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RIP Denyse Cole 1948-2021



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WHO DOES WHAT IN MONKTON NEWS?

Temporary editor: Davina Ransom email -
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Distribution Kay & Harry Horne: tel 823849 Email <shudy@talk21.com>

Articles and letters for Monkton News should be sent to the Editor as
above BY THE 19TH OF EACH MONTH.

THANET FOOD LINK

THE CHURCH PORCH IS NOW OPEN FOR DONATIONS OF FOOD ON SATURDAYS

Please place in the chest provided in the porch area.
However, we are always pleased to receive donations
at 153a Monkton Street (inside shed door).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES THERE
ARE STILL LOCAL FAMILIES WHO RELY ON YOUR GENEROSITY.

THANK YOU

Further info from Kay 823849/shudy@talk21.com

NEW EDITOR NEEDED!



We are looking for a new editor for **MONKTON NEWS**.

This is a voluntary role for someone who may have an interest in journalism/writing, or who finds they have some spare time on their hands or someone who simply wants to make a positive contribution to village life.

You will need enthusiasm, literacy, basic computer skills, and the time to commit to put the magazine together on a monthly basis.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested - do get in touch and we can have a chat about what is involved.

A fresh look at the publication would also be very welcome.

For further details contact Davina Ransom on 821446 (email: Davina.ransom@cransom.plus.com)

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MONKTON VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
Sunday	11.00- 13.00	Ballroom and Latin American dancing	Gordon and Pauline
Monday	09.30 – 10.30	Dance exercise	Chris Paris Brown 01227 365381
	19.00	Dog agility and obedience training	
Tuesday	Afternoon	Private function	Gilly Brown
	19.30	Adult table tennis	
Wednesday	10.00-12.00	Retired villagers' social morning	Sara Archer 821989
	19.00	Line Dancing	Theo Loyla 833643

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 18.00h £55
This allows for the preparation and time to clean.

Part Day Hire

A Minimum of Two Complete Hours £30

All Day Hire up to 18.00h

Includes Ten Complete Hours £100
extra will be £15 per hour

All Day and Evening Wedding etc

From 08.00- 23.00 h £160
Also allows for full kitchen use & two hours the following day before 1000 hrs for a return to clean.

Evening Hire from 19.00h

Quiz, Craft, Dance, etc. £40

P arty Night from 19.00h

£70

One dance couple 2 HOURS

£10

FOCUS ON VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

COFFEE, CAKE AND COMPANY

If you are retired or semi-retired, why not come and join us in the village hall on Wednesday mornings 10.00-12.00 for coffee and a chat? It's a good way to meet new people and you will be made very welcome. Just pop in any time on Wednesday morning. Only £1 for refreshments.

Contact Gilly 821232 or Sara 821989 for more information

LINE DANCING

Do you need a little physical and mental exercise? Then Line Dancing might be just the thing for you. All ages are welcome. Classes take place in the village hall on Wednesday evenings: Beginners 19.00-20.00; Improvers/intermediate 20.00-21.00. £3.50 per class or £5 for both classes.

Contact Theo Loyla for more information on 01843 833643

Poppy appeal collection

Thank you to the villagers of Monkton who raised a total of £423.44p for the appeal from door collections and at the remembrance service at Monkton Church.

Pensioners' Christmas Dinner

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to all who shopped, prepped, cooked, served and made the whole day go so well. Also, thank you to Stuart Horsburgh for the musical entertainment. It was good to see everyone back in the village hall enjoying the event. The raffle made £156.00 which was donated to Demelza House in memory of Denyse Cole. Thank you again it was a lovely day.

Rachel & Heather

OBITUARY

DENYSE COLE

27 September 1948 – 26 November 2021

REST IN PEACE

It is with great sadness that we have to report that our Editor, Denyse Cole, passed away on Friday 26 November. She will be greatly missed by her family and many in the village.

After leaving school Denyse began nursing, but then turned to journalism for a living, working with a local paper in Canterbury. As her children were growing up she took a diploma in horticulture, which led on to a career in teaching, first at The Royal School for Deaf Children in Margate, then at Thanet College, where she taught for many years.

It was after her retirement that Denyse took on the editorship of Monkton News, which she continued for twelve years, right up until a few days before her death.

Denyse came to Monkton over 40 years ago and was always involved in village life, acquiring a vast amount of knowledge of the history of the village and the surrounding area. Her interest in gardening led to her becoming Secretary of Minster and Monkton Horticultural Society, a post that she held for 25 years. She was also one of the gardeners to open their gardens to the public during the very first Open Gardens in 1992.

Denyse was also a loyal church-goer and was a member of the Parochial Church Council of Monkton Church before she became Churchwarden several years ago. This was a duty that she took particularly seriously and was always in attendance at weddings, christenings and funerals. One of her real pleasures was arranging the church flowers, which she did with great skill.

She was a much respected member of our village community and her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. She never did write the book about the village that her friends urged her to do!

Davina Ransom

DENYSE JOAN COLE

A tribute from Rev Canon Peter Gausden:

St Mary Magdalene Church was packed on Friday, 17 December, for the funeral of Denyse Cole. She had fought consistently against the cancer which was first diagnosed in the Spring of 2021 and, despite the enervating effects of chemotherapy she remained active and in good spirits up to the last. One of her last acts was to get the December edition of "Monkton News" off to the printer.

Denyse had served as co-editor of this magazine, with Davina Ransom, since 2009, taking over as Editor in July 2014. We are grateful to Davina for quickly stepping in to produce this February edition of the "News" and are sorry that, in the circumstances, it was not possible to produce a January edition.

Denyse had lived in Monkton for over forty years, starting her married life here, raising her two children, Chris and Lotte, and eventually meeting her partner, David Blackwell. More recently, she rejoiced in spending time with her first grandchild, Theo. A loyal member of Monkton Church, where she regularly arranged the flowers, Denyse was appointed a churchwarden in 2015. She proved a real source of strength and wisdom, particularly with regard to the problems experienced with the new works in the church, completed in 2019. We shall miss her much.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Denyse loved walking the paths around the village.



OBITUARY

DOREEN DAW - 1934-2021

Another well-known former resident of Monkton passed away in December. Her son, Colin, has given us a glimpse into her varied life.

“Mum was born in Bridge in 1934, one of five children who grew up on a farm. She moved to Monkton in the late 1950s and by the end of the 60s she had taken on the role of lollipop lady followed shortly after by the caretaker’s role. Bringing up four boys on her own, she also fostered/looked after many more. Other jobs followed; she worked on Fullers, Baxters and Smiths farms, turkey plucking at Monkton Court Farm in the winter evenings. She also helped around the village tending to the churchyard with friends in what spare time she had. In later years she worked in The White Stag, the Foxhunter kitchen and the one at Ursuline college.

Chickens were always in the garden with the eggs sold around the village. There were also plenty of cakes being made and decorated in the kitchen and catering for parties being done with her friends Brenda and Eileen.

Mum retired from school in 1998 and always missed the children. In 2007 mum moved to Minster, still keeping busy with making pickles raising money for The Pilgrims Hospice and always proud of her front garden winning many prizes at The Flower Show.

Even up to last year she would sit in her chair and say she wished she could go back to work!”

REST IN PEACE



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FEBRUARY 2022

PARISH CLERK – Sara Archer, clerk@monktonparish.co.uk

Over the last few months Monkton has lost some valued members of the community, we wish to extend our sympathies to their families at this difficult time.

Play Area Consultation

Monkton Parish Council has arranged for a Public Consultation with Playdale on the **3rd Feb 2:30pm - 6:30pm in the Village Hall**. During this consultation the proposed plans for the new play area will be on display. We are interested in your thoughts and opinions. If you are unable to attend but would like to see the plan, please email the Clerk at clerk@monktonparish.co.uk.

Drainage/Flooding problems

The Parish Council are aware of the recent drainage and flooding issue, the matter was raised with Southern Water who have been out and inspected the drain with a camera. They have discovered some debris in the system and some root ingress. The council will be inviting Southern Water to attend a meeting - the date is to be confirmed.

Upcoming road closure

Monkton Road, Minster - 8th February 2022 for 32 Days

It will be necessary to close part of Monkton Road, Minster from 8th February 2022 with estimated completion by 11th March 2022.

Monkton Road, Minster will be closed in the vicinity of number 66, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is Monkton Road, Tothill Street, A299 Mount Pleasant/Canterbury Road West/Monkton Roundabout, Willetts Hill, Monkton Street and vice versa.

Planning Updates

Erection of a single storey side extension - FH/TH/21/1863

1 Seamark Close, Monkton, Awaiting decision

Change of use of existing agricultural buildings to light industrial (Use Class E(g)) and/or storage use (Use Class B8), with installation of new doors within Building 1 - F/TH/21/1795

Walters Hall Farm Monkton Street Monkton - Awaiting decision

Outline planning application for residential development of up to 49 dwellings including access - OL/TH/21/076

Land Rear of 92 To 102 Monkton Street Monkton Kent, Rejected

Erection of single storey rear extension to extend 5m in depth, 2.5m to eaves and overall height of 4m - PN01/TH/21/1538

Walters Hall Barn Monkton Street Monkton Kent CT12 4JF, Prior Approval Not Required

Details on all planning applications, including planning conditions and recommendations etc can be found on TDC's website www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/planning-application-search/

NEXT MEETING: Monday 7 February 19.00 Methodist Chapel

MINSTER SURGERY PATIENT LIAISON GROUP

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2022

Covid-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME - UPDATE **IMPORTANT INFORMATION- NEW VACCINE CENTRE**

With the closure of the SAGA building in Westwood Cross, it has been necessary to relocate the Vaccine Centre which is now located adjacent to "Wickes Building Supplies" and "Curry's Electrical Store" and will be called "**Thanet (Broadstairs) Vaccination Service (LVS)**". Once again there will be plenty of car parking on site and it is on various bus routes, AND WILL BE OPEN EVERY Tuesday, Thursday AND Saturday From 8am to 5pm.

Covid cases in Thanet are still worryingly high, especially in schools where coughs and colds are quite prevalent. There is no shortage of vaccines, so if you are not fully jabbed or even double jabbed, get your Vaccination now- no need for an appointment just Drop-In!

So who's eligible?

* Booster Jabs are now available for everyone over 18 but please remember there must be 3 months since your second vaccination. *Older teens aged 16-17 are now eligible for a second dose but must be at least 12 weeks after their first and then likewise for their booster jab * Those aged 12-15 are now also eligible for a second dose after 12 weeks.

Not had yours yet? There are still many patients who are unvaccinated and many others who have not yet had their second vaccine. So don't wait until it's too late! You can still get seriously ill with Covid or worse infect others!

For further information see: MINSTER SURGERY" FACEBOOK PAGE

PLEASE use common sense where necessary and follow the guidelines. So for everyone's Safety: **Wash Hands" "Cover Face" "Make space" "Let Fresh Air In"**.
New Persistent cough? Loss Taste/Smell? High Temperature? - Book a Test - Call 119

PLEASE NOTE: it will still be mandatory to wear face masks when attending the Surgery. THANK YOU.

"FACE TO FACE" appointments

Patients will continue to receive a telephone consultation from a Doctor before being offered an appointment with the relevant healthcare professional.

Surgery Closure Days (Training) from 1pm onwards: Thursday 24th February

If you need to see a Doctor during these times please Call 111 for NON URGENT confidential help and advice for you and your family. For COVID-19 help and advice - Call 119 For URGENT/LIFE threatening Cases Call 999 as normal

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS:

1st prize : Ms Norton from Minster;
2nd Prize -Mrs J Meadon From St Nicholas;
3rd Prize - Mrs J Lawson From Stodmarsh

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 7th February, and if you have any questions on any of the above or suggestions you would like to raise, please contact: Ken Self on 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on 821049 or email kenself@me.com



NATURE NOTES FROM CLIVE NUTTMAN

In the coming weeks, as the days get longer and the temperature rises, some of our most charismatic insects will begin to emerge from their over-wintering sites; the much-loved ladybirds will be amongst them. These colourful little creatures are familiar to everyone and although often referred to as a 'bug' (the American name is 'ladybug'), they are actually beetles and their varied lifestyles and life cycles are very well studied and offer some fascinating snippets of natural history. Ladybirds get their name from Our Lady, the Virgin Mary who was usually depicted in a red cloak in paintings and other imagery; roughly half of Britain's 50+ ladybird species have predominantly red colouration.

Generally, ladybirds are 'helpful' to us; the great majority are carnivorous and the preferred prey is predominantly aphids for many species, some only feeding on a particular type of aphid. Other prey items include other beetle larvae and scale insects while a small number of species are not carnivorous, feeding on specific plants and moulds (a sort of fungus). The help comes in the control of aphids that can do serious damage to plants as the keen gardener will attest. Aphids feed by inserting their mouthparts into the tissues of plant stems and feeding on the sugary products of photosynthesis and the loss of these important building blocks can lead to deformed growth and weakened plants. An individual ladybird – whether adult or the larval stage – can consume 50 aphids a day, a great benefit to gardener and farmer alike; in addition to spoiling garden arrays, aphids can have severe impacts on pea, wheat and potato crops.

Fortunately, ladybirds themselves seem to suffer low levels of predation by other organisms. One factor is their unpleasant taste and it is often the case that bright coloration, especially red, yellow and orange in combination with black, is an indicator or warning colour that helps to ward off would be attackers (although some birds, spiders and ants have learnt to cope with this defence). A direct defence when disturbed is the excretion of a yellowish liquid called reflex blood; this is foul-smelling and has a bitter taste to predators.

A major threat to our ladybirds comes from one of their own kind. In October 2004, the first harlequin ladybird in Britain was found in a pub garden in Essex; this species is described as the most invasive ladybird on earth and has been a harbinger of doom for native ladybirds. A species is deemed 'invasive' if it causes economic or environmental harm if introduced to a new ecosystem; the harlequin was native to Asia but was used extensively by crop growers in Europe for 'biocontrol', to counter aphids that were damaging crop yields. Unfortunately, harlequins are not fussy eaters and developed a taste for aphids away from crops as well as other prey, including other ladybirds! The species has spread rapidly and is now one of the commonest ladybirds across southern Britain, with northward movement continuing apace. Native ladybirds have suffered disproportionately, with decreases in the numbers of 2-, 7- and 10-spot ladybirds being greatest. Perhaps the harlequin ladybird itself might be controlled by a further introduced species but we should be careful what we wish for!

MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH
SERVICES ON WEDNESDAYS 19.00
For info contact Del and Pete 821439.
Methodist Minister Revd. Wes Hampton
wesley.hampton@methodist.org.uk

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

Benefice Administrator: Mr Matthew Hergest 823347

www.wantsumchurches.org

Licensed Reader	Mrs Sally Willins	822428
Churchwarden, (Monkton)	Mr David Mairs	07960417493
Retired Priest	Canon Peter Gausden	825374
Reader Emeritus	Mrs Diana Davies	823817

On Line Contact: info@wantsumchurches.org

www.wantsumchurches.org

To arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, please contact the Parish Administrator, Mr Matthew Hergest (see above).

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

Wantsum Benefice Services -- February 2022

Sunday 6 February – 4th before Lent

9:30 Monkton - Holy Communion
10:30 Minster - Holy Communion
10:30 St Nicholas - Village Worship

Sunday 13 February – 3rd before Lent

9:30 Chislet - Holy Communion
10:30 Minster - Morning Worship
10:30 St Nicholas - Holy Communion

Sunday 20 February - 2nd before Lent

9:30 Monkton - Holy Communion
9:30 St Nicholas - Morning Light - Manor Hall
10:30 Minster - Holy Communion

Sunday 27 February – Last before Lent.

9:30 Chislet - Family Praise
10:30 Minster - Morning Praise
10:30 St Nicholas - Holy Communion

Sunday 6 March - Lent 1

9:30 Monkton - Holy Communion
10:30 Minster - Holy Communion
10:30 St Nicholas - Village Worship

There will be midweek services at Minster as follows:-

Wednesday Feb 2 and March 2 (Ash Wednesday)

BCP Holy Communion at 10:30am.

Wednesday Feb 16 Morning Prayer at 10.30am

People attending Church Services are asked to wear a mask until further notice.

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

Sunday Bible Readings in February

6	4 th Sunday before Lent	1 Corinthians 15, 1-11; Luke 5, 1-11
13	3 rd before Lent	1 Corinthians 15, 12-20; Luke 6, 17-26
20	2 nd before Lent	Revelation 4; Luke 8, 22-25.
27^t	Last before Lent	2 Corinthians 3,12 – 4,2; Luke 9, 28-36
Ash Wednesday, March 2		2 Corinthians 5, 20b - 6,10; Matt.6, 1-6 & 16-21
	First day of Lent	or John 8, 1-11

Christmas Thanks.

Peter & Margaret Gausden would like to thank all those who kindly sent us Christmas Cards.

SEASONS OF CHANGE IN THE WANTSUM BENEFICE

Living in rural East Kent we are very aware of the changing of the seasons as we see winter turn to spring in front of our very eyes. The seasons are changing too regarding our ordained ministry in the Wantsum Benefice.

Revd Michael is moving to become the Priest-in-Charge of Hythe. We are very thankful for the ministry that Michael has shared with us across our churches, schools and parishes and pray for him and his wife, Cat, as they both begin new ministries.

During last summer, Revd Vicky's Curacy came to an end and we thank Vicky too for her similar ministry across our Benefice. You will still see Vicky locally as she is living in the area. For me, personally, it has been a real privilege to work with two Curates and be part of their formation and growth as ministers, supported by the communities of our villages.

In addition to this, I am also moving to a new role as Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover. It was a difficult decision to move on after eight years in our Benefice and there are so many aspects of my ministry here in our villages that I know I will miss. I will write further in next month's magazine, but I would like to thank my friends and colleagues in our churches, schools and parishes for making my time here such a joy and privilege. You will always be in my prayers.

With blessings and peace
Richard

(Revd Richard Braddy, Vicar of the Wantsum Benefice)

The Benefice has set up a Leadership Team to support the churches during the forthcoming vacancy period. You will find details of people to contact above – please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like support. Sunday services will be continuing the same pattern as recent months and details of these are in the magazine too.

ADVERTISING SECTION

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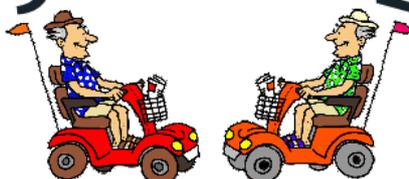
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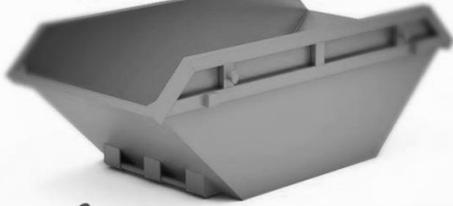
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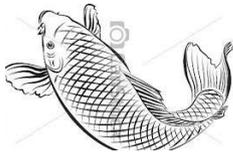
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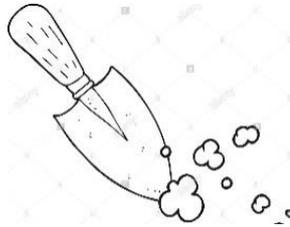
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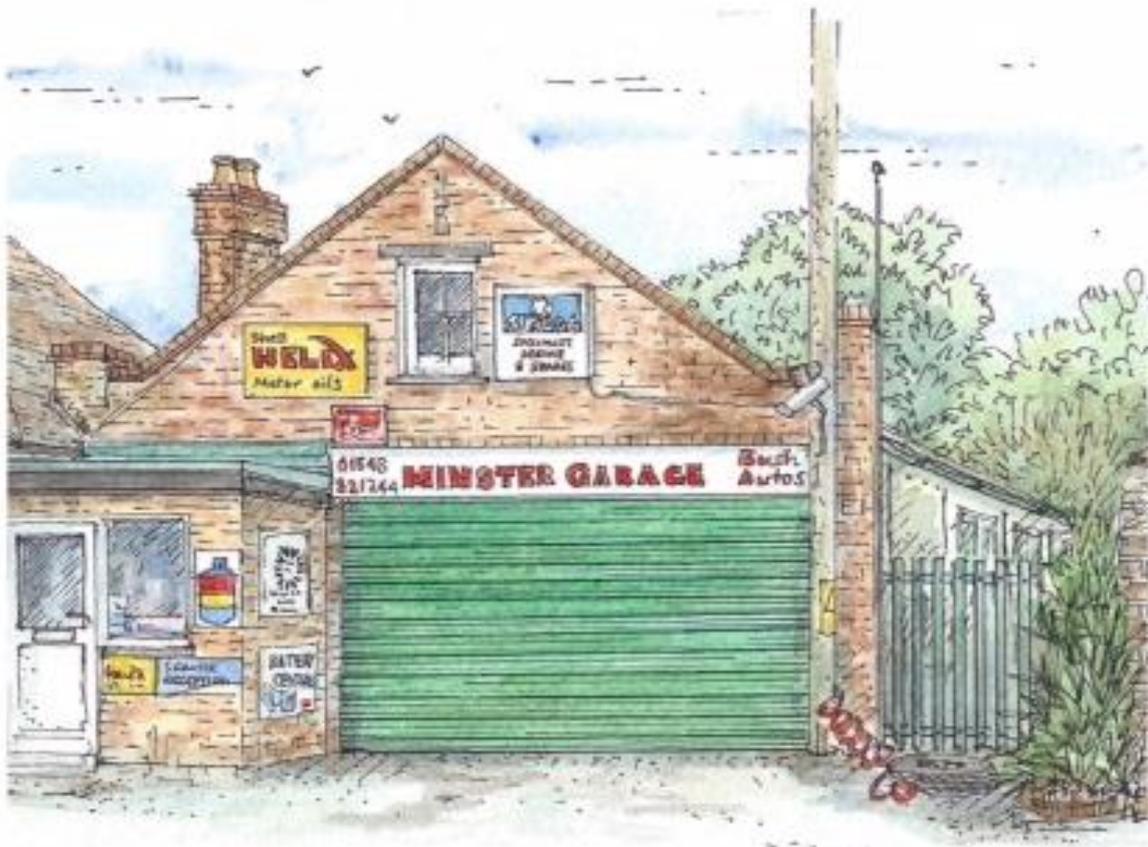
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