



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th NOVEMBER

Those taking part in the Parade
should meet at the
MINSTER AND MONKTON RBL CLUB
@ 10.00am

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@ 10.30am

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MINSTER COMMUNITY LED PLAN

PUBLIC MEETING

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER

10am to 12noon

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TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

Roy Wade

Coordinator to the Community Led Plan Steering Group

Grand Firework Display



Friday 1st November
Minster Recreation Ground
FREE ENTRY
Food and Drink from 6pm
Fireworks start at 7pm

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Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 5th November @ 7pm

in the Neighbourhood Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council

through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of

the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is

Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:-

9.30am - 12 noon weekdays;

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

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EDITORIAL

Just had a week on the Cornish Riviera,
what a much needed break away from my
computer

that was. The weather was glorious and
we had some great days out visiting the
Lost

Gardens of Heligan and the Eden Project,
lots of shopping at Tregar Mills and some
superb

food, including a few pasties!! Then it was
off to visit our son and his family in South
Wales

where we had a great weekend with the

grandchildren, back home again through that

awful rain on Sunday. The dog didn't come with us but he was pleased to see us when we

got back. A special thanks to Gillian for keeping him company all week, let's hope he's not

got anything bad to say about me for leaving him at home, we only did it because we

thought we couldn't take him into the Eden Project and then when we got there we found

loads of visitors had their dogs with them,

sorry Zac !! Back to reality and we've been

inundated with items for inclusion this month, very nearly forcing us to consider a further 4

pages, but we've left out only that which we felt wasn't of any real interest to the majority

of our loyal readers, so we hope we haven't offended anybody by not including everything

we received. We have even had to do some severe editing of some of the articles that we

have included just so most got some sort

of mention. If we haven't included yours
we do

apologise.

You will notice from the front page and
the article on page 19 that we now have
two further

defibrillators (to compliment the one
already situated at the Co-op) available in
the village

to help in the case of a cardiac emergency.
These are in locked and coded cabinets
and we

here at MM sincerely hope they don't get
abused by the minority of residents who
seem to

love to wreck other people's property. They aren't toys and they may, after all, be needed

to help to save one of their lives or that of a family member in the future, so we ask 'please

respect them and don't attempt to destroy them'.

I must make mention of Minster Playhouse and their very kind offer of allowing us to

record, to audio disk, their recent production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' which is

now available to the visually impaired or even others who may want a copy. It is

also

available via our website as an MP3 file.
Just contact me if you would like a copy
on CD and

I'll get it to you. So a big thank you to
David Downes-Powell whose suggestion
it was, thanks

also to all the cast members who came
along to record it, to the Holiday Inn for
the use of

their premises and to Nora for the editing,
without you all it wouldn't have
happened!!

I've been asked to make a point of
reminding people, especially the more

vulnerable

amongst us, that should you use a public computer either at a library, in a hotel, or maybe a

cafe, that you ensure you log out of any websites you have had to log into. If you don't log

out correctly then the next user of that machine will be able to access anything you've left

'open' which could be your bank account or any other site where they could cause you a lot

of stress and heartache by accessing and thereby using your details. Also please

remember

‘DON’T EVER REPLY TO SPAM EMAILS’ not even to try to unsubscribe, the spammers know

your email address is active if you do either of these and can then use this information to

cause you even more problems, so if you don’t recognise it just DELETE IT. The same goes

for unsolicited phone calls - don’t engage in conversation just put the phone down -

Microsoft don’t phone you to assist in ‘cleaning your computer of problems’, your bank

won't phone you to ask for your password or pin number, the police won't phone you for

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your credit card details as won't any reputable businesses - **AGAIN DON'T GET INVOLVED**

JUST PUT THE PHONE DOWN. There is a scam making the rounds whereby you are asked to

confirm that the caller is who they say they are by dialling the help line number on the back

of your credit/debit cards - they keep the phone line open when you dial so they can

answer your call - PLEASE if ever you are phoning ANYONE ensure that before you dial you

definitely have a dialling tone... no dialling tone? THEN DON'T DIAL, put the phone down

again and try later.

Automatic External Defibrillators

Following the installation of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – (heart starting

device) at the Coop store in Tothill St., the Parish Council felt that it would be advantageous to purchase and install two units within the village area.

These have now arrived, and thanks to the goodwill of Mr. Ben Patel and the Village Hall

Trustees these units have been sited in special lit and alarmed cabinets, one

outside Londis

to cover the middle of the village and the other outside the Village Hall to cover the lower

end.

The South East Coastal Ambulance Service (SECAM), will be responsible for arranging their

use so that in the event of a cardiac emergency, when 999 is dialled, the Ambulance Service

will ascertain exactly where in Minster the patient is located, and will give the 999 caller a 4

digit number to open the nearest cabinet and bring the AED to the patient. On opening the

AED, it will “speak” instructions to the helper on EXACTLY how to attach the patient to the

machine. The AED will then AUTOMATICALLY decide when and how the casualty is shocked

back to life. (Remember how the footballer Fabrice Muamba was resuscitated last year with

one of these units).

The Parish Council is now looking for volunteers in the village who would be

interested in

receiving training on the use of the AED to help fellow villagers who may be in cardiac

distress.

Michael Dadd of SECAM has kindly agreed to instruct volunteers for free, so anyone who

wishes to book a place to learn how to use this life-saving device, should contact Kyla Lamb

at the Parish Office on 821339. Training will take place at the Neighbourhood Centre on

Wednesday 27 November from 1.00pm.

Chairman of Minster Parish Council Cllr.
Bob Groves extends his thanks to County
Cllr. Roger

Latchford for funding these units and to
Parish Cllr. Alan Jones for his research
and

acquisition of same.

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KENT WILDLIFE TRUST

WILD ABOUT GARDENS AWARDS 2013

Minster should feel justly proud of some of our residents whose efforts to help wildlife

thrive in their gardens has resulted in three of them receiving awards for all their hard work

and dedication. On Tuesday 15 October at 'a packed' Trinity Resource Centre in Margate,

the Kent Wildlife Trust made their 'Wild

About Gardens Awards for 2013'. Along with many

others from across East Kent the following Minster residents were also recognised for their

commitments to wildlife in their gardens; 'Gold' Certificates and Plaques went to both

Robin Roose, of Station Road, and Dennis and Cynthia Neville, of Monkton Road, whilst a

well deserved 'Silver' Certificate was awarded to Rachel Miles, of Tothill Street. Dennis said

to us afterwards, "Without a doubt we are

all over the moon and very privileged to have

received these awards, but really it's not about the winning it's about having the

opportunity to create something in an attempt to re-balance the density of wildlife that has

suffered in recent years. Our own garden was just open agricultural land before we started

the planting back in the seventies, now thanks to the efforts family and good friends it is a

thriving wildlife habitat.”

Editors note: If ever you have an opportunity to visit any of these gardens do make the

effort as they are all very different and worthy of your time to go and take in the great

diversity of plants and trees that make them the prize winners that they undoubtedly are.

Well done to you all !!

News from the Bell Tower

Bell ringing is really taking off in Thanet! Recently our merry band of ringers has been increased by two new ringers learning the ropes, and progressing very quickly. Bell ringing is a pleasant hobby, and most people who try it become hooked. A further two learners are coming on at the Tower of Chislet Church, and there are plans afoot to start a band at Preston as well. So many churches where the bells have not been rung for a while turn out to have very fine bells. Chislet's bells have a lovely tone and are nice to ring.

Sadly, our church of St. Mary in Minster is not so blessed. The bells, while old and pleasantly toned, are an odd group, being the first five bells of a hang of six, the sixth never having been installed.

Unfortunately, the cost of bringing St. Mary's bells to a perfect condition is quite prohibitive. The bells are very old, the oldest having been cast between 1521 and 1551, and the others only a few years younger.

All of them need some tuning, and all of them need new headstocks (the headstock is the component that carries the bell and allows it to be swung for ringing. The heaviest of our bells is about 17 cwt, which is about 850 kilos; not far off the

weight of a small car, so the headstock is a large and very important part of the system).

Surveys of St. Mary's bells have suggested: adding the sixth bell, tuning the bells, replacing any that cannot be tuned, moving the bells around so that they hang in better positions for ringing which also means creating a new hanging frame for them, replacing their headstocks, and re-hanging them in ball bearings.

That lot would go well over £100,000, and the result would be a completely new hang of bells with a different sound.

Now, here I must make it clear that I am expressing a personal opinion, but I do not

think that I would like to see this happen, even if the funds were available (which I do not think they could ever be). St.

Mary's bells have rung for the Vil age, as they are, for the last four hundred years, and their shortcomings have been accepted and lived with by twenty generations of Minster folk. The men who made those bells cast their names onto the bells and would have been very proud to see their work still calling from our church tower today.

I do not see a need to add the missing sixth bell. I do not see the need take our bells down and put them in a museum and put new bells in their place. I do not see the need to change the ringing circle, which has been used and accepted by twenty

generations of ringers before us.

What we *do* need to do is to stop those problems that are increasing, which includes repairs to the bel frame, new headstocks and bearings, and re-setting the bells. That would keep the bells ringing for the foreseeable future even if their “faults” remain.

The cost of that work would be around £40,000. These figures look high, but removing a large piece of metal weighing hundreds of kilos from an ancient building, transporting it, doing the work, and then re-hanging, is a serious operation – times five.

And now for something completely

different...

Recently our band has borrowed a set of handbells, and Tony has been cleaning them and sourcing music for them.

Handbell ringing is an old art where a group of ringers hold one or two small handbells, and each bell is tuned to a different note. By ringing the bells in the correct sequence tunes can be played, with harmonies, and the effect is similar to a music box, but with a better and richer tone, and a wider range of tunes possible. Like tower bell ringing, it is a sociable hobby but without having to negotiate the stairs to the ringing chamber, or the weight of the tower bells. The skill is not too difficult to learn, and the musical effect is very pretty.

Anyone interested in this ancient and attractive hobby can ring Sheila our Tower Captain on 822348 and come along to watch and try.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE SURGERY

The following presentations were made on the 26th October at the Flu Clinic :

1. The Atkinson Family..... In memory of the late Brian Atkinson, his family and friends

donated 7 Individual “Omron” Blood Pressure Monitors and Associated Cuffs. These will be

for patients own personal use at home under the direction of their GP, and this doubles the

amount currently available.

2. The Patient Liaison Group..... “Numed Mobil-o-Graph NG 24-48hr Ambulatory Blood

Pressure Monitoring System”. This additional equipment will provide a valuable resource

for Hypertension Management within the practice. The PL Group would like to thank all

those patients and friends for generously supporting the various fund raising events during

the past 12 months that made this purchase possible. We hope to have pictures of the

presentations, in the next issue of this magazine.

NEW FUND RAISING PROJECT

The Group has identified the advantages in purchasing the following equipment, and have

launched a new fund raising project to purchase a “CARDIO TENS ABPM and ECG

MONITOR”. This is a state of the art, innovative diagnostic tool that highlights the

relationship between Coronary Heart Disease and Hypertension, and gives a detailed

analysis of possible cardiovascular risk, and is currently only available at some hospitals. The cost of this project will be approximately £2500.

WIN £100 CASH IN OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

To launch our project: TOP PRIZE of £100 JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!
Many other

valuable prizes - Buy your tickets now -
On sale at the Surgery. Draw will take place on

Saturday 16th November at our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

PLEASE STOP! BEING A TIME

WASTER!

Last month 77 Patients did not attend their doctor's appointment, the same as last month,

WHY? Also 37 Patients did not attend their nurse's appointment. A BIG INCREASE WHICH IS

VERY DISAPPOINTING! THAT'S STILL 114 MISSED APPOINTMENTS, 114 WASTED

APPOINTMENTS AND 114 OTHER PATIENTS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN. You must know

who you are, so one has to ask WHY BOTHER MAKING AN

APPOINTMENT AND NOT

TURNING UP? STOP WASTING
EVERYONE'S TIME & MONEY -
DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT!

In comparison with other NHS services, a record of such appointments is now being compiled, and any action necessary to help reduce this problem will be considered.

SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

The Surgery will be closed from Midday onwards, on Thursday 14th November (No more

are scheduled for this year) Should you need to see a Doctor during these times, please call

“Doctors on Call” via the normal surgery number - 821333 or by accessing the new “NHS

111 Service” direct, where you can get confidential help and advice for you and your family.

This is for less urgent cases, that are not life threatening, rather than calling 999.

Further

information can be found on their web site at www.nhs.uk/111

PATIENT GROUP MEETING If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next

meeting or require further information on any of the above, then please contact Ken Self on

821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049.

Minster in Thanet WI

We were certainly 'In the Pink' for our October meeting..... members had dressed in pink

and there were various pink hairstyles all to raise funds for the QEQM mammography

appeal. We had a Pimms drink, pink cakes and the usual refreshments on offer, and the

money from that, the pink raffle, a sales table and the meat raffle all contributed to the

grand total of £208 we donated to the

appeal.

Business included thanking Ann Fairbrass for donating cushions to Archie's Fish and Chip

shop to help with their refurbishment, arrangements for our Annual Meeting in November

and starting arrangements for the annual Christmas Party at our December meeting. Our

speaker was Ian Mather from Quex Barn in Birchington. He spoke about his farming

background and interest in livestock. He then went on to talk about how he eventually

opened up the shop and restaurant at Quex Barn in Birchington and now his new venture

Quex Barn in Canterbury. He rounded off his talk with his butcher, Dan, showing us how to

joint a lamb and make a crown roast which was then raffled to members.

Next Meeting: 12 November, 7.30pm
Village Hall - Annual Meeting Games
Evening: 27

November, 7.30pm Village Hall
Committee Room Sunshine Club Outing:
to be arranged

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

This year the Minster Playhouse panto, is Captain Hook's Revenge,

which follows on from the original Peter Pan story. It is a pantomime in the traditional

mould with slapstick and silliness abounding. There are lots of songs, dances and jokes –

some actually quite funny, plus pirates, redskins, the Darling family, bilge rats and, of

course, The Crocodile. Will Peter Pan and
Tonkerbell win out? Or will the evil
Captain Hook,

together with a Cornish Mr Smee, his
side-kick Sharkey, and the usual inept
bunch of, (some

very small), cut-throat pirates, finally get
his Revenge, using his secret weapon –
cake ! ? A

fun-filled family show, presenting all the
time-honoured elements of panto that you
love so

much (oh yes you do !).

Most of your favourite Minster Playhouse
regulars will be there to entertain you,

alongside

many newcomers for this season – including a brand-new Dame - and a really talented

bunch of juniors. The show will also feature, from the celebrated Jeff Barker Band, and

playing the part of The Crocodile, East Kent's favourite schwinger, Mr. Jeff Barker Showtime

is each evening from Wednesday December 4th through to Saturday December 7th, with a

matinee show on Saturday afternoon. Tickets are £8 for the evening

performances and £5

for the matinee. There is a concession for youngsters under 14, at £5 per ticket for any

show. For further details and to book your seats, please call the Box office on 01843

220208, open 7 days per week from early to late.

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Christian's Together Harvest Supper

On Tuesday the 8th of October, Minster's Salvation Army Hall played hospitable host to a

Christian's Together Harvest Supper. And it was a real joy to be there, sharing together in

the spontaneity of fellowship and friendship.

With joy we shared food, music and prayer, thanking and praising God our Father for his

loving kindness. The old saying claims that time flies when you are enjoying yourself, and

this would probably be a well applied adage, because the evening certainly did fly past!

filled as it was with a vast variety of

entertainments, offered by Minster's three churches.

The Sisters delighted us with poems and a wonderful story, concerning a certain famous

bear, with a passion for pots of honey. St Mary's splendid church choir filled the hall with

melodious music and a marvellous rendition of John Betjeman's 'Diary of a Church Mouse'

was followed by two sketches, presented by a pair of rather eccentric characters, (Minster's

own Salvation Army Captains!) who

succeeded in convulsing the audience with giggles. It

was a splendid evening, and as St Mary's Ecumenical link, may I thank the Salvation Army

for their joy and hospitality, the Sisters for being so extremely special and for St Mary's

Choir and narrative poem expert for their marvellous talent. It was a truly wonderful evening!

Primrose Northrop

Editors note:

We also received similar reports from the Salvation Army and Yvonne Chapman.
Yvonne

also gave thanks to all who had entertained her throughout the Supper.

Young Ringer “Ollie” Gains His Certificate

On Wednesday 16 October, after ringing practice at the church, Oliver Daw, 14, was

presented with his certificate, by Tony Goodman, the tutor at St. Mary's tower, showing

that he had been accepted as a member of the Kent County Association of Change

Ringers.

To be accepted as a member, a ringer has to be able to ring in rounds unaided and to ring a

bell down, which Ollie has been doing for a while, and he is now learning to ring changes

and to lead the round.

The Band at St. Mary's is always happy to encourage new ringers of any age – if *you* are interested please call the Tower Captain Sheila Palmer on 822348.

Village Youngster wins YBUK Young Builder of the Year

Jake George (16) of Molineux Road, has been awarded the accolade of Young Builder of the

Year in the 14-16yr category. Jake received his award from George Clarke (Channel 4's

Restoration Man) at a ceremony in the House of Commons on Wednesday 16 November.

He collected a glass trophy, framed certificate, £500 voucher for tools and £250 to spend as

he wishes. Jake who learned his trade at East Kent College in Broadstairs and attained his

Level 2 in just 3 months is now undertaking an apprenticeship with MDH Builders. M.P. Sir

Roger Gale said of Jake: “He really is a very nice lad and he has been through the mill to get

to where is today. I was delighted for him.”

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Hello All. The first thing to mention in this article is a very big thank you to everyone who

made the Quiz evening a success on 5 October, ie:- those who worked behind the scenes,

those who took part, the sponsors of the raffle and the Royal British Legion for allowing us

to use their facilities. There were seven teams in total and the overall profit was in excess of

£400, which included the winning team having re-donated their cash prize for winning the

quiz. Thank you. The funds will be put towards the Anniversary celebration in our village

next May. The raffle prize of a stay at the Holiday Inn, Tamworth was won by Julie Beany

from the Royal British Legion and we are reliably informed that a trip to Alton Towers is on

the cards. As well as teams from the village including the Parish Council, committee

members and their friends and families, there was also a team from Westgate, who saw an

article in the local IOT Gazette and decided to come for an evening of educational

stimulation! Sturry Twinning Association also entered a team. We are also bonding with

them for fund raising support – (Minster committee were invited to a soup and dessert

lunch on 3 October, and a small contingency accepted. This was very well attended by

Sturry and its surrounding villages and they, in turn, agreed to put in a team for our quiz as a thank you for our support). It may be possible for us to reciprocate and organize a similar

event in the New Year, providing we can get some interest from the village for a one-off

event. It would be appreciated if you give me some indication of your thoughts on the matter: 07745 683 466. Thank you.

The AGM for the Association will be held

on 22 November at 7.30pm in the
Neighbourhood

Centre and your support is encouraged.
We need new members for new thoughts
and

suggestions. Our Chair is standing down
and this office will need taking up too.

We shall also have a table at the Village
Hall Christmas Bazaar on 30 November,
and

hopefully a special welcome for you at the
entrance. Carol

MINSTER SHOW AGM

At the AGM on Friday 18 October the existing committee and all officers were re-elected for

a further year. Joining them however are 4 new committee members bringing younger

blood and new ideas to the table. Their first meeting will be on Friday 8 November, 7.30 at

the N/hood Centre, so great things are expected of them!!

Show Date for 2014 is Saturday 19 July

so get it in your diaries and we look forward to

seeing you there!!

KNIT & TALK GROUP CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The group is, this year, knitting knee blankets for Nightingale Care. They in turn will be

distributing these to their needy clients in Thanet whom they care for 'in their own homes'.

If you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile project by either knitting at home or

joining the group, on a Friday morning at the library, then blankets should be approx 3 feet

square or you can knit 6 inch squares and the group will sew them together.

Blankets/Squares should be left at the library for the group. Thank you in anticipation.

Village Voice

Last month we asked for your comments on the new recycling scheme. As we only received

two responses this was obviously not such a hot issue in the village as we thought.

Maybe

things will change when the whole village joins the scheme on Friday 8 November.

Many thanks to both Peter and Noel, however, who expressed their views. The potential

weight of the Red Recycling Sacks particularly when full with cardboard,

catalogues,

newspapers and junk mail and then getting soaked in the rain appears to be their main

cause for concern. This is a valid point and we have passed all their comments to both the

Parish Council and the appropriate department at TDC.

Surely wheelie bins were introduced so that people wouldn't have to carry heavy bags and

to keep rubbish dry.

In response TDC have told us all participants who have been involved in

‘phase one’ will

soon be sent a survey form for them to complete. This month we would like your views on

irresponsible parking. Examples spotted in the last couple of weeks include:

■ Double parking

■ Parking across people’s drives

■ Parking too far out so that buses/emergency vehicles cannot get through

■ Parking on the pavement preventing access for wheelchairs and buggies

! Parking across two spaces in the village car park.

Please send your views and opinions to:
yourvillagevoice@minstermatters.org.uk

Remember to include your name and address in any correspondence – we will be unable to

print comments submitted anonymously.

TDC Responses to readers comments
(MM has highlighted 2 sections)

The “Let’s Sort it Out Together”
improvement to the Council’s recycling
and waste

collection service is part of a Countywide

initiative with Thanet being the last authority of

the East Kent Partnership to adopt the standard. The cost of landfill has greatly increased

over recent years and land available to dump household waste diminishing, with 80% of all

waste collected from Thanet households not being to be recycled, the cost to the authority

and the environment is considerable and unsustainable. Most householders have little

concept or responsibility of how much

waste they produce and what happens to it once the

collection is made. Thanet households on average throw away almost a tonne of waste

each year per property, in total, enough to fill the Olympic stadium to the roof. This is a

massive amount and with only 20% being recycled, one of the worse rates in the UK,

something had to change to give people more opportunity to reduce their waste or recycle.

The local and county authorities established the Kent Waste Partnership 10

years ago to

provide a consistent approach to waste management in the county. The mix of recycling

materials was established and is controlled by the County Council, to maximise the recycling

potential and we as the collection authority have adopted this approach. There are two

changes to the existing service being the opportunity to have a weekly food waste

collection removing this from the black-lidded bin and the separation of paper and card

from the blue-lidded bin to maintain quality for recycling.

This change also encourages more recycling, as with the paper and card removed from the

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blue-lidded bin, the improved service will also provide for households to recycle glass

bottles and jars, a wider range of plastics, food and drink cartons, foil, tins, and cans, which will now be collected in your blue-lidded wheelie bin.

To test the new collection method the Council is running an “early adopter”

round and over

the past three weeks, the recycling rate has increased dramatically to over 60%.

With regard to the use of red bags for the paper and card collection, the use and selection

of the bag and its size was to meet the optimum requirement of being least intrusive but

able to accommodate a suitable amount of paper and card based recycling. Within the

selection focus group, both the residents, the collection operatives' and the union the use

of the bag were heavily considered. From a health and safety viewpoint, it was considered

an unacceptable risk for glass to be collected within the red bag and therefore needed to be

contained within the bin. We are appreciative that not all properties will be able to

accommodate fully the new service, however, with 68,000 properties it is impossible to

determine individual situations and a standard set of containers are being delivered to the

majority of households.

Finally, with the sale of better quality paper and card for recycling, together with the

addition recycling materials will generate a considerable income and avoid the £100 per

tonne cost for landfill potentially saving Thanet taxpayers over £2 million per year, to

support the other valuable services the council provides.

Graeme Lawes, TDC, Interim Operations Manager - Frontline Services

Thanet Farmers' Market is a resounding success!

The First Thanet Farmers' Market held on Sunday 15 Sept at The Marlowe Academy in

Ramsgate proved to be a resounding success with many stall holders selling out of produce

within the first two hours. The event was opened by Lois Gadd from Ramsgate Brewery

supported by the organisers Sarah Bowers, Charlotte Robinson and Martin Karunaratna,

and with the sun shining, customers were

welcomed with entertainment provided by
The

Busketeers.

Organisers Sarah, Charlotte and Martin
said “The turnout far exceeded our
expectations.

Over 1000 people came to support the
local businesses here which is absolutely
fantastic”.

Vice Principal, of The Marlowe
Academy, Naomi Black added “Today has
been an excellent

opportunity for the Marlowe to fulfil its
purpose of being part of the community.
We look

forward to continuing to support Thanet Farmers' Market and providing our own

vegetables to be sold in the future as part of our Incredible Edible project". (Ed's note:

Charlotte lives in Minster from where she runs 'Stone Barn Gifts'. She is also Secretary of

the Minster Business Association)

Kent Trading Standards Notice

SKY INSURANCE RENEWAL SCAM

WARNING: Following a cold call by a company claiming their Sky Protect insurance needed

renewing, a Kent resident paid £145 over the phone but subsequently found that a further

£300 had been debited from their account to a company not connected to Sky.

‘Sky Protect’ is the only insurance endorsed by Sky and is provided by Domestic & General

Insurance. BE VERY WARY OF ANY UNSOLICITED CALLS REQUESTING YOUR PERSONAL, BANK

OR CARD DETAILS. If you are a customer of the company calling, take details of the call and

hang up. Contact the company on a number you know to be correct.

If you are a Sky customer and you have received a call like this then contact Sky directly

using a telephone number from your recent

statement.

Tips for checking that you are speaking to the genuine 'Sky Protect' can be found here:

www.skyprotect.com/otherproviders.html

An English Country Lane

How very beautiful is an English country lane,

Where birds all sing their enchanting refrains,

Wispy, wistful Wisteria, cottage walls grace,

Periwinkle clammers along the hedgerows, showing me its delicate face,

Alkanet grows tall, with flowers of deepest blue,

And Celandine's starry flowers of gold,
bloom prettily for me too,

I see everything very naturally growing in
its own domain,

I am in awe, once more, at the wonder of
springtime, in an English country lane.

Yvonne Chapman

In Memoriam

Marjorie Smith (Marge)

Marjorie was born in Tredegar in Wales in the spring of 1927, the first of two children to

William and Olive Chandler.

Tragedy was to strike the young eight year old Marjorie when her mother passed away after

a short illness in 1935. Her father's RAF service saw her move initially to Ramsgate in 1938

and on to Blackpool with her new

stepmother, before returning to Ramsgate in 1943.

This period saw her first involvement with Minster, when she started work at the Advance

Laundry and two years later Marjorie moved home to the village lodging with Mrs Foad in

Monkton Road.

During this time, probably at a village dance, she met Allan who was working at Jezzard's

Bakery and lodging there over the shop and later with Mrs Bax in Tothill Street. They

married in 1945 and lived initially at The Croft in St Mildred's Lane before moving to the

new Butts Field homes where their daughter Janet became the first baby to be born on the

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estate in 1949. Their twins Susan and Derek arrived in 1951. In between bringing up the

family, Marjorie also worked in local shops, on the fields and latterly at the Hill House

laundry until its closure, then going on to join the Co-op store at the then brand new

Westwood site.

Allan passed away in 1989 and Marjorie continued to live in Domneva Road on the estate

until she moved to Greenhill Gardens in 1998. Throughout her time in Minster, Marjorie

enjoyed village life and was an active supporter of the W.I., Royal British Legion,

Horticultural Society and a regular Flower Show contributor in the vegetable, flower,

handicraft and bakery sections. She was also a positive contributor to the marvellous

support network within the village, a group which was in turn to be such a help to her in her

later years. Marjorie passed away peacefully on 20th September aged 86 having been truly

blessed to have lived for almost seventy years within such a caring and sharing community

as Minster. This sense of inclusiveness also shone through in the lead up to and on the

funeral day itself, during which time Jonathan Cole and his team and Jim Barber the

Minister, were able to impart just the right mix of reverence, formality and yet good

humour through a very difficult few days.

Janet, Susan and Derek would like to sincerely

thank the village including neighbours, dear friends, all the home visit and surgery staff and

in the local shops without whose unstinting help mum's recent years in her own home

would not have been so comfortable or indeed even possible.

Halloween - Half Term at the Powell-Cotton Museum

Walk to the Round Tower with a promenade story of the 'White lady' and a 'Lantern' craft

activity. This Halloween at the Powell-Cotton Museum you and your family will travel to the

haunt of the White Lady. Before your journey begins you will create and decorate a lantern

to light your way in dark places. With your willow and paper lanterns you will then trek in

the footsteps of Percy Powell-Cotton to the dread tower hidden among trees in the

northern woodland of Quex Park. At this

ill fated location you will then hear the spine

tingling tale of an ancient tomb, a terrible curse and discover the identity of the white lady.

Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November
3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m

£5 children (up to one accompanying adults FREE) Maximum of 20 children per tour.

Please ring the museum and book in advance 01843 842 168

Powell-Cotton Museum

Quex Park Birchington

www.quexmuseum.org

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10th NOVEMBER

Those taking part in the Parade should meet at the MINSTER AND MONKTON RBL CLUB

@ 10.00am

The Service commences at St Mary's Church @ 10.30am

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Refreshments will be served afterwards at the RBL Club Open Day with

entertainment

provided by

THE BEVERLEY BIG BAND

Everyone Welcome

SCHOOL SCRIPT

Editors this month were Holly Pearshouse
and Jessica Walker-Selfe

Harvest festival

For harvest festival this year, we had to bring food in cans or bags for Thanet Food Link who

provides food for the homeless and poor people. But we had to make sure that the cans

had a pull ring.

In Year 4 they made their own recipes to be shown in the harvest festival service. In Year 5

they practiced a poem called The Harvest Moon, and added in drama and reading. On the

day, it sounded really good.

By Bethany Strickett

Learning 2 Learn Week 2013

On the week we got back from the summer holidays, we all had Learning to Learn week. It's

where we have a day focusing on each value. The values of our school are:
Independence,

Resilience, Aspiration Engagement,
Christianity. In year 5, it was really fun.
Resilience day

was the best. We had to make a tower out of masking tape and art straws. It took ages just

to tape it all together, and cut up the straws. I learnt to be resilient and to never give up.

Independence day was just as good. We had to have instructions to make something really

good. We had to make a swirly picture with opposite colours on the opposite side. It's hard

to explain. It was independent because we had to do it all on our own.

By Olivia Ringrose

Sponsored run

On Friday 4th October Minster Primary School completed a sponsored sports circuit run on

the all weather pitch. We had to do star jumps, hoola hooping, also we ran in and out of

cones. Our school managed to raise £1,300. Year 1 to 6 took part in the run and we dressed

up in are favourite sportswear.

Our school had a brilliant time raising money. We enjoyed it so much we want to do it all

over again!

By Jessica + Keira

Prefects

The new prefects were announced on the first week back, everyone who got the job had

the jolliest smile on their face. There are fourteen of them but because we only have seven

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at a time some people have to wait till the middle of the year to get their turn. Here are

some of the present prefects.

These are some words from one of the

prefects, McKenzie.

“My responsibilities are to help teachers if they need anything and help other children.”

By Holly Marie Pearshouse

P.A.L's

At Minster Primary School, children in Year 5 can apply to be a P.A.L. This stands for Play

Activity Leader. I interviewed Bethany Strickett who has recently become a P.A.L.

How did you become a PAL? “I had to

answer questions about why I wanted to be a PAL”

Why do you want to be a PAL? “I do not want anyone to be alone at playtime; you wear a

purple bib to let other children know you are a P.A.L.”

What did you feel like knowing that you were a P.A.L?

“I feel very excited to be a P.A.L. I felt like I was going to explode with joy”.

P.A.L's are on duty at lunchtimes. They have parachute games, skipping, ping pong and

much more. They are there to play with anyone who is feeling lonely at lunchtime or with

people who want to mix with different people and make new friends.

By Holly Warner

AMBER'S ADVICE

Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you can make

use of. One man gets only a week's value out of a year while another gets a full year's value

out of a week.

(Charles Richards.)

TIGER' TIP

Cake Lift - No cake tin with detachable base - slip long strip of foil into tin with the ends

dangling over each side to help lift out cake when cooked.

Zac's Musings

Wow - I've had a whole week this month without having to listen to his constant moaning - they've been away and I've had a great week at home with Gillian which included lots of walks a blanket at night and new visitors - oh

what luxuries, but he's back now and it's magazine week AGAIN! life's got a little stressed however it's great to be able to curl up with him in bed each night - I did miss him really !!

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Contacting your District & County Councillors

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262

or contact him via the Parish Office on 821339

District 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@tesco.net

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE

Tel: 01843 841956 or email:
roger.latchford@kent.gov.uk

Contacting your MP:

Sir Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries for appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Tel: 01843 848588 (a.m. from 10.00) Fax: 01843 844856 (24-hour)

Web: www.rogergale.co.uk Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

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