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Tuesday, 1st February. 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:-

9.30 am - 12 noon weekdays; telephone: 821339 fax: 825269

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Next month's meeting will be held on: Tuesday, 1st March

EDITORIAL

Where did that month go that we had off ? It certainly doesn't seem like we've had much of a break.

Still it's all over again for another 11 months, although this year we have further excitement in at least one if not two Royal Weddings, one of which is giving us an extra holiday, so even if you don't have any interest in the marriage you do stand to benefit from it. Next year it's the Queens Golden Jubilee and the Olympic Games both of which will be newsworthy events. However that's enough of the national news, oh except, did you hear we thrashed the Aussies in the Ashes Tests !!!!! Maybe we shouldn't gloat, it's not in our nature is it, but so what.

Nik's back from his round the world trip, which you can read a short synopsis of elsewhere in this issue and if you'd like to look at more of his pictures then visit his Facebook page.

Our Co-Editor, Amy has moved, but only to Birchington, so she is remaining on the team, you don't know how relieved I am to have her still assisting, I know I'd really struggle without her help.

Now, to bore you for a short while, I'd like to relate an incident that happened to me - I was tucked up in bed a couple of weeks ago when my mobile went off downstairs, just a few minutes before 11pm.

So rushing down to answer it, in case it was a family crisis, what do I find, just some very 'kind' villager, and I still don't know who it was, had sent me a text message, to ask what was being built at the top of the hill opposite the Co-op, to say I really wasn't amused at that time of the night is an understatement, although they did apologise. I obviously don't mind receiving calls but please keep them to a sensible hour. The best of it is, there are huge boards up there telling the world and his wife what is going on.

In case further work starts up there, on the piece of ground to the rear of the Co-op, then to save anyone else ringing, it is likely to be a McDonalds DriveThru, as there is a planning application with TDC at present, seeking permission to build one on that vacant plot.

Following on from that, people ask me numerous questions when I'm out and about and expect me to know all the answers, *'because I'm the editor'*, but as I'm always saying, if no-one tells me then I how will I know. So if you hear anything that might be of interest to others, eg births, deaths, burials, hospitalisations etc then please let me know, but preferably between the hours of 8am and 9pm and I can then pass the word around or get it in print for you.

Gripes over, more next month (probably!!)

LOCAL NEWS

Parish Council - Budget Cuts and Precept Residents will be aware that every council within the country, including counties, district and parishes, will be facing substantial cuts to its budgets following the announcement of the Coalition Government to cut back on public spending. Minster is no different to the other councils and of course reductions to the Council's income will mean a reduction to the level of services that are provided. Initially Thanet District Council were proposing that the agency monies, that is the funding that they provide to the Parish Council to undertake grass cutting, road sweeping, the cleansing of the toilets and the maintenance of the recreation Ground and Cemetery, would be reduced by £30,000 (that is a 42% cut). However Parish Chairman, Cllr Mrs. Ann Thomson and senior members of the Parish Council together with the Clerk entered into negotiations with the District Council and were able to soften the impact of these reductions as follows:

Year 1 - £10,000 a reduction of 14% of the current agency payment

Year 2 - £20,000 a reduction of 28%; and in

Year 3 - £30,000 a reduction of 42%

Minster is fortunate and unusual in that it runs a variety of services that the other parishes within Thanet do not. Had the Parish Council not agreed to accept the reductions to the agency it may have resulted in TDC taking back the services operated within the Village and in our view this would have meant that the services were undertaken to a reduced level and one which would have been unacceptable to Villagers. Thus the following services will continue to be undertaken although it may be to a slightly lower standard to that which the Village has enjoyed:

Grass Cutting - every two weeks

Road Sweeping - in accordance with the current cleansing schedule.

Recreation Ground - existing standards will be maintained

Hanging Baskets - will be continued for local businesses to attract shoppers to our Village.

The Cemetery - existing standards will be maintained.

The Civic Christmas Tree at the Lych Gate - will continue to be provided.

The Parish Council has always prided itself on the level of service it provides and would not want to see the District Council take back these services and not be able to undertake them to the standard that the Village expects. We believe that Minster is special and therefore deserves the best that we can afford within the financial constraints imposed upon us by the District Council.

The annual precept that we have set is equivalent to an increase of 2p per week for a 'Band D' property which equates to an increase of 99p per annum but this may be less for other banded properties. To increase the income of the Parish Council, Members have agreed to increase slightly the charges for the hire of the Pavilion (3%), some sporting facilities and fees at the Cemetery, although it needs to be said that the Cemetery fees are still lower than those charged for the burial services operated by TDC and of course Minster residents are eligible for concessionary rates.

Finally we hope that the people of Minster will understand that we have done the best that we can in these difficult times.

LOCAL NEWS

HARRY BUTCHER

We are sure most residents will know 'Harry Butcher' the bearded gentleman who lives in the bungalow at the junction of Augustine and Freemans Road. Harry is so inoffensive, keeps himself very much to himself and can regularly be seen walking through the village carrying his assortment of bags.

Well Harry was assaulted just recently in the vicinity of the Bell Inn and sustained injuries that required hospital treatment and stitches, not something we as a village should be proud of and hopefully the perpetrator(s) will eventually be caught and dealt with. Let's hope they prove not to be village residents !!

In the mean time we feel sure you would all wish to join with us in wishing him a speedy recovery and hope that such a mean and underhand thing doesn't befall him again in Minster.

Best wishes Harry from Minster Matters and all those who know you and have asked us to pass on their regards.

'H.A.T.' Report - Speed Checks in Minster

Following our request in 'Minster Matters' for help in monitoring the speed of vehicles in and around Minster we are pleased to be able say that we now have enough volunteers to make a start.

Our thanks PC Darren Reed and Tony Luckham, who, just prior to Christmas, demonstrated to some of us how the equipment worked; there were a few startled faces in Monkton Road!

Training sessions will be set up for the volunteers and you will be contacted in the near future with dates etc. The aim of these checks is to make motorists aware of the speed they are doing, and to note those that persist in ignoring the speed limit.

All the checks are being carried by the Minster Parish Councils 'Highways Action Team' (H.A.T) in conjunction with the police, initially they will be carried out in Tothill Street, High Street and Monkton Road.

For your information: Kent County Council Highways are temporarily extending the 30 MPH speed limit in various roads around Minster for a period of 18 months or until work is completed, included are: The 20 metres at the top of Tothill Street to the Minster (Prospect) roundabout, the Canterbury Road (A299) from 125 metres West of the Minster (Prospect) roundabout and East to Jentex at Cliffsend, and from the Minster (Prospect) roundabout for 25 metres North towards Acol. Please see village notice boards for full details.

LOCAL NEWS

Community Warden

I trust you all had a good Christmas and have kept well over this part of winter which has been difficult for some of us what with all the snow and the dreaded Flu bug that seems to have hit a lot of people.

With this in mind and remembering that we could still get some more bad weather please consider anyone who you think might need a helping hand or a visit.

There's not a lot to report as yet but that doesn't mean to say we can take our eye off the ball. We still get the occasional visits from unwanted callers and in these difficult times please be on your guard. We do not suffer from too many of these characters here in Minster and that's the way we want to keep it. So the message stays the same, if in doubt say **NO** to casual door to door callers and give me a call if one does appear at your door.

Not a lot more to tell you about so I'll leave it here and will update you in future publications of our fantastic MM. *Steve Taylor*

A Plea from the Parish Council

You may not be aware, but we have a stalwart group of volunteers which form our Flood Committee. These intrepid villagers constantly check the dykes, gullies and drains in and around the village for blockages which could cause flooding. Wherever possible they clear and maintain these themselves, they spend a lot of time contacting owners of problem sites, such as farmers, landowners and even British Rail (that was) and Kent Highways. The gully-sucking that was carried out was due to their efforts.

It is therefore vital that rubbish does not collect in the street drains. As more and more people are laying gravel drives could we ask you to please sweep your gravel back onto your drive. The cars pull the gravel out onto the pavement as you drive in and out; this not only causes a hazard for the elderly, wheelchair users and pushchairs using the pavements, but the gravel then ends up on the road where it is swept by rain and car tyres and the road sweeper into the drains, causing a build up and eventually a blockage.

Please get out your brooms and spend a couple of minutes now and then keeping your gravel where it belongs! *Many thanks for your help.*

NIK MITCHELL – RTW TRIP PART 1 OF 3

Many people have been asking how we enjoyed our round the world adventure last year. Minster Matters have been kind enough to let me share a snap shot of our travels. After lots of planning and help from Susan Osborne our travel planner, 2010 would be the year I paused trading as Minster's local Electrician and set off with my girlfriend Louise to head west exploring as much of the world as money and time would allow us.

Our first stop was sunny, hot Washington D.C we stood at the airport with our big back packs thinking right this is it... the adventure begins. Travelling by bus and foot we explored the sights, Monuments and Museums of Washington and Philadelphia then we moved onto the bustling metropolitan city of New York. To take a break from the big cities we headed for the picturesque roaring Niagara Falls.

Moving on we made our way to the state of South Dakota via Chicago, Madison and Minneapolis. The USA is a vast place and with bus journeys of up to 14hrs we had to include some stopovers, travelling by bus was hard work but the sights along the way were amazing. In South Dakota we hired a car and saw the patriotic sights of Mount Rushmore, the 563ft high Crazy Horse monument of a Native American war leader on horseback, under construction since 1948 and planned completion in 2050! Americans are very patriotic and love their monuments which were very impressive.

We now felt far away from home, everything was very American, lots of wooden buildings, mile long trains, American

Flags, 4x4s, cowboys and everything is so much bigger. We made our way to Yellowstone National Park, the first national park in the world, known for its wildlife and its many geothermal features, especially the Old Faithful Geyser. We travelled in a hired big red Ford pickup truck; we saw lots of wildlife such as bison, deer and grizzly bears. As Independence Day approached and people started to sell fireworks on the street we decided to head for Las Vegas for the event, (if you're going here speak to Karen Brazil for some great advice).

We flew down the main strip at night by helicopter, we joined the locals firing guns in a shooting range, visited the

Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Bellagio Fountains. Oh.... and we did a little gambling when the heat was too much outside, all of this pushed us a tad over our £25 daily budget which we had allowed ourselves for accommodation, food and transport. By bus we headed to beautiful Yosemite National Park with lots of hiking in the mountains and waterfalls to enjoy. We then spent time in vibrant and hilly San Francisco, then the beaches of Santa Barbara and finally Santa Monica in LA where we discovered Hollywood, which was very 'Hollywood'.

We then spent a well deserved week relaxing after the hard work of travelling in the USA, island hopping in Fiji, enjoying the beaches, snorkelling and sunbathing

See next months edition for Pt2

LOCAL NEWS

MIDWIVES TO ETHIOPIA

A Wine and Wisdom evening was held recently at the Old School and raised the magnificent sum of £425. All the money will go to support the work of local midwives who travel to the rural areas of Ethiopia to train and equip the local health workers and birth attendants.

These midwives carry out this work in their own time and often at their own expense, following a United Nations initiative to reduce death in childbirth in the third world.

Organiser Sue Greenstreet is very grateful for all the help she received in putting on the event, especially Annette Paul, Liz Shervington, Suzanne Page and Sarah Eaton-Brown.

Midwives Linda Harris, Claire Reed and Kate Humphreys were on hand to show photos and Ethiopian handcraft, having returned from there only days earlier!

Following a previous fundraising event in Minster, a generator has been presented to a rural Health Clinic in Ethiopia.

One effect of this will be that childbirth by candlelight is a thing of the past at that location.

Richard Mills

EAST KENT ANIMAL CENTRE

"A Happy New Year to you all". - Our first delightful offering for 2011.

Thumper came into the centre because the family cat took exception to him and kept attacking him.

Harriet, Hazel, Heather and Holly were all dumped on our doorstep and again are looking for loving homes.

All are friendly and have been neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

They are young adults and just want someone to love!

BIG FUNDRAISING FOR BELL INN QUIZ NIGHTS

The staff and management of the Bell Inn Minster would like to thank Minster Matters for highlighting our fund raising efforts for the Kent Air Ambulance in the last Edition of MM.

We are pleased to say that the two Quiz nights were very well attended and our Boxing Day draw saw a lot of happy faces as there were in excess of 50 prizes. Our total raised now stands at £2,000.

We would like to thank all those who donated prizes and of course all those who took part in the quiz nights and gave so generously to the Draw.

We will be continuing our fund raising for the Air Ambulance on the 4th February with another fun filled Quiz hosted by quizmaster Chris.

Pictured are some of the Bell Staff and regulars at the presentation of the Cheque to the Kent Air Ambulance trust at their headquarters.

YOUR LETTERS

Miss Minster Court 2010-2011

By Paige Allen, Miss Minster

In February 2010 we, Paige Allen, Feya Campbell and Anjelica Sefton, all became known as the carnival court of Minster. At the beginning of the year Feya and I didn't really know each other, we just went to the same school, but in a couple of months we were like sisters, Anjelica and I had been friends since we were tiny and now I see her as often as if she were my sister!

We have all gotten so much more confident, (which may not be a good thing for Feya since she is already overly confident), which means that we can all talk to anyone without getting nervous. Roy and Carol got me my first job and I'm doing really well, thank you Roy and Carol!

When we all went to France in July it was so amazing! (Apart from having to get up really early). We all laughed so much when I forgot to kiss both the cheeks of a French resident while presenting him with a gift, in front of everyone, I got so embarrassed but the day was so amazing.

We always love dressing up in our carnival dresses and posh day outfits, all provided by Roy and Carol, thank you so much for everything!

Every time we have gone out as a court into the village we have always met new people and really enjoyed ourselves. Roy and Carol are always there to help us when we need them and we love carnival so much that we are all re-entering for Miss Minster 2011!

We were all so proud to represent Minster for this year and have had so much fun and we've all grown as people, thank you to Roy and Carol for the opportunities!

Love from Paige, Anjelica and Feya.

100 YEARS OF FOOTBALL 1911 – 2011

www.minsterfootballclub.co.uk

November's results:-

Saturday 9th Kent County Cup

Minster 2 Saga Sports and Social 2 (Minster lost on Penalties)

Saturday 13th Premier Division

Minster 2 Ash 1

Saturday 20th Canterbury Senior Cup

Blean 5 Minster 4 (after extra time)

December's results:-

Saturday 11th Premier Division

Ash 1 Minster 3

January's results

Saturday 8th Premier Division

Red Arrow 1 Minster 3.

The bad weather hampered efforts to complete December's fixtures. .

Minster (at the time of writing) now find themselves joint top of the Premier Division after beating Red Arrow who were in third.

Saturday 15th saw us entertain Monument Eagles at the recreational ground.

Monument drew first blood with a goal on 8 minutes but Minster replied with 3 goals in the space of 10 minutes. 2 goals from James Hall and 1 for Terry Newman secured all 3 points for Minster.

Final Score Minster FC 3 Monument Eagles 1

Fixtures:

22-01-11 Post Office v Minster at Thanington Recreational Ground - result not available as we went to print

29-02-11 University of Kent v Minster. 2pm Kick off.

Please visit our website www.minsterfootballclub.co.uk for further updates, match reports, fixtures and complete league table.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Once again the trees have been and gone. NO, the magic fairy didn't wave her wand ! It was the wonderful group of "Tree Volunteers" (Editor's note – actually I think that 3 is more like a dozen!!)

Thank you to everyone in the 'gang' who twiddled and untwiddled hundreds of lights, and also to those who put the trees up and then took them down, a very reliable and happy group of people who brighten up the village over the festive season – well done.

Thank you to Audrey and Shirley for their fantastic fund raising dance, £228.50 in the pot towards next year's illuminations, also thanks to Leanne in Envy and everyone who contributed via the collecting tins at Attwells and Archies.

The trees cost £10 each of which £6 is paid by the property owners where they are displayed, and we will need further electrical work done next year plus replacement bulbs run into hundreds of pounds every year. We are aiming to buy new lights when we can find ones to meet all our expectations. So if you see a tin in aid of the lights please pop your loose change into it and help "light up the village" next year.

A huge thank you to Roger Thompson who checks every set of lights and has them strung up around his house to mend them (thank you Jackie!) Thanks also to Roy and Carol who took the trees to Howletts for the Gorillas to play with and eat, so they didn't go to waste.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Late Night was a bit quieter this time around, but it was really nice to see some new faces. Thank you to the businesses that opened for us, also thanks to Minster Mayhems, Miss Minster and the Salvation Army Band who all turned out on such a cold (but dry!) evening. Also we say thank you to the Minster School Choir for their beautiful Carol singing.

The evening is made complete by our wonderful 'Santa' who greets everyone in his Grotto, which is beautifully decorated by Jack and Margaret. Thank you also to Margaret Palmer for the loan of her market stall to house the Scouts who were busy fundraising, and to Steve, Guy and Ray for erecting and lighting it for them. (It just needs Ray to return it to its rightful owner now!!)

All these people give up their spare time and spend their money to make this happen, so please consider coming out and supporting us in November, if you want this to remain an annual event.

Some people have enquired about having Stalls in the Street that evening, however this event costs the businesses that open a lot of money and they provide you with their services all year, so we do not feel it's fair for other traders to "jump on the bandwagon", when village shops need the public's support . So for that reason we are sorry but it is a NO for this event, but you can run your stalls at the Minster Show on 23rd July.

Thank you – Village Lights Committee

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP (MINSTER)
NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2011

We would like to start by wishing all our Patients and Friends a
***** VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR *****

Seasonal Flu

Once again we have entered that "dreaded time of the year".

Thankfully, the surgery has completed the vaccination programme for those patients who are most at risk.

The usual advice remains the same:

Help prevent the spread of germs and stay at home if you feel unwell

Practice good hygiene. - A simple way to remember this is:

CATCH IT! BIN IT! KILL IT!

Surgery Training Day

Please note that the surgery will be closed from mid-day onwards on Tuesday 22nd February for staff training purposes.

Should you need to see a Doctor during this time then please call "Doctors on Call" via the normal surgery number - 821333.

Grand Spring Fayre

Following the success of our fundraising ventures last year, which allowed us to purchase much sought after equipment for the surgery, we aim to continue that this year!

We will be holding "**A GRAND SPRING FAYRE**" on **Saturday 2nd April at the "Old Schools"**.

Please see our advert on page 22 of this issue for full details.

Patient Liaison Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the surgery **on Tuesday 15th February at 6.00 pm.**

If anyone has any issues or suggestions they would like to raise, then please contact either of the numbers below:

KEN SELF on 821200 or JEAN TAYLOR on 845072

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

It is official Minster WI has got talent! On a dark winters night in December the village hall was awash with Christmas festivities.

It was Minster in Thanet WI's Christmas Party. A great night was had by members and guests alike who were treated to wonderful food, the odd glass of wine and even a rendition of Swan Lake performed in full costume by the 'corpse' de ballet (including wigs - Cheryl Cole eat your heart out!). Singing and poetry were topped off by a shadow play which was nothing short of hilarious.

January's meeting included a talk from Peter Warr about his charity fund raising trips to Tanzania. Members were moved by Peter's story and raised £285 towards his next trip to Tanzania.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

This month is notes for your diary month.

Armbouts Cappel have a Handicraft exhibition on 27th March and Lindsay Thacker is looking for local craft items to exhibit and/or sell – prices in euros please! She will need items by 15th March and you can contact her on 821759. Please support the village and impress the French with our expertise.

We have not managed to re-schedule a race night – but would love to – is there anyone who would like to help organize this? The way to support village events is to become involved.

5th June is to be Fun Day on "the rec" – much more detail to follow. Local musicians please get in touch with a committee member if you would like to have "a spot". Reward is not financial but does stop you being hungry.

Anniversary celebrations will take place in Armbouts Cappel on 26th June. The coach and ferry are soon to be booked so start saving – but only about £20 to include a midday meal. More details to follow as we have them.

Thanks for reading this – our next meeting is at The Royal British Legion Club at 7.30 on 17th February if you would like to come along.

MINSTER SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met on Friday 14th January and discussed an 'Opener' for this year's 125th Anniversary – it was agreed that we would ask Pat Marsh, Radio Kent Presenter to do the honours for us. Since the meeting Pat has agreed to come and be part of the event for the whole afternoon, so we will now see what else we can talk him into doing – maybe introducing Acts on the Music Showcase or perhaps even a bit of judging in the tent, I'm sure we'll keep him busy.

We were enlightened to the fact that it appears Dover Marquee Co. have folded and this means we have to look elsewhere for a marquee for the day, so we may have to rethink what we want in the 'tent', as available sizes may not be the same as we have been used to.

The theme for this year's show is to be 'A Royal Celebration' to fit around the 2 Weddings that are due to happen, however entries do not have to be wedding orientated, and a provisional date of May 7th was set for the Schedule Launch.

It is hoped to get more feedback and suggestions from residents and visitors alike via our recently setup Facebook page, which looks a little bare at present, but we feel sure at least the younger generations amongst us, will find it a better means of communicating with the Committee and giving their views, they are after all those who will ultimately take our places. To find us just go to Facebook and search for Minster Show.

It was also agreed that admission prices would remain as last year.

Our next committee meeting is on the evening of Friday 18th February so if you have anything you'd like us to consider or discuss then please see a committee member, pop into Attwells and leave us a note, or contact this magazines editor.

Finally we are always looking for pictures of past shows, colour or black and white, so if you have some of these lurking in a cupboard or in a tin box under the bed we'd be extremely grateful if we could just borrow them to copy to put on the website. We promise we would be very careful with them and return them as soon as we could. Can you help? Then please contact the Minster Matters editor, thank you.

BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

Minster Parish Council has recently received a grant which covers half of the cost of refurbishments to bus shelters in the village. We have been able to fully refurbish the shelter at the entrance to Hillminster and install a new oak seat at the shelter outside the church.

This has made a real difference to the entrance to the village and many residents have already commented favourably on the improvements.

Yvonne's Aim

Live each day as if it's your last.

Live for the future, not the past.

Make every moment worthwhile, hold fast.

Try to make this a pleasure, not a hard task.

Don't allow melancholia

to envelope your soul.

Let contentment be your goal.

Make sure you face each day with a grin.

Accepting the good things

as well as knocks on the chin.

Try not to let troubles mean a thing.

Just listen to the Robin sing.

Don't worry if the skies are grey,

one day soon they'll drift away.

(Yvonne)

THANK YOU'S FROM..

Stephen and Paul Williams-Jones would like to thank... everyone who sent us condolence cards or spoke to us offering their sympathy following the death of my wife, and Paul's mother, Karin, in November. Thanks also to Jonathan Cole for his professional care, and to the Vicar Bob Coles for giving us the funeral service that we wanted for Karin. Also, to anyone who attended the funeral who we were unable to speak to, thank you for turning out on such a cold and snowy day.

Fred Hards and Jim Quinney wish to thank... all who gave them cards and presents on their recent 70th birthdays.

Lil and Esther wish to send many thanks... for the continued support towards the Pilgrims Hospice.

Several Stalls and Donations, a very enjoyable and successful Band Concert plus raffles at Mortons Fork and Envy have amounted to £2119.81 which has been given to the Hospice. *Thank you all.*

Karen and Jenny would like to thank... everyone for their cards and gifts this Christmas and they wish all their customers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fred, Peter and Audrey wish to express... to all their friends and everybody in the village, their appreciation for all the prayers, kindness, support and belief they have received over the past 2 years.

Marven Atwell would like to thank... all the people who have helped him over the last year whilst down the village. He would especially like to thank the shopkeepers who take time to help him across the road whilst they are busy. *Thanks.*

Kay would like to thank... all in Minster who advertised my event and also all those who attended. We had a super day and I was able to send lots of money to various Animal Charities in need. Cats in Crisis and the local Hospice also did well with their stalls. Thank you all! *Best wishes - Kay.*

The Scouts would like to give thanks for... the opportunity to take part in the late night shopping for the first time this year.

We were given a huge amount of support by the villagers ranging from the pitch, tables and lighting to prizes and cakes. All the funds raised will go towards an exciting outdoor activity week in Wales that half the Troop will be attending in the summer.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement, with special thanks to Karen Brazil for her unwavering enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance of Minster Resident

GASTON PANVERT

He was 94 and died peacefully. He loved the village and had lived there since the early 80's. He was well known in the village and took an active interest in village life. We've let the Legion know that he has died.

The funeral service was on Monday 13th December 2010 at St. Mary's Church, Minster. W.S.Cole and Son dealt with the funeral.

Very best wishes Shanti Ramakuri (Gaston Panvert's Grand-Daughter).

MINSTER CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION SELECTION DANCE

*Girls *Girls - Minster Needs You! - *Girls *Girls

Will you be a minimum of 14, or under 20,
by the end of June 2011?

Then why not come along to the Selection Dance for a chance to enjoy a really exciting year representing the village across Kent and into France as a part of the Village Carnival Court.

You can be assured of some great days out and some really interesting experiences that will see you as ambassadors for Minster.

To be in with this chance of a lifetime just turn up on the evening, entry is free to anyone taking part.

Saturday 12th February 7.30pm, at Minster Village Hall

Admission for no-entrants is £3.50

Tea and Coffee available otherwise please bring your own drink.

Entry Forms are available from Attwells.

MINSTER LIBRARY

Rural East Kent over 50's Drop-In Advice Service

From 10am to 3pm on:

4th February, 18th February, 4th March, 18th March

Talk Time

Come and join our new weekly group at Minster library where you can make friends and share activities.

First meeting is on Thursday 10th February from 10.30 - 11.30am

For more details please contact Minster library on 01843 821442

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Have a vacancy for the following position:-

CLEANER/OPENER and CLOSER

(early morning/sunset)

for the village public conveniences.

Approximately 1 hour per day 7 days per week.

All Enquiries to:- Kyla Lamb - Clerk to Minster Parish Council

Parish Office, Minster Library & Neighbourhood Centre,

4a Monkton Road, Minster, Ramsgate, Kent. CT12 4EA.

Telephone: Thanet (01843) 821339

Fax: (01843) 825869

E-mail: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Help needed to Form a Beaver Colony

Are you interested in helping the community form their own Beaver Colony for 6-8year olds?

If so please contact Alison, Cub Scout Leader

on tel: 01843 823803

It would really help those children (and parents!) who have to go out of the village to join a colony elsewhere.

SCHOOLSCRIPT

Editors this month are: Olivia Brewer & Rinah Hauptfleisch

Club Penguin

Club penguin is the best website ever and miniclip. You can buy clothes, pets, and surfboards you can also play games. Pets are called Puffles. You can be a member and upgrade your igloo. You can buy Red and Blue when you're not a member. You play games to get coins they give you 500 coins to start. I recommend you go on it.

Harry Spain.

Maisie

Maisie is my ultra sweet dog and she is 1 year old. She chases her tail all the time and the other day she left her teddy outside so it got frozen! Poor Rupert... Anyway, once, she tried to get through the cat-flap and got her head stuck in the frame of it! She has her own high-vis jacket for when she goes walkies at night time!

Love you Maisie, lots of love Olivia xxx

Nature

I would just like to tell you about nature and what threats we oppose to it. My first example is the Shark, Sharks are overly misunderstood because when I was 5, I went on holiday to the Maldives and while I was in the sea, Black Tip Reef Shark swam straight past me without even taking an interest in me.

My second example is the Lion; Lions are very territorial so if they sense any threat to their cubs they will defend them with their life. Hunters are attacked by them and if a hunter survives to tell the tale, the Lion is the enemy.

I hope now some people are beginning to understand we are the most dangerous things on the earth.

Silver Class

Silver class is the best class that ever lived! They also have the best teacher ever, (Mrs Kirk-Laird) she is strict but great. This year she is in charge of Hindleep the year six school trip. I am hoping I will be in her group.

Silver class are never noisy, (well, maybe they are some times!) but we are still the greatest class that ever lived and we always will be!

By Emily Spain

Pantomime – Aladdin

We went to the pantomime about Aladdin on the 14th December. In the intervals we got a choc ice!

By Rinah and Penny

Our New Deputy Head

I would just like to say a big warm welcome to our new Deputy Head, Mr McCarthy!
That's All!

SCHOOLSCRIPT**The Meaning of Life**

Some people think that the meaning of life can be solved by some brainy machine.
But I think that the meaning of life can be solved by eating a mountain of chocolate
ice cream!

by Olivia

Wild Animals

Wild animals come in all shapes and sizes, some are small and some are large some
are fat some are thin personally I don't have a favourite except for if they're in
different groups of species like sharks my favourite shark is a lemon shark. What is
your favourite animal?

By Rinah

Stardoll

Stardoll is a really cool website where you have your own MeDoll. You can dress it up and
play games, earning loads of money!!! You rate people's scenery, albums, designs and
much more. If you are a SUPERSTAR then you get 200 Stardollars a month and you can
also buy any clothes that you want. If you have any worries than you can go to
Callie.Stardoll! Go to Stardoll.com if you want your own MeDoll!

By Penny & Olivia x

Olivia Brewer

Olivia Brewer is very strange. But she is really funny. She is really fond of her dogs,
Maisie, Harry and Holly. She is a really great friend and she is kind and caring
by Penny

Blue Nose Friends

Blue nose friends are the cutest toys like ever!
I have 2 at home Snowdrop the cutest toy bunny EVER!
And Kossie I think he is a Llama but I'm not sure.
You should really get some from Clintons soon.
They come in lots of shapes and sizes.
Lots of love Georgia McGuirk

Emily Spain

Emily Spain is one of the nicest people we know. She's funny, she's friendly and she
is really mad (in a good way!) She's always telling jokes and she makes everyone
laugh!

By Penny Curry & Rinah Hauptfleisch

Rinah Hauptfleisch

Rinah is a great friend and a huge animal lover! She has 2 cats one called Sweetie
and one called Diesel. Her dad is a vet at the local Minster vets so she still gets to see
a lot of the animals she doesn't keep! She is very kind and helpful and she is very
clever! I'm very glad that she is my friend.

By Olivia Brewer

WHAT'S ON

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

presents a Grand Spring Craft Fair & Bazaar
on Saturday 2nd April from 0900 – 1300 in the Old Schools

£5 per Stall/Table

Arts & Crafts, Bring & Buy, Bic a Brac, Local Antiques, Cakes & Cards, Face
Painting, Tombola and Refreshments

To book/information contact Ken Self on Thanet 821200

All proceeds to local fundraising projects

POWELL-COTTON MUSEUM AT QUEX PARK

Monday 21- Friday 25 February

11am – 12.30pm

The wolf's at the door

Is there something sinister afoot this half term?

We hear of strange happenings at Quex..

Characters from stories across the world have been gathering and hiding
amongst the real animals and objects of the Powell-Cotton Museum at
Birchington.

Are they simply here on holiday?

Where is Red Riding Hood?

Join Scandal mongers as they seek to expose these fantasy characters.

Through stories, games and crafts Scandal mongers will draw you into the
adventure of Red Riding Hood and other fairytales for families,

Every day this February half term.

Adults £8 Children £7

Family ticket £30 Friends of Quex half price

Includes admission to the Museum and gardens

Enquiries: 01843 842168

WHAT'S ON

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS

“SEARCHING FOR DOCTOR BRANOVIC”

At Minster Village Hall

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th May

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st May

Tickets £7.00

So what is it all about?

Emma Tyler mourns the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Joe. But all is not as it seems and deep in the bowels of a nearby hospital something stirs.

Enter Detective Inspector Monroe - a man who knows a thing or two about the unexpected.

The grumpy, beleaguered detective soon finds himself right in the middle of this mystery which threatens to unhinge his sanity. How did Joe manage to walk out of his own post-mortem?

Where is the mysterious Doctor Branovic? How did the toaster get dented on both sides? Why has Monroe got a hole in his right hand? And, most crucially of all, does Emma Tyler really own a cat? Throughout this highly unusual romp, the audience often know far more than the characters. But can they possibly see what's coming.

Minster Playhouse has a reputation for presenting plays by David Tristram having successfully presented “Sex, Drugs, Rick & Noel” 2 years ago and “Ghost Writer” last year. The author of this play has a reputation for giving the audience a laugh a minute experience.

Tickets are available from Terry on 01843 220208 for performances 18th to 21st May.

NOTES & EVENTS

MINSTER-IN-THANET WI

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

Tuesday 8th February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Speaker: Prue Anderton

“My Pilgrimage to Ariana”

Visitors and new members welcome

COFFEE AND CHAT WILL BE HELD ON

Thursday 17th February 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 14th February at 7.30pm

Decorate Digestive Biscuit for Valentine's Day

Speaker: Air Ambulance

Bingo Speaker or Quiz

Raffle prizes needed for all meetings

For further information Miriam Smith 822589

MINSTER AND MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 16th February

Village Hall 7.30pm

A talk by a representative of Thanet Earth.

Points Comp. “A Foliage Arrangement”

All visitors are welcome 50p

SOUP ON WEDNESDAY

12.00noon to 1.00pm, In the Old Schools. *All Welcome*

MINSTER & MONKTON

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion Club, Augustine Road

Come and join us for a “Cuppa” and Chat

Bingo - Raffles

2.00pm - 4.00pm

All Welcome. Joan Cordwell - phone 823782

NOTES & EVENTS

MOTHERS UNION

Next Meeting **9th February** at 2.00pm, St Mary's Church

All welcome

SATURDAY MARKET

February 12th 10am - 12noon in The Old School (weather permitting).

SANDWICH FARMERS' MARKET

Will be closed until March 2011

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 dates 31st Jan; 27th Feb

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade for further information please contact

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

AMBERS ADVICE

The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen. (*Frank Lloyd Wright*)

TIGERS TIP

Real crystal glass should be rinsed in a weak solution of vinegar to make it sparkle.



CHURCH NEWS

Church News and Service Times

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

6th February

9am: Holy Communion (BCP)
10am: Family Praise
6.30pm: no service this month

13th February

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

20th February

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

27th February

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

Mid week services at St Mary's
Wednesdays 10.30am

St Mary Magdalene, Monkton
Sunday Services In
FEBRUARY 2011

6th February

10.15am: Holy Communion (CW)

13th February

10.15am: Holy Communion (BCP)

20th February

10.15am: Holy Communion at the
Methodists

27th February

10.15am: Family Service

Funerals:

25th November: Susan Hulks (41) at
Minster Church and Cemetery

26th November: Gladys Seagar (82) at
Minster Church and Cemetery

30th November: Karin Williams-Jones
(69) at Minster Church and Thanet
Crematorium

13th December: Gaston Panvert (94) at
Minster Church and Thanet Crematorium

16th December: Maureen White (69) at
Thanet Crematorium

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

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

Parish Office:

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

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

For other services in Minster
please see Minster Abbey entry.

Minster Abbey

www.minsterabbeynuns.org

The Abbey Chapel is open for
prayer throughout the day

Lauds 8.30am

Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am

Mid day prayer 12.10pm

Vespers 6.00pm

Compline 7.50pm

(followed by Silent Prayer)

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

Open Gardens 2011:



18th - 19th June.

This year marks the 13th
anniversary of Open Gardens.

We already have many
gardens but are always looking
for more!

If you are considering entering
your garden then please
contact Rev'd Bob Coles:
Thanet 821250

The Salvation Army 11 Tothill Street, Minster

Majors Richard Hope and
Val Hope
823830

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

Weekly Programme

Sunday

Jigsaw (Sunday School)
11.00am - 12.00pm

Morning Family Service,
11am - 12pm

Evening Service, 6pm - 7pm

Monday

Baby Group
(Parents & Babies up to 12 months),

9.30am to 12.30pm

Friendship Club

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

Tuesday

Parents and Tots,

9.30am - 11.30am

7 Up Club

- CURRENTLY SUSPENDED -

Wednesday

Keep Fit, 10.15am - 11.15am

Home League, 2.00pm - 3.45pm

Pilates, 6.30pm-7.30pm

& 7.30pm - 8.30pm

(for details ring Andy on
07505399512)

Thursday

Prayer Meeting and Quiet Time

9am - All are Welcome

Please contact for details

- not held at Hall

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Salvation Army telephone number
for the new building
is 01843 825178

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

Thanks for listening

Your readers this month were

Sue, Lin, Liz, Jan, Ray and Rinah Hauptfleisch

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

Brenda Saker, Daryl Booth and Richard Spendlove MBE