

MONKTON NEWS

JUNE 2020



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A MESSAGE TO OUR READERS.

As Monkton News was being produced this month the Government announced a lifting of some of the lockdown restrictions. Sadly, the village was unable, as announced last month, to proceed with our Open Gardens weekend. So all our village openers' work was not entirely lost you can view some of the gardens in our gallery further on in this issue.

For further information about Covid 19 current regulations please refer to government and media outlets for latest updates.

All parish churches and places of worship are still closed for public worship, but there is hope that the buildings may reopen for services possibly in July.

Monkton churchyard is open for villagers to walk around or place flowers on loved ones' graves.

Hopefully we can return to a printed version of Monkton News for July. If you are reading this and know someone who would enjoy reading the magazine, but does not use a media device would you consider printing a copy and giving it to a neighbour or friend. Thank you.

ARE YOU CONTINUING TO ISOLATE ?

Dear neighbour/s

if you live in Monkton and are STILL self-isolating you can call the number below if you need help with: -

prescriptions, shopping, mail posting.

We have local volunteers who are willing to assist you.

Contact Del or Pete on 01843 821439

They will arrange for a volunteer to give you a ring

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE VOLUNTEERING

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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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WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL IN JUNE 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

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VILLAGE NEWS AND EVENTS

CLAPPING AND THANK YOU NHS AND CARERS

Thursday nights at 8 pm when we clock watched and. stood outside with our neighbours 2 metres away clapping and whistling to say thank you NHS and carers, concluded at the end of May.

We can be proud that residents the length of the village supported the weekly event with pot banging, whistles etc as well as clapping for as long as we were asked to join in. It brought a good sense of community and all in it together.

MAKEOVER FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

When the very busy schedule of activities is able to start once more at our village hall groups will notice that the building inside and out looks fresh and revitalised. Village hall managers have taken the lockdown as an opportunity for a major makeover as work could be carried out with social distancing and no problems with group access.

If your club or group meets at our village hall please contact your own organisation for news.

IN MEMORY - MR. TONY LUCKHAM OF WALTERS HALL OAST

Friends, church members and villagers were deeply saddened to learn last month of the death of Mr. Tony Luckham, who had resided in Monkton for many years. After a distinguished military career Mr. Luckham had contributed much to the life of our village. He served for many years as church warden of St. Mary Magdalene, and was a familiar figure on Remembrance Sunday giving the Exhortation at our War Memorial.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

IN MEMORYLucilla Elain Rennison.

Cilla was born in Ramsgate on the 6th September 1954. She was next to youngest of six, four boys and two girls.

She moved to Monkton in the mid-seventies with her then husband John and two young children Penelope and Aln.

Not long after moving into the village Cilla along with a few other mothers in the village started the Under 5's group in the 'Men's Institute' She gained qualifications to do this on the 'Open University'.

One of her passions in life was photography, which she did professionally for several years, and again studying at Thanet College to gain qualifications. For a short time, she taught at the college.

Gardening was another favourite pastime. With myself growing plants for the garden but not allowed to plant them out as they would look like 'rows of soldiers'. She also did flower arrangements in the Church for the Open Gardens weekends.

In 2012 we took on the responsibility of bringing up her son Aln's two children Cei and Africa on Africa's first birthday. A daunting task when nearly sixty years old, but with the alternative of losing them in the care system, to Cilla, this was the only thing to do.

Sadly, at the beginning of the year Cilla was diagnosed with cancer in the right tonsil and whilst undergoing treatment suffered a serious stroke followed shortly by a seizure from which she did not recover.

I would like to say a big thankyou to all who stood at the road side to see Cilla off on the morning and who sent cards of sympathy. There will be a memorial service for her at the church when we are allowed to do so.

TERRY MARSH

MINSTER SURGERY REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

You are able to order your repeat prescription by phone. Please listen carefully to the choices on the surgery line 821333 to connect to the correct person. Have your prescription by you to confirm or read from if requested.

During these difficult times allow plenty of time for your prescription to be processed. Prescriptions are DELIVERED to residents in Monkton on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You are asked NOT TO GO IN PERSON TO THE SURGERY to collect prescriptions that are on a repeat basis

V.E. DAY BANK HOLIDAY IN MONKTON A PHOTO SOUVENIR







Families throughout the village responded to the idea of front garden parties for the VE 75th commemoration holiday/ The Horsborough family played two sets of nostalgic music to socially distanced listeners. Greetings were shouted across gardens and a great deal of waving and cheering went on as the village's many decorated dwellings were admired. The lockdown may have stopped the planned events, but not the sense of patriotic celebration. .See parish council news to read more.



MORE PICTURES ON MONKTON FACEBOOK PAGES



A POETIC REFLECTION ON VILLAGE LIFE

ODE TO THE LOSS OF A VILLAGE GAP (Just wondered if it should be ODE TO PROGRESS)

(With apologies to William Wordsworth)

I wandered lonely as a cloud

Along the street one day,

The sun did shine

The birds did sing

All was serene and green.

The view before me stretched away

Far as the eye could see

Towards the Wantsum Channel.

It lifted the soul that sunny morn

When all was serene and green.

Then came the chain saws and the diggers,

The birds did fly away

No more to sing on sunny days

When all was serene and green.

New houses soon will block the view

Towards the Wantsum Channel

And only memories will be left

Of when all was serene and green.

Author's name supplied.

Topical thoughts from our Methodist friend, Rev Colin Telfer

Finding Sacred Space

There is a criticism of the church that it closed its doors with the lockdown. Some people feel that they have been cut from the sacred. There are others who can find nothing sacred in a church building. Roadside memorials show signs of sacredness where there has been a fatality. In E.M Forster's 'A Passage to India' Mrs. Moore's 'poor little talkative Christianity is compared to Islam and Hinduism. In Powell and Pressburger's film 'Black Narcissus' a group of nuns are compared to a Hindu holy man. There is no shortage of celebrities who compare religion to nature or to science.

Where do we find sacredness in our lives? We are commanded by God to 'be Holy as I am Holy'. The Bible tells us that this is desirable and achievable. For some believers holiness has taken on a negative and undesirable image, but scripture presents it positively and desirably. There are many ways to approach sacredness, there are holy places; holy times (prayer time, Sabbath, Easter); holy objects (Holy Bible, Holy Communion); holy people (saints); perhaps we approach holiness from a moral position. How holy is our church? Is the building a space where we find ourselves in the presence of God? Is the time we set aside for worship sacred to us? Are the things we do in our worship sacred? Is there sacredness in our music, prayers, or sacraments? Do we find sacredness in those around us? Are we a Christian community? Do we behave as people living in the fulness of God's Love? Do we find sacredness outside the church? In places? Art? Music? People? Nature?

Whether people of faith or not the sense of sacredness is widespread. The language and descriptions may be different but there is a sense of awe and wonder, of experiencing the otherness in the world. I have always found that sense of wonder when looking at the night sky or standing on the top of a mountain, but sometimes also when reading scripture, in worship and with some people. In the Bible the wilderness is often the place where people meet God. It can be difficult to be excluded from the familiar places where we meet God, but exciting to find the sacred in new places.

Colin.

Messy Church News

I'm afraid messy church will now be closed until September due to social distancing. It would be extremely difficult to have lots of people in the hall or the church and keep them a safe distance apart.

One of our themes for this term would have been hymns which gives me an idea of something you could all do at home.

The idea was to choose a favourite hymn, or song, that you sing during collective worship and make something that would show what your chosen hymn is about: For example I am planning to do art work to show 'My Lighthouse' as I love to hear the children singing this when I come into the school.

Our first Messy Church in September (or when we're able to resume) will be on this theme so I was thinking you could all make, draw, paint something to represent your personal favourite and email a picture of it to me. Then, when we return I will have all your pictures up on display. It will also be a joyful afternoon if we can sing some of your favourites.

Over to you my email address is eileen.brackston@googlemail.com

I would love to hear from you about anything as well as seeing what you produce. Maybe you could get the family involved with their favourites. It would be nice to have adults' favourites to put on display.

God bless you all, take care

Messy Eileen

THE PASTORAL LETTER .. OUR VICAR WRITES

Disciples and us in lockdown...

The fifty days after Easter are for Christians a period of celebration and waiting. Celebration for the resurrection of Jesus bringing new life and hope to all; and waiting for the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus appeared to his disciples several times after his resurrection and he told them to wait for when he would send an advocate, a helper, to be with them – the Holy Spirit. So, they waited together in a room. This sounds familiar – waiting together for the time when it's possible to go out and celebrate.

During this current period of lockdown, we are in a time of waiting and a time of transition. Gradually as restrictions are lifted, we may have different emotions of wanting to get on with things or being anxious about how we are able to keep ourselves safe – and perhaps a mixture of both. While the disciples were in this time of waiting, the risen Jesus appeared to them and reassured them saying *peace be with you and do not be afraid*.

It is perhaps natural for us to feel anxious at times in these days whether we are children or adults – and that is ok; being honest with ourselves about our feelings and well-being and if possible, talking to someone else about this can be helpful too. We don't know how the disciples felt during this time – but we do know that they received Jesus' peace. When the Holy Spirit came life for the disciples was changed there was new energy, hope and optimism – things were different. I wonder how things will be for us when we emerge from lockdown?

At the moment, our church buildings are closed, but we keep praying for our communities, our schools, for key workers and those who care, for all in need and for the time when we can be together again.

Peace be with you.

Revd Richard Braddy





MINSTER SURGERY

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PATIENCE

We would like to thank all our patients and the wider community for bearing with us throughout these difficult times, whilst we endeavor to maintain our usual high standard of service and ensuring we maintain a safe working environment for both our staff and patients alike.

But please remember:

WE ARE STILL OPEN!

So, if you have a health related problem please don't be afraid to contact the surgery, we are still taking calls. All calls will be triaged and referred to a GP then offered a telephone consultation, or if considered necessary, an appointment with the relevant Healthcare professional. We are sorry but we cannot offer pre bookable appointments at this moment in time.

However, if you are experiencing a cough, high temperature or breathing difficulties, please do not contact the surgery, stay at home, and if necessary, contact NHS directly by dialing 111.

Further upto date advice and information can be found at

www.nhs.uk and gov.uk .

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

We have been over whelmed by your generosity and skills and donating various items of PPE such as masks, shields, scrubs, and would like to thank everyone including Julie Beaney; "Carrienne's Sewing Studio;" "CTRALTESC" Escape Room, Margate and their 3D printer; Dougie Chapman; just to name a few, but with apologies to those we have not been able to include.

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 all the family.

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial "999 "as normal.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Will be held on **Saturday 21st November**, same time, same place!
Don't forget to book early for Christmas! We are taking bookings, and following the cancellation of our Spring Fayre have received several provisional requests so don't forget "Book Early for Christmas!"

PATIENT LIAISON GROUP - CAN WE HELP YOU?

Unfortunately, our meetings have had to be postponed until further notice,

However, if you have any concerns, need help - shopping perhaps - advice or just someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to contact either:

Ken Self on Thanet 821200 or Jeanne Lawrence on Thanet 821049

or email kenself@me.com

We would also like to welcome the new editor for St Nicolas Parish Magazine, Louise Lewer and at the same time, as he decides to retire his printer as well as himself, thank Dr Hugh Bird for his help and support of the Group over many years

AND FINALLY

Please remember to follow the Government's New Guidelines:

**“STAY ALERT - CONTROL
THE VIRUS - SAVE LIVES**

THANET FOOD BANK

Our village donation points are currently still closed. Donations by cheque will be most gratefully received. Please make payable to St. Mary Magdalene Church, and deliver to the mail box for 153a Monkton Street. Your gift will be sent to the organization providing much needed supplies at this difficult time. Thank you.

The Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton



On Line Contact: info@wantsumchurches.org

www.wantsumchurches.org

No Sunday Services in Monkton in June

CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND MONKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Corona Virus regulations

In line with directions from the Church Authorities, all Services of Worship in our churches are suspended, and all churches closed until further notice. These restrictions have changed and limited access is now allowable for clergy and inspection/maintenance of buildings.

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

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

MONKTON

JUNE 2020

PARISH CLERK SARA ARCHER clerk@monktonparish.co.uk

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STAYING SAFE We hope you are all staying safe and well. Monkton Parish Council are continuing to operate, however for the moment we have had to suspend Parish Council meetings. We are currently looking at alternative options and will provide updates on our Facebook page and via the notice boards. Please continue to send any comments, issues or questions to us, we will be happy to help.

VE Day

A big thank you to Monkton Village for coming together to celebrate VE day, our Village looked amazing with all of the decorations and flags. We would like to give special thanks to Rachael & the Horsborough family, Heather & Malcom Gunton and Del & Pete Mitchell for their much appreciated input in ensuring Monkton celebrated the day in style.

New website

Monkton Parish Council are currently updating their website to ensure it's in line with accessibility regulations. We will provide an update once this is live.

Village traffic

There have been reports of speeding through the Village recently, we ask all residents and visitors to watch their speed as a lot more people are out walking and cycling during this time.

The White Stag

The Council has received a number of questions around the work being conducted on the White Stag. The Council has approached TDC planning for an update. Here is their response:

"Following investigation, the use of the first floor for Air B&B rooms in connection

with the public house does not appear, on the basis of the evidence before us, to constitute a material change of use of the premise. However if new impact occurs from the operation of the pub with these rooms, then we would investigate whether the development has resulted in a change of use by virtue of the impact of the works"

We will provide any other updates

Polite Reminder

Please remember to pick up after your dog, we have been receiving reports that this issue is on the increase again. The particular issue is prominent in the Recreation Ground, a lot of families are using this facility at the moment so please ensure you monitor dogs who are off the lead.

When out walking please could you remain on the footpaths provided, this will ensure wildlife is not disturbed.

Planning Updates

Coles Yard 20 houses (two storey) and 20 retirement flats (two storey) with associated parking.

Comments have now been submitted to TDC Planning, we are awaiting a decision.

15 Seamark Close Amended plans for rear extension

Comment deadline has passed, no objections have been raised. Awaiting decision.

Heyhill, 49 dwellings - Land Rear of 96 to 102 Monkton Street

Outline planning refused, at the moment no appeal or resubmission notification

has been received. Monkton Parish Council will continue to strongly object to this development.

Details on all planning applications, including planning conditions and recommendations etc can be found on TDC's website using the following link:

www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/planning-application-search/



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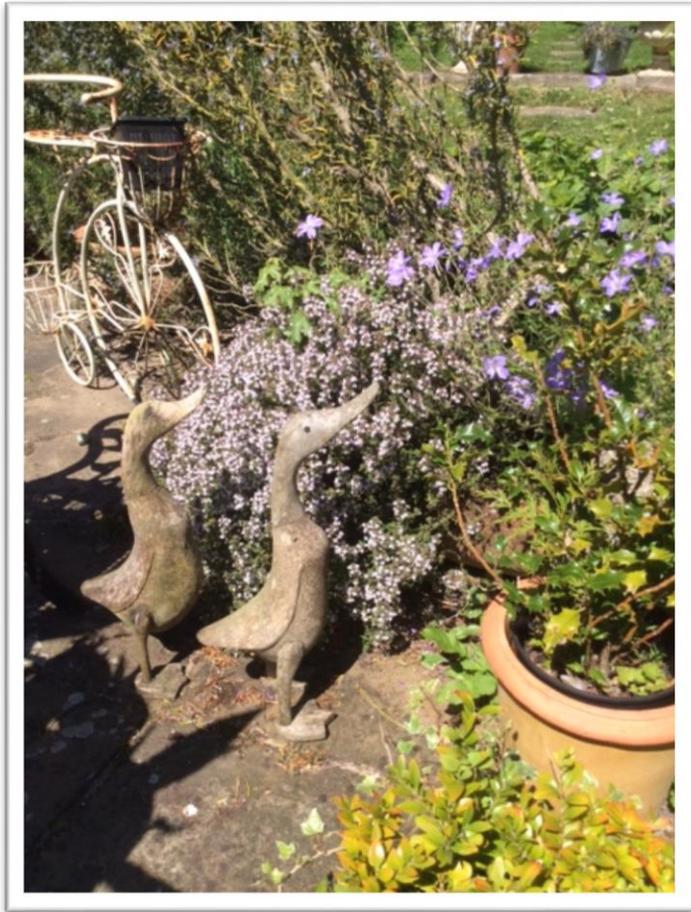


VILLAGE VIRTUAL GARDEN TOUR

A glimpse of some of our proposed open gardens







WILD FLOWERS OF THE VILLAGE

You may have noticed these wild flowers on walks during lockdown.



This field carries a wild flower crop and has become an eco-oasis for thousands of pollinating insects. It is under threat of development. The white flowers are marguerites, or moon daisies, which seem to have popped up on verges everywhere .



Red campion, abundant in the same field.



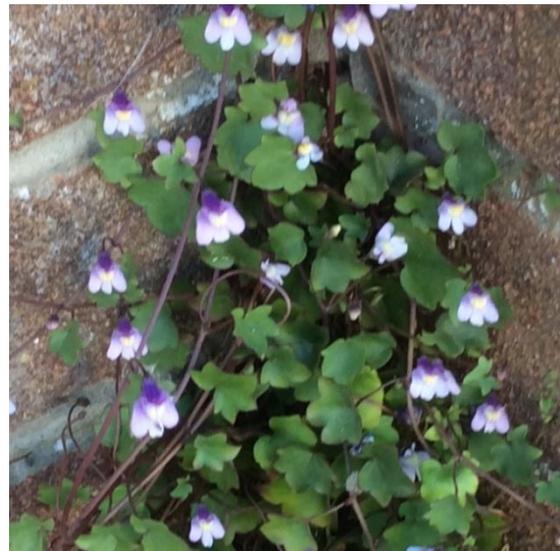
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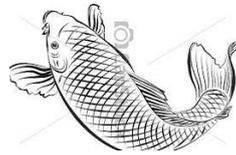
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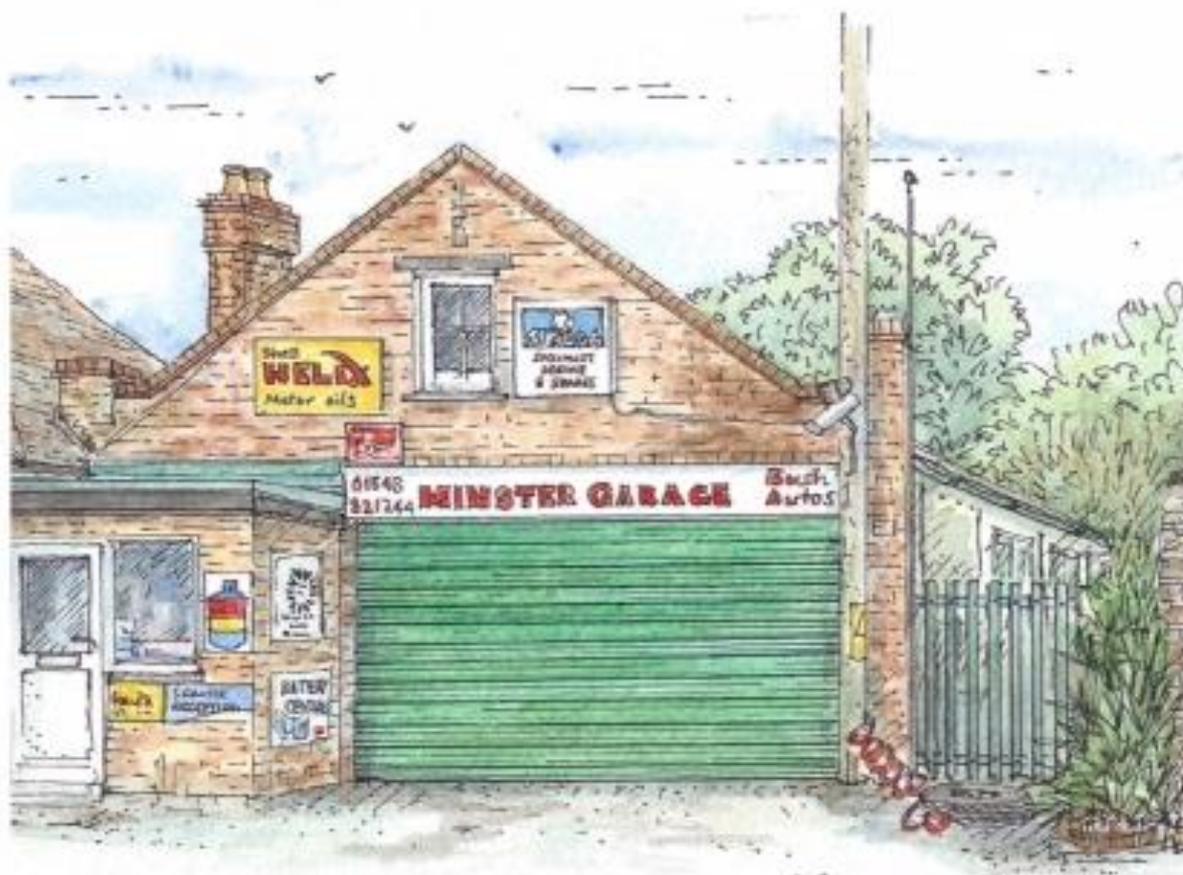
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