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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 1 October @ 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 allowed 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

JOYCE MILLICENT GLOVER

Passed peacefully away 12th September, aged 79 Years.

Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium on Monday 14 October at 12:00 Noon

Family flowers only, if desired donations in memory of Joyce to The Kent Association for the Blind c/o W. S. Cole And Son Funeral Directors, 17-19 High Street, Minster CT12

4BU Telephone 01843 821253

MASSIVE TURNOUT FOR 15th MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE FOR JAKE

On this the 15th Memorial Bike Ride for JAKE, we could not have been more overwhelmed by the support from our family and friends. As always, a great turnout for this special yearly event, but as this would have been the year Jake turned 30 we hoped it would somehow be more special than other years and we weren't wrong.

The weather was absolutely amazing, everybody was in great spirits and determined to make the day one to remember, more youngsters joined us this year, Cobi, Josh, Jake, Harry, Misty and Macey, who did the whole ride, were brilliant. Ryder, Archer, Dawson and all the little ones joined us at the Grove Ferry Inn where they were kind enough to let us have a picnic on the lawn. As always thanks to Alan and Anne for the recovery truck (not needed but vital) and Alex for the water bottles in his truck. Special thanks to Cynth (Mum) and Auntie Doreen for the amazing ploughman's and picnic, and after a fantastic day of fun, laughter and just amazing people, we finished the day at the British Legion where the fun went on long into the summer evening. A perfect day to remember Jake. As always to everyone who gives us their support, we are so grateful and we hope to see you all again next year. It wouldn't be the same without you, thank you all.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

We nearly did it again!!

After an excellent win in the semi-finals at Herne Bay BC the team played as well as they could in the final, but came away in 2nd place. Very well done for getting into the final. Congratulations to our Club Captain and Fixtures Secretary for winning the Isle of Thanet Pairs Competition. We were also runners up in the Jubilee Pairs, a good end to the season. We all know it's winter time when sickness and colds show themselves. We are not just a bowls club; you can become a social member. We have a lounge area with comfy chairs and tables, plus an honesty bar if tea or coffee is not your beverage. You could come and play cards or darts if watching bowling is not to your liking.

Just sitting and chatting helps you keep in touch and meet people; you don't have to be lonely; all this in the warmth of the Club.

The BENEFIT of participating in the bowling on our 6 ft wide carpets, is it helps to keep you fit, it helps your balance, a problem as the years creep up, thus helping to prevent falls. It is also a form of very easy exercise at the same time keeping friendship to the fore.

We open at 10.00am 'til late and the club can be available 7 days a week for members. Club contacts are: Keith Jackson 07702 015 527, Frank Foster 01227 741 387 and Glynne Hibbert 01843 821 221.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB COMPETITION FINALS 14/15 SEPTEMBER

Thank you to those competitors and spectators who thanked me for organising the day, this being my first year as Competition Secretary.

I would especially like to thank the players for providing us with two days of generally excellent play, in good spirit.

Derek Lade, Competitions Secretary

MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL - SUMMARY OF MEETING ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting after the summer break.

- PCSO Adrian Butterworth opened the agenda with a summary of incidents and crimes over the past two months. There was an assault in Monkton Road, possibly a road rage incident but an offender has been identified; theft of a motorcycle and an aggravated burglary in Tothill Street; theft from a motor vehicle in Prospect Road where an offender has been arrested; damage to a vehicle in Rose Gardens; also graffiti throughout the village, but fortunately due to enquires by our PCSO a suspect has been identified. Advice has also been given regarding the parking linked to the development in Hill House and seven suspicious cold callers have been persuaded to leave the area.
- Unfortunately, there were no County or District Councillors present at the meeting. However, Cllr. Pugh did send an email in which he explained that the Planning Inspectorate will now be dealing with the application for a Stock Car racing track in Ebbsfleet Lane; as it stands, provisions under The Town & Country Planning Order 2015 allow the use of any land for not more than 14 days in any year for various purposes including motor car and motor cycle racing.
- Cllr Pugh also wanted to reassure everyone that contrary to recent media reports, Thanet beaches and sea water are safe for the public.
- The Chairman thanked everyone who had made the Minster Show such a success this year; it was well attended and a really positive reflection of the community spirit in this parish. She also welcomed the re-opening of The Bell P.H., both for the benefit of the village and to support the Minster Show.
- The Chairman said that the refurbishment of the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground was almost complete, with the removal of the old bar area, new décor and improved heating system.
- The Clerk reported that the highway works in Molineux Road were nearly completed and that the new/extended yellow lines will be started on 9th September. Traffic issues often raise concerns in the village so it was decided that a survey of residents will be carried out seeking views and possible solutions to current problems.
- The Parish Council has already agreed to accept the recent rent increase for the Parish Office but councillors were asked their views on the request for an additional £2,200 for maintenance. It was agreed that negotiations would take place to seek a reduction and at the same time consider alternative accommodation. One option would be to create office space at the sports pavilion so plans will need to be drawn to assess feasibility.
- The Chairman put forward a proposal to support Minster School in their plans to improve the outside space at the school. The school is an important part of the village and anything that would encourage children to play outdoors was to be congratulated. The councillors agreed to contribute £500 towards the project.
- Minster Parish Council have agreed to join with the Royal British Legion to mark the anniversary of the end of WWII. On Friday 8th May 2020, a bank holiday, there will be a 'Picnic in the Park' at the Recreation Ground from 2pm to 7pm. Musical entertainment will be provided and there will be a bar in the pavilion. Other local groups will be invited to support the event. Further details will be published in due course.

- Councillors were updated on the increase in security at the Cemetery. After two burglaries this year, when valuable tools were stolen, the council have placed two large secure containers near the front entrance of the cemetery where they will be more visible from the road and there will be lighting and CCTV in place.
 - Cllr. Quittenden gave an update on his recent visit to Kent Police HQ where he was impressed by the Operations Centre and its highly trained staff. He reinforced the need for all crimes and incidents of note to be reported to the police to ensure that a true picture of crime is recorded. The good news is that 380 new police officers are now being deployed and more are in the pipeline, as well as 20 new PCSO's.
 - In the public question time it was suggested that:
 - the council use social media for their survey,
 - that TDC obtain injunctions regarding travellers in the area
 - that moving the parish office to the pavilion would incur a rate increase.
- All were thanked for their contributions.

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS

Vaccination Clinics for all patients will be held on Saturday 26 October from 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. Appointments are available and can be made in the usual way via the surgery. Eligible and "at risk" patients will receive a text reminder or letter and will be invited to make an appointment.

If you have any concerns about your eligibility or availability of the vaccination, especially if you are over 65, please contact the surgery.

DID YOU KNOW?

Appointments can now be booked on line, on the day (from 8am), and for both 2 or 4 weeks in advance. Get "MY GP" App where you can also order prescriptions, make or cancel appointments plus many other facilities.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 1.00pm onwards on the following days for staff training: Wednesday 24 October and Thursday 27 November.

Should you need to see a doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the NHS 111 Service direct on 111, to receive non-urgent confidential health advice and information for you and your family. For urgent/life threatening cases please dial 999 as normal.

PATIENT 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 Ken Self on 821200, Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email: kenself@me.com

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Autumn Play - Very sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Playhouse Autumn Play has had to be withdrawn. Apart from one performance cancelled due to very heavy snow, this has not happened for many years and we apologise to our audiences for any disappointment.

The **40th Anniversary Adult Revue**, is now almost fully booked. An evening of music and sketches, it is at the Village Hall on Saturday 19 October at 7.30pm, bring your own food and wine, tables of eight people, £8 per person. Please book on **07501 894 381**

This year's pantomime will be *Alice in Wonderland* and will run from Wednesday 4 December to Saturday 7 December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm with matinees on Saturday in both the morning and afternoon.

To make an advanced booking for the pantomime please ring the Box Office on **07501 894 381**

While talking panto, the village's favourite character, Daisy the Cow, will be appearing in panto this year in Poole, Dorset and she sends her love to all the children of Minster

PCSO's REPORT

Welcome to my crime prevention advice slot. I would like to draw your attention to incidents of fraud. We are getting more and more calls from people who have been duped online and through phone scams. These incidents are mainly directed towards elderly persons perhaps living on their own but not always. They use a number of differing tactics and people have lost many thousands of pounds. They are very convincing and will offer you a product that is too good to be true. It has been known for them to say you may be committing an offence if you do not co-operate. This is not the case it is a SCAM.

Remember the bank or police will never

- Phone you and ask for your 4 digit card PIN or your online banking password.
- Ask you to withdraw money for them
- Ask you to transfer money to a new account for fraud reasons
- Send someone to your home to collect your cash, PIN, payment card or cheque book.
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If you get a call from a number you do not recognise you may want to ignore it. If it is a genuine call they will leave a message or send you a letter to confirm the nature of the call. If you think you have been affected by a scammer you can also contact Action Fraud on 03001232040 or use their reporting tool at www.actionfraud.police.uk

If you have any concerns about this type of crime feel free to speak to me when you see me out and about. Or call 101 and ask me to contact you.

MINSTER ARMOUITS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Yet another successful Quiz Night on Saturday 7 September where 100 people gathered at the Royal British Legion to enjoy a night of challenging and fascinating questions compiled by Ian and assisted by Christine to test our little grey cells. At half time we enjoyed a delicious buffet provided by Gail and her team and we would like to give a big thank you to all the staff for their hard work.

Our next Quiz will now be after Christmas, so do look out for date and details in this magazine or on posters around the village.

On **Friday 25 October we will be holding our AGM in the Neighbourhood Centre above the library at 7.30 pm**, all are welcome to attend. If you are free why not come along and find out what the Twinning Association is all about, you might be tempted to get involved.

MINSTER & MONKTON GARDEN CLUB

Autumn Show Winners

Fred Fright - won 5 cups for his Vegetables and Fruit

Fred Cuthbert – Chrysanthemums Cynthia Neville - Potted Plants

Doreen Golder - Most points in Home Economics Charlie George – Dahlias

Wednesday 16 October 7.30pm - Village Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – all welcome

THE RURAL KENT COFFEE AND INFORMATION PROJECT

POP UP CAFÉ and INFORMATION HUB

New Inn Car Park - 10.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 8 October – This will be the last visit to Minster of this facility at least for the foreseeable future as they change venues each year to enable them to cover the whole of Kent. 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

MINSTER W.I.

At our September meeting we had Lorraine who gave us an interesting and informative talk and demonstration on styling using one of our members as the model.

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Tuesday 8 WI meeting - History of Chocolate - Cocoa Belle

Saturday 12 Trip to Walmer Castle with afternoon tea

All welcome to any of our meetings, every second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

49th ANNUAL MINSTER ART SHOW at the VILLAGE HALL

Friday 4 October 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 5 October 10am - 6pm

Sunday 6 October 10am - 5pm

Exhibits for sale!

Admission £1.00 - catalogue £0.50p - Refreshments served in 'Old Schools'

Exhibition sponsored by Minster Garage

LIVE JAZZ NIGHT!

Saturday 5 October @ Monkton Village Hall

In support of the RAF Manston Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Museum

£10 per person (includes ticket & hot supper)

Bring your own drink please

Admission by ticket only - Tickets available from Museum Shop

Snowdown Colliery Band and Afternoon Tea

At the Salvation Army Hall on Sunday 6 October 2.30pm

Tickets £5 contact Audrey Hards on 821 792

The Friends of St Nicholas-at-Wade Church Charity Day

Saturday 26 October from 10am to 3pm in the Church

THANET LIONS CLUB

presents a Charity Choral Concert Saturday 2 November 3pm (Doors open at 2.15pm) at St Mary the Virgin Church, Minster and featuring the Thanet Male Voice Choir and our own Village Voices Community Choir, resulting in a range of musical styles.

Ticket prices are £8 in advance and £10 on the door

All ticket money will be split between two good causes, The Monkton Nature Reserve, Nature Shed Project and Minster Matters Mobility Scheme

Both are small organisations where any money donated will have a significant impact.

Tickets are on sale now from both Attwells Newsagents and Jemima's Tearooms.

Book them via Minster Matters on 07864 345 019 or ask any of the Village Voices Choristers to book them for you.

There are a very limited number of just 250 available, and they will be sold on a 'first come, first served' basis. Seats will be non-reservable, but allocated to people as they arrive, due to the seating arrangements in the Church.

This is definitely one not too miss!

STOP PRESS: Village Voices Community Choir will be auditioning for 'Britain's Got Talent' the following day; 2pm at the ExCel in London !!!!

PARISH FIREWORKS

Friday 1 November – Minster Recreation Ground, Gates open at 6pm fireworks at 7pm
Free entry, hot food and drink available

W.I. OKTOBERFEST

Saturday 2 November 7 for 7.30pm Minster Village Hall
Tickets £20pp includes a free drink, food and entertainment
Prizes for Best Fancy Dress plus a raffle – Tables of 8
For tickets contact Liz on 07968 473 689

CANTERBURY SINGERS

And St. Mary the Virgin, Minster-in-Thanel present a Concert in aid of our Magnificent Organ. Come and hear this wonderful instrument on Saturday 16 November at 3.00pm. Canterbury Singers with guest soloists and their Director of Music Adrian Bawtree will perform works by Joseph Haydn and Benjamin Britten. Tickets £10 (in advance) £12 (on the door) including after-concert tea and cakes - For tickets phone 01843 621 057

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

MINSTER & MONKTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB - 61 Augustine Road

BINGO EVENINGS - Every Tuesday at 7.30pm - All members welcome

AFTERNOON CLUB - Every Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a game of bingo - All members and bona-fide guests welcome

VILLAGE VOICES

Every Wednesday evening - 6.00pm 'til 7.30pm
at the Salvation Army Hall, Tothill St., Minster
£1.50 per session - All welcome, if you enjoy singing, we'd love to see you there
There's no need to be able to read music and we do not audition
For further details ring 07864 345 019 or find us at villagevoiceschoir.org.uk

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 - Village Hall, Cliffsend

Hot and cold drinks, homemade cakes and biscuits - Just make a donation, no set prices.

CHURCH NEWS AND SERVICE TIMES

The Catholic Parish of Ramsgate and Minster

Father Christopher Basden - telephone 592 071

Mass daily at 9.00am and 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 October

6 10.15am Holy Communion

13 10.15am Holy Worship

20 10.15am Family Communion

27 4.00pm Seamark Service at Church

St Mary the Virgin, Minster Services in October

Reverend Richard Braddy tel: 821 250

6 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Animal Service!

6.30pm Sung Evensong

13 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

20 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship

27 9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion

29 10.00am Benefice Celebration Service

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

Funeral at St Mary's

Wednesday 11 September – Marguerite Darby (96)

Minster Church and Barham Crematorium

AMBER'S ADVICE

If you are calm about your ambitions, you become confident of achieving what you set out to do.

TIGER'S TIP

Add a cinnamon stick to your vacuum cleaner, it adds a nice scent to your rooms as you clean and afterwards.

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Reece Pugh tel: 07740 288 713

District Councillor David Hart tel: 07976 830 171

District Councillor Trevor Roper tel: 07787 860 381

Kent County Councillor Emma Dawson tel: 07976 804 113

Kent County Councillor Liz Hurst tel: 07453 328 104

Contacting your MP - Sir Roger Gale MP tel: 01843 848 588

Email: galerj@parliament.uk - write: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Thanks for listening - your readers this month were:-

Musical interludes supplied courtesy of

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