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A Fond Farewell to Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II pledged herself to the service of her people of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth and served them faithfully until she died aged 96 years old. What an amazing reign. We will hold memories of a noble and gracious lady. She was conscientious and a dutiful monarch and our longest serving Royal.

She lived through enormous social changes and saw 18 General Elections, but above all was a Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. We will all hold our own special memories of her. Some may have met her, or even been given an award for services to the community.

The country and world paid their respects to her in a well planned show of British ceremony. Our thoughts are with King Charles and all the Royal family as they mourn her loss.

Service in life, hope in death. All who follow the Queen's example, and inspiration of trust and faith in God, can with her say: "We will meet again."

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

BONFIRE NIGHT

**A date for Your Diary
Bonfire/fireworks night!**

Saturday 5th November
7.00 p.m
Minal Sports Field

Keep a look out for updated details. Watch sign boards, Minal Webpage and Minal Community Facebook Page.



AMOUNT RAISED FROM FETE

A fantastic outcome for 2022 Minal Fete which raised **£4,027.36 - £400 more than 2021!**

The proceeds will be split between three village charities. Each will receive £1,342.45

Minal Village Hall.
Minal Sports and Social Club.
St. John the Baptist Church
Well done team!

A Samsung Galaxy Smart Watch was found after Minal Fete at the end of July. If this belongs to you or you are aware that someone has lost it:

Please contact Clive Scholefield on 07717 812165



MINAL CHURCH



Services are held in St John the Baptist Church every Sunday at 9.00am.

All are welcome

Saturday 1st October
Church and churchyard clear-up. 10-12 noon

Sunday 2nd October
Harvest Festival
9.00 am

Links with Sudan

After a visit from Bishop Data to Minal plans are underway to form a link of support with him. A special Harvest collection will go towards buying seed for his diocese in South Sudan.

Also, the Harvest collection of food will go to support Devizes and District Foodbank who are low on stocks of tinned cold meat, tinned soup, vegetables, pasta and fruit.

Contact Sarah Musgrave

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The Horseshoe Pub

We apologise to Clare and James at the Horseshoe Pub. We published the incorrect Sunday opening days, in the September edition. Current opening times are:

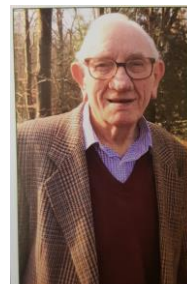
Wednesday & Thursday: 5pm -11pm
Friday & Saturday: 12pm – 11pm
Sunday: 12pm – 10pm

Acoustic Night is Back

Music returns to the pub!

October Acoustic Night at The Horseshoe will be Thursday the 20th October with music from 8pm. All welcome to come along and perform.

**A Tribute to
Edmund 'Joe'
Smith
12th Feb 1926 –
9th Sept 2022**



It is with sadness that we report the death of Joe Smith. He had lived in Minal for such a long time with his wife Gladys. They celebrated over 60 years of marriage and loved family life with children, grandchildren and recently a new great grandchild, who was born on the day Joe died. They have thoughtfully given him the name of Edmund.

Joe was born in Axford. He had a career in the Forces during the war, serving in the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers.

He held a strong work ethic and worked longest at Marlborough Tiles until his retirement.

He was a very well known local figure and served as Church Warden for many years in the church he loved.

His family remember him as a loving, kind, gentle man with a sense of humour. His family were central to his life and he showed his generosity in so many ways. He was a keen gardener and fast bowler in cricket and in one game bowled out an entire opposition team! He lived a long life and will be remembered with a great fondness.

Many villagers will have shared his garden knowledge and received seeds or plants from his fabulous garden.

Please visit the Minal website www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk for more info