



MINSTER & MONKTON GARDENING CLUB SPRING SHOW



Congratulations to Miriam Smith (image left, receiving the cup) who came first for 'Best Exhibit in the Show' (pictured below).



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Let's hope any dog walkers who get caught short without a bag will make the most of this young resident's contribution to our village. Well done Louie.



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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on: Tuesday 7 May @ 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. There is also a 15-minute period at

owed at the end of the formal business to take questions from the public. Copies of the Agenda are available from the Clerk or the Parish Council website and are posted both in the Library and on the Parish Noticeboard in Norton Drive.

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Kyla Lamb and the Assistant Clerk is Clare Wilsdon.

The Council Office, above the library, is normally open from: 9.30am – 3pm weekdays; however due to commitments that require staff leaving the office it is better to ring first to ensure the office is manned.

Telephone: 821 339

Email: clerk@minsterparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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SCOTT STEELE 1949 -2019

Scott Steele was a member of the Playhouse for many years before he and Janette moved back to Scotland in 2012.

Scott was born in Edinburgh and studied catering, taking a chef's job in the kitchens of the Caledonian Hotel, where he met Janette, and they were later married. He took a job as an instructor in the well-respected catering arm of Thanet College in Broadstairs, and they lived in Minster for more than 20 years before his retirement. They moved to Crossmichael in Dumfries and Galloway in 2012, followed by a move to Carlisle in 2016. Scott was diagnosed with cancer in 2015 and after three years of treatment sadly died, at home, on April 7th this year.

Scott and Janette travelled widely throughout their married life and enjoyed visiting many countries throughout the world. During their time in Minster they joined the Playhouse and he was the driving force in many productions

in a wide range of activities, from set building, directing, acting, and for some years the Chairman of the Society, to all which pursuits he always gave one hundred percent of effort and enthusiasm.

Scott and Janette typified the generous hospitality of the Scots and left behind many good friends in Thanet. Scott is survived by Janette and their two much loved Airedale dogs.

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT ST MARY'S CHURCH FABRIC

Looking after a beautiful historically important and unique building like our church is not always a straightforward task. As a church we realise that we can't find the large sums needed to maintain the church fabric and so we look to other organisations and grant making bodies to help with this.

The PCC are currently working on two separate restoration projects with the fabric -

funded by different sources.

Chancel Repairs - for various historic reasons the responsibility of maintaining the chancel lies with the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral. The PCC contribute just over 1% towards any costs. External repairs to the chancel rainwater goods and roof began in April with scaffolding being erected outside of the church. And shortly after Easter scaffolding inside of the chancel for internal repairs. The vast majority of this is not funded by St Mary's PCC.

St Mary's Restoration Project - this includes essential repairs to the south transept gable and other more general repairs; but also includes the installation of a toilet and small kitchen area into the North West corner of the nave and possibly essential repair works to the bells. The PCC are applying to the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) for a grant of £250k for these works. Sources of funding from other places will also be sought to meet the overall cost. Even if all these applications are successful the works would still not begin until 2020 at the earliest. The award of such grants is highly competitive. Part of this process is a community consultation programme to gather information to support why such works are essential for

the future use of the building and to show how more people will use and visit the church for heritage purposes or otherwise. This consultation will begin in the next few weeks and there will be a display in church with more details.

Paul Wil ins, Church Warden

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SCARECROW CHALLENGE

Due to many factors it has been decided we will not be holding the Scarecrow Challenge over Open Gardens weekend in June this year. Apologies to anyone who may already be working on theirs, but we just do not have the time or manpower to get it organised.

We hope we may be able to hold it again in 2020 but we'll confirm that early next year.

Thank you for your previous support, Ray

'TREK THE ALPS'

After an unfortunate setback I am delighted to be able to say that I am going to carry on and do the 'Trek The Alps' challenge in June. Sponsor forms are available in Attwells.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, kindness, cards, gifts and prayers.

Much love, Angela Keeler

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he was 'an example to us all'.

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Well done Louie.

SEATED/CHAIR YOGA IS COMING TO MINSTER.... Tuesday Mornings Have you wanted to try Yoga but have trouble getting up and down off the floor? then this may be for you....

Chair yoga is a gentle practice in which postures (exercises) are performed while seated and/or with the aid of a chair. Classes typically target those who would find a conventional Yoga class too challenging. It is also a great form of yoga for beginners or anyone who wants to focus on a gentle practice.

Carol is an established Yoga Teacher with over 20 years experience and has been teaching in the village since moving here 4 years ago.

There will be a FREE taster session on Tuesday 14th May 10.30am -11.15am at OLD

SCHOOLS, Church St., Minster, (this 45minute class will normally cost £5.00) although this session will be FREE, you will need to book your place prior to the event.

To book your place call/text or email: Carol@yogafit4you.com phone/text 07581 369

776 for more information regarding this and other classes or go to www.Yogafit4you.com

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MINSTER W.I.

Our speaker for the April meeting was Martin Heard who gave an interesting talk and slideshow on the 'The Gardens of Impressionism' - Monet and the other Impressionists as gardeners and painters of gardens in France.

Dates for the Diary

21st May - Resolutions Meeting

11th June - Singing is Easy - Jayl De Lara Meetings are from 7.30pm in Minster Village Hall - All are welcome **MINSTER BOWLS CLUB**

Firstly, I have to report that Peter Fairbrass our former President has passed away. He was a stalwart member and will be sadly missed.

The Short-Mat season is now completed. The three league teams experienced mixed fortunes: The Hinds maintained their Division 1 status, but five of that side will not be available next season: The Abbots had a disappointing time and were relegated from Division 2: The Monks were runners-up in Division 3 and will therefore be promoted next season.

The winners of our Short-Mat in house competitions were:-

Men's Singles - Mark Lendrum, Ladies Singles - Maureen Hedges, Morphew Cup - Barry Harris, Men's Pairs - Andy Empson/Glynne Hibbert, Ladies Pairs - Meg Atkinson/Maureen Hedges, Gender Pairs - Paul Churchley/Brian Hedges, Wednesday Pairs - Mark Lendrum/Alan Blake, Mixed Pairs - Paul Churchley/Barby West,

Mixed Triples - Babs White/Richard Muncey/Trevor Elson, Alf Wood Trophy - Diane Harris/Glynne Hibbert/Mark Lendrum, Friday Fours - the Team led by Andy Empson.

The Outdoor season is now upon us with 90 fixtures arranged. We will also be hosting our usual Open Day for teams of non-bowlers, and The Bosom Pals will be holding their annual event. In addition, we shall be hosting the Isle of Thanet Ladies Champion of Champions contest, whilst the Open Pairs Competition, organized by Terry Harrison will be held in September. We will, as usual, be making our appearance at the Minster Show.

The beginning of the playing year is an ideal time for new members to join the Club. We have already received eight applications in April for members, and more are welcomed.

Tuition will be given for anyone new to bowls, and your membership fee entitles you not only to play lawn bowls, but also short-mat during the winter months.

Anyone interested in trying their hand at bowls, or who wish to change clubs please contact me on 845637, or e-mail me on brimaur26@gmail.com.

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PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

Another successful fund raising year and a very successful decade.

During the financial year ending March 2019 we are able to purchase nearly £3,000 of new equipment for the surgery, equipment that would not normally be available within a GP Practice. Our very first fund raising event was our SPRING FAYRE in MAY 2009

which raised just over £400!

Since then we have raised just over £35,000 and been able to present several items of specialist equipment and provide additional facilities to Minster Surgery.

This would not be possible without the support of all our Patients and Friends, so we would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement.

A full list of the equipment we have purchased this year can be seen on our notice board in the surgery. If there are any suggestions that you may have for further facilities or equipment you might like to see, do not hesitate to let us know.

10th ANNUAL SPRING FAYRE

Our Annual Spring Fayre will take place on Saturday 11th May at Old Schools, Church St., as usual, and of course, as always - Free Entry! Tickets for our "Grand Spring Raffle"

with many excellent prizes, are on sale now at the surgery and will be drawn at the Spring Fayre.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close at 12.00 Midday on the following days for the purpose of staff training: Wednesday 15th May; Thursday 27th June; Wednesday 24th July.

BANK HOLIDAYS

The surgery will be closed all day on: Monday 6th and Monday 27th of May. 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 and also check when their "Medication Review" is due.

PATIENT 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 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049.

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING April Summary PCSO

Butterworth was unable to attend but sent a written report. There had been 46

calls to Kent police over the last month including 2 burglaries, 2 offences of criminal damage and 4 thefts from motor vehicles, 2 of which had been left unlocked. Other calls related to traffic, domestic or other issues. He is currently making presentations to local groups about scamming in the hope of raising awareness.

It seems that there have been regular complaints about youths on mopeds doing

'wheelies' in Tothil Street; PCSO Butterworth is trying to gather evidence to deal with the offenders so if you have any information such as times, dates and registration numbers, please forward it to him.

Cl r. Crow-Brown reported that he had recently spoken with Senior Management at TDC

and they have confirmed that the agency payment to Minster will continue for the next three years. This enables the parish council to continue to keep the village clean and well maintained.

It was good to hear that Cl r. Crow-Brown, who has been very active in supporting the work of the parish council, is to stand for election again.

Cl r. Pugh was unable to attend but outlined some of the work he had been involved in and confirmed that he too would be standing for election. This was welcomed.

Both councillors thanked Cl r. Grove, who is standing down at this election, for his contribution to both District and Parish Councils, and also Cl r. Bailey for his contribution to the parish council. The Chairman echoed their thanks and said that both will be missed.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the Annual Parish Assembly scheduled for 16th April.

She reported that she had recently attended a number of hearings of the Local Plan Enquiry which continues until late May; she had put forward the views of the residents concerning housing developments and highways issues.

The Chairman expressed her thanks to Vicky Clarke's 7-year-old son who had used his initiative by making a dog poo bag dispenser and placing it at the entrance to the recreation ground. This positive effort by such a young resident is very welcome and is an example to us all.

There was discussion about the Minster Parish Council chain of office and it was agreed that a new chain would be made in the style of the old one. A detailed estimate will be obtained.

The new HMRC system called 'Making Tax Digital' comes into force this year and this means that our computer software needs upgrading. The Clerks

have identified suitable software which will provide the upgrade as well as enabling online booking management; it has been recommended by other councils and by our auditor. The councilors voted to purchase this software.

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There is some subsidence at the southern end of the Al Weather Pitch and a quotation has been obtained to replace mortar with stainless steel rods and address water build up; this will cost £850. It was agreed that the work is necessary and should go ahead.

The meeting considered a planning application to build 25 dwellings (intended for occupation by persons aged 55 yrs. and over) at Hoo Farm, 147, Monkton Road, Minster. There were questions as to the impact of the loss of the commercial units, insufficient parking, highways access, lack of footpath and the ability to enforce the minimum age limit of purchasers. It was resolved that the council would object to the development.

The Twinning association reported on a recently successful quiz night, was pleased that many villagers entered items in the Armbouts-Cappel Craft Fair and now had a full coach of people booked to attend France for the 21st Anniversary celebrations.

In the public question time, it was suggested that new developments such as that proposed at Hoo Farm should be required to install car charging points. The same person also mentioned concern at the use of cannabis by young people in the village; it has been reported to the PCSO.

On 16th April the Annual Parish Assembly took place. This opened with reports on the past year from the Chairman and the Chair of the Finance committee, both of which will be available on the Minster Parish Council website; it was then followed by the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions. At the end of this assembly the Chairman welcomed Roy Burden, Derek Crow-Brown, Leanne McCarthy, Susan Sharp and Jack Whybrow, our 5 new parish councilors, who will formally take up their new roles on 7th May at the monthly meeting. Look out for more information on

your new council ors in the next issue of this magazine.

MINSTER ARMBOUTS CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Armbouts-Cappel Art Show opened on Saturday 30th March and four of our members travelled across to see the exhibits which included many entries from Minster.

Whilst there, a meeting took place to advise us of the events planned for the forthcoming Ducasse at the end June. A coach full of Minster locals will be travelling across to join in with our French friends, for what will be a fun day.

Although the coach is full you can still put your name on the reserve list, it's on Sunday 30th June and at a cost of just £10 per person where else could you get a better value day out. If you are interested ring Roy on 01843 319791.

If you are thinking of booking a team for our Quiz Night on Saturday 8th June, please ring Carol on 07745 683 466 as soon as possible as space is filling fast for this popular night out. For just £5 per person you get a great night out which includes a tasty buffet, yes that's right, a tasty buffet for just £5 per person.

On Saturday 22nd June we have been challenged, by our French friends, to a Boules match, which has been gladly accepted and we are putting together a team to take them on.

As you can see, we are a very active and social Association putting on and attending many events each year. If you would like to get involved and enjoy these events then ring Roy on 01843 319791 for more details.

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MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

This year's May Play

By the time that you read this, our May Play, the novel thriller, The Final Twist, by Ken Whitmore and Alfred Bradley, is now in its final rehearsals

and going very well. This lively and light-hearted play is complex to perform which makes great demands on the actors but is also great fun. It is a classic thriller packed with intrigue, humour and an ingenious plot. Charlie Nicholson has writer's block, and is being chased by an "enforcer" of the casino he owes a lot of money to. Merlin Foster, an acclaimed actor with many marriages behind him, has specific needs. He employs Charlie to write a script for him which must contain the perfect method and alibi for the murder of his wife, and to be theatrically convincing. Merlin's young wife, Eden, is to remain in the dark so that he can surprise her with the play. Merlin's extreme approach to rehearsal worries Charlie, but he has to remain silent. When is a play not a play? When is a doorbell not a doorbell? And is that really a head in the bag? Al is finally revealed in the murderous and surprising tale for the mystery lover.

The play has a succession of twists and turns right up to the final curtain. It will be staged from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th May at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. You can leave requests for advance bookings on the box office number which is 07501 894 381, and advance bookings are going well.

Autumn Play

Our September production this year will be Clerical Errors, a comedy by Georgina Reid, and is about a family of vagrants that has taken over a small disused Methodist Chapel, much to the concern of the parishioners, who call in the Social Worker to deal with them.

The play looks at a number of social issues, particularly homelessness. It gives the Minister and his parishioners, as well as all of us, many soul-searching questions. It will be directed by Sally Reynolds, and will be auditioning 23rd May; new actors are always welcome. Please check our website for details and venue. The play runs from September 25th to the 29th at the Village Hall.

MOBILITY SCOOTERS AND WHEELCHAIRS

Mobility scooters, wheelchairs, rollators, commode chairs and a few smaller disability aids are available for loan from Minster Matters to villagers and members of their families.

We will also consider requests from residents in our neighbouring vil ages. We make no set charge for any of these but we're open to receiving voluntary donations to help keep the equipment maintained.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in some way to make this a success, if you or someone you know needs to borrow any of these please do get in touch.

We are very pleased to report that we have recently been offered some additional storage space for which we are very grateful, and we hope to be able to move some of our equipment into it in the not too distant future.

Please ring/text Ray on 07864 345 019, 07914 623 287 or email rayowen@gmail.com if you would like to borrow any of these, or if you have anything you'd like to donate to us.

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MINSTER & MONKTON GARDEN CLUB

Wednesday 8 May Vil age Hall 7.30pm

Spkr: Don Wilks - Butterflies of East Kent **ABBEY PATCHERS BIENNIAL QUILT SHOW**

St Mary's Church

Saturday 25th May 10am – 5pm, Sunday 26th 12noon - 4.30pm, Monday 27th 10am

– 4.30pm

Entry £1 – Sales tables, Traders, Tombola, Refreshments Quilt Raffle in aid of St Marys Church & Pilgrims Hospice **MINSTER VILLAGE ART**

Invite you to their 2019 ART SHOW

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June 10am - 4pm (Minster's Open Gardens Weekend)

In the garden of the THE NEW INN - Admission Free Lots of Paintings and Craft Items for sale come along to browse or buy and enjoy a relaxing drink in the garden

MEN'S SUPPER CLUB

Wednesday 26th June 7pm for 7.30pm

56 Tothil Street, Minster

£8.50 for a BBQ, dessert and a drink.

Come along and meet old and new friends.

Please phone Peter to book your place at the supper club, on 447 692 or 07981 184 224

THE RURAL KENT COFFEE AND INFORMATION PROJECT

POP UP CAFÉ and INFORMATION HUB

New Inn Car Park - 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesdays: 7th May; 4th June; 2nd July; 13th August; 10th September; 8th October Come along and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available, or you can just come in for a chat. Please help us spread the word. Everyone welcome, see you soon.

Can't get there under your own steam? Call us and we'll see if we can help.

Liza 07771 661 871 or Kathy 07341 737 041

SEQUENCE DANCE CLASSES & TEA DANCE

Every Friday at Minster Village Hall

Lessons from 1.30pm – 2.00pm

Tea Dance with tea & biscuits from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Everyone welcome -
Couples or Singles - Come along and meet new friends

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MINSTER & MONKTON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Royal British Legion, 61 Augustine Road

Every Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of bingo

All members and bona-fide guests welcome

Phone Pat on 822 622

MINSTER ART & CRAFT GROUP

We meet at the Old Schools every Monday morning from 9.00am to
12.30pm.

We are a friendly and sociable non-teaching group ranging from artists to all
types of crafters, all of whom are ready to give help and advice if requested.
The charge per week is £2.00 to cover the hall and includes refreshments.
You are welcome to come along for a free morning session to see what we
are doing.

Any queries - call Ann on 01843 821 152.

CLIFFSEND COFFEE MORNING

Every Thursday from 10.30am 'til 12noon - Vil age Hal , Cliffsend (Note - in
May this will be moved to Friday 3rd and 24th due to Elections on the normal
days) - Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits Just make a
donation, no set prices.

VILLAGE VOICES

Every Wednesday Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm at the Salvation Army Hall, Tothil St., Minster - £1.50 per session - All Welcome - If you enjoy singing, we'd love to see you there

AMBER'S ADVICE

Declare today a holiday...

Imagine every day is a holiday. Do one little thing that stimulates this holiday mood each day, then watch your worries fade away.

TIGER'S TIP

To easily peel potatoes, boil with skins on - then immerse in cold water for 5 seconds.

Then twist the potato between your hands and the skin will peel right off.

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CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster - telephone 592 071

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) The Salvation Army Minster
Corps Church & Community Centre Captains Luke and Katy Johnson
telephone: 821 543

Mondays 2.15pm Friendship Club

Tuesdays 9.30am Sunny Tots (birth to 5yrs) (term time only) Wednesdays
2.00pm home league Thursdays 9.15am prayer group Sundays 10.30am
family worship

St Mary Magdalene Monkton Services in May Services this month will be held at Monkton Methodist Church 5

10.15am Holy Communion

12 10.15am Holy Communion

19 Rogation Walk across the Benefice

3.15pm

Service at Monkton Methodist Church

26 4.00pm

Seamark Service – Monkton School

St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in May Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

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9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am Family Praise Service

6.30pm

Sung Evensong

12 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion 19 Rogation Walk across the Benefice

5.30pm

Evening Reflection at Minster

26 9.00am

Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion A group for children and young people – ‘Connections’ – meets during services on 2nd &

4th Sundays

Wednesday mornings at St Mary’s

10.30am - Holy Communion 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

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Contacting your District & County Councillors District Council or Derek Crow-Brown tel: 821 449

District Council or Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

Kent County Council or Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Council or Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP

Email: galerj@parliament.uk - write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA Thanks for listening - your readers this month were:-

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