

# Minal News 49

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Communication Building Community



## New Sound Proofing

The Village Hall's acoustic qualities have been much improved by the installation of sound absorbing panels. Grateful thanks to Nick Beere, Jon Napper and Rob Bailey for their work.

## CHURCH NEWS

Please note that the 9am service on **3rd March** will be a **Holy Communion** as **Mothering Sunday** is on **10th March**

Have you ever wanted to go to the **11am Maundy Thursday service in Salisbury cathedral**? If so do let me know and we can share lifts. This is the service when ordained ministers renew their commitment in the Cathedral

Would you like to take part in the **Marlborough Churches Together Easter Procession 2024**? This year the Easter Procession will be at 11am, Saturday 30th March. Please consider having an active role in this enjoyable and moving outreach; and contact Helen Stokes on 07954 413462 [hcstokes@gmail.com](mailto:hcstokes@gmail.com). We'll be having have an **Easter Egg hunt after our service at 9am on Easter Day**. Do come and join us.

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read and see photos of the recent floods. I don't think it was the worst in living memory because I can remember our house being flooded out.

We lived in one of four cottages attached to the Blacksmiths shop ( now where Mary Fishlock lives) The front door opened off the road. That year, it must have been in the '40s, we had a lot of snow and when the thaw came, the water came down Greenway and into our houses, being the lowest point, despite a pile of sandbags.

Our " Privys" were down the garden which was completely flooded and level with the river and water meadows, opposite, and we were forbidden to use them. Luckily we were able to use the facilities at the school reached by some steps , still there now, from the road.

There may be one or two villagers who remember this too, who were here in the 1940s. Regards, June.

## Minal Munch Dates

**This is a village event which takes place in the Village Hall once a month between 3.00 - 4.30pm**

**Everyone is welcome to join us for free tea, coffee, and home-made cakes. It is ideal if you need to get out of the house for a chat, or if you are at home with children and need to socialise. Maybe you are new to the village and would like to make friends, or a hungry teenager after school. Here are some dates for your diary. Friday's 15th March (Red Nose Day). 26th April and 17th May. We look forward to giving you a warm welcome.**

For more Information visit: [mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](http://mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk)

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## Jazz at the Horseshoe

Easter Sunday - March 31st.  
The artist is Swindon Blues  
Guitar Legend - Bob Bowles.  
Music from 7pm. FREE!

## Acoustics at the 'Shoe'

Thursday 21st, music from  
8pm

## Upcoming Events

Hold the date for a Late  
Spring Village Party at the  
Village Hall on Saturday April  
27th from 7pm to 11pm. BYO  
everything, optional dress  
theme and £5 donation - all in  
aid of the Village Hall.

## Village Hall spruce up

and party decoration making  
at the village hall on Saturday  
April 20th from 10am to 2pm.  
Look out for more details on  
both events in the April Minal  
News, Minal Community  
Facebook page and posters  
nearer the date.

## **New Defibrillator Installed**

**Please note that there is a new  
defibrillator at the Village Hall  
and is now located to the right of  
the main entrance. This potential  
life saving machine is easy to  
operate if you suspect someone  
is suffering a cardiac arrest**

## New Gazebos:

The Sports and Social Club successfully applied and received a grant from Wiltshire Council (Marlborough Area) in the amount of £500 towards much needed replacement gazebos. Two 3m x 3m heavy duty pop-up gazebos have been received, ready for the summer activities! The balance of the cost of these gazebos is paid from funds raised at the fete, equally shared by the MSSC, Village Hall and the Church.

## Save the Date:

Minal Village Fete: Saturday 20th July. Watch this space for more details.

## Minal Social Events

Several people have mentioned having an opportunity to get together to socialise and have some fun. We are considering running some village events and wondered whether a mix of supper parties in individual homes and village suppers in the village hall, would be a way to start the ball rolling. If you could get your diaries out and offer a month to host an event, we can then put together a diary of village events.

In the past, supper parties are bring and share events; the host provides the venue and attendees bring the food and something to drink. This could also extend to some events being held in the village hall or other venues, offering larger capacity for family activities.

Let me know your thoughts. Gilly Price 07785 568513 or email [gilly.price@btinternet.com](mailto:gilly.price@btinternet.com)

## Village Website

Want to find out about a planning application in the village, social clubs, the emergency plan or see if there are any photos of village events? [www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk)  
If you haven't looked before or recently you might like to have a look at the village website. We are happy to feature your stories and if you want to send a photo for the village website front page please remember the format needs to be

in Landscape [clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk)