



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS @ LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

A suggestion has been made that we try to encourage businesses and households in the centre of the village to festively decorate their window(s) in a bid to encourage more people to come to Minster for our Annual Late Night Shopping event.

We are looking at possibly offering a prize for the best window as voted on by members of the public attending on the evening.

This is in the early planning stage at present and we'd love to hear your views and more especially, if you live or run a business in the area, that you'd be willing to participate.

Look for more details next month but in the meantime if you wish to contact us please either speak to Brenda at Jemima's or email the Editor.



**MORE SHOW PICTURES
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MOBILITY SCOOTERS & WHEELCHAIRS VILLAGE FREE LOAN SCHEME WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Many of you will be aware that Minster Matters runs a free short term loan scheme for Mobility Scooters and Wheelchairs in the village (we have 3 of each) - however up until now we have been able to house these at the Library but we were recently asked to remove them from the building. So now we are desperately looking for a small amount of undercover storage space to enable us to continue to operate this service. Failure to find a new home, very soon, may mean we will have to close down the facility and rehome the equipment. Can you help? Please contact the Editor on 07864 345 019 or email editor@minstermatters.org.uk



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Welcome to the September 2017 issue of Minster Matters

The Editors accept all advertisements, articles and notices in good faith and actively encourage the support of the local traders and services. However, we cannot be held responsible for the quality of goods or services offered.

Please mention the magazine when replying to advertisers.

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MINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting will be held on:

Tuesday 5 September @ 7pm in the Neighbourhood

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. There is now a 15-minute period at the end of normal

business for members of the public to be able to ask questions of the council.

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

Parish Council Minutes are available on their website at

www.minsterpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

COMMUNITY POPPY PROJECT

The Total number received as of publication date of this issue was:

5053 Red Poppies, 37 Blue/Lilac Poppies

141 Blue Cornflowers Keep up the good work!!

MINSTER MATTERS NEEDS YOU!!

Well our plea did encourage one resident to step forward to help. However, Minster Matters is still looking for at least one more keen 'unpaid' volunteer to join our team with a view to becoming a page editor/layout designer. Training will obviously be given and relevant software will be supplied.

Any prospective volunteer will need to have regular access to a Windows computer

(apologies but our DTP program won't run on a MAC, although that may change later this year). You must also be willing to give up a weekend every other month. You should be able to work as part of a team, be IT literate and have an 'eye' for layout and design.

The job will entail designing new advertisements from customer's specs, laying out magazine pages ready for printing, making best use of available space, helping to keep our websites updated and assisting with distribution.

The position would best suit a retired/semi-retired person, a stay at home parent or in fact anyone who feels they have the time to commit to keep this magazine 'alive and kicking'.

We also still have a position available for someone who can commit to one evening a month (or maybe every other month) for our audio recording at the Holiday Inn.

Someone who knows the Audacity program would be good, but we are willing to give

training if necessary. You will be required to ensure the monthly script is recorded successfully to our laptop and transferred to memory stick for delivery to our audio editor.

If you feel you would like to 'get involved' in either of these positions then please speak to a member of the MM team or contact the editor - details can be found on page 2 of this issue. We look forward to meeting you!!

EDITORIAL

Short and sweet this month. Thank you to Kathryn for coming forward and offering to help produce this magazine, I really thought my plea would fall on deaf ears. Just got to get you trained up now!!

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Minster Parish Council Meeting 4th July, 2017

Summary of Key Points

- The Chairman reported that the Riveroak Consultation event at the Village Hall on 27

June had been very well attended; 163 people signed the attendance sheet,

some 20

others were refused entry on a health and safety basis as the hall had reached capacity. It was noted that the majority of those present were in favour of the retention of the airport. The meeting then discussed the policy of Minster Parish Council. A vote was taken and it was agreed that the Parish Council policy would be to support the retention of Manston Airport. The Chairman agreed to complete the consultation document

accordingly.

- A meeting with the TDC Chief Executive was confirmed for 10 July to discuss parking charges in Minster. The meeting did take place and the matter is not yet resolved. The negotiation has become more complex as it encompasses payments from TDC to the

parish for work carried out on their behalf. Further discussion took place on 17 August and another meeting was agreed for September. The Chairman undertook to keep

everyone informed of developments.

- The members discussed the application made by McDonald's restaurant to extend their licence; the company wish to remove the condition of 'drive thru only' between 11pm and 5am. The council agreed to strongly object on the grounds that this would increase the incidence of anti-social behaviour. Residents were encouraged to submit their objections to the Licensing Officer. At that time confirmation had been received that the Police were objecting to this extension of the licence.

- Unfortunately, when the licensing hearing took place on 8 August the police withdrew their objections at the last minute. Despite 26 letters of objection and personal representations from Cllrs. Grove and Crow-Brown, two residents and the Chairman of Minster Parish Council, the Licensing committee decided to grant the application. The Parish Council have written to the Police to express their disappointment for their seeming lack of support for local residents following many incidents of anti-social behaviour linked to the premises; we await a reply.

- The meeting noted a report of a go kart being used on the play area and open space near the multi-use games area in the early hours of the morning. It was considered that signage was not necessary at this stage after just one incident but that the situation would be monitored.
- The meeting agreed to order plaques to be presented as a civic award to locations that made positive contributions to the local environment in the Parish. Thanks to Dee Tompkins and her daughter for suggesting this scheme.
- Cllr. Quittenden reported that the Twinning Assn. had been involved in a number of successful events recently and were looking forward to the Minster Show when, amongst other things, they would be running a bingo event in the evening in the marquee.
- Cllr. Goodman reported that the Vicar had expressed his thanks to all those who had supported the open gardens events, which raised £5,400 for the church.
- Question from the public were as follows: -

A microphone would assist in the council meetings. Council were unsure about the cost of this.

Complaint about the eyesore at Quirky's; it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the owner of the forecourt.

The speed of cars along the pavement in Rose Gardens; it was agreed to raise this matter with KCC at a forthcoming meeting.

A resident of Smuggler's Leap outlined errors in the Riveroak document and expressed concerns over the resale value of her property linked to noise pollution. The resident was advised to ensure that she completed the consultation document and was also reassured by others present that homes had been at that site since 1921 while the airport had been fully operational.

A resident informed the meeting that, with reference to planned developments in the parish, an informal traffic census would be carried out

on 18 July and volunteers would be welcome.

MINSTER BOWLS CLUB

We are nearing the end of the Outdoor season with only our Finals Weekend at home on the 16/17 September left to play.

Two of our bowlers had a very successful time at the Ramsgate Open Tournament, Terry Harrison won the Men's Singles and also the Mixed Doubles which he played with

Christy, his wife. Christy also won the Ladies Doubles playing alongside Christine Penn of Cliftonville and she came third in the Ladies Singles. Congratulations to them both.

We had a very enjoyable Quiz Night in August thanks to Alan Pummell the Organizer and Roger Pluckrose the Quizmaster.

Two trips are planned for the Autumn, firstly St. Omer on Wednesday 4 October which will include a three-course restaurant meal, with wine, for a very reasonable £59 all in, whilst on Tuesday 28 November we're off to the Bruges Christmas Market, tickets for this are just £35. Minster residents are invited to apply for tickets to these outings on a first come first served basis.

The Pre-Season Short-Mat Meeting will be held on Friday 8 September at 7.00p.m. in the Clubhouse when entries for the competitions will be accepted and fees collected from those members who have not already paid.

Remember this is a village club, anyone who would like to try the game can do so free of charge by e-mailing brimaur26@gmail.com or telephone 845 638.

Brian Morpew, Hon. Secretary www.minsterbowlsclub.org.uk

MINSTER ARMBOUTS-CAPPEL TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Bingo evening which we held in the Marquee after the Minster Show, was not too well attended, but enjoyed by those who did. So, not to be defeated it has been decided that we will attempt another evening, maybe

during the winter months and advertise a little more extensively. Congratulations go to Judy Kennett who walked away with over

£100 in cash prizes!!

Our next Quiz is looming (Saturday 2 September) and we still have a few tables left to fill.

Please call Carol on 01843 447 706 to book yourselves in. The quiz starts at 8pm sharp and cost is £5 per person including a buffet. Always a fun evening at the RBL. (See our poster on page**)

Sunday 3 September is our Treasure Hunt which costs just £5 per couple with children up to 12 free. Please meet up at the High St Car Park next to the Bell Inn at 2pm for a walk and car hunt. Bring a picnic to enjoy when the final clue is solved and the winners are being decided. Full details from Ann and Jamie Thomson on 01843 822 156. (See

poster on page**)

There are still some spaces at our Race Night on Saturday 21 October at the RBL. Book yourselves in and enjoy a 3-course meal with us for just £15. Races should be streamed to the TV, so everyone ought to get a good view.

A Coach Trip to the Brighton Centre is being organized for Saturday 13 January 2018 to see “Holiday on Ice”. Your coach fare and ticket for the show will be a very reasonable

£43 per person in total. For further details see our poster on page **. We hope there will be sufficient interest to fill the coach by the end of September, but if not, the trip will not go ahead.

We hope to see you at the Quiz, which has attendees of 100 so far!

MINSTER PLAYHOUSE PROMPT CORNER

Don't miss out!

Come along and make an evening of it, and join us for Minster Playhouse's

autumn play this year, *The Cemetery Club* by Ivan Menchell. This is a well-known, poignant, funny play that is enjoyed for its humour and the chord that it strikes in people of a certain age.

The play runs from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd September in the Village Hall, performances starting at 7.30pm prompt.

The Box Office is open now but tickets are already selling quickly, so if you want to make an early individual or block booking to obtain a better seat, leave a message on 07501

894 381 or email on info@minsterplayhouse.co.uk. Tickets are still only £8.

Autumn Revue

This autumn the Playhouse is supporting a Revue to be held at the Village Hall on 14th October, in aid of our charity for this year, Taylor Made Dreams. Seating will be at tables of up to eight people, and you can bring your own food and drink to enjoy during the show. Tickets are £8 per person, and booking is as above, by phone or email.

Please note that this Revue contains much adult content

and is unsuitable for children. Admission is for adults only.

Minster Playhouse is not a run-of-the-mill amateur dramatic society. We work to

unusually high artistic and technical standards, and have a dedicated following of enthusiastic theatre-goers who make a point of not missing our productions. If you haven't been to see us, make the effort and come along – we work hard to make sure that you will be pleasantly surprised.

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

KENT SCOUTS TRIP TO ANTARCTICA

2021 will be the 100th Anniversary of Ernest Shackleton's Final Quest Expedition to Antarctica for which he had invited 2 scouts to join him. Kent

Scouts hope to recreate this experience for 30 scouts and 10 adult leaders. However, to do so they need financial sponsorship and during 2017/18 they must raise more than £300,000. Each selected

scout will have to raise £5000, promote scouting's strong heritage links with the 1921

Shackleton expedition, undertake an Antarctic Research Project and learn to crew a 100-year-old sailing vessel through Antarctic waters. Selection will only take place if Kent Scouts achieve their initial fundraising goals over the next year.

To help them achieve their dream you can:

Purchase a prestigious 'Shackleton the Penguin' badge from eBay - Follow them on

Facebook or Twitter - Sign up to receive ad-hoc updates - Tell them of any appropriate grants or corporate funding they could apply for - Sell badges for them - Become a Penguin Supporter

Every £20 raised gets them 1km closer to Antarctica

Web: www.request2021.org.uk - Twitter: @request2021 hash tag #REQUEST2021

Email: info@request2021.org.uk - Cheques payable to Kent County Scout Council Address: Request2021 Expedition, Kent Scouts County Office, Lower Grange Farm,

Grange Lane, Sandling, Maidstone ME14 3DA

Donate by BACS to Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account: 00015563 quoting 'ReQuest2021'

as a reference. Donate at Virginmoneygiving Charity Reg No: 303471

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS

Vaccination Clinics will be held on Saturday 23 September and Saturday 14 October from 9.00am and 1.00pm. Appointments are now available and can be made in the usual way at the surgery. Eligible and at-risk patients will receive a reminder on their Repeat Prescription List and will be invited to make an appointment for either of those days. If you have any concerns about your eligibility or availability of the vaccination, please contact Reception.

Please book now to ensure you get your preferred date and time.

OUR NEXT FUND-RAISING PROJECT

We will be announcing details of our new project at the first Flu day, and displaying some of the excellent prizes we have for you to win in our Grand Christmas Raffle.

A big THANK YOU to the patient who left two bottles of wine at reception as a prize for our raffle, unfortunately we cannot thank you personally as there were no contact details enclosed.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS

Last month 35 patients did not attend their doctor's appointment and 46 patients did not attend their nurse's appointment, so that's still 81 patients wasting valuable appointments and time. Don't need it? Cancel it. Keep forgetting? Get our text reminder service.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY SURVEY

We welcome all your comments, because any feed-back, good or bad, can help us to

continually improve our service. Last month we received 201 responses to "Would you recommend our Practice" which were as follows: Extremely likely/likely 90%; extremely unlikely/unlikely 6%; unsure/don't know 4%.

'WALK FOR LIFE' ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Join us every Thursday morning at 10.30 to walk around the local area for about an hour or so and meet old and new friends. Bring your pets as they might also enjoy the exercise and make new friends too!

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will close from 1.00pm on the following days:
Thursday 28

September; Wednesday 18 October and Thursday 30 November for staff training.

Bank Holiday: Monday 29 August - Closed all day.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER. As this is

our most popular event tables are highly sought after and are on sale now! So please book early to avoid disappointment as some have already been sold!

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 or email kenself@me.com

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S

Tw'as the sweet day of rest on the first day of May,

To the Church of St. Mary's, I wended my way:

I breathed as I passed up the sacred aisle -

"As sound as the bells keep my heart from guile."

Let the lowly, the meek, and the humble be here,

To join with their heart in the orthodox prayer:
For whether verbal or written, to doubt there's no need
The bells of St. Mary's respect no man's creed.
And when to their places of worship, they go, -
Other sects of religion, - it matters not who, -
Her tones, like the God whom they reverence, are free;
The bells of St. Mary's are music to me.
Not an oar nor a sail for pleasure that day
Will bend on the waters of Castletown Bay,
The Commandment stands good: "My Sabbaths revere,
While the bells of St. Mary's respond through the air.
The Curlew, so fearful, so timid, so shy,
Comes nearer the beach with his whistling cry,
By the hand of the sportsman it's sure not to fall;
The bells of St. Mary's sound safety to all.
O ye youth of our town, your Sabbaths preserve,
For go where you will, such you never will have,
If you travel abroad the whole universe round,
When the bells of St. Mary's are far out of sound:
When oceans and mountains divide you from home,

And the Logical Sceptic may tempt you to roam,
He never can shew better than where you were rear'd -
In the town where the bells of St. Mary's are heard.
Chime on, ye sweet bells, till the Morning appears
When we shall account for our many past years,
And if circumstances take any part in that Day,
May the thought of your peals never lead to dismay

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 TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Saturday 2 September Quiz Night at the Royal British Legion Club

£5 per person including food Tables of 6 to 8 only – booking essential

Starts 8pm sharp To book call Carol on 01843 447 706

Sunday 3 September Treasure Hunt – Drive and Walk

2pm start at the High Street Car Park - £5 per couple children under 12 free

Ring Ann or Jamie on 01843 822 156

Saturday 13 January 2018 – Coach trip to Brighton to see Holiday On Ice -
£43 per

person includes coach fare and show ticket. Ring Carol on 01843 447 706.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 9 September 10am - 6pm

A healthy and fun way to raise money to support both our church and Friends of Kent Churches. Collect sponsorship to cycle or walk between churches in Kent

Why not take part yourself - or sponsor someone else?

Contact Revd Richard Braddy for more details on 821 250

Sponsorship Forms available from Peter on 821 843

MINSTER & MONKTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 9 September 2pm Village Hall

Open to all

Entries to Joan Card by Wednesday 6 September

Forms & Schedules from 71a or 10 High Street

Next Meeting

Wednesday 20 September - this month only at **OLD SCHOOLS** 7.30pm

Don Wilks speaking on 'Garden Wildlife'

Points Competition - A vase of Autumn Flowers

MINSTER W.I.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 12 September Village Hall 7.30pm

Philip Watts speaking on Barnsole Vineyards - Kentish Wines

Friday 15 September Trip to Chatham Synagogue and Dockyard

www.minsterthanetwi.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT

at THE SADDLER, Monkton Road, Minster

Friday 15 September 7.30pm for 8.00pm start

In aid of SSAFA, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association
(Britain's oldest National Military Charity)

Teams of up to 6 (but you can have less in your team if you so wish), entry is only £3 per head which all goes to the charity.

Raffle ~ with some great prizes

Nibbles courtesy of The Saddler

Book your team with Mark on 07966 262 338 (please leave a message and number

on voicemail if no answer) or alternatively pop into the Saddler and book in with Kevin or Sue.

AMBER'S ADVICE

A diamond is just a lump of coal that did well under pressure!

TIGER'S TIP

Living with a pint-sized artist can be messy! Remove ink from skin by smearing the area with a small amount of margarine and wiping off with a damp cloth. Now you see it, now you don't!

ZAC'S MUSINGS

The old boy has been a lot less stressed this month knowing he has a volunteer joining the team to help him out, mind you he'd be even better to live with if he could find another one or two to assist as well, fingers crossed.

I've kept him up a few nights recently when I've been off colour and not sleeping too well, but we cope, it's really a case of who gets the biggest bit of the settee, quite amazing how much space a 'little' dog can take up!!

We're expecting the Welsh contingent here again for a week before they're back to school, let's hope the weather is good and we can all get out in the Rec to burn off some energy.

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 www.minsterabbeynuns.org

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.

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 SEPTEMBER

6 10.15am Holy Communion (CW)

13 10.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

20 10.15am United Holy Communion with Methodists

27 4.00pm Seamark Service at Monkton School

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, MINSTER SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Reverend Richard Braddy Tel: 821 250

6 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Praise!

13 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Communion (CW)

20 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Family Worship

27 9.00am Holy Communion for Harvest (BCP)

10.30am Harvest Family Communion (CW)

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

Baptisms at St Mary's Minster

13 August Jensen Harrison Michael Tilbee (5 months)

Funerals at St Mary's Minster

25 July Mrs Marie Harris (Minster Church & Thanet Crematorium)

24 August Mrs Jacqueline Sings (Minster Church & Thanet Crematorium)

Weddings at St Mary's Minster

22 July Scott Downton & Rebecca Shears

23 July Kristian Sanders-Biggs & Nicola Quinney

29 July David Harcourt & Maria Stone

12 August William Barraclough & Carly Bedwell

15 August Adam Tomlinson & Hannah Woodward

19 August Jonathan Harmer & Clare Foster

CONTACTING YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Bob Grove Tel: 07711 774 262

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

Thanks for listening - Your readers this month were

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