



Late Night Accident  
High St/Monkton Rd junction  
Saturday 17 September

Poor Parking  
In Durlock  
we received 2 images  
of the same vehicle  
in the same place  
taken on different days!!

Family & Friends  
preparing for the  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Jake Philpott  
Ride to Remember  
(See page 14)



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## **Minster Parish Council**

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4 October @ 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:-

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

## **EDITORIAL**

I love a good moan as most of you who regularly read my editorial will know so not to disappoint you this month I just want to say we often receive unsigned letters or anonymous texts which go straight in the bin without a second thought, if you aren't brave enough to put your name to anything you write then don't bother writing it, as it's just a waste of your time.

Now on a happier note you'll read elsewhere in this issue about how the village flagpole is progressing and I'd like to thank everyone who is involved

in actually doing their bit to make it happen, thanks also goes to a former resident (whom I won't name at this time) for their very kind offer to purchase some flags for us - to that person - if you're reading this I will be in touch very soon now I know what we require.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY & BEST WISHES**

To BETTY HULKS

who will be 90 years young on 13 October

from all your Family and Friends

# MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The recent quiz we held at the Royal British Legion was very well supported and our thanks go to all who made it a success, organisers and quizzers alike. Extra tables had to be put up as the demand was greater than expected, so all future quizzes will probably need to have tables booked in advance to guarantee entry.

The result of the Treasure Hunt on 18 September will be reported in the next issue of this magazine and we're hoping for a good turn-out.

We have been asked by the Art Show



organisers if we would like to hold a raffle throughout the weekend of 30 September to 2 October to boost our funds. If anyone has any unwanted or unused gifts that they would like to offer, then Carol Bubb on 01843 447 706 would be pleased to collect them.

Tickets for the Race Night in the Village Hall on 29 October are obtainable from O'Sheas on 01843 823 091, along with a menu choice of 3 courses to accompany the racing. An excellent evening was enjoyed last year, so book early to avoid disappointment. We have invited our friends from France and hopefully there will be 7-9 of them joining us for the evening.

There are 2 spare tickets for the coach trip to Winchester on 26 November at £15 per person. Are you interested? Then please contact Carol Bubb on 01843 447 706

The Twinning Association AGM will be held in the Neighbourhood Centre, Monkton Road, Minster, on Friday 18 November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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## **MINSTER CRICKET CLUB**

The club have enjoyed a very successful season in their division of the Kent Feeder League finishing in second

position, a great team effort.

## **12TH MEMORY BIKE RIDE - JAKE PHILPOTT**

This year I want to dedicate this write up to FAMILY, as with the last 11 rides, this year's bike ride of 26 miles, was just as brilliant and with over 40 riders was a great sight as we left the British Legion on to Reculver then through the countryside, visiting all the, now familiar watering holes on the route, hoping the weather would hold, which it did, glad that nobody needed Alan and his truck for assistance, other than a broken chain, that was soon fixed and then everyone making it back safely to

the Legion in one piece, just made it a really great day.

..But back to FAMILY, this Ride to Remember came about because of our family tragedy at losing Jake at just 15 years old very suddenly. We wanted to do something so we and others could show Dave Hayley and Levi, in some small way that we wanted to share and remember Jake with them in a happy way and so the Ride to Remember started. Our wider family (there is a lot of them) all get involved, those that can ride do, and those who can't ride join us at the pubs, older and younger family they are all involved in some way. Over the last 12 years a lot of the younger

ones have now got families of their own and they too are joining in. We have some great friends who also come year after year, some come with their whole family, others join their families once back safely, these youngsters are hopefully the next generation that will keep this special day going for years to come.

Family is quite often the only thing that matters when times are tough, but more importantly, they are the people that make the good times really special. We are lucky to have such a great family and good friends, so this year, which was the first without Dad (Malc) the Family pulled together and made this wonderful

day very special.

To Cynthia (Mum), Doreen, Min and Sue thank you for the food on our return, thank you to Alan for following with his truck , well done Josh (the youngest rider again), to the British Legion and Kathy, a huge thank you to you all. But most of all to our FAMILY and FRIENDS well done to you all, thanks for being there it really does mean so much, so to our "bike riding family", see you all again next year. XXXX

## **MINSTER SHOW**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Show this year in whatever capacity, whether you were involved in

organising, assisting, competing,  
entertaining or just visiting -

without you it wouldn't happen, so thank  
you again.

Remember you can get involved with the  
Committee and help make the 2017  
Show better than ever - come along,  
show your support and get involved at  
our AGM on Friday 14 October 7.30pm  
at the Neighbourhood Centre - we look  
forward to seeing you there

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## **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

The Short-Mat season kicks off with a

Division One match between Minster Hinds and Ash Angels on Thursday 6 October.

A new competition between the 3 league teams, the Memorial Shield will take place on Saturday 8 October.

On Saturday 15 October there is a Jazz and Swing evening with Tony Richards Rascals, tickets are available for residents from John Day at the Club.

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

**MINSTER W.I.**

President, Sarah Eaton Brown



welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 September in the Village Hall. After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem she thanked helpers and participants in the Summer events, especially those who organised our Minster Show 2nd prize-winning Co-operative entry and the Teddy Tombola stall.

The Bat and Trap evening in August, with fish and chip supper, was a huge success too.

Sarah then introduced David who gave an extremely informative talk about the valuable work of the Kent Air Ambulance Service and the need for

public support.

After refreshments Sarah talked about the Annual Group Meeting on the 26 October, Minster WI being the hosts, announcing a fan-making competition and requesting cake baking for the event. Before the raffle members were reminded that our meeting on 11

October, is a Craft and Social evening. Those who wish can make poppies for our own Minster Remembrance Service wreath, play board games or just generally socialise!

There will be a baking competition with members voting on the best plate of biscuits.

Another busy meeting of Minster WI closed around about 9.45pm with many future events to look forward to in the coming year.

Come along to a monthly meeting (on the second Tuesday of the month) to see whether this lively WI group could be for you – guests are always welcome!

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 11 October – monthly meeting in the Village Hall @ 7.30pm – Craft and Social Evening

Darts - Tuesday afternoons, Games Evening - Wednesday 26 October – Village Hall Committee Room

Walks and Sunshine Club outings ~ dates  
TBA

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

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## **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER**

Our Next Production – Panto 2016

Our Pantomime this year is that old favourite, Cinderella. It is already in rehearsal, and promises to be a good show, suitable for all the family. 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 7.30. and  
with two matinees on Saturday at  
10.30am and 3.00pm. Tickets are £8 per  
adult and £4 for sixteens-and-under.  
Why not come along and join the fun?

The Box office is open on: 07501 894  
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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 a relaxed  
setting— do come along and enjoy it.

What's next?

We are already looking at plays for our May production next year so if you have 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.

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.

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

**NEXTDOOR - FLAGPOLE  
PROJECT**

A site has now been selected for the location of our new flagpole - it will be positioned at the junction of Monkton Road and Taylor Road on the green opposite Cliffe"s where at present there is a dead tree. This tree is to be removed and at the same time other work will be carried out on the living tree (to raise its crown) plus an old stump (to be ground out) in the same area. The flower bed where the pole will be situated is to also undergo a transformation with some new planting.

It has also been agreed we will supply a new „Village" flag and Nextdoor members have been given the opportunity to decide on its colour. It

will be British Racing Green with an image of the existing village sign and a line of text which will read „Twinned with ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL, France".

This private social network continues to grow within the village and our coverage has now been extended to include Monkton, Acol, Manston and Cliffsend. Residents within this new area should have received a flyer from us to that effect, so we hope to welcome many of them soon.

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## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I am not often compelled to moan, but



the situation with traffic flow and parking around school times is, in my opinion and many others I've spoken to, no better probably worse since the alterations!

Great that they made parking spaces along Taylor Road. to stop congestion. Then they go and widen the path and allow cars to park around the corner at the butchers causing congestion. Do they plan to put yellow lines there?

In St Mary's Road where I live, great they put yellow lines on the corners, by the school, but why put them further up the road... which hasn't stopped people from parking there anyway. Has anyone

thought about the residents of St Mary's Road parking their cars?

It was a race with time to get there before schools chuck out, now it is even worse as there are less spaces and parents get there earlier to get a space.

How about subsidising cost to have kerb drop so we can use a driveway... or allowing permits for residents? Cannot a bigger parking area be made at the back of the school somewhere...

many other areas have been utilised around there.

Maybe, rather than build loads more houses around that area, they should

have built a car park!

Maybe, the planners and decision makers of this change should spend a week living in St Mary"s Road... spend ages driving round and round the estate because there is nowhere to stop and wait for a parking space.

I finish work at either 2.30 or 3 from a very early start and would like to come home to relax, not have the stress of driving around wasting my time, adding to congestion and risk of accidents!

Any helpful response welcome!

Regards, Ann James.

# **POTHOLE REPORTING**

Kent County Council's pothole blitz has been going on this summer with so far 839 potholes filled alongside 24,108 sq mtrs of larger road repairs across the county. The work includes filling individual holes alongside repairs to larger areas which can see multiple potholes repaired at the same time with, in total, £954,471 has been spent on repairs since June.

We aim to make a permanent, quality repair by cutting out a small section of the road around the hole, clearing out the old material and filling it with new Tarmac. If a road has lots of potholes, it

may need a larger patch or work is programmed in to resurface the whole section.

Where possible, the fix will then be protected by surface dressing the whole road in the near future, to prevent damage by the next winter weather. Lines and verges are also receiving a spruce up.

I hope that you will have noticed work in your parish but KCC still needs your help by reporting any potholes that may remain un-repaired, though these are likely to be already included in the planned work programme. I would be grateful if you could report any un-

repaired potholes online, as this is the quickest and easiest way to alert crews to damage to the roads. Once reported, it will be inspected by a local crew and if work is necessary, it will be programmed in to be fixed.

For the latest updates week-by-week, and to report a pothole, please visit

[www.kent.gov.uk/potholeblitz](http://www.kent.gov.uk/potholeblitz)

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## **Minster Parish Council - Meeting Tuesday 6 September Summary of Key Points**

County Cllr. Latchford reminded the

council that he had set aside £1k to assist with the Minster „Shed" project and £2k to assist with the update of the village CCTV

system and that we need to use it as soon as possible.

Cllr. Latchford expressed concern that KCC had issued a letter to TDC firmly in support of the Stonehill Park development, apparently flying in the face of a previous agreement to support the airport. The matter will be before the Scrutiny Committee on Monday.

Cllr. Latchford also reported that there will be a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on Thursday

next regarding the issue of Thanet South Election costs.

Chairman Cllr. Bob Grove has raised the issue of Police Community Support Officers having the power to enforce parking restrictions with MP Roger Gale and we now await an answer from Ch. Insp. Adley.

Bell Helicopters have replied to the Parish Council enquiry about the number of helicopters flying over the village and will advise their pilots accordingly but reminded us that other helicopter operators do fly in this area. They have been contacted.

The Chairman has been in



consultation with TDC Leader Chris Wells and KCC

regarding the Parish Council's proposal to hold back development in this parish until the future of Manston is decided. In the meantime, there will be a traffic count and pollution test in the parish, both relating to key areas of concern re: increased building/population.

A petition has gone to TDC supporting the suggestion that the No.9 bus route should be varied to come into the village.

The renovated village sign is now ready and we await a new post on which to mount it.

The Chairman will meet with Ray Mallon on 9th September for further discussion re: Stonehill Park development and the implications for this parish.

The Clerk to the Council reported that the repair and painting of the chapel windows at the cemetery is in progress.

Concerns have been raised about the new „One Way" system in Thorne Road/St.

Mary"s Road. Some are confused and others simply ignore the no entry signs. In addition, the build out in Monkton Road at the top of Taylor Road to prevent parking has been ignored with

vehicles actually parking on the build out and causing increasing difficulties for all road users and pedestrians. The matter of enforcement will be pursued as mentioned above.

The passing place in Laundry Road has still to be progressed.

Cllr. Jones has submitted proposals to improve the traffic situation in the parish and members of the parish council highways committee have all been invited to submit suggestions which will be considered by KCC Highways.

party preparing a Community Emergency Plan, reported that there had been a limited response to the letter circulated in the Minster Matters asking for volunteers who would be willing to assist in the unlikely event that there is an emergency on the village. She thanked those who had come forward so far; posters will be placed on noticeboards around the area in the hope of encouraging more responses.

A letter had been received suggesting that signage to the All Weather Pitch, Play Area, etc. should be increased; the matter was discussed and the conclusion was that this was not necessary at the present time.

A resident has suggested that a „pay and play" arrangement be allowed for the All Weather Pitch; this has been referred to the Operations committee.

A very high quote for repairing the fencing around the All Weather Pitch has been received; the damage is caused by people cutting holes to enter and use the pitch without permission. After discussion it was agreed to delay this and effect another temporary repair for the time being in the hope that more youngsters will make full use of the new multi-use games area, free and open to all.

Cllr Quittenden reported on a meeting

of the Kent Assn. of Local Councils (Thanet).

The Police and Crime Commissioner had declined to attend the meeting to discuss policing in Thanet, and Broadstairs are considering using private security on the seafront at weekends.

The new Monkton CCTV was reported as being very effective.

The parish councils expressed concerns that they are not given sufficient opportunity to contribute to the TDC Joint Transportation Board as many decisions appear to be made prior to the meetings.

The association is to invite a representative of Stonehill Park to attend a future meeting.

The Twinning Association reported that £550 had been raised at their recent quiz night and reminded everyone of the walking treasure hunt taking place on 18th September.

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## **PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

### **SEASONAL WINTER „FLU VACCINATIONS**

Additional vaccination clinics will be held at the surgery on Tuesday 4 October

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2.00pm to 5.00pm, Wednesday 26  
October - Children only - 2.00pm to  
5.00pm and Wednesday 2 November -  
2.00pm to 5.00pm

ALSO for St Nicholas Patients Only:

Tuesday 11 October - 12.00noon and  
1.00pm in St Nicholas Village Hall.

Appointments are now available and can  
be made in the usual way via the surgery.

SO DON'T DELAY - BOOK YOURS  
TODAY

Eligible and “at risk” patients will



receive a reminder on their “Repeat Prescription List”

and/or text message, and will be invited to make an appointment. If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception.

## NEW EQUIPMENT BRINGS NEW ENHANCED FACILITIES

Please see elsewhere in this the publication, an article and pictures covering the presentation of new equipment on 14 September, generously donated by Mrs

Richardson. The equipment that we previously announced as our new

project was one of the items donated during the presentation, and as we go to press we are in discussion with the Practice Partners and will announce our next new project at the „Flu Days, with full details being displayed on our notice board in the waiting room.

## DONATION

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the families and friends of both the late Mrs Barbara Prescott and Mr. Malcolm Smith, whose generosity has enabled the Practice to purchase an additional “CardioPad Portable ECG Machine” which was recently presented to Dr C Crosfield. This will be of great

benefit to the Practice especially when a patient needs to be visited at home by a GP or other Healthcare Professionals.

## NEW GP REGISTRARS AT THE SURGERY

We are delighted to welcome two new Registrars who have recently joined the Practice: Dr Lesley Greenway - who will be with us until August 2017 and

Dr Thakshayini Thivyattasan who will be with us until December 2016.

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

Last month patient"s responses to “would you recommend our Practice”

were as follows: Extremely likely/Likely - 89%; Extremely unlikely/Unlikely - 6%; Unsure/Don't know -

5%

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## MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last month two less patients missed their doctor's appointment, thank you, but the number still missing their nurse's appointment is disappointing. As a result 32 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 71 failed to attend their nurse's appointment, so that is still over 100 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 as others may benefit.

## SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 12.00noon onwards for staff training on the following days:

Thursday 29 September: Wednesday 19 October; Thursday 24 November.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these

times, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions and check when their medication review appointment is due. Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821 333 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/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

will be held on Saturday 26 November. As this is our most popular event, tables are highly sought after, and there are only a few left. So please book now to avoid disappointment.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Win top prize worth over £100 and much more!**

We will be launching our “GRAND RAFFLE” with nearly £500 worth of prizes including a Rose Arch and Planters, Hand Made Rocking Horse, Luxury Christmas Hamper and many more. Tickets will be on sale at the “Flu Days” and thereafter at the surgery. The draw will be made at our Annual

Christmas Bazaar.

## PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049 or email [kenself@me.com](mailto:kenself@me.com)

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## **PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

**NEW EQUIPMENT BRINGS NEW  
ENHANCED FACILITIES TO  
MINSTER SURGERY**



Thanks to a very generous donation by a Minster patient and resident, new “State of the Art” equipment has been purchased for the practice resulting in two new facilities becoming available at Minster Surgery, for which patients would generally have had to travel to hospital or await test results, but all that can now be carried out at the surgery.

The presentation, arranged by Ken Self, Chairman of the Patient Liaison Group, was held at the surgery on Wednesday 14 September, where Mrs Helen Richardson officially handed over the equipment to Dr M Elliott, a Senior Partner at the Practice. Ken was asked by Mrs Richardson to explain to all

present her reasons for her donations by reading out a letter she had previously written. Having been a resident in the village for over 20 years, it was to say thank you to the English people for giving her and her family a second chance after being forced from their home in Estonia during the war in 1942, and for the excellent care given to her husband by Dr Elliott since they came to live in the village.

Firstly Mrs Richardson presented a “Bard Bladder Scanner” - which is be used to detect various bladder problems immediately, and thus facilitate early diagnosis and treatment, and of course, patient reassurance. She dedicated this

to the memory of her sister.

She then presented a “Huntleigh Dopplex Ability ABI System” which is used to diagnose

“Peripheral Arterial Disease” and immediately helps identify the potential risk of future Cardiovascular, Blood Clots and Diabetes problems. This new system is far less time consuming for patients and results in more efficient use of healthcare resources, giving an overall better patient experience. This was dedicated to the memory of her mother.

On behalf of all members of the Practice, Dr Elliott expressed his

sincere thanks to Mrs Richardson and was overwhelmed by her generosity. Mrs Richardson then went on to say she would like to do something similar in memory of her father, and various suggestions were put forward which she is considering.

Also attending the presentation were Jodie O'Shaughnessy, "Bard UK Territory Manager", Tracy Thomas, "Williams Medical Development Manager", members of the Surgery's Nursing Team and the Nurse Practitioner, who then attended a demonstration and familiarisation of the new equipment along with members of the Patient Liaison Group.

## **POLICE SURGERIES IN MINSTER**

Minster library the first Wednesday each month @ 1400hrs

PCSO Shaun Riches will be holding monthly surgeries for members of the public to come and speak to a local officer about your concerns on crime and antisocial behaviour

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## **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.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**BRING AND BUY SALE** Friday 30  
September From 10.30am

**CAXTON, SEAMARK ROAD,  
BROOKSEND, BIRCHINGTON CT7  
0JL**

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 30 September starting at 9.30am

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine  
Road, Minster Everybody welcome

**46th ANNUAL MINSTER ART  
SHOW**

**VILLAGE HALL**

Friday 30 September 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 1 October 10am - 4pm

Sunday 2 October 11am - 4pm

OVER 400 EXHIBITS FOR SALE!  
OILS, WATER COLOURS, PASTELS,  
ACRYLICS,

WOOD, GLASS, POTTERY, ETC

ADMISSION £1.00 CATALOGUE  
£0.50P

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Hall)



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**SILVER SUNDAY**

Showcasing Activities and Information  
for the over 65s

Sunday 2 October 10.30am to 3.30pm  
free entry

St Augustines, 125 Canterbury Road,  
Westgate

Over 30 activities and information stalls  
Buffet £2, Tea 60p, Coffee 80p

# **MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

Friday 14 October 6.15pm

Salvation Army, Tothill Street

Tickets £10 pp includes 3 course meal,  
coffee or tea

For further information and tickets  
contact Audrey Hards on 821 792

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# **QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF THE RNLI**

Saturday 15 October at 8pm

Royal British Legion Club

Entry £5 including food

Tables of 6 to 8

Please pre-book on 821 471

**MINSTER & MONKTON  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

AGM Wednesday 19 October

Village Hall 7.30pm

Speaker Don Wilks on Gambia Life

Coffee Morning

Saturday 22 October

Old Schools 9.30 to 11.30am

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ST  
NICHOLAS AT WADE CHARITY  
DAY**

Saturday 29 October 10am to 3pm

Christmas Cards and Gifts on sale –  
Ploughman"s Lunches and refreshments  
available Free Entry

**ABBEY PATCHERS**

Christmas Craft Fair

Old Schools, Church Street

Saturday 12 November 9am to 1pm

Gifts, Crafts, Tombola and Refreshments

**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

**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

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**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

**AMBER'S ADVICE**

You know the voices in your head aren't real..... but sometimes their ideas are absolutely awesome!

## **TIGER' TIP**

If your new shoes are too tight put the nozzle of your blow dryer into shoe and turn on low. When the shoe gets warm, stuff with paper or socks to stretch it.

## **ZAC'S MUSINGS**

Phew, has it been hot or what? The recent rain was such a godsend cooling the air so we could all sleep, only problem with it is I hate getting wet, so I've had to do a lot of leg-crossing until to wait any longer was impossible then



it was a quick dash out the back and in again ASAP!!

All's been very quiet in our house for a few weeks but I always know when it is magazine weekend as tempers get fraught and the air changes to a sombre shade of blue, especially when there's loads of typing to do or he's lost something that he remembers being given 2 weeks previously but can't lay his hand on it now. Everything but the kitchen sink is moved in an effort to find the elusive piece of paper only to eventually have it turn up where he'd looked at the very outset. He reckons I hide them on purpose but I can assure him I'd rather he remembered to put

them in the same place each month it would save me having to suffer the earache he gives me whilst tearing the place apart.

We've had a hedgehog visit recently which has large white patches of spines - looks most odd, but it's been a talking point between the grandchildren who found him (or it could be a her).

We even had a squirrel in the garden the other morning balancing along the top of the fence - never seen one of those here before, the closest trees are such long way off I reckon he must have been lost.

# 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,  
Tothill St.

Major Trevor Green tel: 822 308 or 825  
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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

# ST MARY MAGDALENE MONKTON SERVICES IN OCTOBER

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10:15am Holy Communion (CW)

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10:15am Holy Communion (BCP)

16 10:15am United Holy Communion  
with Methodists

23 10.15am Family Service

30 10.00am Benefice Service at St  
Nicholas – no Service at Monkton today

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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Animal Service!

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

11 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

18 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

25 09:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

30 10.00am Benefice Service at St  
Nicholas – no Services at Minster today  
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

## **BRING YOUR PETS TO CHURCH!**

Animal Service Sunday 2 October  
10.30am @ St Mary's

We are looking forward to welcoming friends of all shapes, sizes and noises for our Annual Animal Service. Bring your pets and come let's celebrate together all our furry friends!

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

TDC Villages

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

Email: [cldr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk](mailto:cldr-bob.grove@thanet.gov.uk)

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown

Tel: 821 449

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822 368 or 07850 233 359

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County

County Councillor Roger Latchford OBE

Tel: 01843 841 956 or email:

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Contacting your MP: Sir Roger Gale MP

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Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were

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