

**MINSTER MATTERS**  
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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council will be held on:

Tuesday, **7<sup>th</sup> September.** in the Neighbourhood Centre at **7 pm.**

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; telephone: 821339 fax: 825269

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

Next month's meeting will be held on: Tuesday, **5<sup>h</sup> October.**

## EDITORIAL

Yet another month has gone never to be seen again, that makes me even older and getting dangerously close to my next birthday, however health wise I am now feeling much better having just about got over my recent op and I'm looking forward to being able to waffle on here for the foreseeable future at least.

Sadly we may soon say goodbye to Amy as she has her house on the market and is looking to relocate away from Thanet. No doubt you've all read our plea on the front page, so I'm expecting a whole host of candidates stepping up to the plate and offering their services. Just hope I survive the stampede !!

Nora and her youngster are doing well, she and Barry are now beginning to get young Eamonn into an earlier routine for bedtime.

Sue is her usual forgetful self and attends meetings and recordings if and when she remembers.

Brenda has got over her fall and is back walking Grady's legs off, whilst you'll find Diane out most days, with her camera snapping anything and everything.

Eve ? Well we haven't seen much of her of late, as she is always too busy working., but we don't mind, she's there if we need her.

What's been happening in the village lately? Well we've heard various mutterings on the grapevine but have so far been unable to substantiate any of them, in that

- 1/ We had a drugs bust where a householder was found growing certain noxious plants
- 2/ There have been reports of fly-tippers being caught at the High St car park
- 3/ Obnoxious bonfires were smoking out a whole street
- 4/ The age old problem of dog owners not clearing up after their pets, is still prevalent within the village
- 5/ And finally we've been told the Warden has been seen out and about (but this one is definitely only a rumour !!!!)

Did you notice the mention on the front page about Ebbsfleet Lane being closed **permanently** from 1st September, maybe, just maybe, this will see us no longer being plagued with outsiders using the village as a "rat run" or even as a daily extension to the company car park. We can but hope !

Sadly due to rising costs the team are considering a small increase in our advertising rates to help us keep our heads above water. This won't happen immediately, maybe in 6 months or so, but we thought we would break it to you gently now, so as it doesn't come as such a shock when it happens. We will make mention again closer to the time, just in case those who are like me and have the memory of a goldfish, forget.

Finally I've heard some great reports re the Show and especially reference the Scouts who did such an excellent job, in keeping the field tidy all day. They were a real credit to their uniform and their pack leaders. Let's hope the Show isn't cancelled for future years due to the irresponsible behaviour of the minority. Ray, Editor

**WANTED: ONE 'PRETTY' KEEN VOLUNTEER**  
**(Take that as you wish)**

Sadly the Minster Matters Team has recently been informed that they stand to lose one of their most important members (The Co-Editor, no less!!), due to a proposed house move away from this area. How imminent this is, will obviously depend on the sale of their current property.

So just in case this happens sooner rather than later, we are now putting out feelers for a very keen volunteer to take over. We need someone who is reasonably competent at using a computer (note: two fingered typists will be accepted), can work with a wide variety of software programs (although we mainly use Word and Serif), or is able to pick up new skills quite quickly (we promise we'll give you some tuition), to come and join us in keeping this magazine as good, if not better than, it is today.

A bit of artistic flair would be a bonus, but is not an absolute requirement, however it is useful, especially in "having an eye" to setting out pages or producing new advertisements to customer's requirements.

The position does, by necessity, entail some long hours, especially across the weekend of each month when we go to print, so as well as ensuring we get it to print on time some very careful personal pre-holiday planning is called for.

This opening may better suit an insomniac who doesn't have to be up early on a Monday morning for work!, but realistically we are willing to consider anyone; young, old, male, female, or anywhere in between. Oh, and you need to be able to put up with our Editor and his quirky ways, or his last minute changes.

So no pressure there then!!

Interested in offering your services?

Go on don't be shy, we don't bite, honest!!

Please email us at: [editorialteam@minstermatters.org.uk](mailto:editorialteam@minstermatters.org.uk)

or drop a note into the library, marked for our attention, giving us just a few brief details of yourself and your skills (or lack of!!).

Unfortunately, there's no financial reward, except maybe a belated Christmas dinner, but we do offer great job satisfaction!!

**READERS REQUIRED FOR AUDIO VERSION OF Minster Matters**

We are always keen to welcome volunteers to help us on our audio recording evenings, which we hold once a month up at the Holiday Inn, usually on the Tuesday evening following the magazine going to print.

Qualifications are very straightforward. Just answer this simple question: Can you read out loud? Did you say "Yes"? Then you're just the person we need !!

Don't be bashful, none of our existing team are anywhere near word perfect and we have a variety of accents between us. In fact some of our monthly out-takes have been hilarious and there's not a month goes by when we don't at least have a good giggle. We never take it too seriously so you could be in good company.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### **PUBLIC FOOTPATH OPENING**

The footpath down the side of the new development at Heronsbrook (bottom of Prospect Road) that many fought so hard to retain, is to be officially opened on Wednesday 1st September at 11am. Members of the public are invited to attend the short ceremony, that will take place at the Monkton Road end of the path.

### **EBBSFLEET LANE**

Ebbsfleet Lane, from its junction with Thorne Hill and The Lanes through to the A256 at Tubbs Corner will be closed **PERMANENTLY** from Wednesday 1st September, as the new East Kent Access Road is being developed across it. Access to Sandwich will then be via the A299 to its junction with the A256 at the Lord of the Manor roundabouts.

### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SITE IN ST MILDREDS ROAD**

Minster Parish Council has been consulted by Lee Evans Planning Consultants on behalf of the Trustees of St Augustine's Abbey. They are intending to relocate from the Abbey in Ramsgate and need to sell their assets to do this.

Their initial proposals are to seek permission to demolish the Church and existing house and redevelop it with 4 detached dwellings.

Copies of the draft plans are available at the Parish Office please contact the Clerk on 821 339 to arrange to view the plans and make any comments which can be forwarded to the planning consultants via the Parish Office.

**A formal application has now been submitted to TDC so please watch for notices going up on lamp posts etc in the area.**

### **SMALL GRANTS FOR VILLAGE GROUPS**

The Parish Council has set aside limited funding to allow it to offer small grants to village groups and organisations. If any group is interested in applying for a grant they should request an application form from the Parish Council at the address shown below. All applications are required to be submitted by 30 September 2010 to allow them to be considered by the appropriate committee of the council and those grants approved will be payable from the 1st April 2011.

**Please submit your application or enquiries to:**

**Mrs. Kyla Lamb, Parish Clerk,**

**Minster Parish Council, 4A Monkton Road, Minster CT12 4EA**

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

**Tel: 821 339**

## **SUNRISE KIDS NEPAL**

We were contacted most unexpectedly by John McCann of 'Sunrise Kids Nepal' a very small charity that has been set up to support Nepalese orphans. What surprised us most was that this charity operates from Minster and yet we knew nothing about it, although we feel sure there are villagers who have heard of them, as one of their members is also involved with the Minster Playhouse. We agreed to meet John and Niki one evening for a chat, in an effort to try to give their charity some much needed publicity and make residents aware of what good work they are doing.

Unlike the orphanages in Rumania, the Harka Self Supporting Orphanages that this charity are assisting are more like extended family homes, and each of the 7 orphanages they currently support cares for around 15 to 25 children. The children will remain with their 'family' until they are 18 having completed their schooling and being ready to start work.

The charity has key 6 core development areas that form the basis of their fund raising efforts. They are; Education, Play and Home Environment, Community, Health and Hygiene, Farming and Agriculture, Sustainability (Long term), and John tells us that they are at present supplying each child with a year's worth of toiletries in individual bags and each orphanage with a first aid kit and training for some 'staff' members.

They have so far managed to get a number of commercial sponsors interested not least of which are Avant Capital a New York based Real Estate investment bank, who are offering some financial help, Lonely Planet who have supplied many travel books for them to sell and Lea Ray UK a leading manufacturer and supplier of school uniforms etc, who have donated a huge amount of brand new items that were destined for landfill as the particular schools they were originally made for had made significant changes to their uniforms and these were of the old colours and/or designs.

Every penny they raise goes to help the youngsters, with the whole team paying their own expenses and even buying additional items with personal funding. They are keenly looking toward becoming an officially registered charity as soon as they can, but their bank balance still falls short of the £5k required to be able to do so, however they have started a "Summit Club" whereby members agree to donate £10 per month or £100 per year and it is hoped to be able to enlist 50 people to commit to this, so if you're interested please see contact details below. Even our 'Haiti' knitters might be able to assist in helping these orphans, please contact John for further information on this if you think you could help.

Their website can be found at **<http://www.sunrisekidsnepal.org>**

and it is really worth a look, or check out Sunrise Kids Nepal on Facebook, where there are some really good pictures.

**Ring them on 07939 872032 or email: [info@sunrisekidsnepal.org](mailto:info@sunrisekidsnepal.org)**

In need of a travel book or two then don't forget they have these for sale, contact them on the email address or telephone number above.

**PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)  
NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER**

Pfizer Community Award Scheme

As announced last month, thanks to Pfizer's kind donation, the group will now be able to purchase the following equipment :

1. **Oxiometer** - to enable a more accurate diagnosis for patients with breathing difficulties

2. **Blood Pressure Monitors x 6** - for patients personal use at home under the guidance of their GP. Once purchased, these will be presented to the surgery, on a date to be announced.

Flu Vaccinations for Winter 2010/11

The Flu vaccination program for this winter will be carried out on the mornings of Saturday 9th and 16th October. Eligible patients will be advised in due course and invited to make an appointment with the surgery.

Training Days

The Surgery will be closed for staff training from midday onwards, on the following dates :

**14th September, 21st October, 9th November**

Patients who need to see a doctor during these times, please contact "Doctors on Call" via the normal surgery number - 821333

Thank you.

Missed Appointments

During the last month, 68 ( YES! SIXTY EIGHT! ) patients failed to attend for their appointment. So that's "SIXTY EIGHT" other patients who could have had an appointment at the surgery.

WHAT A WASTE OF YOUR TIME AND YOUR RESOURCES! ! PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL! !

Patient Group Meeting

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th September.**

For further information on this, or any of the topics covered above, please contact :

Jean Taylor on 845072 or Ken Self on 821200

## YOUR LETTERS

### **PUBLIC ACCESS BUT NOW PRIVATE??**

Dear Editor, This might be an interesting article and worth printing.

"A local farmer is trying to restrict access to Minster Marshes. This is after decades of continual use by Children, Parents, Bird Watchers, Dog Walkers, Picnickers, and the general Public. **WHY?** Can they do this? Can it be enforced? What will the National Footpath Association think?"

I have two photos. The first is closest to the farm and on the road to a storage shed. In the past, people could use this path to access the railway line path. The second is the latest hand written sign and is out along the roadway, the other side of the railway line heading to the marshes.

Where is this you may ask, here is my best effort at a description of the locations:

From the Abbey Wall proceed along Durlock and there are large yellow metal posts, stopping vehicles, but allowing pedestrians through onto the farm. There is a footpath signpost in the farm directing people down to this point, and it is here where the printed sign is located. There are no other signs, so people walk down a concrete road. About a mile along the road there is a railway level crossing. You could either turn left along a grass roadway to Ebbsfleet Lane, or turn right and follow a hard pressed shingle and chalk road running alongside the railway line past a large nature duck pond. It is at this point that the hand written sign is situated. 'No Public Access'. There is an arrow on a stick directing you along the side of a big field to a stile, cross the railway line, along the overgrown paths and eventually you come to Rivers Court.

*From a concerned Resident (Name and Email address supplied)*

*Terry Walton, Ex Road Sweeper* would like to thank the people of Minster for the support and friendliness received whilst cleaning their village.

*To all who organised this year's Minster Show* - another excellent afternoon of entertainment as usual, and very good value for money.

I was particularly impressed by the wonderful group of young people, who collected the litter, keeping the Recreation Ground clean and tidy. They continued to be cheerful and hard-working throughout even the hottest part of the day. Well done - a fantastic example to us all.

(Minster resident, name and address supplied).

## **YOUR LETTERS**

*Stan the Greengrocer* wishes to thank all his customers for their support over the 16½ yrs he has been in the shop. He will miss you all and hopes to see many of you whilst he's out and about in the village.

*Joyce Seath* wishes to say a big thank you to the very kind gentleman who stopped to help her when she fell recently in the village. She can only tell us that he was kind enough to stop his car, get out and help her up and then take her home, whoever you are Joyce says you were wearing a blue and white striped shirt and she is really grateful for your help.

## **FROM THE LIBRARY**

Well done to all the SPACE HOPPERS who are taking part in the library summer reading challenge. KEEP ON READING THOSE BOOKS!

For the grown ups if you want to know all about the weather there will be a selection of books for the September display at Minster Library.

## **MANNERLESS MOTORIST IN MINSTER**

I know you mentioned it in your last issue, but can I put out another plea for people to drive sensibly up and down Tothill Street.

I have recently been subjected to verbal abuse from a driver who, even though it was not his right of way felt it would be alright for him to pull out around parked cars and directly into my path. This forced me to brake sharply, not wishing to have a head on collision!! The car travelling behind just missed going into the back of my car. He then felt justified in stopping his car and shouting obscenities at me. I would like to point out that I was travelling at 28 mph, down the hill with parked cars on opposite side of the road from me, and that I had my two young children in the car with me.

I think that the issue of safety of traffic on this hill needs to be considered by our council, especially with the ongoing roadworks and the application for more houses being built along Monkton Road, increasing the amount of traffic using our village as a shortcut. I hope the person concerned in this incident feels the bigger man for his behaviour, and would be able to explain to my children why he behaved in the manner he did. I fear though that he may have a limited vocabulary!!

*Name supplied*

## **YOUR LETTERS**

### **DEAR EDITOR**

I was interested to read in your July issue that David Harlow was the fifth generation of the Harlow family to be born in Minster.

My interest is that my brother married Hazel Harlow in the 1930's. Hazel was, I believe, born in Minster. Her father was George Harlow who was a milkman and had a dairy on the corner of Monkton and Edgar Roads.

I think she had two brothers, Edgar and Eric, one of whom had a butchers shop in Tothill St. I wonder if this is the same family?

Yours faithfully, Robert Gibb

PS What an excellent magazine !!

*We have received some great background information to the WLOG picture we published a couple of issues ago and we thank those who came forward . Special thanks go to Irene Foster and Betty Harbottle for their knowledge and interesting letters.*

### **MINSTER PLAYHOUSE**

Minster's own award-winning amateur drama group, the Minster Playhouse, continues its policy of improvement to its technical department.

Earlier in the year, with the consent and cooperation of the Minster Village Hall Committee, the Playhouse created and installed a de-mountable lighting beam to enhance the lighting of its productions. This year's May play, *Ghostwriter*, won a cup for technical excellence at the Kent Drama Awards.

Over four days, two members of Minster Playhouse, Scott Steele and David Downes-Powell, have worked at the Village Hall installing two new theatrical curtain tracks to be used in future productions, replacing the noisy and heavy rollers that used to carry backcloths.

Scott, and David, who are both sixty-one and no longer sylph-like, spent many hours in the Hall loft and up a gantry fixing the rails securely

### **MINSTER CARNIVAL COURT**

Roy reports to us that the Court have again proved themselves as great ambassadors for the village in winning the Queen of Queens at Margate, 1st Princess Pairs at Whitstable, 3rd Float at Herne Bay and 3rd Tableau at Sheppey.

Well done to you all!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### VACANCY FOR STREET CLEANSING OPERATIVE/GENERAL ASSISTANT

A vacancy has arisen for the position of Street Cleansing Operative/ General Assistant for Minster Parish Council

Please note a full clean driving licence is essential

For an application form and job description please contact

Kyla Lamb the Parish Clerk on 821339 or email

clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Applications should be submitted to the Parish Office

by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Previous applicants who were interviewed will be considered

**FOUND:** in the Watchester Lane area, a man's cycle. If you think it might be yours contact 821543 with a description.

### **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS at MONKTON NATURE RESERVE**

People that can spare a few hours each week to help with sorting books in the shop and some that are willing to look after plants that we will be offering for sale

More people are needed for occasional Saturday working parties on the Reserve and all ages from 18 upwards are welcome to come along

Building and painting are some of the many tasks that we can offer to volunteers as well all in a local and friendly environment

**Please telephone the Reserve directly on 822 666**

**or 843 083** *Thank you*

### **HELP NEEDED at RSPCA ISLE OF THANET BRANCH**

We are looking for volunteers to help in many different ways at the Centre, for fundraising and also to help cut the grass (we have a ride-on mower for this!).

**To find out more please visit or contact the Branch:**

**Woodchurch Animal Centre, Queensdown Road,**

**Woodchurch, Birchington**

**Telephone: 826 180**

## **THE SALVATION ARMY**

The Salvation Army, Annual Appeal

*"We believe in people"*

During the month of September, members of The Salvation Army and volunteers will be delivering and collecting gift envelopes in Minster, Monkton, St Nicholas, Cliffsend, Birchington, Minnis Bay, Acol, Preston, Wingham, Stourmouth, Wickhambreaux and Ickham. Please be ready to receive them and give generously.

The Salvation Army is a Christian church which seeks to put its faith into action in the community. Many of the people whom The Salvation Army helps feel they have no place in our society. Poverty, family breakdown, homelessness, drug abuse and even old age can set people apart and leave them feeling marginalised, but The Salvation Army believes that people's lives can be changed for the better, no matter how big their problems appear. That is why they offer practical help including residential centres for families at risk, homeless people, people struggling with addictions and older people as well as a variety of community programmes.

Next to the Government, The Salvation Army is the biggest provider of social services in the UK. Whilst love and friendship are freely given, running the services takes time, expertise and money. Our local target is £4,500. That is why The Salvation Army needs your support.

**If you are able to help deliver or collect envelopes, please contact Major Denise Cooper on 822 308**

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

August was a quiet month with no meeting but we recently enjoyed a superb Strawberry Tea, organised by Marion Rose, and held in her and husband Rodney's garden.

Unfortunately the weather was not kind to us, being overcast for most of the afternoon with subsequent rain: however, it did not spoil our enjoyment of the delicious strawberries, scones with jam and cream, and cakes!

Once again, our stall at the Village Show sold out of the cakes and bakes made by members, so "Thank You" to all who provided the goodies, and to all who supported us by buying them.

**The next meeting will be on 14th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**, when Don Wilks will be showing some of his beautiful photographs, and members are asked to bring a "Summer Photo".

Visitors and new members will be made welcome.

## MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

August is a strange month in many ways for the Club, with a lull before Finals Day and other tournaments going on in East Kent. The friendly games have resulted in 20 wins to 12 losses.

In the Men's section (sorry Ladies no details on your successes) the Leagues finish this month. With one game to go the Club are in the No.1 spot, in the East Kent League. In the Isle of Thanet (IOT) the Premier won their last game and are now in 5th place. The IOT Combination teams show a 4th for the 'B' team whilst the 'A' team are 9th. The winners achieved 59 points, our teams 52, and 33.

Tournaments run by other clubs have seen quite a few of our players trying their luck. Sylvie P and Len lost out in the main competition of the Pairs, but won the Plate event. We had several getting to the quarter and semi final stages in the other events.

The Isle of Thanet "Glenwood Trophy" saw the IOT Men successors over the Ladies and the match ended with a Strawberry Tea.

The reports on the health of our President Dick Stott and Ted Wilson are very encouraging. KEEP IT UP CHAPS.

**Those who attended the Barn Dance earlier this year and would like another enjoyable evening make a note that 8th October is the date.**

Thank you from the Club to all those who bought teas & cakes, plus other items from our stalls at the Show, your support was appreciated.

*Glynne H.*

## MINSTER MAYHEMS

The Mayhems caused mayhem as usual at Broadstairs Folk Week and thoroughly enjoyed it !!

They processed and were admired. The level of their dancing has improved and was noted by many sides who have seen them develop over the last 3 years.

Pete (a Molly dressed in Baby Pink) from Royal Liberty got well wrapped in ribbons in a Barbers Pole ! There should be some good pictures around somewhere. (Do you know of any - can we copy them for our website? Please forward all pictures to Minster Matters for them to add to our site for us, thank you.)

The children are now on holiday but will be back practising again in September readying themselves for Hop Hoodening in Canterbury and for the Deal Festival.

**Anyone interested in joining please come and meet us at the Old Schools on a Friday evening, during term time, from 5.10pm to 6.15pm**

*Dominique*

## ANIMALS IN NEED OF RE-HOMING

### RSPCA ISLE OF THANET BRANCH

Woodchurch Animal Centre

Queensdown Road, Woodchurch, Birchington

Telephone: 826180

[www.rspcakent.org.uk](http://www.rspcakent.org.uk)

### CATS

These two cats are desperately looking for a home having been with us for some time now.

**Victor** is an adult male who came to us as an injured stray. He had a burst abscess on his side which was very painful and infected. He has recovered well with antibiotics and is now desperately looking for a new home. He was very scared and grumpy when he first came to us (hence his name) but is now showing love and affection. He is still quite timid and will need a quiet loving home without young children. His estimated age is 3-4 years.

**Rosie** is a 9 year old female who came to the centre because her owner was moving to a flat and was unable to take her. She doesn't like other cats so is finding it very stressful being in a cattery environment. Rose is quite an independent cat who likes fuss on her terms! She has been with us now for some time and is desperate for a home.

**Boots** is 3 years old and she came to us as her owners were moving and were unable to keep her. She has lived with dogs and children and we would like her to find a new home with Biscuit if possible.

**Biscuit** is 3 years old and he came to us as his owners were moving and were unable to keep him. He has lived with dogs and children and we would like him to find a new home with Boots if possible.

**Thunder** is a 4 month old male who came to us as his owner had too many cats to cope with. He is very friendly and is looking for a loving home.

**Tia** is a five year old female who came to us following the death of her owner. She is very friendly and is looking for a loving home.

**Rupert** is a 4 month old male who came to us as his owner had too many cats to cope with. He is very friendly and is looking for a loving home.

**May** is an adult female who was abandoned in a box at the side of a busy road. She is very friendly and is looking for a loving caring owner.

**Tigger** is nearly 3 years old and he came to the centre due to the ill health of his owner. He is very friendly and loves plenty of fuss and cuddles.

**Cinders** is a 2 year old female who came to us as her owners moved and couldn't take her with them. She is quite timid with strangers but is friendly once she gets to know you. She has lived with children and other cats.

**Jet** is an adult male who was brought to us by the Inspector after being abandoned. He is shy but friendly and would love a new and caring owner. Jet is used to living with another cat.

**Bitzie** is an adult female who was brought to us by the Inspector after being abandoned. She is quite shy at first but is friendly once she gets to know you. She is looking for a quiet home where she can have lots of love. She has lived with another cat.

**Fluff** is an 18 month old male who came to the Centre with 3 other cats, following a change in his owners circumstances which meant they were no longer able to keep him. He is very shy but friendly and is used to living with cats, dogs and children.

**Toffee** had been living rough in a shed and is now looking for a permanent loving home. He is very friendly but has a mischievous streak in him. If you can offer a loving home to Toffee please contact the Centre.

**April** is 7 years old and is desperate for a new home as she has been with us for 3 months now. She came to us heavily pregnant as her owners no longer wanted her, her **2 kittens** have been weaned and they are now also looking for a home.

**Em & Tee** are 3 years old and they were brought to the centre with kittens by an RSPCA Inspector. They are both very friendly and we are looking for them to be home together as they are very dependant on each other.

#### **DEGU'S & RATS**

**Diana** is one of a group of Degu's who were abandoned. They need a loving home with someone who can give them the care and attention they need.

**Mum** and 4 baby Degu's, an adult pair of males and a single female were abandoned and are all looking for loving homes.

**Lucky & Baby** are a pair of 7 month old female rats who came to the centre due to a child's allergy. They are looking for a loving home together.

#### **RABBITS**

**Rex** is an adult silver male rabbit who was abandoned along with several other pets. He is looking for a loving home where he can have lots of cuddles.

**Lilly** is a female adult Lionhead who was abandoned by her owner. She is friendly and would love a family of her own.

**Daisy** is a 2 year old female x Lionhead who came to the Centre as her owner no longer had time to look after her. She is very friendly and is used to having lots of cuddles and attention. She does require regular grooming due to her long coat.

*All information was taken from the RSPCA website and was correct at time of going to print. If contacting the Centre please be aware that some of the animals may already have been re-homed but more may have taken their place and are still looking for a good home if you can provide one.*

## **MINSTER SHOW 2010**

The Chairman writes: Unfortunately Friday night was somewhat of a hassle with some of the youth of the village trying to get into the main marquee, drinking and shouting at the security guard.

5.45am Saturday morning, a less windy time than last year and the Coopers were there putting up the Showcase tent. They also used the motorway cone method of putting out chairs from the back of their trailer.

The marquee filled up and everyone had a really good day. Races and events in the arena were all enjoyed.

Then came Saturday night. The Ceilidh was ruined by young members of the community trying to get under the sides of the marquee to take drink and handbags and by 4am there was still a small group of youngsters causing problems, clearly under the influence of alcohol.

7.00am Sunday, the committee that were there were disappointed to face a rope from the marquee tying about 50 chairs to the main pole and the theft of a strimmer which had been a prize in the Grand Draw.

Thank you to everyone who helped, supported or contributed on or before the day, from organising the Parade, collecting the litter or even counting race laps, without you the day wouldn't have been so successful.

### MM Editor writes

*At the 'wind down meeting' the committee failed to reach a decision on the future of the Show, and they are now awaiting the response of the village at their AGM on Friday 15th October, which will be at 7.30pm in the Neighbourhood Centre. So, be sure, if you want the show to continue then come and give them your support, at that meeting. They need public support more than ever as without it they may be forced to abandon the show for future years.*

### **IT REALLY HAS GOT THAT BAD !!**

*Such a pity that so few have to ruin something that gives pleasure to so many.*

*Do you wish to give the committee your views before the AGM, then please write to us here at Minster Matters and we will pass them on for you. Do you have any good pictures from the Show? The Committee would love to have copies to add to their website, please email or send copies to Minster Matters, who will get them back to you, if need be, after they have been scanned. This years trophy winners and numerous other show pictures are already available. for your enjoyment. on our website at [www.minstershow.org.uk](http://www.minstershow.org.uk) . Take a look at this years pictures - can you put names to faces - let us know via Minster Matters then we can add that information to the site. Want copies of any of them then let MM know and we'll see what we can arrange.*

### **Yvonne's Pick of the Poems**

This was written by a sheep farmer we met in New Zealand, South Island, his name is Jim Morris. What a character he is, as are, all the shepherds and farmers I met. Jim put together a book of poems and sold them to raise money for Cancer relief, as he lost his dear wife with this dreaded disease. Jim is such a typical N/Z character and Joan Collins met him to aid him in the marketing of his book. He is a very shy man and did not really want to meet anyone, but the fishing guide introduced us and he came out from his home, in a remote hill farm, on the upper reaches of the Ahuriri River, to speak to us, as he allowed us to fish on his land. He wore a suit the day he met Joan, and he really looked so uncomfortable, not at all used to dressing up. He really is a great chap.

Here we go –

#### **NOT FAIR**

I gave up the booze and the smoking too.  
 Ate plenty of bran that made me go to the loo.  
 Cut down on red meat, left the fat on the plate.  
 And eat all the things that I used to hate.  
 Drank decaffeinated coffee and only skimmed milk.  
 Lots of fruit and veggies and things of that ilk.  
 Disassociated myself from chop eating louts.  
 And eagerly tucked into healthy bean sprouts.  
 Went jogging at night and lost lots of weight.  
 Came home for dinner, a half empty plate.  
 Muesli and yoghurt, cooked nothing in fat.  
 Never went out in the sun without wearing a hat.  
 Bacon and eggs became a thing of the past.  
 And every so often I went on a fast.  
 Felt really awful, hardly alive.  
 But knew to a hundred I was sure to survive.  
 The shame of it all having gone to that fuss.  
 Went to town, got run over, by a bloody red bus.

*Jim Morris*

How about that then – Yvonne Chapman

## JOURNALIST CLUB

Due to the school holidays there were no selected Editors this month, however I've looked back over the work we have from the journalists club that we haven't previously printed, and I've selected some of Kai's Powerpoint slides as he never ever got round to writing something for us.

However before I get to that can I just take this opportunity to say a huge huge thank you to all of the pupils from year 6 that came and took part on a Thursday lunchtime throughout the past year.

If any of you are reading this I will miss you all, even though some of you were very cheeky at times or even managed to forget my name for most of the year !!

To those of you from year 5 who have now moved up to year 6 I hope you'll continue to come and support us.

Also I'd like to say a big thank you to Miss Wood for taking over from Miss Jackson and a special thank you for the Easter Egg, it was delicious.

Thank you also to year 6 for the really great cards and the sweets that you gave me, I'm so sorry that I wasn't at school to accept them from you in person. I must say the sweets were my favourites and therefore they didn't last long, but being liquorice allsorts they did give me a very black tongue Ha Ha.

I'm really looking forward to meeting new pupils after the holidays, so if you're in years 5 or 6 and you would like to join the Journalists Club then please see Miss Wood and get your name on her list.

After the great effort in last months magazine re Bullying I've been thinking that maybe we can run some more themed month's throughout next year, so get your thinking caps on as I'm looking to you to come up with some good ideas.

Continuing with our usual method of involving the whole school, or at least those who are interested, we will again be holding our usual Magazine Logo Competition around December for ALL pupils, so watch the school noticeboards for details and then get your entries in, for a chance to win a super prize (well we think they're good!!)

Finally, are any of you following "Landy" Bear on his adventures around the world? We have a page setup on the Minster Matters website where we would like pupils, not necessarily members of the Journalist Club, to write a bit for us each month that we can then add to the website, to show how Minster School are tracking his progress. Interested ? Then let Miss Wood know and we'll get something organised

From Ray

**WHAT'S ON****BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY****26<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 6 – 7pm****The Salvation Army, 11 Tothill Street, Minster**

Were you once a member of The Salvation Army?

Did you once attend The Salvation Army here in Minster?

You are invited to an informal evening of music, coffee / tea and chat.

Please come along with friends and family to reminisce, share memories and experiences of times spent together.

**40th MINSTER ART EXHIBITION & SALE****Saturday 2nd October at 10am - 5pm****AND****Sunday 3rd October at 11am - to 4pm**

Water Colours - Oils - Pastels - Glass

Wood - Pottery - Photography

Refreshments available in Old Schools.

Exhibition sponsored by Minster Garage (Bush Autos).

Solve your Christmas Present Problem.

**St. Nicholas-at-Wade****CHARITY DAY** will be held on **Saturday, 30th October**

in St. Nicholas Church from 10.00am to 3.00pm

Refreshments available. Come and support the many local and national charities

**MINSTER BADMINTON CLUB**

has vacancies for new adult members with Playing Experience

**New season starts Thursday, 3rd September**For information contact: **Eric on 821744 or Carol on 822176**

ACOL VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENT:

**A RACE NIGHT** at Acol Village HallOn Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 – 10.30pm.

Including 'Bangers &amp; Mash' Supper

Tickets @ £6 per head **must** be bought in advance.

Please ring: 847705 or 842764 to book.

## **WHAT'S ON**

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES

ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE/WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KENT CHURCHES

TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

PLEASE DO SUPPORT THIS BY SPONSORING A RIDER OR WALKER

PER CHURCH VISITED OR LUMP SUM

Sponsorship forms and further details from ST. MARY'S CHURCH,  
MINSTER

Or ring Heather Bosence on 821 125

## **Monkton Nature Reserve**

### **SUN WATCHING**

**Solar Observation Day on Saturday 28th August from 12.00noon to 5.00pm**

The sun is a fascinating object to observe, but extreme care is needed to do so safely.

So come along to the Reserve and watch under the guidance of experts from SEKAS

Admission to the Reserve and the Solar Observation Session is only £3.00 per person

**A special "Observing the Moon" session will be held on October 16th from 7.00pm to 10.30pm**

WARNING: Never look directly at the Sun with the naked eye or any optical instrument

## **DOG WALK**

**Held on Sunday 19th September, 10.30am from The Bell Inn in Minster**

DISTANCE: APPROX. 4 MILES (1½-2 hours)

This is a very popular walk that takes you from The Bell Inn, through the Minster countryside and back to The Bell where you can enjoy refreshments and/or a meal if you wish. Dogs are welcome in the gardens but must be kept under control

.For more information/sponsor forms

Write: enclosing S.A.E. To

RSPCA Sponsored Dog Walk,

Woodchurch Animal Centre, Queensdown Road, Woodchurch,

Birchington,

Email: [ekac@rspcakent.org.uk](mailto:ekac@rspcakent.org.uk) Telephone 826180

All proceeds from the walk go towards a kennel block at the Woodchurch Animal centre and animal welfare in general

**WHAT'S ON****Change 4 Life****Family Programme Tuesday's****Starting on 21st September 3.45- 5.45**

A 5 week course at Minster Primary School – To include fun recipes breakfast smoothies, food labels, family fitness sessions and much more- contact Ali Gillat for more details 821384

**Computer Courses For You -Tuesdays 1.15- 3.15****Starting on Tuesday 28th September**

4 Week Course - Using the Internet Safely, Understanding Family Internet Safety. Understanding Job Hunting On Line/ Jobs & Interviews, and Understanding you Childs Learning. at Minster Primary School – contact Ali Gillat for more details 821384

**Keeping Up With The Children Literacy & Numeracy Course - Mondays 9.15 – 11.15****Starting on Monday 22nd September at St Saviour's School Westgate.**

If you would like to find out more about how your child is learning at school as well as improving your own skill this is the course for you! For more information contact Vicky Biggs on 831707

**New Parenting course at Birchington School – Confident Parent/ Confident Child****Starting in September, date& time to be confirmed**

For more information contact Lesley Green 841046

**60'S GROUP "MARMALADE" GIVE FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE****Here's an event for all fans of 60's music!**

**The next fundraising event for QEQM Hospital League of Friends is a 60's Party Night on Saturday 9th October at the Pfizer Social Club, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich.**

The group "Marmalade", made famous by their hit song "Oobla-di, oobla-da", will be performing live at the event, and sharing the evening with a 60's style Disco.

Tickets, which must be booked in advance, are £19.50 (for over 18's only) and the ticket price includes a hot supper. The evening starts at 7.30pm and finishes at midnight.

**To book tickets please phone 01304 645678****For more information, phone 822431**

## **NOTES & EVENTS**

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**Tuesday 14th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Speaker: Don Wilks 'Autumn Surprise'

*Visitors and new members welcome*

COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

**Thursday 16th September in the Village Hall Committee Room**

From 10.00am to 12.00noon. All welcome

### **MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

#### **WOMEN'S SECTION**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**Monday 6th September 7.30pm**

Items in match box beginning with the letter "P"

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

*Raffle prizes needed for all meetings*

*For further information Miriam Smith 822589*

### **MOTHERS UNION**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**Wednesday 8th September from 2.00pm in the Church**

We will be celebrating 25yrs since our Branch was formed

Primrose will lead us in a short Service to celebrate this day

### **SATURDAY MARKET**

WILL BE HELD ON 11th September, 10.00am to 12.00noon

in the Old Schools. *Everyone Welcome*

### **SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET**

Last Saturday of every month

Next date 25<sup>th</sup> September

9am to 1pm

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

Next date 26<sup>th</sup> September

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade

for further information please contact

June Chadband on **226033**

or email: [k.chadband@btinternet.com](mailto:k.chadband@btinternet.com)

**India Bike Ride 3-12 November 2011**

Join us on a trip of a lifetime and cycle for 5 days through rural Rajasthan along with other like minded people and raise funds for the Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Canterbury (KM Charity of the Year 2010). This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> major fundraising event for the Centre which provides therapies, advice and support for people with MS in Kent. We are looking for over 30 people to take part in the event which finishes with a visit to the Taj Mahal. For more information and a registration pack call 01303 862 996 ,

e-mail [info@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk](mailto:info@lifecyclepromotions.co.uk)

or visit [www.kentmstc.co.uk](http://www.kentmstc.co.uk)

**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**

**MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 15th September

Village Hall 7.30pm

Speaker Janet Bryant "Care of house plants"

Points table: A house plant

All visitors are welcome 50p

**AUTUMN SHOW**

Saturday 18th September in the Village Hall from 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Entry is open to anyone.

Schedule and Entry Form from Mrs. Joan Card 71a High Street.

## **NOTES**

### **AMBERS ADVICE**

*Strength in Quietness*

The dew falls silently at night when men sleep, and yet touches every plant and leaf and flower with new life and beauty.

### **TIGERS TIP**

To core a pineapple -

Use a small round pastry cutter to stamp out the core.

### **ZAC's MUSINGS**

Where will it all end ?

Do you know, I don't really care.

Most of my life I've had it pretty good, and I enjoy each day as it comes

## CHURCH NEWS

### Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster  
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250  
Sunday Services In  
SEPTEMBER 2010

#### 5th September

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am: Family Praise  
6.30pm: No service this month

#### 12th September

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

#### 19th September

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

#### 26th September

9am: No service  
10am: Harvest Festival

Mid week service at St Mary's  
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton  
Sunday Services In  
SEPTEMBER

#### 5th September

10.15am: Holy Communion

#### 12th September

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

#### 19th September

10.15am: Holy Communion with  
Methodists

#### 26th September

10.15am: Harvest Festival

#### Baptisms:

1st August: Thomas McAuley  
1st August: Freya Wallis

#### Funerals:

26th July: Brian Faulkner (71)  
at Minster Church and  
Thanet Crematorium

#### Weddings

at Minster Parish Church:  
31st July: Kathryn Rossiter and  
Alexis Caloudis  
7th August: Faye Matthews and  
Benjamin Willis

SS Ethelbert & Gertrude Catholic  
Parish Ramsgate and Minster  
Rev S. Fisher, 592071  
ethelbert@fastmail.fm  
www.rc.net/southwark/ramsgate

Parish Office:  
SS Ethelbert & Gertrude Church  
72 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7DS

Catholic Mass each Wednesday and  
Holyday of Obligation at 12 noon in the  
Church of St Mary the Virgin

For other services in Minster  
please see Minster Abbey entry.

#### Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for  
prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 7.30am

Mass 8.15am, Sunday 10am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6pm

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 3rd 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  
Major Denise Cooper  
825178 / 822308

#### Weekly Programme

##### Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)  
11.00 am - 12.00pm  
Morning Family Service,  
11 am - 12pm  
Evening Service, 6pm - 7pm

##### Monday

Baby Group  
(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),  
9.30am to 12.30pm  
Friendship Club  
(Over 50's), 2.15pm - 3.30pm

##### Tuesday

Parents and Tots,  
9.30am - 11.30am  
7 Up  
(children's club for year 3-6, ages 7-11)  
6pm - 7pm

##### Wednesday

Keep Fit, 10.15am - 11.15am  
Home League, 2.00pm - 3.45pm  
Pilates, 6.30pm-7.30pm  
& 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
(for details ring Andy on 07505399512)

##### Thursday

Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time  
9am - All are Welcome  
Please contact for details  
- not held at Hall

##### Friday

Due to circumstances, the Youth Club  
for 11-16 year olds is unable to  
commence at this time. Please look out  
for notification when this may happen.

##### Saturday

There are events happening on most  
Saturdays please see other pages of  
Minster Matters for details.

Salvation Army telephone number for  
the new building is 01843 825178

### 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.

#### 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



Musical interludes supplied courtesy of  
Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE