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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This month's meeting: Tuesday 5th July @ 7pm

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

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269 Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

There will be no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th September at 7pm.

EDITORIAL

Let me start this month by welcoming Fiona, Katie and Keith to the team. Fiona will be attending Council meetings for us, Katie is doing a bit of this and that, when we need her assistance, and Keith has come on board to tackle the thorny issue of commercial advertising. Look out for them joining the 'Rogues Gallery' anytime soon. (Well, when we've got their pictures that is) Thank you to you all for answering the call.

Sadly the rain affected the Twinning Associations Fun Day but I noted there were quite a few brave souls who came out to support them and the music was pretty good too, least ways I listened to it from my bath for most of the afternoon and it sounded ok to me.

Doggy doo doos and motorcycles seem to be the bane of most villagers lives at the moment. I've written elsewhere in this issue about the dogs, but issues with motorcycles, including those awful sounding mini ones, seem to be pretty prevalent of late. We've received complaints about them using the footpath down the back of Heronsbrook, plus they are regularly to be seen in the Rec, whilst more recently we've heard of problems in both the Augustine Road and Butts Field estate areas, and we've also encountered them along Marsh Farm Road. Just what we can do about them I don't know, however reporting them to our local bobbies seems as good a place as any to start, they have confiscated motorbikes previously and I'm sure they will do so again, if they have enough evidence to pinpoint particular individuals. If you can't get them on the phone then leave a note for them at the library where they have a mailbox that they check regularly.

I can now tell you that Minster Matters was nominated for a Queens Award for Voluntary Services (aka MBE for Voluntary Groups) this year, but sadly we were not one of the 130/410 chosen for that honour, nevertheless we would like to say a very special thank you to those of you who put in all the effort to submit the nomination and accompanying literature, your efforts are very much appreciated by the whole team and even though we didn't make the final awards we are grateful to you for believing we were worthy of such an acclaim, it makes our efforts in producing the magazine seem so worthwhile when people are so generous of their time to do something like that.

We have at long last got the keys to 'our office' so now it's a case of getting ourselves setup and ready to welcome you to our opening. We are still awaiting delivery of the braille embosser and we have quite a lot of work to do before we can open our doors to the public, but as soon as that is possible we will be announcing a date for you to come along and see what we have to offer and maybe partake of a bit of light refreshment with us. As we don't yet know when this will be (not too far off we hope) we will be announcing a date via posters around the village and a message on our website, so please keep your eyes open and come along and say hello on the day.

Don't forget if you're coming to 'The Show' on 23rd July then stop by at our gazebo (we'll be just outside the entrance to the marquee) and say hello, we'd

love to hear your views and ideas, so that's the day when you can tell us all the home truths about our efforts.

Finally I have a personal plea to make, for something I've been cajoled into taking part in. I am in need of borrowing a bowler hat just for a day, actually 31st July, when I can be seen taking part in the 'fashion show' at the Salvation Army, where Cynthia Neville and myself are hopefully parading as Laurel and Hardy with clothing from the shop, but I don't have a hat. If anyone can help please contact me on 822322 or email me at ray.owen@gmail.com

I promise to look after it very carefully and I will return it just as soon as I can afterwards.

Well space has beaten me yet again, thank you for listening.

LOCAL NEWS

EILEEN IS INVITED TO THE QUEEN'S GARDEN PARTY

Eileen Francis of Brockman's Close Minster has been invited to the Queens garden party in July. Eileen was nominated after 50 years of work caring. For 40 years she worked in a hospital, and then for 10 years she visited the elderly, caring for them in their homes. Although now retired Eileen continues to visit some elderly friends, helping where she can and running them around in her car to various clubs and functions. Eileen has also been standard bearer for the Minster and Monkton Royal British Legion for the past 30 years and holds the shield for the standard bearer for the whole of Kent, and has other cups and trophies. Eileen does not know who nominated her but would like to say thank you and that she feels very proud and honoured to have been put forward for such an accolade. Eileen's daughter Helen will be accompanying her and we hope they have a really lovely day. Well done Eileen.

PS Eileen has agreed to tell us all about her day in next month's Minster Matters

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL

Following two resignations from the Parish Council applications are invited from residents of the village wishing to be considered for Co-Option to the Parish Council.

Would those persons wishing to be considered please apply to Ms Kyla Lamb, Clerk to the Council, setting out their personal details and their experience and any involvement they may have had serving the community and why they would like to be considered for Co-Option to the Council.

Applications should be addressed to the:

Clerk to the Council, 4A Monkton Road, Minster CT12 4EA and received by 15th July 2011.

A panel of Council members will interview those persons who apply and a recommendation will be made to Council on the persons to be appointed.

Minster Parish Council - Highways Action Team (HAT)

RURAL SPEED WATCH

The team have recently carried out checks in the Tothill Street area and we are pleased to report that the majority of vehicles were being driven with care and consideration, whilst also adhering to the 30mph limit.

However, as usual, a minority of drivers weren't quite so considerate and were exceeding the speed limit, some quite excessively. Also being monitored was the wearing of seat belts and the use of mobile phones whilst driving. The latter, unfortunately seemed to be quite prevalent in the village. All instances were recorded and the information supplied to Kent Police who will take the necessary action.

On one occasion we were delighted to have the assistance of PC's Kim Burgess and Darren Reed and we thank them for their support and guidance. The sole aim of Rural Speed Watch is to keep our village safe for all those who live and work here, whilst also to encouraging safer and more considerate driving.

For further information contact the Parish Office (821339)
or email: kenself014@btinternet.com

LOCAL NEWS

Ironman Challengers Fund Raise for QEQM Hospital Friends

Last year they ran the Paris Marathon for the League of Friends. This year three consultant surgeons from QEQM Hospital are undertaking a greater challenge and are seeking sponsorship to raise funds for their hospital.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons Andrew Smith and Richard Slack have entered the Ironman competition in Nice, France and will face their challenge on Sunday June 26th. The day starts at 7am with a 3.km (2.4 mile) open water swim in the Baie des Anges. Then they get on their bikes for a 180 km (112 mile) cycle ride in the hilly terrain surrounding Nice and then finish by running a full marathon course of 42.2 km (26 miles) on the Nice seafront finishing on the famous Promenade des Anglais.

Consultant Gynaecologist Obstetrician Zoe Woodward is competing at Regensburg in Germany on Sunday August 7th. Her day will start with a swim in the "Guggenberger See", followed by a 180 km (112 mile) bike course through the Bavarian Forest National Park and finishing with a marathon run through the historical city centre of Regensburg.

Such heroic efforts deserve your support. If you would like to sponsor Zoe, Andrew and Richard you can go on line to

www.justgiving.com/geqmhospital-lof or use the new Just Text Giving by texting the message QEQM20 to 70070 or by phoning 234507 and asking for a sponsor form. Adding Gift aid where applicable adds extra funds to the donations and won't cost you a penny more.

League of Friends chairman Jeremy Voizey welcomed the news that Zoe, Andrew and Richard are undertaking such a mammoth challenge to raise funds. The League of Friends gave £101,000 to QEQM Hospital last year, including small items like courtesy toiletry packs for emergency admissions, armchairs, wheelchairs, physiotherapy equipment and major items of equipment such as a bladder scanner for A&E costing £8,625. Fundraising is non stop so the League can continue to support the QEQM Hospital.

ABBEY PATCHERS QUILT SHOW

The Abbey Patchers had a beautiful display of quilts, cushions, bags etc in St Mary's Church on 28th/29th/30th May. The exhibits were stunning and the amount of love and patience which was put into every one was amazing. There were some ladies sitting sewing, giving you an idea of the work involved in each one of these lovely pieces. Well done Ladies!

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER) NEWSLETTER

Had difficulty in making an Appointment?

That's not surprising!!!!!!! During the first quarter of this year a total 384 appointments were lost because patients failed to attend or did not cancel their appointment. YES! 384! It does not take very much to work out how much time is wasted by our Healthcare Professionals waiting for these patients to arrive, when they could be seeing others. THAT'S:

384 MORE APPOINTMENTS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE

384 MORE PATIENTS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN

384 MORE PATIENTS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN LESS FRUSTRATED - AND THEREFORE MUCH HAPPIER!! SO ONCE AGAIN - PLEASE CANCEL ANY APPOINTMENTS YOU NO LONGER REQUIRE AND THUS HELP OTHER MORE NEEDY PATIENTS, ONE DAY IT COULD BE YOU LEFT FRUSTRATED BY THOSE LESS CONSIDERATE Thank you.

Alternative services in Thanet

Are you aware of the many alternative services that are available in Thanet that you no longer have to go to hospital for? For Example: - Dermatoscopy - Audiology - Headache Clinic - Ultrasound - Ophthalmology - Triage - and Minor Surgery. Services such as these can be arranged through your GP. Contact the surgery for further details. Also, there are "Minor Injuries Unit" in both Deal (01304 865400) and Whitstable (01227 284300) where you can be treated by an experienced nurse, 7 days a week, early till late. Urgent dental treatment is also available via "Dentaline" contact 01634 890300 for details.

Patient Liaison Group Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the surgery on 19th July.

If you have any issues to raise or require further information on any of the above please contact: Ken Self on 821200 or Jean Taylor on 845072.

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

Only half way through June and already it has been a busy month for Minster in Thanet's W.I. Saturday 11th June saw another successful Garden morning which was held in Don and Anne Wilks' beautiful garden. Not only did those running the stalls but visitors too had the chance to view all the wonderful plants, vegetables and caterpillars that Don and Ann nurture so carefully.

Plans are underfoot for the Minster Show and W.I. Members will be running the very popular cakes and preserves stall. There is even talk of an entry in the parade by the W.I.

The June meeting started with a rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem'. This was followed by a comprehensive talk from Jennifer Smith and Frank Batt from The Ramsgate Society which was both interesting and detailed. Several questions from the floor were taken and Members went home with a new understanding of the 'Blue Plaque Scheme' in Ramsgate.

If you would like to join us the next meeting is to be held on 12th July at 7.30pm Minster Village Hall. Coffee and Chat Thursday 21st July 10am to 12noon also at the Village Hall. All members and visitors welcome.

SALVATION ARMY

At the local Corps we look forward to the main event in the 125th anniversary year of the Salvation Army coming to the village. This will take place on Sunday 31st July. We would like to welcome as many people from the village as can come to one or all of the events.

The day commences at 11 am when Captains Bryn and Lynda Hargreaves, who come to us after seven years at Gillingham, are installed as the new Corps Officers. At 1 pm there is a free, yes, free lunch. During the afternoon Chris Randall will play the organ and there will be a performance by a guest harpist.

Face painting, a helium balloon race, a tots corner, a teddy bear's picnic, with a prize for the best dressed teddy (only teddies not other animals), a prize for the best decorated cycle (adults and children's classes) are scheduled.

The 'Keep Fit Group' will be taking part and there is a fashion parade of clothes from the Community shop(you do not have to work there to take part). There is also a display of old photographs.

At 3.30 pm a free tea will be followed by the prize giving, including the poetry competition result. The final event of the day is a 'Songs of Praise' at 4.30pm led by the new Corps Officers.

Major Richard Hope- Salvation Army

YOUR LETTERS

Héronsbrook Pathways

Having read the June edition I feel there are a few comments that I need to make, especially in regard to the pathways bounding the Heronsbrook development.

As the footpath runs across my land, I am aware that there has been some fly-tipping and some possibly by the residents that back onto it. However, residents' dogs alone could not possibly leave the amount of mess that is left in the path.

More importantly, it is none of the residents of Heronsbrook that are making a nuisance of themselves by riding motorbikes along the footpath. Note: it is a footpath.

We newcomers also take pride in this lovely village, perhaps some of the other residents should as well!

Yours sincerely, *(name and address withheld)*

Non-Resident Surgery Patients

I was amazed and angry to read the article by the Patients Liaison Group (in the last edition of the Minster Matters), that patients are registered in Minster from as far away as Birchington and Westgate.

Birchington and Westgate obviously have their own surgeries. The situation is ridiculous when I hear of Minster residents not being able to get appointments. I can understand Acol, Cliffsend and probably St Nicholas, but Birchington and Westgate? It should never be allowed.

From a concerned resident *(name and address withheld)*

Knitters Requested

Last year many ladies of both Minster and Thanet knitted vests for orphaned babies. If you would like to help again, this time it can be any type of garment but NO Vests, I would like to hear from you. Garments must be in by end of July, sorry for such short notice, but I have only just received the date. I have a small amount of wool available.

Gwen, 821221.

YOUR LETTERS

Respectful Residents

We are constantly receiving reports about dog fouling and anti-social behaviour in and around our village and we don't want to continually bore our readers with the same old gripes and moans, but dog fouling is becoming quite an issue especially in the areas of the Recreation Ground, Marsh Farm Road, Sheriffs Court Lane, the Cemetery and just about all the alleyways and public footpaths in the village. If you own a dog, then you have a moral and possibly a legal duty to clean up after it. You never see dogs running loose on their own. They always have an owner close by so cleaning up shouldn't be an issue.

We have it on good authority that the Parish Council are looking at installing more dog bins but the fact that if there mightn't be bins in the area where you walk your dog, this is no excuse not to 'pick up' and take it with you. You can always deposit it in a normal litter bin, however don't hang it in a tree or a hedge or even, as we've been told, throw it over someone else's garden wall just to save you the effort of carrying it too far. It is the few who give a bad name to the many and as we've said numerous times before we will report anyone we see failing to do the right thing.

Also whilst mentioning the Cemetery, not only shouldn't it be used for a dog toilet area but it also isn't somewhere to take the kids to play football, there is ample space in the Rec for that. It is sacrilegious to play amongst and across the graves more especially so by adults who really should be more respectful and certainly should know better. If you're the culprit who was seen and you are reading this then shame on you.

Ray Editor

MINSTER SHOW

As we are 125yrs old this year the Committee have decided to spend some money on a birthday present for the Village - but like all good presents - it's a surprise!!!!

Remember to get your children involved and entering the children's section. They will get a wrist band so that their fee for the Show in the afternoon is effectively paid by us as a Thank You.

Dominique Vaughan Chair

Security

Can you spare a couple of hours on Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd July between 9.00pm and 6.00am to sit in the Show Marquee as we cannot leave it unattended overnight.

The last couple of years Steve Philpott and Gary Hake have helped us man the tent but it is a lot to ask just 2 people. So the more the merrier, tea and coffee provided.

If you think you can help out you can leave your name and number with Karen Brazil at Attwell's, email Minster Matters at editor@minstermatters.org.uk or the Show Committee at info@minstershow.org.uk, or speak to Steve or Gary.

Thank you. *Karen Brazil, Vice Chairman*

Want to book a stall at the Show?

Please contact Karen Brazil on 07813 648 214.

Thank you to those who have donated prizes for our Show Raffle and to those who are going to (the letters will be with you soon)

Tickets will be on sale at Attwell's 2 weeks before the show so that those who cannot make the day can still take part.

Also don't forget to pre-purchase your tickets for the Ceilidh from Attwell's

Don't forget the Show is what you make it, this is your chance to be proud of your Show and village. Without entries in the Show tent, fancy dress and floats, sideshows, refreshments and the hard work behind the scenes, all provided by people giving up their time, this Show would not happen.

Thank you to you all and we wish you a very happy day.

See you at 'The Show' on Saturday 23rd July.

The committee's final meeting, before the show, will be on Friday 1st July at the Bell, if you have any last minute ideas you'd like us to discuss then please contact a committee member before then.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPELTWINNING ASSOCIATION

Thanks to those of you who braved the weather for Fun Day. Those who were there enjoyed themselves, but luckily the expected French contingent must have seen the weather forecast and changed their minds, as we are not sure how we would have entertained them for the day. Great Expectations almost became Bleak House entirely due to the weather. Just think how good it would have been had we had the weather of the preceding Saturday! Only 3 “boots” turned up for a short while. Thank you to the Carnival Courts and to our “girls” for selling our raffle tickets, and of course to those who kindly donated prizes.

Thanks to Vicki and her staff for the yummy catering that at least kept the helpers and performers going. Credit must also go to the Royal British Legion who provided the bar. A lot of hard work went into the preparation let alone the set up and purchase and sale of food and drinks. Well done to those few who used the bouncy castle!

Our congratulations go to all the musicians who provided excellent entertainment, and thanks to their fans both old and new who supported them. Tribute is due to Paul Cornwall for all his help and his performance as 4th Street. Luke, another soloist was well received by his fans. Jakadam, a group of local young boys and girls performed very well. Local, young, up and coming band The Quirks were also well supported by their fans in the rain. Peter Alan & Son sung their songs successfully. Crash Gate 28 were the last to perform and thus it was to an even more depleted audience, but that did not daunt their show. If you want to see more of these excellent musicians it is hoped that they will be performing at the Flower Show when you will have another opportunity to applaud their skills. And finally in this section thanks to the PA system without whom nobody would have heard the delightful sounds.

Gratitude is sent to all stall holders, helpers and villagers. Have you got your last minute tickets for the trip to France on 26th June yet? Better hurry! The coach and ferry have been booked and you can apply now and pay in full at £20 per person, or pay a deposit, with the balance to pay on board the coach. Departure time is 6.45am from The Gossip Shop with return anticipated at about 9.00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES

MARNIE is a Black And Tan Female Miniature Adult Yorkshire Terrier who was taken from Canterbury on Tuesday, 7th June 2011. Marnie was stolen in a violent attack witnessed by the owner's distraught 6 year old.

These are the details of the vehicle involved: BLUE MERCEDES - BC 02 YVA. If you can help please contact: Dogs Lost on 0844 800 3220

MINSTER SHOW

A timely reminder that the 125th Show takes place this month on Saturday 23rd July - Please come along and support the event which is being opened by Pat Marsh (Marshy) of Radio Kent fame - we look forward to seeing you all there.

WALK THE WALK IN AID OF BREAST CANCER - Brenda Graham and Aileen Taffs would like to give a big Thank You to everyone in Monkton, Minster and St. Nicholas who kindly sponsored us on our Half Marathon at Hyde Park, London on May 14th this year. All your contributions and good wishes made it all worthwhile and urged us on. Many Thanks to all - Brenda and Aileen

Friends of St. Nicholas-at-Wade Church would like to say THANK YOU to all those who came to support the St. Nicholas-at-Wade Open Gardens on 4th and 5th June. The Saturday was superb, with lots of visitors enjoying the gardens, the flowers in church, the art work, cream teas and ploughmans' lunches in lovely sunshine. However, the Sunday was cold and wet, and though there were a few stalwart visitors, numbers were well down on the previous day.

In spite of the disappointing day on Sunday, we managed to raise just under £9,000, which will be used to improve the St. Nicholas Church Lighting. Thank you to all those who helped to make it such an enjoyable and successful event. *Tessa Tapp*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES

Stacey and Keith Robinson would like to say a huge THANK YOU to..... everyone for all their support, kind wishes, and presents following the birth of Logan. People have been so kind and we cannot thank them enough.

Also Stacey would like to say a huge Thank You to all her clients 'who have been so patient during the pregnancy and waiting while I dashed off to be sick. Couldn't have got through it without their support. And also I would like to thank my girlies at the salon for looking after me and my bump. They have been a huge support and I don't think they realise just how special they are.'
All our love Stacey, Keith and Logan. Xxx.

Wishing Good Luck to..... Natasha Radford and Daniel Hollow on their forthcoming marriage at St. Mary's Church Minster at 3o'clock on Saturday 16th July. Wishing you both good luck on your special day. *From family and friends. xx*

Many Congratulations on your DIAMOND WEDDING to..... Olive and Denis, of High Street, Minster, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding (60 years) on 9th June. "The marriage took place between Olive (nee Butcher) and Denis Power at St. Mildred's RC Church Minster on 9th June 1951". *From all who know you.*

Olive and Denis Power would like to THANK..... our very kind neighbours, Margaret and Jack, who arranged a small surprise party to celebrate our Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

We received a lovely congratulations card from the Queen.

We would also like to thank everybody for their cards and presents and say a special thank you to those who came to our party.

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

NEWS

Minster Playhouse Launches new website

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

Great New Website. Great New Logo. Same Excellent quality of Theatre for the Village. Niki Kelly and Terry Wood have been beavering away for the past few months creating our new dynamic website and it is certainly worth a look. News, forthcoming productions, past production photos, meet the members page, information on how to join, it is all there on one exciting website. Check it out.

So What Has been Happening?

Searching for Doctor Branovic was a huge success in the village with super feedback coming from as far away as Bromley. This laugh a minute madcap play by David Tristram was adjudicated by Charles Evans on the Saturday evening performance and has gained plaudits for Sarah Tyler our leading lady who played Emma. Sarah has been nominated for Best Actress and Best DEBUT Actress in the Kent Drama Festival, one heck of an achievement for her, especially on her first play with MPH. We have everything crossed for her success when a group from the Playhouse will attend the Kent "BAFTAs" in Whitstable on the 18th June.

Our Thanks go out to the Village Hall, all who advertised in the programme and to all of you who helped and supported us.

And What is Coming?

Minster Playhouse Children's Summer Workshop

A week long Dance, Drama, Music and Stage workshop for children and young people aged 5 - 18. The workshop will run from Monday 15th August to Friday 19th August from 10am - 4pm at the EKSS venue in the grounds of the Marlowe Academy.

The children and young people will present a spectacular variety performance on Saturday 20th August at 7pm which will be free for the family of performers.

For full details and an application pack please contact Niki on 862030 or email your details and questions to minsterplayhouse@hotmail.co.uk or go to www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk.

Minster Playhouse is proud to present its biennial One Act Play Season

A "CABARET" OF COMEDIES

Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th September at 7.15pm

A selection of comedies presented Cabaret Style for your entertainment. Bring your own refreshments and have a great night out.

Bookings for Tables max 8 at a table. Box Office 822458 - £7.00.

More details will follow in the August Minster Matters or check out our new website www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk

SCHOOLSCRIPT

The Editor this month was: Oscar Macartney

Cats

Cats are cute also very playful
There are lots to choose from they can be very clawry
And I have a cat
They are the best
By Emily Wallis

ENTERPRISE WEEK

E nterprise week is where we sell lots of products,
N obody is left by themselves,
T he money keeps on rolling in,
E veryone buy's and buy's,
R ip-offs have gone,
P repare to buy,
R eady your money,
S pend all you can,
E njoy your day.
by Sam Williams

The year six production.

Come to the year six production at the hall. There is singing, dancing and acting to get involved in. Your view of the past will never be the same as you delve deep into the danger and sadness of the blitz on a breath-taking journey into the past with some characters from the war, like Potato Pete.
by Oscar Macartney

Underwater World

It's in Hastings and it is very cool and fishy.
Tidal rock pools, sandy seabed's and seaside touch pools let visitors get close to the marine inhabitants at underwater world. Visitors can walk through a glass tunnel beneath a reef pool that is home to a multitude of sharks, rays, crabs and starfish.
By Annabelle Fleming.

SCHOOLSCRIPT

A Beautiful Lie

This book is about a boy called Bilal who doesn't want his poorly dad to find out about the partition because he loves his India. So why is it called a beautiful lie? Bilal and his friends Chota, Sallem and Manjeet help him to publish a false newspaper so they can trick his father into not knowing about the partition. It is a great book by Ifran Master 10/10.

by Richard Hulks

The partition is where India and Pakistan were fighting over religion.

Year 6 only has 5 weeks left

We have only 5 weeks but we are having great fun.

It is going quickly but we are having fun.

Nearly over but we are having so much fun!

By Emily Spain

Doughnuts

Doughnuts are amazing!!!

There aren't that many types but here are some: Ring, Iced, Jam, Chocolate and Custard!

Doughnuts can sometimes be a bit messy, so don't squeeze it otherwise, if it is a jam one, it will go everywhere!!!

Hope you have FUN eating doughnuts!!!

by Rinah the Muffin and Penny the Cookie.

Cross Country

On Saturday 11th June 2011 a team of Y3s 4s 5s & 6s (from the local Primary School) went to Palm Bay Primary School to do a race across the schools playing field.

In Y3 we had: Lucy Ward, Gabby Elks and Molly Nell for the girls with Jack Yardly and Archie Cotton for the boys.

In Y4 we had Maisie Macartney, Hannah Prentis and Isabelle Quarrington for the girls.

In Y5 we had Georgia Elks and Emily Giardina for the girls and Calum Dawson for the boys.

In Y6 we had Oscar Macartney and George Cannon for the boys.

By Maisie Macartney

SCHOOLSCRIPT

Year six!

Year six is the best year of primary school, even though it is the last year! In year six there are so many fun activities such as hind leap, leavers service, the year six production and many other things! Even homework is made fun in your last year, and it is the best send off! We even get our own roller skating disco!

by Kathryn Goldfinch

Build a Bear Ville

Build a Bear Ville is a fun place to go. You can create a bear and pick clothes out for your bear. You can give your bear a noise and a magnet in its paws. You can put red white and pink hearts in your bears tummy to make it feel loved. You choose the bear you would like and then you can stuff up your bear.

by Annabelle Fleming

French Exchange

Last week year five had a French exchange program; some of us went to France while some of us stayed in England.

The people who stayed here!

The first day we were learning about the evacuees in the Second World War! We researched using the computers and books, some of the facts we learnt were interesting such as: they carried a box with a gas mask so that the Germans could not send gases into the air to kill us!

The second day they were luckily enough they got to make three croissants each for themselves and they were delicious!

by Emily Giardina and Michaela Hockley

WHAT'S ON**Minster Show Ceilidh**

Join us for a giggle and a jiggle in the Show tent on Minster Rec

Saturday 23rd July 11 at 7.30pm

Tickets £4 before 1st July, £5 after.

Available from Karen at Attwell's or call 826435

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Raffle.

'Textile Journeys'

An Exhibition of Work by Students of Village Textiles including City & Guilds Level 2 Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August from 10.00am to 5.00pm at the Old Schools, Church St, Minster

Admission £1. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes available.

QEQM Hospital League Of Friends F E T E

To be Opened by Amanda Piper from Meridian TV

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST FROM 10.30am - 2pm IN THE QEQM

HOSPITAL, Maternity Car Park

Stalls, Games and lots more! For information on Fete please phone 234507 including

F U N D O G S H O W

Judging starts at 11.00am on the lawn near Maternity Department

Entries taken from 10.00am

1. Best baby puppy (up to 9 months)
2. Best youngster (up to 18 months)
3. Best rescued or re-homed dog or bitch
4. Most handsome dog
5. Prettiest bitch
6. Most appealing expression
7. Dog/bitch in best condition
8. Dog/bitch with waggiest tail
9. Best veteran (over 6 years old)
10. Best large dog (over 18" at shoulder)
11. Best small dog (under 18" at shoulder)
12. Dog the judge would most like to take home

Rosettes in each class to 5th place. Entries £1 each class.

Enquiries for Dog Show phone Pauline Osborne on 225801

Canterbury Accordion Social Club presents

The KIEV CLASSIC ACCORDION DUO

On TUESDAY 19th JULY 2011, 7.30pm at THE BARN, KINGSTON

Just off the A2 approximately 4 to 5 miles from Canterbury

Admission £4.00. All Welcome - Refreshments

A collection will be taken for the victims of the Chernobyl Disaster.

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
12th July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members and guests welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

21st July in the Village Hall Committee Room

From 10.00am to 12.00noon. ALL welcome (Gents included)

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Monday 11th July at 7.30pm

Flower Demonstration

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information Miriam Smith 822589

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY

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 CEP SCHOOL PFA

BOOT FAIR

Saturday 16th July in the Minster Primary School Playground

Pitches are £5 for a car in advance (£6 on the day) or £7 for a van in advance (£8 on the day)

GATES OPEN 8AM FOR SELLERS AND 8.30AM FOR PUBLIC.

ENTRY FEE IS BY DONATION.

* NO TRADERS OR CATERERS PLEASE *

Refreshments of Tea, Coffee and Bacon Rolls will be sold by the PFA.

Pre-bookings can be made by phoning the PFA Chairperson on

07801 199 290.

Entrance to the SCHOOL PLAYGROUND is via Molineux Road, Minster, (the large green gates).

MOTHERS UNION

DEANERY GARDEN PARTY will be held on 13th July from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at 92 Monkton Road.

In aid of Mothers Union Funds. Raffle - Bring & Buy Stall. *All Welcome*

SATURDAY MARKET

9th July, 10.00am - 12.00noon in The Old Schools

All welcome

Thank you to all who support us especially our friends from Ramsgate and Dover - monies raised go toward the upkeep of our lovely church

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact June Chadband on **226033** or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

MINSTER LIBRARY

Homework Club (term-time only)

Every Thursday starting 12th May 2011 from 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Thanet's Buried Treasure

A talk on the discoveries made during the East Kent Access Road excavations. Saturday 2nd July from 11am – 12noon.

Tickets free. Booking is advisable.

Call into the library or email minsterinthanetlibrary@kent.gov.uk

Telephone: 821442

AMBERS ADVICE

There is a close connection between getting up in the world and getting up in the morning - Anon.

TIGERS TIP

Moths seem to be making a return -

Epsom salts sprinkled among garments in long storage will help stop attacks by moths.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Probably lost the fight against Micky D's. Let's just hope they don't get the 24hr opening that they want.

CHURCH NEWS

Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250

Sunday Services In
JULY 2011

3rd July

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: Festival of Summer Fruits
at St Nicholas-at-Wade

10th July

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

17th July

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

24th July

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

31st July

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

Mid week services at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In

JULY 2011

3rd July

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

10th July

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

17th July

10.15am: Holy Communion with
Methodists

24th July

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

31st July

10.18am: Family Service

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:

5th June: Freddie Southorn

Weddings at Minster Parish Church:

4th June: Marianne Carter and
Thomas Debono

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

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com
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 12.00noon in
the Church of St Mary the Virgin and
each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster
Abbey

For other services in Minster
please see Minster Abbey entry.

Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for
prayer throughout the day

Lauds 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

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

SEVENTY CHAMBER CHOIR OF THANET

SUMMER CONCERT

*FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE
RIDICULOUS:*

*A whimsical selection of 20th Century
English Choral Music*

St Mary's Church, Minster

Saturday July 2nd, 7.30 pm

Tickets £8.00 on the door, or £6.00 in
advance - please phone 01843 600059

The sublime first half of the programme will
consist of well-loved pieces by Walton,
Baird, Vaughan Williams, Harris and
others.

The light-hearted second half will include
songs from the folk tradition by Rutter and
Stanford, and the amusing 'Name That Tune'
by Grayston Ives.

We invite you all to come and enjoy this
concert with us.

The Salvation Army 11 Tothill Street, Minster

Mjrs Richard and Val Hope
823830

(currently in charge until new officers
appointed, possibly end of July)

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)

11.00am - 12.00pm

Morning Family Service,

11am - 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 Club

- CURRENTLY SUSPENDED -

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

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – June

The following matters were raised at the Parish Council meeting on 7th June:

1. Planning/Development

- a. Despite objections from representatives of Minster Parish Council, the McDonalds restaurant proposal has been given approval and will now go before the Licensing Committee.
- b. After discussions between KCC and Persimmons, the verge will be reinstated in Monkton Road at the junction of Prospect Road. This land will be levelled and seeded later this year.
- c. Thanet District Council is still considering the proposal by Manston Airport for night flights. Mr Buchanan, Chief Executive, has agreed to give a presentation to the Parish Council. The date is to be confirmed.
- d. The extension of the 30mph zone in Manston Road has been advertised.

2. Events

- a. The Twinning Association has organised a bus to visit Armbouts Cappel on 26th June and there are still places available.
- b. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be discussed at the next Parish meeting.
- c. Hanging baskets are now in place around the village.
- d. The newly appointed Warden will attend the next Parish meeting.

3. Other Business

- a. The Flood Committee is still acting on the issues of British Rail's need to clear the culverts and the flooding at Foxborough Lane.

4. Date of Next Meeting

5th July 2011

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: 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP: Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Ring: 848588 (mornings from 10.00am)

Fax: 844856 (24-hour)

Web: www.rogergale.co.uk

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were

.Marion, Trudy, Davina, Katie, Jan and Oscar Macartney.....

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE