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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**

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		Rev Karen Gooding has relocated to ministry in Westgate	
Reader	Mrs. Sally Willins	822428	Chislet
Methodist minister	Rev. Colin Telfer	RELOCATING THIS MONTH 448705	
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
Recycling and fly tipping 577115	LOCAL RETAILERS offering deliveries. Attwells, Touchwood chemists. Brills DIY, Birchington. And others on enquiry.. .
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 AUGUST 2020

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
MONDAYS	9.30-10.30 7.00pm	Zumba style exercise 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) 7.00pm	Social morning for retired villagers Family fun afternoon Line dancing all grades beginners upwards	Gilly O'Neill Theo Loyla
THURSDAYS			
FRIDAYS	4.00pm -no classes in August	La Dance Academy	Laura 07772173424
SATURDAYS	9.00am as above	La Dance Academy	Laura 07772173424
SUNDAYS	11.00am-1.00pm	Ballroom Latin and Argentine Tango –tuition available	Dorothy 01843 840825

ACTIVITIES are graduallu starting again following Covid 19 public health guidelines. Please contact yur organiser for details.

VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS IN AUGUST

TO VILLAGERS WHO ARE STILL SHIELDING OR SELF ISOLATING DUE TO COVID 19

if you live in Monkton and needing 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

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE WHO CONTINUES TO VOLUNTEER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

ORDERING AND COLLECTING PRESCRIPTIONS FROM MINSTER SURGERY.

Please note that repeat prescriptions must now be handed in to the surgery as usual, or sign up for the on line repeat service through the surgery website. Medications are now **ONLY BEING DELIVERED TO PATIENTS AGED 70 YEARS AND OVER**. The Patient Liaison News has further information,

MONKTON DONATIONS TO THANET FOOD BANK

As the collection of food donations continues to be very difficult the temporary situation of suspending gifts will continue through August . It is possible that donations may resume from September depending on the accessibility of collection points in the village. Thank you as always for all your past contributions and interest in this vital service. There are donation points in most supermarkets in the meantime.



Saturday, 15 August 2020 is V.J. Day

Victory over Japan day (V.J.Day) is the day on which Japan agreed to surrender and lay down arms, as many of the forgotten armies were still in Singapore, Thailand and Burma.

At 11:10 the cry for peace around the world will be read out at the mini roundabout at the bottom of Willets Hill. Then a single bell will ring out from Monkton Church 75 times to mark the passage of 75 years.

Again due to COVID-19, we cannot hold the event we had planned for the day.

So at midday, we would love you to bring out your flags and bunting, set up your tables and enjoy a social distance front garden picnic lunch, as many of you did for V.E. Day.

Thank you

GOOD NEWS – LIFE STARTS AGAIN AT OUR VILLAGE HALL

Everyone who belongs to groups using Monkton village hall will be very pleased to hear that activities are gradually starting again , but with full attention to Covid 19 public health guidelines.

As with all places where people gather together there has been a huge raft of regulations stipulating how halls and other venues can be made safe for people to meet once again.

Pete Mitchell told us” the village hall committee had a meeting recently and are looking forward to reopening the Hall under government guidelines from the 1st August when sanitizers and markings will be in place. Anyone wishing to hire the Hall will be supplied with the latest instructions on compliance with the aim of keeping everyone safe. This, of course, depends on guidance and rules on the latest information from the authorities.”

More information as and when received will be displayed on the notice board outside the Hall,

If you belong to a group please check with your organiser about the status of meetings.

VISITING PLACES OF INTEREST DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A lot of people were hoping to get away for holidays abroad by now but at the time of writing government Covid 19 regulations were making travelling to some destinations questionable.

If your choice is the staycation or daily outings from home the vast majority of attractions and places of interest require you to book a time slot for a visit via their websites or phone lines. Most have adapted to make visits as safe as possible

Thanet’s wide choice of beaches means families can still find a less popular spot to avoid crowds.



Family Fun Afternoons.

We are sorry to say that due to the Covid situation we will be unable to run the Wednesday afternoon activities during the summer holidays in the Village Hall .

But don't despair.

The support of family and friends at our fundraising bingo and pudding night means that we have been able to deliver goody bags of things to read, make and do to all our regulars so hopefully they will keep everyone entertained.

We hope that we can open up again during the half term break and look forward to seeing you all then.

Keep safe and well.

Del, Mavis, Rachel and Heather.

MESSY CHURCH ... there will not be a Messy Church meeting in August. It is hoped to start again from 8th September when it is planned to (weather permitting) enjoy a barbecue and take part in activities with a musical theme. This is all subject to what is then possible under Covid 19 guidelines.

Contact - Eileen 825390. eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com



MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH

At the time of writing Wednesday services at Monkton chapel are still suspended.

parish council news

Monkton

august 2020

clerk: Sara Archer: clerk@monktonparish.co.uk

For the moment, the Parish Council will continue to hold its meetings online via Zoom. Anyone wishing to join the meeting should contact the Parish Clerk – clerk@monktonparish.co.uk.

The much-improved new Parish Council website is up and running. There are many useful links and addresses 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 meeting online. There are two meetings scheduled for August (5th and 19th), but agendas don't appear until the week before the meeting.

Four new applications:

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.

LAND WEST OF INVICTA WAY - F/TH/20/0616

Erection of 22 No mixed use commercial units. Pending consideration.

UNITS 1-4 MONKTON ROAD FARM SEAMARK ROAD - CU/TH/20/0693

Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development (Existing) to confirm use class B2 for units 1 and 4 and use class B8 for units 2 and 3. Awaiting decision.

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 to allow alterations to slab level and materials. Permission refused.

Applications already in the pipeline:

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

We still have no further details of the appeal on this development.

COLES YARD – OL/TH/20/0335

Erection of 20 houses and 20 retirement flats.

No news as yet.

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.

Further details on all of the above applications can be found on the TDC website, under 'search applications' quoting the above location addresses: www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/planning-application-search/

THE LOCAL PLAN

This has now been adopted (with modifications recommended in the Inspectors' Report) and details can be viewed online at: <https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/local-plan-updates/>

MANSTON AIRPORT DCO This has been approved, with £300million investment and up to 23,000 jobs across the area when the airport is fully operational.

HIGHWAYS

A broken gas bollard at the top of Millers Lane has been reported to Southern Gas Network.

Please do let the Parish Council (as well as KCC Highways – see below) know if you find any pot holes, blocked drains or if there are any localised flooding problems.

These problems can be reported on KCC Highways website via the following link:

www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

THE PLAY AREA AT THE RECREATION GROUND

This is now open again. We ask all users to please follow the safety advice below:

- use hand sanitiser before and after use of the equipment
- only enter the area if you are able to maintain social distancing, otherwise wait until someone exits

- no dogs are allowed in the area

The above advice is under review as we have just received further advice from the government regarding the management of playgrounds and the Parish Council need to assess what measures are necessary to keep the area safe from Covid-19.

THEFT FROM A CAR

We have had a report of an overnight theft from a car near the Foxhunter. Can we please remind villagers to ensure their cars are locked and nothing is left in view. There is also a suggestion that the glove compartment should be left open, so potential thieves can see there is no SatNav or any other valuables left in there.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21 JULY

A few snippets from the meeting:

Monkton News – the cost of producing the magazine has increased as it is no longer possible to photocopy it privately and the Parish Council agreed to increase their financial contribution.

KCC Cllr Liz Hurst reported that she might have a delivery of masks and hand gels that would be available for needy people.

District Cllr Reece Pugh, speaking about **Green Waste**, said that TDC provides a green waste collection service and 2 slots a month were available at the tip, so there is no reason why any residents should be burning their garden waste. Use this service or compost it.

Missed waste collections - Due to social distancing, work crews are operating in pairs and this combined with the increase in waste from

households, means that they are taking longer to get round their routes. If your bins are missed, keep them out as they will be collected later that same day or the day after.

PARKING AT THE TOP OF THE CONCRETE ROAD

The farmer has reported issues regarding access for farm vehicles. with parked cars blocking the bell-mouth at the junction with Monkton Street. As this is private land, the Parish Council will be contacting the land owner to seek permission to put up No Parking signs.

MONKTON FOOTBALL CLUB

With the annual rent due in July, and in view of the lack of income generated for the club over lockdown, the Parish Council will offer four months rent free as a gesture of goodwill.

As always, please contact the Parish Council if you feel we can help in any way.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
To be arranged**

MONKTON LITTER PATROL



It's many thanks once again to Monkton litter collection volunteers , who gathered at least five sacks of litter along the length of Willetts Hill as far as Monkton roundabout.

Most of us will have seen the "litter storm" abandoned on our beaches By the influx of visitors when lockdown eased, and also the increased amount of flytipping.

The litter collectors also noticed a large number of rodent burrows near the roundabout.

Please be aware that any food left outdoors encourages rats and other pests.

There is a very efficient booking service for our local recycling centres .

Each household is currently allowed **TWO SLOTS PER CALENDAR MONTH.** (Covid rules)

MONKTON NATURE



RESERVE

Last month, the trustees made the very difficult decision to close the reserve for an extended period until we get to grips with all the essential preparations to ensure that we can invite you back to a 'Covid-secure' environment. Over the coming weeks, we will start to bring volunteers back to the reserve to begin all the tasks that need doing before we can think about re-opening. Vital conservation work has already started this week and we anticipate that we will eventually be able to welcome you back to a Monkton Nature Reserve that combines our idyllic surroundings with some new attractions.

Thank you for your patience and continued support. Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you in the future. From Trevor Shonk (Chairman) and the trustees

Guests – uninvited and

welcome! One of the first conservation tasks has been to try and control a plant called 'Alexanders'; while the name might be unfamiliar, everyone will have seen this plant growing along the verges throughout Thanet. Alexanders are not native to the UK and were introduced by the Romans; they are now described as an 'invasive' plant because of their ability to quickly take over disturbed habitats – especially roadsides! Its whitish-yellow flowers appear in April and May and form umbrella-like masses of tiny flowers that are visited by many insects. The seeds are now ripening and thousands of the brownish-black seeds are almost ready to fall – we are 'dead-heading' as many as we can to try and control the spread in future years. Invasive species are one of

the key challenges in conservation work; they drive the extinction of other plants and animals along with habitat destruction, overexploitation by man, and – increasingly – climate change.



alexanders



turtle dove

A more appreciated visitor to Monkton Nature Reserve this summer has been the return of our turtle doves. These attractive small members of the pigeon family spend their winters in Africa, returning to breed in northern and western Europe in April each year. The bird has experienced a catastrophic 94% decline since the Second World War; some of this is due to loss of their winter habitat in the Sahel region of Africa, south of the Sahara, together with pressure from hunters in southern Europe and France whilst migrating. Once here, they have struggled to adapt to the change in farming practice that has taken place over the last 80-100 years. Change in sowing times for arable crops and loss of wild flowers, plus removal of hedgerows have sped their decline, leading to reduced availability of seeds for food and nesting sites in mature hedges. In partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Monkton Nature Reserve helps with their conservation through spreading seed mixes in the reserve. We hope they will continue to return for many years to come.

Dr. Clive Nuttman



NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2020 , PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

THANK YOU AND PLEASE BEAR WITH US

With the current restrictions likely to with us for at least the next few months, we would like to thank you all for your continued help and support through these difficult times.

However, as you can appreciate, many of our GP's, Healthcare Professionals and Reception Team have been working continuously throughout this Pandemic and, like many of us, will be looking to take time off during the school holiday period. So please bear with us, and try to avoid contacting the surgery during peak periods unless of course your call is urgent. Thank you for your understanding.

MEDICATION REVIEWS

Medication Reviews are now carried out by our Prescribing Pharmacists at the surgery and appointments, normally a telephone consultation, can be made the usual way.

Please ensure that you have sufficient medication to last you during the holiday period, and of course, please don't forget to include all the family who may require repeat prescriptions and check when their medication review appointment is due.

Please note that prescriptions are now only being delivered to the over 70's and can no longer be ordered over the phone.

BANK HOLIDAY SURGERY CLOSURE

Please note that the surgery will be closed all day on: - MONDAY 31st August
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.

SEASONAL WINTER 'FLU VACCINATIONS

Patients over 65 including eligible and "at risk" patients, will receive a letter via post, inviting them to contact the surgery and make an appointment. Each letter will contain a personal code which you will need to make and attend your appointment. Vaccination sessions will take place from late September and during October, dates of which are yet to be confirmed, and will be by appointment only.

ANNUAL Christmas BAZAAR 2020

Unfortunately, due to the Covid19 Pandemic and current Government and NHS England guidelines, we have had to cancel this year's Christmas Bazaar.

But don't worry! All being well we will still be holding our Annual Spring Fayre in May 2021.

PATIENT GROUP MEETINGS

Due to limited access to the surgery, we are currently holding our meetings using video conferencing. However, if you have 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

THE PASTORAL LETTER ... *our vicar, Richard, writes about welcome news for couples wishing to be married and how we can all do “all things new”*



Here comes the bride!

The month of August sees the return of weddings to our churches – and what a joy this will be as we celebrate with various couples, their families and friends. However, even though a wedding can go ahead, as you can imagine there are some differences – we can't have the bells ringing, there will be no singing and a total of 30 people including myself and the photographer!

This is, of course, a sign that some parts of our life together are beginning to return to something new. We have been able to open our church doors too for Sunday worship and private prayer (see details for this elsewhere). However, over recent months there have been plenty of events and occasions that have had to be adapted or postponed.

Instead of gathering in church for funerals it has been a comfort for grieving families to see friends from the villages standing outside to pay their respects as the cortege has driven by.

Our local schools have been hugely creative to give their Yr6 pupils the celebration they deserve as they leave school. I wonder how you have felt at such times and when other celebrations such as birthdays have had to be different to usual. These occasions and other rites of passage are important for us all.

I was reminded recently of such things in the bible – and in particular, Jesus' baptism. When John the Baptist raised Jesus out from the river Jordan a voice from heaven said *this is my son, whom I love*. It certainly helps me to know that no matter how I feel, I am always known and loved by God just for who I am. And in saying that, it's ok to feel how I feel whether I wake up with a spring in my step or not!

And one thing that has been clear throughout recent months in our villages is how good we are at helping each other and pulling together. It's always good to remember that – and to say quite simply, *thank you!* Richard

Revd Karen Gooding – *thank you!*

During recent months, Karen has sensed God's call to make St Saviour's Westgate-on-Sea her main focus of ministry. This has been a prayerful journey of discernment which Karen has been pondering for some time and not an easy decision to come to. Karen will therefore be leaving us in our local churches of the Wantsum Benefice as she continues to minister at Westgate.

We will naturally miss Karen's ministry within the Benefice, and particularly at St Nicholas, but as we are part of the Seamarsh Group Ministry, together with Westgate, we will still be maintaining contact across the Group. During this period of gently lifting restrictions it is still not possible to gather together to give Karen and Aidan a true St Nicholas thank you and send off. But we do thank Karen for all that she has contributed to the life of St Nicholas and the wider Benefice – for her passionate and creative faith, clear vision and love for all. **Revd Richard Braddy (Vicar Wantsum Benefice)**



Summer 2020 – join us online or in church!

Services of said Holy Communion in the Wantsum Benefice:

Sunday 2 August

9.30 Chislet (non-HC)

10.30 St Nicholas

Sunday 9 August

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 16 August

9.30 Chislet

10.30 St Nicholas

Sunday 23 August

9.30 Monkton

10.30 Minster

Sunday 30 August

9.30 Chislet (non HC)

10.30 St Nicholas

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

15 July

29 July

12 August

26 August

Churches open for prayer and reflection

Minster: Sunday 2-4pm; Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12pm

St Nicholas: Sunday, Tuesday 2-4pm & Thursday 10am-12pm

Monkton: Sunday 2-4

Church Online

Church online - informal worship on our YouTube Channel (Wantsum Benefice)
– every Sunday

Daily Newsletter – with reading & reflection and links to other events
– to receive this please email: info@wantsumchurches.org

Monday-Friday **Morning Prayer** 9.00am & **Evening Prayer** 5.00pm
on Facebook Live

St Nicholas at Wade Church or St Mary's Church, Minster-in-Thanelt

www.wantsumchurches.org

If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer please contact:
Revd Richard Braddy 01843 821250 info@wantsumchurches.org

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 will remain open between 2 pm & 4 pm every Sunday for quiet reflection and prayer. For a full list of services for AUGUST please see WANTSUM BENEFICE service information

**Please check Village notice boards and/or the Benefice web site below for any developments and changes.
Our Ministry Team are maintaining a daily pattern of prayer for the community and beyond. See the website below for Sunday Services on line.**

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

Extended Contact 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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Revd Karen Gooding, (St Nicholas) karengooding@gmail.com

Revd. Vicky Coneys vickysconey@hotmail.com

Revd. Michael Darkins revd.michaeldarkins@gmail.com

Mrs Denyse Cole, Churchwarden. denysecole@btinternet.com

Mr David Mairs, Churchwarden davidmairs25@btinternet.com



Bible Readings for Sundays & Holy Days at Monkton

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

AUGUST

2 nd	Trinity 8	Rom. 9 1-5 Matt. 14. 13-21
9 th	Trinity 9	Rom. 10 5-15. Matt. 14 22-33
16 th	Trinity 10	Rom. 11 1-2a, 29-32 Matt. 15. [10-20] 21-28
23 rd	Trinity 11	Rom. 12 1-8 Matt. 16 13-20
30 th	Trinity 12	Rom. 12. 9-end Matt. 16. 21-end

MONKTON HOUSE GROUP MEETINGS CONTINUE TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MONKTON'S EXTRAORDINARY HOUSES

Extract from *A Saunter through Kent* by Charles Igglesden published in 1932.



PARSONAGE HOUSE AND THE BREWHOUSE

Standing by the side of the street is a residence known as Parsonage House. And although from a cursory glance you might consider it an entirely modern building nearer investigation produces evidence of antiquity. As long ago as 1736 John Lewis vicar of Minster and Margate wrote a history of Thanet and he then calls this the Parsonage House, while he goes back to 1367 when Archbishop Langham had his almoner residing here. The only portion that may date back as far as the fourteenth century is the outbuilding known as the Brewhouse and here you see a portion of a flint wall. The next period visible is the Tudor style and the old projection which was probably the main entrance stands intact just as it did in the earlier seventeenth century.

Mellow narrow Tudor bricks can also be found in other walls, but only for the purpose of repair. Most of the original building was demolished or burned down. Within the porch is a superb specimen of a solid ancient door, probably in existence when Parsonage House was a monastic residence. It has square panels ornamented with iron studs, the old bolts still intact as well as the heavy door knocker.

Within the house there is nothing of great age beyond slight timber beams. The property was handed to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury by Henry the Eighth and eventually came into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, from whom it was bought by the present owner Mr. Willett.

Extract from Edward Hasted's History and Survey of Kent

Refers to a survey of the Parsonage after the death of Charles 1 in 1649 when there is mention of a "pigeon house" which may describe what is now known as the "Tudor Dovecote" still present in the grounds of the house today.



Sir Charles Igglesden from an image in the National Portrait Gallery

A biography of Sir Charles Igglesden (1861-1949) by Malcolm Horton was published in 2018 entitled "Sauntering through Kent". Igglesden was editor of the Kentish Express for 64 years, and is best remembered for his series of articles entitled "A Saunter through Kent with Pen and Pencil" which were published from 1899 until 1944, and covered 242 Kent villages. They were published in hardback form over 34 volumes from 1900 until 1946. Volume 35 was published posthumously in 2018. His father Henry founded the Kentish Express in 1855 as Kent's first penny newspaper. He was a gifted musician and sportsman. He attended the Paris Conservatoire, before joining his father's newspaper as a reporter. He was appointed editor when aged 23. He represented Kent at Lawn Tennis and was runner up twice in the County Singles Championship. He represented Ashford at rugby and cricket. In later life he beat Sir Arthur Conan Doyle twice in the Authors Club Billiard Championship and was a lifelong friend of W. G. Grace. In public life he was a County Councillor and Alderman for 45 years. He was chairman of the Kent Insurance Committee, forerunner of Area Health Authority for 35 years. He was one of the first journalists invited Up Front by Lord Kitchener in January 1916. He was elected President of the Institute of Journalists in 1927 and knighted in 1928. He was the author of 13 other novels.

Charles Igglesden's article about Monkton contains a lot of historical information about the village and church. Some as mentioned above from earlier sources.

- ❖ Rev. John Lewis, History of the Isle of Thanet, first published 1723
- ❖ Edward Hasted, The history and topographical survey of the county of Kent, in a series of volumes, first published 1778

Ed's note. Thanks to Kay and Harry Horne for contributing the first part of this article



THE KENTISH RECIPE

APPLE CAKE ... this recipe comes from my school recipe book and has been used many times over the years. I have doubled the quantity of ingredients to make a decent sized cake. It could be used as a tray bake, or cooked in a deep flan tin. Cooking times will be less if the mixture is spread out.

WHAT YOU NEED

8 ozs chopped or diced apple

4 ozs brown sugar

8 ozs self raising flour

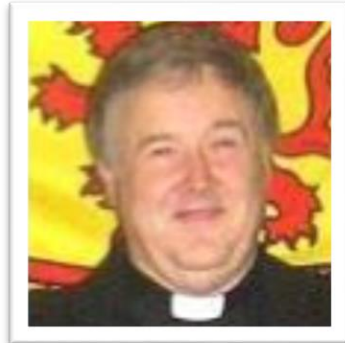
4 ozs margarine or butter (optional ingredient – half teaspoon cinnamon)

WHAT TO DO

- preheat your oven to a moderate setting eg gas 5
- prepare apples by dicing or chopping , place in a bowl and sprinkle with the sugar . Reserve
- in a separate bowl rub the margarine or butter in to the flour , until as fine breadcrumbs .
- add the sugared apple to the flour mix , then combine with a spoon to form a stiff dough. Add the cinnamon here if you are using it.
- scoop in to a baking container and level the surface. Sprinkle with a little more sugar if liked.
- bake in the centre oven for between 30 and 40 minutes, even longer if not done when checked.
- allow to cool before turning out or cutting .
- You can serve this cake warm as well, with custard, cream or icecream



OUR METHODIST MINISTER, REV COLIN TELFER IS RELOCATING TO NORTH NORFOLK THIS MONTH, HE WRITES A REFLECTIVE FAREWELL



Moving On

All ministry is specific. The minister is minister of somewhere or something. On 1st of September 2010 I became a minister of the Thanet Circuit and the URC inducted me as a minister of Union church. Union church is the only church that I have been minister of because of the URC appointment, all my other appointments have been to circuits, who appoint me to pastoral charge of a church. When I was called to ministry I was called to Itinerant Ministry (Travelling Ministry). The minister travels round the Circuit, and in time travels to another Circuit. Early Methodism had Travelling Preachers and Local Preachers; the Travelling Preachers moving around, while the Local Preachers stayed close to home. Stewards managed to chapels and Class Leaders did the pastoral work. The Ministers in Early Methodism were ordained Church of England Clergy. Methodism has always been both lay and ordained. A chapel would have lay people doing the regular work with someone coming in from the Circuit at regular intervals to do specific duties. The Itinerant Preachers in time became the Methodist Ministers. The Church has developed rituals and services to mark these changes. The Welcome Service will not just welcome new ministers and their families to the Circuit but acknowledge the appointment of the Minister to their duties (churches, chaplaincies, etc). The Farewell Service marks the end of that part of a Minister's and Church's ministry. It allows

us to part and change in relationship. When I moved on from Folkestone an article appeared in the Folkestone Herald under the heading 'Church Says Goodbye to Popular Minister'. I wondered 'when did that happen?' They had for five years told me all the things I had not done.

For some a minister moving will cause rejoicing for others sadness. Too easily we forget why we come and why we go. We have the example of Jesus. Jesus ministry is specific and will come to His glory. At Caesarea Philippi and at the Transfiguration, Peter does not want to let Jesus move on but loses sight of the will of God. Some will never recognise a new minister as the work of the Holy Spirit others will find it hard to let go of a previous minister. We are all called by God to our own part of the ministry which we acknowledge when we say the Covenant prayer.

I am thinking what my parting ritual will be in this time of lockdown.

Being called by God is always exciting. May God bless you all

ED'S NOTE. Monkton News would like to thank Rev. Colin Telfer for his interesting and thought-provoking articles he has contributed to the magazine over several years. He will be much missed by the congregation of Monkton Methodist Church, and by our village in general. We wish him and his wife, Lisa, every happiness and success in their future ministry.

AUGUST SNIPPETS



TICK INFESTATIONS.

There are about 20 species of these blood sucking creatures that thrive in the UK, and now is the time for renewed vigilance to make sure one of the them doesn't drop on to your dog, or cat and even yourself.

Ticks thrive in grassland, woodlands and other countryside areas where cattle and sheep graze, or where wild deer roam. This does not mean they are not about around Monkton.

Domestic pets can be protected against ticks with spot on treatments from your vet. Humans can guard against ticks by wearing trousers, jeans etc when walking footpaths or country areas.

The safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool • contact your GP or dial NHS 111 promptly if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash. Remember to tell them you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors



DON'T FORGET YOUR FACE COVERING FOR SHOPPING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT Face coverings are now compulsory for customers in shops in England, after new coronavirus rules came into force at the end of last month. Coverings are mandatory in enclosed public spaces such as supermarkets, indoor shopping centres, transport hubs, banks and takeaways. Police can hand out fines of up to £100 to those who do not comply.



KEEP A LOOK OUT .. every summer holidays we ask villagers to be aware of leisure cyclists riding through the village, who are sometimes travelling quite fast and approach without much sound. Please also be alert for young people, who may be riding bikes, scooters or using skateboards.

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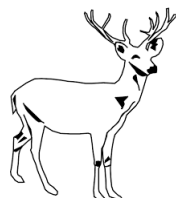
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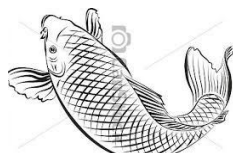
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ON THE COVER -VILLAGE WILD FLOWERS



■ COMMON KNAPWEED, a handsome branched plant with pinkish purple flowers that thrives in grassland and waysides .It is an important plant for pollinating insects. In flower June to September.



■ SALSIFY OR GOAT'S BEARD .. this grey green plant grows on waysides, meadows and in our gardens. The “clocks” are its seedheads. The roots can be used as a vegetable, but best grow it from seed in your garden for this purpose.



■ THISTLE...there are several types of thistle that look similar. It is a common plant of field margins and waysides, and an unwelcome weed for gardeners as the seeds drift away on their parasols and come up in all unwanted places. Loved by bees.



■ COMMON MALLOW ...Common mallow is another handsome, large, spreading plant with beautiful deep pink flowers that appear from June to October. It can be found on roadside verges, along footpaths and on waste ground. Certain parts of Common mallow are edible (leaves, flowers and seeds) and there is evidence that the Romans may have deliberately cultivated the plant to be used for food and medicine