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For Further Information Contact: Alison (01843821284)

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Friday 25th November 2011 &
Monday 29th January 2012

Is your child 4 years of age below
31st August 2012

If it's not they could start at our school in
September 2012

We will give your child a taste of the welcoming, creative and challenging atmosphere that we enjoy at Minster Church of England Primary School. Wendy Stone, Head Teacher, and Alison Goodwin Head of Foundation Stage, will be taking groups of parents and children around the school at various times during the day.

Please telephone the school office to make an appointment.

Molloney Road, Minster in Thanet,
Kent CT12 4PS
Telephone: 01843 821284

Grand Firework Display



Friday 4th November

Minster Recreation Ground

FREE ENTRY

Food and Drink from 6pm

Fireworks start at 7pm

Fireworks kindly donated by Friends of Minster Church School

Presented by Minster Parish Council and Minster & Neighbourhood Centre

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ON THE PROJECT

TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER, 7.00PM

AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This month's meeting: Tuesday 1st November @ 7pm
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: 821 339 fax: 825 269 Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th December at 7pm.

EDITORIAL

Christmas gets ever closer, Late Night Shopping will soon be upon us, so don't forget to come out and support the village businesses that are opening especially for you that evening. Also make a note in your diaries of the date for the Civic Carol Service at the Lych Gate, it is a really good carol singing event and needs all the support we can give it, so wrap up warm and come along to swell the numbers.

Well the plaster is off now, and thankfully I've given back the mobility scooter, I'm sure you can all imagine the ribbings I got, but I've got broad shoulders and thick skin so I took it all in good spirit.

Since then I've been quite busy out and about around the County judging for the Kent Village of the Year, something I've been involved with for 4 years now, and I really enjoy visiting other communities and seeing what they offer their residents. This year the overall winner was Elham (Minster didn't enter) whilst the best newcomer was Allhallows both of which I was privileged to have done the judging for. Looking forward now to being invited to the two celebration parties (one can hope !) I've been asked if I can make mention here of the Twinning Association A.G.M. which is on the Wednesday 16 November at the Neighbourhood Centre, they are in real need of more members to keep the group going, so please if you have any interest in this part of village life and would like to get a bit more involved then mosey along there and make yourself known to the committee.

I'd like to thank all those who put themselves forward to help us with our deliveries of the magazine, it is very much appreciated, however we are still looking for someone to take on The Lanes/Thorne/Ebbsfleet/Cliffsend area (43 magazines) which would require a car driver to do it as it spreads right down beyond Pfizer's Sports Ground. Any willing volunteers ??

If you're a business owner in the village then make sure you read the letter from Morton's Fork re promoting businesses in the village, it's not only the restaurants and pubs who would benefit, with a little bit of self help a whole lot of businesses could see a rise in their customer numbers, so please read it and get in touch with Shaun or Stuart.

I've heard the Braille Embosser should be with us before this magazine „hits the streets“ so once we've got it set up and running we'll be announcing our official „Office Opening“ day when we'll invite you all along to see where we are and what we can offer, maybe we'll even tempt you

with a sip or a nibble - watch this space for further information next month -

hopefully we can get it organised for before Christmas as December is quite a month for us.

Sadly we are likely to lose our Parish Meetings reporter as she is leaving the village to move across the other side of the county, however she has offered to carry on until we find a new recruit, (the assistant Clerk is going to email the Minutes to her), so if anyone is willing to attend monthly Parish Council meetings and write us up a short synopsis of the interesting points raised we'd love to hear from you.

Our Nora is working on a new piece of software that we intend to make available via our website, which will hopefully enable us to create an online cookbook (maybe later we can even get it in print). However to make it a success it will require input from as many of you as is possible, as we require you to upload your favourite recipes (with pictures if possible) be they dinners, sweets, biscuits, wines or whatever. What particularly interests us are those that maybe Grannie or Mum have used for years and years that you've now got tucked away, or that you still use on a regular basis, or any other interesting ones that you'd like to share with others. Watch this magazine for more details later.

Well space has beaten me again so that's it!

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MORTON'S FORK'S MISSION TO PUT MINSTER

BACK ON THE MAP

As many of you know we are trying to arrange a meeting with Thanet District Council with regards to "Putting Minster back on the Map".

After hearing many people remark that Minster is losing its village feel and is being left out by the rest of the Isle of Thanet, we met with Roger Gale last week. Mr Gale told us what we already know, that this is a lovely Village.

We would like to take this opportunity to organise, with the assistance of local people and businesses, to put Minster back on the map, with community focused events all year round and encourage visitors back to the area.

Minster has a lot to offer, as well as being a wonderful place to live, and we think it is not promoted well enough in the local area.

Local businesses in the Village have been approached and we hope to set up a meeting very soon to see what we can do to, individually or collectively, to raise our profile. However, we would like to encourage everyone in the Village to be involved and if anyone has any ideas for promoting the Village, please contact Shaun or Stuart at Morton's Fork on 823000, or pop in for a coffee and a chat.

Other towns are losing their businesses and we do not want this happening in Minster.

Yours sincerely, *Shaun Newstead, Morton's Fork.*

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE AND MINSTER VILLAGE HALL

As a Trustee of the village hall, I would like to correct some strange rumours circulating the village regarding the Blood Donor Service and the village hall.

The service has used the hall three times a year for the last 20 years and they have always paid for the hiring. They have always hired Fridays and the hall has accommodated them. In fact, they have already used two Fridays this year. Their booking service wished to change their third hiring to a Tuesday which, due to prior bookings, we could not accommodate, so they arranged to have a mobile unit in the Bell Inn car park.

If, in the current economic climate, the service feels that our hire charges are too high for the number of donors attending, that is entirely their decision, but bear in mind that the village hall is a charity and our income is made from hiring out the premises. It is management policy that the hall is never hired out free of charge as that would set a precedent and the many other very worthwhile organisations that use the hall would also demand it for free and, therefore, we would have no income to maintain it.

I hope this explains the situation and we will always accommodate the blood service on Fridays.

Eric James, Trustee of Minster Village Hall.

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FREE JUBILEE TREES FOR COMMUNITIES

Royal Jubilees are always a great excuse for a party. This Jubilee, you can celebrate and have fun with your community in a way that leaves a lasting legacy by planting a free pack of trees from the Woodland Trust.

Thousands of groups across the UK have already received

tree trees from us

– apply for yours today for delivery in February, March or November 2012.

Designed to help make planting with your local community as easy as possible, the packs are available in two sizes – either 105 trees or 420 trees -

and are themed to help you choose the best mix for your local area.

Wildlife: Blackthorn, hawthorn, hazel, birch, rowan, oak
Year-round colour: Hawthorn, hazel, birch, rowan, cherry, dogwood
Wood fuel: Ash, birch, cherry, oak, hornbeam

Wild harvest: Hazel, blackthorn, crab apple, elder, dog rose
All packs also include a special royal sapling, grown from tree seeds collected on royal estates such as Sandringham and Windsor.

Schools and youth groups

Apply today for a hedge or copse pack, each containing 60 trees to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Copse Pack

Perfect for planting a small wooded area or 'copse'.

Each pack contains 20 each of birch, rowan and cherry, plus a royal oak sapling.

Hedge Pack

An excellent habitat for wildlife, this pack can be planted to create a traditional hedgerow. Each pack contains 12 of each hawthorn, hazel, holly, dog rose and dogwood, plus a royal oak sapling.

Visit <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk> for details of how to apply.

ANIMAL SERVICE held on 2nd October at St Mary's.

There were a large number of people, many of whom brought along their pets. All of whom behaved admirably.

We had several tortoises, cats, dozens of dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, hamsters, hedgehogs and, believe it or not, even a very sweet little pony!!

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"A SEAWEED SUCCESS STORY"

Thanet has achieved national acclaim from environmental groups for the way it deals with its seaweed. Like most other seaside authorities TDC used to have to pay to have the weed dumped in landfill tips at enormous cost.

Three years ago the Council started to experiment with processing the weed it takes off our beaches to turn it into compost, which has been used since then by our local farmers to help produce crops and cut down on expensive fertilisers.

It is a big problem every year. Depending on weather conditions, between 4

to 10 thousand tons can be washed up on our beaches to rot. If we were still tipping it, it would now cost over £300,000 a year to dispose of it. The Council is continuing its composting trials with Wye Agricultural College and aims to make the whole operation a commercial proposition over the next few years.

In view of the recent press comment on this subject of seaweed this may be of interest to MM readers. Phil Sackett

FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO MINSTER

Father Christmas is making time to carry out several visits to the Minster area in the build up to the Festive season thanks to the kind generosity of the

"Smugglers Retreat Table Table" Restaurant at Minster.

Firstly, with his "Little Elf", he will be attending the "Christmas Bazaar" at the

"Old Schools" on Saturday 19th November, between 9.00am and 1.00pm, where he will be available for Parents and Children to take photographs. And the children will be able to hand their letters to him in person!

While he is there, he has also agreed to draw the raffle that is being run by the Patient Liaison Group at Minster Surgery, where some lucky children could win a prize to have "Breakfast with Father Christmas" in his Grotto, or some lucky family could win a "3 Course Festive Evening Meal" as well!

Next, he will pay a surprise visit to "Minster Primary School" in December, to personally wish them all a "Happy

Christmas" and of course the children will again be able to hand over their letters in person!

He will then take up residency in his new "Grotto" at the "Smugglers Retreat Table Table Restaurant" for the remainder of the month.

For further information on any of these events please ring 821200.

Patient Liaison Group.

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The **Queens Diamond Jubilee** is being celebrated by an extended Bank Holiday weekend , Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June 2012.

The Parish Council are considering how best to celebrate the event.

To help them make a decision it would be helpful to know what events are already being planned by streets / organisations / businesses in the village.

If you are planning an event or if you have particularly strong views on how the occasion should be marked and are willing to help organise an event then please let the Parish Council Clerk know.

Contact Kyla Lamb – Parish Clerk – Tel: 01843 821339

or email Clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

JEMIMA'S LOCKET

My name is Jemma, I am a local girl who has always loved the village, and it has always been my dream to open my own shop here.

I knew there was a need for haberdashery supplies due to the popularity of the various craft groups in the local area. Homeware and gifts were something that I personally felt were missing from the village and would help the community to shop local and avoid the traffic and business of getting to Canterbury or Westwood Cross.

The combination of the two aspects came naturally to me as an avid seamstress with a background in fashion and interiors.

In the recession so many people are trying to find alternatives to spending a fortune in „built up generic shops", I am trying to provide inspiration and materials for those who want to have a go and make it themselves, plus I

also offer affordable products for those who love a different shopping experience.

My shop will be open for Late Night Shopping in the village on Tuesday 29th November and every Thursday in December, leading up to Christmas, from 9am to 7pm.

Our website at www.jemimaslocket.co.uk will be live from early in November or you can find us now on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jemimas-Locket/173724836012474>

or on Ebay at <http://stores.ebay.co.uk/Jemimas-Locket>
Jemima's Locket 77A High Street, Minster CT12 4AB tel:
07903 143 173

I look forward to welcoming you to my shop, Jemma.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2011

FLU DAYS - A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

We like to say "A GREAT BIG THANK YOU" to all those who contributed so generously by participating in our fund raising raffle in aid of our "Spirometer Micro Lab" project. Also, thank you to those generous patients who kindly gave us a donation as well. It was also very encouraging for us to have so many people show such a genuine interest in what we were aiming to achieve. Together with the funds we anticipate raising during our Christmas Bazaar, our target is virtually in sight, and as a result, hope to have purchased the equipment and have it ready for use, in the surgery, by Christmas.

This far exceeds our expectations and is purely down to the support and generosity of our Patients, so once again, thank you very much.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Just in case anyone does not know yet - which I doubt very much - we are holding a **"CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" on SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER in the "Old Schools"**

Please come along and give us your support to ensure we hit our target.

Father Christmas will be joining us as well, which will present a good photo opportunity for all you Mums, Dads

and Grand Parents.

He will also be making the draw for our raffle at 12.30 so you never know you might win one of the top prizes :

A Festive evening meal for four at

"Smugglers Retreat Table Restaurant" OR

Breakfast with Father Christmas in his Grotto for a family of four OR

Over night stay at "Holiday Inn Express" for a family of four.

TRAINING DAY

Please note that the surgery will be closed from 12.00 midday onward , on Tuesday 8th November, for the purpose of staff training.

If any patient needs to see a doctor during this time, please contact

"DOCTORS ON CALL" via the normal surgery number - 821333. Or you can also call "NHS DIRECT" on 0845 4647 for confidential health advice and information for you and your family. Thank you.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETINGS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25th October where we will be finalising arrangements for our Christmas Bazaar and we will then decide the date of the meeting that will be held at the end of November.

In the meantime, if you have any issues you would like to raise or require further information on any of the above, please contact: **KEN SELF on 821200 or JEAN TAYLOR on 845072**

YOUR LETTERS

EVENING WALK

On one of my recent evening walks, dozens of house martins were flying about me, feeding up, getting a good intake of protein ready to roost for the night, and soon their migration.

I walked through across the concrete path that separates the fields of salad crops growing so neatly each side of the path.

Before this point in time I had walked to the top of the village, and then down through the fields, and enjoyed the vast expanse of beautiful countryside and the horizon that takes the eye from the far point of Sandwich, to the Bell Harry tower of Canterbury Cathedral. A Skylark rose from the field at my side, and then another, sang a little song for me.

On my way I had passed the wild Fennel and had crushed some in my hands, and I could smell the delightful aroma from this as I trundled down through the fields.

Back now to my walk towards the level crossing beyond Durlock, and in the blue evening sky, about 6 o'clock, the white jet streams spreading across the sky, and I could hear the distant roar from way up high of the engines. I imagined in my head the passengers sitting there, all excited at their coming holidays, perhaps, and ordering their first drink. Oh! how lovely, I love this and can't wait until my next holiday in December. A modern train passed by on the tracks, the new shaped nose of these trains speeding its way to London town.

My feet kicked a piece of blue and white flint, and this took my mind back centuries, as we know the age of these pieces of rock. Also the tiny black smooth stones everywhere, brought up by the plough, worn smooth by the ocean when it lapped the shores around our village.

I gathered a sprig of wild Hops on my return, after gazing about me and as always in awe at our beautiful church steeple standing tall and proud beckoning me home. I can see this sight from my kitchen window, always as I make my cuppa, morning, noon and night.

I again thought to myself, how fortunate we are to have this peaceful and pleasant walk so close and easily accessible.

Yvonne

YOUR LETTERS

QUEENIE

A charming lady I met today at the Salvation Army hall, To
celebrate 125 years since day number one,

When this wonderful Army originally begun,

A few weeks ago I judged a competition of poetry, I chose
a poem, the lines a joy to read, decidedly Little did I know,
the author of these lines,

Was an elderly lady of one year plus ten times nine, I do not
need to tell you this means Queenie is 91 years of age, Her
words were a pleasure to read on her page, To meet
Queenie today was a pleasure for me,

I pray this lady will live to well past one hundred and three, I
judged Queenie"s poem as the best,

In my opinion far better than all the rest.

By Yvonne

HAND-MADE CHRISTMAS CARDS

I was asked last year if I could make some Christmas cards
with the photo"s that I had taken of Minster in the snow. If
you would like some please give me an order and I will be
happy to make them to order.

Large 8 ¼" (21cm) x 5 ¾" (15cm) @ £2.75

Small 5 ¾" (15cm) x 4" (10cm) @ £1.60

Message in card reads: "Wishing you a merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year."

Please contact Diane on 822394 to place an order or for
more details.

MESSAGES

MINSTER MAYHEMS and their friends will be dancing at Late Night Shopping on Tuesday 29 November. Please come along from 6.20 and support them; they have been working really hard this year at the Folk Festivals in the area representing Minster and Cliffsend children.

Mayhems have a reputation now for excellent Morris dancing and fantastic Maypole ribbon patterns. The children would like some more friends to come and join them as some have progressed into the adult sides and more are needed to carry with the good work so far.

Mayhems meet Fridays in term time at The Old Schools from 5-6pm and it costs £1 per child to attend - this pays for the hall hire.

CONGRATULATIONS TO.... the winner of the giant Toblerone at 22 St.

Mildreds Road, the winner of the small Toblerone, Guy Mannering and the winner of the Toblerone Chocs, Vicki Haswell. The Raffle raised £77.00, and the donation pot on the counter made up to £110.00 in total. Thank you for all donations of dog and cat food. Parcel and money are now on their way to Thanet Hedgehog Rescue. Karen, Attwells.

CONGRATULATIONS TO..... Anya Morling and Samuel Stockbridge who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Minster Library and so were entered in the prize draw. Both received book tokens Well done!

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO.... Douglas Kirk enjoying his 93rd birthday with family and friends at The Saddler, Minster. Love you Dad.

SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR BONFIRE NIGHT – Before they explode read the code!

1 Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves 2 Never give sparklers to a child under 5

3 Buy fireworks marked BS 7114

4 Keep fireworks in a closed box

5 Follow the instructions on each firework

6 Light them at arm's length using a taper

7 Stand well back

8 Never go back to a lit firework

9 Never put fireworks in your pocket

10 Never throw fireworks

11 Keep pets indoors

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MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

Excellence in Quality of Theatre, for the People of Minster Village.

“Beauty and the Beast”

Rehearsals are well under way – Good and Bad Fairies are bickering, Leading Lady is simpering and the Dame is mincing.

Performances, in Minster Village Hall, are Wednesday November 30th through to Saturday December 3rd, with a matinee on the Saturday. Times are 7.30 for the evening performances, and 2.30 for the matinee. Tickets prices are £5.00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday matinee, and £7.00

for the Friday and Saturday evening performances.

Box Office is now open – call 01843 22020

“Cabaret of Comedies”

Played on both nights to a full house and was a tremendous success. We would like to thank all who attended both evenings and hope you will keep on supporting MPH in the future.

Scoop!!!!Minster Playhouse is proud to present in May 2013,“Calendar Girls” by Tim Firth. Based on the true story of eleven WI members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund. Watch Minster Matters for further press releases throughout 2012

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE THEATRE YOUTH CLUB

A dance, drama, acting and singing club

Every Wednesday during term time, from 5pm - 7pm
Above Minster Library. Starts 2nd November 2011

For ages 5 - 15

£3 per week

For more details contact Niki 01843 863020 or

minsterplayhouse@hotmail.co.uk

THE SALVATION ARMY

MESSY CHURCH

For everyone: families, individuals, young and old Tuesday
6th December from 3.30pm – 5.45pm

Bring the whole family and enjoy crafts and fun and finish
with a hot family meal together. Come and enjoy „MESSY
CHRISTMAS“

For more details contact: Captain Lyn Hargreaves on
01843 822308 or 07505 171 769,

CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday 19th December from 10.00am-12.30pm

Gifts, Crafts, Cakes, Toiletries, Lunches and more For
more details contact: Captains Bryn & Lyn Hargreaves on
01843 822308

or 825178

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10.30am

Followed by CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH on Sunday 25th
December -

12.30pm

For anyone who will be alone who would like to share with
other people on Christmas Day. Come and join

with others and enjoy food and entertainment.

For more details and to book contact: Captains Bryn & Lyn
Hargreaves on 01843 822308 or 825178

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MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

At the October institute meeting, president Joan Backler
welcomed eight visitors, four of whom enrolled during the
evening. They heard a report of our recent day of classes
with tutors in mosaics, sugarcraft and tai-chi, with lunches
cooked and served by a team of W.I. members and later
joined members in listening and participating in an
interesting, and at times, entertaining talk by voice coach
Dr. Peter Giles.

Refreshments were accompanied by cakes baked by
committee members, which were sold at £1 per portion to

raise funds for the W.I.'s own Denman College.

Our next meeting is on TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER. This our Annual Meeting, for members only, is when a new committee will be elected and new officers appointed, and at which wine and cheese, and cakes, will be served at refreshment time.

An open Coffee and Chat morning will be held in the committee room of the Village Hall on THURSDAY, 17th NOVEMBER – non-members will be warmly welcomed.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We are busy making plans for our future events and look forward to meeting many of you at our AGM.

We have now booked a quiz night for Saturday 3rd December at 7.30 pm.

Teams should be of a minimum of 6 people and tickets can be purchased in advance from the Royal British Legion Club, telephone 821471. Tickets are

£5.00 per person, which includes food. We shall also be holding a raffle.

REMEMBER THAT our AGM is to be at the Library & Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30pm on 16th November. New members and ideas are being sought so please come and join us or offer some support. French speakers and students are especially welcome.

So the decided diary dates are:

16 November:- AGM at the Library & Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30 p m
3 December: - Quiz at RBL Club at 7.30 pm

27 May 2012:- Anniversary Celebrations at the Village Hall
03 June 2012:- Fun Day with a Royal flavour

Race Night will probably be next year now, but watch this space as there may be something special afoot.

NOTE: Armbouts Cappel Nouvelles - Septembre 2011 – now available at the library.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB.

2011 A SEASON OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Minster flag is flying high this year, and deservedly so, as the playing achievements on the green have been more than matched by the sterling efforts of the dedicated volunteers who work „behind the scenes“ ensuring the whole process works smoothly. So fulsome thanks and praise to those who made success possible, the players and the volunteer supporters. In short well done Team Minster...

A gentle reminder; the AGM on 25th November, is your chance to vote and contribute to the wellbeing of the Club. The Management Committee will be putting forward the following proposal:

“A position to be created on the Management Committee for a Short Mat Section Competitions Secretary”. The purpose is twofold. Firstly, to increase short mat section representation on the main Committee and secondly, to bring more width and strengthen the Short Mat section committee.

Your committee is delighted to announce that a Dance is scheduled for Friday 6th January. The band has been booked and a pig, cow and turkey are being fattened for the cold carvery. This is expected to be a great start for our 75th anniversary celebrations. Tickets will be on sale shortly and available at the AGM. The idea of a firework display has been thwarted by the green keeper who refused the placing of roman candles and rockets on the green. Spoil sport! Finally, nominations are still required to fill committee positions especially that of secretary. If you do not wish to be on the committee but can help in any way please contact, Ken or Brian Davis. Help with organising teas for home summer fixtures would be greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you at the AGM.

Brian East

Date"s for your Diary:

25th November, 7.00pm

AGM

6th January

NEW YEAR DANCE

15th April (To be confirmed) OPENING OF THE GREEN

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SCHOOLSCRIPT

School page Editors this month were Jodie Ellis and Anna Impey-Shaw.

BENS

Today we are going to Bens to go shopping, it's like a mini Tesco. You can buy a lot of food such as Whispers, Kitkats, Twix, Mars, lollypops, Haribos and Minstrels. There is also semi skimmed milk.

You can also buy sausages with mushrooms, broccoli and coke. Also there is a bakery

By Emily Giardina and Liberty Danes

ALL ABOUT ME

My name is Anastasia Impey - Shaw. I am 10 years old. I have 3 brothers, one called Toby, he is 9 years old, I have one called Benjamin, he is 7 years old and I have one called Theo, he is 6 months at the end of this month. I live with my Mum, my step Dad and my brothers.

By Anastasia

JODIE AND MOLLIE

Mollie, she is so talented she is really good at maths. The thing that is really good about Mollie is she is a good friend and she is good with people in year 6.

Jodie she is really cool, she is funny as a bunny she is chatty but happy, she is jumpy and bubbly and is pretty much Jodie

By Michaela Hockley

WINTER

In the winter there is Christmas and birthdays and snow and rain and a lot of cool things.

Kids like to play in the snow.

Adults like to cuddle up on the sofa and drink tea.

Now Christmas is a lovely celebration you get presents and get time to spend with your family.

By Annabelle Fleming

CHOCOLATE

Chocolate comes in all different shapes and sizes. My favourite chocolate is Thornton's. Mollie's is Cadburys. And Maddies is Lindor's. What's your favourite?

By Jodie Ellis

SCHOOLSCRIPT

HANNAH IS FUN

Hannah is one of my best friends. She is my friend because she is pretty, friendly, fun and good. Hannah is also very cheeky in school and out of the school. She is sometimes good and sometimes bad in school.

JOURNALIST CLUB

Journalist club is where you eat your lunch in Miss Wood's classroom, then at half past twelve you go into the I.C.T suite and write an article about anything you want to do. Then Ray or Miss Wood check's it then you go on anything you want.

By Danny Spain

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

When your parking outside of school I hope you're parking in a proper spot.

Because when I'm walking home from school I'm seeing cars parked on the path. So please can you not park on the path, because people can't get through.

By Grace McDonald !

M&M CHAMPIONS

On the 11th of September me and my sister Martha took part in the Trailblazers tour Championship at Hever Castle Golf Club.

We both came first in our age group and received a crystal trophy, trailblazers hat, a pair of foot joy shoes, pack of golf balls & a free game on the 9 hole par 3 at Hever Castle.

To get through to the final we had to come 1st or 2nd in one of the qualifying events.

Martha came 2nd in the first qualifying event at Hever and I came 3rd but you have to come in the top 2 to get through so we entered another qualifying event at Poulton Wood Golf Club and I came 1st and Martha came 2nd again.

We then both took part in the winning event at Hever & both won in our age category. We both received a crystal trophy and a silver claret jug with our names engraved.

Unfortunately we are not able to keep the claret jug because they are extremely expensive. Luckily we were

able to borrow the jug for a few days to have the photos from the newspaper taken.

We both enjoy golf thoroughly and this winning has really boosted our confidence.

By Molly Mumby

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WHAT'S ON

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY at Minster Recreation Ground on Friday 4th November. Food and drink served from 6pm with fireworks starting at 7pm.

Entry is free.

CHARITY BOOT FAIR

In aid of Prostate Cancer on Sunday 6th November in Minster Village Hall.

Doors open at 8.30am till 15.00 (Stall holders should arrive at 7.30am) Tables are £7. For further information contact Allison on 07736 540280.

ABBEY PATCHERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 12th November from 9.00am till 1.00pm in the Old Schools, Minster **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

On 13th November 2011

Those taking part in the parade should meet at the Minster & Monkton RBL Club at 10.00am.

The service commences at St Mary's Church Minster at 10.45.

Afterwards refreshments will be served at the Club Open Day, and entertainment provided by the Big Beverly Band. Everyone Welcome **SANDWICH AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY & DEAL AND WALMER**

HANDELIAN CHORAL SOCIETY hold a Joint Autumn Concert Music from Mozart Requiem, Neruda Trumpet Conerto and Pergolesi Magnificat.

Performed by Bridget Tizzard - Soprano, June Woodland - Alto, Daniel Bartlette - Tenor, Jon Williams - Bass, Richard Deacon - Trumpet The Sandwich Sinfonia Leader will be George Simpson with Julian Sampson and Robert Tapsfield as Conductors.

Event will be held at St Mary's Arts Centre Sandwich,
7.30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2011. Tickets are £8
in advance (£10 at door) Further details from Lady
Elegance - 6 King Street Sandwich, Tyers 104

High Street Deal, choir members and from Mervyn Jones
01304 620811

FANCY A GO AT INDOOR BOWLING - IT'S FREE

Everybody over the age of 11yrs welcome. Flat indoor
footwear must be worn and refreshments are available.

Come along to Minster Bowls Club, between 2pm - 5pm on
the 18th November 2011.

Contact your local KCC Wardens for more information.

Minster and Monkton - 07811 271302

Westgate - 07969 583922

Cliffsend and Pegwell - 07969 584178

Sarre, Manston, Acol and St Nicholas - 07969 584182

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WHAT'S ON

MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday 19th November from 0900 - 1300

In the Old Schools, Hall, Minster

Only £6 for a small or £8 for a large Table

Arts & Crafts, Refreshments, Tombola, Bring & Buy, Bric a
Brac, Antiques, Books, Cake & Card Stalls

To book/information/contact Ken Self on Thanet 821200

All proceeds will go towards local fund raising projects

CHRISTMAS PSYCHIC FAYRE

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER at Minster Village Hall from
10am - 4pm Lots of Mediums offering Spirit & Tarot,
Aurasoma & Psychometry Readings

£8. Varied stalls offering ideas for Christmas gifts.

Tombola for Cats in Crisis

& Stall for Hospice. Tea Bar open all day offering food and drink at low prices. Entrance £1 includes tea & biscuits, children free.

Contact Kay on 01843 297665 for further information
PUBLIC UPDATE AND PRESENTATION ON THE EAST KENT ACCESS

ROAD PROJECT will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre. Come along and ask your questions.

MINSTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Has an Open Day on Friday 25th November 2011 and Monday 9th January 2012

Is your child 4 years of age before 31st August 2012

If so they could start at our school in September 2012

Why not give your child a taste of the welcoming, creative and challenging atmosphere that we enjoy at Minster Church of England Primary School.

Wendy Stone, Head Teacher, and Alison Goodman Head of Foundation Stage, will be taking groups of parents and children around the school at various times during the day.

Please telephone the school office to make an appointment.

Molineux Road, Minster in Thanet, Kent CT12 4PS

Telephone: 01843 821384

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WHAT'S ON

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday 26th November at Minster Village Hall from 9am – 2pm. Free admission. Lots of stalls with seasonal bargains. Christmas Handicrafts, Tombolas, Grand Raffle, Coffee and Mince Pies.

Look in and support your village Organisations.

WINE AND WISDOM EVENING

In aid of Monkton Nature Reserve on Saturday 26th November at Monkton Village Hall.

Questions start at 7-30pm. Event ends 10-30pm ish

£5-50 per person including Ploughman's Lunch but please bring your own drinks and glasses. Up to 8 people per team/table. Raffle with lots of prizes*

*Raffle will be held on the night with prizes including a festive meal for four at the local Premier Inn.

Please call 01843 822666 to book

SNOWDOWN COLLIERY BAND CONCERT

In the Village Hall, Sunday 11th December from 2.30pm.
Prices are £3.00 per person with proceeds going to Pilgrims Hospice. Raffle and Tea available.

The Civic Carol Service will be held at the Lych Gate on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm All welcome.

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NOTES & EVENTS

THE NEW INN

1st Monday of the month is QUIZ NIGHT

Maximum of 6 per team. £2 or £5 with food.

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Tuesday 8th November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
Election of new officers and committee. New members welcome.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Thursday 17th November 10.00am – 12.00noon

In the village hall committee room. All welcome. For further details phone 821965

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Monday 14th November at 7.30pm

"Make something to sell at the Christmas Fayre" For further information Miriam Smith 822589

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Mr "Dusty" Miller on „Pest Warfare"

Points competition – A Photo of a Garden Pest. All
welcome COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th November at 9.30am-11.30am in the Old
Schools.

Coffee and Sales Tables. All welcome

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING

Wednesday 21st December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a game of Bingo every Wednesday
2.00pm - 4.00pm All Welcome. Phone Pat 822622 or
Maureen 823434

MINSTER ARBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16th November, 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood
Centre 21

NOTES & EVENTS

MOTHERS UNION

NEXT MEETING

9th November at 2pm, St Mary's Church

Speaker: Fran Kimmons. New members always welcome.

Our Deanery meeting was well attended and our Speaker Marylyn Collins gave us a good insight into the A.F.I.A (Away From It All) holiday with the M.U sponsor.

SATURDAY MARKET

Combines with the Abbey Patchers Annual Christmas Craft Fair on 12th November from 9am til 1pm, in The Old Schools SOUP ON WEDNESDAY

Starts again 2nd November, 12 noon to 1pm in the Old Schools.

All welcome

MINSTER VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 10th November – 8pm

All welcome.

MINSTER AND MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 21st November – 7.30pm

MINSTER HEALTHY WALK

meets at Minster School on Thursday mornings (term time only) at 9am for a 9.15am start.

The walk is suitable for all ages and is a gentle pace as well as buggy friendly.

It lasts between 45 minutes to an hour, afterwards we have refreshments at Minster Library.

If you are interested in joining our walk please contact Michelle Mannering 01843 841082

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information
please contact June Chadband on **226033** or email:
k.chadband@btinternet.com 22

NOTES AND EVENTS

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Late Night Shopping in Minster will be on the 29th November.

Minster School Choir will be singing outside The Gossip Shop from 6pm. The Christmas lights will be officially switched on by Luke Lucas of X Factor fame ably assisted by Miss Minster and her Princesses at 6pm.

Minster Mayhems and their friends will be Morris Dancing in Norton Drive to entertain you while you are waiting to see Santa in his Grotto also in Norton Drive.

The Minster Salvation Army Band will be playing during the evening.

Participating businesses will be open until 8 or 8.30pm offering special offers or treats to customers.

This year we welcome the two newest businesses in the village namely,

„Greens" the Greengrocers and „Jemima"s Locket" they are opening for their 1st Late Night. Please make sure you drop in and say hello.

You will be able to meet Luke after the School Choir has finished singing, you will also be able to buy his official souvenirs which he will gladly sign for you.

This has become another annual event in our lovely village. We do try and make it a special evening and a start to the Christmas Festivities. This does cost the businesses a fair bit to open for the evening and if they aren't supported they will not open in the future and this evening will be finished.

This is also the reason that we regret we do not allow other traders to attend (

„Simon the Gloman" originates from Colebrook and Sturrock and donates towards the Xmas Lights).

Please come along and support your local shops and meet up with friends, the atmosphere is fantastic. As the saying goes "Use it or lose it". We look forward to seeing you all on the 29th. Karen

AMBERS ADVICE

People are the custodians of the world's wealth; if you want them to hand some over to you, you have to be nice to people!-

Stuart Wilde

TIGERS TIP

Take your bananas apart when you get them home if you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Editor's gone on holiday....

now whose going to keep everything in order!

Wonder if he'll bring me back a stick of rock????

Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250
Sunday Services In
NOVEMBER 2011

6th November

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: service at Monkton

13th November

9am: no service this week
10.45am: Remembrance Service

20th November

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

27th November

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm: Advent Service of Light

Mid week services
at St Mary's at 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
NOVEMBER 2011

6th November

6.30pm: Evensong

13th November

10.15am: Remembrance Service

20th November

11.00am: Holy Communion with
Methodists

27th November

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

Ss. Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic
Parish Ramsgate and Minster
Rev Marcus Holden 592071

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com
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 12.00noon in
the Church of St Mary the Virgin and
each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster
Abbey

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: 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

All our visitors, not only Christians but
people of all faiths and spiritual
tradition, all who 'truly seek God' (rule
of St. Benedict) are warmly welcomed
to join us in prayer, in our beautiful
monastic chapel.

*"Always
Remembered"*

The Salvation Army 11 Tothill Street, Minster

Captains Bryn
& Lyn Hargreaves
822308 or 825178

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw - Sunday School

11.00am - 12 noon

Morning Family Worship

11.00am - 12 noon

Evening Worship

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday

Baby Group

(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),

9.30am - 12.30pm (Term time only)

Friendship Club

(Over 50's), 2.15pm - 3.30pm

Pilates

6.30pm - 7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on

07505399512)

Tuesday

Parents and Tots

9.30am - 11.30am (Term time only)

Wednesday

Keep Fit

10.15am - 11.15am

Home League

2.00pm - 3.45pm

Pilates

6.30pm-7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on

07505399512)

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

Weddings at

Minster Parish Church:

17th September: Katy London and
Alan Gent
17th September: Louise Maxted and
Vincent Glisson

Funerals

22nd August: John Luxford (84) in
Minster Parish Church and Cemetery
(with apologies - date omitted last month)
20th October: Ronald Spreadbury (76) in
Minster Parish Church and Cemetery

An opportunity for us to
remember our departed loved
ones at a special service at:

**St Mary's, Minster
at 7.30pm
on Wednesday 2nd
November**

"All Souls"
All welcome.

Thursday

**Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time
(in member's home)**

9am - All welcome please ring for
details

Fridays/Saturdays

Other events happening see Minster
Matters or Church Noticeboard for
details.

Salvation Army telephone
number for the new building
is 01843 825178

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IN LOVING MEMORY

MURIEL BEATON, aged 85 of Molineux Road,

sadly passed away on the 12th of August at Q.E.Q.M. hospital.

Greatly missed by husband Fred, sons Brian and Neil, sister Betty, and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fred would like to mention his great appreciation to all the neighbours, who are now also good friends, who have supported him and the family during a very sad time. Thank You, Mr F. Beaton

EDWARD PERCY COLLINS

Ted passed away on 25th August 2011 at the age of 96.

Ted spent a lot of his youth in Minster, living at Vine Cottage, from 1926 -

1946. He then moved to Ashford, where he spent the remaining 60+ years.

He married the late Stella Gertrude Collins (nee Setterfield) of Minster.

The funeral was held at Minster Cemetery on 3rd October 2011.

(In response to a letter that accompanied this obituary, we would like to draw residents attention to the fact that the Parish Council's Cemetery Fees can be found listed on their website at <http://www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk> then follow the link to „Site Pages“)

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE -- Meeting 4th October 2011

Policing

Members voiced concerns that the police presence in the rural areas would stop in the near future and be replaced by a PCSO service. Minster had low crime figures and the fear was that these figures would increase if there was not a police presence within the Village. The Council noted the comments of P.C. Burgess on reported crime figures and how these details could be accessed by typing in the post code on the Kent Police website. It was noted that there

has been incidents of anti-social behaviour at the Recreation Ground and other locations within the Village and expressed concerns that unless these matters were dealt with by the Police residents may take their own unilateral action. The Council agreed that they write to the Chief Constable of Kent Police expressing the concerns of the Village that the plans to reorganise policing services within rural areas would result in crime figures increasing.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council agreed to support in principle the staging of a Son et Lumiere subject to further costings being made available.

Planning

Following a request by Minster Scouts to erect a scouts hut on the Recreation Ground, members noted that having considered the report of the Clerk, that the covenants on the Recreation Ground would not allow for the erection of this building.

The application for the demolition of the cooling towers at Sandwich be

„called in” to ensure it is heard by the Council’s Planning Committee.

KIACC

Cllr Day reported that TDC had refused a variation to the night flying agreement and that the decision had been referred to the Scrutiny Committee.

Highways

The Clerk tabled an email from Kent Highways indicating that the work to resurface Tothill Street had been suspended due to Southern Gas Networks scheduled mains replacement for the length of Tothill Street and not confined to the connection to hotel at the top of the hill. However Kent Highways confirmed that routine maintenance will continue in Tothill Street and its priority within the allowable budget for resurfacing assessment once road space becomes available.

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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. Residents may at anytime speak to Bob at The Attic.

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