

Minal News 50

April 2024

Communication Building Community

Join us for the Relaunch of a cherished tradition - Beating of the Bounds!

[Saturday April 27th - meeting 9am at St John's Church car park](#)

A wonderful opportunity to explore and reconnect with our village's rich history and enjoy a day of camaraderie and scenic views.

Bring a packed lunch, drinks, and enthusiasm!

This 13-mile walk, includes rest stops and will conclude at the Horseshoe for a well-deserved drink.

For safety, we'll remain together as a group, with designated front and back markers. Friendly dogs on leads are welcome to join the adventure. In case of inclement weather, we've set a reserve date for May 11th.

To help planning kindly RSVP by contacting lesley.green30@yahoo.co.uk. Your participation makes our event even more memorable!

Let's come together to celebrate our village's heritage and community spirit. See you there



Letter to the editor:

It is such a joy to see the old milepost reinstated at the foot of Thicketts Road. This is one of Minal's treasures which had been looking so sad and dilapidated until the Parish Council took it in hand two years ago. And now, thanks to Cllr Adam Kebble, it is looking resplendent with new lettering and bright coat of paint. Thank you all.

John Bevan, Romans Halt

(photo: Adam's Dad who helped with the refurbishment)

***** Seasonal Village Spring Party *****

[\(it's all happening on...\) Saturday April 27th](#)

7-11pm at the Village Hall

BYO drink, nibbles, & favourite tunes to dance to (on a phone playlist). Seasonal decor, and PA provided for a perfect party atmosphere.

Come along for a dance and let your hair down for Spring!

£5 voluntary donation to support the Village Hall and optional red/orange/yellow dress code.

Look out for posters and flyers.

Come and help with some crafting and a Big Spring Spruce Up

Playground Fix It Day

[Sunday May 5th from 10am](#)

Join our Parish Councillors for wood treating, weeding, strimming, spreading wood chips and general tidying up.

Any volunteers

The playground will be closed this day.

Village party prep and Village Hall TLC

[Saturday April 20th - 10am - 2pm](#)

Two for one! Come and help us make seasonal decorations and bunting for the village party on the 27th

and/or help out with some much needed Village Hall care.

Fancy some power washing, indoor tiling, fixing, adjusting, cleaning, filling, strimming or weeding?

Hot and cold drinks, snacks, hot soup lunch, equipment, and sociable atmosphere provided.

Book Exchange in the phone box

This is a wonderful free facility to exchange and enjoy our unwanted books. When dropping them off, please put them in a waterproof bag and they will be sorted out by volunteers. Sadly some books left in a cardboard box recently, got damp and had to be discarded.

!! Save the date !! Wednesday July 31st - 7pm

Mikron Theatre will be back for their 9th performance in the village, with a brand new play - 'Common Ground' - a 'hill-arious' ramble through the history of land access in England.
"Grab your boots and waterproof for a meander with Mikron on a hike through history."



NATURE NEWS

April is the month for welcoming Swallows who fly some 6000 miles on their migration from wintering grounds in South Africa. Look out for them catching insects on the wing and gathering mud and straw to make their cup-shaped nests.



Lavender Row Plants Nursery
Farm Shop

Grand Opening Spring 2024
based within the gardens of Grove Farm

Lavender Row plant nursery opening at Grove Farm, Thicketts Lane on Friday 17th May. More news in our May edition.

!! Watch This Space !!

Plans are afoot for a second rain planter at the Village Hall.

They help slow down storm water run-off and surges that end up over-flowing into the precious and rare chalkstream of the Kennet. Also look out for news of guest speakers for a series of events to help Minal to be a 'River Friendly Village'.

REGULAR FREE VILLAGE ACTIVITY

MINAL MUNCH

Friday April 26th from 3-4.30pm

Drop in to the Village Hall for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat with neighbours and friends.



St John the Baptist Church, Minal
Services are held every Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Sarah Musgrave at
sarahmusgrave99@hotmail.com

April at the Horseshoe

Wednesday 10th 8pm - Quiz Night
£2 per person, max team size of 6



Thursday 18th 8pm: Open Mic Night - Free Entry.
Musicians, poets, performers welcome.

Jazz & Blues @ The Horseshoe, free entry. Check website for details of the next band and date
www.thehorseshoemildenhall.com

Minal Book Club
We are a small, informal group, and always welcome new members. Next meeting is in the Horseshoe on **Thursday April 25th**. Our book will be **Unsettled Ground by Claire Fuller**. For more information contact Deirdre Watson on: 512729 or dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Pizza Lola Look out for their van in the village hall carpark on **Friday 19th 5pm - 8pm**.

Please preorder, a menu post will usually go on their social media page (Facebook - Pizzalola) about a week ahead. The phone number to order is 07901 965324. www.pizzalola.co.uk