



## 125 YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



July 31st saw the Minster Corp of the Salvation Army celebrating 125 years in the village. Guests were invited to partake of both lunch and tea, but the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the 'Fashion Show' with volunteers from the Community Shop parading clothes that had been donated for sale. A good time was had by all. Further pictures appear on page 17.



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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

This month's meeting: Tuesday 6Th September @ 7pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend and can arrange to speak to the Council through the Clerk or by requesting the Chairman before the start of the meeting.

Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk and are posted in the Library. Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb

and the Council Office is normally open from:- 9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays; tel: 821 339 fax: 825 269 Email:

clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk The next meeting will be Tuesday 4th October at 7pm.

# EDITORIAL

I started out by apologising last month for possible mistakes in the magazine, and sure enough there were 2 glaringly obvious ones.

One article lost ½ its text, (page 19 Christmas Lights), but the other far more important one was that I inadvertently republished the June Advert for The Bell, sorry Brian, I wonder how many Dads tried to make a booking!! I know the landlord wasn't at all amused, especially as I discovered it too late to be able to change it, so I printed off 2000 copies of the correct advert which was then inserted in all magazines before we distributed them. (If you didn't get one - it must have fallen out)

Just hoping we've got it all correct this month as that mistake cost me hours of my time printing, cutting and inserting, something I don't wish to repeat again in a hurry.

On to brighter things, I'm sure most of you have recognised that I've somehow managed to get my picture on the front page - you didn't notice? Well I'm the short tubby one at the back with the bowler hat, dark suit and a walking stick.

What a great day we had at the Salvation Army, and no I'm not a Salvationist, but I was coerced into taking part, as I help out, on a Monday morning, in their Community Shop.

After the „Fashion Show" some of us were even brave enough to have our faces painted, and I made a mean impression of Macavity with my cats face and the bowler hat, quite

„Scary" really. Want to see it? Then take a look at MM's Facebook Page, where you will not only find „Macavity" but loads of other pictures from the day that we were unable to find space for in this issue.

As it's the summer holidays there is no school page this month, but there are copious amounts of praise for „The Show" and a 2 page spread on the life of Peter Crook who sadly passed away in July just a few days before his 74th birthday. Peter was a great character and I well remember him having daily „arguments" on the phone with my dad about how many lettuce he should cut by lunchtime. I am sure he will be missed by all of those who knew him. R.I.P. Peter.

As for the Show, I would like to personally thank all my fellow committee members for all the hard work they did to make it a success, sorry I couldn't do any heavy lifting, and let's hope it continues for many, many more years to come.

Sadly I'm none of us will be around to celebrate the 250th, but let's hope that there are still vil agers who will continue to work hard to run the event long after we've all passed away.

The MM Office opening is on hold at the moment as there has been a hiccup in the delivery of the braille embosser, which is on its way, "hopeful y!", from the good old US of A, but I think it must be coming via the scenic route as the delivery day keeps getting put back.

Let's hope we can give you a date next month for our bit of a celebration.

We've spread ourselves a little further since last month, having now got a Google+ page. If you are interested in having a Google+ account (they are by invitation only at present) then contact me and I will send you an invite.

Whilst speaking of the Internet, we are looking for someone, preferably a knowledgeable younger person, to come on board the MM team and take on the upkeep of our web site and everything that entails, eg a bit of simple html coding, regular monthly updates, etc.

Interested? - then drop us an email with a few details about yourself, and we will get back to you.

Well summer is nearly over and the kids will soon be back at school, which in turn means it will soon be Christmas again, to prove this you will already find events for that period listed within this issue, where does the time go to, I'm sure it never went this fast when I was working 6 days a week.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find an advert for the Art Show, which this year is open on the Friday evening and not just Saturday and Sunday, I'm sure they'd love your support.

The pictures and craft items are always worth going to look at even if you don't purchase any.

# WARNING

Yet again we are being warned against phone scams concerning debit and credit cards. Please DO NOT give your security number (that's the 3 digits, on the back of your card), which they ask for. If you are worried by such a phone call please contact your bank or credit card company and explain the situation.

# CHURCH OPEN

On behalf of the Vicar, Rev'd Bob Coles, and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) I am pleased to be able to tell you that the church is again open, and will continue to be open every day until just after lunch.

Our apologies to anyone who was unable to access the church when it was kept locked for a few days at the end of July/beginning of August, following vandalism. This was to enable Kent Police to complete their investigations, and for the PCC to ensure that the damage caused had not compromised the Health and Safety policy for the building; also to review security and put additional measures into place.

Despite various "challenges" from time to time, the PCC is committed to upholding the "open church" policy that has been in place for more than 10

years, and which has benefited villagers and visitors alike.

*Paul Willins: Churchwarden: St Mary the Virgin, Minster*

## **BRITAIN'S BEST DECORATED HOUSES AT CHRISTMAS**

I am trawling the country for people who love nothing more than decking their houses with lights and illuminated ornaments at Christmas.

We are developing a documentary for Channel 4 which will be a fun and light-hearted look at this popular British Yuletide pastime. I am trying to make contact with as many parish and town councils as possible to see if: A) they run local, annual competitions and

B) if there are any houses or streets in their communities that are famed for their decorations.

In case you might be disposed to disseminate information among the Kent Parish Councils, I have a copy of information that I'm sending out to anyone who asks.

An Englishman's home is his castle. And some, at Christmas time, like nothing more than lighting up their castles with thousands of lights, flashing Santas and reindeer, and even synchronised music.

Further details can be obtained from the Parish Office or via email -

kenself014@btinternet.com



# LOCAL NEWS

## PARISH COUNCIL REMINDER TO HOUSEHOLDERS/TENANTS

The Parish Council have asked us to remind householders/tenants that they are responsible for trimming back hedges, shrubs and trees that cause a nuisance/problem with overgrowth across footpaths. They also ask that those with gravel drives keep the gravel off of the roads and pavements by regularly sweeping it back onto their property.

The Community Warden will be monitoring both of these aspects.

## OLD MINSTER - PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

It is five years since the last Old Minster Photo Exhibition. We had run out of fresh material, but now we have been offered by Fred Fright the use of his unique collection of Minster Post Cards. So the new exhibition will be centred around Fred's collection with any additional material we hope to find.

So if you have any photos that have never been used in previous exhibitions we would like to have them included. Photos from before the 1980's will be welcome, especially group photos, (large or small groups formal or informal).

Place them in a sealed envelope with you name, address and telephone number and leave them at the front desk of the library for Danny Day, or telephone Minster 821260. Great care will be taken of them and we can provide additional copies if you require them free of charge. The date of the exhibition is aimed for this October/November.

# A \*NEW\* MUSEUM FOR MINSTER

Nearly five years ago we lost our much loved Rural Life Museum and the smaller archive items were given into the care of the Parish Council, in the hope that one day they would form the basis for a new Minster Museum. All those who hoped for this were realistic enough to realise that the former Rural Life Museum and the location would be a „hard act to follow“ and that if a new museum were started, the format would most certainly be totally different.

There is a chance that this ambition can be fulfilled, however the first thing that needs to be assessed, is the level of interest in having a museum in Minster. Many villagers over the years have said they would be willing to assist in getting a museum started; we now call on all of you to put forward your names, and depending the interest shown, to attend an open meeting to discuss the matter, and to set up a steering committee with the aim of moving the project on.

If you are interested in helping, please give your names and contact details in at the Neighbourhood Centre, for the attention of Danny Day. Or email [editor@minstermatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@minstermatters.org.uk) and we will pass your details on.

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**PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)**

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## NEW SURGERY WEBSITE

The Surgery have launched a new website [www.minstersurgery-thanet.co.uk](http://www.minstersurgery-thanet.co.uk) which contains useful information about the Practice, Appointments, Home Visits, Prescriptions and some of the additional services that are available, both within the Practice and locally. Also included are some of the responsibilities of the Doctors and other Health Care Professionals attached to the Practice. There is a "Patients Guide" leaflet which may be downloaded if required.

## SEASONAL FLU VACCINATIONS

The dates of the vaccination program are as follows:  
Saturday 1st October between 8.00am and 1.00pm

Saturday 8th October between 8.00am and 1.00pm

Patients who are entitled to a vaccination will be invited to make an appointment.

## SURGERY TRAINING DAYS

The Surgery will be closed on the following days, from 12.00noon onward: Tuesday 13th September; Thursday 20th October;

Tuesday 8th November

Patients who need to see a Doctor during these times are asked to contact

"Doctors on Call" via the usual surgery number: 821333

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Yes, we know that most people have only just finished their summer holidays, but Christmas will be upon us before we know it! SO A DATE FOR YOUR

## DIARY; **Saturday 19th November (9.00am – 1.00pm)**

Bearing in mind the demand for tables at our last event was extremely high we would suggest that early booking is essential, so please ring Ken on 821200 for further details. All proceeds raised will go towards our main fund raising project, to purchase a "Spirometer Micro Lab" for the surgery.

## PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

**The date of our next meeting is Tuesday 20th September.**

If you have any issues you would like to raise or require further information on any of the above, please contact:

Ken Self on 821200 or Jean Taylor on 845072.

# MINSTER FOOTBALL CLUB

## 100 years of FOOTBALL

1911 - 2011

Minster FC will be celebrating 100 years of football this season and they need your help to do so. Can you help on the Committee or do you have memorabilia that you are willing to loan/give them.

If so please contact the club manager:

Robin Rae on 01843 826 276 or 07809 241 740

Your support and involvement will be much appreciated

### **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB.**

Credit to the ladies for out shining the men this month.

Maureen Hedges – Champion of Champions.

Sylvia Arnold Margate singles, followed up by Ramsgate singles winner.

Len Cooper and Sylvia Pritchard winners of the Ramsgate mixed pairs, with Brian and Maureen Hedges a creditable third in the same competition.

With a month to go, the indoor Short mat season starts on October 1st.

The pre-season meeting will be on Friday 23rd September and for those who would like to try this sport, why not come along to the meeting and receive a warm welcome.

A taster session can be arranged with tuition and equipment at no cost.

If you cannot attend on the 23rd but would like to have a trial run please phone Glynne 521221 or Colin 822057.

**MINSTER BOWLS CLUB** Would like to welcome new members, Beginners, Learners or Players.

Open all 12 months of the year, from 10.am daily onwards.

During Summer activities include:

Roll ups, Club games, Local Friendly games, League Matches and Club Competitions.

During Winter activities include:

Short mat bowling, Club games, Friendly games, Club competitions.

Isle of Thanet League

# YOUR LETTERS

## SINCERE THANKS TO MEMBERS OF A KIND SOCIETY

On the 22nd July I was involved in a car crash in Bedlam Court Lane. My car was written off in a head on collision, which involved me being taken to hospital in an ambulance.

I would like to thank the people who looked after me whilst waiting for the ambulance. A lady named Angela held my hand and a man called Paul who was on holiday also helped. I was extremely grateful that a local paramedic named Rob who is with The London Ambulance was passing by and also helped me. I would also like to thank the two lovely Kent Ambulance ladies and the staff of the QEQM hospital who's great sense of humour made an awful situation a lot easier. *Kim Williams.*

# WARNING ABOUT RECENT COLD CALLER

Can you put something in about people knocking on doors asking to do drives etc. ( I know you have before) A man has been going round Minster in a Hi-Vis vest asking to do drives etc. He is very persistent and won't go away easily. He came back this week calling on the same people when they had said no before.

The first time he came I called the Community Warden and gave him the company name and phone numbers for him to check. He says he hasn't heard anything about them and I know nothing can be done until someone is conned. BUT they are calling on women on their own and old people. I know residents close to Attwells have had repeated visits being told how they did their drive two years ago and they didn't.

So just a warning not to let people who knock at your door see too much in your house and don't let them know you live alone and DON'T have any work done before you get them checked out with a neighbour or someone else.

I've got really bad vibes about these ones and feel a bit helpless about stopping them doing something bad.  
*(Name supplied)* 8

# **YOUR LETTERS**

**RESPONSE FROM STAGECOACH REGARDING  
MINSTER BUS**

# SERVICES

*Dear Mrs Chapman,*

*Thank you for your e-mails about buses between Minster and Canterbury and I hope I have some good news for you. We have received quite a few requests to provide buses between Minster and Canterbury and from 5th September 2011 we will be revising route 622 (via Plucks Gutter and Wingham) which currently provides a journey from Minster to Canterbury at 0720 on Mondays to Fridays and a return trip at 1620 on schooldays only.*

*Route 622 will be renumbered 11 and will run on Mondays and Saturdays between Westwood Cross and Canterbury via Manston, Minster, Monkton, Wingham to Canterbury. Journeys from Minster Church will be at 0720*

*(Mondays to Fridays, 0750 (Saturdays), 0930, 1215, 1415, 1615 (Saturdays and School Holidays), 1626 (schooldays). Return journeys from Canterbury will be at 0950, 1045, 1250, 1620 (Mondays to Fridays only) and 1740.*

*You will also be able to travel from Minster to Westwood Cross at 1043, 1143, 1343 and 1713 returning from there at 1154, 1354 and 1554*

*(Saturdays and School Holidays only).*

*A printed public timetable will be available after the Bank Holiday and a timetable will be on our website about a week before that.*

*We have in the past considered providing a stop for the 9 on the A253 but have been unable to find a suitable stopping place.*

*Regards, Robert Miller, Commercial Manager,*

*Stagecoach in East Kent & East Sussex, Canterbury* I'm sure those that use this service are grateful for Mrs Chapman's persistence in pursuing the matter and also in bringing awareness to others that may now consider to use it.

# REVIEW FROM MINSTER SHOW CHAIR.

Thank you all for supporting the 125th celebration of the Show.

It has had some changes over the years, but I'm sure some parts would still be recognised by the first attendees. There are always a band of people without whom the committee would not be able to put the Show on, and we have, fortunately, been joined by some younger village residents to help with the lifting and moving.

A special thanks to our "security" for the marquee, fantastic job done with a smile. I personally need to thank all of the committee members for their work and support during the year. It does take time to prepare and we always have to think about how to keep it relevant for everyone. I do hope that you all enjoyed our "birthday surprise" visitors - and I did see adults as well as children being photographed with them! It is always difficult to please everyone, so if you do have ideas - please share them with us.

The AGM will be in October - look out for the posters. This is when we find out if we broke even or gained a few pennies to spend next year.

Dominique

P.S. Hope you are all following Luke Lucas and voting for him! Review

## FROM THOSE THAT ATTENDED....

Dear All. Can we thank every one of you for the hard work and dedication put into organising this year's Minster Show. Without your continued efforts, the village would surely lose one of its most friendly and charming events. I grew up in a village that used to have such an annual event but, through apathy and lack of commitment it was lost. Village events such as this, are what shapes our culture and provides our memories so we should be grateful to the loyal group of people who are providing images for our children and grandchildren to place in their own memory boxes.

We can all support the Show by searching our gardens and photographs for entries, taking part in the Fancy Dress parade, making models or helping provide some of the great entertainment on offer.

So we say again to all those involved „Thank You" and to

our fellow villagers, please support all the hard work carried out on our behalf and do not as the village of Cuxton did, lose this wonderful, unique village event.

John, Glenda, Danella, Russell, Alana, Theodore and of course The Allen Family

**Dear Karen and Committee.** Thank you all for all your hard work and preparation for yet another wonderful day. It is a great tribute to you all and the village as a whole, Daryl Harding.

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### ***MINSTER SHOW 2011 REVIEW FROM THOSE THAT ATTENDED....cont'd***

**Just wanted to say** a big thank you to the organisers of the Minster Show.

My family and I had a wonderful afternoon and appreciate all the hard work that went into producing such a fun event. The floats and parade were a great sight to see and set off a brilliant afternoon with lots to see in the Show Tent, laughs at the Punch and Judy Show and fun rides, games and face painting.

We love being part of this community and hope that events like this prosper for many years. Gilly O'Neill, Monkton

**To all the Minster Show committee** members, thank you, thank you, thank you for an amazing show this year.

Your hard work, dedication and loyalty is something to be proud of. I grew up in Minster and the show was always a big highlight of the year. I was so happy to see the traditions are still going strong. My children were able to enjoy all that was on offer and my friends, family and I had a wonderful fun filled day.

Thanks again to you all. Keep up the good work.

Kind regards, J. Gillott, New Jersey, USA

PS. I enjoy keeping up with Minster Matters in the US on facebook!!

**I just wanted to drop a line** to say how much I enjoyed the Minster Show on Saturday. It is, by far and away, one of the best organised events I've been to for ages and an incredible tribute to you and your fellow committee members.

I spoke with countless people on the day, all of whom said

how much they looked forward to the afternoon and what an important part of the fabric of the village life it was. The fact that so many families turned out and supported the Show, really does demonstrate that the community atmosphere is as important now in Minster as it was 125 years ago. I came away wishing that I lived there.

It's incredible to think that the entire event is the result of the hard work of just 10 determined villagers, with valuable help of local people and businesses –

you lot should be running the country !

Please pass on my grateful thanks to Dominique, Janet, Liz, Bernie, Sarah, Louise, Karen and everyone else for their hospitality and enthusiasm, and be sure to keep in touch to let me know of other events you have planned for the village that might benefit from some publicity on the radio.

Best wishes, Pat Marsh

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#### **MINSTER SHOW 2011 REVIEW FROM THOSE THAT ATTENDED.....cont'd**

#### **THEN THERE'S ALWAYS ONE WHO SEES THINGS DIFFERENTLY**

To whom it may concern. I attended the Minster Show with my Mother and 6

year old Son and I am sorry to report we were more than a little disappointed, compounded by the fact we had to pay £3 each!! Since when has a child over 5 been considered an adult? I don't see how you can justify charging „full"

price for a child particularly when most activities inside the ground were at an extra cost.

Whilst I appreciate that you need to raise money and that you may have had to pay for the appearance of Pat Marsh, but at least charging ½ the amount for say 6-11 year olds would be more acceptable, although that said I still feel

£3 for adults is too expensive.

The Birchington Summer Festival is free of charge and seems to have more there and recently we went to a craft fair at Quex Park in aid of the Air Ambulance which was £1 entry and had dozens of stalls of quality products. I felt the stalls at Minster were poorly laid out and offered little more than boot fair products in some cases. In short we got very

little for our £9+! The live music was good but felt a little disconnected from the rest of the stalls I'm sorry to say we would probably not attend again Name and Address withheld (not a villager)

(Karen did reply to this letter directly, she gave them a breakdown of income and expenses and even offered them their money back, but so far she hasn't had any reply)

# MINSTER ARMOUITS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We held our committee meeting a week late, but still got lots decided. We are planning a Race Night towards the end of October and probably a Quiz in November so remember your diaries for confirmed dates in the next issue of Minster Matters.

We are also hoping to have Fun Day to coincide with the Royal Jubilee next year on Sunday 4 June.

We do have less positive news:- our Chair has given us advanced notice that he will not be standing for office at our AGM this year, so if there is anyone out there who feels they could take on this duty of village promotion and sharing with the French please contact us.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES

**A Warm Welcome Received for New Members of Community** We would like to thank everyone, both members of The Salvation Army and people of Minster, for our warm welcome to the village.

Our first introduction to village life was the Minster Show where we sensed a real community spirit and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Our first Sunday at The Salvation Army which coincided with celebrations of 125 years of The Salvation Army commencing its work in Minster was an excellent start for us to get to know people in the village.

We look forward to meeting more of you as The Salvation Army begins its Annual Appeal in September when we will be calling door-to-door to raise money for our Social Services Work in the United Kingdom giving much needed funds in order to help some of society's most disadvantaged and vulnerable people to regain their dignity, self-esteem and fulfil their God-given potential.

If you see us around the village, please do stop us and say „Hello“.

*Captains Bryn & Lyn Hargreaves*

**The Queens Diamond Jubilee** is being celebrated by an extended Bank Holiday weekend , Saturday 2nd - Tuesday 5th June 2012.

The Parish Council are considering how best to celebrate the event.

To help them make a decision it would be helpful to know what events are already being planned by streets / organisations / businesses in the village.

If you are planning an event or if you have particularly strong views on how the occasion should be marked and are willing to help organise an event then please let the Parish Council Clerk know.

**Contact Kyla Lamb – Parish Clerk – Tel: 01843 821339**

**or email Clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk**

**MINSTER BADMINTON CLUB** has vacancies for new adult members with Playing Experience

New season starts Thursday, 1st September in the village hall For information contact: Eric on 821744 or Carol on 822176

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU'S AND MESSAGES**

# **HOMEWORK CLUB AT MINSTER LIBRARY**

Starting Thursday 8th September at Minster library will be providing after school study support to all young people with homework or project work.

Between 3.30-4.45pm our trained and enthusiastic Homework Helper will be on hand to assist young people in the use of books and on-line resources.

There will also be free use of the computers to do word processing and internet searches.

The Homework Club will run every week term time only for young people aged eight or over, and it will offer an opportunity for young people to make new friends and learn together.

Joining is free and they do not need to come every week as, they can just drop in when they need help. A limited number of Print outs and photocopying for homework and project work is free.

## **CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE!**

Would you be prepared to donate a few items for Christmas Shoe Boxes?

The Shoe Boxes will be distributed to children living in poverty in Africa, Asia and Europe by Smile International in December (Charity Number 1079730).

Some of the children will be orphans, others live in refugee camps, but all of them live in deprivation. For the majority of children, the Christmas Shoe Box will be their only Christmas present, and it will be much appreciated and will generate lots of excitement!

Smile International is a charity passionate about helping to relieve poverty through the distribution of humanitarian aid, the Christmas Shoe Boxes is one of their projects. Karen and Jenny at Attwells newsagents have kindly volunteered to act as a collection point for Shoe Boxes or donation of contents. To spread the cost, we are asking the people of Minster to donate one or two items, (If any enthusiasts would like to do a whole Shoe Box on their own, that would be great!).

The contents/donations can include:

\* a bar of soap and a flannel

tooth brush and tooth paste

\* hair brush, comb, hair slides

\* small toys, such as a doll, car, skipping rope, ball, bag of marbles, snap or other playing card games, writing and colouring materials - (All toys can be purchased at Attwells , along with stationery packs specially-made by Karen and Jenny).

For further information about the charity Smile International, leaflets are available at Attwells or phone me on 823319. Any items for the Shoe Boxes can be left with Karen and Jenny or delivered to Mary Lord at 33 Tothill Street (leave in the front porch) or delivered to me at 101 Tothill Street, by 20th November please. In grateful anticipation, Kate Humphreys.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU"S AND MESSAGES**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF A MINSTER RESIDENT.**

Mrs Grace Butler, 1911 – 2005

Son David writes – Mum would be 100 years old this September. She lived here in the village of Minster from 1970 and now lies with Dad at Taunton Deane Crematorium.

"Rest in Peace Dear Mum".

Greatly missed by her Son David and all the Family.

# THE GOSSIP SHOP

I have written words regarding this delightful situ before.

Now I feel I'd like to say more.

This stopping off café, has a great deal to offer.

The Gossip Shop, for sure, holds much in its coffers.

I'll list a few, here for you to view.

Smiles of welcome, and delicious goodies of various kinds,  
For anyone to indulge themselves, if they've a mind,  
Coffees and Teas, fruit drinks, and if peckish, you'll find, All  
you desire, to whet your appetite, any time.

As well as all this, when you feel like a chat and some  
company, Pop into the Gossip Shop, and without doubt  
you'll see, A pal to chat to, as well as a cup of coffee or tea.

Yvonne Chapman

You can read more of Yvonne's work online here:

**[www.yvonne-jottings.blogspot.com](http://www.yvonne-jottings.blogspot.com)** or here **[www.yvonnejottings.freei.me](http://www.yvonnejottings.freei.me)**

**Julie and Sue** would like to thank everyone that donated  
cakes and pastries to our stall on Minster show day. We  
raised £314, once again many many thanks.

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## CAT & DOG FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Thanet Hedgehog Rescue is in need of donations of cat  
and dog food (not fishy) . The good people of Minster and  
Karen Brazil at Attwells have just very kindly donated £40 to  
the rescue which will help with feeding and vet bills for a  
short time.

Please phone Robyn on 07917367417 or Linda on Minster  
821132 if you have any donations. Many thanks.

# CATS IN CRISIS

CIC have cats and kittens looking for loving permanent homes and have just taken in an 11year old black cat from Petts Crescent, Minster. The owner moved out and left him behind.

CIC also need donations of household goods to sell on the stall and in the shop, so please when you are getting rid/throwing out think of us! Also money donations however small are also really appreciated and tins of cat food.

CIC take in any needy cats, often sick and old and the staff are all volunteers, no one is paid a wage unlike other charities. All the money goes to the care of the cats. CIC have 150 cats at the moment. Please help if you can.

Thank you very much. , Linda 821132 or Mary 299295.

# Peter Frederick Crook

**August 3rd 1937 – July 27th 2011**

Peter was buried at St Mary Magdalene Church, Monkton on Tuesday August 11th close to where his parents lay at rest.

Below is a „Reflection on Peter’s Life” as read at his funeral by David Kemp, followed by „The Horse Prayer” as read by Michael Kemp Peter Crook

a Man of Town and Country

Peter was born at Warehams, Surrey Dock Dining Rooms in Rotherhithe, the only child of Marie and George Crook. Peter’s Father had been in the First World War and among other medals won the Military Medal. These medals will go to the Regimental Museum. When he married, Peter’s father was a docker and his Mother worked with her Mother and sister running the two dining rooms. They also owned a large country house in East Hanney in Berkshire. This was sold just before the war. When Peter’s Grandmother, Mrs Wareham died in her fifties the business was sold.

At the outbreak of the Second World War Mr and Mrs Crook together with Peter decided to leave London and move to East Hanney where they had spent many holidays. They lived in a tin building which was next to the Pub and Mr Crook worked in a local government factory.

The authorities wanted to take Peter to Canada but Mrs Crook wanted them all to stay together as a family.

This is where Peter becomes a Country Boy as he spent many hours at the farm of Mr and Mrs Hammond where he helped with milking the cows by hand and seeing the many other animals on the Farm especially the horses.

He loved this village and went back there many times to visit friends who he and the family had met during their stay there. I went with him twice so had to do the rounds.

Peter had many memories of his life there especially in the frugal time of the war. His Dad kept his own chickens and made a small sectional Chicken House which survives today in perfect condition. It was moved from East Hanney to Eltham which became their next home, with Peter’s Aunt Ivy living in the same road. Ivy never married as her boyfriend died just before the war.

Peter, his Parents, Ivy and the Chicken House moved to Westgate and opened a Guest House in Cuthbert Road

and eventually he went to King Ethelbert's School Birchington.

The family then decided to move to Beresford Lodge at Monkton together with the Chicken House. On leaving school Peter went to work at a nursery in Birchington, now built on. He then went to work on the Farm at Sevenscore where they still had many working horses, which as you know were his greatest love. He told me many tales about the people he worked with 17

especially Bert Cooper and his wife and daughter Mrs Grove with whom he enjoyed having a laugh with in the Chemist.

Peter then went to work at Monkton Court Farms for Bert Smith. This was without doubt the highlight of his life. He worked with Tom Ovenden and Billy Andrews with the Cart Horses and he told me many stories of working with them. How wonderfully the horses were looked after and the work they did.

He had a great knowledge from veterinary practices to harness, field and stable work. He worked with Boxer and was also an expert in leather work having all the tools connected with that trade. These were given to him by Mr Stace a Saddler in Birchington employed by Barrows. Another good friend of his was Fred Harrison, the Monkton Blacksmith from whom he learnt a great deal about the repair of farm equipment.

His parents then decided to open a Greengrocers shop in Minster where the Poodle Parlour is now. They rented and then purchased the land where I now live. Peter grew salad crops, this necessitated Peter leaving Monkton Court Farms and coming home to work the land at Monkton and Minster. He also grew Bedding Plants, Tomatoes, Cucumbers and Runners Beans as well as keeping pigs and, of course, chickens in the chicken house.

At this time he bought his first horse Dolly from travelling folk at Horsmonden and entered the Minster Flower Show with a decorated float. He also showed his turnouts at Regents Park and ploughed in a number of Ploughing Matches in Kent and Surrey. Peter was also filmed ploughing with his horse for the Watch with Mother Children's series Pogles Wood.

After his parents deaths he sold the land in Minster and Beresford Lodge at Monkton. Now another journey for the Chicken House, this went to Staple where Peter purchased Staple Nurseries and grew excellent crops of bedding and pot plants as well as vegetables. This Nursery had five

acres of land so it enabled him to have a paddock for grazing and making hay for his horse.

Subsequently he bred another horse so he had two Shire horses. These were used to work the land and for show.

His Aunt Ivy moved to Staple with him as she was his rock in every way as she had lived with him virtually all her life. Ivy was very calm and understood his many, sometimes difficult ways. On her death Peter sold the nursery and moved to St Mildred's Road. This big upheaval upset him and he said his world was finished. Peter did not like the way the modern world lived, and seemed to live in the past especially with the horse world. The Chicken House also came to Minster and now resides in his beautiful garden which he opened for the Church at Open Gardens weekends.

His greatest wish was to have a Cart Horse at his funeral and to be buried next to his parents and Ivy so that he could see the Farm he worked at.

I have known Peter for 60 Years meeting him at the Thanet Young Farmers Club. He was a very good sincere friend and I and his many friends will miss him very much.

He is now at peace with his beloved horses.

# The Horse Prayer

I'm only a horse dear master,  
but my heart is warm and true  
and I'm willing to work my hardest  
for the pleasure of pleasing you.  
Good corn and hay and water  
are all that I wish to ask,  
and a warm dry bed to rest on  
when I've finished my daily task.  
Don't strike me in careless anger  
if I'm slow to understand  
but encourage my drooping spirits  
with a gentle voice and hand.  
And finally oh master, when I am old and feeble  
and my long life's work is done,  
Don't sell me to cruel owners  
to be slaved till my last breath,  
but grant me the untold blessing  
of a quick and painless death.  
That as you have always found me  
a loyal and faithful friend,  
my years of faithful service  
may be crowned by a peaceful end.  
I plead in the name of the Saviour,  
who cares when sparrows fall ...  
who was born in a lowly stable  
and who knows and loves us all.

*(Note from Editor: We are reliably informed that 'The*



# MINSTER PLAYHOUSE

## One Act Play Season

**A "Cabaret" of Comedies 23rd & 24th September Only**  
a Few Tickets remaining

This will be "Cabaret Style" where you can bring your own drinks and nibbles around tables for a relaxed evening of comedy.

Whatever the number of tickets you would like is no problem as we will sit you alongside like-minded people, or if you prefer we will book your group a whole table for 8.

**The venue is Minster Village Hall,**

**The time is 7.15 pm and the cost is £7.00.**



# Bookings 01843 822458.

Six comedies are being presented to you with 3 new directors and many new faces being introduced (alongside some familiar ones as well) 3 of the Plays are by our writer David Tistram and we even have a play written by one of our group.

The following is a brief synopsis of all the plays.

**Dancers:** Explores the Tea Dancing world of two lively widows.

**The Gender Agenda:** The world of corporate dealings looked at from a group of 10 year olds.

**The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish:**  
For Henry Smith -

life was rarely dull. For Alice Smith, his wife - life was rarely anything else.

Fantasy blurs into reality. Secret passions explode. And two worlds which seem a million miles apart are suddenly on a collision course. It could only happen to Henry & Alice. And only their pet goldfish, Orca, and you, will ever know the true story.

**Late Entry:** Spoof one-handed play, followed by a cruel and entirely justified lampoon of an drama adjudicator. Should be compulsory viewing, for all adjudicators and drama groups.

**Medieval Helpdesk:** You have reached the Medieval Help Desk How can we give you service? Was it really like this back then?

**The Fat Lady Sings in Minster:** Gordon, Margaret, Joyce and Bernard are back to tackle yet another threat to their survival . Things look a little grim for "Minster Am Dram Club". Could this finally be the end of their society?

However, it's never over...until the fat lady sings.

[www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk)

PANTOMIME 2011 will be BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Showing from Wednesday 30th November to Saturday 3rd December Listen out in Minster Matters nearer the time for full details.

## CONSUMER RIGHTS – AN INTRODUCTION

When you buy something the law gives you certain rights that protect you if it's faulty. You may also have extra rights depending on where you buy the item and how you pay for it. Find out what your rights are and who can help if things go wrong.

### Your consumer rights

When you buy an item from a trader (eg a shop or online shop) the law says the item must be:

of satisfactory quality – last for the time you would expect it to and be free of any defects

fit for purpose – fit for the use described and any specific use you made clear to the trader

as described – match the description on packaging or what the trader told you If an item doesn't meet any of these rights, it is faulty and you will usually have the right to a:

repair / replacement / refund

These rights apply to most items you buy from a shop, including sale items. You may have additional rights to these if you have a warranty.

If the trader makes a fault known to you and you buy the item, you can't return it unless you discover a different fault.

You have fewer rights if you buy your item from a private seller, eg in an online auction or from a newspaper advert. The items only have to match the description given by the seller and be theirs to sell.

You also have rights if you buy a service or sign up to a contract, eg if you hire a builder or join a gym.

### Returning items to a shop

# Keep your receipts

You will need 'proof of purchase' to return faulty items to a shop You will need some „proof of purchase" to return faulty items to a shop such as: a receipt / a bank statement / the shop"s packaging a witness – someone who saw you buy it

If there is nothing wrong with the item, you don"t have the legal right to return it.

Some shops may let you return the item if you provide the proof of purchase that the shop wants, eg a receipt. Check the shop"s returns policy before you buy.

## Your right to change your mind

You usually have seven working days to cancel your order and ask for your money back if you buy something:

online / over the phone / by mail order (eg from a catalogue) on your doorstep (eg when a salesman visits your home) You don"t have this right if your item is:

personalised or made to order / perishable, eg food or flowers a newspaper or magazine / a financial product (eg a loan) a CD, DVD or computer software where the security seal has been broken If an item isn"t delivered on time

If you buy something online, over the phone or by mail order, you have the right to cancel the order and get your money back:

when an item doesn"t arrive on the given delivery date where no delivery date is given and the item doesn"t arrive 30 days after placing your order

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## Consumer rights (cont"d..)

These rights only apply if you buy from a trader based in the European Union (EU).

If the trader is based outside of the EU, you will need to check with the trader to see which country"s law applies.

## How you pay and your rights

If you pay for something using a credit agreement, credit card or Visa or Maestro debit card, you may have additional rights if:

there"s a fault with the item or service

the trader has gone out of business

If you paid for something costing between £100 and £30,000 using a credit card or credit agreement, you can make a claim from your finance company.

If you've paid using Visa, Mastercard or Maestro, you may be able to claim your money back through their „chargeback“ scheme. You will need to contact the card company to make a claim.

Pricing and your rights

The price of any item you buy should be clearly priced. If an item has been wrongly priced by mistake, you don't have the right to buy it at that price. For example if a coat is priced at £29, but is actually £299 when you get to the till.

If you are unhappy with the correct price, you don't have to buy the item.

If you need to make a complaint

If you need to complain about something you've bought, always go back to the trader. Also check any warranty you have to see what protection it gives you, eg for accidental damage.

If you don't hear back from the trader or don't agree with their response, you should make a complaint in writing.

You can also get advice on disputes from Consumer Direct, the government funded consumer advice service.

If there's a problem with an item or service

If there's a problem with something you've bought, you should tell the trader as soon as possible. You can complain face-to-face, over the phone or in writing.

Before you complain:

make sure you can prove you bought the item or service from the trader, eg with a receipt, invoice or bank statement

find out if the trader has a complaints procedure you need to follow, eg a form you need to fill in online

collect all the documents that will support your complaint such as quotes, photos of the fault and emails between you and the trader  
When you complain:

quote a reference, account or order number if you have one  
describe the items or service you bought

say what the problem is – what happened and when it happened say how you want the trader to sort it out – check your rights to see what the trader needs to do

explain any actions you've already taken – including who you spoke to and what happened

give the trader a deadline for replying, eg 14 days keep a copy of any letters, emails etc for your records Contact Consumer Direct

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**WHAT'S ON**

# 41st MINSTER ART SHOW

Held in the Village Hall on:

Friday 30th September 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 1st October 10am - 5pm

Sunday 2nd October 11am - 4pm

Over 600 EXHIBITS for sale !

OILS, WATER COLOURS, PASTELS, ACRYLICS,  
WOOD, GLASS, POTTERY ETC

ADMISSION - 50p

Refreshments in the OLD SCHOOLS (opposite Village  
Hall) EXHIBITION SPONSORED BY MINSTER GARAGE

# **TAG OPEN DAY**

on Sunday 4th September from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

TAG Pet Rescue Lydden Farm, Valley Road, Lydden,  
Margate There will be lots of fun stalls, cakes, bric-a-brac,  
BBQ, refreshments, etc.

Entrance to the fun day is free and for adults to meet the  
animals 50p from 11.00 a.m. Stalls are available at £10.00.

Contact 01843 82293

# **RIDE AND STRIDE**

**on Saturday 10th September**

Please help to maintain our Beautiful Old Church by supporting the Friends of Kent Churches and taking part in the Annual Ride and Stride.

Sponsorship Forms are available from Heather Bosence on 821125

or they are available at St Mary's Church.

# **CORPS REUNION**

Sat/Sun 24/25th September

Leaders for weekend will be former officers of Minster  
Majors Stephen & Christine Perkins

On the Saturday at 4pm there will be Tea followed by  
rehearsals and MUSICAL CELEBRATIONS at 6.30pm

Sunday Worship will be held at 11am & 6pm

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP**

# PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Saturday 19th November from 0900 - 1300

In the Old Schools, Hall, Minster

Only £6 for a small or £8 for a large Table

Arts & Crafts, Refreshments, Tombola, Bring & Buy, Bric-a-Brac, Antiques, Books, Cake & Card Stalls

To book/information/contact Ken Self on 821200

All proceeds will go towards local fund raising projects

## **ROCK CANDY**

Saturday 24th September, from 9.pm – 11.pm.

All fans of the band „Rock Candy" will be pleased to know there is another gig booked at the Minster branch of the Royal British Legion **ST. NICHOLAS-AT-WADE CHARITY DAY**

St. Nicholas-at-Wade Church on Saturday, 29th October  
10am. - 3pm.

Christmas Cards and Gifts on sale

Ploughman"s Lunches and Refreshments available.

Please support the many deserving charities.

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## **NOTES & EVENTS**

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

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

9th September in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

*Members and guests welcome*

### **MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN"S SECTION**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Monday 12th September at 7.30pm

"Make something to sell at the Christmas Fayre"

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

*Raffle prizes needed for all meetings*

*For further information Miriam Smith 822589*

# **MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

AUTUMN SHOW WILL BE HELD ON

Saturday 17th September at 2pm in the Village Hall Open  
to anyone to enter. Details from Don Wilks

**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

# **MOTHERS UNION**

## **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 14th September at 2pm, St Mary's Church  
**SATURDAY MARKET**

10th September, 10.00am – 5pm in The Old Schools Open  
all day for Refreshments.

New Members always welcome

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## **NOTES & EVENTS**

### **SANDWICH FARMERS" MARKET**

Guildhall, Cattle Market

Further information from Melanie Clarkson on 01304  
617197

email: [info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@sandwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)

# CLIFTONVILLE FARMERS MKT

## Last Sunday of each Month

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact June Chadband on **226033** or email: [k.chadband@btinternet.com](mailto:k.chadband@btinternet.com) **AMBERS ADVICE**

You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

# TIGERS TIP

## Fishy Thoughts.

A few pieces of celery dropped into the cooking oil will help to disguise the smell of fried fish.

## ZAC"S MUSINGS

„No night flights - no airport" - is that a good thing or a bad thing, I ask myself - for me a good thing (I hate loud noises) - for those who need the work - probably not so good

### Church News and Service Times

St. Mary's the Virgin, Minster  
Rev. Bob Coles, 821250  
Sunday Services In  
SEPTEMBER 2011

#### 4th September

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

#### 11th September

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

#### 18th September

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am: Harvest Festival

#### 25th September

Special Service at St Nicholas\*

Mid week services at St Mary's  
restart on Wednesday 7th  
September at 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton  
Sunday Services In  
SEPTEMBER 2011

#### 4th September

6.30pm: Evensong

#### 11th September

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

#### 18th September

10.15am: Holy Communion with  
Methodists

#### 25th September

Special Service at St Nicholas\*

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

ramsgateandminster@gmail.com  
www.rc.net/southwark/ramsgate

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Parish Office:

Ss Ethelbert & Gertrude Church  
72 Hereson Road, Ramsgate, CT11 7DS

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Catholic Mass each Wednesday and  
Holyday of Obligation at 12.00noon in  
the Church of St Mary the Virgin and  
each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster  
Abbey

For other services in Minster  
please see Minster Abbey entry.

### Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for  
prayer throughout the day

Lauds 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

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

\* Group Celebration.

On 25th September  
there will be a special Group Holy  
Communion Service at St Nicholas

## The Salvation Army 11 Tothill Street, Minster

Captains Bryn  
& Lyn Hargreaves  
822308 or 825178

### Weekly Programme

#### Sunday

Jigsaw - Sunday School  
11.00am - 12 noon  
Morning Family Worship  
11.00am - 12 noon  
Evening Worship  
6.00pm - 7.00pm

#### Monday

##### Baby Group

(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),  
9.30am - 12.30pm (Term time only)

##### Friendship Club

(Over 50's), 2.15pm - 3.30pm

##### Pilates

6.30pm - 7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on  
07505399512)

#### Tuesday

##### Parents and Tots

9.30am - 11.30am (Term time only)

##### Wednesday

##### Keep Fit

10.15am - 11.15am

##### Home League

2.00pm - 3.45pm

##### Pilates

6.30pm - 7.30pm

(For details ring Andy on  
07505399512)

**Funerals**

27th July: Jean Hogben (86)  
at Thanet Crematorium  
11st August: Peter Crook (73)  
at Monkton Church

**Baptisms at Minster Parish Church:**

7th August: Becky, Libby and Ollie  
Taylor

**Weddings at**

**Minster Parish Church:**

23rd July: Chermain Mendez and  
Trevor Mayo  
6th August: Lisa Wilson and  
David Bing

Church at 10.30am.

This will be marking the  
50th Anniversary of Peter Gausden's  
ordination as a Priest,  
and both Bob Coles' and Hugh Bird's  
25th Anniversary of their ordination as  
Priests.

So we will be celebrating 100 years of  
Priestly Ministry!

Drinks and refreshments will be served  
after the service.

All are most welcome.

Please note that this will be the only  
service in the Wantsum Group that day.

075053995127

**Thursday**

**Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time  
(in member's home)**

9am - All welcome please ring for  
details

**Fridays/Saturdays**

Other events happening see Minster  
Matters or Church Noticeboard for  
details.

Salvation Army telephone  
number for the new building  
is 01843 825178

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**CHURCH NEWS**

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**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – September**

# 1.

## Planning/Development

a.

Plans had been received from Sunley Homes confirming the areas of land to be transferred and have been passed to the Council's solicitor.

b.

The Parish Council are concerned that the terms of the 106 agreement were still not being adhered to on the H2B site and are pressing for legal action. However the part of the funds allocated to the local school were about to be released and the School had identified the works to be undertaken.

c.

Application No. TH/11/0573 – 30 Tothill Street – listed building consent for internal and external alterations (no objections were raised) d.

DO/10/954 Site A processing facilities on the Richborough Hall, Ramsgate Road – noted that KCC had approved the application e.

Royal British Legion –The works have now been started f.

The deep cleanse of the all weather pitch had been carried out last week and the TG3 grooming machine has been delivered and the grounds man has received appropriate training.

g.

The repairs to the skate park have now been carried out.

# 2.

# Events

a.

Queen's Golden Jubilee - notices of the event been prepared and posted on the Village notice boards. Arrangements were in hand to circulate information to the local businesses. There is a national initiative to celebrate the event by lighting beacons throughout the country on a time phased basis and on information and forms received from the KALC which would allow the Council to take part in this beacon lighting event. The Council agreed to participate in this event.

b.

Annual Firework Display - confirmed that the Council supported the application for £1000 from the KCC Community Fund to allow for the firework display to go ahead.

3.

# Services

a.

Interactive speed signs – the funds for the installation of interactive signs in Tothill Street and Monkton Road have been allocated and it was expected that they will be installed in September.

b.

A meeting has been arranged with Kent Highways on to discuss possible future arrangement whereby the Parish Council would carry on the grass cutting throughout the village and Kent Highway Services would pay the Parish Council for carrying out the work on their behalf.

c.

It is agreed the siting of 2 dog bins will be erected next week, a further one will be erected when the ones ordered from TDC are received.

d.

Bus route 9A to Canterbury – a meeting to take place with Stagecoach to discuss if this service can stop in the area of the Co-op garage.

**4.**

**Date of Next Meeting - 6th September 2011**

Minutes of all meetings can be found at the Parish Council website <http://www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

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# 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. NO SURGERY IN

SEPTEMBER. All residents are welcome to attend. Residents may at anytime speak to Bob at The Attic.

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](mailto:marlec@onetel.com)

Contacting your MP:

Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries.

For appointments and advice on urgent problems:

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

Fax: 01843 844856 (24-hour)

Web: [www.rogergale.co.uk](http://www.rogergale.co.uk)

Email: [galerj@parliament.uk](mailto:galerj@parliament.uk)

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were

Davina, Jan, Katie and Trudy

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE