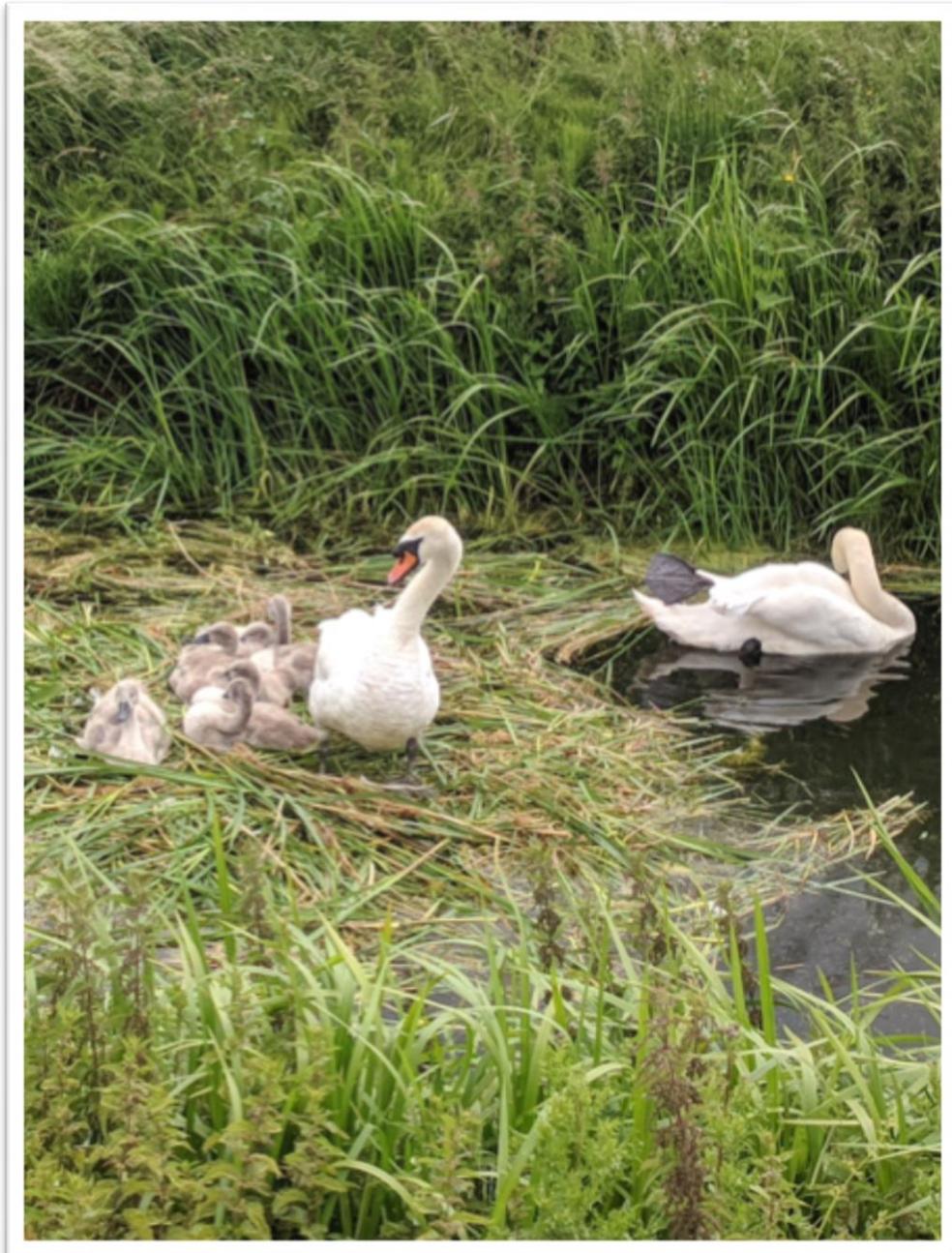


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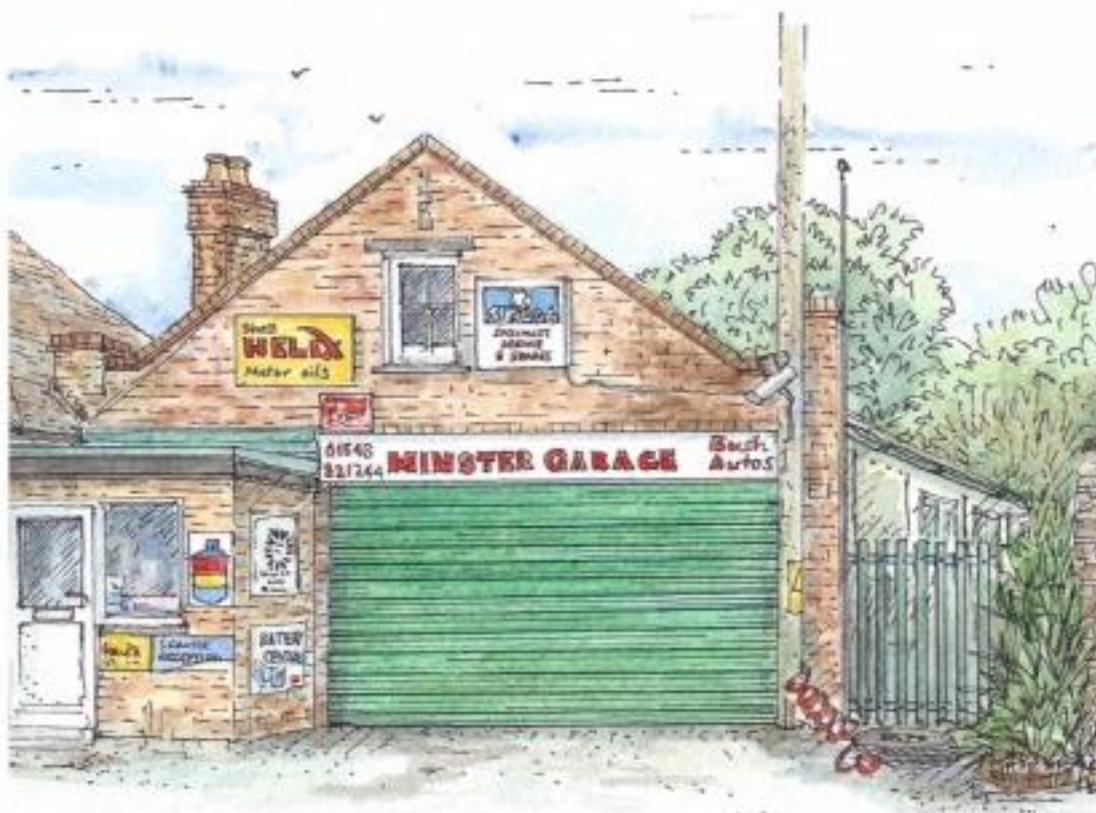
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WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL IN JULY 2020 -CURRENTLY CLOSED FOR ACTIVITIES. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ORGANISER FOR SPECIFIC UPDATES.

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 dancing –tuition available	Dorothy 01843 840825

WELCOME BACK TO MONKTON NEWS

With the easing of public health restrictions and re-opening of non-essential shops and businesses we can now return to the printed copy of MONKTON NEWS.

For the past three months the magazine has been available on line, but we are aware that many residents were unable to read those issues in that format.

Monkton News will continue to be on line for those who wish to read it , and is available through Monkton Parish Council's Facebook page Monkton, Kent

You can also find us through the Wantsum benefice links.

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

if you live in Monkton and are STILL self-isolating 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 VOLUNTEERING

VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS, JULY.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS ORDERING AT MINSTER SURGERY.

An update from Mr. Ken Self, of the Patient Liaison Group.

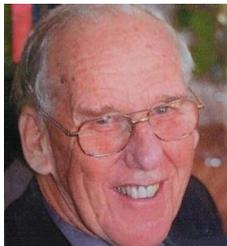
Prescriptions can be requested over the phone or handed in at the surgery as usual. Unfortunately, the delivery service has had to stop as we were having difficulties making deliveries due to many patients being out, either at work or enjoying the weather, and also many patients not actually paying for their prescriptions citing various excuses.

Editor's note.

If you want to renew a repeat prescription by phone on 821333 it is necessary to listen all through the options including the part that informs no phone requests for repeats , and wait for the bit that connects you to an advisor at the surgery who will help with your request. Make sure you have the details handy when phoning.

you can also renew your repeat prescription on line by registering with the surgery.to use this facility.

A NEW KIND OF RETIREMENT FOR REV. DR HUGH BIRD



For a great many years MONKTON NEWS was published from Slate Barn by Hugh Bird, who until recently was a very active member of the Wantsum Benefice clergy team. Hugh also edited St. Nicholas parish magazine, and printed the monthly news for Chislet and Hoath parishes. Sadly, due to Hugh's printing facilities finally wearing out (after many thousands of copies) he decided it was also time to retire from the printing responsibilities as well.

So, we owe Hugh a big thank you for all the time and care he has given to producing our village magazines for all these years. He suggested and managed the transition of Monkton News from a bundle of A4 sheets to the updated A5 booklet we now enjoy.

I will miss our monthly editorial chats in Hugh and Ann's delightful and welcoming kitchen. Happily, Hugh and Ann have many friends in the village and continue their contact with St. Mary Magdalene church. Denyse.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR GROCERY DELIVERIES

Nationwide Co-op grocery stores have been assisting during the Covid 19 pandemic by delivering food to vulnerable customers. Birchington co-op store are carrying on with this service and can be contacted directly without calls going via HQ.

It is possible to order up to £15 value of goods by phone. The store will collate your order inform you of the cost and customers can pay by phone contact. Their number is **845529**.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUB MEETINGS AT MONKTON VILLAGE

HALL. At the time of writing Monkton Village Hall was still unavailable for its programme of activities and meetings. The hall, as we updated you last month, has been completely refreshed by decorating inside and out. When meetings can begin as public health regulations permit users will feel the benefit of the refurbishment.

Pete Mitchell told us the hall management were not in a position to undertake deep cleaning and sanitising of the hall and its furnishings after every use, if activities were able to happen at the present time.

If you attend a group which meets in the hall keep up to date via your organiser for current arrangements.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH ABLE TO RE-OPEN FOR LIMITED TIME.

Following almost unrepresented closure of all places of worship due to the coronavirus pandemic church authorities have given guidance on the limited re-opening of parish churches. Your parish church can now be visited on Sunday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm. for quiet reflection or private prayer.

St. Mary Magdalene will have two stewards present, and there is full facility for hand sanitising and social distancing. Please note there is limited access to the interior of the church building at the present time.

Currently church authorities are working on details of safe return to public worship, which involves risk assessments, social distancing and other public health concerns. Further details will be available for the August issue of Monkton News.

DONATIONS TO THANET FOOD BANK.

Please note that owing to the great difficulties in arranging local collection points donations to Thanet Food Bank from villagers will now be suspended until at least September.

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PARISH CLERK

Sara Archer clerk@monktonparish.co.uk 01843 821989

Dear Villagers

As I write this, it seems almost unbelievable that we are just about to enter week 13 of lockdown. Lockdown has of course affected all of us, and in many different ways, but one thing I believe we all share is a sense of relief and gratitude that the health consequences of Covid 19 have been mercifully low key here in Monkton. As we continue to unlock, we can only hope that our village and the wider community will continue to remain safe and well.

Throughout the past 13 weeks, we have seen a truly wonderful community spirit here in Monkton! There have been numerous examples of neighbours looking out for each other, and groups of people getting together to offer practical help. In this context I would particularly like to thank the 'Monkton Neighbours' group who set up as a team of volunteers to help our more vulnerable villagers cope with the practicalities of lockdown – shopping, prescriptions and other daily needs. Del & Pete Mitchell, Racheal Horsbough and Heather and Malcolm Gunton were very much the driving force behind this scheme .. and I know many Villagers are truly grateful for the help they have received. I can only echo my thanks & appreciation to all involved.

A familiar face to many over lockdown - was Ann Andrews. Ann was a member of the 'Monkton Neighbours' Group, and also an NHS volunteer who delivered prescriptions throughout the village. This service was greatly appreciated by many, as was her happy smiling face whenever she knocked at the door! Over the last couple of weeks, Ann has managed to complete on the sale of her house and has now moved to St Nicholas-at-Wade. I would like to wish her every happiness in her new home (and village!), and although we will

miss seeing her quite so often around our village, I am assured that Monkton will very much remain an integral part of her life.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we said farewell to Tony Luckham as the cortege passed through the village early in June. Tony was a much-respected member of this community and the Church. He will be greatly missed, and we extend our sympathy to the family at this sad time.

So, as we continue along this strange road, may I wish you all continued good health and peace of mind. Please do remember, if you are still self-isolating, and need help, help is still available via the Monkton Neighbours Group (contact Del & Pete 821439), or members of the Parish Council.

My love and very best wishes to you all.

Gilly Brown
Chairman, Monkton Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ...

Parish Council Meetings have resumed! We are now meeting on a 'virtual' basis via the internet and will continue to do so until public meetings are allowed once again.

Our first virtual meeting was held on June 8th and although very much a new experience for most Councillors, it worked well, and was a much needed opportunity to catch up on Parish matters. We were joined by District Councillors Reece Pugh and Trevor Roper, as well as 3 villagers. You will find the minutes of the meeting published elsewhere in the Newsletter.

For those familiar with internet meetings, we are using 'Zoom'. Future meetings will be advertised on the notice boards in the normal way, and villagers are very welcome to 'attend' – details of how to do so will be published with the meeting details.

PLANNING UPDATES:

Planning has been relatively quiet recently, but we can report on the following progress:

Heyhill, 49 dwellings, - Land rear of 96-102 Monkton Street

Heyhill are appealing against TDC's decision to refuse this application. There are no details of the appeal date, or grounds for appeal at the moment. We will of course advise further when details are available.

15 Seamark Close – extension

Approved

***New application:* Shivering Sand Brewery Ltd, Manston Business Park F/TH/20/0559**

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

Brooksend Pond

The Parish Council was approached a few months ago to discuss the potential of renovating the pond at the bottom of Brooksend Hill (next to the garage) to create a wildlife area. Plans for this renovation have now been put on hold.

The Local Plan

The Local Plan is due to be discussed by TDC on July 9th, at 2pm. This is an internet meeting, and members of the public can attend - for further details see:

<https://democracy.thanet.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=5575>

In theory, this is an opportunity for the Plan to be agreed and adopted, which could bring to an end the last few years of planning ambiguity which has particularly affected Monkton and the Thanet Villages.

HORSES & FOOTPATHS

We have had several complaints from villagers and a land owner that the footpaths to the south of the village are being used by horses. Whilst horses (and their manure!) are a much loved feature of rural life, horse riding unfortunately is not permitted on footpaths, however lovely these paths are!

So, the Parish Council will shortly be putting notices up on the footpaths to remind riders of the access rules.

A REMINDER!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE TRACK LEADING TO THE RECREATION GROUND

We have been asked to remind villagers that parking is not permitted at any point along this track. It is private land, and must be kept clear at all times for farm vehicles. We understand that cars parked at the Monkton Street entrance have recently caused a few access problems for the farm which is particularly busy at this time of year. Your cooperation would be most appreciated.

THE DYAS FARM BARN –please do not walk across the barn or farm area!

The Parish Council has been approached by the farmer requesting that dog walkers and ramblers using the footpath at the edge of the field do not cut across the barn area itself as a shortcut back to the concrete track. There is concern that this raises a health and safety issue for the farm, as large machinery and farm vehicles are in constant use.

There is also a wild grass area between the barn and the footpath through which walkers have created a pathway, giving the impression it is also a footpath. This is farmland, and we have been asked to remind walkers to kindly not walk through it!

HIGHWAYS & POTHOLES

Please continue to report any potholes to the Parish Council.

We are pleased to see Willetts Hill and Millers Lane have now been patched.

We have recently reported the potholes along Seamark Road – on the section alongside Thanet Earth going down to Brooksend – so hopefully these will also be repaired soon.

HUGH BIRD – thank you!

The Parish Council would like to extend grateful thanks to Hugh Bird for the many years he has printed the Newsletter (Monkton News). We understand his photocopier has recently decided to retire, and is therefore no longer available for Newsletter duties!

For further information

MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Our new website is now live, and can be visited for Parish Council minutes and lots of other information and documents:

www.monktonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk



MONKTON FACEBOOK PAGE

For on-going information about what is happening in the village, and issues affecting the local area, keep an eye on our Facebook page @ Monkton, Kent

The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton



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CHURCH AUTHORITY REGULATIONS, COVID 19 PANDEMIC

At the time of going to press, all Services of Worship are still suspended but our churches are now open for private prayer at advertised times.

St. Mary Magdalene Church is open between 2 pm & 4 pm on Sundays.
Please check Village notice boards and/or the Benefice web site below for any developments.

Meanwhile....

Our Ministry Team are maintaining a daily pattern of prayer for the community and beyond. 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

MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH

services are still suspended at the present time . Please contact Peter Mitchell , 821439 for further information

HOUSE GROUP...meetings continue to be suspended until further notice.

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. 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

Although there are no Sunday Services, you can still use the readings for the day. You can also receive the daily services and information from our benefice team through wantsumchurches@gmail.co

JULY

5 th	Trinity 4	Rom. 7. 15-25a Matt. 11 16-19 25-end
12 th	Trinity 5	Rom. 8. 1-11 Matt. 13. 1-9. 18-23
19 th	Trinity 6	Rom. 8. 12-25 Matt. 13, 24-30, 36 – 43
26 th	Trinity 7	Rom. 8, 26-end Matt. 13. 31-33, 44-52.



NEWS

There is little news from Messy Church as you know due to lockdown we are unable to use the hall or the Church for safety reasons. It is hoped to resume in September.

We will hold our September meeting at St. Mary Magdalene Church on the 8th September starting at 3.15 p.m. as long as we are out of lockdown by then. Our Meeting will be musical so we will be looking at some Favourite hymns (religious songs), painting pictures and making things connected to these songs and hopefully singing some of them. It is also hoped that we will have a barbeque weather permitting. If you would like to contact me my email is eileen.brackstone@googlemail.com or by phone 825390.

Till we meet again God bless, Messy Eileen



THE PASTORAL LETTER .. *our clergy team curate, Rev Michael Darkins writes about looking forward with hope*

The Summer months will undoubtedly look very different this year. Whereas before we may jet or drive off to different places at home or abroad at this time of year. This year our holidays, if we are even able to take them, will be different. Many of us will be embracing the stay-cation - taking some time off at home, perhaps dwelling in the garden or bed more than we usually do. For many more though, after months of being at home already a stay-cation is probably the absolute worst holiday idea ever right now.

But this is not to say that we are without signs of hope, of coming joy. At the time of my writing this, coronavirus cases continue to fall and some semblance of pre-lockdown can be glimpsed. Shops are opening up, people are beginning to return to their places of work, people are beginning to meet up again, and appointments both in the doctor's surgery and the hair salon are beginning to be booked.

I am put in mind of the Israelite's journey from Egypt – the Exodus. It is by no means a perfect analogy but bear with me. Like the Israelites, we are leaving a space of pestilence and plague – a nation slowly moving towards a new time far better than that we have come from. But before we can enter this new land we must journey through the wilderness. This is a space of uncertainty and challenges. Whereas the Israelites symbolically journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years before they could cross over the River Jordan into the promised land. So, we, whilst our communities continue to recover from the Coronavirus and its effects, must journey through the wilderness until we live in a post-Coronavirus society.

But whilst their journey through the wilderness was difficult for the Israelites, God was physically with them in the Tabernacle (the Tent of Meeting). This was the tent the Israelites would construct whenever they pitched camp, and into which God would descend in a pillar of cloud. The Tabernacle was a sign that, whatever the Israelites faced, God was literally with them.

Whilst God has been with us throughout this time, that we are able to slowly re-open our churches is a helpful reminder that God is with us, in the heart of our communities. So, as we take these next steps into the wilderness, we need to remember that God is walking alongside us in the wilderness. We are not alone, and we have hope.

Michael

St Mary Magdalene Church Open for Private Prayer - a message from our Vicar.

It is a real joy that we are able to open up the church again, initially only for private prayer. It has been difficult to have the church closed for so many weeks as this is just something we are not used to. But God is faithful and he hears our prayers and our cries wherever we are.

The church will be open on Sunday afternoons between 2.00-4.00pm

Whether you have been in the church before or not, please do come inside and take a moment to be still, reflect and pray if you find this helpful. All are most welcome.

As you can imagine, to keep us all safe, there are certain guidelines we all have to follow and some restrictions in place.

When you come into church and before you leave you will be asked to use the hand sanitizer provided. There will be space at the back open area of the church for you to sit and to be still. Unfortunately, at the moment, it is not possible to keep the toilet open.

There will always be two people in church to welcome you and help if you have any questions.

As time goes on, we look forward to the time when we can open the church for worship and services – we will let you know when we are allowed to do so.

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

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THE KENTISH RECIPE .. use the delicious Kent cherries available locally to make a summer treat,



Cherry & Almond Pudding

What you need to serve 4

- 50g Butter
- 100g Caster Sugar
- 2 large Eggs, separated
- 40g Self Raising Flour
- 100g Ground Almonds
- 185ml Milk
- 250g Cherries, stoned

Directions

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/ Gas 4

Cream the butter and sugar until light & fluffy

Beat in the egg yolks one at a time

Stir in the flour, almonds & milk

Beat the egg whites until stiff & fold into the almond mixture

Spoon the mixture into a 1 litre oven proof dish (24cmx18cm or 23cm round) arrange the cherries on top

Stand the dish in a roasting pan of water & bake for 30 minutes until browned Serve hot

BRINGING THE MONKTON OF THE DOMESDAY BOOK TO LIFE

In 1086 William of Normandy ordered a survey of the lands he had come to rule. He sent teams of recorders out in to the countryside to make a record of land, who owned the land, the people who lived there and the resources they had. It became known as DOMESDAY BOOK and remains today one of the most important survey documents in recorded history.

Now in Monkton a commissioned archaeological survey and dig has shed light on one of the Anglo-Norman settlements that made up the local scene around Domesday Book time in our village. The site is part of the former orchard and grazing land, recently granted planning permission.



A VIEW OF THE EXCAVATION, FROM MONKTON STREET

The dig is led by project director Tim Allen of Kent Archaeological Projects and has revealed evolving households dating from Anglo Norman times until about 1350. There is no evident occupation on the site after 1400.

Mr. Allen explained the site revealed features including early medieval dwellings, some use of clay bricks. The earliest structures date from the 11th to 12th century and the earliest probably late Anglo Saxon.

A feature of the landscape was a very deep ditch running across the whole area. The ditch was about 8 feet wide and over 6 feet deep. This would have been a a type of boundary, separating the settlement from agricultural land. 19

As time progressed the ditch began to silt up and later occupants of the site used the feature as a midden or rubbish pit. The top layers revealed a lot of 14th century pottery fragments.

The deep ditch was a very early Anglo-Norman feature, but a second later ditch beyond it of later date was also revealed.

Mr. Allen said the excavations were speculatively revealing a picture of a busy street side settlement with a cluster of dwellings.



PART OF AN ANGLO-NORMAN FLAGON



TIM SHOWS PART OF A QUERN OR MILLING

STONE



A DISH MOSTL LIKELY USED WITH A PESTLE

He speculates there would have been a cluster of “grub huts” – partially sunken dwellings with pitched roofs of the early Norman period.

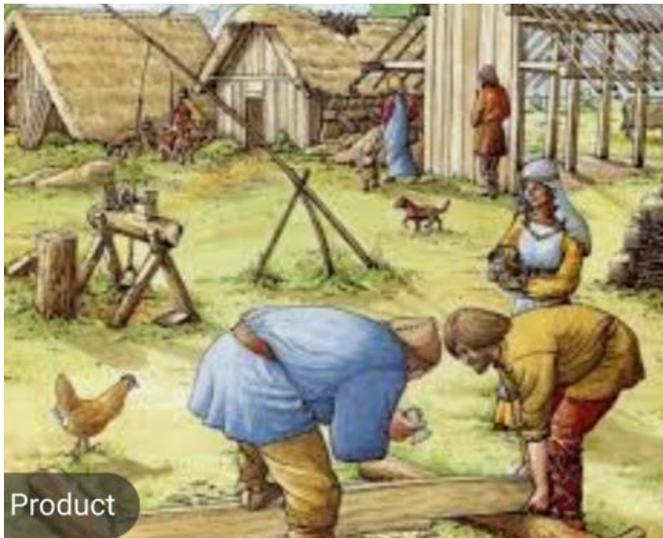
The dig has revealed no human remains, but plenty of evidence of domestic animals including oxen, cattle, sheep and pigs, and a dog. Mr. Allen explained the houses were similar to settlements discovered when the site of Thanet Earth was investigated.

Furthest away from the existing village road the dig has revealed the likely footprint of a large medieval cattle barn or byre, which would have been thatched.

The site also contains a large number of wells - the site is near the spring line and evidence of busy medieval occupation. As mentioned earlier all the occupation appears to have ceased around the end of the 1300s. as demonstrated by the findings.

Mr. Allen emphasises that all the dig’s finds and datings of artefacts remain speculative until verified at a later date.

As a final focal point Mr. Allen said he would very much like to be able to excavate a dig across existing Monkton Street as all evidence leads him to surmise it follows the same route as a very ancient track across Thanet.



Product

an artistic impression of what a settlement could have looked like in Anglo Norman times.

RETURN TO SNIPPETS

BATS ABOUT



Village nature watchers have reported an increase in the number of bats seen flitting about our gardens and nearby fields. Whether this was due to the much quieter and cleaner environment due to the lockdown, or a natural increase in numbers is hard to tell.

AND HERE IS A LINK FOR REPORTING ALL KINDS OF WILDLIFE ...it can be critical to keep an official record of flora and fauna sightings in our gardens and rural areas. You can make a report that will be officially recorded using the following link.

<https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

There is also a Kent and Medway one

[\(https://www.kmbrc.org.uk/\)](https://www.kmbrc.org.uk/),

Thanks to Davina Ransom for providing these links.

VILLAGE HALL SPRUCE

Villagers walking past the village hall will have noticed its fresh and newly painted look that has taken place during the lockdown. The refurbishment and interior repairs were carried out by local professionals, Rachel Horsburgh.

painting and decorating, and Robert Jackmen, carpenter. Hall managers hope that users, when they return, will be able to appreciate the fresh and clean surroundings.

CHANGES AT QUEX POWELL-COTTON MUSEUM



To reflect significant changes in 21st century cultural perceptions Powell-Cotton Museum has announced a programme of re-organisation of its extensive collections.

Generations of local children have visited the museum and viewed the dioramas of African wildlife, and the many cultural artefacts from that continent.

In a recent announcement the museum stated that a process of decolonialisation would be demonstrated through the galleries. For further information refer to the museum's website.

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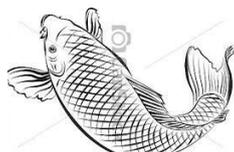
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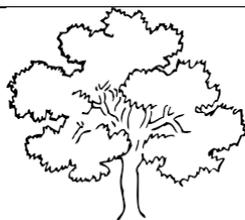
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