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No sun - no moon!
 No morn - no noon -
 No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
 No comfortable feel in any member -
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, November

BY THOMAS HOOD

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We are part of the benefice of the Wantsum Group which comprises the Church of England parishes of **Minster, Monkton, St. Nicholas with Sarre and Chislet**. This benefice also belongs to the **SEAMARSH** group of parishes

St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton, and Monkton Methodist Church occasionally join for worship. Currently all united services take place at St. Mary Magdalene. Services for the entire benefice are noted as appropriate. All ministerial staff work throughout the group, but focal areas of ministry are indicated in the right-hand column.

**TO ARRANGE BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS AT
ST. MARY MAGDALENE PLEASE CONTACT THE VICAR**

Vicar of the benefice	Rev. Dr. Richard Braddy	821250 Richard Braddy <arichard.braddy@gmail.com>	Minster And Benefice
Assistant curates	Rev. Vicky Coney	585437	
	Rev. Michael Darkins		
Group administrator	Matthew Hergest	823347 mjhergest@hotmail.com	For the benefice
Reader	Mrs. Sally Willins	822428	Chislet
Methodist minister			
Retired clergy	Rev. Canon Peter Gausden	825374	
Ret Reader	Mrs Diana Davies	823017	St. Nicholas

USEFUL NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 101	MINSTER DOCTORS' SURGERY 821333. Out of hours call 111
CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111	SOCIAL SERVICES 860000
COMMUNITY WARDEN – KARL AYLETT 07811 271 299 Karl.aylett@kent.gov.uk	MONKTON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL 821394
PCSO Adrian Butterworth. To contact email 56550@kent.pnn.police.uk PCSO Debbie Forsyth 60457@Kent.pnn.police.uk or call 101	MINSTER LIBRARY 03000 413131
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CHILDLINE 0800 1111 Free and confidential.	Parish clerk – Sara Archer 821989 clerk@monktonparish.co.uk https://www.hugofox.com/community/monkton-parish-council-18134/home/ . WEBSITE
THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL – for all department information https://www.thanet.gov.uk PHONE 577000	RSPCA 0300 1234 999
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Planning 577591	NEAREST POST OFFICE Minster 821291
Dog warden and noise control 577580	MONKTON VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS 821439
QEQM HOSPITAL 225544 Outpatients appointments line 01227 868686	MINOR INJURY UNITS Kent and Canterbury Hospital 24 hrs 01227 864244 Estuary View , Whitstable CT5 3SE 8-8 daily 01227 284301

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL IN NOVEMBER 2020

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
MONDAYS	9.30-10.30 7.30 pm	Exercise dance with Maggie & co Canine behaviour and obedience training classes	Chris Paris Brown MBIPBT 01227 365381
TUESDAYS	2nd Tuesday 3.15pm-5.15pm 7.30pm except third Tuesday. Monkton WI third Tuesday, 7-30 pm	Messy Church Adults Table Tennis Club	Eileen Brackstone 825390 Gilly Brown Penny 821539
WEDNESDAYS	10-12 2-4 pm (school holidays only) 6.00pm	Social morning for retired villagers Family fun afternoon Line dancing all grades beginners upwards	Due to Covid 19, not meeting at present. Theo Loyla
THURSDAYS			
FRIDAYS	4.00pm – 7 PM	La Dance Academy	Laura 07772173424
SATURDAYS	9.00am TO 3 pm	La Dance Academy	Laura 07772173424
SUNDAYS			

Activities are continuing in the hall following prescribed Covid 19 rules. This means numbers in groups are restricted. Please contact your organiser for latest news. No party bookings allowed at current time.

Contact Pete Mitchell, 821439 for availability and bookings.

VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

When this issue of Monkton News was produced the government were imposing some extended restrictions on the management of Covid 19 infections. As these bulletins are likely to change quickly and often, keep up to date from the news or your preferred device.

COVID 19 VILLAGE HELP HUB **TO VILLAGERS WHO NEED TO SHIELD OR SELF ISOLATE DUE TO COVID 19**

if you live in Monkton and need to shield or self-isolate you can call the number below if you need emergency help with: -prescriptions, shopping, mail posting.

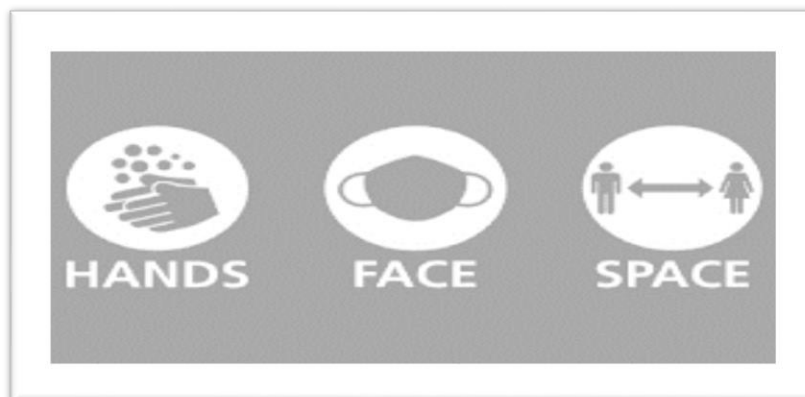
We have local volunteers who are willing to assist you.

Contact Del or Pete on **01843 821439**;

Please only use this number for essential shopping when it cannot be obtained through one of the many home delivery services from local grocery outlets.

Please ring at convenient hours as this service is not available for late night calls

AS THE PANDEMIC GOES ON A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE WHO CONTINUES TO VOLUNTEER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES



- **WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY FOR 20 SECONDS**
- **WEAR FACE COVERING WHERE REQUIRED**
 - **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**
- **HELP YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEASONAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

We are all aware that the Christmas season will most likely have a different feel to it this year. If the pandemic continues at its present level of infection a lot of village events will be unable to take place as usual. But no one knows what the situation will be in a few weeks' time so here is some early news of what you can enjoy.



MONKTON VILLAGE ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL.

Gilly O'Neill is still looking for villagers to participate in this very popular December tradition. She still has room for more "windows". If you live with a street view it is a lovely way to create a festive atmosphere in the village. See how to join the trail in Gily's article in this issue.

MONKTON VILLAGE BIG CHRISTMAS TAKE-AWAY ...As large gatherings are not allowed; in the village hall currently due to Covid restrictions organisers of our retired villagers annual Christmas meal are determined that people should not be disappointed.

So, they have introduced the innovative idea of the big Christmas Take-Away. We hear that already several bubble groups have arranged their venues at home. You will find the menu and booking form in the following pages, so do not delay if you wish to join in. Hopefully no further visiting restrictions will occur in our area.



SANTA WILL MOVE HIS GROTTTO OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL. if all goes according to plan Santa has been in touch with the village hall and will be holding a special outdoor visit on 24th December. He just does not like disappointing children big and small, but wants everyone to understand that even Santa has to keep himself safe. He is sending more details for us in time for next month's issue.



The opportunity to post greetings in Monkton News instead of sending cards may appeal this year if you do not want to go around delivering in the village. Please send by email or other means to the editor, Denyse, contact details on Who Does What page at the front.

Christmas Dinner

Saturday 5th December 2020

Due to the current situation with Covid-19,
we will be unable to hold this event in
the Village Hall, **BUT**
we would like to offer you a 2 course "take out"
Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings.

It will be delivered to you, **OR**
your social bubble over the lunch time period.

Numbers will be limited,
so it will be on a "first come first served" basis.

**(This event is for the villagers residing in Monkton
who are retired or semi-retired).**

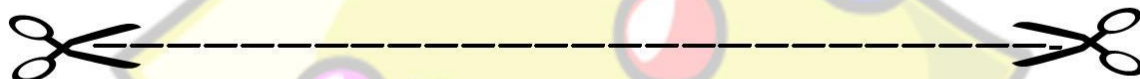
Enquiries Rachel or Heather
 822338 821585

**SEE THE SEPARATE PAGE IN THE
NEWS FOR BOOKINGS AND MENU.**

Christmas Dinner

Menu.

Roast Beef OR Turkey with all the trimmings.
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables.
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble
Mince pie & chocolate mints.



Please return to
5 Seamark Close by 15th November

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Delivery Address (if different from the above).

Please choose your menu below

1 Name _____ Roast Beef or Turkey (gravy yes/no)
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble (delete one)

2 Name _____ Roast Beef or Turkey (gravy yes/no)
Christmas pudding OR Fruit Crumble (delete one)



THANET FOOD BANK

As our local donation points are still unable to open you can continue to donate your food gifts in the village.

PLEASE KEEP ON GIVING. MUCH NEEDED NOW!

ITEMS MAY BE DELIVERED TO

153A MONKTON STREET

PLEASE LEAVE GIFTS INSIDE THE SHED BY THE GATE

Thank you.



REMEMBRANCE TIDE ... most sadly in this very significant wartime end 75th anniversary year Monkton church is unable to offer its annual Remembrance service, but will be open on 8th November for visitors to spend time for quiet reflection and memories, with the opportunity to place Remembrance poppies at our village War Memorial.



MONKTON METHODIST CHAPEL ... There is still no further news on when Wednesday services will start again at Monkton chapel. Enquiries – Pete and Del, 821439

RINGING UP THE SURGERY.

We continue to hear anecdotes of villagers struggling to “get through” to Minster surgery for any reason. Administrators are aware of this and have introduced a new ruling which they hope will make contacting the surgery by phone more manageable.

Patients are asked to **ONLY CALL THE SURGERY BEFORE 11 AM IF THEY NEED APPOINTMENTS OR URGENT HELP.** All other phone enquiries should be made after 11 am. See surgery news for all details.



Countdown to Christmas

Thank you to those that have come forward to volunteer to be part of the window trail this year. Unfortunately, I have only had 9 willing participants. Maybe you missed last month's article, but are yearning to be part of this village tradition? – just pop me an email (gilly@thecroft.me) or phone me (821232). It would be very sad if we had to cancel the trail this year due to lack of interest.....the windows do bring cheer on our dark, December evenings!

All you need to be part of our trail, is to have a window that is easily visible from the road where you live, are willing to decorate it & have it lit every evening from the day of your window unveil, until the 24th December.

In decorating your window, you have artistic license - do what you like as long as there's a Christmas theme (it doesn't have to be religious). Idea suggestions are: paper cut-outs, light displays, tissue stained glass and snowscapes.

Fingers crossed that we get the 24 villagers that we need. If I have more interest than necessary, I'll allocate on a first come, first served basis, so no hanging about!

Gilly O'Neill

ORDINATION OF REV. MICHAEL DARKINS AS PRIEST



Rev. Michael, centre, pictured with Bishop Rose, and vicar Rev. Richard Braddy. after the priesting service. Right - Rev. Michael receives a Bible from the bishop

ORDINATION SERVICE

Family, friends and people from the Wantsum Benefice were able to share in an historic event at St. Mary's Church, Minster on Wednesday, 8th October when curate of the benefice, Rev. Michael Darkins was ordained priest by Rt. Rev Rose Hudson Wilkin, Bishop of Dover in Canterbury.

Ordinations are usually held in cathedrals, but currently due to Covid regulations, are conducted in parish churches.

Senior clergy together with Bishop Rose conducted the priesting. Michael has worked in the benefice with our vicar, and Rev. Vicky Coneys, also curate, for the last year, and will continue his work in our parishes.

St. Mary Magdalene Church members were represented at the service, and were able to congratulate Michael, and his wife, Rev. Catherine (Cat), who works in Herne parish.

We wish both Reverends, Michael and Cat, fulfilment in their future ministries



MINSTER SURGERY

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2020

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS 2020

Patients who are **over 65** but not yet been vaccinated and **UNDER 65** and who are "**Shielding**" or considered "**At Risk**", would have already received a Text message or a telephone call inviting them to make an appointment, but If you have any concerns about your eligibility please contact Reception as soon as possible.

For **Patients aged 50 - 64** vaccinations are expected towards the end of November and will be advised accordingly. For all your questions and answers such as:

Why are there Vaccine shortages? Why do I have to wait? Who is entitled?

Please see; <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-flu-programme>

CONTACTING THE SURGERY - IMPORTANT CHANGES

Please note, that with immediate effect, the following changes will take place:

Calls made **between 8.00 and 11.00 am** will only be accepted from those patients who need to make an appointment or seek medical help or advice.

All other calls, such as results, prescription and general enquires, should only be made **after 11.00 am**.

This will enable our receptionists to answer more calls, more quickly, from those patients who require more urgent help. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you!

Once again, we would like to thank all our patients and friends for their support, generosity and encouragement. It really means a lot to everyone in the team, especially considering the difficult times that may be ahead of us all.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed from Midday onwards as follows:
Staff Training - Thursday 19th November

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during these times.

Please remember it can take up to 72 hours to process prescriptions and that the Pharmacies can be extremely busy as well, so please submit your request in good time.

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.

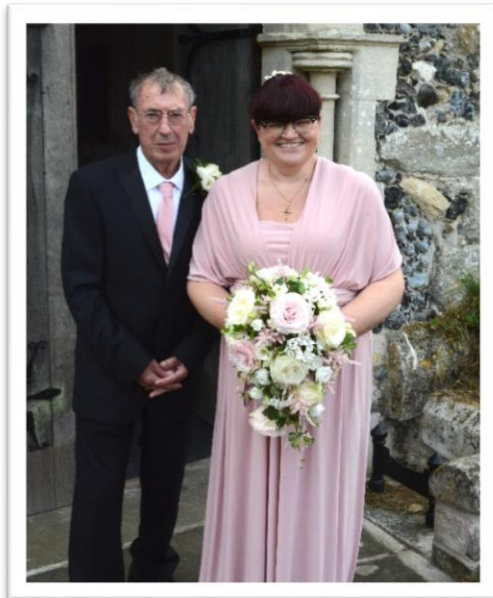
For Covid-19 testing and information dial “119” or book on line via www.gov.uk/
For Urgent/Life threatening cases please dial “999 “ as normal.

PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions we are currently holding our meetings using video conferencing, however if there are any issues you would like to raise or require further

information on any of the above, then please contact :

KEN SELF on Thanet 821200 or JEANNE LAWRENCE on Thanet 821049
or via email: kenself@me.com



Michael and Jane Clements

A very special wedding took place at St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton in September, when Mr. Michael Clements and Ms Jane Knight were married – current Covid rules did not detract from their day.

Immediate family and friends gathered to witness Mike and Jane’s marriage, conducted by Rev. Michael Darkins The bride wore an elegant blush pink gown, with a cascade bouquet of pink roses., reflected in the flowers and the wedding cake, which was displayed .in church.

Jane was accompanied by her father, Mr. Jack Knight. Her mother, Mrs. Eileen Knight is a member of St. Mary Magdalene. Mr. Stuart Horsburgh was organist. Congratulations to them both.

HERE IS OUR ANNUAL SAFETY REMINDER FOR FIREWORKS ... don't become a statistic



- Fireworks must not be sold to any person under the age of 18.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

The law says you must not set off or throw **fireworks** (including sparklers) in the street or other public places. You must not set off **fireworks** between 11pm and 7am, except for: Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.

[Fireworks: the law – GOV.UK](#)



BRITISH LEGION PAGE



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minster and Monkton RBL Social Club AGM will be held on **Monday 16th November at 7.30pm.**

The nomination form will be displayed on the noticeboard from 26th October for 3 weeks prior to the meeting .

Social distancing will be in place, please check in using the NHS app. We require both Committee and Officers

- *Chairman
- *Vice-Chairman
- *Secretary
- *Treasurer
- *Committee personnel

The position of Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed by the Committee. It is very important to note that unless people come forward to fill these positions, it is probable that the club will have to close its doors.

The club is an important part of our village life and would be a tremendous loss to the community.

Please telephone/email Shirley Wood (01843 822 469 / flowerchamps@gmail.com) for more information.

THE CLUB NEED YOUR HELP... last month our local Legion social club appealed for help to keep this long-standing facility running. If you know anyone who would like to spend time with this important community focus please contact the people above.

Messy Church News



November 2020 – Remembrance

On the 11th of November at 11 o'clock we hold two minutes silence to remember all the people that lost their lives during the 1st and 2nd world wars. It's important to uphold this date not only because lots of brave men and women lost their lives during these wars but also to remember why!

During world war II we were fighting to stop a dictator from being very cruel, hurting, maiming and killing a whole race of people. The Jewish people were being taken from their homes put into concentration camps and treated like they were less than human.

History is so important because by studying what happened and remembering what happened it hopefully helps us to never allow these things to happen again.

In Church when we celebrate Mass/Communion we remember the last supper between Jesus and his friends when Jesus took bread, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said "Eat this all of you, do this in memory of me" Then he past the cup of wine and said "Drink this all of you, do this in memory of me" The bread and wine representing his body and blood.

During 2020 because of lockdown people of all religions and creeds have not been able to go to their places of worship and while we haven't forgotten our faith it has made it more difficult to practice. All celebrations are better when celebrated with others.

So, I was wondering what have you missed during lockdown? What things would you normally remember or celebrate with others that you haven't been able to do? Write and let me know what you have missed most and what you have enjoyed most during this time, I would love to hear from you about your lockdown stories.

You can write to me at: eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com or

write to me at: 7 Parsonage fields Monkton.

God Bless

Messy Eileen

parish council news

monkton

November 2020

clerk: sara archer clerk@monktonparish.co.uk

Monkton Parish Council had considered reintroducing conventional meetings in September as we miss the physical attendance and input from villagers; unfortunately, this coincided with the introduction of the Rule of 6 which means for the immediate future meetings will have to continue to be via Zoom. We regret it is difficult for some villagers to participate on this basis and we will continue to update as fully as possible via the Newsletter. Anyone wishing to join the zoom meeting should contact the Paris clerk – clerk@monktonparish.co.uk

There are many useful links and addresses on the Parish Council website and all agendas and minutes. <https://www.hugofox.com/community/monkton-parish-council-18134/home/>.

PLANNING

At the time of writing, Thanet District Council Planning Committee are also still meeting online. This month's meeting is scheduled for 18 November but agendas don't appear until the week before the meeting.

Status of applications already in the pipeline:

BROOKSEND SERVICE STATION – F/TH/20/0165

Change of use of part of petrol filling station to hand car wash and valet centre with ancillary waiting room and coffee shop (sui generis), following removal of petrol pumps. Awaiting decision. 17

THE NURSERY CANTERBURY ROAD BIRCHINGTON – F/TH/20/0653

Variation of condition 2 and 9 of planning permission F/TH/18/1203 for the erection of 5no. single storey dwellings with associated parking and landscaping

allow alterations to slab level and materials. Permission refused.

HEYHILL LAND REAR OF 96-102 MONKTON STREET – OL/TH/19/0409

The Parish Council have submitted comments on the appeal. The deadline for comments has now passed.

COLES YARD – OL/TH/20/0335

Erection of 20 houses and 20 retirement flats.

This was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 18 September. Ward Cllr Reece Pugh is to bring this to TDC Planning Committee for discussion.

SHIVERING SAND BREWERY LTD, MANSTON BUSINESS PARK – F/TH/20/0559

Change of use of Micro Brewery to Micro Brewery and Drinking Establishment.

Pending consideration.

6 MONKTON MANOR – F/TH/20/0974

Erection of a single storey front and single storey rear extension.

Awaiting decision.

PLOT 6B, LAND WEST OF INVICTA WAY – F/TH/20/1254

Erection of 9No commercial units (use class B2)

Awaiting decision.

**LAND EAST OF GORE STREET –
F/TH/20/0462**

Retrospective application for the retention of access to farmland.

Permission granted.

**GARDEN COTTAGE, MINSTER
ROAD – F/TH/20/1051**

Variation to a planning condition.

Pending consideration.

Further details on all of the above applications can be found on the TDC website, under 'sea



**Draft Minutes of Monkton Parish Council Meeting held on
28th September 2020 at 7:00pm via zoom.**

Present Parish Councillors Gilly Brown [GB], Davina Ransom [DR], Chris Ransom [CR], Claire Beavis [CB], Steve Bennett [SB]

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllr Reece Pugh plus 4 members of the public.

23/20-21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Cllr Trevor Roper, County Cllr Liz Hurst The absence of District Cllr Hart was noted. It was regrettable that Cllr Hart did not feel it was necessary to attend the meeting, as the input and support from all District Councillors is valued by the Parish Council.

24/20-21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No interests were declared.

25/20-21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Members of the public were given the opportunity to raise any concerns/comments that would not be addressed during the main business of the agenda. Concern was raised regarding the waste left on the grass from footballers following training, particularly electrical tape possibly used to secure shin pads. The Clerk would contact the Manager to request the tape is removed accordingly. **Action SA**

26/20-21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 21st July 2020 as a true record. These were proposed by Cllr C Ransom and Seconded by Cllr Beavis and duly signed by the Chair.

27/20-21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Cllr Gilly Brown advised that a complaint had been received regarding the last Parish Council meeting and was being dealt with in the appropriate channels. Item 29/20-21 was brought forward to enable Mr Johnathon Cole to outline the proposal of OL/TH/20/0335 and answer any questions.

29/20-21 PLANNING All applications and decisions available online via the TDC website.

Coles Yard - OL/TH/20/0335 - 116 Monkton Street Mr Cole explained the reason for his attendance was to request the Parish Council to consider asking for the planning application to be called in, to recommend approval. The density of the development was believed to be a problem by the Planning Officer, however, to ensure an adequate medical and management service on-site for older people, the number of units, a minimum of 20 were required. Concern was raised with regard to a potential increase in traffic and access issues surrounding the school opposite the development. It is anticipated that the boundary trees would be left in situ minimised exposure to Seamark Close residents. The car park would be used generally by all.

A vote was taken with the proposal to support the current planning application and all Councillors were in favour. District Cllr Reece Pugh was asked to call-in the application and agreed to speak in favour of the development on behalf of the Parish Council

F/TH/20/0981 - 18 Parsonage Fields, Monkton, Kent, CT12 4JLErection of a detached 1wo bedroom two storey dwelling following the demolition of existing garage **Planning refused**

OL/TH/19/0409- APP/Z2260/W/20/3252380 – Land rear of 96-102 Monkton St (HEYHILL) Appeal to Planning Inspectorate. *Continue to object to the appeal as appropriate. The Planning sub-committee would meet to discuss the appeal further and respond accordingly. Objections to be submitted by 9th October.* **Action GB/CB/DR**

F/TH/20/1051 - Garden Cottage, Minster Road, Monkton Variation of condition 5 attached to Planning Permission OL/TH/19/0290 for a outline application for the erection of a perfumery manufacturing facility, offices, warehousing, associated parking and site access including layout and scale, following demolition of existing dwelling to allow for alterations to the layout and parking *Deferred to TDC*

b) Local Plan Consultation – The date for submission of comments regarding the modifications made to the Plan is 9th October via TDC website.

c) New Planning White Paper – Proposal by Government to overhaul the planning system and remove local planning policies and replace with a national policy. Locations to be split into three areas, Growth, Renewal or Protected. No protection for green belt, conservation areas or national parks. CPRE strongly opposed. Rural areas will be left unprotected. Consultation concludes 29th October. The Parish Council will submit a response. **Action GB/CB/DR**

27/20-21 FINANCIAL MATTERS a) Members resolved to approve the Schedule of Payments which had been previously circulated as below. **This was proposed by Cllr G Brown and seconded by Cllr C Beavis.**

S. Archer - Clerks Salary & Expenses Javes Security - Alarm Service £97.00
D. Buckett - Internal Audit fees £312.15 S. Archer - Clerks Salary & Expenses

Receipts Refund from SLCC (Clerk's Membership) £35.00
MFC Lease Payment £667.00
Bank Interest £0.08
Bank Interest £0.07

b) The banking reconciliations for April - August were approved.

This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

c) The quarterly budget monitoring report was noted and approved.

This was proposed by Cllr C Ransom and seconded by Cllr D

Ransom.

d) The internal audit report was previously circulated and noted. All recommendations would be adopted. **This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr D Ransom.**

e) The football club requested assistance with measures implemented to meet the requirements of covid-19 regulations at the Pavilion. It was agreed the Parish Council would order the goods upon receipt of the monies from MFC and then reclaim the VAT. **This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr**

Beavis) The CCTV maintenance contract was considered and approved for the forthcoming year. Enquiries would be made with other companies to maintain the system in ensuing years. **This was proposed by Cllr D Ransom and seconded by Cllr Beavis.**

g) The first half of the payment of the lease by the football club was noted.

h) Consideration was given to transfer to online banking. It was accepted there would be a small charge, however, it would be more convenient to use online banking in the future. It was proposed that Unity Trust Bank were appointed, as they are used by many other Parish Councils without issue. The Clerk would make the appropriate arrangements. **Action SA**

This was proposed by Cllr Beavis and seconded by Cllr Bennett.

30/20-21 INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

a) County Councillor – Cllr Hurst was not in attendance, however, she had advised the Clerk that KCC were receiving a number of queries from the public with regard to bridleways and footpaths that have become closed. Legal action has been taken against land owners who have breached the regulations regarding public rights of way and they are now re-instating the footpaths and installing kissing gates where appropriate.

b) District Councillor – Cllr Pugh confirmed he had previously circulated information regarding the feasibility study for the Ramsgate Port and urged resident's and members to submit comments.

Cllr Pugh agreed to speak on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the Coles Yard planning application and encouraged resident's to submit comments in relation to the recent appeal by Heyhill to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllrs David Hart and Trevor Roper were not present. c) Cllr D Ransom reported she would be approaching land owners to cut back hedgerows along the footpaths at a more suitable time of year.

Trees were due to be received from the Woodland Trust in the beginning of November. It was therefore envisaged that the planting at the Recreation Ground would take place at the end of the month. Cllr Brown would contact the football club to confirm the margin needed around the pitches tenable the saplings to be protected. **Action**

GB

31/20-21 **RECREATION GROUND**

a) The recent annual safety inspection report completed by Wicksteed was noted. The rubber swing seats and metal links require replacement. Quotes were being obtained. The paintwork on the equipment also needs refreshing. Cllr Bennett would follow up the quotes. **Action SB**

A budget of £700 was approved to enable the equipment and essential repairs to be completed as identified in the safety inspection report.

A vote was taken, all were in favour. This was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr C Ransom.

Funding options would be explored to replace some of the equipment in due course.

b) Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr Malcolm Gunton for repairing the waste bin door at the Recreation Ground.

32/20-21 **HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Beavis reported an accident at Collards Close had damaged a street light and road sign both of which had been reported and were being dealt with following the usual channels.

The operational manager at TDC advised a green bin collection for Millers Lane was not permissible for health and safety reasons. A list was being made of similar streets with the same problem.

The Clerk confirmed she had been contacted the owner of Brooksend Garage with concerns of flooding due to blocked drains outside of the property. This had been reported to KCC Cllr Liz Hurst and online and would be followed up accordingly.

Cllr Brown advised the meeting of a similar problem of flooding at 168 Monkton Street. KCC had visited the site and would be using cameras to investigate the drains and complete and remedial work necessary.

33/20-21 **CLOSED SESSION**

Under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public were excluded by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Remembrance Sunday 2020
The year of the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day – 15th August 1945

VJ Day is a somewhat hazy memory for me, aged nearly thirteen and living then in Faversham. For some reason I had not been permitted to join any public celebrations, though I do not think they were on the same scale as those mounted for VE day; I can only remember the smouldering embers of one or two celebratory bonfires – (a strangely significant memory when one thinks about it!). Like many of my age, interest in the actual end of the war was overshadowed by the infinitely more impressive news of the explosion of two atomic bombs! Too young to fully appreciate the politics, yet old enough to sense that something very significant had occurred.

75 years on, as we commemorate the defeat of Japan in August, 1945, we remember that it was through the dropping of those bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki that victory was swiftly and finally achieved. President Truman's fateful decision undoubtedly saved many lives on both sides. The planned invasion of the Japanese mainland would have undoubtedly proved very costly in terms of both American and Japanese lives, whilst the suffering of Allied prisoners of war would have been even further extended.

However, the Allied victory still came at a very high cost. Nearly a quarter of a million men, women and children were killed in the most horrific obliteration of those two Japanese cities, with the after effects lasting for decades. Furthermore, the shadow of this appalling means of human destruction was to hang over the whole world for the foreseeable future. The nuclear threat has advanced and receded over the post war years, but it has never gone away, and probably never will.

Remembrance of the appalling consequences of nuclear war has surely helped to keep the nations from major conflict in the subsequent years, and it is our continuing Remembrance today which is vital if we would preserve the peace of tomorrow.

*O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace;
Let the design of your great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths
and sorrows; and give peace among nations, peace to your church,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts; through your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Peter Gausden.



The parish church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton

In co-operation with instructions from church authorities people attending Church Services are asked to wear a mask.

St. Mary Magdalene Church is open at specified times for quiet reflection and prayer. For a full list of services for NOVEMBER please see WANTSUM BENEFICE service information

Please check Village notice boards and/or the Benefice web site below for any developments and changes.

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If you wish to talk to one of the clergy, need support or would welcome prayer please contact: Revd Richard Braddy

01843 821250 info@wantsumchurches.org www.wantsumchurches.org

We are open for prayer and worship

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Services of said Holy Communion in the Wantsum Benefice:

Sunday 1 November

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 15 November

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 29 November

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 8 November

9.30 Chislet

10.30 St Nicholas

Sunday 22 November

9.30 Chislet (non HC)

10.30 St Nicholas

Sunday 6 December

9.30 Chislet

10.30 St Nicholas

Sunday 13 December

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 20 December

9.30 Chislet (non HC)

10.30 St Nicholas

Midweek Service of said Holy Communion (BCP) held at Minster Wednesday 10.30am:

4 November

18 November

2 December

16 December

Churches open for prayer and reflection

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Monkton: Sunday 2-4pm

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Details Given the difficulties of maintaining contact in these present days, we thought it might be helpful, in addition to telephone numbers, to include some e mail addresses.

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Bible Readings for Sundays & Holy Days

You can also receive the daily services and information from our benefice team through wantsumchurches@gmail.co

NOVEMBER

1 st	All Saints Day	1 John 3. 1-3 Matt. 5. 1-12
8 th	Remembrance Sunday	James 3, 17-18 John 15, 9-17
15 th	2 nd before Advent	1 Thess. 5. 1-11 Matt. 25. 14-30
22 nd	Christ the King	Eph. 1, 15 - end Matt. 21, 31 - end
29 th	Advent 1	1 Cor. 1. 3-9 Mark 13. 24-end

Remembering Time... *THE PASTORAL LETTER*

I wonder if Autumn is one of your favorite times of year....or whether you rather dread the growing dampness and darkness of the season? (You have probably guessed which camp I fall into!)

November brings a reflective feel to the year's pattern, as it slowly draws towards its end. We mark Remembrance Sunday, and the festivals of All Saints and All Souls. All of these moments invite us to think back with gratitude to those who have gone before us. This year, of course, we will remember in a particularly poignant way, because of the restrictions of the Covid pandemic. We find ourselves especially aware of our memories, keenly feeling our separation from loved ones.

The signs and symbols of remembering are many, and personal. A poppy, a photo, a candle lit or a prayer said. We will not, sadly, be able to gather in the usual way to remember together. But our village churchyards and churches remain open where safely possible, and we are all very welcome to drop by, or come in for a moment of quiet. Details of church opening hours are in the magazine or available locally.

And let's be encouraged that there is goodness in this world, the beauty of nature all around, and - I believe - the love that comes from God to uphold us and comfort us.

With best wishes,
Rev. Vicky



A season to remember...

**Remembering All Souls-tide
St Mary Magdalene Church Open
for Prayer and Lighting a Candle
Sunday 1st November 2.00pm-4.00pm**

2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways and there have been times when we have not been able to mourn the loss of someone we love or know in the usual way. All Souls' is a special time when we can remember a loved one or friend who is no longer with us and, particularly this year, all those who have died in recent months.

This year, on Sunday 1st November between 2.00pm and 4.00pm St Mary Magdalene church will be open and you are welcome inside to take a moment to reflect and pray and light a candle for someone special. There will be a member of the ministry team present too if you would like someone to pray with or for you.

If you are not able to come but would like us to light a candle in memory of someone please contact Revd Richard (821250).

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November

Due to current restrictions, we will sadly not be able to mark Remembrance Sunday in the usual way this year. However, we are keen to ensure that there is time and space for people to commemorate and honour the service and sacrifice of the armed forces community.

St Mary Magdalene Church will be open on Sunday 8 November between 10.00am-12.00noon. You are welcome to come inside to pause and spend some time to reflect.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

*When You Go Home, Tell Them of Us and Say, For Their
Tomorrow, **We** Gave Our Today*



OCTOBER 2020

Hello from Monkton School,

I do hope this newsletter finds you and you family and friends well. First of all, can I apologise for not contributing to the Village Newsletter for so long. As you can imagine it has been a busy time here in school, the amount of legislation and guidance we have received over the last few months has been phenomenal!

As many of the village will know we have been open throughout the pandemic, firstly for the children of key workers and then as we expanded out in June to selected year groups. Our numbers fluctuated throughout this time from just four children to over 60% of our roll. It has been with the dedication and hard work of the staff here at Monkton, in partnership with our children, parents and carers, that we have kept the school the busy, safe and happy place we all know and love.

The children in particular have been absolutely brilliant. They have listened carefully to the new guidelines and rules, and responded accordingly. We cannot thank them enough for making our job of keeping everyone safe, just that little bit easier.

Although we have been living in very strange times in school, on the learning front it has been very much business as usual. The children returned in September longing for some normality and contact with their friends and teachers. It was lovely to see a full school once more and the building seemed alive again.



Along with some great topics being studied this term, we are celebrating Black history month. This year's theme is prominent black women and the classes will be studying the contributions of Rosa Parkes, Michelle Obama, Mary Seacole and the athlete Donna Fraser. The topic will run for a week across the school with all children taking part in a Music for Change outdoor Gumboot Dance workshop, hosted by the reknowned South African musician Lucky Moyo. We know that it is going to be a great week and that our children will have the opportunity to discuss important issues with regards to race and equality for all.

Let's hope that as we move through the pandemic that we are all able to make the very best of the situation we are currently in. I personally would like to thank the very many villagers who have asked how we are at the school and given us a cheery wave as we bring our families in each morning. It means a great deal to us all to know that you are thinking of us. I know many villagers received letters and postcards from our key worker children in school at the beginning of lock down. I hope that the letters assured you that as a school we were thinking of you, and that the good wishes conveyed that message. Many children were thrilled to receive a letter back and the sense of community and care was very touching to witness. Proving that good old-fashioned letter writing still has its place in this email driven world!

Do take care and stay safe,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Karon Wilson

Head of School - Monkton Church of England Primary School



DR. CLIVE NUTTMAN REVEALS FUNGI ARE NOT JUST ABOUT MUSHROOMS

Fungi – or mushrooms and toadstools as they are more commonly called – are just beginning to thrive this autumn; a dry summer prevented any early local ‘fruiting’ but the recent rains have sped things along. Given that there are c.15,000 different species of fungi in the UK, they are often overlooked in the natural world compared to our flowering plants (about 3,000 species), birds (just over 600) and mammals (a meagre 107!). The sheer diversity of fungi is matched by both their importance in the environment and the stranger than fiction variety of life histories that exists in this group,

This odd group of organisms evolved about 1 billion years ago, so pre-date virtually all the living things that surround us now. Globally, well over 120,000 types have been described but it is estimated that there may be anything from 1 to 5 million species awaiting identification! Whilst we think of the familiar field mushrooms that complement a tasty breakfast, and are aware that we should beware poisonous ‘toadstools’, the great majority of fungi are inconspicuous, hidden away within the soil, in decaying wood and plant matter, as well as forming those blue-green moulds on old bread and many cheeses. The range of mushrooms that we see on the ground are the tip of an often very large iceberg, representing the tiny ‘fruit’ of a huge underground living thing; the largest organism on earth is thought to be a fungus.

Underground, fungi form vast networks of very thin filaments called mycelia which spread across vast distances. In the Malheur National Forest, Oregon a single filament from a kind of honey fungus has been found to cover nearly 9 square kilometres, about one-and-a-half times the size of Thanet!

It is reasonable to say that we owe our very existence to fungi. Ecologically, fungi are critical to life on earth; all animal life depends – directly or indirectly - on plant life that, in turn, relies on fungi. Over 95% of plants depend on fungi; the roots of these plants need the presence of a type of fungus called mycorrhizae for the root system to work properly – no fungi, no plants, no animals! Other fungi contribute to human life in extraordinary ways, from the yeast that is used in bread-making to fungi that are used in producing the statins that help us to control our cholesterol levels. On the minus side, there are many fungal infections of food crops that have serious impacts on yields, with crop losses of up to 50% actually factored in by some producers.

From the sought-after white truffles that are used by chefs and can fetch over £2,000 per pound, to the infection that causes Athlete’s Foot, the world of fungi is full of weird and wonderful tales!




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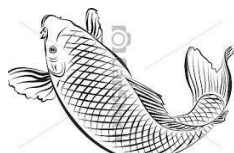
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