YOU HEROES

**TO THE SADDLER, MINSTER
TUESDAY 5TH MARCH
7PM**

**CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES AND TRADES PEOPLE.
NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES SOME ARE ELECTRICIANS,
PLUMBERS, LANDSCAPERS AND TALENTED BUSINESS
PEOPLE**

**IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE OR ANYONE ELSE WHO CAN
GIVE SOME TIME OR SUPPLIES, HOWEVER BIG OR SMALL
BECAUSE EVEN A LITTLE BIT CAN MAKE A HUGE
DIFFERENCE**

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on: Tuesday 5 March @ 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. There is also a 15-minute period

allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from: 9.30am – 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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PCSO REPORT

Welcome to this month's slot. May I take this opportunity to remind residents of the increased amount of cold calling we have in Thanet. There are a number of reports of persons going door knocking offering roof and driveway work. This ranges from small repairs and cleaning to full blown laying of driveways. Generally, this service is offered at a reasonable cost but once complete the price rises to an extortionate amount.

Police have issued a five-point check-list:

1. Don't allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out.
2. If you ask them to leave and they don't, call the police on 999.
3. Don't ever go to a bank or cashpoint with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this.

4. Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved-trader scheme, run in partnership with Checkatrade.com.

5. Ask for quotes in writing and check that the trade's person is from the company they say they are from.

999 and 101 numbers explained

The emergency number 999 should only be called in emergencies, when an immediate police presence is needed. These include cases where:

- A crime is in progress
- A crime appears to be imminent
- A suspect is at a scene or nearby
- There is danger to life or property

The 101 service is for reporting minor and non-emergency crimes where immediate or high-priority response is not required, such as:

- To report a crime, if the suspect is no longer in the area
- To offer evidence for an investigation
- To give the police information about a threat of crime
- To make an enquiry to the police

Calls to 101 cost a fixed fee of 15 pence per call from landlines and mobiles, regardless of time of day or duration.

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MINSTER SHOW

The 133rd Minster Show will be held on Saturday 20th July from 1pm and the Committee are making many additions and changes this year.

We wish to involve the surrounding villages more and will be holding a Tug of War competition hopefully with teams from the villages.

There will be several new classes in the Show Tent to include Lego models, container displays and a valuable prize draw for entries, as well as the more usual produce classes.

There will also be more games for children and adults, including a coconut shy, tin can alley and many more together with the usual Parade into the ground.

Arrangements are under way for a Vintage Motor Cycle display, exhibition stalls and the usual collection of various local organisations and trade stalls. More information to come.

The Committee want to make this a special fun day for all the family and are very grateful for the immense amount of local help it receives but we are always looking for more.

If you are willing to help, before or on the day, say to run a stall or help with the event, please speak with Karen at Attwells Newsagents **MINSTER W.I.**

February's meeting was a craft and social. The NFWI is a founding member of The Climate Coalition (TCC), a group of over 100 organisations and over 15 million people working for action on climate change. Every February the NFWI encourages each WI to 'Show the Love' for all they want to protect from climate change. Members could choose to do book folding, tile painting, making felt decorations which all had a heart theme - refreshments were a variety of delicious homemade cakes.

Dates for your diary

12/03/19

WI Meeting-Pelvic Floor-John Shervington

16/03/19

Minster WI Wine and Wisdom

23/03/19 Minster WI Coffee Morning-all welcome **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

In the Leagues both the Hinds and the Abbots are lying in 10th position and need good results from their last matches to avoid relegation. from Div 1 and Div 2 respectively.

The Monks are still in 2nd place in Div 3 with a chance of promotion although they are threatened by Macknade Monarchs who could pip them.

The "In-house" competitions - Ladies Singles and the Mixed Pairs have reached the Finals stage.

On the social side there will be a Bingo Evening on 27th March, and on 26th April an evening with Mandy Winters supported by Paul Cornwall, tickets £7

Please contact Min Smith (Thanet 822 589) to book tickets - everyone welcome!

Anyone who would like to try their hand at "Short-mat" and/or the outdoor game please contact me at brimaur26@gmail.com.

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CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND UPDATE

The Committee of The Old Vicarage Events Group recently met up with Debbie Chapman of Louie's Helping Hands Charity, where they were delighted to present a cheque for

£2,500.66

The cheque was very gratefully received and will help immensely with the ongoing build of the new Special School at Quex Park. We wish them every success with the build and forthcoming opening of the school and are happy to raise further funds at future events for this very worthwhile charity.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Over the years the Twinning Association has accumulated many items that have been presented to us by our friends in Armbouts-Cappel, an expression of entente cordiale between the two villages. Although the items have been well looked after over the years there has never been a permanent place to display them.

After a Committee Meeting in late 2018 we decided to rectify this situation. The Village Hall Committee kindly gave us an area in the entrance hall and we commissioned Chris Hogben to build a display cabinet that would blend sympathetically with the existing furniture.

On Saturday the 9th February we had the official unveiling of the cabinet, carried out by Penny Gimes, Chairman of the Parish Council and Malcolm Bubb, Chairman of the Twinning Association and attended by members of the Committee.

We would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for their backing of this project and Eric James for his help and assistance, particularly with setting up the curtains for the unveiling, also to Penny Gimes for giving up her time on a Saturday evening.

Next time you are in the Village Hall, or nearby, do have a look at the various artefacts we can now display for all to see.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY 9th MARCH A QUIZ EVENING AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Teams of up to 8 persons, just £5 per person including a buffet. 7.30pm for 8.00pm Booking essential on 07745 683 466

SUNDAY 30th JUNE DAY TRIP TO ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL, FRANCE, just £10 per person.

We are taking a coach on a day trip to ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL (about 30 minutes from Calais) for their Ducasse (village fair) where you can see what our French neighbours get up to at the weekends. As well as a reception on

arrival and lunch, there will be entertainment throughout the day. This will be a fun day out and better still we have set the cost at just £10

per person. So, if you are interested don't delay and ring Carol on 07745 683 466 to secure your place. Please note you will need a valid passport to travel on this trip.

In the last issue of Minster Matters we asked for local artists and crafters to participate in the Armbouts-Cappel Art Exhibition at the end of March and we have now received a good selection of items that have been taken to France, so sorry if you missed out on having your chance to exhibit internationally.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

OUR 10th ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

To recognise the 10th year of our fund-raising events we are hoping to make this year's events even bigger and better. Our Spring Fayre is being held on Saturday 11th May.

Please see our poster on page 7 of this issue. Some tables are already sold, so book early to avoid disappointment.

OUR NEW PROJECT - YOU DECIDE!

We will be launching our new project in time for our Spring Fayre, so would like your help please. What additional facilities or equipment would you like to see at the surgery? What do you think would benefit you and your family the most? Please let us know - we welcome your feedback and all suggestions will be put on display on our notice board.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Staff Training; from midday onwards on Thursday 28th March, Wednesday 24th April and Wednesday 15th May.

Bank Holidays; all day - Good Friday 19th April and Easter Monday 22nd April.

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 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049.

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

THIS YEAR'S MAY PLAY - *The Final Twist*

In May the Playhouse is putting on a novel thriller, *The Final Twist*, by Ken Whitmore and Alfred Bradley, which started life as a radio play on BBC Radio Four and was then adapted for the stage. It is now cast and going into rehearsal.

The play has intrigue, humour and an ingenious plot with a succession of twists and turns right up to the final curtain. It will be staged from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. You can leave requests for advance bookings on the box office number which is 07501 894 381

The Playhouse held a wine and wisdom evening on Saturday 2nd February which was well attended, much enjoyed, and raised money for our Charity of the year.

Daisy the Cow

Daisy, the star of our pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk*, was an enormous success and we have been inundated by enquiries as to her welfare since appearing on our stage. I am happy to report that she has been taken back to her home (a stage set of a green field) and is very happy.

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IN MEMORIUM

Thomas Hunter Goldie - 'HUNTER' - 11-7-1929 – 9-1-2019

Joyce and Family would like to thank all members of our family, friends and neighbours for all the kindness that has been shown to us.

Thank you also for the messages of support, cards, flowers and donations which will be going to Minster Surgery.

Special thanks go to Dr. Stern, Dawn and Claire for the support and care Hunter received from them all through his illness.

Thank you all again. Yours sincerely, *Joyce, Andrew and Family* **THANK YOU**

Dear Editor, I'd like to congratulate our local builder Kevin Smith and his team, on the excellent rebuilding of our Village Hall wall that had been destroyed previously.

Thank you very much, keep up the good work.

Mrs. P. Parkinson

MINSTER CRICKET CLUB

Congratulations to Minster Cricket Club who for the first time reached the Kent Area Indoor Finals played at the Spitfire Ground, Canterbury on Sunday 3rd February 2019. Sadly, they got knocked out by Broadstairs in the semi-final but it is still a great achievement for a small village club.

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING February Summary There were only 6 Councillors present at the February meeting as three were unable to attend and we have 2 vacancies at the moment. However, the increase in the number of members of the public was welcome.

PCSO Adrian Butterworth said that on the whole we had enjoyed a relatively quiet month from the policing perspective. There have been 33 calls to Minster including an attempted burglary at Minster Abbey where the suspect was disturbed and made off and damage to a motor vehicle. Other calls were of less serious nature.

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting but District Cllrs. Crow-Brown and Pugh did attend. The former spoke of the Draft Housing Plan and is enquiring into the sale of two properties by Orbit Housing; the latter continues to address the issue of frequent power cuts and the impact of the new pylons on wild life.

The Chairman again reminded everyone of the forthcoming elections. Existing councillors will need to decide if they are willing to stand again. Members of the public are asked to consider putting themselves forward for election as there are vacancies on the Parish Council. Further information will be in Minster Matters and available from the Parish Office.

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The Clerk reported that 'Action with Communities in Rural Kent' will be visiting Minster with their Coffee Caravan in the summer months; it will be in the New Inn car park one Tuesday morning a month providing coffee and cake. The aim is to tackle isolation and loneliness in vulnerable people. More information will be provided early in the summer.

Councillors debated the suggestion that the Parish Council should rent the spare office in the library to provide more space for the Clerks and a working base for Minster Matters. It was agreed to delay this decision until we know the new rental charges, as KCC have yet to notify the details of the rent review.

TDC have finally agreed to the asset transfer of the car parks and public toilets in Minster.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Crow-Brown for his considerable assistance in this matter. The properties will now be the responsibility of the Parish Council and will remain free of charge.

Cllr. Quittenden updated the meeting on his recent attendance at the Thanet Assn. of Local Councils and at a meeting with the Police and Crime

Commissioner. It seems that Kent Police have had £100m cut from their budget since 2010 but they are now recruiting again; 200 extra officers are now operational and a further 170 are in training. He noted that many areas complained at the lack of a PCSO so we should consider ourselves fortunate to have our officer dedicated to the area.

The Chairman reported on the plans to federate Minster and Monkton schools in April, 2019; after that date there will no longer be a Parish Councillor on the governing board.

Cllr. Bailey spoke of a coach trip to France in June to celebrate the anniversary of the Twinning Assn., there are a few places available, and a quiz will be held at the RBL on 9th March.

In the public question time parking issues were raised and it was agreed that efforts would be made to encourage parking enforcement officers to attend the village more often.

SEQUENCE DANCE CLASSES & TEA DANCE

Every Friday at Minster Village Hall

Lessons from 1.30pm – 2pm

Tea Dance with tea & biscuits from 2pm – 4pm

Everyone welcome - Couples or Singles - Come along and meet new friends
MINSTER & MONKTON GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday 20 March Village Hall - 7.30pm- Janine Doulton - Gardening In The Shade Saturday 30 March Spring Show Village Hall - 2pm **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

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MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP

We meet at the Old Schools every Monday morning from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested. The charge per week is £2.00 to cover the hall and includes refreshments. You are welcome to come along for a free morning session to see what we are doing.

Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

CLIFFSEND COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday from 10.30am 'til 12noon - Village Hall, Cliffsend Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits Just make a donation, no set prices.

AMBER'S ADVICE

Small print is – custom designed to induce frustration. If you want to stay calm, have someone else to read (and explain) the small type for you...

TIGER'S TIP

Put a dry towel in with a wet load to reduce drying time – it really works....

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster - telephone 592 071

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

Abbey

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day Lauds: 8.30am
Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am Midday Prayer 12.10pm Vespers 6.00pm
Compline 7.50pm (followed by silent prayer) The Salvation Army Minster
Corps Church & Community Centre Captains Luke and Katy Johnson
telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am parents and toddlers plus bumps and babies (term time
only) Wednesdays 2.00pm home league Thursdays 9.15am prayer group
Sundays 10.30am family worship

St Mary Magdalene Monkton Services in February Services during February
will be held at Monkton Methodist Chapel or the School Hall as detailed
below. This is whilst building works are being carried out at the Church.

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10.15am Holy Communion - Methodist Chapel

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Communion - Methodist Chapel 24 4.00pm

Seamark Service - School Hall

31 10.15am Mothering Sunday – Holy Communion

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St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in February Reverend Richard Braddy
tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

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10.30am Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion

7.00pm

Encounter Lent – a time of reflection to begin Lent 10 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

17 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship

24 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

31 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

A group for children and young people – ‘Connections’ – meets during services on 2nd &

4th Sundays

Wednesday mornings at St Mary's

10.30am - Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Holy Communion at home is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Funeral at St Mary's – 4th February – Jim Connell **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 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown tel: 821 449

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: galerj@parliament.uk - write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA Thanks for listening - your readers this month were:-

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