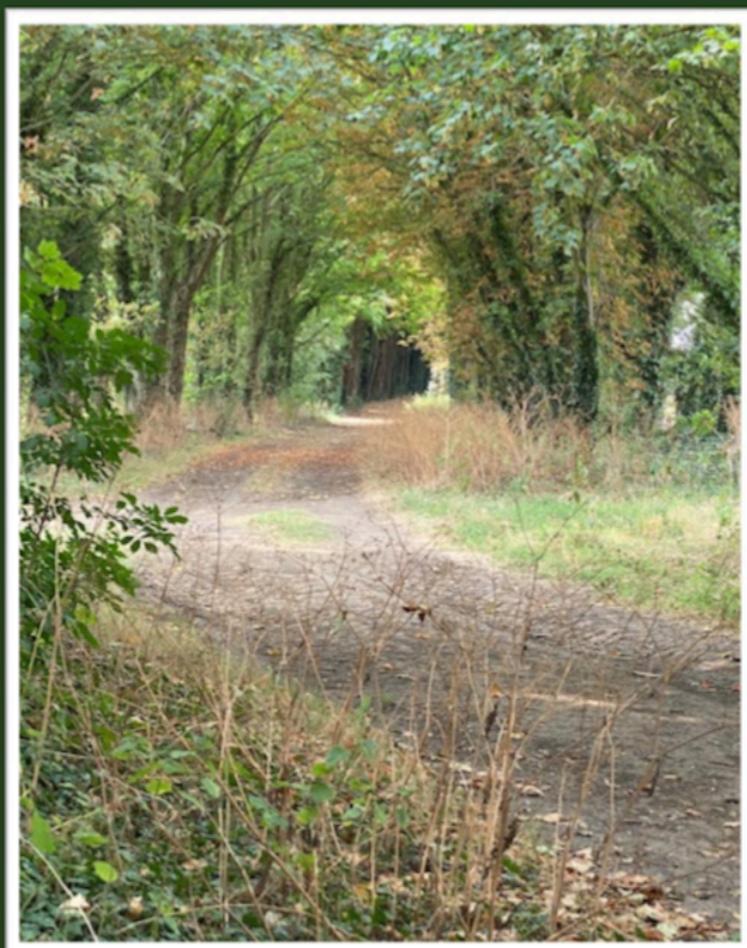


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MONKTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday	11.00-13.00	Ballroom and Latin American Dance	Gordon and Pauline
Monday	09.15-10.15	Dance exercise	Maggie
	13.00-15.00 (2 nd Mon of each month)	Gardening Club	Sue Northrop 07759390223
	19.00	Dog agility and behaviour training	Chris Paris Brown 01227 365381
Tuesday	19.30	Adult table tennis	Gilly Brown
	19.30 (3 rd Tues of each month)	WI	Penny Coleman 821539
Wednesday	10.00-12.00	Retired villagers' social morning	Sara Archer 821989
	19.00-21.00	Line Dancing	Theo Loyla 833643
Friday	14.00	Chairbased Exercise with Thanet Age UK	Rebecca Nicks 223881

Monday 5th September 19.00 Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 1st October Harvest Festival Supper – please see poster on p.12

For further information contact Pete Mitchell, 821439. If your club or activity is not in this month's diary, please contact your organiser.

Monkton Village Hall Hire Charges 2022

Children's Party

Any Four Hours before 18.00 £45

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Evening Hire from 19.00h

Quiz, Craft, Dance, etc. £40

Party Night from 19.00 £70

One dance couple 2 HOURS £10

EDITORIAL

I hope that you all have an enjoyable August. Wasn't it lovely to smell the rain when it finally came though? There's a word for this wonderful aroma of familiar earthy scent accompanying the downpours – PETRICHOR. It comes from a combination of plant oils and a chemical called geosmin that's made by bacteria in the soil. They're produced during hot weather and released into the air when it rains after a dry spell. The smell is so intoxicating to some people that it's been recreated synthetically in perfumes and candles.

So, it's back to school/college for our younger residents – good luck. Look out for the information about the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on the 1st of October. It's usually a fun evening with delicious food, what more could one wish for!

A new feature we have in our magazine is 'Memories of Monkton'. Resident Terry Marsh will be contributing a piece (hopefully) monthly about life and the way things were in the Village when he was much younger, or before his time. I am sure these will be of great interest to us all and we are so grateful to Terry for doing this. His first article is about 'Dock Hill' – see p.10.

Thank you to all our advertisers and especially our two new ones. Without the advert pages, we probably wouldn't be able to produce and deliver Monkton News to all the residents.

Congratulations to Laura and James who are to marry on the 24th of September. Please see James's amusing piece on p. 11.

An interesting fact about September is that it is the ninth month, and it happens to have nine letters in its name; it is the only month to do so! September originates from Latin septem, meaning seven. It was originally the seventh of ten months in the oldest known Roman Calendar with March the first month of the year. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month but retained its name.

And more importantly, don't forget it's International Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 19th of September!!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Jason Button, who has just joined us on the Parish Council. We very much look forward to working with him.

PLAY AREA

We are pleased to announce that the new play area is now complete. We are in the process of organising an official opening at a later date – watch this space for more information.

BUSES

New timetables for the numbers 9 and 11 buses will take effect from 30 August. We are currently awaiting the new No 11 timetable. The timetable for the No 9 has been posted inside the bus shelter outside the village hall and on both noticeboards. It seems that Stagecoach is under the impression that no-one from Monkton wants to go to Minster (or at least not expecting to come back!). The route travels from Monkton to Ramsgate via Minster, but not on the return journey, meaning that anyone who catches the bus to Minster will then have to go on to Ramsgate in order to get home!

ROAD CLOSURE

We have been notified that the road will be closed between 46-60 Monkton Street from 19 September until 18 November. This is in order for utilities to be connected to the new houses on the Sunningdale site.

The alternative route is Monkton Street, Willetts Hill, A299 Monkton Roundabout, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street, Monkton Road and vice versa.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=130250072>

For information regarding this closure please contact Amber Langis Limited on 01732 783 980, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

PCSO Debbie Forsyth

We were sad to hear the news that Debbie has resigned from her post as PCSO. We will miss her cheerful face and wish her all the best for the future.

PLANNING

OL/TH/21/0761 There is still no news on the outcome of the Heyhill appeal.

OL/TH/22/0713 Land rear of 62 Monkton St – erection of 2 3bed semi-detached dwellings. **Awaiting decision**

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

The Parish Council has been given a number of Covid lateral flow tests, which are available for low-income families.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th September, 7pm in Monkton Village Hall

Contact the Parish Council via Sara Archer – clerk@monktonparish.co.uk – 01843 821989 or visit our website <https://www.monktonparish.co.uk>

VIEWPOINT

Dear Friends,

September 2022

I tried phoning a public body the other day. After some lengthy recorded messages re Covid etc I was offered a range of numbers to press, none of which really fitted what I was enquiring about. I chose one, and was presented with another list of choices; I selected again, only to have a voice saying that all their lines were busy and I should call again later: alternatively, I was urged to enquire on line by going to their website. Once again, I was piloted through a wearisome number of choices on screen, until it was finally suggested that I could ring a certain telephone number – you’ve guessed it – the same number I had phoned at the start!

It would appear, in many ways, that the more we improve the means of communication, the more difficult it becomes to communicate!

Time was when Banks, Building Societies, Tax Offices etc maintained local branches, where friendly human beings understood your query and dealt with it. Enquire of any of these nowadays, and you may well find yourself struggling to understand a man in a call centre overseas!

At times it appears the world has retreated behind a wall of technology and it’s not surprising to hear that some people nowadays actually prefer to send mojos to one another because it is easier than the fag of having to write, or talk face to face!

But wait a moment - You, dear friend, are actually reading these words on a printed page! It’s good to remember that paper magazines and books still have their appeal, and newspapers have not been entirely superseded by their on-line versions. There is something quietly satisfying about holding the day’s news in your hand, and being able to dip and browse at will without having to press the infernal button!

Despite all our technological advances, the written word, on paper, continues to serve us, as it has done for centuries past, including the days when the scriptures first appeared. With only quills, ink and parchments, the Gospels and the letters of St Paul made their way through the ancient world with surprising speed, thanks to the ‘technology’ of the day – the excellent roads and the efficient postal service, both provided by the Roman Empire.

The Bible, like everything else, is now fully accessible on line in all its different translations and versions. Thanks be to God for this new availability, but I still love the reassuring feel of the book I hold in my hand.

Peter Gausden

CHURCH NEWS

The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton

We are part of the **Wantsum Benefice** which comprises the Church of England Parishes of **Minster, Monkton, St. Nicholas-at-Wade with Sarre, & Chislet**. (Together with All Saints, Birchington, Minnis Bay, Acol & St. Saviour's, Westgate we form the Seamarsh Group of Parishes).

Vicar of the Benefice	Vacant	
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Retired Priest (assisting)	Canon Peter Gausden	825374
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Diana Davies	823017
On Line Contact: info@wantsumchurches.org		www.wantsumchurches.org

To make any general enquiries, or to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Mrs Sheila Greenstreet (077887 91468 or info@wantsumchurches.org).

If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer please contact: Mrs Sally Willins Telephone: 822428

Wantsum Benefice Services – SEPTEMBER 2022

	Monkton	Minster	St Nicholas	Chislet
Sun 4 September Trinity 12	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Worship	
Sun 11 September Trinity 13		10.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
Weds 14 September		10.30 Holy Communion		
Sun 18 September Trinity 14	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Morning Light at Manor Hall	
Sun 25 September Trinity 15		10.30 Morning Praise	10.30 Holy Communion	9.30 Family Communion
Sun 2 October Trinity 16	9.30 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	10.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Worship	

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

Forthcoming Wedding

On 24th September 2022 at 3 pm

James Philip John Edwards and Laura Elizabeth Horsburgh

CHURCH NEWS - continued

Sunday Bible Readings in September/October

4 th	Trinity 12	Philem. 1 - 21; Luke 14, 25 - 43
11 th	Trinity 13	1 Tim. 1, 12 – 17; Luke 15, 1 – 10
18 th	Trinity 14	1 Tim. 2, 1 – 7; Luke 16, 1 – 13
25 th	Trinity 15	1 Tim. 6, 6 – 19; Luke 16, 19 – end
2 nd	Harvest Festival	Deut. 26, 1 – 11; John 6, 25 - 33

QUIZ

Saturday September 10th— 7.00pm

St Nicholas Manor Hall.

£5 each, bring nibbles and drinks.

Raising Funds for charity 'Stand By Me'.

Raffle proceeds to be donated to
'St Mary Magdalene, Monkton' church.

To book please call 07871156204

MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP



COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME – REMINDER

The Vaccination Centre is located adjacent to Wickes Building Supplies and Curry's Electrical Store. It is known as **Thanet Broadstairs Local Vaccination Service (LVS)**. Please note change of opening times – now open every Tuesday & Thursday from 2pm to 6.30pm, every Saturday from 8am to 2pm. Drop in, no need for an appointment. Please remember you must wear face masks at the Centre and at Minster surgery.

WINTER FLU Vaccination AND COVID BOOSTER Vaccination Programs:

PLEASE NOTE:

ALL booster vaccinations will be administered at the Vaccine Centre except for housebound patients.

ALL flu vaccinations are likely to be held at the Surgery and will be confirmed by text message.

All eligible Patients will receive a text message in due course inviting them to book an appointment for their Vaccinations.

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SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that the surgery will be closed on Thursday 22nd September from 1pm onwards for staff training.

If you need to see a Doctor during these times:

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For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119

For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal

MINSTER SURGERY PLG - continued

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

A full list of all Committee Members with their contact information is shown on our Notice board in the waiting room.

Please don't forget **we are always here to help and support you** and you can contact us anytime, by phone or email at kenself@me.com

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd October and if you have any questions on any of the above or concerns and suggestions you would like raised at our meeting, please contact: Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email kenself@me.com

MEMORIES OF MONKTON

'Docker Hill'

Docker Hill Farm is situated in the middle of Monkton, on the right of the road leading down to the Recreation ground. I think it covers about 300 acres [about 120 hectares]. It has only been called such since about the middle of the 1970's. Prior to that it was part of the farm owned by Mr Trevor Willett and known as Parsonage Farm. Mr Peter Dyas became the tenant when the farm was sold.

If you walk the farm track, over the railway and on towards the Abbots Wall, the next to last field on your left before the wall is Docker Hill.

If we go back to the late 1960's early 1970's, you would have seen the ruins of a small brick-built house on the top of the hill. The marshes looked very different then. All of Monkton marshes were under grass and the field lay-out was very different then, as it is today.

The house, when it was still standing, housed the Shepherd and his family. No running water or electricity. A Mr Love was the last Shepherd to live there. My mother went to school with his children [I don't know how many] in the 1930's. Every day they would walk to school in all weather, changing out of their wellington boots and into shoes in the winter, and according to her they hardly ever missed a day.

Where the name comes from has been long forgotten, it may have been named after the first Shepherd to live there. All fields had names at one time. The farmer who now works the farm probably only knows the fields by their acreage size.

Terry Marsh

LAURA AND JAMES

Lifelong village resident Laura Horsburgh will be marrying James Edwards in September. James, an exiled South Londoner who dimly recalls living in Yorkshire and Spain, is delighted; Laura is mildly concerned at the prospect of marrying a man with an even worse sense of balance than her. Having met through the ghastly process of online dating, they started as they meant to go on by getting lost in the fields near Grove Ferry on their first date. They have been happily getting lost together ever since, including notably while descending Scafell Pike via 'a more challenging route', selected by the bride using a pencil drawing of the peaks as a guide. The challenging route turned out to be a near vertical scree slope into a deserted valley fifteen miles from their parking space, on the wrong side of England's highest mountain.

While descending and enjoying an eerie silence punctuated only by rockslides and croaking ravens, Laura remarked that she couldn't believe she had met a man who would follow her off a cliff. James responded by saying that he couldn't either. Not sharing James's concern that the light was failing nor that their phones were dead, Laura resented being subjected to what she recalls as 'a forced death march' following a river in the hopes of reaching somewhere with beer, a telephone and sustenance (in that order). James, clucking like a chicken and thrilled that his A* in GCSE Geography was finally paying dividends, strode valiantly onwards oblivious to Laura pondering if pushing someone into a ravine was ever justifiable. The two intrepid explorers eventually stumbled upon a youth hostel and were directed to the Lake District's worst pub, where a cab was arranged and a £40 fare graciously agreed. Most people take six hours to climb and descend Scafell Pike. Laura and James managed it in a very respectable fourteen.

James proposed in January in front of Monkton Church. True to form, he selected a dark spot where Laura couldn't see the ring, but nevertheless was given a positive response. The groom will always be grateful that such a kind, selfless, intelligent and beautiful lady is prepared to put up with him.

The wedding will be on September 24 at 3pm at Monkton Church. All are welcome to attend the service.

James Edwards



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PUPILS KEEP QUIET TO HELP POORLY CHILDREN

Danielle Neligan, Senior Charity Officer from East Kent Hospitals Charity wrote to us recently to bring this article to our attention. She was so pleased with the wonderful fundraising that the pupils of Monkton Primary School undertook for the charity and we are proud of them too.

Youngsters held a sponsored silence to raise money for poorly children at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.

Pupils in Class 3 at Monkton Primary School completed the challenge as part of their Young Leaders Award, and raised a total of £225.20 for East Kent Hospitals Charity.

The class chose to support Rainbow Ward as a way of giving something back to their community, and also wrote stories of their own experiences at the hospital to reassure other children.

Dee Neligan, senior charity officer, said their money would be put to good use.

She said: "It was such a privilege to visit the children at Monkton Primary and share in celebrating their fundraising achievements.

"These funds will ensure that we can continue to enhance the hospital experience for poorly children at Rainbow Ward, by providing toys, games, arts and crafts and other distraction items to make the hospital experience a bit less scary.

"We are so grateful for the support of Monkton Primary School - thank you so much!"

Class teacher Louise Warner added: "We are so proud of everything the children have achieved over the year, especially their decision to fundraise in order to support this worthy charity."

If you would like to fundraise for the Charity, [please get in touch with us](#)



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This year, Monkton Nature Reserve will be open (**10.30-3.30pm**) to all visitors on the weekend of:

Saturday 10th September – with stalls and stands
Sunday 11th September

Entry is free and we would love to see members, families and friends taking advantage of the opportunity to visit.

All reserve facilities will be open and there will be gifts, refreshments, books, stalls and raffles, a wine or water stand, walks, talks and trails to follow – please put the date in your diaries and help support the day. We are still welcoming anyone that wants to run a stand, set up a craft demonstration, etc. For details, contact Sharon Blayney by email: -

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Sunday 11th September

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Saturday 17th September

Live music with Brad Pittance and the Pirates
9.00pm

Sunday 2nd October

Six Shades of Grey 2.00pm



Spiders Seeking Love

You may have noticed an increase in the Giant House Spiders in your home recently (I know we have!). Even the smallest change in weather can affect them, so our recent heatwave would account for them coming in trying to look for refuge in dark, shady corners. Giant house spiders spin sheet-like cobwebs in neglected corners of the room and wait close by for unsuspecting insects to get caught. They are most active at night.

The giant house spider is the larger cousin of the House spider, and can be found living behind the fireplace, under the sofa, or in the bath. Giant house spiders are particularly prevalent in the autumn when the males are out looking for females. The males stay with their chosen females for some weeks, mating numerous times until eventually they die, at which point they are eaten by their female. Female house spiders can live for several years and both males & females can survive for months without eating or drinking.



It's easy to work out the gender of a house spider (if you want to look at it for that long!). Males have longer legs and smaller bodies. Both sexes have a set of palps – short appendages on either side of their jaws which look like little arms – but the males look like they have boxing gloves on theirs. So, it's the males that you usually see, looking for love - the females tend to stay put in their webs, hidden away.

The Giant House Spider is one of the fastest and largest spiders in Britain. It can run at a speed of around half a metre a second. Luckily I can run faster!!

VILLAGE GROUPS

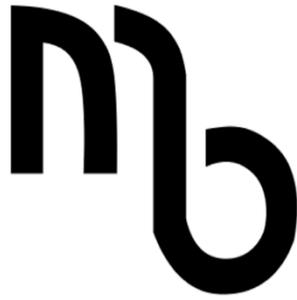
MONKTON GARDEN GROUP

From Wonky cucumbers to the correct way to hold a spade, Radio Kent presenter, Jean Griffen, kept us amused with tales from the radio and answered our gardening questions at our last meeting on the 8th August. We had a selection of cakes and snacks with our tea and even sung Happy Birthday to ourselves as it was our 1st anniversary of starting the club! We had a record attendance and the raffle went well too.

Thank you Jenny and Cindy for your support

Our next meeting will be at 10m in the Village Hall on Monday 12th September. Denise Hill from Hop Along Thanet will be talking to us about growing hops and brewing beer from the hops you grow

Sue Northrop 07759390223



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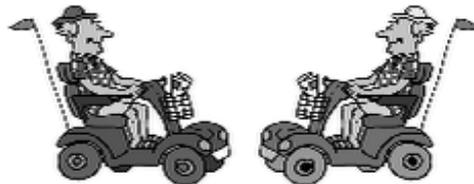
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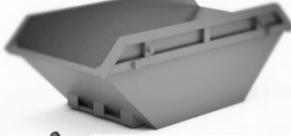


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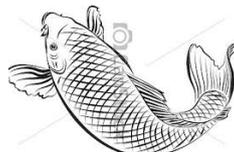
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