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

Tuesday, **5th October.** in the Neighbourhood Centre at **7 pm.**

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

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Next month's meeting will be held on: Tuesday, **2nd November 2010.**

EDITORIAL

Have I had a busy Month ? You bet I have. Started out journeying right across the County judging for Kent Village of the Year (Minster didn't enter this time) met some really nice people and saw some very interesting and diverse projects.

Then off to a meeting in Lenham to decide the various winners etc., followed by a second trip to Lenham later in the month for the Presentation Ceremony, which to my horror I was asked to MC. Oh how I hate public speaking, but somehow I muddled through and I can now say I felt honoured at being asked although I was terrified at the time.

So what with that, then chasing stories and adverts for the magazine, along with a hospital visit I could well have done without, plus numerous other calls on my time, this month has absolutely flown by. Oh, and I mustn't forget to say thank you to the Village Hall Bowls Group for inviting myself and my better half to their recent barbeque, it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Now before I forget, I must inform you all that Steve the Warden was rushed into hospital again with a re-occurrence of a previous problem, but he is out again now and back home recuperating. We here at MM wish him well, as I'm sure all his friends in the village do, let's hope he's back on duty again soon.

Before any of you think you're seeing things and believe you're maybe going mad, if you see someone on a bike, yes a bike, riding around the village that you think looks a lot like me, then don't despair as I do now have a trusty black steed that I intend to use more often than my car, weather permitting. I know this will certainly surprise some of you, but I do need the exercise and I obtained the cycle via Thanet Freegle for nothing, from one of our magazine advertisers, spent a few bob doing it up and having it serviced, so my intention is to get out on it as many days of the week as I can.

We had a great response to our call for new readers to help out with the audio CD and have recruited at least seven ladies to come and do their bit for us, for which we thank them very much. The call for a Co-editor has been slower however, so if you did think you might have offered but then didn't do so, please let us know and we can arrange a meeting with you to discuss what it involves.

Next month we'll all be getting ready for the start of the run up to the festive season. I've no doubt Late Night Shopping, Switching on the Christmas Lights, Carols in the Square will all be on the agenda, and I believe the Scouts are holding a tombola on the evening of Late Night Shopping for which they are looking for prizes, so if you can help in any way then please drop your offerings into Karen at Attwell's who is kindly collecting them on the Scouts behalf.

Well again space has beaten me, which is just as well as I've run out of things to say, so until next month, take care.

LOCAL NEWS

SHARED OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES AT HERONSBROOK

Minster Parish Council is currently preparing a list of people who are interested in the shared ownership scheme on the Heronsbrook development, which will be available in the near future.

Properties available in the scheme are as follows:-

6 x 2 bedroom flats 3 x 3 bedroom houses

Anyone interested must be on the Thanet District Council housing register and fulfil some of the criteria below:-

- Local connection
- An applicant who is normally a resident in the Parish of Minster and has been so for a continuous period of 5 years.
- An applicant who has lived in the Parish for a period totalling at least 7 years within the past 10 years immediately before making an application.
- The family of the applicant are a resident of the Parish of Minster and have been so for a continuous period of 5 years.
- The applicant is employed in the Parish of Minster or needs to move to the Parish to take up full-time employment (minimum of 10 hours per week)
- The family of the applicant are employed in Minster.
- The applicant is ordinarily a resident of the Thanet Parishes (these being Birchington, Acol, Cliffsend, Monkton, Manston, St Nicholas-At-Wade and Sarre)
- The family of the applicant are a resident of any of the Thanet Parishes.
- The applicant is employed in one of the Thanet Parishes.
- The family of the applicant are employed in one of the Thanet Parishes.

Interested parties cannot be claiming housing benefit. To get more information about shared ownership schemes contact moat housing by calling 0845 359 6161 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm who are the zone agents for Thanet.

To register your interest in the Heronsbrook scheme contact Minster Parish council in writing or by email with your details and we will pass these on to Thanet District Council

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LOCAL NEWS

Local Lad Comes Good

Some of you may have seen the posters around the village advertising a boxing match.

That fight is being undertaken by none other than Dan Woodgate and he needs your support.

Dan has big aspirations for his future in the fight game and we feel he deserves a few column inches to promote himself and what he hopes to achieve

Dan tells us that having moved with his family, early in his life, from Orpington to Minster, he has really taken village life to heart and likes nothing better than attending the Minster Show. As a youngster he showed no interest in carrots and potatoes, unless they were on his dinner plate, but he has recently come to appreciate the time and effort those who grow them must take.

Dan and his friend Arron Lowery started boxing some 5 years ago just as a way to get a bit fitter and lose a few pounds, but he found he had a real liking for the sport, becoming a 1/4 finalist in the Amateur Championships 3 years ago. Ranked 10th in the County Amateurs, he then decided it was time to turn Pro.

Dan does his training in Redhill with Michael Alldis, and he has now had one Pro fight that took place in February, which he won on points. He tells us nothing is easy in the fight game and although his manager had tried to get further fights since then something has always resulted in them not actually happening. He now has a new manager and a 2nd fight planned for 16th October in Crawley.

Dan sees himself with a Southern Area title within 18 months and in 2 to 2 1/2 years he is hoping to be looking at having a crack at winning the British Title.

As I said earlier "Great Aspirations" but he needs our help to get there. To that end Dan would love to hear from you that you'd like to go along and support him. *Editor*

There is a coach arranged from Minster Station on 16th at £10 per person, plus fight ticket cost is £30. Interested? Then please ring Dan on 0780 701 311 to book your seats.

Memorial For Battle of Britain's Heroes

15th September 2010 - Battle of Britain Day, 70th Anniversary.

A service was held in the Memorial Garden at Manston, to remember all those brave young pilots who fought and died for us. They are remembered for laying down their lives so valiantly to protect this country, or our lives could be so much different today. *'God bless them all'*

LOCAL NEWS

The 6th Annual 'Ride To Remember'

On Sunday 29th August, 40 of us set off on the annual JAKE PHILPOTT memorial bike ride. We all had the same goal, to finish the 22 mile (some say 26) course with no major catastrophes. So at 11am we left the British Legion, off up the hill, through Acol and onto Minnis Bay. That's when we knew what we were up against. A head wind all the way along Reculver to the first proper stop, the King Ethelbert. Once there a well earned drink and rest before we headed off through picturesque countryside (anything to take your mind off the pain), to The Gate Inn. Tired but still keen, it was back on the saddle and onto The Grove Ferry. Here, great fun was had by "the children" on the bouncy castle, Sumo wrestling and Gladiator wars. Onward again to a quick stop at the Rising Sun when oh no! the heavens opened. The umbrellas outside, took off (what idiot put them up in that wind). Some stopped to see if it would ease off, the more hardy got going, after all it was only rain, (or was it hailstones?). Drenched and bedraggled we besieged the Dog and Duck at Plucks Gutter, to the horror of Bank Holiday day trippers in their Sunday best eating roast beef (oh the smell !!). We didn't outstay our welcome before it was onto the home straight, through Monkton to the Legion where a well earned drink (more drink!), food a plenty and of course a sit down (or not, as the case may be) was awaiting.

A massive THANK YOU to all who took part, to both newcomers and all you regulars, to everyone who helped with food, emergency lifts and repairs along the way.

See you all next year. XXXX

RSPCA Animal update

Diamond and Malone are 3 years old and came to the Centre following the death of their owner. They are bonded brothers who are looking for a new home together. They are used to being around dogs.

Titus is approx 5-6 months old and he is a stray who was brought to the Centre after nearly being run over by a car. Titus is extremely friendly and just loves fuss and attention.

Polly is a young female rabbit who was found as a stray. She is very shy so would prefer a home where there are no young children.

Cats, Kelly, Bluebell and Thunder have all found new homes.

Woodchurch Animal Centre

Queensdown Road, Woodchurch, Birchington CT7 0HG

Telephone: 01843 826180

www.rspcakent.org.uk

FOOTPATH OPENING

September 1st saw the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. Mrs Ann Thomson officially re-opening the footpath now numbered TE462 from Monkton Road down the edge of "The Orchard" which was so nearly lost to the new development.

Thanks for this go especially to John Burren who first sought advice on how to save it, and for his efforts and passion at seeing it through. Thanks also go to Mrs. Mc Cloughlin of KCC Rights of Way for all her advice and help in processing the claim, to Persimmon for their support in establishing the footpath, to KCC and Minster Parish Council for supporting the claim, and last but by no means least, thank you to all the villagers who filled in the paperwork, wrote letters, dug out maps etc, without all of these the path would not exist.

BUILDING NAMING

September 1st also saw the official naming of two properties on the Heronsbrook development. They were both named after village families and are 12 Cheney Road, which has been named Morphew House and 9 Cheney Road which has been named Razzell House.

The honours were completed by Cllr Mrs Ann Thomson, in her position as Chairman of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk, Kyla Lamb (nee Razzell) as a family member.

MINSTER CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION.....would like to say thank you to the Parish Council, Village Businesses and residents for all the support they have given us and the Miss Minster Court throughout the year. Special thanks goes to Envy from the all the young ladies in this year's Court for doing their hair on Minster Show day.

MM can report, that when representing the village at Sandwich Carnival the Court attained 3rd Float whilst Princess Feya was awarded 2nd in the Princess of Princesses. Again, well done you do us proud.

Steve Taylor, Community Warden

As we near Autumn and all that goes with it, I thought it would be a good time to remind everyone about keeping safe as the nights start to draw in. This can be a difficult time for some members of the community, especially those who are elderly or alone or indeed both.

If you have a neighbour who you think you could help, why not drop in on them and see how they are. Maybe help with some shopping or picking up a prescription, even stopping for a chat can make the world of difference to some people. If there is someone who you have concerns over don't hesitate to give me a call and I will try and help where I can.

Think of it as **Minster's Winter Watch**. We are going to need to help each other more and more as some services get affected by the up and coming budget restraints and this is when we show what a good community does when called upon.

You will see posters and other notices soon relating to a campaign run by Thanet District Council along with myself, on the subject of none other than DOG-FOULING and LITTER. I've lost count of the number of articles I have written about dog-fouling, but I make no apologies for that, as I am determined to get the message across that it is just not acceptable not to pick up after your dog.

Generally the village is doing well and doesn't suffer greatly from any serious quality of life issues, but that doesn't mean we can get complacent. If there are any problems you think I could help you with please call me on the number listed in this journal and thanks for your continued support for me and take care.

Not Nice but It Needs Saying!

It has come to our notice here at MM that, where both we and the Community Warden are always banging on about villagers not clearing up after their dogs, we also have a problem with at least one amongst us who even has the barefaced cheek to leave their own faeces for someone else to clear up.

We feel sure members of this community wouldn't wish to know where this has been found, or by whom it was left, but we know, because it has been confirmed by CCTV footage.

All we can say to you is, (and if you're reading this, you'll know exactly who you are, Madam), that you obviously have no pride in your surroundings or in Minster as a whole, as it is just disgusting what you've done and we sincerely hope you eventually get your comeuppance for doing such a shameful thing. Your companion is no better, having stood and held your coat whilst you relieved yourself, the pair of you should be truly ashamed!!

MINSTER TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The September committee meeting was very positive and in a planning the calendar mood! There will be at least three trips to France next year, so please let us know as soon as possible that you want to attend so we can fill the coach.

- The Anniversary in France will be in May.
- Giants Day in France will be in June (hope our giant is fully recovered by then!)
- The final annual planned trip is in September.

Back home in Minster we are planning a race night in March and Fun Day is returning, and will be in June 2011. There may be more events if you want them.

The next committee meeting is 14th October at the royal British Club at 8.00 p m and all will be welcome, or you may want to save yourselves for the AGM in November at the Neighbourhood Centre.

I was a new member from the last AGM and have been made very welcome – so new friends are looked after and soon become old friends. Every input is embraced and as always help of any kind, taking as much or as little of your time as you can offer, is gratefully accepted. (And it is fun!)

An Extra Bus Stop Needed?....

A concerned resident has been in touch with Stagecoach bus company requesting an extra bus stop at the top of the village for Bus Service No9.

'I live in Minster-in-Thamet, Nr. Ramsgate. Why on earth cannot it be arranged for the number 9 bus that comes from Ramsgate and goes to Canterbury, not stop at the top of the village. So many people have asked me this question. There is plenty of space at the top of the village on the Canterbury road, for a pull in now - it is ridiculous that we have to travel to other stops to get on board. The new Express Inn and the Co-operative store etc. have plenty of room, it is really a possibility if you look into it.'

Yvonne Chapman

Stagecoach bus company have responded to Yvonne's letter and are 'considering this in the next timetable change' but as yet are unable to confirm when this will be. If you agree that this is needed why not get in touch with Stagecoach too - I'm sure if they are aware of a big enough demand actions will soon be taken.

ABBHEY FARM FOOTPATHS

Following on from last month's letter re the footpaths/tracks around Abbey Farm, we felt we should take it upon ourselves to have a look at the Designated Footpaths Map to see just what Rights of Way it showed in that area, and we also paid a site visit to see where the stated signs were for ourselves. (We must admit we did drive the route and not walk it.)

Whilst the two areas that had been signed may have been used previously by the public neither are officially recognised public rights of way and therefore we must conclude that the farm owners have every right to erect the signs that they have.

Having then spoken with the farm owners, we could see the safety and disturbance issues involved, that had prompted them to erect these. We were however disheartened to find that those on the Southern side of the railway line had been both vandalised and removed.

We also understand from other sources that there is a possibility that the path is to be officially realigned beyond the railway line, in that where at present the path crosses the track via the concrete road then turns right and follows the hard road around one side of the duck pond and on towards the stile, where it then re-crosses the railway line, it is proposed to realign this complete section to run instead, along the Southern boundary fence of the railway, thus keeping the public and dogs away from the duck pond area and also to eliminate walkers having to negotiate the blind corner on the hard road, which we understand is a real hazard point at harvest times.

Maybe this isn't what the writer of last month's letter or others wish to hear, but we can only report the facts, as we see them, to you.

What we can add though, and this bit probably won't best please the farmer, is that recently some villagers fought for the official recognition of another track, that was about to be lost in the new development off of Monkton Road, the outcome of which was that, after a considerable amount of effort, by a small number of people, they have been successful in having the route recognised as an 'official right of way'. So if anyone feels strongly enough about the present situation at Abbey Farm then maybe they should consider taking it up with the County Footpaths Officer and/or the Parish Council.

Editor

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

September's meeting began with the singing of 'Jerusalem' to a recorded musical backing - which proved somewhat unsuccessful, and it was felt we sounded better 'a cappella'!

Our speaker that month was Don Wilks, who entertained us with his superb photographs of the flora and fauna in South Africa's Kruger National Park. With his witty and informed commentary, Don once again proved a popular speaker.

Final arrangements were announced for October's Dabble Day, when members can 'have a go' at flower arranging, salsa dancing, barge painting, and seated exercise, with lunch being cooked by Marion Rose and helpers. A separate craft day will also be held.

Willing volunteers were sought to provide entertainment at our Christmas Party in December - which is not too far away: mince pies are already in the shops! It was agreed that we would once again take a stall at the Village Christmas Fair, selling home made cakes and preserves.

The next meeting, to which visitors and new members will be made welcome, will be on Tuesday, 12 October, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Helen Kendal-Tobias on 'Colour Me', and members are asked to bring a scarf or stole.

MINSTER CEP SCHOOL PFA

Bags for School

'Bags to School' is a fundraising project that recycles unwanted clothes/fabric in exchange for school funds. The more we can gather, the more money we can raise for Minster Primary. So if any residents have any unwanted clothes etc that they would like to get rid of, please bag them up and send them into Minster Primary on the day of the event (please look out for posters around the village confirming the date).

Fireworks Display

A 'must see' event that will actually be taking place on Bonfire Night this year on the Recreation Ground. Gates will be opening at 6pm with the display starting at 7pm. Tickets will be available to purchase, nearer the event, from the school or at Ben's/Londis (subject to permission given). Ticket prices: In advance, £3 per person or £10 for a group of 4. On the night, £3.50 per person or £11 for a group of 4. Pre-schools get to go free!

Please can we remind those driving to the event to use the village car parks and make the last bit of journey on foot as the Recreation Car Park will need to be kept clear of vehicles for Emergency Services. Please also note that during the event there will be NO ACCESS TO THE REC VIA THE SIDE OF THE ALL WEATHER PITCH.

YOUR LETTERS

Minster's Dutch Gables.....

I am studying the Dutch and Flemish gabled houses of Kent and during my research came across an article in the Kent Archaeological Society's annual publication dated 1878 referring to Minster in Thanet which I thought your readers might be interested in.

The article by the editor of *Archaeologia Cantiana* vol. XII on page 353 writes:

"In Minster village there are several houses, built of brick in the time of Charles II or of William III, which have such prettily curved gable ends, as were characteristic of the Caroline reigns in England. Perhaps there is no part of Kent which retains, within an equally small area, so many examples of these graceful gables. Near Minster Vicarage, an old house with two such gables had in iron RK 1693 was in Kennett's Lane [presumably RK stood for Robert Kennett a major ratepayer at the time] then house passed to Thrum and lane became Thrum's Lane. This gable was similar to Swan Cottage in Reading Street. Another house inhabited by Dr. Harris has similar gable. White Horse Inn [at this time] had two gables [now one]."

'Several' could be three or seven or more, if only we had been given a figure! I know of the former White Horse (with the date 1597 in the gable) and the one in Durlock (also the one at Monkton) but the others appear to have been lost. Does any reader know of where the others were or have old pictures of one or more?

I would be very grateful if anyone can throw some light, however little, on these missing examples of our heritage. More details of these gables in Thanet can be found on www.iotas.org.uk/thanetpast and details can be sent to the Isle of Thanet Archaeological Society mailbox at mail@iotas.org.uk or I can be contacted on 01843 867415.

Gordon Taylor.

Dear Editor..... In reply to Robert Gibb's letter regarding the Harlow family, yes Hazel Harlow was born in Minster and had three brothers Eric, Allan and Edgar and it was Allan who had the butchers shop in Tothill Street. Hazel's father George Harlow was a milkman and his dairy is now Ben's supermarket. He originally came from Bekesbourne. Hazel and I share an 8x great grandfather Richard Harlow born in 1589 in Elmstone so are distantly related.

Yours faithfully, *Angela Powell*

Apology..... to Joyce Seath and Joyce Bromley. We here at MM wish to apologise to Joyce Seath for mistakenly putting her name to a note we had received from Joyce Bromley. We also wish to apologise to Joyce Bromley for getting it wrong. Sorry ladies, a senior moment by the Editor I'm afraid.

Congratulations.....to Minster Bowls Club members Sylvia Pritchard and Audrey Gent on winning the Ladies Pairs Competition at 30th Annual Herne Bay Open Bowls Tournament

Minster Playhouse

As Summer draws to a close and thoughts turn to baubles on the Christmas Tree, amateur dramatic companies across the country start focussing their attention on the next production, Pantomime! But where does this custom come from?

Pantomime's origins lie in Ancient Greece, where it meant a group of artists who carried out impersonations accompanied by sung narrative and instrumental music. It was a popular form of entertainment in Ancient Greece, and later in Rome, which encompassed the true theatre elements of comedy, tragedy and sex.

Pantomime arrived in England as a short theatrical production, usually operas, performed between the Acts of a play serving as an overture to Act 2 and eventually evolved into separate shows. Gradually these pantomimes became more topical and comic, often involving as many special theatrical effects as possible.

Traditionally performed at Christmas, Pantomime is now a popular form of family entertainment incorporating songs, buffoonery, slapstick, dance, cross-dressing, in-jokes and audience participation. There are a number of fairly traditional story lines as well as some well defined performance conventions – the leading man is played by a woman and the hero's mother is played by a man, otherwise known as the 'Dame'. Panto story lines and scripts typically make no reference to Christmas, and are almost always based on traditional children's stories.

This year, Minster Playhouse are returning to tradition with their production of 'Aladdin', the story of an impoverished young ne'er-do-well, in a Chinese city who is tricked into retrieving an oil lamp from a cave. If you want to know more you will just have to come and see the production. With all the elements of comedy and tragedy, plus some excellent singing, dancing and acting you can't miss this opportunity.

Aladdin is being performed by Minster Playhouse at the Minster Village Hall from the 1st – 4th December 2010, all tickets £6, £5 concessions.

Special Offer on Wednesday 1st December – two for the price of one! Don't delay – call Terry on 01843 220208.

—————**STOP PRESS!!!** —————

Bell Inn Pre Theatre Meal

Please ring 821274 for full details

See Minster Matters Next Month for full info.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

As founder members of the newly formed outdoor East Kent Triples League, Minster Bowls Club were crowned Winners in this inaugural year, having won by 4 points from second team, Ashford Town, who finished on 38 points.

Captains Sylvie Arnold & Ken Wooldridge were presented with the Pennant & Nada Williams Plate at Canterbury on Monday 6th September accompanied by other Minster Members.

It's very nearly time to say good bye. That is good bye to the outdoor season. We are going out on a high, and Clubs around Thanet are beginning to notice our presence or at least our good bowlers.

In the Ramsgate Triples Final were Mike Boston, Trevor Elson, and Alan Razzell. In the Mixed Fours at Broadstairs we were the winners, congratulations to Audrey, Sylvie, Ken & Ron.

Other competitions at Broadstairs are in progress as I write.

Audrey & Sylvie were winners of the Ladies Pairs at Herne Bay.

The clubs end placings for the Men, in the Isle of Thanet League, were 4th, 4th and 8th across the two divisions.

Following the Barn Dance on the 8th October, we will be having a race night on the 12th November.

October 1st starts the new Short Mat season begin. So if you would like to try your hand, keep in the warm and out of the wet weather, please come down to the Pavilion opposite the All Weather surface, where you will receive the warmest of welcomes.

BOWLS RESULTS FROM FINALS DAY

Mens Championship: **Len Cooper**

Ladies Championship: **Maureen Hedges**

Mens Handicap: **Ray Thorp**

Ladies Handicap: **Serena Townsend**

Pairs: **Dave Martin, Ray Brazier**

Pairs: **Pat Miles, Maureen Hedges**

Mixed Pairs: **Sylvia Davis, Ron Foster**

Triples: **Jacki Carter, Mike Boston, Norman Wilson**

Triples Plate: **Bob Chapman, Ida Ballard, Ken Gent**

2 Wood: **Brian East**

Bert Cooper Trophy: **Ray Thorp**

Ted Norman Trophy: **Frank Foster**

Congratulations to Broadstairs Triples Winners:

Len Cooper and Sylvia Pritchard

Third Place: **Brian Davis and Glynne Hibbert**

Both teams had a non-player from the club.

Glynne Hibbert

Latest News from Minster FC

Minster FC play their football in the Canterbury District Football League Premier Division after winning the Division 1 title last season. We are now one step from the Kent County League which forms part of the Football Association's Non League Pyramid. We play our home games at Minster Recreation Ground.

Our home fixtures for the next few weeks are as follows:
 25th September Minster V Chilham kick off 3pm Minster Rec.
 16th October Minster V Texcell Solutions kick off 2:30 Minster Rec.

Here is a match report for Saturday's game at Charing.

With Charing beating Betteshanger the week before and absentee's due to Stevey Jarman's wedding, this could have been a tough opener for Minster.

The match started strongly for Minster with fine passing moves on what was a very short pitch. The new pairing at the back of Dan Moore and Scott Ford worked well with both centre backs winning the long balls on most occasions. Minster played some fine football forcing some fine saves by the Charing keeper. Minster finally beat the keeper when a long ball from Simon Brooks found Craig Gilpin who directed the ball into the bottom right of the goal. Charing then came back with numerous corners forcing Howard to tip a header over the crossbar. Minster survived some Charing pressure and went in at half time 1-0 up.

Wise words from the gaffer about giving a goal away early were heard at half time but Charing found an equaliser when a deflected shot through a mass of bodies, was saved by Howard but found a Charing striker, who rifled a shot through the smallest gap, to find an equaliser.

Minster then found their passing game again and an increasingly frustrated Charing resorted to chopping Jake Eastwood down at every opportunity. Minster found a second goal when Lee Gilpin smashed a shot from 20 yards into the top right corner of the goal.

Charing thought they had found an equaliser after a ball being crossed for the striker to direct the ball into the net but to the strikers frustration the ball was judged to have crossed the line for a goal kick. To finish things off the Charing keeper kicked a long ball which found Ian Quinney. Quinney then launched the ball forward which found the Minster striker who lobbed the advancing keeper.

FINAL SCORE Charing 1 Minster 3

Paul Howard

KENT TRADING STANDARDS

Kent Trading Standards are warning people to be wary of a telephone caller claiming that you are entitled to a council tax rebate.

The caller is asking for bank details in order to issue refunds. Another potential victim was told his bank details were required to claim back his unfair bank charges.

These calls are similar to other reports Trading Standards have received where the details were requested for refunds by "Customs and Excise".

We would advise people to be extremely careful when disclosing personal information over the telephone. Make sure you know who you are speaking to and if at all unsure, inform the caller you will ring them back. **Do not use the number they give you** but look the number up in your local phone directory or yellow pages. Alternatively, you could just request the refund by cheque (if they are legitimate, they should already have your address).

Kent Trading Standards has received reports that a website has been set up in the name of a well known brand of fizzy cola drink. The website advertised a competition which the consumer entered; the consumer was then called and told to pay £400 to release their million pound prize. Consumers will not receive the million pound prize because we believe this is a scam and the website was not set-up by the well known fizzy drink company.

Kent Trading Standards are advising consumers to check websites before entering competitions or giving them any of your personal details. Most well known brands have dedicated phone lines and/or emails that you can contact them on if you are in any doubt about a website, phone call or mailing you receive that claims to be from them. This also applies to all well known organisations such as banks and building societies.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true it usually is.

Trading Standards would like to remind consumers to be cautious when considering applying for home working schemes on the Internet.

In some cases the site will ask for payment in advance and then does not supply any of the promised materials for home working. It is unlikely that you will get any of your money back if this happens.

If considering this type of work the following website provides useful information to help you decide if this option is for you.

www.homeworkinguk.com

Please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or go to www.consumerdirect.gov.uk if you need further advice on your consumer rights, or you want to report any businesses or incidents you have concerns about.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

READERS AND CO-EDITOR UPDATE

Thank you to all those who answered our call for Readers, our listeners can now look forward to a variety of other voices, instead of just the same 3 or 4.

We have also had some interest shown for the position of Co-editor but at this moment in time we're not too sure if any of them are really serious about it . We'll keep you posted!!

WOOL WANTED..... Lil Smith has asked us to put out a request for wool. She'll take whatever you have no matter how small a quantity, for her band of knitters who do so much for Pilgrims Hospice.

Please contact Lil on 822059.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR MINSTER FC

Minster FC represent the village and travel all over East Kent to play their football against opponents like Charing, Betteshanger, Chilham and Ash just to name a few.

The team is looking for sponsorship this season for a new kit. The club also needs new medical equipment and training equipment like footballs.

Anyone that wishes to sponsor the team should contact the manager Rob Rae on 07809 241740 or just come up to the All Weather Pitch at 7pm on Wednesdays whilst we are training.

The potential sponsor of our new kit will have the company on the front of the shirt plus the company will be advertised on the club's website with the possibility of going to the local press. Other potential sponsors will be advertised on the website too. Please see

<http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/minsterfc/>

Charles Henry GOLDSMITH

17.08.1922 – 14.07.2010

With thanks for the life of my friend and for the wonderful years we spent together in Minster.

Lots of laughter, talks and meetings.

Thank you to everyone for all the cards and prayers, to the Hospice and the doctors and nurses who cared for him.

No more pain now. Reunited with Betty R.I.P. God Bless

Joyce, family and friends. "Steady the Buffs"

WHAT'S ON

40th MINSTER ART EXHIBITION & SALE

Saturday 2nd October at 10am - 5pm

AND

Sunday 3rd October at 11am - to 4pm

Water Colours - Oils - Pastels - Glass

Wood - Pottery - Photography

Refreshments available in Old Schools.

Exhibition sponsored by Minster Garage (Bush Autos).

Solve your Christmas Present Problem.

St. Nicholas-at-Wade

CHARITY DAY will be held on **Saturday, 30th October**

in St. Nicholas Church from 10.00am to 3.00pm

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

STARS COME OUT AT MINSTER LIBRARY

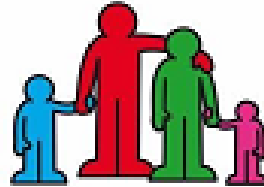
Stargazers of the cosmic kind might like to come along to Minster Library this month to browse the display and selection of books on Astronomy.

There will be adult and childrens' books that cover the subject available to borrow and we hope to have an expert from Monkton Observatory to give a talk on the subject. - Time to be advised.

Tickets will be free. Please enquire at the library 01843 821442

Do you want to get active as a family?

Do you want to create yummy recipes together?

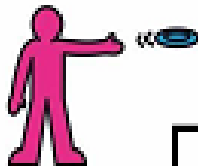


Then you need to join our free

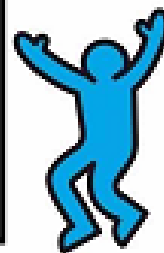
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Eat well Move more Live longer

club!

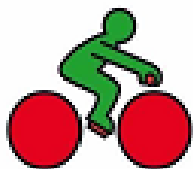


Where: Minster CEP School
When: Every Tuesday starting 21st September 2010
Time: 3.45pm - 5.45pm



Find out about portion sizes and food labelling as well as learning lots of healthy new recipes!

Have fun as a family with our activity sessions!



For more information and to register for our free programme, call our freephone number on 0800 849 4000 and you will receive your free family pack at the first session!



Computer Course At

Minster Primary School



4 Week Course Starting on Tuesday 28th September 2010

1.15—3.15 provided by **UKonlinecentres**

Would You Like to Learn More About Internet Safety?

Four main areas will be covered :-

Using the internet safely
 Understanding family internet safety
 Understanding your child's learning, &
 Understanding jobs & interviews

All Learning takes place at an individual pace and you will receive a certificate on completion of each section. All participants will have access to their own individual computer.

There will be opportunities to continue your learning further on completion of the course if required.

To book your place or find out more contact
 Ali Gillatt on 01843 821384 / 07754590997

Open To All- Everyone Welcome



KESTRAL Extended Schools Partnership
 Westgate, Birchington, Minster,
 Monkton & St Nicholas



the easy way to find out
 how to use the internet

60's GROUP "MARMALADE" GIVE FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE

Here's an event for all fans of 60's music!

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

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

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

To book tickets please phone 01304 645678

For more information, phone 01843 822431

POWELL-COTTON MUSEUM NEXT EVENT FOR ADULTS ONLY

31st October at 7pm "Experiment at Quex ends in tragedy"

A group of eminent Victorians will meet at Quex House on the eve of hallowe'en to conduct an experiment which will prove whether or not ghosts exist.

But before the night is through a ghastly murder will take place.

Can you solve the mystery?

Is the sceptic scientist suspicious?

Where was the sinister butler at the crucial time?

And how come the flamboyant clairvoyant didn't see it coming?

Mingle amongst them with the lady of the house in this mysterious and exciting evening of promenade theatre and detective work.

Get in the mood – come in Victorian dress for a chance to win a prize.

Tickets: £8 to include a glass of wine

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Tuesday 12th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Speaker: Helen Henda-Tobias 'Colour Me' Please bring a scarf or stole
Visitors and new members welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

Thursday 21st October in the Village Hall Committee Room

From 10.00am to 12.00noon. All welcome

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

WOMEN'S SECTION NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Monday 11th October 7.30pm "Make a witches hat"

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information ring Miriam Smith on 822589

SATURDAY MARKET WILL BE HELD ON

9th October 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Old Schools.

Everyone Welcome

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Last Saturday of every month

Next date 30th October, 9am to 1pm, Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304 617197

email: info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

Last Sunday of each Month

Next date 31st October

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact

June Chadband on **226033** or email: k.chadband@btinternet.com

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING AGM Wednesday 20th October

Village Hall 7.30pm

Speaker Don Wilks "A Minster Year"

All visitors are welcome 50p

**Kent Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre
Fundraising Challenge India Bike Ride
3-12 November 2011**

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

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

7.00pm for 7.30pm, OLD SCHOOLS

In aid of local Midwives who are visiting Ethiopia to help reduce morbidity and mortality rates in babies and mothers

Tickets are £5 per person Including Ploughman's

Tables of 6 - Bring your own drinks, glasses and cutlery

Please contact

Kate Humphries on 823319 or Sue Greenstreet on 823035 for tickets

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

Contact: Joan Cordwell - on 823782

THE SALVATION ARMY HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 3rd October 11am Family Worship, 6pm Evening Worship

Monday 4th October 6pm Harvest Supper

Tickets Available from Audrey on 821792

AMBERS ADVICE

Best not to spend our time in atoning for the neglect of past opportunities, which we call 'doing our duty'. We loiter in winter while it is already spring.

TIGERS TIP

When slicing hard boiled eggs use a hot knife to stop them from crumbling.

ZACS MUSINGS

So us dogs aren't the only ones to blame for making a mess around the village. Just read this issue to see. Disgusting !!

FESTIVE FUN

When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?

When you're a mouse.

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

Because he didn't have the guts!

What do birds give out on Halloween night?

Tweets...

When does a skeleton laugh?

When something tickles his funny bone

Spooky Riddle

*My first is in spell, but never in book,
My second is in fright and also in shook,
My third is in cauldron, but never in pot,
My fourth is in net and also in knot,
My fifth is in bat, but never in vampire,
My sixth is in coal, but not found in fire
My seventh is in moon, but not in night,
Complete I will give you a spooky fright!*

In case you wish to attempt to solve this riddle, we have not included the answer here, but you will hear it at the very end of the audio, following "Musical Interludes supplied by"

CHURCH NEWS

Church News and Service Times

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

Sunday Services In
OCTOBER 2010

3rd October

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: **Animal Service**
6.30pm: Evensong

10th October

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

17th October

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

24th October

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

31st October

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

Mid week service at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
OCTOBER

3rd October

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

10th October

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

17th October

11am: Holy Communion at
Methodists

24th October

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

31st October

10.15am Family Service

Baptisms:

22nd August: Izabel Cliffe
22nd August: James Baker

Weddings

at Minster Parish Church:

21st August: Darren Brumskill and
Yvonne Weeks
28th August: Peter Frampton and
Eleanor Williams
28th August: Daniel Boxall and
Jodie Reed
3rd September: Peter Munns and
Bonney Hallett

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: 8.30am

Mass 9am, Sunday 10am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

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

10am Sunday 3rd October
St Mary's Church, Minster

Animal Service

All animals and their responsible
owners welcome!



St Francis of Assisi

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

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)
11.00am - 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
(children's club for year 3-6, ages 7-11)
6pm - 7pm

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Salvation Army telephone number for
the new building is 01843 825178

Contacting your District Councillors

Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is now holding regular monthly surgeries every 1st Wednesday of each month in the Neighbourhood Centre at 1.15pm.

All residents are welcome to attend.

Councillor Mike Roberts

Conservative Ward Councillor for Thanet Villages

You are most welcome to contact Mike with any issues or problems you may have regarding Council matters

Tel: 01843 595065 email: marlec@onetel.com

Contacting your MP:

Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

Ring: 01843 848588 (a.m. from 10.00)

Fax: 01843 844856 (24-hour)

Web: www.rogergale.co.uk

Email: galerj@parliament.uk

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thank you for listening

Your readers this month were

....Jan, Julie, Marion, Lynn, Margaret and Ray.....

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

Answer to the Spooky riddle: A phantom