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## Minster's First Christmas Festival

**Saturday**

**1st Dec**

**3-5pm**

- Local shops open late
- Festive family fun
- Real Unicorn rides
- Craft stalls
- Hot food & Drink
- Visit from Santa
- Beauty Grotto

Plus live music and performances from  
Local Choirs

**The Minster Handbell Ringers  
& The Salvation Army Band**



## **WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER 2018 ISSUE OF MINSTER MATTER**

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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 6 November @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Clerk through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. There is also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from

the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Clerk and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

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

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from:

9.30am –

3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email: [clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk)

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

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

## **PCSO's REPORT**

October is the start of the cold and dark early evenings. I would like to take some time to remind everyone that is you are out and about to wrap up warm and wear something

that will make you visible to vehicle traffic. A lot of people generally wear dark clothing and in particular school uniforms are predominantly dark in colour. This becomes a

problem for most vehicle drivers as in the low light conditions you cannot be easily seen

and this in turn makes you vulnerable to being involved in an accident. If you have to go

out try and wear something that can reflect light and possibly carry a torch to increase

your chance of being seen.

This time of year is also the Halloween and firework season if you are out at these times

please remember that not everybody enjoys this time and some elderly residents can

become frightened. All I ask is that you have a fun time and stay safe, organised events

are usually the safest option. Trick or treaters should respect persons who do not wish to engage in their activities.

If you notice anyone acting suspiciously contact the police on 999 or 101.

For further advice and guidance ask to speak to your PCSO.

## **MOBILITY SCOOTERS AND WHEELCHAIRS**

We have a number of mobility scooters, wheelchairs and rollators that are available to loan to residents and members of their families.

Please ring Ray on 07864 345 019 or email [rayowen@gmail.com](mailto:rayowen@gmail.com) if you would like to borrow one of these at any time.

## **MINSTER SHOW**

A few of us gathered for the AGM in mid October and found that last year we only just

scraped even. For those that are new to the village every penny from the stalls, gate and

schedule (list of competitions) gets put back in for next year's Show.

Given this and a lack of entries, we are looking at changing the competitions in the

marquee. So, if you want remote controlled robot wars, or a hair up competition let us

know. Many of you will know Karen in Attwells, so you can speak to her, or pop a note

into my door (28 Orchard Close). All ideas will be looked at as we want the Show to be

supported by everyone in the Villages. It is for more than just Minster.

*Dominique - Chairperson*

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Minster trees will be going up on Saturday 24 November. If you are able to help please

let us know so we have an idea of likely attendance.

Tree decorators required from 9am onwards

Tree/Ladder teams from 10am

Please put your name down at Attwells, Facebook Attwells or speak to Karen or Ann

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## **ATTWELLS SHOP HOURS**

Attwells Newsagents & Card Shop now open after lunch at 2pm instead of 2.30pm and

we close at 5pm instead of 5.30pm

### **ATTWELLS HOUSE CALLS**

If you are housebound and would like to choose your own Christmas cards/  
Wrapping

etc give us a call on 821363 to arrange a house call. Don't lose your right to  
choose.

### **LOUIE'S HELPING HANDS**

Thank you to everyone who has supported this local charity. Ground  
works have started

at Quex to build this much needed school. Any raffle or  
tombola prizes you have spare

can be left at Attwells to help complete the £100,000 needed.

### **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

On the weekend of 22/23 September Minster Bowls Club wound up a very  
successful

Summer Season with their first ever Mixed Pairs Open Tournament.

Members of all clubs were welcome to enter and 16 teams bowled for a total  
of £200

prize money.

All players and visitors enjoyed a weekend of brilliant bowling as well as great food and

drinks in good company - and can also look forward to Minster Bowls Club repeating the

event next year.

One highlight was the raffle of a large bottle of double-malt Scotch whisky sponsored by

Howard Financial Planning of Whitstable.

Minster Bowls Club is always happy to welcome new members, why not give it a try for

the 2019 season!

The Short-Mat League season is now under way with mixed results:

Div 1 Hinds beat Swalecliffe 4 - 2 at home, but lost all 6 points away.

Div 2 Abbots lost all 6 points away to Barham, but won all 6 points at home.

Div 3 Monks beat Broadstairs 5-1 away, return match not played at the time of this

report.

Every Friday in October a Social Evening has been held with darts, shove-halfpenny, card

games and backgammon on offer plus the chance for a good chat.

Any resident who would like to try their hand at short-mat bowls during the winter or



outdoor bowls in the summer please contact me at: brimaur26@gmail.com or telephone

845638.

*Brian Morpew, Hon Secretary.*

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## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

There is only one important message from the Playhouse this month.

If you want tickets for the panto, please ring the box office soon, as tickets are going very quickly. There are only a few seats left for Friday, and the Saturday performances are

filling up. Jack and the Beanstalk runs from Wednesday 28th November to Saturday 1st

December at 7.30pm prompt, with matinees at 10.30am and 3pm on Saturday.

Tickets are £8 adults and £4 children.

At the Saturday 10.30am performance all tickets are £4.

Box Office open on 07501 894 381

A date for your diary: A murder mystery evening on Saturday, February 2nd at the Village

Hall, tickets £5, bring your own food and drink

To book call 07501 894 381

## **MINSTER ARMOBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

If you weren't at the Race Night at the British Legion on Saturday 6 October, then you

missed a great night out. A lovely three course meal was served and each course

interspersed with races, all cheered on by the crowd to try and get their preferred horse

to the winning line.

It was another good fun event, put on locally for Minster Villagers to enjoy a night out

near home. Make sure you don't miss out on our next event, which will be advertised in

this magazine.

On Friday 19 October the Association presented a cheque for £165 to the Village

Christmas Lights. The money was handed over by our Chairman, Malcolm Bubb to Karen

Brazil and Ann Thomson, who were the original instigators of the Village Lights.

With only a few days to go to Armistice Day, the Village will soon be festooned with

thousands of poppies, flowing down from the Church, over the lychgate and along the

outside perimeter of the Cemetery. Lampposts will be covered and various other sites in

the Village will shimmer in red.

This is Minster Village's tribute to this very important event in history. Many people in the Village have devoted a lot of time to bring this magnificent event to fruition, fully

supported by the Twinning Association over the last year and a half.

Several Villagers from Ambouts-Cappel will be coming over to take part in the day's

events and pay their respects, just as some of our Villagers will be doing over in France.

Please do support the various events during the day.

If you would like to get involved with the Twinning Association, why not come along to

our AGM on Friday 16 November, 7.30pm at the Neighbourhood Centre.

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2018 - NOT HAD YOURS YET?**

There is still an opportunity to have a “Flu Vaccination” on Saturday 10th November. Appointments are available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery, or by phone. Eligible and “at risk” patients, including infants between 2 and 4 and 6 years old, will have already received a letter and been invited to make an appointment. If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception as soon as possible.

### **NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR NURSING TEAM**

Our nursing team have identified difficulty in carrying out blood test in certain patients, including the very young, elderly and obese. For this reason, we have purchased a “VeinLITE Skin Transilluminator” which is a portable hand-held scanner that highlights and illuminates the veins in the body to provide accurate vein imaging, thus making blood tests more accurate and easier, benefiting both patients and nurses.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN A “HAND MADE SWISS CHALET DOLL’S HOUSE?”**

A very generous and clever patient has kindly donated a beautiful Doll’s House

one of many excellent gifts and prizes on display and on offer to either win or our Grand Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at our Christmas Bazaar, with going towards our project to purchase a MicroLab Spirometer and software. A prizes and details can be found on our noticeboard in the waiting room.

## **SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS**

Please note that the surgery will be closed from Midday on Thursday 29th November

for staff training. Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you times. Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call

Service via the normal surgery number 821333 where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111 to receive non-urgent, confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent or life-threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

## **PATIENT GROUP MEETING**

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or information on any of the above, then please contact Ken Self on 8212 Lawrence on 821049 or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

## **LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

The usual Late Night Shopping event will not take place this year due to a lack of support last year. There will be other events going on so please keep a look out for details. This is a good example of 'Use it

or Lose it'. Take a look around your village and take note of what you have in Minster compared to others. Village businesses are struggling so if you don't want to end up with one shop, one pub and hardly any events then please try to support them.

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## **MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd October Summary**

The meeting started with a written report from Community Warden, Aaron Kluibenschadl;

there had been a number of fly tipping incidents, criminal damage to the new litter bin in the skate park has been reported to the police and a resident has been subject of a scam resulting in the theft of a large sum of money.

PCSO Adrian Butterworth reported that the police had received 32 calls to incidents in

Minster over the last month; this included the theft of an already abandoned car, a number of road traffic crashes, domestic incidents and missing persons. Investigations are ongoing in relation to 3 incidents in the recreation ground; damage to the play area gate, destruction of the litter bin and spreading paint over the skate park. An article was placed in the Minster Matters to remind parents to be aware of the whereabouts of their children in the evenings.

The Chairman added that it was a great shame that facilities, paid for with public money, for the younger people in the village to enjoy were being spoiled by a small minority and if

anyone had any information they should forward it to PCSO Butterworth.

He also thanked the parish council for their support at the Skate Park event; despite the

weather cutting the event short there was a great deal of positive feedback. It is hoped to make use of the skate park for more events in the future.

Cllr. Crow-Brown reminded everyone that the closing date for comments on the Local Plan

was imminent. The Chairman later reinforced the need for anyone with views on the plan to

ensure they submitted them, as none of the previous comments would be taken into

account by the Inspectorate. The council have prepared a response and this was approved

by all the councillors for submission.

The Chairman reported that the Minster Emergency Plan, having been in place for

approximately 18 months, is being reviewed.

A member of the Kent Resilience Team and

the Emergency Planning officer from TDC will be attending a meeting of volunteers to

update everyone. It is hoped that new volunteers will come forward.

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Annual Fireworks display will be held on Friday 2nd

November this year.

KCC Waste Management proposals to charge for waste materials such as soil, rubble and

hard core were discussed. The consultation runs until 1st November and is open to all. The general opinion was that there would be an increase in fly tipping and the cost of clearing this would outweigh the income received.

The Chairman reported that the parish council has been taking steps to ensure compliance

with the new GDPR (Data Regulations). Privacy notices have been published on the website

and notices added to emails. Compliance has to include all the councillors and in order to ensure security of information it was suggested that all councillors should have a small

encrypted laptop. After a short debate it was agreed to proceed, subject to cost.

Cllr. Quittenden reported that the Twinning Association AGM will be held on Friday 16th

November.

In the public question period at the end of the meeting it was suggested that we could ask for the Community Payback team to assist with clearing up the cemetery; it was agreed that enquiries would be made. Questions were also raised about unauthorised roadside

advertising signs, and the financial losses suffered by Ramsgate Port.



## **MINSTER WI**

Our October speaker was Howard Smith who gave a very interesting talk on 1950s

Britain, which included a slide show of pictures and films from the Picture Post.

Our November Meeting on Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm is our Annual Meeting

where members elect a new committee and from the committee a President, Secretary

and Treasurer are voted for. All members are welcome and we are providing drinks and

canapes.

### **Diary dates**

Saturday 17 November - Dabble Day - members only

Tuesday 11 December – Annual Christmas Party meeting with buffet and entertainment

New members are always welcome. Secretary, Dorothy Butterworth  
01843 844 839

## **Minster and Monkton Royal British Legion Social Club**

Annual General Meeting

Monday 9th November @ 8.00pm

## **ABBEY PATCHERS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday 10 November 9am to 1pm Old Schools

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (CLIFFSEND)**

St Mary's Church Cliffsend – Saturday 10 November 11am to 3pm

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Sunday 11 November – Parade from Royal British Legion to St Mary's Church at 10am

## **BATTLE'S OVER**

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the ending of The Great War 1918 – 2018

at St Mary's Church on Sunday 11 November

6.40pm Piper will play 'The Battle's O'er'

6.45pm Proclamation from Her Majesty the Queen

6.55pm The Last Post & Reveille

7.00pm Lighting of the Beacon

7.05pm Church Bells will Ring Out along with Fireworks

7.10pm Piper will play 'Black Bear'

## **PSYCHIC FAYRE**

Village Hall Sunday 18 November 10am to 4pm – Entrance £1 children free.

Enquiries phone Kay on 01843 297665

## **MINSTER & MONKTON GARDENING CLUB**

Next Meeting – Village Hall Wednesday 21 November 7.30pm –  
Speaker Martin

Newcombe on ‘The History of Garden Plants’

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## **PLG CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Saturday 24 November 9am to 1pm Old Schools – free admission

## **VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Minster Village Hall – Saturday 24 November 9am to 1pm – free admission

## **MINSTER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

New for 2018 Minster’s first Christmas Festival. A fantastic free community event brought to you by the local businesses. On Saturday 1 December starting at 3pm with (at the) Church and the Christmas Tree Lights switch on, followed by lots of festive fun for all of the village.

Attractions for the day will include; A Beauty Grotto in Girls World, B.B.Q at the Old School, hot drinks and cupcakes at Jemima’s, real Unicorn rides, a visit from Santa, dance by the LA Dance Company, Craft Stalls and much, much more.

All businesses taking part in the event will be supporting two local charities.

Community Warden Aaron is having a sponsored leg wax, sign the form at Jemima's.

Craft stalls are £5 each, if anyone would like one for the event please pop into or phone 01843 319206 for more details.

### **LIVE NATIVITY**

Minster Abbey December 12th at 1.30pm

Starting at Abbey Tower and proceeding to Old Barn at Parkminster

Everyone welcome to take part as we once again tell the beautiful Christmas Story. Come

dressed as your favourite character. Following the play please join us for mince pies and

hot mulled juice. Donations accepted for the Looking Ahead project.

### **MEN'S SUPPER CLUB CHRISTMAS MEETING**

Wednesday 12th December 7.15 for 7.30pm Old Schools, Minster

£8.50 includes dinner, dessert and a drink

Booking essential with Peter on 01843 447 692 or 07981 184 224

### **CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND**

The Old Vicarage, St Mildreds Road, Sunday 23 December from 3pm

In aid of Louie's Helping Hands and The Dogs Trust

Admission £2 or £6 for a family of 4 (2 adults & 2 children)

### **MINSTER & MONKTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB**

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine Road

Every Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of bingo

All members and bona-fide guests welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

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### **MINSTER OPEN GARDENS 2019**

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 June - Put it in your diary !!

### **MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP**

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

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

Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

## **CLIFFSEND COFFEE MORNING**

Every Thursday from 10.30am 'til 12noon - Village Hall, Cliffsend

Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits

Just make a donation, no set prices.

## **AMBER'S ADVICE**

By the time you swear you're his,

shivering and sighing,

And he vows his passion is,

infinite undying,

Lady make a note of this:

one of you is lying.

(Dorothy Parker) 1893-1967

## **TIGER'S TIP**

To regrow spring onions – place base and roots in a cup with water in the bottom. Keep

water fresh every 2 days and snip off tops as they regrow.

## **CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES**

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Reverend Marcus Holden telephone 592 071

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

Minster Abbey

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am      Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am      Midday Prayer  
12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm      Compline 7.50pm (followed by silent prayer)

The Salvation Army Minster Corps Church & Community Centre

Lieutenants Luke and Katy Johnson telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am parents and toddlers plus bumps and  
babies (term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm home league      Thursdays 9.15am prayer group

Sundays 10.30am family worship

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St Mary Magdalene Monkton      Services in November

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10.15am Holy Communion

11 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

18 10.15am Holy Communion

25 10.15am Holy Communion and Dedication of 2 new bells with

the Bishop of Dover St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in November

Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

11 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Parish Remembrance Service

18 9.00am



Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

25 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday mornings at St Mary's

10.30am - Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

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

Contacting your District & County Councillors

District Councillor Bob Grove - Bob is available to speak to

residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact him via the Parish Office on 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown tel: 821 449

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: [galerj@parliament.uk](mailto:galerj@parliament.uk) - write: House  
of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA