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This month's meeting of Minster Parish Council

will be held on: Tuesday, ...3rd November..... in the Neighbourhood Centre at 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:-

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Next month's meeting will be held

on: Tuesday,1st December.....

EDITORIAL

Autumn's definitely here, I know 'cos I've had to put my coat on in the morning to walk the dog, but there again what a beautiful time of the year this is, with all the different colours in the foliage, and a myriad of birds about to migrate for the Winter. It's one of my favourite seasons, but I also look forward to the Spring when everything starts to come back to life and the birds make a welcomed return. Nights are drawing in and we turn the clocks back on Sunday 25th October so then it will be dark really early, meaning the festive season will soon be upon us.

Now's the time to get your parties or your Christmas dinner organised. All the local traders who offer dining facilities, over this period, tell me they are getting lots of bookings, so if you're thinking about letting someone else do the washing up then best you get out and get your table booked at the eatery of your choice.

This month sees us welcoming new tenants in the village at The Saddler, also a new Italian Restaurant, Gozzi's, at No77 High St, as well as new tenants at the Sportsman in Cliffsend so plenty of opportunities for us all to get out and sample their wares.

For those who wish to have a quiet Halloween evening in front of the telly we've reproduced the usual "No Trick or Treat" poster on our front cover that you can prop in your window to warn revelers that you wish to be left alone. Let's just hope they heed the warning !!

The whole of the MM team send their congratulations to Nora (our audio editor) and her husband Barry who have just told us they are expecting their first child in March, so our recording studio will shortly become a nursery. I did say, if we could continue to use it after the little one was born, that we would quite willingly learn a few lullaby's in case we disturb the young one's sleep, but Nora didn't seem too keen on that idea (maybe she's heard me trying to sing before !!!).

We've heard on the grapevine that the footpath, we fought to keep, which runs along one edge of the new development, has now been officially recognised as a public right of way, and has even been given an official footpath number, although we don't know what that is. However the developers are appealing the order as it requires them demolishing one of the properties they've already built 'and sold'. The possibility of a diversion is at present being looked at. We'll keep you informed when we know any more. It just goes to show that sometimes it pays to stand up and be counted.

We thank all those residents who have recently send us letters praising the magazine and saying just how much they like it's new look cover. We like to believe it looks more professional and is a publication worthy of such a great community. With effect from this issue you will now be able to download it in a variety of 'e-book' formats for use in the majority of electronic book readers.

That's it, all my space filled for another month.

LOCAL NEWS

THE SALVATION ARMY, MINSTER **NEW CORPS OFFICER**

Major Denise Cooper is settling in well and is so grateful for the thoughtful preparations for her arrival and also the incredibly warm welcome she has received from everyone at The Salvation Army and also the wider community of Minster. She is thrilled to have met so many people from within the village already and hopes to get to know many more over the coming weeks.

ANNUAL APPEAL

A big thank you to all who returned their Salvation Army Gift Envelopes during September. Over £4700 was raised in our Area and will be used to support The Salvation Army's work taking place in their Social Service Centres, community outreach and practical assistance provided through local Salvation Army churches.

COMMUNITY SHOP

The conversion of our old Hall is well under way and receiving many positive comments. The shop volunteers have been meeting regularly to prepare for the opening. We still need helpers to serve in the shop and to prepare goods for sale. You do not need to be a member of The Salvation Army to volunteer, we want the shop to be a community facility.

If you are interested in helping please contact Val Hope on 823830.

The next meeting for volunteers will be on Tuesday 3 November and will provide training in the use of the cash register, please contact Val if you are able to attend.

SAD LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND

We are sad to acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and soldier, John Couchman. John is someone who is going to be missed by so many at The Salvation Army, and also within the village. There are many people who have been quietly influenced, guided and helped by John, not least our friends from Joyful Noise, who were so special to John for over 20 years.

John has made a huge contribution to village life and was well-known for his bike repairs and Sales, raising funds for Joyful Noise.

Our thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Kathy, and his wider family at this time.

**PATIENT LIAISON GROUP
(WORKING WITH MINSTER SURGERY)
NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2009**

Swine Flu Pandemic

As everyone returns to school and work this is just a reminder to ensure you keep on your guard to help prevent the risk and spread of infection. Also, should the case arise, remember to bear in mind the need to have a nominated "Flu Buddy" - some one who is able to collect medication on your behalf.

Also, November sees the national roll out of the "Tamiflu" vaccine through GP's Surgeries, for the most serious and "at risk" categories.

**** REMEMBER : CATCH IT ! BIN IT! KILL IT! ****

Minster Surgery Flu Day

This year was a tremendous success with over 800 patients attending the surgery throughout the day. A big thanks goes out to all those Health care professionals involved!

Once again, thank you to all who contributed towards our raffle in aid of the Hospice. On the day, we raised well over £100 and currently, the total nears £150. **The draw for the raffle will take place on October 30th at 1 pm in the surgery waiting room and all are invited to attend.** It will be your opportunity to buy further tickets, and who knows, it could be that lucky winning one! All prize winners will be notified by telephone.

Appointments

There are still, on average, THREE APPOINTMENTS missed every day! Please, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL if you no longer need an appointment so that it may be offered and benefit someone else. Who knows, one day, it could be you who benefits!

Please note that on making an appointment with the surgery, you will be asked for a brief description of the problem by the receptionist. This is purely to help direct you to the most appropriate health care professional, as the practice now offers many different facilities and of course, all information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Training Day

On Tuesday 10th November the surgery is holding another training day for members of staff. As a result, the surgery will be closed from 12o/clock onwards that day. Any one who needs the services of a doctor during that time should contact "Doctors on Call" via the normal surgery number - 821333.

Christmas Craft Fair and Bazaar

November 21st approaches quickly! We only have a couple of tables left so contact us urgently if you are interested, as it promises to be a spectacular event!

Your Opinions Count

If you have any comments or suggestions you wish to make, or want further information on any of the above please contact :

Jean Taylor on 845072 or Ken Self on 821200

LOCAL NEWS

MINSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

What we are about.....

Minster Football Club founded 1911, are a club formed of two teams that represent Minster in the Thanet & Canterbury District football leagues, As you may have noticed the club are edging close to their centenary year (2011) and are trying hard to raise their profile and get some locals to turn up to support their village teams. The club are appealing to ALL fans young and old to come and cheer them on each Saturday (2-3pm) down at the Recreation Ground where they hold their home games.

For all your statistics, fixtures and results please visit us at:

www.webteams.co.uk/minsterfc

YOUR LETTERS..

YELLOW LINES STILL CAUSING CONCERN

From a concerned villager.

Dear Sir,

I find it incredulous that the council have agreed to put double yellow lines in the village at the request of the bus company.

This would be the bus company that doesn't run to time, the drivers are rude and insulting, refuse to stop at certain stops and swear at the children on the bus!

What right do they have to be given anything when I feel their service falls way below what it should be!

The double yellow lines are going to change the "centre" of the village beyond recognition and it is totally understandable why so many people want to leave the village as it has changed so much in the years I have lived here, not always for the better.

There are those who work hard to keep the village a friendly and inviting place but the interference of outsiders is having a negative effect.

Leave the village to those who know what they're doing before it becomes a ghost village!

(Name & Address supplied)

PETITION ACCEPTED AGAINST YELLOW LINES

County Cllr John Davies, Chairman KCC accepted the petition against the yellow lines in Minster. Dennis Neville, expresses his thanks and concerns to Cllr Davies in the letter below.

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, Minster

On behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Minster I would like to thank you and offer a warm welcome to you, John, and your wife for coming to Minster to see us. We are most grateful to you for making the time available to meet us and to accept the petition which shows the strong feelings against the proposals of Kent Highways to impose yellow lines within certain areas of the village. I know that you will have been well briefed by Councillor Charles Hibberd. Nevertheless I would like to bring one of two matters to the forefront. This order is being imposed without any prior consultation and using what we consider to be very dubious information. Minster Parish Council has always been quite willing to enter into any meaningful dialogue with Highways together with the Police and also with any other interested departments, but we think that all options should be open to negotiations.

Minster has been recognised as being a nice place to live in and we do not want Kent Highways to be capable of destroying our accepted way of village life.

Dennis Neville, MPC Chairman

YOUR LETTERS

A Big Thank You to the Customers of “The Bell Inn”

I would like to say a massive thank you to the customers of the Bell Inn. I have taken part in two charity events this year and have received an enormous amount of support from them.

The first event was Race for Life in Palm Bay where they raised over £200.00 for Cancer Research.

At the end of September my brother and I took part in the Palace to Palace bike ride from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle in aid of the Princes Trust. This is such an important charity raising money for disadvantaged young adults. We cycled 45 miles and the customers of the Bell Inn raised over £250.00.

I would like to make a special mention to Geordie and Peter for their generous donations to both charities and together with Paul Finch they generously donated the contents of their football sweep stake to the Princes Trust.

You have all been fabulous, generous and I just can't thank you enough for your support. *Zoe McDonald*

Information Request Re: The Cedars

Hello.

In 1937 I was born in a house named The Cedars, High Street, Minster.

Could you please tell me if the house still stands and if so, does it still have the same name? I left Minster with my family in 1940 therefore I have no recollection of my birthplace. Any information you can give me would be gratefully appreciated.

Regards, *Bernard Longley*

Searching for Old Friend - RICHARD SMURTHWAITE

In our last issue we published “A few of us old Minster beings, are looking for” – Maureen reports she has had contact reference some of the names shown but unfortunately Minster Matters omitted the name of RICHARD SMURTHWAITE.

Please contact - Maureen, Lesley, Brenda and Brian via email at

mbgm.brimaur@tesco.net

(MM apologises for the omission and incorrect email address last month)

YOUR LETTERS

REMEMBRANCE TIDE - A SPECIAL EVENT.

Recent visitors to the cemetery at St Nicholas-at-Wade might have noticed a brand new Commonwealth War Graves headstone, commemorating Private George Ernest Foad, of the Queen's Royal West Surrey regiment, who died in 1917.

Until recently, practically nothing was known about this soldier, save that his name is among those inscribed on the Monkton Village War Memorial. Enquiries locally revealed very little information and he was not mentioned in the official records immediately available. In recent months further research has been carried out by Mrs Janet Graham, Headteacher of Monkton Primary School, and myself, and we now have a fuller picture.

George Foad was born in 1889 and lived in Monkton, working first on the land, and then as a colliery tip man (at the newly opened Chislet Colliery?). He enlisted in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment in 1915, and was graded fit for active service. He completed basic training but, just before he was to be posted to the Western Front, he became ill with pleurisy. His condition deteriorated over the following months and he was eventually invalided from the service on pension, with a good military character, in July 1916. He died nine months later at his parents' home at Gore Street New Cottages, from tuberculosis of the lungs and peritoneum. He was 27.

Private George Foad was buried in the Cemetery following a service in St. Nicholas' Church conducted by the Vicar of Monkton, the Revd Fabian Brackenbury. [George's mother, Emily, was a St Nicholas' girl.] In more recent years, the unmarked grave has been entirely forgotten, but the clear picture we now have is of a man who had tried hard to do his bit, and it is good to know that his contemporaries in Monkton saw to it that his name was included among those commemorated on the village war memorial.

The results of our research were submitted to the Ministry of Defence, who agreed to authorise the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to erect a headstone on Private Foad's Grave. The stone was finally put in place in May this year, and it is hoped to arrange a short ceremony of Dedication on the Saturday before Remembrance Sunday, November 7th, in the presence of descendants of the Foad family.

Mrs Janet Graham and I are very grateful to all those who have helped us in this venture, particularly the St Nicholas-at-Wade & Sarre Parish Council, and Mrs Julie Francis, the former Clerk to the Council who quickly located George Foad's grave in the excellent cemetery records, and liaised with the War Graves Commission over arrangements for installing the memorial stone. The Council also kindly waived their fees in this case.

Suzannah Foad

A SHORT STORY BY ONE OF OUR YOUNGER READERS.

'Dark'

Standing in front of the house that creaks in the wind and towers above my head was like looking into death's eye. Despite all of the thoughts that raced around my head I was determined to go into the dark house. "Go on wimp, go in then, if your phone is really worth it then you will go in!" Laura and her friends laughed as she threw my brand new phone into an open window of the house, "Why did you do that?" my voice was quiet and timid so Laura laughed and walked away, "See ya later loser!" Laura yelled back at me. A couple of tears fell onto the ground beneath me before I stepped towards the door of the house. There was no door to the dark howling house, my footsteps echoed through the house and the floor boards creaked beneath me. Laura threw my phone into the first storey window which meant climbing stairs. I found the stairs and walked up them with great caution. Nevertheless I found myself falling through the stairs and into the basement, fracturing most of my ribs and breaking my leg so I could not move from the house, and of course Laura did not tell anyone where I was, which left me in the house, in the dark and alone.

By Paige Allen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINSTER HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Did you know that Kent Libraries provides a free Home Library Service for anyone unable to visit the library due to ill health, disability, or because they are a carer?

We need volunteers to help us deliver this service and if you enjoy reading yourself and have a few hours to spare this may be for you! You'll be visiting people in their own homes and taking books and/or spoken work cassettes so you'll need to be able to carry these materials. You'll be asked to supply us with the names of two referees. If you use your car you will be paid mileage expenses on journeys from the library to the homes you visit. In return for your help you'll be exempt from all library fines and charges. You'll have access to a free reservation service and free hire of DVDs.

If interested please contact a member of staff on 01843 821442.

QUEST SEEKER CONGRATULATIONS GO TO.....

Bryony Jay, Aisling Philpott, Oliver Ainsworth and Robert Winslow who all received book tokens in the prize draw following The Summer Quest Seeker Challenge at Minster Library. Come and join in next summer !

CHANGEit AWARD

Do you know a young person who has taken action to make a difference in their community? Does a young person you know have a passion to change the world they live in?

Nominate them for a CHANGEit award!

CHANGEit, run by Common Purpose and supported by Deutsche Bank, recognises, supports, and rewards young people aged 11-18 who want to create a positive change in their communities.

CHANGEit has nothing to do with academic achievement, and everything to do with good citizenship and positive action. Campaigns can be big or small and deal with any issue. Judges are looking for passion, innovation, and the determination to create change.

This is a tremendous opportunity to boost young people's confidence and inspire more young campaigners. As well as cash prizes, all finalists benefit from monetary prizes and training workshops to help further their campaign ideas and build practical skills.

The closing date for nominations is 11th December, 2009. Winners will be announced at an award ceremony in April 2010. CHANGEit will award prizes of up to £750 in three categories:

- Innovation – for young people with ideas to improve their community, who need training or support to get started.
- Performance – to celebrate the achievements of young people who have already taken positive action and made an impact in their local areas.
- Photography – young people's photos that capture campaigning in action or images that illustrate the change they see in the world around them.

Nominate today! -

Nominate online or download forms at www.changeit.org.uk as well as view the animated video featuring CHANGEit finalists. Prizes are awarded by campaign so nominations can be submitted for individuals or groups of any size. Every young person nominated will receive a certificate of recognition. For more information call CHANGEit on 020 7608 8148 or email changeit@commonpurpose.org.uk.

Enter now and win a prize! The first 50 nominations received will be entered into a free prize draw to win a £50 Amazon.co.uk gift-card.

SCOUTS FLAG APPEAL

We believe that there is a Scout flag still in existence, but nobody knows where. I understand it is pale blue with Minster Scouts embroidered on it. If anyone has it or knows where it is we would be VERY pleased to have it back.

The new Troop is doing well, growing by the week -we started with 8 and now have 13 - and both kids and leaders are really enjoying it. Over half have never been involved in Scouting at all before. We have a busy term planned and all seem to be enthusiastic and willing to join it. We will be doing a skills day at half term.

We had some response from our wanted on FreegleThanet, and have been given shelves and equipment from a youth group that had to close down, but we could still do with maps and out door games and a notice board.

Many thanks for your help and support,

Barbara

NEW TENANTS AT THE SADDLER

Kim & Keith O'Shea would like to introduce themselves to our readers.

Having spent 5yrs at The Belle Vue in Pegwell Bay together with Keith's Mum, Teresa, they are very much looking forward to a new challenge at The Saddler.

With an emphasis on Good Food, Good Beer and a friendly welcome, in addition to Sky Sports and the occasional bit of live music.

Upcoming events include

14th Nov : Cliffe Castle as 'Elvis' at 8.30pm

11th Dec : The Fling at 9.00pm

26th Dec : Ricky Fontayne (Rock & Roll) at 6.00pm

(See their advert on page 18)

School Garden

Back in July, it was agreed that we approach Reverend Bob Coles with a view to asking him if he would be willing to come to the school garden and give it a blessing. We are pleased to say Reverend Coles was only too happy to come along to do just that.

So on the last Tuesday before the summer holidays, the Eco Committee (a school committee run by children from Key stage 2), Parents and Teachers assembled in the garden at 3.30pm (pictured right). Reverend Coles gave a talk about the importance of the environment around us and how much there is to learn, not only about growing but about the nature which surrounds us, he then finished off with a prayer.

Mrs. Jezzard very kindly made some cakes which, due to the unexpected amount of interest generated, disappeared quickly. Unfortunately there were not enough cakes for all and we apologise to the children who were unfortunate enough to miss out on these delights.

Julie, Liz and I continued to go to the garden throughout the summer holiday to water the vegetables, do some weeding and put the bird boxes and the squirrel box up.

Then it was back to school and Harvest Festival was fast approaching. The children were soon back in the garden to see if we had kept everything alive for them. I am pleased to say that we did!

So on the Tuesday before the children's Harvest Festival Service some of the members of the Eco Committee came and dug up a variety of the vegetables, which were then arranged in a basket and presented to Reverend Coles at the end of the service (pictured left).

I'd just like to finish by saying thank you to Yvonne Chapman for donating money from the sale of her book, also to the people who donated the bird and squirrel boxes - apologies but I don't know your names, to Tesco's for the small hand tools and to Paul Willins for removing the ivy from some of the trees.

Susan Daw

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 10th November and
Friday 20th November 2009

Is your child 4 years of age before 31st August 2010
If so they could start at our school in September 2010

Why not give your child a taste of the
welcoming, creative and challenging atmosphere
that we enjoy at Minster Primary school?

Wendy Stone, Head Teacher and Samantha Carney,
Head of Foundation Stage will be taking groups of parents and children around the
school at various times during the day.

Please telephone the school office to make an appointment.

We look forward to meeting you.
Contact Tel No: (01843) 821384

MINSTER- IN- THANET WI.

The subject of October's talk was "Joys of Christmas". The Speaker, Mr. Rob Masters (complete with musical tie!) reminisced about his time as head teacher in a Faversham Primary School at Christmas time, carol singing in Boughton-under-Blean, and taking the role of Santa Claus at the Village Fair. On the subject of which, we shall of course be taking a stall at our Village Christmas Fair, with a home cooking theme and hampers, raffle, for which contributions were requested. Volunteers were also sought to take part in the entertainment at December meeting's Party.

In conjunction with Bee Aware Action Week (highlighting the plight of the honey bee), goodies at the coffee and chat morning in October contained honey: in the case of the Scottish recipe "Cranachan", this also involved raspberries, oatmeal, double cream, and a wee dram! Needless to say, it was the favourite offering.

Between now and Christmas, we shall be as busy as usual - Acol Group Meeting, Dabble Day, Sunshine Club outing to Bagham Barn, visit to the Alan Titchmarsh Show, Games evenings, Scrabble evening, Handicrafts and Crafts Group Meeting, as well as rehearsals for the party entertainment, and preparations for the Village Fair.

The next branch meeting takes the form of our AGM, when the new committee will be elected. This takes place on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members should please note that, whilst welcome, there will be no speaker now until the January meeting (details in future editions of MM).

MINSTER FLOWER SHOW

We have just had a successful AGM where Caroline was able to assure us that we now have funds for 2 years worth of Show in the bank. This is a better position than we have had for several years -

Thank you for supporting us, we can continue to do our job!

There are spaces on the Committee should anyone else want to have a more hands on say in the Show, and what happens on the day. Karen in Attwells is probably your best contact.

At the AGM we agreed to change the name to "Minster Show incorporating Monkton, St. Nicholas, Acol, Sarre and Cliffsend". This is intended to become a more modern zippy name and include the traditional villages. This is a change of name only - we will still have all the flower, fruit and vegetable categories in the marquee.

Look forward to all your contributions towards the Show. It was noted that a number of younger people got involved - please carry on and thank you. As well as the usual "not so young" helpers! Several comments were made about the quality and size of the Parade - well done Minster.

Please continue to make suggestions and comments to us, so we can improve your

Show.

NEWSFLASH!!!

Santa will be at Late Night Shopping

Dominique

MINSTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Bonjour mes amis and welcome to more exciting news from the Association.

AGM: The time has come once again for the Annual General Meeting of the Twinning Association which will take place this year in the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm. As we are losing our Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, as reported in previous editions of this illustrious news outlet, we are looking for volunteers to fill these positions so that the Twinning can continue to contribute to the School Exchange and also to keep up the good relationship we have with our Twinning partners in Armbouts-Cappel. We also want the Twinning to continue to expand and fill this very valued aspect of our village culture. Nomination forms are available in the Library and also at the Attic, where Chairman Bob will be only too happy to give you his expert advice. So come along, step up and put your thoughts and ideas into practice. No previous experience is necessary as those of us who are leaving will be available to assist when and if required. Don't let the children in this year's Year 5 be the ones not to benefit from an exchange visit to France because we cannot fill these positions on the Committee. They love to go there and need your help this year to do so. So come along to the AGM and give your support. This is also my last correspondence as I too am reluctantly giving up this reporting job. So, if there is anyone out there who aspires to the art of public relations and can write a decent newsletter, then again, come along to the AGM and volunteer your services. Hope you have enjoyed reading my Twinning news over the years, if you haven't well that could be your loss not mine.

Remember the

AGM - Wednesday 11th November

Neighbourhood Centre - starting at 7.30pm.

Remember Minster Does Matter..... Au revoir!

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

You often see me write to praise the talent of the club bowlers in the competitions around Kent.

This month I start praising the talent of John Snowdon and his “mates”. They, after an excellent wartime type meal of ‘bangers and mash’ plus a pudding provided by Pam, Ken Wooldridge and helpers, gave us a variety show – two hours of laughter and enjoyment. Audience participation was to the fore in both parts of the show. How the roof stayed on was a miracle! The first half we saw Frank Lambert singing, Nobby Clark, dance routine with Clive Clark on the drums. As well, Ken Ralph singing “Sweet Caroline”, “The Wonders of You” and “Magic Moments”. Frank came back on to do the Phantom Flasher routine.

The second half started with Elvis and Buddy Holly songs by Ken, Johnny House was Max Miller, Nobby did the stripper and jokes. Finally Frank brought the house down with the “One Arm Fiddler”.

Now to the bowls news. The ladies challenged the men to a match. The winning captain donated the money raised to his charity. The men won, so I presented 160 to the “Wheels for Ralph” fund. Len Cooper’s triple won the Herne Bay Finals.

Short mat has started. We gained 5 new members at the pre-season meeting. So mums, dads, and your children if you would like to get out on those dark evenings why not try and master the art of bowls on the carpets in the club! It’s great fun and it’s helping you keep fit at the same time.

Glynne Hibbert

The results from the Minster Bowls Club Finals on 19th -20th September

Saturday,

Men’s Handicap; B. Davis.

Ladies Pairs ; M. Griffiths and S. Townsend.

Men’s 2 Woods; D. Martin.

Mixed Triples; N. Wilson, E. Foster, and M. Hedges.

Mixed Pairs; R. Foster and S. Davis.

Ted Norman Trophy; D. Martin.

Men’s Morning League; B. Davis and G. Hibbert.

Sunday,

Mixed Triples; D. Hughes, P. Fairbrass, and B. Giradot.

Men’s Pairs; B. Davis and D. Washer.

Bert Cooper Trophy; R. Foster.

Ladies Handicap; P. Miles.

Ladies Championship; S. Pritchard.

Men’s Championship; D. Martin.

WHAT'S ON

SANDWICH & PEGWELL BAY NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Tuesday 10 November at 10am

Chalk Grassland Management

Help maintain the habitat for Orchids, butterflies and wild flowers and insects generally. Meet at Pegwell Bay Country Park car park.

VOLUNTEER WELCOME DAYS 2009

Come along to meet the wardens and join in conservation. Great family time too. Under 16's accompanied by a responsible adult at all times please. No need to dress up, but do wear sensible footwear. Nibbles and drinks provided. No experience or skills required.

Call 07889 822412 or 07747 608292 for more details

www.kentwildlifetrust.co.uk

Saturday 14 November at 11am

Winter Wildfowl & Waders

FINAL GUIDED WALK FOR 2009

No charge made but donations always welcome

About 2 HOURS duration on mostly level ground

Call 07889 822412 or 07747 608292 for more details

Have you visited Fowlmead Country Park?

In Sholden near Deal on the A258 Deal to Sandwich road, Fowlmead Country Park is located on the site of the newly regenerated former spoiltip of Betteshanger Colliery, the last of Kent's four coal mines to close twenty years ago in 1989.

Fowlmead offers bike hire (or bring your own!), a world class dedicated tarmac cycle track, fantastic mountain bike trails, leisure trails for walking and cycling, permanent orienteering courses, geocaching, fossil collecting and much more. Open every day except Christmas Day, Fowlmead is well worth a visit!

For further details about Fowlmead please visit www.fowlmead.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR MINSTER VILLAGE HALL

9am to 2pm Free Admission

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER

LOTS OF STALLS WITH SEASONAL BARGAINS!

CHRISTMAS HANDICRAFTS # TOMBOLAS

GRAND RAFFLE # COFFEE & MINCE PIES

Look in and support your village Organisations!

It's PANTO TIME AGAIN! MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

will be performing at

MINSTER VILLAGE HALL

WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER to

SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

7.30pm and SATURDAY MATINEE - 2.30pm.

“Once Upon a time...” written by Paul Barron & Sarah Dyson.

This is a traditional family Panto with all the usual suspects - Princes, Princesses, baddies and helpful(?) friends, with loads of audience participation!

Get your boos, hisses and cheers ready.

Tickets £6 / £5 concessions from Terry Wood 01843 220208.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

An Evening of Clairvoyance With Malcolm and Friends

Tuesday, 27th October at 7:30pm.

Sports Pavilion, Minster Recreation Ground

Entrance includes tea & biscuits

For further details please phone Malcolm on 07817 372 334

Visit St Marys table at the Craft Fayre on Nov 21st in the Old School.

Cakes and Preserves available

WHAT'S ON

The Salvation Army

FRIENDSHIP CLUB WEEKEND

Saturday 14 November at 7.00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of music and laughter

Sunday 15 November 2009

Join us for worship at 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

OUR HOUSE CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday 21 November at 10:00am

Community Hall

Stalls and Games!!

Teas & Lunch

(Phone Audrey: 821792)

THE SALVATION ARMY

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

If you would like to attend or are able to help with this year's meal please contact Audrey on 821792 or Major Denise Cooper on 825178

MINSTER'S FIREWORKS DISPLAY PRESENTED BY MINSTER CEP SCHOOL PFA

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

On recreation ground

Gates open 6.30pm, display starts at 7.30pm

Ticket Prices

In Advance

£3 per person

£10 Group of 4

On the night

£3.50 per person

£11 Group of 4

Pre-schoolers free

Tickets can be purchased at Attwells and Ben's (Londis)

WHAT'S ON

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

(Minster)

Presents

GRAND CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND BAZAAR

Saturday 21st November 9.00am – 4.00pm

Old Schools

only £5 per stall per session AM or PM

TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BRING & BUY,
LOCAL ANTIQUES, CAKE/CARD STALLS

To book or for further information contact **Ken Self on 821200**

MINSTER ART AND CRAFTS GROUP

Every Monday

Old Schools

9.30am - 12.30pm

We are an enthusiastic friendly and sociable small group of people who meet every Monday at the Old Schools between 9.30a.m., and 12.30p.m., in order to pursue our hobbies. There is no formal teaching but usually there is someone on hand to give help and advice. We have painters using all mediums, needlecraft and china painting. We have been running for nearly two years and would like to welcome new members at any meeting.

Please feel free to come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee any Monday to see what we can offer you.

We are a non profit making organization, the cost of joining is free but we do ask for £2 per week, payable monthly in advance, to cover the cost of hall hire and refreshments.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either Jane on 01843 822814 or Pat on 01843 226841.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Tuesday 24th November

Miss Minster will be turning on the lights at 6.00pm

School Choir will be singing at the Gossip Shop

Maypole Dancing and Santa's Grotto in Norton Drive

Many Shops Open – come along and bag a bargain

The raffle held at the recent Art Show raised £261 towards the Christmas Lights
Thank you to Debbie, Darren and Margarite for your help in selling the tickets

NOTES & EVENTS

Minster Mayhems

New dancers and musicians welcome.

Held at the Old Schools, on Fridays 5.15pm - 6.30pm, in term-time.

Phone 821795

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER at 7.30PM in the VILLAGE HALL

Visitors and new members should please note there is no speaker.

W.I. COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER from 10am to 12 noon.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

All welcome.

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE AGM

On Monday 9th November at 7.30pm

Make something to be sold at CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 27th November at 7.30pm

Bingo Speaker or Quiz Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information Miriam Smith 822589

MOTHERS UNION

Next Meeting

Wednesday 11th November at 2pm

92 Monkton Road

SATURDAY MARKET

14th November at the Old Schools

Combined with **QUILTERS CRAFT MARKET FROM 9.00am to 1.00pm**

All the usual stalls. Do come and join us for a Cuppa and a Chat

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER at the VILLAGE HALL from 7.30pm.

Society Quiz, with three teams of our own members answering questions on various horticultural subjects.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COFFEE MORNING in the Old Schools - Saturday 7th November from 9.30 – 12.00noon.

Stalls of plants, books and jigsaws, gifts, cakes and savouries, also tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please come along, have a browse and a cuppa and chat.

1st MINSTER BROWNIES

meet at Minster Pavilion 5.00pm - 6.30pm on Monday evenings.

Girls aged 7-11 years old are welcome.

It is £1.50 per session and £10.00 Joining fee.

If you are interested please call Jackie Cooper (Brown Owl) on (01843) 822970.

1st MINSTER SCOUTS

Note New Venue

**now at Parkminster (formerly Minster Museum)
in the Abbey Grounds**

**Starts Friday 11th Sept - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
in term time**

Boys and Girls from 10 to 14.

This new troop is starting with no money, and almost no equipment. They are looking for equipment, money and manpower.

The District Scouts would love for Minster to have it's own Beaver colony so if you feel that you could offer an hour or two each week to help start one, you would be welcomed with open arms.

**For further info contact Barbara or
Richard on 581014 or email: barbara@grahamhorne.co.uk**

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER AND MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

61 Augustine Road, Tel 821471
Live music - Quiz nights - Race nights
Available to book for functions
Wedding Receptions- Birthday Parties etc
Bar, stage and dance floor in the main area
2 further rooms and a snooker room
Food available Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes
Come along and see for yourself what we have to offer

MINSTER SENIORS

Royal British Legion Club Ladies and Gents
Come and join us for a “Cuppa” and Chat. Bingo - Raffles
EVERY WED 2pm - 4pm.
All Welcome.
For further info phone 823782 Mrs. Joan Cordwell

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of every month
From 9am to 4pm at Guildhall, Cattle Market

MINSTER & MONKTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road
Come and join us for a “Cuppa” and Chat. Bingo and Raffles.
EVERY WED 2pm - 4pm
All Welcome
For further info phone Joan Cordwell on 823782

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MAIN CLUB

The AGM will take place on Monday 16th November 2009 at 8.30pm.

NOTES & EVENTS

AMBERS ADVICE

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends, accessible and wisest of counselors, and most patient of teachers. (C. Eliot)

TIGERS TIP

Add a few grains of rice to your salt shaker. It will take up moisture and stop the salt from clogging.

GOING GREEN WITH NORA

Now that the days are once again getting shorter, it's a good time to remind you that a light left on in an unused room is wasted energy.

Eco-Tip:

When you leave a room, switch the lights off.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

A dog's life really isn't all bad – sleeping all day is good for the soul

SOUP ON WEDNESDAYS

It's Back!!!!

From 4th Nov 12noon to 1pm

Come along and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and a chat with friends.

BADMINTON CLUB

Wine & Wisdom

Village Hall

Friday 20th November from 7pm for 7.30pm start

Pit your wits against Minster's finest

Only £5 each, up to tables of 8 please

Some wine and nibbles will be provided but please bring your own glasses plus additional beverages and food if required

To book or join a table please contact **Gail on 823402**

Please be aware: Messages left with offspring rarely get through

A donation will be made to the

Kent Air Ambulance

NOTES & EVENTS

Cliftonville
Farmers Market
The Oval Lawns
10.00am - 1.00pm
29th Nov; 20th Dec
Contact: June Chadband
01843 226 033
k.chadband@btinternet.com

STEAM TRAINS
www.uksteam.info
Listed Journeys that may come via Minster
Mon 21st Dec : 60163 Tornado
White Cliffs Christmas Luncheon Special
Times and routes can be found on
the uk steam website

STOP PRESS!!
THE SOUTH EAST (KENT)
GET TOGETHER-MAKE MUSIC-HIKE-WALK GROUP
Join us for a walk in Minster on Halloween (Sat 31st Oct).
Dress up if you like. There'll be a bit of Minster history along the walk and we'll
briefly haunt each pub as we pass for a drink!
Visit the groups website or ring Diane on 07717 453106 for more info.
www.meetup.com/South-East-Get-Together-MakeMusic-Hike-Walk

'Life of the Lamb' Sell-Out
The little book 'Life of the Lamb', written by Yvonne Chapman, was a complete
sell-out with profits going to the school garden.
Following the success of Yvonne's first book a second book 'Minster Rambles'
will be on sale at Attwells and W.I. priced at £2.99 each.
Look out for a future third book which will be mainly about Minster and what it
has to offer - titled 'Mynstre' (Minster in old English language.)

THANK YOU'S

Thanks from Robert and Gwen Heath

We would like to express our gratitude to the wonderful Ambulance Crew for their quick response to our call, and the care when they arrived. Special thanks to Jamie Baker for his calming influence. (*Missed last month's MM deadline so Thanks is shown in this month's publication - November.*)

Silver Wedding Anniversary Meal

My husband and I have just celebrated our silver wedding anniversary. We booked Morton's Fork for our celebratory meal. We felt we wanted to contact Minster Matters to pass on our praises for the fantastic meal and service they provided. We were able to decorate the restaurant with photos, banners and balloons. Amie and Jamie who were holding the fort whilst Shaun and Liz were away, did a fantastic job, they couldn't do enough for us. There were 24 of us in total, the food was excellent and the service second to none. The evening ran like clockwork and everyone had a lovely time. We have been in the village for nearly 3½ years and always try to support our local businesses. We found the perfect venue right on our doorstep and wanted to pass on our recommendations. A big Thank you to all at Morton's Fork for making our celebrations a success.

Shawn and Rachel Miles, Tothill Street

Art Show Thanks

Thank you to all who helped and supported us with refreshments during the Art Show - we made £317 for church funds.

Janet Walmsley

ABBEY PATCHERS CRAFT FAIR

Old Schools

Saturday 14th November

9.00am to 1.00pm

Refreshments by St Mary's Church

SCHOOL PAGE

My Best Friend Helen

My friend is very loving
She looks after me when I am hurt
Her smile lights up the classroom
And she's very good in Maths
She's also good in English
Science, Topic and Art
But most of all...
She has a caring heart!

The great fire of Minster

On Wednesday night at 9:00, a big fire happened behind my best friend's house her dog Lily was so scared. So was her friend Danielle so scared that I would be hurt? But I wasn't so yeah for me. Me/ Jenny I was so scared that the fire would come and burn my house down because I am having a new roof put in so it was very weak that day. Then I couldn't get to sleep so I went up stairs with my little puppy Lily so yeah I was scared. My big brother Tim went outside to film it with his video camera [how scary]. Meanwhile at Daniele's house she was crying and hugging her mum/Sarah. Back at my house I was crying to because I didn't want to die at that age of 11. I had just turned 11 on the 1st of September.

Why Bullying is Nasty

Bullying is truly nasty because millions of people get nasty bruises every year, If you see it tell your family, an adult or the nearest person you can find people don't like it if its happening to them and I'm sure you wouldn't like it if it was happening to you. Jake

HORSES

Have you ever looked at how wonderful these creatures are and they say dogs are mans best friend but it should be horses and ponies that are named mans best friend. They give you joyful rides that anyone would enjoy and no one could say that it is not fun. You just sit there and they do all the work for you. Also you can feel the cool breeze of the wind just brush gently along your cheeks. They are the most wonderful pets and if you take them to shows you can win loads of rosettes and medals and trophy's and even gymkhanas its a lot of fun.

By Sophie Stevens

Half Term is Nearly Here

Half term is next week so you know what that means no work for a week!!!! When Half Term comes I know what I want to play with my friends all day until it's time to go home. By Rosie Malloy

My pets

Lily is my cute little puppy who is a labradoodle, she is a really cheeky puppy she is always jumping on to the sofa and beds. She is always scared of the wind and leaves. She doesn't like being left alone but she hasn't learned not to jump up which is really annoying. Now I am going to talk about my rabbits Jimmy and Chew we named them after the famous shoe maker Jimmy Chew. They are my 16th rabbits all the rest died of old age they are nice to hug and pat they are my life if they die I am going to cry my eyes out.

Wheels for Ralph Fashion Show

A couple of weeks ago on Wednesday, Minster Church of England Primary School had a fashion show for Ralph who is a disabled boy and a brother to 2 of our students Holly and Amber. It was in the evening that lots of people came into our school hall and put on a fashion show so that Ralph's mum could have enough money to get him a wheelchair. My friend Danielle was actually in the fashion show and she wore a purple, black and white dress with black leggings and a black dress with decorations. Year 6 did a dance for Ralph and it was a huge hit. So, if you did see it I and Danielle hope you had a good time!

By Danielle and Libby

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On 25th September 2009, Minster Church of England Primary School had their Harvest Festival. This year the theme was colour. All of KS2 went down to the church in the morning. We all sang lots of songs that are to do with colours. The songs were:

Autumn Days, Water of life and Who put the colours in the rainbow? My class did the colour Orange because we are Orange Class. All of the other classes did the colour of their class. I had a lot of fun because me and the rest of Year 6 got to sit in these really cool stands. I was really excited because it has always been my dream to sit in them. Anyway, I hope that all of the people who came had a lovely time and because Year 6 won't be here next year, I hope that you all have a lovely time then as well!

MINSTER

Minster won the Kent village of the year award and I am not surprised because Minster is the best village I have ever come across and that is why I go to Minster school. It is a very peaceful place like the Gossip shop do delicious food and drinks and Archie's fish and chip shop they do all the fish you can think of. The hardware shop is owned by a real happy chappy man and he has all the bits and bobs you need. Londis does all of latest mags the lot. By Sophie Christina Stevens!!!!

CHURCH NEWS

Church News and Service Times

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

Sunday Services In NOVEMBER

1st November

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: "Always Remembered"
(All Souls Eve)

8th November

9am: no service this week
10.45am: Remembrance Service

15th November

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

22nd November

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

29th November

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm: "Advent Service of Light"

Mid week service at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
NOVEMBER

1st November

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

8th November

10.15am: Remembrance Service
with Methodists

15th November

10.15 Holy Communion

22nd November

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

29th November

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:

26th September: William Hackley

Funerals

Edward Sturgess (79)
at Thanet Crematorium

Weddings at Minster Parish Church:

25th September:
Caroline Lovely and Jonathan Nuttall

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.

"Always Remembered"

An opportunity for us to
remember our
departed loved ones
at a special service

At
St Mary's, Minster
at 6.30pm

On
Sunday 1st November,

"All Souls Eve."

All welcome.

The Salvation Army
11 Tothill Street, Minster
Major Denise Cooper
825178 / 822308

Weekly Programme

*All events take place in the
New Salvation Army Church,
Youth and Community Centre*

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

Wednesday

Keep Fit, 10.15am – 11.15am
Home League
(Ladies over 50), 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

Friday

7up Youth Club
(7-10 year olds), 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Adventurers Youth Club
(10 – 12 year olds), 7pm – 8.30pm

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
For more information please visit the
website
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/minster

Councillor Bob Grove
Monthly Surgeries

Bob will be holding regular monthly surgeries as from 2nd September and then on every 1st Wednesday of each month in the Neighbourhood Centre at 1.15pm.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Contacting your District Councillor

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@fsb.com

Contacting your MP:

Dr. Stephen Ladyman:

South Thanet Constituency Office

28, Newington Road, Ramsgate, CT12 6EE

Tel: 01843 852696

e-mail:stephenladymanmp@souththanetlabour.org.uk

An MP's Surgery is held every week please phone for an appointment

Appointments are available every Friday from 4pm in the Constituency Office at Ramsgate.

Additional surgeries are held once a month on a Saturday morning in one of the villages or towns of the constituency and are advertised locally. Dr. Ladyman will visit the elderly, disabled and people without transport at their homes if preferred.

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were



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

