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Minster Parish Council

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 6 June @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood Centre

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:-

9.30am - 12 noon weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

tel: 821 339 fax: 825 869

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

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www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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EDITORIAL

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Pay parking may make TDC a few bob for a while but it'll kill the businesses in the village then there'll be no reason for anyone to want to park here - we don't want to lose any of our shops, so make your voice heard.

Speaking of village businesses it's good to see another shop re-opening - No4

Monkton Road (formerly Slaughters and then The Attic) is to become Minster Hardware and we at MM wish Kevin every success in his new venture and hope that he gets the support and backing of residents - Kevin, the shop is looking good, can't wait to see it stocked!

Sad to see we've lost a founding advertiser this month but we understand their worries to some extent - thanks for your many years of support, we're sorry to see you go.

FAMILY TRACE - CAN ANYONE HELP?

I was born Philip Ian Smith 13/11/61, adopted then became Stephen Tungate.

My mum was Kathleen Elizabeth Smith, born 7/10/32 in Clapton London, died 12/2/78

Hackney - carbon monoxide poisoning, not married.

Her father - Leslie Frank Smith - Private in the R.A.S.C

Mother. Kathleen Florence Smith. Nee Wickens. I believe she was from Birchington and I think they were married in Canterbury.

Address in 1940 - Foxborough Lane Minster but I've no number.

I have found a brother who might be a half - James Nicholas Smith 22/3/58, now living in Turvey Abbey Bedfordshire. He knows no family history and he was never adopted.

I hope someone can help as this really is my last roll of the dice its been so long, I lost 9

years searching time serving in the Queens Regiment.

News of any blood relatives would be great.

Thank you in advance. Steve Tungate

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COMMUNITY POPPY PROJECT

We would like to thank everyone who has made and handed in poppies to Attwells for our appeal. As of publication date for this magazine we have 1,715 poppies and 50

cornflowers (French symbol of memory - 'Bleuet de France'). Many many more are

needed so please keep up the good work. We also realise that you may be making

poppies and still have them at home. If you would like to have them included in our monthly total, please take them to Attwells or phone one of the numbers below and we will arrange to collect them from you. ONLY 17 months to go!!!! Patterns for poppies are available from Attwells or the Internet. Happy crafting.

Barbara 07874 214 279 Carol 07745 683 466 Ann 01843 822 156

MINSTER SHOW

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME !!!!!

Minster Show 22 July - please remember to support us and buy your Show Schedule at just 40p available from various shops in the Village. This lists all of the marquee sections and mile races you and your family can enter. It also contains the Colouring Competition picture and other children's sections. Remember, if your child enters any section they get a wristband for free entry to the Show, that's a saving of £3 for each child, so well worth considering. We would love seeing their efforts on the day.

Also, don't forget the Parade!!

Dig out those old prams and pushchairs then get creative and decorate them -

the

walking parade last year had a whole section missing!

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor season is now in full swing. Friday 16th Bosom Pals are holding their

evening in aid of breast cancer. Sunday 25th is the Open Day where teams of 4 non-

bowlers compete for charity. Any business, club, organization or family wishing to enter this fun day, please contact the organizer Alan Pummell at the Club, or telephone Brian Morphew on 845 638 e-mail - brimaur26@gmail.com for an entry form. Finally new

members are always welcome, to obtain an application please use the above forms of contact. Free tuition given to new bowlers. Brian Morphew, Hon. Secretary

www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk

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MINSTER ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

We're looking forward to our next Quiz Night on Saturday 3 June and would like to see our many regulars and new visitors join us at the Royal British Legion Club for an 8 pm start. There are a few tables left, so book your group of 6 to 8 people with Carol now on 01843 447 706. The price is still just £5 per head which includes one of the Legion's Famous Buffets. There will be a raffle as always.

Future dates for your diary, details of which will follow nearer the time:

22 July. We will have a couple of fun games at the Minster Show

2 September. Quiz Night at the Royal British Legion Club

3 September. Treasure Hunt

21 October. Race Night and 3 Course Meal at the Royal British Legion Club

MINSTER W.I.

May is our 'Resolutions Meeting' when we discuss the resolutions that have been written by and voted on by members countrywide.

Nicky talked about the structure of the WI so that the newer members would understand how and why we vote for Resolutions.

Jan had gone to the Resolutions Lunch and is our delegate who will be representing us at the NFWI AGM in Liverpool and will vote accordingly. She talked about each resolution and gave the reasons for and against each one. Following a question and answer session and discussion members voted for each resolution.

Alleviating Loneliness -voted 'for' the resolution.

Plastic Soup - keep micro plastic fibres out of our oceans – voted 'for' the resolution.

Forthcoming events

- Tuesday 13 June - WI Meeting - Gehad Honsey - Mercy Ships
- Refreshments at Old Oak Cottage Minster Open Gardens - 17 & 18 June
- Strawberry Tea Wednesday 5 July - members only

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

Have you been saving your tops for me? If so then I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to all of you. Thankfully most people had washed them before

passing them on but I have had a few that obviously missed a feel of the soapy water before they were put in the bags!!! Anyhow that's all water under the

bridge now and I am thankful for all I've received to date. BUT I'm calling a halt to collecting them at least for the time being as I need to start construction before deciding if I'm going to need anymore. SO please don't collect any further tops unless I put out another request for them. Thank you, Ray.

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minster Parish Council Meeting - Summary of Key Points - 2nd May, 2017

- The evening began with the Annual General Meeting during which the election of Chair and Vice Chair takes place. The existing Chairman, Cllr. Bob Grove, announced that he was standing down and he nominated Cllr. Penny Gimes to be his successor; this was agreed and Cllr Gimes took the declaration of office.

Cllr. Day and Cllr. Gimes thanked Cllr. Grove for his service to the Parish over the last 6 years, a period in which he committed a great deal of time and effort to the Parish.

Cllr. Day continues as Vice Chairman of the Council.

- Chairman Penny Gimes thanked her fellow councillors for their support and said that she looked forward to working with them in the coming year. She hoped to work with her colleagues and local residents to preserve and improve the quality of life in the community.

- The ordinary meeting opened with a summary of the last month from the Community

Warden, Aaron Kluibenschadl. This included reports of fly tipping continuing on the old road between Monkton and Minster and it was suggested that the parish council give further consideration as to what steps may be taken to reduce this. He also reported an incident involving a youth 'spooking' a horse in Monkton Road causing the horse

to injure itself. Any information would be welcome.

- County Cllr. Latchford confirmed that he would not be seeking re-election therefore this would be the last time he attends our Parish meeting as a County Cllr. He was pleased that he had been able to make contributions in excess of £17,000 to the

Parish to assist in a variety of ways. He also praised the local school. The Chairman thanked him for his many years of support and wished him well.

- Cllr. Crow-Brown reported that legal action would be instigated in relation to the former MOD fuel depot site.

- There was some discussion about the suggestion of a Memorial Wall in the cemetery and it was felt that further research was needed to consider feasibility. It will be considered by the Operations Committee.

- The Clerk reported that she awaits further information from Kent Highways before she can proceed with the provision of a bus shelter in Monkton Road.

- The Clerk reported that we are awaiting a meeting with TDC regarding the proposed introduction of charges at the 2 car parks in Minster. This was requested some time ago and there is some disquiet about the absence of response from TDC.

(Since this date a meeting has been agreed for 18th May.)

- The Chairman again raised concerns about the road safety issues in St. Mildred's Road which arise when large numbers of pedestrians, including many children, use the route to access the school but are put at risk by a few who drive along this road. The Headteacher has repeatedly asked parents to park in the High St. and walk through to St. Mildred's Road but a few seem unwilling to do this and thus put others at risk. This is a highway so vehicles cannot be barred.

The Chairman will discuss the matter further with PCSO Riches and Community Warden Kluibenschadl.

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Our May Play, David Tristram's Inspector Drake's Last Case, is now just a fond memory, though it is not a play that I will forget in a hurry! Hugely technical with a large and demanding props list, the cast and crew can be very proud of the show that we put on, to large and enthusiastic audiences.

AUDITIONS

Our Autumn play this year is to be The Cemetery Club by Ivan Menchell, and the

auditions will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 1 June at the Bell Inn. This poignant and funny play is well-known and liked for its humour and the chord that it strikes in people of a certain age.

If you would like to take a part, whether on or off-stage, come along and talk to us. We are a friendly and inclusive group that welcomes new members; we would be especially interested in any people who feel an interest in the more technical artistic side of drama, especially the lighting of the stage. We have excellent, up-to-date, lighting equipment that enables us to achieve effects usually seen only on the professional stage when we need them. Stage lighting is interesting, rewarding, and fun.

Our next social function will be a Minster Playhouse Charity Quiz Night in aid of Taylor Made Dreams

Enabling children with life limiting illness to achieve their dreams.

Charity No: 1158174 Saturday 3 June Minster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Tables of up to 8 people, bring your own food and drink Tickets £5

Booking, ring 07501 894 381

www.minsterplayhouse.co.uk info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

SPRING FAYRE Saturday 13 May

Thank you to everyone who came to support us at our Spring Fayre and helped make it so successful, especially those who took part in our raffle. The winner of our first prize, the hand-made Rocking Horse, was Mrs.G.Robinson from Cliffsend who was absolutely

delighted as the family are expecting a new baby girl before Christmas. The presentation was made by Mr Ron Morgan at the surgery on Monday 15. The second prize was won by Mrs Wood from St Nicholas and the third by Maria, who is an HCA at the surgery. A

full list of prizes and winners is displayed on our notice board at the surgery.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - A VERY GOOD MONTH - THANK YOU!

Only 21 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 48 did not attend their nurse's appointment. Although this is probably due to the nice weather,

school holidays and Easter, so please don't get complacent, remember, don't need it, cancel it!

“FRIENDS AND FAMILY” SURVEY

Thank you to all those who take part and please continue to do so.

We welcome all your comments, because any feedback - good or bad - can help us improve our service to you. A total of 190 patients responded last month with the following results: extremely likely/likely - 89%; extremely unlikely/unlikely - 7%; unsure/don't know - 4%

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note the surgery will be closed all day for Bank Holiday Monday on 29 May.

It will also close at 12.00noon on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Thursday 22 June and Wednesday 19 July.

Please ensure you have sufficient medication to last you during these periods, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may need medication. Also check when their

“Medication Review” is due. Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service via the normal surgery number 821 333 from where you will be transferred automatically, or you can call direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for all the family. For urgent/life threatening issues, please dial 999 as normal.

“WALK FOR LIFE” ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

The surgery is now holding these events every Thursday morning at 10.30 and we are inviting people to come and join us in a walk around the local area for about an hour or so, with the aim of meeting people, becoming more active and enjoying our community.

LIAISON GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our next meeting, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact either Ken Self on 821 200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821 049.

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RECENT CYBER ATTACK ON NHS

Unfortunately, Minster Surgery was one of many Practices in the UK that was affected by this action on Friday 12 May, with over 50% of our computer systems compromised and consequently unable to be used. Our I.T. team were onsite throughout the weekend and further specialists were brought in on the Monday morning and by Wednesday 90% of

our systems were back online.

This obviously affected the Service we were able to provide to patients and therefore we had to introduce “emergency only” appointments, whilst also cancelling some routine ones, which regrettably caused inconvenience to some.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all those patients who were supportive and understanding throughout this difficult period, whilst continuing to reassure all patients that every resource is being used to restore normal service as soon as possible.

Issued on behalf of Minster Surgery

MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting

Wednesday 21 June 7.30pm Village Hall – Andy Garland of Radio Kent fame on ‘Me,

My life and My Allotment’ Points Competition is a single rose.

ST NICHOLAS AT WADE OPEN GARDENS

Sat 3 & Sun 4 June 11am – 5pm Entry to all gardens £4

THE THREE INCH FOOLS present TWELFTH NIGHT

At WAYBOROUGH MANOR, MINSTER | 6 JUNE | 7.00PM

Five actors, with all manner of musical instruments, present an inventive take on

Shakespeare's rib-ticklingly good comedy of old-fashioned trickery and mistaken

identity.

The Three Inch Fools are a five-strong troupe of actors with all manner of musical instruments, travelling with set, props, costumes and camping gear, performing a

highly imaginative and vibrantly musical take on Shakespeare's plays.

The Fools perform Shakespeare in almost any kind of setting - to date, they have

performed at castles, stately homes, gardens, churches, market places, village

greens, an old fire station, a medieval crypt, a crowded pub and a garlic farm – all the world's a stage!

You can see this motley troupe at Wayborough Manor this summer

6 June | 7.00pm | Open for picnics from 6.00pm

Box Office: nicolaloud@hotmail.com | 07936 843 819

£20 adults | £10 concessions | free for under-10s | £8 for groups of 8+

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SNOWDOWN COLLIERY BAND present an 'AFTERNOON AT THE

MOVIES'

Playing Favourites From 'Shows' and 'The Big Screen'

SUNDAY 11 JUNE - 2.30pm

Minster Village Hall

Proceeds to 'Futures For Dogs'

Admission £5.00 Children Free

Refreshments and Raffle

MINSTER OPEN GARDENS

17 and 18 June 10am to 5pm

Across the village, £5 entry fee covers all gardens that are open

Coming to Minster Open Gardens?

Then be sure you don't miss the Classic Car Display, Live Music, Plant Stalls

Refreshments and more at The Old Vicarage in St Mildred's Road

Minster Scarecrow Challenge

17 and 18 June across the village, come and judge our scarecrows.

Minster Art Group – Art Show 2017 in the beautiful gardens at The Bell Inn
10am to 4pm 17 and 18 June a wide variety of paintings and prints on sale,
come and browse or buy, everyone welcome, free entry – supporting Minster
Open gardens

Saturday 24 June St Mary's Church, Cliffsend,

Cliffsend Open Gardens 10am to 5pm for further information please ring
Dorothy Darby on 597 228

SCHOOL PAGE

E-SAFETY

Recently, years five and six at Minster School had a talk from a Police woman all about e-safety. They played a game, where everybody had a sheet of paper, with the names of five different social media users on it; FootieMad16, Lozie, Cupcake, PartySam13 and MasterBuilder17.

They got given a bit of information about each user, and had to decide whether or not they would make them an Internet friend or not. Then, they found out more about the user.

By Constance Chesters

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THE SUMMER TIME

I love the summer time when you splash around in the pool with your friends, eat

delicious ice creams and make sand castles at the beach. The summer an amazing time that people wait for all year long. Don't you wish summer could be longer though well the lucky people in Africa and Australia get summer almost all year round {not fair}.

Anyway let me tell you a bit about my friend who is also called Summer she is kind and funny and always lets me play with her all of the time. I hope that everyone that is reading Minster Matters has a lovely summer.

By Annabelle Boucher

YEAR 6 SATS

It's the time of the year when year six have to put their minds to SATS and then al the FUN begins !!!!!!!

SATS are a very important test that help your secondary school teachers to

decide which group of lessons you should go in. The teachers put no pressure on you they just want you to do your best.

By Ruby O

AMBER'S ADVICE

If you are afraid of being lonely, don't try to be right

TIGER'S TIP

Adding a cinnamon stick to your vacuum cleaner can help to add a nice scent to the home the next time you go through it.

ZAC'S MUSINGS

Have I had the oldies worried this month? You bet I have. Just as they thought things were beginning to tick along nicely once again, what did I do? Only go and have a heart attack. Really had them panicking as it was pretty early on a Sunday morning when I collapsed and went completely rigid, but they tell me it was the scream that bought them running (I don't remember that bit!).

Emergency call to the vet and it was off to

Birchington to be seen by the very gentle Simon at Eagle Vets. He spent ages checking me over and then I had a couple of jabs and he let me return home. So thank you Simon for your treatment, we are all very grateful. I've been pretty wobbly especially on my back legs since then and there have been quite a few days when I've not eaten anything, but all in all I'm trying to keep cheerful.

Looking forward to a bit more sun as I love to sleep on the hot spots in the carpet as it moves across our living room. Come on SUMMER!!!

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CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RAMSGATE AND MINSTER

Reverend Marcus Holden Telephone 592 071

Parish Office Saints Ethelbert & Gertrude Church 72 Hereson Road Ramsgate

Holy day of Obligation each Sunday at 10.00am in Minster Abbey

MINSTER ABBEY

The Abbey Chapel is open for prayer throughout the day

Lauds: 8.30am Mass 9.00am, Sunday 10.00am Midday 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. www.minsterabbeynuns.org

THE SALVATION ARMY MINSTER CORPS Church & Community Centre

Lieutenants Luke & Katy Johnson Tel: 822 308 or 825 178

Mondays 9.30am Bumps and Babies (Term time only) 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Parents and Toddlers (Term time only)

Wednesdays 2.00pm Home League

Thursdays 9.15am Prayer Group. 10.30am until 2.30pm Age UK Outreach

Sundays 10.30am Family Worship

ST MARY MAGDALENE MONKTON SERVICES IN JUNE

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10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

11 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

18 10.15am United Holy Communion with Methodists

25 4.00pm

Seamark Service

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN JUNE

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise!

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

11 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

18 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

25 9.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

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Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by refreshments

Holy Communion at Home

is available for anyone who is unable to access Minster or Monkton Church

Telephone 821 250 or 822 428

Baptism at St Mary's Minster

14 May Harriet Farley (16 months)

Weddings at St Mary's Minster

29 April Sheila Quinney & Kevin Greenstreet

6 May Suzanne Allison & Matthew Hergest

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Bob Grove

Bob is available to speak to residents by appointment.

Please ring 07711 774 262 or contact him via the Parish Office on 821 339

District Councillor Derek Crow-Brown Tel: 821 449

County Councillor Ken Gregory Tel: 822 368 or 07850 233 359

Sir Roger Gale MP

Roger holds regular advice surgeries - for appointments and advice on urgent problems: Tel: 848 588 (mornings from 10.00)

Write: HOUSE OF COMMONS, London, SW1A 0AA

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