

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Minal Christmas Lights and Nativity provide Hope

The beautiful Christmas Lights throughout the village illuminated a message of hope for a better year ahead. The Nativity Play, organized this year down at the Sports Field, provided an opportunity for the community to gather safely, hear the Christmas Story and loudly sing carols on a clear and cold winter's night. We have so much to be thankful for.

DO YOU KNOW?

Making Minal a highly desirable, efficient and safe community does not happen by accident. The various organizations that strive to benefit and safeguard the parish and to comply with regulations are run by hard working **volunteers**, who give willingly of their time.

Minal Parish Council (PC)

We are known as Minal Parish Council to follow the local name of the village but are registered with Wiltshire County Council as Mildenhall. We serve the village and surrounds of Mildenhall and Stitchcombe. We have 7 Councillors who serve a term of 4 years although occasionally vacancies crop up during this time. Parish councils are the first tier of local government and are closest to the community. We play a vital part in representing the interests of our community and are responsible for:

- Maintaining the rights of way around the village
- Managing the provision of various services such as grass cutting, maintenance, emergency heating and shelter
- Advising Wiltshire County Council on local planning issues
- Maintaining the Play areas and equipment
- Ensuring the village environment is pleasant and free of litter
- Listening to residents and working to improve the village facilities eg purchasing Church field and installing speed signs
- The parish council is often asked for its views on a wide range of issues that are decided by other bodies. This could include, for example, public transport, regional planning or community safety.
- Supporting community projects such as a Parish newsletter, website, playground for children

For more information or questions contact the Parish Clerk – Sue Hine at clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!



The new improved Minal website should be up and running before the end of January. You will then be able to access the Minal News online.

Watch this space!!

www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

Whats happening in Minal?



CHURCH DIARY January 2021

St John the Baptist Minal
Services at 9.00am on the
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of
each month:

Sunday 3rd January

Sunday 17th January

Sunday 31st January

St John the Baptist Church
is open every day from
9.30 am to 4.00pm.

For any enquiries email
gordonpepper55@gmail.com

Each of the Marlborough Churches has a Churchwarden(s) and a **Parochial Church Council** which is elected by those on the church electoral roll. The members of the **PCC** are trustees of the charity. There are leaflets in the church explaining its history over hundreds of years. The main feature is the Georgian wood interior constructed in 1816 when rent and tythes from church land brought in a considerable amount of money. Attendance has dropped due to Covid-19 which has financial implications for the church and like many facets of life and **community** it will be interesting to see what the future holds

Britain in Bloom South West 2021



We've had notification that this year's cancelled entries for Marlborough / Britain in Bloom were automatically re-entered for 2021. Our village hall wildlife garden was entered as an 'In Your Neighbourhood' project with Transition Marlborough's Bee Roadz. To support the entry and to make the village even more pollinator friendly than it already is, every house will receive a small packet of wildflower seeds to sow in Spring that will flower by summer. Imagine a mosaic of patches of wildflowers right through the village, how that will help wildlife and bring some cheer to us all next summer. When you get your seeds, look out for top tips on sowing and growing them in the March news. For more information visit www.facebook.com/MinalCommunity



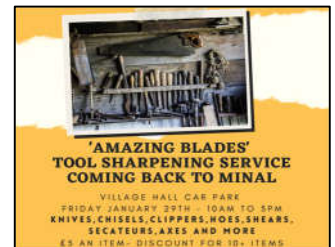
My Wiltshire Online and App

Want to find out which day rubbish or recycling is collected? Or want to report a problem? Instead of trying to phone you can go to the Wiltshire Council online or via an app on your phone. If you register for an account you will receive updates on your reports. Go to <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting> or search Mywilts on your smart phone app store. Minal residents have recently reported a faulty street lamp and a dangerous pothole in this way.

Book Club

Minal book club: Next meeting at 7pm in the Horseshoe on Thursday 28 January 2021 (Covid rules permitting), when we will be talking about "Anything is possible" by Elizabeth Strout. New members welcome; please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Tool sharpening returns
29th January 10.00am
Village Hall

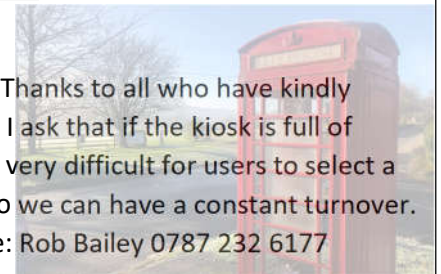


Dog Litter!!

There has been a disturbing increase in dog litter left on footpaths, roads and fields. Take your litter home or place it in the bespoke bins provided **for you** by the PC.

Book Exchange

A plea from the book exchange in the telephone kiosk. Thanks to all who have kindly donated books and the odd DVD and videos. Please can I ask that if the kiosk is full of books then please do not pile any more in as it makes it very difficult for users to select a book and makes my job even harder sorting them out so we can have a constant turnover. If you need help in disposing of unwanted books call me: Rob Bailey 0787 232 6177



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Newsletters are in various points in the village and please take a few copies and drop them though your neighbours' letterboxes if you think they might not be getting out to pick up one. If you have any articles or information you would like to add to Minal News please email robbailey1@aol.com

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