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## MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This month's meeting: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Council Office is normally open from:- 9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays;

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269 Email: [clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk)

The next meeting will be Tuesday 1st November at 7pm.

## EDITORIAL

**A VERY VERY important message to ALL of our readers and Advertisers - ALL COPY for the next issue MUST be with us by 5pm on FRIDAY 21st October, due to team member commitments. Anything not with us by 5pm WILL NOT be published !!!!.....Note it on your calendar - You Have Been Warned.**

### **‘MUSEUM UPDATE’**

The response, as I understand it, to the request in last month's magazine for possible volunteers, to help with a **\*\*NEW\*\*** Museum has so far not been very encouraging, but thank you to those who have replied. Sadly this may mean the idea is dropped which would be a great shame, as I believe it could again bring visitors into the village, which in turn could help our local economy and enable local businesses to remain afloat.

PLEASE if you feel you could offer an hour or two, just once a week, once a month or whenever then do get in touch.

I've been asked where it might be and although I am not at liberty to give an exact location (I expect there are however a lot who do already know) I can say it is in the heart of the village, and not away from the village centre. If it happens it will be totally inside, no exterior grounds or exhibits, so no wandering around on wet days with an umbrella. Obviously this also means there will not be any extremely large exhibits or animals, but the organisers feel we will still have plenty to be able to offer villagers and visitors alike.

Do you feel you could maybe help, even in a small way, if so please contact Danny Day via the library or any of us here at Minster Matters.

### **\*\*\*\* A PLEA FOR NEW DELIVERERS !!!! \*\*\*\***

(Sorry but it's an UNPAID position !!)

We here at MM are in desperate need of a few volunteers to take on the monthly delivery of our magazine in the following 4 areas:

- 1/ Laundry Road plus Minster House;
- 2/ The Lanes/Thorne/Sevenscore/Ebbsfleet/Cliffsend
- 3/ Freemans Road inc Kenton Gardens;
- 4/ Northern half of the new Heronsbrook Estate.

If you feel you can help us with any of these please contact one of the team, all our details can be found in column one on page two.

### **'BROKEN BONES'**

So who's seen me out and about this month on 'Sue Lovelock's' disability scooter, which was kindly donated to the village, in her memory?

I've even had to buy some new batteries for my 'Freeled' stair-lift !

Have I had a ribbing? You bet I have and it gets worse when I tell people what I did. In case you are one of the few who probably doesn't know, I did a David Beckham on my right foot and broke 2 metatarsals, not however playing football but, by falling from the banister onto my landing. That's where the giggling starts, what would I be doing on the banister, well there have been lots of suggestions some of which have been a bit rude, but in actual fact I was extracting a box from my loft and was too lazy to get the steps out. I completed the operation then lost my handhold, knocked myself out for a few seconds (I think) on the bedroom door frame, came to and found I was unable to stand on my right foot, resulting in 6 weeks in plaster, don't think I'll do that again !! They say we learn by our mistakes - let's hope I do.

Don't forget if you need use of the disability scooter, on short term loan, please contact MM or the Parish Office. Full hire details are available on the village website. I've been really glad of it over these past few weeks, especially as I couldn't drive my car. Some say I was 'milking it' but I couldn't have got up into the village without it.

### **'UPHOLDING THE LAW IN MINSTER'**

Did you know that as well as our two regular Police Constables, Kim and Darren, and Aaron, the Community Warden, we now also have a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) who regularly patrols the area, his name is Craig Raisbeck, email him and/or our local Constables on: ***broadstairs.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk***

Aaron has also asked me to publish his email address should anyone wish to contact him by this method: ***aaron.kluibenschadl@kent.gov.uk***

**Finally** - Did you see our 'rogues gallery' has more faces in it - we now welcome Keith and Katie to the team.

See what our Katie is about undertake on page ?? and if possible please give her your support.

Well that's it for my October offering

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **JAKE PHILPOTT MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE**

On Sunday 28th August, family and friends set out on the “7th Annual Jake Philpott memorial Bike Ride.” We start from the British Legion with blue sky and sunshine. We head off to Minnis Bay and along with other Bank Holiday visitors, stop for our first refreshments, but we must get going and get the long sea wall to Reculver out of the way; it always seems the worst bit; And it didn't disappoint, because just over halfway the heavens opened and it was to be our first, but not last, soaking of the day. So we stop at the King Ethelbert, a drink and a dry off and then it's off again “up hill and down dale” as they say with sunshine and showers thrown in, but everyone's smiling and there are loads more stops to go yet so let's get going... The Gate (nice food)... The Grove Ferry (great garden), The Rising Sun (dry seats)... The Dog and Duck (soft seats!!!) ... The British Legion... (we are back!!!) Thank you to Cynthia, Doreen and Sue for making sure we had plenty to eat when we arrived back after what was a gruelling, but satisfying and very enjoyable day. This year people kindly donated money, which will be going to Brighton Neurology Unit, where Ricky Atkins spent 2 weeks recovering from head injuries earlier in the year.

Thank you to all of you who took part. It was a wonderful day.

See you next year xxx

### **SALVATION ARMY NEWS**

It seems as if there are many people celebrating 125 year anniversaries in 2011.

As well as The Salvation Army being present in Minster since 1886 it seems that the Minster Show began then too. Also celebrating are Coca Cola, Anchor Butter, Tynecastle Stadium (the home of Hearts of Midlothian Football Club, Edinburgh) and the population of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Another Great British landmark, Tower Bridge, in London is also 125 years old this year. It's not that long ago that some Americans thought they had bought the bridge only to find out later that it was a much less grand London Bridge they had purchased!!

As we continue celebrating at the 'Army' we hope that some of you might join us at one of our events. We have our Harvest Festival Sunday on 2nd October, our Friendship Club Weekend on 15th / 16th October and our 'Christmas Sale' on Saturday 19th November. See our noticeboards for details. Christmas will soon be upon us and then another New Year to celebrate and add to the other 125!!

## **MINSTER-IN-THANET WI**

September's meeting got off to a flying start with a hilarious talk 'Crossing America with a wheelchair' from Author and Professional speaker Ann Chance.

This was a much anticipated talk as Ann is such popular a speaker that we had to book her 18 months in advance. Anns' antics with her disabled friend whose wish to see the Grand Canyon from the air prompted the trip were both funny and thought provoking. Members lost no time catching up with friends after the summer (?) break and have much to look forward to in the coming months.

Dates for the diary:

**29th September:** Games Evening at Village Hall

**8th October :**Dabble Day

**Next Meeting 11th October at 7.30pm.**

**Speaker- Dr Peter Giles. Members and visitors welcome.**

**Coffee and Chat Thursday 20th October 10.00am - 12.00noon**

## **MINSTER ARMOUITS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Ok – did you spot the deliberate date mistake in last month's report? Fun day should be Sunday 3rd June 2012. We have booked "the rec" and have plans hatching. If any individuals or organizations would like stalls or to be involved in any way then please make contact through Minster Matters. This is a village event.

Our next meeting is at 7.45 at the Royal British Club on 12th October if you would like to come along, especially if you are intending to attend our AGM which is to be at the Library & Neighbourhood Centre at 7.30 on 16th November. There are now definite vacancies for Chair, Treasurer and committee members. New ideas and a fresh approach would be most welcome. Fluent French speakers would be overwhelmed with gratitude as a response to any offers of help. Any students needing to use their language skills and/or provide another layer for their CV would find it useful to join.

So the decided diary dates are:

**16 November:-** AGM at the Library

**27 May 2012:-** Anniversary Celebrations at the Village Hall

**03 June 2012:-** Fun Day with a Royal flavour

Race Night and Quiz Night will now be towards the end of November/December and January/February due to other village events.

We look forward to continued and increasing support.

## LOCAL NEWS

### MINSTER BOWLS CLUB - Report

Last months report praised the ladies for their success.

This month the men have come up trumps. The Bernard Annand trophy for all Non County Badged Players was won by Minster.

As six of the original team were not available for the final rounds due to the tour, the highest praise and congratulations goes to Brian Trinder, Alan Razzell, Jim Boyle, Peter Fairbrass, Len Cooper, Dave Martin, Mike Boston and Bill Hodgkinson, for beating Canterbury BC in the final.

The same weekend saw Bill Hodgkinson, Dave Martin, Brian Trinder and Alan Razzell win the Jubilee Pairs Competition.

Norman Wilson, Dave Martin and Len Cooper came back as losing Finalists of the Isle of Thanet Triples, very well done chaps.

The tour to Bournemouth arranged last year by Maurice Bridges, now deceased, was a great success, 'thank you Maurice'.

The weather cancelled one of the four days bowling but of the other three Minster won two.

Our hosts were pleasantly surprised when immediately prior to each game, under the conductorship of Myrna Elson we sang the Club Song.

The first part of the chorus is still heard coming from some of the male bowlers. So if you hear "LONG JACK, SHORT JACK" in passing, they were on the tour!

Margaret Griffiths having taken over the reins, worked hard to make the trip successful.

If you are reading this and wondering what to do through the Winter, need some activity, would like an indoor sport, why not try Short Mat Bowls?

Come along for one or two taster sessions, they will be free, with equipment supplied. That's right, nothing to pay for the taster sessions!

### Late Late News.....

Broadstairs Open

Sylvia Pritchard Ladies Singles Winner. Maureen and Brian Hedges Plate Winners in the Mixed Pairs.

Tilmanstone One Day Open Competition

The Minster triples team of Miriam Smith, Jean Thorp and Sylvia Davis came away with the Winners Award, congratulations!

*Glynne Hibbert*

## **CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTHS MAGAZINE**

Apologies to the WI for publishing the wrong date for their meeting

Apologies to the Horticultural Society for omitting some of the information from their 'Whats On' section

Apologies to Hedgehog Rescue for omitting to say people can leave food donations at Attwells

Apologies to Ken Self and Parish Council for adding their details as the contacts re Best Decorated House at Christmas

this should have actually read

*'Please reply to Kufena Coulter [Kufena.coulter@nutopia.com](mailto:Kufena.coulter@nutopia.com)'*

## **YOUR LETTERS**

### **RUNNING FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

To motivate myself to run more than a half an hour a week, I am training to run the Great South Run on October 30th for the NCT. (National Childbirth Trust)

The NCT is the UK's leading pregnancy, birth and early parenting charity, and it means a lot to our family as it was its services that helped us prepare for the birth of our son, and helped us build our support network as new parents.

Becoming a parent across the world from my own family was not easy, but the friends I made through our NCT antenatal course have helped me to really enjoy this time as a new(er) mom.

Whereas I have run distances up to half marathons in the past, I have found it a challenge to run regularly since becoming a mom and I am very excited now to have something to train for, and for such an important charity.

If you would like to sponsor me in this 10 mile race, please visit my sponsorship page at <http://www.justgiving.com/crunchynanas>. If you are interested in seeing how my training is coming along, please visit my blog at <http://crunchynanas.com>. Any support, in sponsorship or otherwise, is truly appreciated!

*Nora Aldous, Minster Matters Team*

*(Co-Editor writes: Good Luck Nora! We're supporting you every step(run) of the way.*

**Letter from a Resident**

A big thank-you to Yvonne Chapman for being persistent re. the Canterbury bus. I caught the new bus this morning - in the other direction on this occasion - but realised that it's now possible to go directly from here to Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate, Canterbury, Birchington, Westgate, Westwood Cross *and* Manston by bus. That's a big improvement on the situation a few years ago when I moved here. Anyway, I'm not the only person who is really grateful to Mrs Chapman and others who lobbied for this service.

Computers/Technology: I'm not an absolute beginner, so quite possibly would *not* benefit from a beginner's class, but I do feel clueless as technology advances and everything is updated. Particularly now that phones and computers are interchangeable.

I wondered whether some sort of annual 'What's New in Computers etc.' one-off class, perhaps in the Village Hall, would be possible, where customers could for a small fee be told about and maybe shown some of the latest advances. Not so much individual tuition, as just telling us what's available and what it does and how it works. I've spoken to one or two people at a similar level of competence and they agree - or perhaps they're just being polite. (For instance: although my niece has a BlackBerry, I've never seen an iPad in use; how do MP3 players work? And what the heck's a dongle?)

*(Name supplied)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES****Get Well Soon**

To Salvation Army Captain Lyn Hargreaves  
Minster Matters and residents of the village all wish you a speedy recovery from your recent illness.

Lyn recently suffered a TIA (mini stroke) which saw her rushed over to the QEQM, but we are pleased to report she is now back at home and recovering well.



**STOP THE PRESS...****VILLAGE GREENGROCERS TO REOPEN****SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP.**

We are very pleased to officially announce the long awaited re-opening of the Village Greengrocers, soon to be re-labelled "Greens of Minster".

Having lived in Minster for many years, we felt it was a sad day when Stan finally closed his doors for the last time and another shop was lost from the village. We feel very privileged to live in Minster and love the strong caring community atmosphere that is apparent. We felt we had to do something to bring this resource back into use for us all to enjoy.

You will see a lot has changed to the look of the shop, which we hope will be to your liking. Along with the expected high quality fresh fruit and vegetables on offer (not forgetting the friendly staff), we have added to the service: traditional sweets, fresh/dried herbs, dried fruit and nuts, cut flowers and florist service. We will also offer a gift service for that special person/occasion in mind, all made up from our quality stock, so please come in and see us for that gift with the personal touch.

Our main objectives have been for sourcing quality, local stock and supporting local business whilst maintaining a keen eye on price. In the future, we hope to be able to expand our services further and are also open to your suggestions.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in and being of service.

With kind regards to you all, Toni and Caelan

*(editors prompt pronounced Kay Lan)*

**RECORDING STUDIO IN MINSTER** - During 2010 I built and equipped a small recording studio in the garden of my home primarily for my own use, but it seems that there are a number of people who enjoy recording here in Minster, so I have decided to offer people the opportunity of visiting the studio and recording a song of their choice to a pre-recorded professional backing track, which they can take away on CD. The charge is normally £99 (however I am offering a special £75 rate for Minster Matters readers) for a 2 hour session, including the CD. For this they will get all the help they need including a Recording Engineer to obtain the best result from the visit, what they do with the CD from then on is up to them - The Next X Factor Winner??

Gareth Pepin.

Email Gareth at: [gareth@pepin.fsbusiness.co.uk](mailto:gareth@pepin.fsbusiness.co.uk)

Or Telephone 07710 417 672

### **TRI FOR 3! KATIE SWIMS, CYCLES AND RUNS FOR 3 CAUSES**

My name is Katie Hogben and on 7th November 2011 I am flying to Cambodia for 2 weeks to teach English to underprivileged and orphaned children. I am a recent English and American Literature graduate from the University of Kent at Canterbury, and am currently working as a PA for a local businessman, but wanted to do something that really made a difference. This is how I came to plan my trip to Cambodia.

I will be travelling to the city of Siem Reap in north-western Cambodia. The focus of the company I will be travelling with is on conservation, education and exploration. By teaching the children, both in the classroom and by doing out-of-school clubs with them, the hope is to equip them with the tools to lift themselves out of the cycle of poverty, opening up opportunities that we in the Western world take for granted. Volunteering like this is the opportunity of a lifetime, and I hope to be part of a scheme that really makes a difference.

Due to the costs of this trip, I am doing some fundraising. On 22nd October (date possibly subject to change) I shall be doing a novice triathlon – ‘Tri for 3’ – to raise money for three causes. 400m pool swim, 10km cycle, 2.5km run. Three disciplines for three causes! Along with raising sponsorship to help fund my trip to Cambodia, I wish to raise money for two other causes too: The St. Thomas Lupus Trust and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

I have great affection for the St. Thomas Lupus Trust as I myself was diagnosed with Lupus early this year. Having suffered greatly for some months, but being lucky enough to be diagnosed and helped remarkably swiftly, I wish to help the Lupus unit at St. Thomas’ Hospital which is recognised throughout the world for its clinics, its teaching and its research. There are now 5,000 patients on the register at the unit, making it almost certainly one of the largest in the world. Lupus is an auto-immune disease and can affect any organ of the body, being often referred to as the ‘great mimic,’ so having this unit where experts can deal with the many different features of this distressing disease is indispensable.

The second cause I wish to raise money for is CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), a charity that means a lot to a friend of mine who suffered from heart problems in her late teens and early twenties, and thus a charity close to my heart. Donations to this charity help to fund their ECG screenings that hope to prevent Sudden Death Syndrome, and recognise and deal with cardiac abnormalities.

Any money I raise from ‘Tri for 3’ will be split equally between the three causes.

I have a Facebook page for the triathlon – **‘Tri for 3! Katie swims, cycles and runs for 3 causes’** with further links and details, and have set up a special bank account for this event, details below. All donations, whether cash, cheque or wire transfer, will be split three-ways equally between the three causes.

Account number: 9 0 9 1 2 7 4 8    Sort code: 6 0 - 0 4 - 2 7

Any support you could give or exposure regarding my cause would be gratefully received. I wish to raise as much money as possible for these causes, so your input would be indispensable!

My contact details are: 07969 855 046 or email me at

**[katiejanehogben@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiejanehogben@hotmail.co.uk)**

Many thanks for taking the time to read this letter!

*(Co-Editors note: As a new member to our team, Minster Matters would like to wish Katie every success in her ‘Tri for 3’ and trip to Cambodia and look forward to hearing all about it when she returns.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES

### QUILT EXHIBITION

At the end of May 2011 Abbey Patchers held a quilt show in St Mary's Church, Minster. Many beautiful quilts were hung and draped, the most popular quilt voted by visitors was "The blue basket" made by Diana Hockley.

The raffle quilt was won by Betty Southgate and a cheque for £1070 was later presented to the Alzheimer's Society.

Thank you to all who visited the show and the next one will be in 2013.

*Tina Parker (Abbey Patchers) [www.thanetquilters.org](http://www.thanetquilters.org)*

### RIVERS COURT RESIDENTS DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON AT THE ABBEY

On the afternoon of 26th August at 2.45pm Residents from Rivers Court were invited to the Abbey for afternoon tea and a tour of the Abbey. Sadly it began to rain, but we were welcomed with such friendship and shown into a delightful room to view the video of the history of the Abbey. This was quite beautiful. After this we were given a most tasty tea of cucumber sandwiches, scones and chocolate cake with tea and coffee. Waited on by the Nuns with such obvious pleasure. I would like to thank the Nuns for their invitation from the members of Rivers Court who accepted the invitation.

*A wonderful treat, in a most pleasurable place. All the Nuns met us with a smile on their face.*

*The Ambience that one feels was a pleasure to all, That surrounds you when once inside the Abbey Wall.*

*St. Mildred lies below where the flowers grow, Our Patron Saint of Thanet, of course this we all know.*

*(Yvonne)*

### COMMENDATIONS TO CHURCH CHOIR

I have just returned from Church in the village, and I had to commend our choir for their professional and superb singing. As good as anywhere I have heard in Canterbury Cathedral where sometimes choirs come from across the Kingdom. I honestly feel they deserve a mention in M.M.

Must not forget our organist also, he is unbelievable in his rendition of the hymns and anthems.

*(Yvonne)*

## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER**

### SEASONAL FLU VACCINATIONS

By now, those patients over 65 will have received notification of their entitlement to a vaccination and the surgery are in the process of writing to those patients under 65 who are entitled to a vaccination due to underlying health issues.

Vaccinations will take place on Saturday's 8th & 15th October.

Also a raffle will be held at these events and all proceeds will go towards local fund raising projects - so please bring your small change with you! Thank you.

### SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from 12.00 midday onwards on the following days:

Thursday 20th October

Tuesday 8th November

Patients who need to see a Doctor during these times are asked to contact "Doctors on Call" via the normal surgery number - 821333

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This year our "CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" will be held on:

**Saturday 19th November (9.00am to 1.00pm )  
at the "Old Schools" Hall , as usual. .**

We have already had several enquiries for tables so please - BOOK EARLY TO AVIOD DISAPPOINTMENT.

Ring Thanet 821333 for further information.

All monies raised will go towards our main fund raising project to purchase a "Spirometer Micro Lab" for the surgery.

### PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September.

We are currently looking for new members to join our group, so if you require further information on this, or have issues you wish to raise, please contact :

KEN SELF on 821200 or

JEAN TAYLOR on 845072

## WHAT'S ON

### THE NEW INN

1st Monday of the month is

### QUIZ NIGHT

Max.6 per team. £2pp or £5 with food

### 41st MINSTER ART SHOW

Held in the Village Hall on:

Friday 30th September 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 1st October 10am - 5pm

Sunday 2nd October 11am - 4pm

Over 600 EXHIBITS for sale !

OILS, WATER COLOURS, PASTELS, ACRYLICS, WOOD, GLASS,  
POTTERY ETC

ADMISSION - 50p

Refreshments in the OLD SCHOOLS (opposite Village Hall)

EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY MINSTER GARAGE

### MINSTER LIBRARY

#### Knit and Talk Time

Friday Mornings 10.30am-12.00noon All welcome

#### October Program

7th: Join in our fun quiz whilst knitting and chatting

14th: Enjoy a chat & coffee whilst swapping knitting patterns and project ideas

21st: Wool spinning demonstrations coffee and chat

28th: Enjoy a chat & coffee whilst swapping knitting patterns and project ideas

#### Storytime & Baby Bounce

From the beginning of October we are changing from Thursday to Friday mornings same time 9.30am to 10.00am

## WHAT'S ON

### MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

#### NEXT MEETING

**Monday 10th October, 7.30pm**

**Dress a Doll as a Witch**

**Flower Arrangement**

*Speaker or Quiz*

*Raffle prizes needed for all meetings*

*For further information*

*Miriam Smith 822589*

### MINSTER-IN-THANET WI.

#### NEXT MEETING

**11th October, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

Speaker - Dr Peter Giles

*Members and visitors welcome.*

#### COFFEE & CHAT

**Thursday 20th October,  
10.00am - 12.00noon**

### MOTHERS UNION

#### DEANERY MEETING

**11th October, 2.00pm**

**at Holy Trinity Church, Margate**

Speaker: Marylyn Collins

*All welcome*

There is no M.U. meeting on the 12th

#### SPECIAL SERVICE

**Saturday 15th October, 11.00am**

**St Mildreds, Canterbury**

Thanksgiving for money collected in the Diocese from our Smartie Boxes for M.U. funds.

**SATURDAY MARKET**

**Note this is on the 3rd Saturday  
15th October, 10.00am-12.00noon  
in The Old Schools**

**MINSTER & MONKTON**

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 19th October, 7.30pm**

Village Hall

**followed by a talk from**

**Don Wilks on “Bluebells, Buttercups and Beasts”**

**MINSTER SHOW AGM**

**Friday 28th October, 7.30pm**

Neighbourhood Centre

*All Welcome*

Come along and tell us what you think (access via library side door)

**ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE CHARITY DAY**

at St. Nicholas-at-Wade Church on Saturday, 29th October 10am. - 3pm.

Christmas Cards and Gifts on sale

Ploughman's Lunches and Refreshments available.

Please support the many deserving charities.

**MINSTER AND MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 7.30pm**



## NOTES & EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!

Would you be prepared to donate a few items for Christmas Shoe Boxes? The Shoe Boxes will be distributed to children living in poverty in Africa, Asia and Europe by Smile International in December (Charity Number 1079730). Some of the children will be orphans, others live in refugee camps, but all of them live in deprivation. For the majority of children, the Christmas Shoe Box will be their only Christmas present, and it will be much appreciated and will generate lots of excitement!

*Smile International* is a charity passionate about helping to relieve poverty through the distribution of humanitarian aid, the Christmas Shoe Boxes is one of their projects. Karen and Jenny at Attwells newsagents have kindly volunteered to act as a collection point for Shoe Boxes or donation of contents. To spread the cost, we are asking the people of Minster to donate one or two items, (If any enthusiasts would like to do a whole Shoe Box on their own, that would be great!).

#### **The contents/donations can include:**

- \* **a bar of soap and a flannel**
- \* **tooth brush and tooth paste**
- \* **hair brush, comb, hair slides**
- \* **small toys, such as a doll, car, skipping rope, ball, bag of marbles, snap or other playing card games, writing and colouring materials - (All toys can be purchased at Attwells , along with stationery packs specially -made by Karen and Jenny).**

For further information about the charity *Smile International*, leaflets are available at Attwells or phone me on 823319.

**Any items for the Shoe Boxes can be left with Karen and Jenny or delivered to Mary Lord at 33 Tothill Street (leave in the front porch) or delivered to me at 101 Tothill Street, by 20th November please.**

In grateful anticipation, *Kate Humphreys*.

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

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

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

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

**Contact Kyla Lamb – Parish Clerk – Tel: 01843 821339  
or email [clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk)**

## NOTES & EVENTS

### MINSTER & MONKTON

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a "Cuppa" and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome. Joan Cordwell - phone 823782

### SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

email: [info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)

### CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact

June Chadband on **226033** or email: [k.chadband@btinternet.com](mailto:k.chadband@btinternet.com)

### AMBERS ADVICE

You are here to enrich the world and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand. (Woodrow Wilson)

### TIGERS TIP

. Burning wood/logs:

The chimney needs sweeping more often;

• Wood - 3 times a year • Coal - twice a year • Smokeless fuel only once a year.

"Be ready for Winter"

### ZAC'S MUSINGS

Where are all those willing volunteers when you need them?

The chances of us having a new museum are pretty slim unless we can track them down !!

**SCHOOL PAGE**

**EDITORS THIS MONTH WERE JESSICA FRIGHT AND BEATRICE COCKS**

**My holiday to Greece**

A few weeks ago, on a Thursday I went to Greece. We went to a little village called Kontarena near Vassiliki! We stayed at my granddads house. He has a lot of Friends. He also has a huge boat called Galatea Savage 42. In the Vassiliki harbour. I enjoyed it in Greece very much

By Jodie Ellis

**Autumn Leaves**

**Autumn leaves blow about**

**In the wind children shout**

**Up there in the trees**

**Leaves fall over you and me**

**The people are snug in their blankets watching TV**

**Whilst they watch they drink their lovely cup of tea**

**Underneath the crispy leaves creatures crawl about**

**They make themselves very warm to sleep the winter out**

**My friends and I kick the leaves**

**They go everywhere we kick and kick and kick**

**And we are nearly on our knees**

**Not a sound at night when people are in bed**

**They lay down their sleepy heads whilst the wind blows about.**

by Annabelle

**Hornby**

Hornby are a company that make electric trains. You can get all different trains, carriages and accessories for your track. You have a choice of trains, some you can make puff out smoke. There are also some really old ones, some go fast, some a bit slow, there are steam trains and modern trains.

By Richard Hulks

**I am going to France**

I am going to France for my Dad's birthday and he will be 40. We are going to go in the pool and we will go in the sea to have a swim. My dad will surf and I might have a go if it is not too cold. My sister might have a go too. We are sleeping in a hut and we are going for two weeks. My Mum, Dad, Sister and I are going. We are all going to have lots of fun!

By Beatrice Cocks

**Vampire Pigs**

Vampire pigs are really cool. They start off as baby piggies with tiny fangs. Then they grow up and turn into vampires.

By Livvy

**Harvest Festival**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> September we had to do a harvest festival in Saint Marys Church. At the harvest festival we sang a lot of songs about thanking God for all of the crops and food we have.

By Livvy and Jade

**Jedward!!! J**

*Jedward are great singers but some people are different and hate them.*

*I like them because of their hair and their amazing singing.*

*I have seen them at the winter gardens before and I enjoyed it a lot.*

*They are the best and can do handstand for over a minute because they did it at the concert.*

*By Emily Wallis*

**Miss Wood**

Miss Wood is the best teacher I have had in school, but the only problem is that she absolutely loves chocolate and so do I. She is really really fun!!!! She makes lessons really exciting.

By Jessica Fright

**Nature is a beautiful thing.**

Nature is something that lives on the planet.

For example,

Insects - Animals - Plants - Trees

We have to look after our nature otherwise we would not be alive because trees give oxygen and animals give us things we need to help us survive for example, worms make compost and give us the compost.

By Annabelle Fleming and Grace McDonald.

**Buckingham Palace**

During the summer holidays I went up to London. On the first day in London I went to Hamleys the biggest toy shop in the world and the M and M shop which we think is the biggest in the world.

On the second day I went to Buckingham Palace. In the Palace I saw lots and lots of rooms. My favourite 2 rooms were the room with the wedding cake in and the room with the wedding dress, earrings, shoes and bouquet. In that room they had a 10 to 20 minute video to show how the lace was chosen and sewn on. The wedding cake in the cabinet was the real cake. It was amazing!

By Alice Cox

**Church News  
and Service Times**

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

**2nd October**

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am: **Animal Service**  
6.30pm: Evensong

**9th October**

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

**16th October**

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

**23rd October**

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

**30th October**

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

Mid week services  
at St Mary's at 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton  
Sunday Services In  
OCTOBER 2011

**2nd October**

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

**9th October**

10.15am: **Harvest Festival**

**16th October**

11.00am: Holy Communion at  
Methodists

**23rd October**

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

**30th October**

10.15am: Family Service

**Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:**

21st August: Joshua and Ollie Smith

**Weddings at**

**Minster Parish Church:**

27th August: Katie Osman and  
Ashley Carr  
10th September: Melanie Keeler and  
Darren Fish

**Funerals**

22nd August: John Luxford (84) at  
Minster Church and Cemetery

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

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com  
www.rc.net/southwark/ramsgate

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Parish Office:

Ss Ethelbert & Gertrude Church  
72 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7DS  
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Catholic Mass each Wednesday and  
Holyday of Obligation at 12.00noon in  
the Church of St Mary the Virgin and  
each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster  
Abbey

For other services in Minster  
please see Minster Abbey entry.

**Minster Abbey**

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

The Abbey Chapel is open for  
prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

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

10am Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

St Mary's Church, Minster

**Animal Service**

All animals and their responsible  
owners welcome!



St Francis of Assisi

**The Salvation Army**  
11 Tothill Street,  
Minster

Captains Bryn  
& Lyn Hargreaves  
822308 or 825178

Weekly Programme

Sunday

**Jigsaw - Sunday School**

11.00am – 12 noon

**Morning Family Wor ship**

11.00am – 12 noon

**Evening Worship**

6.00pm – 7.00pm

Monday

**Baby Group**

(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),  
9.30 am - 12.30pm (Term time only)

**Friendship Club**

(Over 50's), 2.15pm – 3.30pm

**Pilates**

6.30pm - 7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on

07505399512)

Tuesday

**Parents and Tots**

9.30 am - 11.30am (Term time only)

Wednesday

**Keep Fit**

10.15 am – 11.15 am

**Home League**

2.00pm – 3.45pm

**Pilates**

6.30pm-7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on

07505399512)

Thursday

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

9am - All welcome please ring for  
details

Fridays/Saturdays

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

Salvation Army telephone  
number for the new building  
is 01843 825178

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – October

### POLICING

Cllr Glover expressed concern that that the police were not in attendance as he had received several complaints of vehicles parking close to road junctions.

The Clerk was asked to find out the future policing arrangements for the Village and when the police would start attending meetings again.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS'

Members were advised that the resurfacing of Tothill Street was one of the items to be considered by Joint Transport Board. The Clerk to get an update on the outcome of the meeting.

### VILLAGE HEALTH CHECK

Council considered at the request of Cllr Local the need to update the Village Health Check and Members had regard to papers circulated by the Clerk from Market Towns and the original health check carried out by MATCH.

Cllr. Glover reported on the processes when the original health check was carried out and on the need to hold a series of public consultation meetings.

**RESOLVED: That the position be noted and further considered by the Policy Committee at its next meeting**

### H2B SITE (Heronsbrook)

The Clerk reported that the Chief Executive Thanet District Council, had now responded to the Council in respect of the delay in complying with the section 106 agreement entered into to support the development of the H2B site. The applicant had now provided the necessary plan to enable TDC to proceed with the legal process of transferring the land and discussions would be held with the Parish Council in respect of the legal agreement.

Cllr Day expressed his concern at the delay in undertaking the landscaping and drainage works and the Clerk was asked to photograph the area and to seek details of the timescale for commencing these works before the land is transferred.

### PARKING ON THE HIGHWAY

The Clerk reported upon complaints received concerning the parking of vehicles on the pavement between Freemans Road and Prospect Road. Cllr Glover re-iterated the problems of vehicles parking on corners/junctions.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk refer both of these complaints to the Police.**

**QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

The Clerk has ordered a Jubilee beacon and the Church had been approached in respect of the possible siting of this on the church spire. Members were also advised that to date no response had been received to the flyers sent out and delivered to the businesses within Minster.

In respect of events being held within the Village Cllr Cole reported that his company would be holding a coffee morning.

**BUS TO CANTERBURY**

The Clerk reported that a new bus service (No.11) had been introduced and would operate from Broadstairs via Minster to Canterbury. Details and timetables for the service had been sent to the Council and would be placed in Minster Matters, the Library and on the notice boards.

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Cllr Cole and the Clerk updated Council on the discussions and arrangements for the holding of the firework display on 4 November . Cllr Cole was endeavoring to raise contributions, especially from those businesses which would benefit from the event.

**COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Minster School** Cllr Cole reported that the Head Teacher had advised him that the School is proposing to build a family liaison office on the site of the former swimming pool and had enquired what the educational aspect of the 106 funding was to be spent on. The Clerk would advise the Head Teacher.

**HAT** It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Group at 6 p.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> September and the Clerk was asked to circulate copies of the transport studies to members of the Group.

**Next Full Council Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 4th October**

## Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is now holding regular monthly surgeries every 1st Wednesday of each month in the Neighbourhood Centre at 1.15pm

All residents are welcome to attend.

Residents may at anytime speak to Bob at The Attic.

Councillor Mike Roberts

Conservative Ward Councillor for Thanet Villages

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

Tel: 01843 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP:

Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Ring: 01843 848588 (a.m. from 10.00)

Fax: 01843 844856 (24-hour)

Web: [www.rogergale.co.uk](http://www.rogergale.co.uk)

Email: [galerj@parliament.uk](mailto:galerj@parliament.uk)

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were



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