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Minster Show 2018

An amazing day for an amazing village! (More photos on pages 5,16,17 & 20)





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this service.

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 4 September @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre (There is no Meeting in

August)

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. There is

also a 15-minute period allowed at the end of the formal business to take questions from

the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website

and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

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

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

9.30am - 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the

office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

MINSTER POPPY DECORATIONS TO RECOGNISE THE 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF

THE END OF WW1 ON 11 NOVEMBER 2018

People of the village have been knitting, crocheting and sewing poppies for the last 18

months and we now have nearly 15,000 in storage. Others who have not been able to

do this have donated wool and cash to help the project along. It is now time to make a

start in putting the decorations together.

The Royal British Legion Club in Augustine Road, have agreed to allow us to use their

premises to do this. We will be making a start on Thursday 2 August at 2pm. and will

continue to do so on every Thursday until we have finished.

Everyone is welcome to help. If you can tie a knot or thread a wool needle then you can

help. This is not only for ladies, men are welcome to. Please bring your own wool needle

if you have one.

If you have any questions then please contact Barbara on 07874 214 279.

MINSTER POLICE SURGERY

PCSO Adrian Butterworth will be holding a surgery in Minster Library on the first Thursday

of each month from 2pm to 3pm

The surgery gives you a chance to raise local issues. Adrian will see people individually on a first come first served basis. If it's not possible to see everyone during surgery hours he will take your contact details and get in touch with you later.

Please note: Surgeries can be cancelled at short notice due to operational commitments.

KEEPING YOU SAFE

This month I want to talk about burglary again. During the hot weather when you are out

the burglars are out as well.

Burglars are often opportunists who will target an open window, an unlocked door or valuables on display if they think they can get away with it.

Most burglaries happen on weekdays, in daylight, when you're more likely to be out.

Simple things you can do to prevent becoming a victim are: keep keys, cash and expensive

items out of view. Use timer switches on lights and radios to make your house look occupied.

Keep all doors and windows locked and secure boundary gates. Lock away bikes and tools

and garden items that may be used to break into your home.

You should also photograph expensive items for reference when you need to report an

incident and where possible security mark items that can be marked with your postcode

and house number. Keep expensive jewellery locked away in a safe or strong box.

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

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

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MOBILITY SCOOTERS AND WHEELCHAIRS

Minster Matters has a small number of mobility scooters and wheelchairs that are available

for short term loan to residents and members of their families.

Please ring Ray on 07864 345 019 or email rayowen@gmail.com if you would like to

borrow one of these at any time.

THANK YOU

Jenny and I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has either spoken to

us or sent us cards since reading of Zac's passing. We even had a card from a very kind

lady in Broadstairs, whom we would also like to take this opportunity to thank, she tells us the she collects her copy from the Visitor Information Centre. Ray (co-editor)

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Hubbard (Former Head of Minster Primary School)

Liz Hubbard passed away peacefully on Saturday 7 July at her home in Canterbury.

She was an inspirational headteacher, always encouraging those who struggled and

particularly caring of 'naughty boys' – challenging their energies to good use!

Her love of literature and music shone through all her teaching and many will remember

her unselfish caring and commitment to education, not only of the individual child but her

love and concern for the whole family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her three children and grandchildren.

GOLD RING FOUND

On my way to work one morning I found what I believe to be a woman's wedding band

near Manston Park (Spitifire Way/Columbus Ave area).

From walking to work I know that Manston Park is a pleasant dog walkers spot and wondered if it might belong to someone in the village?

If you believe this to be yours please contact Sinead Stoddart – 07854 015 083 with a

description of the item.

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Wine and Wisdom in support of the Charity Porchlight

Thanks to all who supported our Wine and Wisdom evening on behalf of our

charity for

this year, Porchlight, which was a great success and another very happy evening.

Our autumn play 2018 is progressing well – more news on that next month.

Visit our website at www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

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QUILT EXHIBITION

Have you ever seen 'bopping in the aisles' at a quilt show? We have! At our own little

Festival of Quilts

The Thanet Quilters Exhibition at Minster Village Hall on 30 June and 1 July received hundreds of visitors from as far afield as Oxfordshire to see the wonderful array of quilts

of every colour and style; a truly fabulous collection showcasing the huge talent of our

members.

The journal quilts were seaside-themed to reflect the support for our chosen charity (Margate RNLI). Our judge, Jan Bevan, had the unenviable task of choosing the winner.

Our congratulations go to Diana Ansell as the winner in this section.

Our visitors were given the opportunity to vote for both Best Independent Quilt and Best

Group Quilt. We are thrilled to announce Beryl Bradley as Winner of Best Independent

Quilt with her Africa Quilt.

No quilt show can take place without a fantastic team and our thanks go to meeters and

greeters, buskers and bakers, tea makers and traders and the dedicated Committee team

who did a fabulous job in achieving such a brilliant show.

Particular thanks to Paul and Sally Willins and Eric James for their help over the weekend

and of course to Carol, whose drive and determination made it all happen.

For more information regarding meeting dates (we welcome independent guests to our

meetings) or how to start quilting please see our website: www.thanetquilters.weebly.com

MINSTER W.I.

Minster WI members were very interested to hear from nurse Vicky about the extra care

and support given to Dementia patients when they have to be admitted to hospital for

other health concerns. They are identified with a forget-me-not above their beds so that

staff can easily see that they may need extra understanding. Decor is often arranged to

make the surroundings less ward-like, and a room is set aside to be used as a lunch club

venue. Some are able to have i-pads to watch old television programmes or

films to help

stimulate memories. Regular carers and family members can spend more time with them.

Members had already voted to support the local hospital's Dementia Support Appeal and

had raised money by selling donated plants and holding a coffee morning. With donations

made by members at the meeting the total collected amounted to £186. 96. Members

also voted unanimously to give the profits from their forthcoming Teddy and Toy tombola

stall at the Minster show to the appeal, with a request that the money raised should be

used for the benefit of patients at QEQM hospital.

We have also enjoyed a very special strawberry tea this month, and although there will be

no regular meeting in August, we have planned a Bat and Trap evening followed by a fish

and chip supper on Tuesday 21 August.

Visit our website at: www.minsterwi.org.uk

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MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Several things to report this month.

On Sunday 24 June two of our members together with Miss Minster and her

Princesses

went across to Armbouts-Cappel to attend their annual Ducasse (Village Fair).

After a very early start due to a ferry cancellation they arrived to join and lead the parade around the village. Usually the whole village turns out to watch or participate after which

they all retire to the village hall and enjoy a meal and a few drinks. This year they cooked a massive pan of paella which I am reliably informed was very tasty. The afternoon carried

on with entertainment and karaoke.

On Saturday 7 July we took the two giants, Belle and St Mildred, to Canterbury to attend

their annual Medieval Pageant, where they re-enacted King Henry II' walk through the

town in sack cloth and ashes as penance for the killing of Archbishop Thomas Becket.

The Pageant organisers heard that we held the two giants in the village and asked us along

to join three others giants in the parade.

The giants looked a spectacular sight, with four of them nearly five metres high. We pushed

them around the town along with several hundred other participants including knights on

horse-back, several bands and many local school children in medieval dress with banners

and flags.

As the temperature soared to nearly 30 degrees the seven of us who went, although very

hot and tired, made it through a very enjoyable and different day.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Bingo Night on Saturday 14 July due to a lack of

advance bookings, mainly due we believe to the hot weather and the football World Cup

that was gripping the Nation at the time. However, all you Bingo fans, don't despair as we

are planning another night later in the year details to follow.

Don't forget to put these two dates in your diary:

Friday 7 September Quiz Night at the Royal British Legion.

Apart from a great fun night there is also a fabulous buffet.

Saturday 6 October Race Night.

Again, a great fun evening plus a three-course meal included for the unbelievable price of

£15 per person. Menu choices and booking forms are available now at the Royal British

Legion and with places limited you need to book now.

If you haven't been to one of our fun events before book one now, you won't be disappointed, so look out for our posters for booking details.

MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP

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

We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested. The charge per week

is £2.00 to cover the hall and includes refreshments. You are welcome to come along for a

free morning session to see what we are doing.

Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

C.Q.C. INSPECTION MAY 2018

We are very pleased to announce that following the inspection by the Care Quality Commission on Tuesday 15 May 2018, we have now received the final result and our

overall rating was classified as "Good". The full report can be seen on their web site at

www.cqc.org.uk

IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Following the beautiful weather, we experienced in June and July, and with the start of the

school holidays, for many of us summer holidays now beckon! So please remember to

order your "Repeat Prescriptions" in good time, and most importantly, check whether your

Annual Review is imminent. Please also remember that our Healthcare Professionals take

their holidays at this time as well and our resources may be slightly stretched, so please

make your appointments in good time and ensure they are used appropriately.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed as follows:

Bank Holidays - Monday 6 and 27 August - closed all day.

Staff Training (from 1pm onwards):

Thursday 27 September and Wednesday 17 October.

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 24 November and tables are now on sale

and going fast! Can those who have provisionally booked tables kindly confirm by the end

of August please, otherwise they will have to be put on offer to others, thank you.

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 KEN SELF on Thanet 821 200 or

JEANNE LAWRENCE on Thanet 821 049 or via email to kenself@me.com

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MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

Our friendly matches over the last few weeks have not been awe-inspiring but Minster

have performed well in the Cox Cup County Competition having won the first two rounds.

Both teams in the Bernard Annand Competitions have also won their first matches. The

match versus East Kent Bowls Association was a great success as was the County Event

that we hosted where the County played six triples against six local clubs including Minster.

The Open Day was disappointing with entries well down on previous years, but we are

indebted to W.S. Cole & Sons Ltd. who once again sponsored the event.

We are always looking for new members, regardless of experience, anyone

can have three

free sessions to see if the game is for them and once they join, coaching will be provided

by qualified coaches.

Contact me on 845 638 or e-mail brimaur26@gmail.com, you will be welcomed.

Visit our website at: www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk

COASTAL CRAFTY CREW

Craft fairs – Handmade and unique crafts

Sunday 12 August and Sunday 2 September 10am to 3pm

At Quex Small Barn, Quex Park, Birchington

Tombola in support of QEQM Hospital, East Kent Hospitals Trust and the PDSA

SSAFA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 8 September at The Saddler 7.30pm for 8pm start

Teams of up to 6

Book you team with Mark on 07966 262 338 (leave a message and number on voicemail)

or alternatively pop into The Saddler and book.

Our Quiz in May raised £237 for SSAFA

MEN'S SUPPER CLUB

Wednesday 26 September 6.45 for 7pm at Od Schools, Church St.

£8.50pp – Dinner, Dessert and a glass of wine provided

Booking essential – Peter Mockeridge on 01843 447 692 or 07981 184 224

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WINE & WISDOM

For Healthcare Ethiopia Partnership (Kent Midwives in Ethiopia)

Saturday 29 September 7pm for 7.30pm start

Old Schools, Church St.

Tables of 8 at £7.50pp includes a Cheese Ploughman's

Bring your own drinks – Tickets from Liz Shervington on 07968 473 689

or Kate Mockeridge on 07502 404 189

MINSTER & MONKTON GARDENING CLUB

NEXT EVENT – Saturday 8 September

Autumn Show

Village Hall 2pm -4.30pm

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

CLIFFSEND COFFEE MORNING

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

Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits

Just make a donation, no set prices.

AMBER'S ADVICE

The ideal of calm exists in a sitting cat

TIGER' TIP

Repurpose a cereal canister as a rubbish bin for the car

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JOURNALIST CLUB

The Shirt Machine by Jon Davis

In year 4 we are learning about explanation texts so we decided to work on the shirt machine as one of our 3 topics this term. We have been looking at making our writing

more uplevelled by adding more prepositions and better vocabulary. At the beginning we

created our shirt and labelled all of its features. Then we did our graphic organizers recording as much information as we could. After we did our first draft and made as many

improvements as we could. Finally, after all of our hard work we published it on the computer. The shirt machine is recommended for people aged 6 and upwards, it is really

enjoyable.

By Annabelle Boucher

Scratch in year 3 - Solving Problems

This term in computing we are solving problems. Miss Theoff is making mistakes so we

have to try and put them right so on one of them was times tables and it went up to 11

times 3 so we had to try and make it go up to 12 times 3 it was hard because the coding

looked very odd. One week in Scratch we had to solve a game. Miss Theoff had muddled

it up but when the person made the game she made it perfect. it was a pug standing there

and you moved the pug with the arrows on the keyboard to try and get as many balls as

you could in two minutes. because I finished all three things I got to play the game over

and over again and my best score was one hundred and four.

I love pugs because they are so cute and tiny, but pug puppies are the best because they

are so tiny and the also have cute tiny paws and faces.

The next week in Scratch we were seeing if the scratch cat could do divide but the problem

was that he could not do divide questions that ended with a remainder.

Lily Furmage

Year 4 Swimming

In year 4 we are going swimming every Friday until the end of the academic year. We go

to Joy Lane swimming pool in Whitstable it is also part of a private school so sadly no one

can come to watch. We travel in a coach there and back; Indigo class go before Copper

class so that there is more space for each class. Once we get to the pool we go into the

changing rooms and get into our swimming costumes. There are 3 groups each of different

levels there is a trainer for each group. Rob for group 3, Emma for group 2 and Olay for

group 1. In the first session we were sorted depending on how confident we were in the

water.

By Annabelle Boucher

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CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone 592 071

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

MINSTER ABBEY

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)

THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER CORPS Church & Community Centre

Lieutenants Luke and Katy Johnson tel: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers plus Bumps and Babies (Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

ST MARY MAGDALENE MONKTON SERVICES IN AUGUST

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10.15am Holy Communion

12 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

19 10.15am Holy Communion

26 4.00pm

Seamark – new worship for all - at Monkton Church

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN AUGUST

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

12 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

19 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship

26 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

Wedding at St Mary's

23 June – Cassia Lim and Maxwell Howells

Wednesday mornings at St Mary's 10.30am - Holy Communion followed by refreshments.

Holy Communion at home is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or

Monkton Church Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Bob Grove - Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

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

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown Tel: 821 449

District Councillor Reece Pugh Tel: 07740 288 713

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson Tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst Tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP

Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were:-

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