

Bonfire & Fireworks



Friday 5th November

Minal sports field

Gates open: 6.30pm

Firework Display: 7.30pm

Parking on the field if its not too wet!

BBQ, Soup, Hot Chocolate, Beer, Mulled Wine



Playpark maintenance and village social

Saturday 13 November 10.00am (or 20 November if too wet).

Fancy burning off your lockdown calories to help our playpark and meet some fellow residents? We need some volunteers to add new chippings to the playpark areas. They are delivered in big bags and need spreading and mixing with the old stuff. So if you have a fork or spade and a wheelbarrow so much the better. It is not difficult but needs many hands. The PC will provide sandwiches, cakes and drinks for the workers. If you don't have equipment we can provide. Meet at 10.00am at the playpark.

MINAL BOOK CLUB

The end November meeting has been moved to 9 December when we will be reviewing *Dear Life: a doctor's story of love and loss*, by Rachel Clarke, and getting into festive mood and fare at The Horseshoe. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Deirdre Watson on dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Acoustics
@ The Shoe
...well what can you do?

Friday 26th November in the Horseshoe.
The Vibe is great!!

Rain Planters Initiative supported by ARK! Garden Club in conjunction with the Village Hall

Weds 24th Nov 7.30pm Village Hall

Evening talk with pre-drinks & 'green' chat from 7pm.
Title: Creative Rainwater in your Garden

Sat 27th Nov 10am-3pm

Practical Rain Planter Workshop

To learn about, construct and plant a rain planter at Mildenhall Village Hall. No experience necessary. Booking essential - spaces limited to 12. Email julie@riverkennet.org. to book your place. Tools, instruction and equipment provided. Bring-and-share lunch.



A Celebration of Life

Bob Barnett

23rd May 1941-12th October 2021

Bob Barnett was born in Savernake Hospital and lived in Minal all his life. He met Pauline at the age of 23 in the Horseshoe Pub and they were married for 55 years. Bob was the son of William and Winifred, he had 2 brothers and 4 sisters, 3 children and 9 grandchildren. Bob was a family man and loved having them around. He took great pride in the village, and enjoyed helping people out. From gardening, clearing snow covered paths, sweeping, picking litter, to DIY and walking people's dogs he was always there with a smile. Bob was an active member of the sports and social club for many years. He helped build the pavilion and assisted with maintenance of the grounds and doing tasks such as painting and cleaning without fuss as was his manner.

On 26th October, St John the Baptist Church was packed with family and friends who paid their respects to a much loved family and village man who will be greatly missed.



MINAL CHURCH

Church services are held every Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church Minal at 9am.

- 7 November - All Age Worship
- 14 November – Remembrance Service
- 21 November - Morning Worship
- 28 November - Holy Communion
- 5 December - All Age Worship

The Church Loo is Open!

On 19th October the Bishop of Ramsbury, the Rt Rev Dr Andrew Rumsey formally declared the new St John the Baptist Church 'facility' open. The Bishop congratulated the parishioners for their perseverance over the years of negotiation and their sheer hard work in fund-raising during that time. The Bishop is one of two leads on a Commission examining the future of ancient rural churches and he ventured an opinion that such facilities are essential for their future if such churches are to survive. To a universal cheery groan he noted they had 'spent many pennies' and were now 'flushed with success.'



Werg Bridge Gets a Plaque!



David Sheratt, our local historian, and Tom and Jill Otley have paid for a plaque in the Werg Bridge to recognise the Rev Charles Francis, Rector of Minal from 1788 – 1821. Rev. Francis paid for the bridge, endowed the village school and paid for some of the pews in Minal Church. For more information go to www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk.

Ninna Gibson – Deputy Lieutenant!

Whoops! Correction to October Minal News. In their enthusiasm to congratulate Ninna on being appointed a Deputy Lieutenant, the Editorial team gave her name as Durnsford, which is in fact the name of the farm in Minal where she and her husband Martin reside. When apologising to Ninna she responded with "no offence taken" and how much she appreciated the hard work that so many do for Minal and community. Thanks Ninna!