

Minal News 40

April 2023

Communication Building Community

Minal Coronation Celebration 'The Big Picnic' Sunday 7th May 12 noon Church Field.



Get the bunting out for a 'Right Royal Knees Up' to celebrate the historic event of the Coronation of King Charles III. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch and BBQ on the field adjacent to the Church on Sunday 7th May 12.00 – 3.00pm. Food to share (bring chicken, salads, quiches, sausage rolls, bread, scones...) Traditional games (Tug of war, egg & spoon and sack races, Beat the goalie). A Coronation themed Cake/traybake competition. Music and fun. Watch out for your invitation through your door.

We need willing volunteers to help on Saturday 6th to move items from the Village Hall to the field, erecting marquees. Also help running games, a master of ceremony, help to man the BBQ.

Contact: 07785 568513 or chat to Mark Mutch, Sarah Foard, Gilly Price, Kelli Chicero.



The Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly supported at the referendum on 23 March. All planning requests coming to Wiltshire Council will now have to take the Plan into account; this should protect us against unwanted developers, help keep the look and feel of Minal in keeping with its environment, and keep our green areas safe.

Thank you to those who supported the Plan, and who voted for it. Minal had the best turnout of the parishes involved!

Church Diary

Happy Easter!



Services at St John the Baptist every Sunday at 9am.

2nd April is Palm Sunday.

If you would you like to be part of the Passion reading in St John the Baptist Church, do let Sarah Musgrave know. sarahmusgrave99@hotmail.com.

3rd April (Monday) **COMPLINE** at 7.30pm in St John the Baptist Church.

Easter Saturday Procession

If you enjoy the Village Nativity, you'll enjoy the Easter Procession in Marlborough High Street at 11am on Easter Saturday. If you and your children would like to learn the songs beforehand, do come to St Mary's Church at 10.15am...and **do feel free to dress up. Village Nativity outfits would be perfect for children and adults.**

9th April Easter Service 9am for the whole family.

Minal Emergency Plan

We're all looking forward to some better weather at this time of year but work continues on the village emergency plan. Our plan will concentrate on helping the village in the event of a severe weather event or a power outage when the emergency services may be overwhelmed.

Rob Bailey and Jon Napper on the village hall committee are busy applying for a grant from SSE for equipment to enable us to use the village hall as an emergency muster point with power and supplies and an improved entrance.

People from the Covid 19 volunteers have already come forward with offers to help. We would need people who could distribute sand bags/glow sticks and check on vulnerable people. Other tasks might be helping clear paths or branches. Our local farmers and contractors have volunteered equipment to help with clearing roads if necessary.

If you have any skills such as medical or equipment that might help and would like to be on the volunteer list please contact our parish clerk Sue Hine on 512847 or clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

UPCOMING IN THE VILLAGE

SALE QUALITY PRE-LOVED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS Saturday 29th April at Minal Village Hall

10.00 - 3.00pm

Glass, china, pictures, ornaments, vases, garden pots,
clothes etc

Cash only - Parking available

Staggered entry may be necessary

Minal Munch Friday 21st April 3.00pm Village Hall

All are welcome to come along to Minal Munch held on one Friday afternoon each month from 3.00 to 4.30pm. There is always a warm welcome and a selection of lovely free cakes and refreshments. What's not to like? Look out for the banner on the Village Hall.

Gardening Club Wednesday 19th April 7.30pm At the Pub



We'll be making up packets of runner bean seeds in memory of Joe Smith. All the beans will come from Joe's own harvests that he had shared with neighbours. They'll be distributed around the village, with growing instructions, in the hope that we'll have some splendid entries for the special 'Joe's Beans' class at the village show in September. Everyone welcome to join in. Call Sue Hine for further details: 512847

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Our current chair John Bevan is stepping down in May after 17 years on the parish council and the last 5 as Chair. He will be much missed and we are looking for a new Parish Councillor to join us. All types of skills and abilities are needed on a Parish Council. The last few years have been some of the busiest for the PC with new waste bins, gates for our footpaths and major improvements to the playground and Church car park being completed. If you have some spare time (meetings are every other month for 2 hours) and would like to be involved please contact the Parish Clerk. If you would like to have a chat to see what is involved please call Sue Hine on 512847 or email clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

This month at The Horseshoe

Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th April

Now a popular, regular monthly fixture on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Maximum 6 per team and £2 per person.

Winner takes all!

Acoustic Night – Thursday 20th April

Musicians and music lovers welcome.

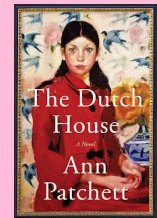
Music starts at 8pm.

The acoustic night is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Think 'THIRDSDAY'.

Minal Book Group

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 27th April in the Horseshoe** when we will be reviewing Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce and circulating our next book *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. New members welcome. Please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or dwatsonweavers@gmail.com



Watch this Space!



Minal Village Fete Fun for family and friends Saturday 15th July

On the Sports Field

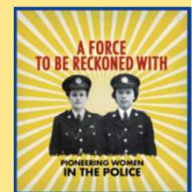
If you would like to help please contact Clive Scholefield at cliveascholefield@gmail.com

Mikron Outdoor Theatre presents

A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

Wednesday 19th July 7pm

On the Sports Field



The Village Hall is still looking for a Booking Clerk

Lisa Coomber has done a fantastic job as the village hall bookings clerk and now needs to pass on the baton. Are you looking for a home-based way to make a contribution to Minal life? It's not a huge commitment of time but it is a vital role to keep the village hall a vibrant centre for village activities. Please contact either Lisa 511623 or Lynn Scholefield at minalvhmoney@gmail.com to find out what being the next booking clerk will involve.