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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council

will be held on: Tuesday, 4th May. 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;

tel: 821339 fax: 825269

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Next month's meeting will be held

on: Tuesday, 1st June

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EDITORIAL

Everybody I've spoken to about their adverts says this month has flown by, but I think it's because there are five Fridays in May, which means we are a week earlier than most were expecting, and then there is the fact that, that huge yellow planet has been anointing us with its rays and making us all feel so much better, even if we can't fly anywhere to soak them up!!

Cllr. Mrs Thomson has asked us to inform you all that even though the local police constables' mobile numbers no longer appear in the magazine line up on page 2, you can still contact them by this method. They just ask that you are made aware that they may not respond within the set 24hr guidelines as it will depend on their shift rota's, as to whether or not they are on duty, at the time when you call. However they will get back to you, if you leave them a message requesting they do so, when

they are next on duty. You can find their numbers in issues of this magazine prior to January this year or just as a reminder so as you can add them to your own phone book they are as follows:

PC Kim Burgess 07980 683 956

PC Darren Reed 07989 992 283

Did you have the misfortune of hearing me again on Radio Kent last month (April), what a shambles I made of that, tongue tied as usual, when someone puts a microphone in front of me I just lose it, but Teresa at the Gossip Shop came over well, so at least one of us didn't let the side down. The gist of it was that the Eden Project had just launched the "Big Lunch 2010", which will be held on July 18th and we were asked about neighbourliness in Minster. I made a statement that I would try to get villagers interested in holding one or more "Big Lunches" here, so how about it, do we have any takers ? Take a look at their website: www.thebiglunch.com .

We'll run a bigger and better article on this next month, to see what interest we can conjure up.

Look for the announcement elsewhere in this issue reference Norals great news (or, the reason why we lost our recording studio!!!)

Finally, by the time you get to read this, I will hopefully have been into hospital (and out again) for a hernia repair, so you may not see me about for a while (**Julie** don't buy too many mints, I may not be in to eat them !). I was due to go in on Tuesday 27th April but it was moved forward, YES forward ! to Thursday 22nd, so I should be a new man when I'm back up and about. Looking forward to that!

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FORMER COUNCILLOR

MRS. AUDREY PICKERING

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of former councillor Audrey Pickering. Audrey passed away peacefully in her sleep on 10th April 2010. Audrey together with her husband, Harry, moved to Minster in the mid 1960s when Harry secured employment as an electrician at one of the Kent coalfields. Audrey loved her village and worked hard for the benefit of the residents having been elected to the Parish Council in May 1976, to work alongside her dear husband Harry. Audrey served on the Parish Council for 33 years and her service to the community was recognised by the Parish Council in 2009 when she stood down because of her poor health. In addition to her work for the village Audrey was elected to Thanet District Council in 1991 and again devoted her energies to achieving what was best for Minster.

Audrey together with Harry were founder members of the Minster Good Neighbours which they ran for many years. In addition Audrey was also a Governor of Minster C of E Primary school and held this position for several years. Furthermore she was an advocate of the concessionary bus scheme and worked very hard for its introduction. Audrey was the type not to seek publicity and worked very

much behind the scenes, but this was rewarded by the many things she achieved, such as her work with Kent Volunteers, and she was always available to any villager if they had a problem.

On a personal level Audrey was involved with the Minster Troop of the Girl Guides and both she and Harry were former ballroom dance champions. We have no doubt many in the village will remember the dance classes they ran at the village hall.

She was also a devoted mother to her three children but still found time to foster a number of other children who had found themselves in less fortunate circumstances.

Audrey had a fond passion for nature and could always be found at one of the local reserves marvelling at the array of animals, a trait she has passed on to her children.

Audrey's Funeral Service was held on Thursday 22nd April at 1pm in St Mary's Church, Minster.

The family have asked that if anyone has any stories about Audrey they would love to hear them. If you have any to give then please send them to either MM at the library, direct to Simon and Katie at 32 High St, or via email to:

piko@retropad.wanadoo.co.uk

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010

Surgery Training and Closure Dates

Please note the surgery will be closed on the following dates

Training

Closed from 12.00 pm :

Thursday 13th May and Wednesday 23rd June

Bank Holidays

Closed all day :

Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May

Should you need to see a Doctor during these times please contact the "Doctors on Call Service" via the normal surgery number - 821333

Car Parking

Unfortunately, car parking and increased traffic flow continues to cause a problem at the surgery.

Initially, the parking area was designated for use by disabled and limited mobility patients only, but it is appreciated that others may need to park closer on

occasions, so please only use the parking area when absolutely necessary. Also, please park carefully and considerately so not to inconvenience other users.

Otherwise, please use the "on road" parking or the free car park in the village.

May we also respectfully remind patients and clients of the Surgery and "Eagle Vets" that they must park in the appropriate car park at all times.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

Patient Liaison Group Meeting

The next meeting of the group will be held at the surgery on Tuesday 11th

May.

If anyone has any suggestions or issues they would like to raise then please contact either of the numbers shown below or the Practice Manager direct on 821333.

In the meantime, if you require any further information then please contact:

Ken Self on 821200 or Jean Taylor on 845072

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 6TH APRIL

Minute 266 – The Use of the Pavilion by the Dog School – Cllr. Mrs. Thomson

asked whether the concerns referred to in this minute had been resolved.

Cllr. Day reported that he and the Clerk had met representatives from the Dog School who said that they had misunderstood the hiring terms and in future would ensure that they vacated the site by 1 p.m. and would keep off the football pitch.

Minute 298

ii) **East Kent Access Road Phase 2** – The Manager of the scheme, Geoff Cripps, had now an office in Sandwich Road and was available to the public if they had any concerns about the scheme. Mr. Cripps was holding regular meetings with Cliffsend Parish Council and the Clerk reminded Council that Mr. Cripps would be the guest speaker at the Parish Assembly meeting on 20th. April.

Minute 301 - Molineux Road Play Area (Ref. Min. 265/2009/10)

The Clerk reported that 3 companies had been asked to quote for the raising of the height of the fencing on 2 sides of the play area and for the provision of a lockable gate. One quotation had been received and the Clerk would report further to the next meeting.

Minute 305 - Proposed Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)

The Council gave further consideration to the possible introduction of “double yellow lines” within the Village and noted the recommendation of the Policy Committee (Minute 292) refers that “no further recommendations be made for the provision of additional parking measures and that the Bus Company be asked to drop the children off at the Old School for them to then join the walking bus. Members were concerned that the contract between KCC and the Bus Company may require the bus to drop off children at the School and it was agreed to defer this matter until after the public meeting and for the Clerk to query the terms of the contract with the Bus Company

Minute 308 - Consent to Use the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: that the following requests to use the Recreation Ground be approved:

- (i) Wheels for Ralph fund raising Day – 23rd May 2010; and
- (ii) Minster primary School PFA – Summer Fayre 8th May and Firework display on 5th November 2010.

Minute 311 - Survey —Village of the Year Responses

Cllr. Mrs. Thomson disclosed a personal interest in this item.

The Clerk sought Members further views on how the award of £500 from the Village of Year Competition should be expended.

RESOLVED: That it be agreed to expend the whole of the award of £500 on the Christmas decorative lighting scheme.

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WHEELS FOR RALPH

On Sunday 4th April a cheque was presented to Sarah Mattison by Minster and Monkton Royal British Legion for "Wheels for Ralph".

The cheque for £950 was collected by the club, helped also by Rivers Court and the Gossip Shop.

A big thank you to everyone who helped raise this money, and thank you to Ron White who very kindly donated £50 to round the total to a fantastic £1,000.

We hope the money raised will make life better for this little boy.

W.F.R. NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our next Fun Day will be on Sunday 23rd May, starting at 1.00pm at Minster Rec.

We will be having a sponsored fancy dress fun run. If anyone wants to join us please get in contact for sponsor forms on 07936765132.

Request Discos will be hosting a fab range of music, with stalls, tombolas, raffle and games, plus refreshments.

If anyone would like to help or rent a pitch please contact the number above.

More details at www.wheelsforralph.com

Many thanks to those who have supported us so far. We hope to have raised enough money for the special vehicle for Ralph soon

Thank you, Sarah Mattison

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

Membership continued to grow in April, when we welcomed three new members to the meeting. However, they might have thought they had joined the Horticultural Society by mistake, for our speaker was Liz Twyman from The Secret Garden at Quex. Accompanied by a range of plants for sale, and Nick, who dealt with questions about pruning trees, Liz gave a most informative talk about gardening matters, with demonstrations, and comprehensively answered all other queries. She also kindly donated a freshly planted hanging basket as a raffle prize. Many of us - including those who "had not intended to buy anything" - left the meeting clutching carrier bags laden with plants!

The meeting had got off to a rousing start, when it opened with the singing of 'Jerusalem', which had been requested and voted for in March. After Liz's talk and the tea break, our 'little grey cells' were tested in a quiz to pick the team to represent Minster in the WI's annual Top Team Quiz. It was reported that the Wine and Wisdom evening was a great success, and enjoyed by all who took part.

The next meeting, to which visitors and new members will be welcome will be on Tuesday, 11 May, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be our

Resolutions Meeting, followed by a fashion show, courtesy of Edinburgh Woollen

Mills.

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MINSTER ARBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Association is revived so please pay it sufficient attention to keep it going.

The French visitors will be at The Bowls Club from about 11.45 on Sunday

2nd May to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the actual Twinning. Please

come along to meet them and perhaps to renew some old acquaintances from their

past visits. You could also buy some raffle tickets and/or donate prizes! French

speakers will be especially welcome throughout the day to make communication

easier – anyone needs help with their French oral exams, or to prepare for their

holidays? Keep an eye on the Rec and through the village and you might see some

strange, gigantic sights. Please give all our visitors a happy Minster greeting and

help them all you can when you see them in the Village.

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.

As there was no Association in existence it has not been possible to arrange a Fun

Day for this June, for which apologies. However it should be bigger and better next

year. All suggestions and offers welcome.

SEE YOU ON 2ND MAY!

YELLOW LINES/PARKING IN VILLAGE

I am a frequent visitor to Minster as I have 3 close relatives who live in the village

and would like to comment on the subject of the yellow lines, it seems that there is a

very simple solution.

There needs to be a little more consideration when people park their cars,

particularly in Monkton Road between the New Inn and Bens shop. On Wednesday

24/03/2010 at 2.45pm the road was blocked by a car that had parked opposite a van

which narrowed the road to the extent that a bus could not get through even though

there were empty spaces in the car park just 10 yards away. The driver of the car was

found in the Saddlers pub.

A little thought could solve so many problems. If that was a fire engine on an

emergency vital minutes would have been lost but with the yellow line debate ongoing it seems that the answer lies with the drivers and their parking.

Yours sincerely, *J.Setterfield.*

A BIG THANK YOU To people in Minster and the Crown Bingo in

Margate, for their generosity in sponsoring Grand-daughter, Michelle, to the sum of

£380-19, who is running the London Marathon in aid of Children with Cancer.

From Helen & Maurice Harston

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ST. MARY'S, MINSTER DISPLAY OF FAIRTRADE ITEMS

Fairtrade items were displayed in St Marys Church during Fairtrade Fortnight - some

of which are available in our local shops - Bens (Londis) and Co-op (top of Tothill).

We, at St Mary's, are grateful to the staff at the Co-op who kindly donated some items for our display.

THANK YOU to TERRY who kindly helped carry 14 boxes of MM magazines over to Brenda's house which he took in as the driver said no one was at home to take delivery - I WAS IN AND WAITING.

Brenda

HAITI VEST UPDATE

From April 10th - 65 vests.

By April 12th - 140 vests and jumpers with many more yet to come.

Well done everybody! *Thank you, Gwen Hibbert*

WALK the WALK' Uniting Against Breast Cancer

On Saturday 15th May two local girls, Gilly Brown and Linda Wade, are taking part in the Playtex "Moon Walk" from Hyde Park through Docklands and back to Hyde Park, a distance of 26.2 miles power walking in aid of Cancer Research. They are being sponsored by Jonathan Cole but will still accept further sponsorship or donations. Interested? Then please contact Jonathan on 821253.

Cheques should be made payable to „Walk the Walk Worldwide“.

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Extract from Yvonne Chapman's Latest Book

Words from the Heart'

Flowers

Flowers send messages, each has beauty.

Flowers seem to realise they each have a duty.

To carry a wish of fondest greetings.

Until the time comes for another meeting.

In winter we see Snowdrops bloom.

Then it is not very long before quite soon.

We see Crocus and the Daffodils so proud.

Then the Bluebells carpeting the forest ground.

Roses of summer, Love-in-a-Mist;

all bring colour and fragrance, and my wish.

Is that this message of mine, brings you pleasure.

For true friendship I shall always treasure.

"Words from the Heart", on sale at Attwells - £2.99

Profits to go to School Garden.

WISHING SANDRA DAY

MANY YEARS

OF HAPPY RETIREMENT

Sandra is leaving Minster Library after 22 years

and will be very much missed.

APOLOGY TO MOLLY PADFIELD

Minster Matters would like to make a formal apology for not crediting Molly Padfield for use of the Fire Service picture last month. We had one more name added to those already shown - back row far right William Handcock, joined M.N.F.S. on 16/1/43 and was stood down on 29/8/46.

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Minster Bowls Club.

Hello it's me again. As the indoor season comes to an end the sun always shines.

The sun did shine for our winners, possibly cloudy for those just not making it, on

Finals day.

Ladies Singles

WINNER: Min Smith, over Maureen Hedges.

Men's Singles

WINNER: Colin Rolfe over Paul Churchley.

Ladies Pairs

WINNERS: L. Rolfe & M. Elson over J. Shears & Babs White.

Men's Pairs

WINNER: D. Washer & I. Rouse over D. Carter & J. Day.

Mixed Pairs

WINNER: B. West & P. Churchly over J & J Shears.

Wednesday Pairs

WINNER: B. West & P. Churchley over M. Atkinson & J. Humphreys.

Alf Wood Triples

WINNER: W. Atkins, M. Hedges, E. Wilson over P. Mills, J. Atkins, J. Carter.

Mixed Triples

WINNERS: C. Rolfe, J. Atkins, B. Davis over N. Wilson, Mal Smith, M. Elson.

Now the Outdoor Season Starts and, as in most years after the pre-season meeting,

the East Wind arrives to chill the hands but not the enthusiasm to get cracking with

the games. Depending on when this magazine gets into your house we may/have

played our first two games:

Home v Whitstable and Away to Hythe on the 28th April.

May sees 29 games on the fixture list, plus on the 25th we host a team of Devon

Tourists.

Don't forget YOU are always welcome to visit the green to watch our matches, or

to book up for an hour or more to see if this sport could grow on you. We love to

look after complete beginners or any who are new to the area & have played a few

times.

Until next month Glynne Hibbert.

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MINSTER SHOW SCHEDULE LAUNCH

Saturday 8th May, 11.00am to 1.00pm

In Taylor Road or outside CliffeIs

“Grow for the Show” French Marigolds (We also plan to launch our New Website on the same day)

Do you know of any local groups or soloists that would like to appear on the

“Showcase” at the Show on Saturday 24th July ? Interested ??

Ring Bernie Watler on 821758

Can you help with memories/stories or old pictures for our website please contact

Minster Matters if you can help

Do you require more information or want to have a stall contact Karen at Attwells

Newsagents or ring: 07813 648 214

BREAKING NEWS - SHOW OPENER for 24th JULY

AMANDA PIPER, News Reader of Meridian TV fame

RSPCA Isle of Thanet Branch inc. The Woodchurch Animal Centre

These are the new cats looking for homes.

Toby, a 2 year old male who was transferred from another centre. He is very sweet natured and loves having his tummy tickled!

Boss, is a male 1-2 years old and was brought to the centre by the Inspector. He is very friendly and would make a good family pet.

Daisy, is an 18 month old female who came to the centre because her owner no longer had time to look after her properly. She is very friendly and would make a good family pet.

Marmaduke, is a 4 year old male who came to the centre because his owner was moving and was unable to take him. He is OK with some other cats.

We now have more rabbits at the centre.

Snowy, a 1 year old Lionhead brought in by the Inspectors from a multi-rabbit household. She is very friendly and is looking for a loving home with lots of space to hop about in.

Barry, a 3 year old male Lop brought in by the Inspectors from a multi-rabbit household. Very friendly and looking for a loving home with lots of space to hop around in.

Bubba 2 ½ year old female Dutch rabbit. From Inspectors as above.

Harry 5 year old male Lionhead. From Inspectors as above.

Twinkle 2 year old female Dutch from Inspectors as above.

Please contact the centre if you can provide a home for any of these animals.

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THE ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS

The Royal Observer Corps origins date back to the First World War 1914.1918.

It was recognised during the latter part of this war, that air power was going to play a major part in any future conflicts and a need to identify enemy aircraft as soon as possible was paramount, the first of the recognised observers came on the scene shortly after war when the police special constabulary took on the task of reporting any aircraft seen above the coastal areas.

In 1921, following an enquiry, the principle of a peacetime organisation was adopted, England was divided up into a number of observer areas, and these in turn into observer groups. Trial experimental posts were set up in Tenterden and Cranbrook in Kent, Cranbrook Post office became the first observation centre.

Following the success of these trials in 1925 the whole of Kent, Sussex and part of Surrey, were set up as observation areas.

The group observer centres were usually on the outskirts of a town and in the proximity of a telephone exchange. Reports of all flying aircraft were sent to these centres by a number of observer posts, situated some six miles apart, and usually in clusters of three, the special constabulary were involved in the organisation and by June 1925 all was ready. Finally after very successful tests during July of that year, on October 29th 1925 the Committee of Imperial Defence approved the idea and the Observers became a recognised body. In 1929 the Observers became a corporate body and a senior retired officer Air Commodore E.A.D. Masterman C.B. C.M.G. C.B.E. A.F.C was appointed Commandant of the Observer Corps. He retired on the 1st March 1936 and his place was taken by Air Commodore A.D. Warrington-Morris C.M.G. O.B.E who led the Corps into the 1939 War. It is quite remarkable that the Corps existed some fourteen years before the outbreak of the Second World War, and it fortuitous that someone had the forethought to set in place what was to become an invaluable tool in England's defence against the aerial attacks by the Germans, and to give the civilian population advanced warning of bombing raids, thus saving many lives.

In April 1941 at the peak of the Corps activity, it was announced by the Secretary of State for Air in the House of Commons the following:

“I am happy to inform the House that, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by the Observer Corps over a number of years, His Majesty the King has graciously pleased to approve that the Corps shall henceforth be known by the style and description of „The Royal Observer Corps.“

The Royal Observer Corps — Minster Post — Able 1

The Minster post formed part the Southern Area, Maidstone, Group 1 and was located in a field on the site of what is now the old police houses just off Tothill Street near the junction with Foxborough Lane. The post consisted of a shed with a telephone and an aircraft position indicator, this would have been taken outside when needed, all the post members would have all been Special Constables, as it was mandatory to become „specials as observers. Just before the outbreak of the Second World War it was recognised that the observers should be paid, but as special constables were not allowed payment, they were all asked to resign as specials, and to become members of the Observer Corps, the Corps although still a civilian body,

now came under the administration of the Air Ministry. The observer post would have been led by a Chief Observer, similar in rank to a sergeant, and was manned by

a ~crew consisting of two Observers, some full time, others „spare timers, the post was operated and controlled by Fighter Command. The Minster post was eventually relocated on land to the south of the main Ramsgate Road, some four hundred yards from Laundry Road, and it was continuously manned from the 24th August 1939 to „stand down on the 12th May 1945. The post was reopened in 1952 during the „cold war period but was finally operationally closed down in 1962, the remains of the above ground entrance and works can still be seen today.

The Minster post was formed in 1925 and one member Mr. G. Harlow of Minster was a pre-war observer from its conception but had to resign due to pressure of his full time work. During the war years the post was manned by fourteen men, some full time but mostly part time volunteers, many already part of the pre-war compliment. The members who did duty throughout the war were: J. Jezzard, P.Golder, E.Lucas, W.Petts, N.Smith, W.Sackett, and J.White. Mr Norman Smith was the village Butcher (don't panic Mr. Mannering) who put in some 9,000 hours an average of 30 hours a week, followed by Mr. E.Lucas 5,500 hours, Mr. W.Sackett 4,600 and Mr.W.Petts 3,300 these hours were in addition to their normal full time Job hours. In view of the vulnerable position of the post, so near Manston, it was amazing that not one member received any sort of injury, although they had to put up with bombing, machine gun fire and disabled planes landing at the aerodrome.

The 'Stand Down' dinner was held at the Bell Inn Minster.

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MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

The Minster Playhouse (MPH) that we know and love today dates back to 1978, when it was re-born following a gap of around 10 years. Back in those days, there was no luxurious rehearsal space available in the village library, and so the first production – —Alan Ayckbourn's —Relatively speaking – was rehearsed in the homes of cast members. This first production took place in what was then a shiny new village hall. The set was constructed using old furniture, chicken wire and plastic flowers, a far cry from the extravagant sets we have come to expect from our technically and artistically gifted backstage crew.

MPH quickly developed a tradition of producing a "May play" (occasionally performed in June!) and a Christmas pantomime. We now also alternate between staging a night of One Act Plays, and the less well-behaved but much loved "Review Night". We are fortunate in having a loyal following of audience members and pride ourselves in providing them with what is hopefully a night of quality entertainment.

In 2007, MPH entered the Kent Festival for the first time in some years, with "Inspector Pratt". We were delighted with the results we achieved, which included awards for Best Set and Best Musical Score, runners-up awards for Best Director and Best Actor and an overall place of 3rd Best Play (in a field of 17). We will be thrilled if we manage to reproduce some of those results when we enter the Festival again

this May, with "Ghost Writer". This is perhaps one of the more technically

challenging plays we have attempted to produce, and work is already underway to develop magical typewriters, floating ghosts and self-opening windows.

MPH and all that we achieve is very much a team effort. Those of us who like to prance around on stage and take the glory know that we are only as good as the dozens of people who work to get us there. From the committee, who organise the storage shed, work out the finances and ensure there's tea to drink in the interval, to the sound and lighting men whose passion for their work never ceases to amaze, and from the directors who bully and cajole us to the backstage crew who seek out obscure props (an old map of Denmark or a large piece of lycra) and paint our beautiful sets, we are surrounded by people who strive to bring you the finished products that you experience as our audience.

We very much hope you will come to see our latest production in the Village Hall from 12th to 15th May. Tickets available from... Terry on 01843 220208...

Anyone interested in any aspect of the theatre is very welcome in the Playhouse.

We do not charge a subscription but you will find a membership form on this website. Please complete and return this so that we have your details and interests.

Newsletters are also available here on the site so you can see what is coming up and, if you include your e-mail address on the form, we can send information to you directly.

Rehearsals are held in the room above Minster Library on Monday and Thursday evenings, so you can always come and introduce yourself – we'll be happy to greet you (hang on, isn't that a line from?).

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MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

NEXT PRODUCTION

'GHOST WRITER'

12th-15th May

Village Hall

Like a bit of mystery? Join us for our forthcoming production – „Ghost Writer“ by David Tristram at Minster Village Hall .

It is a darkly comic tale about the fickle and sometimes murderous world of showbiz. A talented yet spoilt, diva-like actress is found dead in bed after an apparent overdose of cocktails and booze, leaving her playwright husband and regular warring partner Edward to mourn and mope and drink his own bodyweight in gin.

That is until Ruby comes back from the dead, to proclaim that she was not suicidal but in fact....murdered. Which of the brash, hetero/homosexual (and those still undecided) thespians in her circle did it? The only way to find out, is to gather those present on that fateful night and visit the place and time in which the scene was set.....

WIN A CHANCE TO SEE

GHOST WRITER

We have 4 tickets to give away and all you have to do is answer the following question:

***'Who resurrected the Playhouse in 1979
and what was the first production?'***

(Answers available on Playhouse website at www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

Send your answer along with your name, address, telephone number and preferable date of attendance to see the show* to: MM at library **by Saturday 8th May, winners will be notified on Monday 10th.**

*Please be aware that although the winners are able to choose a preferable night to attend, seating arrangements nearer the front are only guaranteed on Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

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AMBERS ADVICE

I used to believe that anything was better than nothing. Now I know that sometimes nothing is better!

Zac's Musings

The sun is out and I live not a care in the world - Oh! except those pesky cats that keep visiting my garden trying to catch the sparrows - WOOF

TIGER'S TIP3

SECURITY TIP: Seal a letter with a little raw egg white, it will make it impossible to steam open.

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of every month

9am to 4pm

Guildhall, Cattle Market

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS

MARKEKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further info contact

June Chadband

226033

k.chadband@btinternet.com

MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club

Augustine Road

Come and join us for a "Cuppa" and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

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MINSTER & MONKTON

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th May

Village Hall

Mr Bob Ogley

“Spirit of Invicta”

Points table: A vase of Sweet Peas

All visitors are welcome 50p

Minster & Monkton

Royal British Legion Women’s Section

Monday 10th May 2010

7.30pm

—A photo of an animal And You!

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information ring

Min Smith on 822589

World Environment Day

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

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Psychic Fayre

at Minster Village Hall

Sunday 27th June

10am-4pm

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 297665.

Minster-in-Thamet WI.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th May

Village Hall

7.30pm

Resolutions Meeting & Fashion Show

Visitors and NewMembers Welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT

Thursday 20th May

Village Hall Committee Room

10am to 12 noon

All welcome

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MOTHERS' UNION

Our Next Meeting is **May 12th**

A Garden Party at 11 High Street at 2pm

by kind invitation of Heather

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESAN

AGM AND ANNUAL MARKET

Thursday May 20th at 10.30am

at Westgate Hall, Canterbury

SATURDAY MARKET

Old School

8th May at 10-12noon.

Plants, cakes, preserves, cards, bric-a-brac and refreshments

Do come along and join us. All Welcome

MONKTON OPEN GARDENS

5th & 6th JUNE 2010

11am-5pm

MINSTER OPEN GARDENS 2010

19th-20th June.

12th anniversary

We already have many gardens but are always looking for more!

If you are considering entering your garden then please contact Rev'd Bob

Coles: 821250



The Salvation Army
11 Tothill Street
Minster

Murder Mystery Evening



Saturday 22 May 2010

At 6.30pm

Includes 5 course meal

Tickets £10 per person

For further details contact Audrey Hards on

01843 821792

MINSTER & MONKTON
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB
PRESENT

Thanet Scooterists

Presents
a day of
**Scooter
Sounds**

Saturday
29th May
From
midday till late
Hot food available
all day

Live music from
great local bands including.....

Heroes

Werthers Originals

4th Street

Thanet City Rockers

& DJ sounds from

'Toast & Lee'

At the
Royal British Legion
Social Club

OPEN DAY

61 Augustine Road
Minster
CT12 4DH

01843 821471



FREE ENTRY

Raffle & fund raising in aid of

Local accommodation and secure parking available.
Please call the royal British Legion for more details on
01843 821471 or contact Thanet Scooterists Admin



OPEN DAY - ALL WELCOME - FOOD AVAILABLE

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SCHOOL PAGE - Editor Ray Owen due to School Holidays

ANIMAL CROSSING

This game is all about life, Animal Crossing is on DS, Wii and GameCube, this is where you can: own a house, have animal friends, shop for clothes and furniture, go to other people's town, you can do lots more but animal crossing isn't just about making friends and going shopping you have to take care of your village but most of all have fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Rosie Malloy

EASTER

EVERYONE

AMAZING

SWEETS

TREATS

EGGS

RABBITS By Helen Birch

FESTIVAL OF SONG

On Thursday 25th February 2010 the Minster Church of England Primary School

choir went to The Winter Gardens in Margate to do a concert with the theme "School of Rock".

We did 11 songs in total and below you will find a list of them:

Rockin all over the world

The Final Countdown

God gave rock n roll to ya

Sweet child o mine

Black or White

Rockin Robin

Since you've been gone

Livin on a prayer

I love rock n roll

We will rock you

I can't seem to remember the 11th song so I won't be able to tell you what it was.

Anyway, we all sang our hearts out and there were 17 schools in total. I can't remember all of them, believe me, it would be impossible. If you attended I hope you enjoyed the show.

by Libby Thomson

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My Cat Boris

My cat Boris acts as the cat of the house. He loves attacking Geezer and Dexter (two of my other cats). He hides under the chair, pouncing out at people's feet. He also jumps on my dad's back from the floor, he is one energetic cat! When he sees Arthur, my snake, come out from under his home, he pounces, head first, at the glass! After that, he just paws the glass.

by Scott

LES MISERABLE'S

Last week I was in a show called les Miserables it is about a woman called Fantine who has a child Cosette (that was me) and had her at young age so in those times (Victorian age) so they wouldn't approve so she had to work to keep her, she worked at a factory and got fired so she became a prostitute but soon died. There is also a man called Jean Val Jeane who is in prison who stole a loaf of bread but soon becomes good and saves the Suffering Cosette , she grows up and gets married.

By Rosie Malloy

JUSTIN BIEBER

Justin Bieber is the BEST!!!

He has written a lot of songs such as;

Love me

Set a Place at your Table,

Common Denominator ,

One less Lonely Girl,

Favorite Girl,

Where are you now?,

Never let you Go,

One Time and

Someday

My most favourite song is One Time. He is very popular and has sold quite a lot of albums. He is 15 years old and he lives in America.

By Keeley Allen

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MOSHI MONSTERS

Lots of children in Minster have been constantly talking about this majestic site online "Moshi Monsters!" Rosie myself has it, and find it very fascinating .These are just some of the occupying activities online in this game: Make your own house, dress your monster, feed it , earn Rox (coins) to buy new stuff for your home, clothes for your pet and food!, there are interactive games on certain places on the map, and can meet up with friends and have a quick chitty chat.

You can also choose your own monster to play with....

Membership is even better you can go, and do fabulous things on Moshi Monsters that non-members can't!! How exciting is that ah?!

by Rosie Lawrence

OUR NEW SCHOOL

In September we are going to Sandwich Technology School. We all found out which school we are going to on Monday the 1st of March 2010. We are so happy that we are going to Sandwich because our friends are going there. At Sandwich there are loads of teachers and there are loads of clubs.

There are lots of different subjects at Sandwich which are:

Freedom, Communications, Creative and DT, Performing Arts, Hair and Beauty, Humanities, ICT, Business Studies, Intervention Group, Mathematics, P.E Health and Leisure, Science and Technology.

By Emma Holland and Rosie Malloy

Church News and Service Times

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

2nd May

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: Evensong

9th May

Rogation - See below

16th May

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Morning Worship

23rd May

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

30th May

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

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
MAY

2nd May

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

9th May

Rogation - See Below

16th May

10.15am: United Service at Methodists

23rd May

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

30th May

10.15am: Family Service

**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.

Funerals:

9th March: Beryl Brandrick (83)
at Thanet Crematorium
8th April: Louie Ethel Sturgess (97)
at Thanet Crematorium

Minster Abbey
www.minsterabbeynum.s.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.

Rogation Sunday:

Each year we hold a Rogation Service
based on the traditional
"Blessing of the fields."

This year our Walk will be on
Sunday 9th May.

**Everyone is invited to join us
for all or part of the day.**

The programme for the day is as follows
(timings are approximate):

9.30am Breakfast at Chislet

10.45am Morning Prayer at Chislet

11.30am Begin Walk to St Nicholas
(approximately 3.8 miles)

(Toilet facilities are available
at Chislet Church)

1.00pm Begin to arrive at St Nicholas
Church

(Toilet facilities will be available at
St Nicholas-Church)

**1.15pm Ploughman's Lunch
incorporating an Agape**

(An informal celebration of the 'Last
Supper')

2.15pm Begin Walk to Monkton
(approximately 1.3 miles)

3.00pm Rogation Service at Monkton

3.45pm Begin Walk to Minster
(approximately 3 miles - shorter
route if wet)

**5.00pm Walk through the Abbey
Farm with a Blessing of the Fields**

**5.15pm Service at Minster Parish
Church**

6.00pm "Hot Supper" at Old Schools

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:

21st February: Madeline Read
28th March: Joseph Purchla

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 commencing
Tuesday 27th April 2010

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

7 Up Club will run on a Tuesday
evening from **Tues 27th April 2010**
and it is hoped the **Youth Club** will
commence in June 2010 on a Friday
evening for ages 11-16 year olds

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
For more information please visit the
website
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/minster

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Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Independent Ward Councillor for the Thanet Villages

Tel: 821195 email: cllr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk

Bob now holds a regular monthly surgery, on 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 the Thanet Villages

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

regarding Council matters

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