

Becky Jackson age 8



## MINSTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### CHARITY SANTA DASH

Come along with Family and Friends  
To Walk, Stroll, Jog or Run 1 Mile  
Raising funds for  
THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION



**Sunday 4 December**

**Recreation Ground,  
St Mildred's Road**

Starting from the Pavilion at 2.00pm  
Come dressed in Christmas themed costumes  
1 mile = twice around the perimeter  
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Hot Homemade Soup And Drinks On Sale  
**FREE SANTA HAT FOR ALL ENTRANTS**  
Pick up your entry form from  
**ATTWELLS NEWSAGENTS**  
**GREENS OF MINSTER OF MINSTER GARAGE**



**MINSTER & MONKTON  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE  
SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER  
10.45am ST MARY'S CHURCH**

All those wishing to join the Parade down to the Church should assemble at the R.B.L. Club at 9.45am

The Parade will leave the Club at 10.20 Sharp!

Refreshments and entertainment by the Beverley Big Band will be available at the Club after the Service

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR!**

**MINSTER VILLAGE HALL**

**9.00am to 1.00pm Free Admission**

**SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER**

**LOTS OF STALLS WITH SEASONAL BARGAINS!  
CHRISTMAS HANDICRAFTS # TOMBOLAS  
GRAND RAFFLE # COFFEE & MINCE PIES**

**Look in and support your Village Organisations!**

**MINSTER VILLAGE HALL IS A REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 302809**

**Grand  
Firework  
Display**

**Friday 4 November**

**Minster Recreation  
Ground**

**FREE ENTRY  
Hot Food & Drink  
from 6pm!**

**Fireworks start at 7pm**

*Fireworks funded by Minster Parish Council  
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# Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4 1 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; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned

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Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

[www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

# EDITORIAL

Look out for us working on the erection of our new flagpole and associated flowerbed in Taylor Road. We hope to have it finished in time for our Vicar to dedicate it on Remembrance Sunday following the usual Services. Exciting!!

# THANK YOU

Family, friends and neighbours of  
Minster for your sponsorship

On Saturday 1 October my daughter and  
I completed the „Memory Walk“

for Alzheimer"s Society at Leeds Castle.

We raised £445

For a world without dementia

Angela and Amy Drury



# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

£600 was raised by the Royal British Legion Club at their Macmillan Coffee Morning. We would like to thank everyone who supported this worthy cause, be it bringing in cakes, some of them fantastic creations, purchasing coffee, cakes and raffle tickets. Last year we raised £410 so we smashed it this year. Next year we hope to do even better,.

Thanks again, Minster and Monkton RBL

## Club

Claire Bubb of Brooksend also hosted a Macmillan coffee morning. Her husband Jason who works for Scottish Widows, offered the support of his company who agreed to double this making a grand total of £730. This amount is equivalent to 3.5 days of nursing and palliative care for recently diagnosed cancer patients.

Claire added: 'It was great to be able to give something back to the community and I cannot thank friends, family and contributors enough for their valuable support and generous donations for the cause.'

**Letter from W.S. Cole & Son**

Contrary to current rumours.....

Contrary to current rumours in the village, I am pleased to report that W.S.Cole Funeral Directors, will NOT be ceasing trading! I am delighted to say we are fully functioning and have indeed appointed another member of staff to our team. Over the last 120 years we have looked after thousands of families at their time of need and hope we will continue to provide a caring and quality service for at least the next hundred years! Thank you to all who have supported me and our business.

Jonathan Cole,

W.S.Cole Funeral Directors



# MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Since the last report, we have held a Treasure Hunt around the village, which had been organised by Ann and Jamie Thomson. Around 33 adults and many children joined in and solved the cryptic riddles and many of the participants realise now just how little they knew about the village!! Thanks to all who joined in the fun.

We also held a Raffle during the weekend of the Art Show in the Village Hall which was well supported. Thanks to Ann and Jamie for inviting us there.

The Race Night in the Village Hall is looming – 29 October. We're pleased to say that seven of our friends from France will be joining us, so let the competition begin.

There will be a delegation from France coming to our Village Remembrance Service on Sunday 13 November whilst 11 of us will be supporting their Service in France on Friday 11 November.

Don't forget our AGM which is being held on Friday 18 November at 7.30 pm

in the Neighbourhood Centre, all are welcome to attend.

There are still four tickets remaining for the coach trip to Winchester on 26 November and at just £15 each, it will be a great day out. Please contact Carol Bubb on 01843

447 706 if you'd like to go.

The Annual Santa Dash is booked for Sunday 4 December at 2pm, we would love to see a lot of Santas participating and the proceeds are going to the British Heart Foundation this year. We have been given permission to use the Recreation Ground again (thank you MPC). Entry fee will be £5 adults, £3

children and £1 dogs. There's a prize for the Children's Fancy Dress. There will be a Christmas atmosphere in the Pavilion following the Dash, with fresh soups, homemade by Ann and Jamie, bread, coffee, tea and music.

As always thank you for all the support you have given us.

Take a peek at our new website at:  
[www.minsterarmboutstwinning.org.uk](http://www.minsterarmboutstwinning.org.uk)



# MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

The short-mat season is now under way and several matches have already been played.

A new internal competition, the Memorial Shield, was held with the Hinds running out winners with the Abbots runners-up. £75 was raised and sent to Cancer Research.

The Wednesday Pairs competition has completed the first set of fixtures with a further 9

rounds to come. In November two further competitions will take place - the Alf Wood Trophy a mixed triples and the Morpew Cup a singles competition for any member who has not won a Club singles title of either gender. Brian Trinder and Alan Razzell won the Isle of Thanet Pairs title, an outdoor bowling event - congratulations. Following the visit by the Minster Cubs, we hosted an evening with the 1st Minster Scouts which was thoroughly enjoyable. On the social side a Jazz Evening was held on 15th October and in November a Quiz Evening has been arranged.

On a sad note the funerals of two of our most long serving members were held;

Len Cooper and Joan Shears. Our sympathies to their surviving spouses and families.

Brian Morpew, Hon. Secretary  
[www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk)

# MINSTER W.I.

On Tuesday 11 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall the monthly meeting began with the minimum of formality because this Craft & Social evening was to be very relaxed.

Members chose to make poppies for the WIs own wreath to be included in the Village Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13 November. Some crocheted poppies, others made them from felt and those not very craft-minded, played Rummikub!

During the evening members sampled the biscuit competition entries and voted for

the winning yummy biscuit. Secretary, Liz Shervington, won with her Viennese Whirls -

fuelling the biscuit or cake debate!!

Alison Carter was introduced and she outlined to the members the need for sanitary protection to be made and sent to the girls of Africa. She demonstrated the pattern for washable sanitary towels and appealed for many more to be made; volunteers came forward, as always!

President, Sarah Eaton Brown reminded members of arrangements for the Group Meeting on Tuesday 8 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when Ian Mather will be our speaker, also that the

November meeting will be the Annual Meeting when Officers and Members of Committee etc. are appointed. Details of the Christmas Party, meal and entertainment, were announced.

The poppy wreath was displayed; raffle drawn and members wished „goodnight" at the end of a particularly relaxed and social evening.

Visit the new Minster WI website at [www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk](http://www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk)

## **FAREWELL TO THE BRITISH LEGION LADIES**

After over 70 years the Women's Section of the Minster and Monkton

Royal British Legion is being dissolved. Over the years members have raised thousands of pounds for R.B.L. Charities.

Although the Women's Section of the R.B.L. is being dissolved nationwide the Ladies of Minster and Monkton are going to get together and raise money for the Poppy Appeal.

On Thursday 29 September there was a small ceremony at the Manston Spitfire Museum for the „laying down" of the Women's Section Standard which is now on display at the Museum.

I would like to thank the residents of Minster and Monkton who have

supported us through the years.

Eileen Frances

Retired Standard Bearer of 32 years

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# MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

## Panto 2016

If you are over thirty you were probably brought up with “Panto at Christmas” as a part of your young life. The pleasure, as a child, of being able to take a small, but shouty, part in a performance, of having adults coming out with silly, childish jokes, and “slapstick”

humour.

Our Pantomime this year is that old favourite, Cinderella. It is suitable for all the family, and like all our pantos it is good clean fun with jokes and comedy for all ages.

It will run from Wednesday 30 November to Saturday 3 December with performances each night at 7.30pm with two Matinees on Saturday at 10.30am and 3.00pm. Tickets are £8 per adult and £4 for sixteens-and-under. Bring your children or grandchildren along to join the fun!

The Box office is open on: 07501 894 381 or email:

[info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

If you haven't been to one of our Pantomimes before before, they are cheerful, funny, cheer the hero, boo the baddie, proper village pantos in a relaxed setting— do come along and enjoy a brief but happy break from real life!

## What's Next?

We have now found a play for our May production next year. It is another of David Tristram's very funny comedies, and we will be posting details here about the play and its auditions, so if you would like to audition for a part or help with any other aspect of production please watch out for that and come

along.

If you have a play that you would like to direct, or would be interested in joining in the fun of putting on our productions do get in touch.

## Slapstick

Have you ever wondered where the expression “slapstick” humour comes from? In the original *commedia dell'arte* the clown used to carry a flat stick which looked like a wooden sword, but had two flat pieces of wood with a small gap between them so that they looked like a single piece. When the clown pretended to hit another character with the flat of the stick the two pieces would

bang together with a sharp “crack” and the name slapstick came to be applied to any silly and physical humour.

Please let us know your feedback – if we know what you like to watch and want to see we will always do our best to provide it.

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[info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk](mailto:info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

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**Traffic Flow/Parking Restrictions in  
Taylor Road, St Mary's Road,  
Molineux Road and Domneva Road**

It appears that KCC are to review the

traffic flow and yellow lines scheme that has recently been placed on our streets. Apparently the scheme has not achieved its operational objectives yet so will need some alterations

We have all been subject to the results of the inception of this scheme and now is the perfect time to raise any objections, queries or suggestions that you feel could improve it.

Whether you are unhappy or happy with it, failing to have your say now will achieve absolutely nothing so please, if you have a view, let us know.

Councillor Bob Grove has indicated that he will be happy to meet with affected

residents to hear their points of view and to represent their feelings and suggestions for improvements to the KCC Highways Committee.

If you wish to get involved or just want to put „pen to paper" with your views, we would appreciate your comments on some points we are putting forward as well as any of your own suggestions. Alternatively, if you do not want to write anything that"s fine but it would greatly help if you could indicate if you would be prepared to attend a residents meeting with Councillor Grove and maybe voice your opinion there.

We are planning to put forward some of

the following points:

Some way of addressing the increased speed and traffic flow in St Mary's Road and past the school and nursery as a result of traffic being prevented from turning right at the bottom of Taylor Road.

The on-going problem of congestion still being created in Taylor Road by the parking of vehicles where there are currently no yellow lines.

The issue of 24/7 restrictions meaning residents can no longer park outside their own homes overnight and at weekends.



If you would like to comment on these or any other issues concerning the traffic flow or parking restrictions created by the scheme please contact us ASAP either by email to: [drivemycar66@gmail.com](mailto:drivemycar66@gmail.com) or if you prefer drop a note to Bob Grove at the library.

This scheme is not about to go away so the more input local residents can have the better it will be for any subsequent outcome. Every comment will be appreciated and add to the weight of residents views and although we know nobody really „likes" yellow lines, sometimes they do a good job so please try to keep the comments concerning

them in particular at least printable!

Thank you.

As residents this scheme has a considerable impact on our environment so the more responses we get the more likely our views will be taken seriously by the KCC planners at Maidstone.

Many thanks,

(Name and address supplied)

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**Age UK Thanet Support at Home Service**

Debby Turner manages our Support at

Home service, although she works across the whole Thanet area she is managed by and based at Age UK Herne Bay. People in need are referred to her either by over 75 nurses based at GP surgeries, Hospital Discharge Team, Social Services Enablement Team, family, friends or by the person themselves.

The service is a free short term support with practical tasks and emotional support, to help older people build confidence and reduce the risk of becoming socially isolated.

Debby does the initial visit to assess the needs of the client. Often she finds

clients in great need, commonly clients don't have any food, are unable to go out and in some cases unable to leave a room. On one occasion a phone wasn't working as there was a fault on the line, so Debby ensured that the line was reinstated. Sometimes district nurses have to be arranged to redress wounds etc. benefit checks can be organised via Age UK Thanet to see if clients are entitled to additional benefits. Often clients struggle to make ends meet, and worry about the cost of everything, with a little additional money clients are able to have the care and services they need without the worry of how it will be funded. Debby can organise additional equipment and if appropriate organise

lifeline, key safe etc. as well as referring to appropriate additional services. She can arrange shopping, domestic help and much more.

Debby is always very pleased to see the difference in people as she and her team spends time with them. For many the change is remarkable, sometimes it doesn't take a huge amount to improve quality of life and general well-being.

Unfortunately due to the service being time limited Debby and her team's time is limited, ideally we would like to stay in regular contact with everyone but unfortunately we can't. However we try to arrange volunteer befrienders to visit

the client, to have a chat, to offer friendship and companionship. If you would like to become a volunteer befriender in the Thanet area and have an hour or so to spare each week, please contact Gill Ball on 01227 749 570 or 07735 556

811 or email

agecorecruiter@btinternet.com to find out more

## **The Ageless Thanet 'Reward' Card**

The Ageless Thanet Project is a Lottery funded initiative which aims to make Thanet a nicer place to grow old. It aims to do this by reducing and preventing social isolation and loneliness and

improving physical and mental health in residents over the age of 50.

As part of the project we have introduced the Age Friendly Business Scheme. This part of the project is aimed at Thanet shops and businesses who are actively aware of the needs of older consumers and are keen to engage in a more meaningful and positive way.

The scheme is proving very popular and we already have in excess of 70 businesses and shops registered with the scheme and this number will continue to grow week on week.

In the next few months we will be launching the Ageless Thanet 'App'

which will be FREE to download from Google Play and the apple store. The 'App' will give details of all the businesses resisted on the Age Friendly Business scheme, it will also show the user where the business is located on a map as well as any special offers they are willing to offer to customers in the 50+

sector.

In order to access these offers you will need to be an Ageless Thanet „Reward Card" holder.

If you are over the age of 50 and would like a 'Reward ' card, please send an email to [info@agelessthanet.org.uk](mailto:info@agelessthanet.org.uk)



giving your name, address and telephone number and the office will send you a card by post.

You can also leave your details at Attwells and they will pass them on for you.

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# Minster Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6 October, 2016

## Summary of Key Points

Police Community Support Officer Riches reported in person. He has been absent recently due to jury duty but is now back in the area. He reported that the summer has not been bad; there had been 9 nuisance youth calls and 6 relating to vehicles in the village since June. He is monitoring the use of trials bikes and mini motos on the recreation ground.

He congratulated the Parish Council on the skate park and reported that several youths had sent their thanks.

The problem of parking in the village continues and PCSO's do not have the power to issue parking tickets and since parking was decriminalised this remains the responsibility of the local authority parking wardens. (PCSO's can have vehicles removed in extreme cases of obstruction but this was a rare occurrence). Since June parking tickets issued were:- Tothill St=0, High Street=2, Monkton Road=5.

A letter of complaint from a resident of Hill House Drive relating to the late

night gathering of youths in the bus shelter on Tothill Street near the Hill House junction was read out; this includes loud music, excessive drinking, rubbish, graffiti and cars racing up and down the road sounding their horns into the early hours of the morning. Police patrols are not in evidence.

PCSO Riches believes this may comprise of youths from outside the parish; he has some difficulty in policing this himself as his shift finishes before the disturbance usually starts.

Cllr. Quittenden also referred to vehicles roaring around the village at high speed and expressed concern about

the dangers this presented. PCSO Riches will seek support from Traffic officers.

The Chairman of MPC will be meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner later in the month and the above matters will be raised. The Chairman and the Clerk will also be meeting with a Police Inspector from the Change Dept. to discuss powers of PCSO's shortly; he was asked to raise the issue of legislation change to enable them to address parking.

County Cllr. Latchford reported that the KCC half year budget report states that £52m will need to be found in the next financial year to maintain the budget. He

referred to the report from Avia, instigated by TDC, which had been presented the previous day stating that Manston was not viable as an airport freight terminal. e expressed concern about the above anti-social behaviour

He expressed concern about the above items re: anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the parish and asked the Chairman to write to him after his meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner and he will follow matters up at the KCC Scrutiny committee.

District Cllr. Crow-Brown commended the Parish Council for actively

encouraging litter picking and especially acknowledged the efforts of Cllr. Quittenden and his wife.

He also commented on the Avia report which indicated that the costs of making Manston operative as a freight terminal would sadly be excessive.

Some people had raised concerns over the sale of assets by TDC; this was apparently a response to the government which advised local authorities to sell assets to make up budget shortfalls.

He assured the meeting that the rumours of a large development at North Foreland were unfounded.

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Chairman Bob Grove again referred to the Avia report which concluded that Manston airport was not going to be viable in the period to 2031, which has a bearing on the contents of the Local Plan.



He reported that the residents of Rivers Court are so pleased with the new bench and they had even sent a photo of them sitting on it.

TDC Planning committee had considered the application to build 36 houses at 66 Monkton Road last week and had now arranged to carry out a site visit on Friday next at 10.30am before a decision is made; he encouraged parish council and public attendance at the meeting to show the power of feeling in the village.

KCC have written in respect of the pothole programme; nearly a million pounds has been spent on repairing potholes since June and they are keen to

continue this work. They ask that members of the public report un-mended potholes; this can be done by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/potholeblitz](http://www.kent.gov.uk/potholeblitz).

The skate park is now complete. A new litter bin is being placed nearby and a small fence is being erected to prevent motor cycle access onto the park itself.

A letter from Minster Bowls Club has been received expressing concern about the traffic movement in St. Mary's Road. In short it was suggested that for safety reasons it would be better if it was simply made one way. A discussion took place and the matter will be progressed by the Highways Committee.

Cllr. Gimes confirmed that the Community Emergency Plan is nearly complete and volunteers would be invited to a meeting on Tuesday 25 October to discuss their roles.

Cllr. Jones reported on recent correspondence from South East Coast Ambulance Service concerning the debate as to whether the boxes containing AED"s (Defibrillators) should be locked. All agreed to maintain the status quo; the boxes are locked and SECAM has the code to supply to anyone calling in an emergency.

The temporary repair to the fencing around the All Weather Pitch has been

successful so members decided against the expense of adding additional full height fencing. Half height fencing will be considered. Cllr. Latchford has earmarked some funding to assist in this.

Members were asked to consider placing fencing to separate the recreation ground from the lower skate park area; this would include a large gate. When events such as the Minster Show or the firework display are in progress the gate could be closed to secure the area; at all other times it will remain open for easy access. A quotation of £3867 has been received.

Minster Show committee has offered to

contribute to the cost. The decision went to a vote and was carried.

The Parish Council agreed to the free use of the Recreation Ground and Pavilion by the Twinning Association on 4th December for the holding of the annual Santa Dash. Proceeds go to the Heart Foundation.

Cllr. Bailey reported on the success of the Art Show in the Village Hall last weekend.

Cllr Quittenden spoke of the success of the Twinning Assn. treasure hunt; 33 adults plus children took part and great fun was had by all. The Christmas shopping trip to Winchester on Saturday

26 November was fully subscribed, although a recent cancellation may have released 2 tickets.

Cllr. Whybrow reported that the Scouts enjoyed the use of the Multi-Use Games Area but requested consideration be given to lighting in the future.

# PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

SEASONAL WINTER „FLU  
VACCINATIONS - DID YOU MISS  
YOURS?

There is still an opportunity to have a  
“Flu Vaccination” as some additional  
appointments are now available and can  
be made in the usual way via the surgery,  
in person or by phone.

SO DON" T DELAY - BOOK YOURS  
TODAY

Eligible and “at risk” patients will have

already received a reminder and been invited to make an appointment. If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception.

## WINTER DRAWS ON!

Now is the time to start preparing for those dark winter evenings and the expected cold weather. The following web sites give some very useful information to help us struggle through the coughs, colds and minor ailments: [patient.co.uk](http://patient.co.uk) and [nhs.uk/selfcare](http://nhs.uk/selfcare), read their tips to stay fit and well or visit their “Symptom Checker” if you don't!

The NHS is launching “Self Care Week” from 14 - 20 November to help bring



greater awareness about health and life style options. For example, visit the “Health A-Z” section on minor ailments for advice on their treatment and download fact sheets, and also visit your local pharmacy for advice on what essential medicines no household should be without.

## MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last month 4 fewer patients missed their doctor's appointment - thank you! However those still missing their nurse's appointment is extremely disappointing. As a result 28 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 108 did not attend their nurse's

appointment, so that's still 136 patients missing appointments.

Don't need it? Cancel it! Keep forgetting? Get our text reminder service.

A sincere thank you to all those who do attend, cancel or apologise in advance so others may benefit.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patients responses to “would you recommend our Practice” were as follows: extremely likely/likely - 89%; extremely unlikely/unlikely - 6%; unsure/don't know - 5%

## WIN A “HAND MADE” ROCKING HORSE FOR CHRISTMAS

A very generous and clever patient has kindly donated a beautiful Rocking Horse and this is just one of many excellent prizes that can be won in our “GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE” with all proceeds going towards our fund raising project. A full list of prizes can be seen on our notice board in the waiting room.

The draw will of course will be made at our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26 November at the Old Schools, Church St. from 9am onwards. Tables are nearly all gone so get in

quick!

## SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from midday onwards on Thursday 24 November for staff training. Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call 111 direct, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For

urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999.

# HOUSE CALLS FROM ATTWELLS

Can't get out, always working, can't leave the kids or just haven't got time?

Why not invite a few friends round for coffee and we can bring a selection of goods for you to look at.

We will call on you at your home in Minster, Monkton, Acol or St Nicholas with a selection of greetings cards for you to choose from.

Just call Karen at Attwells on 821 363 and let us know what you require.

Don't lose your right to choose.

Also don't forget we stock office stationery, give us a ring before that trip into town, it could save you valuable time.

# MINSTER WI

## Annual Meeting

Tuesday 8 November 7.30pm Village  
Hal

Speaker Ian Mather

WI Games Evening Wednesday 23  
November 7pm in Village Hall  
Committee Room **ABBEY PATCHERS**

Christmas Craft Fair

Old Schools, Church Street



Saturday 12 November 9am to 1pm

Gifts, Crafts, Tombola and Refreshments

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLIFFSEND**

Saturday 12 November

Christmas Bazaar 11am to 3pm

Soup, lunches and various stalls – Free entry

## **THANET FESTIVAL CHOIR AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

Present Handel's Messiah at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs

Saturday 12 November at 6pm

Tickets £15 (£13 in advance)

Telephone 01304 620 560

**MINSTER & MONKTON  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

Next Meeting Wednesday 16 November  
Village Hall 7.30pm Speaker Mr  
Downer on Orchids

# MINSTER VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M. Thursday 17 November 7.30pm  
– all welcome

# TWINNING ASSOCIATION

AGM Friday 18 November

Neighbourhood Centre 7.30pm – All  
welcome

# **SAVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS SALE**

Saturday 19 November 10am to  
12.30pm

Lunches available to book – ring Audrey  
on 821 792

# PSYCHIC FAYRE

Sunday 20 November Village Hall  
10.00am - 4.00pm

Lots of Stalls

Mediums giving Tarot, Spirit, Angel  
Cards and Psychometry Readings

Tombola for Cats in Crisis

Tea bar open all day at reasonable  
prices

£1 entrance, children free

Come early & book your readings

All profits to be sent to Animal  
Sanctuaries

Enquiries to Kay on 01843 297 665

**MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL  
BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

AGM

Monday 21 November 7.30pm

All members are urged to attend, a free  
buffet will be provided

**MINSTER LATE NIGHT  
SHOPPING and CHRISTMAS  
LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

Tuesday 22 November from 6pm

Come and support your village businesses =- lots of free drinks and nibbles Santa's Grotto, Wantsum Morris, Minster School Choir, Handbells, Minster Carnival Court and the Salvation Army Band.



# VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday 26 November**

9am to 1pm

Free Admission

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# **MINSTER BELLS CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**Sunday 4 December**

Old Schools 10am to 4pm

Santa Claus will be attending!!

# MINSTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION SANTA DASH

Recreation Ground 2pm on Sunday 4  
December in aid of British Heart  
Foundation Come and Run, Jog or Walk  
a mile, free Santa Hat for all entrants.  
Homemade Soup and drinks on sale.  
Entry forms available from Greens,  
Attwells or Minster Garage **MINSTER  
ABBEY LIVE NATIVITY**

Wednesday 7 December 1.30pm

Starting at the Abbey Tower and moving on to Parkminster

Come and join in the celebration – dress up as part of the Nativity Scene Carols, Live Music and Refreshments – Donations for the „Children of the Holy Land" and

„Looking Ahead"

## **ST LUCY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Minster Abbey Sunday 11 December at 11am

Proceeds to „Aid to the Church in Need" to support their valuable work in the Middle East **CHRISTMAS**

# **WONDERLAND**

At the Old Vicarage, St Mildreds Road

Sunday 18 December at 3pm in aid of  
Macmillan Nurses

Come and see Santa and his Reindeer

# **MINSTER & MONKTON**

# **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB**

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine  
Road

EVERY WEDNESDAY 2.00pm -  
4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of Bingo

ALL MEMBERS and bona-fide guests  
welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

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# SCHOOL PAGES

Articles published on these pages are written by pupils from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who attend Journalist Club and write about subjects they are interested in or that they've been studying in class

# Head of House

In Minster Primary School your children get a chance to become a leader of this school. You may already know about this however do you know how your child can apply? Well if you don't half way into term 6 they hand out manifestos to apply. The sort of jobs your child can get are: Prefect [term 1,2 and 3], Prefect [4,5 and 6], Computer Monitor and the most wanted occupation Head of House.

If you already have a child or sibling you must be thinking what about librarians and other jobs.

Well this year Minster Primary School



has made alterations! Prefects tackle all those jobs. But let's move on to Head of House. If your child gets this job then they will take on several responsibilities. First of all they need to sacrifice their playtime in order to keep the house point system up and running. Also if you have stage fright then it's not your sort of job. You have to be willing to stand up in front of the school to hold up the house trophy, give out certificates and more. You have to be able to organize events.

The skill of writing and maths is also key. If your child has these qualities then they have what it takes to even get any of these jobs in year 6. As a House Captain

I'm telling you now it's not easy! You need a lot of patience because the sacrifices you make will leave you with a headache.

Despite how hard it is it is so worth it! All these jobs are great! If you are a Prefect or Head of House you get to sit on benches in assembly! Also the Computer Monitors sit on benches and get to have the luxury to go on the computer!

However if your child does not get one of these jobs then it's not too late! Some of you may know when your child gets into year 3 they can apply for the role as a School Counsellor.

Also newly introduced to years 5 and 6  
are Christian Ambassadors.

By Charlie Miles.

# Rules of Cricket

Cricket is a long but fun game. In cricket there are two teams, one is batting and the other one is bowling and one team is trying to catch the ball to get the other team out. Once one of the batters hit the ball they have got to try to get the most runs but if all your team get out then you switch places and when both teams have batted and bowled the team with the most runs win.

There are three ways to get the other team out, the first way is hitting the stump, when the other team have hit the ball you can get the ball and hit the

stumps then the person running to that stump will be out, the second one is throwing the ball and hitting the stumps and the one that was batting will be out, the final way is catching the ball when someone has hit the ball you can catch it and the person that hit the ball will be out.

By Dan Clark

# Internet Safety

Many people know about internet safety but do you know whether you are safe or not on social media? There have been a number of problems in the world due to social media issues. If you type something innocent into a new tab it may come up with something you either didn't want to see or watch. People may say that they are your friends online but really they are bad people called internet trolls who like to hurt children. Please check your safety online-this is important.

Some people are called hackers and they

can break through your security and say that you have watched things that you really haven't; they might even hack through your photos and get some personal information.

By Milly Sparham

# My New Teacher

Miss Gilbert and her class sometimes go on school trips. My new teacher said we will be going to Forest School at Quex in term two.

I'm really excited about going to Forest School because it will be my first time.

Now our work is getting harder and we have two teddies to give out each week. We take them home and record in a book what we have done over the weekend. We have to share the two teddies between everyone.

At the moment we are learning about



inverted commas and in maths we are learning shapes.

Our topic for term one is about the rainforest. The rain forest is in the Amazon.

Our old teacher was Mr Woodward we used to do „show and tell" but in year 3 don"t do it.

By Sky Atkins

## **Me and My Family in Israel**

While I was in Israel I spent a day in Jerusalem and went to the Western Wall and wrote a note and put in a crack in the massive wall. We went to Eilat and

stayed in a hotel with my Dad, my brother Daniel and my friend.

There were tournaments like volleyball, basketball and swimming to get the ball and It was boys versus girls luckily they spoke English.

We also went to the Red Sea and saw loads of fish like Sergeant Major, Clown Fish and Zebra Fish.

There was a bridge that showed all the fish. I also saw a Puffer Fish and a Flute Fish.

I also saw black and orange fish in the sea, some were small and some were big, plus I saw a Sea Urchin which I

swam over and it was very prickly.

By Josh Fengas

## **What I've Been Doing In My New Class**

On my first day back to school it was a bit different than I thought because we had three new people in the class, they were named George, Leo and Malachi, wow what hard names to spell. On the next day it was science day and in the morning we did science and we learnt about plants and we went outside after break to dig up plants and their roots. Even though the whole group got messy it was fun. Then we went back to the class and drew it into our books, then it

was lunchtime and Annabelle, Sky, Ellie and me went straight to lunch because we have Journalist Club. My best friends Summer and Milly are very upset because I go to lunch before them so I can't play with them so they are sad.

By Maddy Punter yr3

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## **Dogs!**

Dogs are all different sizes, and have all different temperaments and it depends on how the dog has been brought up from a puppy, some people don't treat animals the way they should be which can cause the dog to grow up being vicious and

harmful. However some dogs love a big  
cuddle and a belly scratch and love  
everyone! Dogs love a run around and  
should be walked once or twice a day  
depending on their size.

By Lily

# School Safety

Minster school is a fun and safe place. We have very responsible staff that handle things exactly how they are told. Last year there was a security threat and we safely walked to the church. The adults also help with making sure ks2 are going on the right play equipment at lunch and break.

The teachers also teach the children what to do if the fire alarm goes off. Now the year r"s have yellow stripes on their book bags so that when they cross the road cars can see them. Friday 6th October 2016 was the new year r"s first

fire drill of their school life. The year r"s have a separate playground than the rest of the school. The playground that years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 share is made out of lots of different areas and they have their own names like calm, creative and adventure.

The teachers strive to make sure the students fully understand their piece of work.

By Annabelle Boucher yr3

# My New Class

This year I'm really excited because I'm with Miss Smith in Turquoise Class. It's really good to see my friends again because I get to play with them all week!

My new topic is Ancient Egypt and yesterday we drew pictures of Tutankhamun a Pharaoh of Egypt and used pastels to colour him in.

This is a picture of Tutankhamun's death mask.

Egyptians wrote a way called hieroglyphics. Hieroglyphics represent a word or a letter.



Hieroglyphics are hard to read but archaeologists managed to figure out a way to read them.

Hieroglyphics have pictures of gods or animals. For example Horus is the god of the sky. They gave Horus a falcon head. For the animals cats were very important because they delivered secret messages .

By Keira Jacobs

# My Swimming Club

7 days ago I was at my swimming club and my teacher said I can go up to stage five because I was 100 percent. So then last Saturday I did my first stage 5 swimming and I got 25 percent I'm feeling good for my next stage 5 swimming lesson. I hope I get 25 percent again.

By Ethan

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## **AMBER'S ADVICE**

Life brings tears, smiles and memories.

The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever.

## **TIGER' TIP**

For beautiful, shiny clean jewellery, use a soft toothbrush and toothpaste. Rub lightly, rinse and polish with a towel. Diamonds and gold will simply glow.

## **ZAC'S MUSINGS**

Crikey, has he been panicking this month? Evidently he had too much to get in , so much so that he had to add extra pages and even then left lots out!!

My old legs are starting to get a bit wobbly and I have a bit of a job standing

up after a good kip, but with a little help from the old fella I can usually get my balance after a short while, takes it out of me though - this getting old is no fun and the old boy will be another year older by the time you read this, so maybe he'll be needing help too soon enough! Please, don't laugh!!

# CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone  
592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert &  
Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road  
Ramsgate Catholic Mass each  
Wednesday and Holy day of Obligation  
at 12.00noon in the Church of St Mary  
the Virgin, Minster and each Sunday at

10.00am in Minster Abbey **MINSTER  
ABBEY**

[www.minsterabbeynuns.org](http://www.minsterabbeynuns.org)

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday  
10.00am Midday prayer 12.10pm  
Vespers 6.00pm Compline 7.50pm  
(followed by Silent Prayer)

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.

**THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER  
CORPS Church & Community Centre**

Present Local Contact: Roger Harding  
tel: 821 543

Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies  
(Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship  
Club Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and  
Toddlers (Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group.

10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

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**ST MARY MAGDALENE  
MONKTON SERVICES IN  
NOVEMBER**

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10:15am Holy Communion (CW)

13 10:15am Remembrance Service

20 10:15am United Holy Communion  
with Methodists

27 10.15am Advent Sunday Family  
Service



# Something New for Monkton

Seamark – Look In, Look Up, Look Out,  
Worship for All

Coming in January

Further information from Richard  
Braddy on 821 250

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER  
SERVICES IN NOVEMBER**

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

13 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Parish Remembrance Service

20 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

27 Advent Sunday 09:00am Holy

Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

**Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's**

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
followed by refreshments

# Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church  
Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

## **A season to remember... All Souls Service**

Wednesday 2 November 7.30pm @ St Mary's

This is a special time to come and remember a loved one who is no longer with us. We remember all those who have passed away recently. You are very

welcome to join us and if you would like  
to have someone remembered please  
contact Richard our Vicar (821250)

# Parish Remembrance Service

Sunday 13 November 10.45am @ St  
Mary's

Please come and join the Royal British  
Legion, the Minster Community and St  
Mary's Church Family as we pay our  
respects at our Annual Service of  
Remembrance

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**Funeral at St Mary's**

5 October: Leonard Cooper

## **Baptism at St Mary's**

16 October: Sarah Emily Marie Turvey  
(6 months)

# **TWAM Wantsum Benefice Gift Services**

Last year the Wantsum Benefice Gift Services provided 118 scholar packs for Tools with a Mission (TWAM) plus a donation of £390.

This was, again, a very generous response to this worthwhile initiative and we're pleased to repeat our support this year.

In Africa and other areas around the world there are many schools that have little or no reading or writing material. Sometimes the only person with a book



or writing material is the teacher. Twam works with schools to provide suitable textbooks, and with our help would like to provide individual „Scholar Packs" for each child to help with their learning.

How does it work? Plastic document wallets are supplied by TWAM ~ these are available in advance from the churches ~ and we are asked to fill them with the following new items and bring them along to the Gift Service on Sunday 4 December at Minster, Monkton and St Nicholas or Sunday 11 December at Chislet:

A4 Writing Pad

Pack of Pencils and Biro Pens

Pack of Colouring Pencils, not felt tip

Geometry Set. i.e. ruler, protractor and square.

Rubber and Pencil Sharpener

Small Calculator

From mid-November you will be able to order a pre-filled scholar pack

from the churchwardens at which time full details and price will be available.

If, instead of filling a wallet you prefer to make a financial contribution to this initiative, special envelopes will be available. We are advised that the cost

of packaging, shipping and distributing each wallet is about £2.

Any further information can be sought from Sally Willins: Thanet 822 428

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## **CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

TDC Villages

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

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County

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Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were

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