

Minal News 53

July 2024

Communication Building Community

Polling Station at the Village Hall from 7am to 10pm on Thursday July 4th for the General Election. Remember to take your ID.



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING
IN MARLBOROUGH
OPEN DAY**

SATURDAY 6 JULY 2024

at St Peter's Church Marlborough
10.00am - 3.00pm

FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR LOCAL SERVICES AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING, SPORTS, LEISURE, COMMUNITY SUPPORT

DISPLAYS - SINGING / DANCING

AND REFRESHMENTS!

Marlborough Town Council
St Peter's and St Paul's Marlborough Trust Ltd
Wiltshire Council



Minal Village Fete

Saturday 20th of July
1.00pm - 5pm
-----On the Sports Field-----

A host of traditional fete games & attractions

plus
The Human Fruit Machine!

Ferret Racing! ?Guess the Weight of the Pig?

Refreshments, BBQ & Bar

Friendly Dog Show
2.30 - 4pm

Raffle & Prize Draw 4.30 - 5pm

Live music from 5 - 7pm
from
The Clive Collective



MIKRON

COMMON GROUND
Rambling and our Rights of Way

Wednesday July 31st
- 7pm

Outdoor theatre at Minal Cricket pavillion

*Bring your own picnic.
No tickets needed.
Mikron take your donations at the end of the show.
Dress for the weather!*

Volunteers still needed for the Village Fete

Contact Dom Coomber at dominiccoomber@gmail.com

Look out for a leaflet dropping through your letterbox soon with full details of what, where, who and how to drop off donations for the various fete stalls.

No leaflet? If you have any of the following, please contact Clive on diveascholefield@gmail.com

Raffle Luxury Giant Hamper Prize: Good quality, non-perishable food additions please.

White Elephant and Book Stall: Had a sort out? donate your surplus good quality, "great stuff".

Bottle Tombola: Bottles and liquid containers of all types - beer, wine, spirits, ketchup, washing up liquid. If its in a bottle, we'll have it!

Cake Stall: Home-baked sponges, fruit cakes, tray bakes, brownies, flapjacks, biscuits, pies all needed please.

Plant Stall: Bring any plants on the day of the fete to the field, or drop at the plant table at Honeysuckle Cottages (there'll be a sign!) Please label!.

**MINAL
SEASONAL
Party**

Friday June 21st saw the first of what is planned to be a host of seasonal village parties in the Village hall. It was a cracking evening and raised £65 for Village Hall funds.

The next one will be in October and themed for Halloween.

A chance to meet friends & neighbours, let your hair down, and have a dance. All ages welcome, donations optional.

Opening and Closing Minal Church: Can you help?

The village church has many visitors during the day and it is important that we keep it open, so there is a rota during the week for opening and closing.

We are currently looking for someone to help open and/or close up on a Wednesday each week. Could that be you? Please contact Derek on 07836 719391. You don't have to be a church member or come to church. We'd really appreciate your help.

NATURE NEWS

Two different wild orchids have popped up behind the village hall, in the uncut grass.



Pyramidal Orchid



Common Spotted Orchid

Let's make Minal a #RiverFriendlyVillage

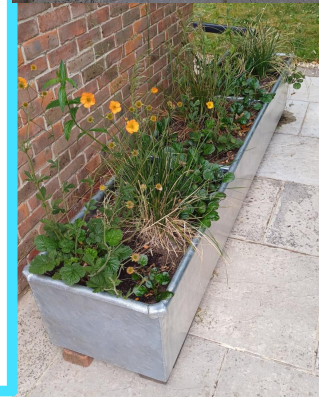
The precious and rare chalk stream of the River Kennet is at the heart of our village. Waterways in the UK, including ours, are under threat from pollution, heatwaves, water extraction and more. As a village community, we can make a huge difference, together, to the health of our river and the catchment area it serves - all the way to the sea!

There will be now be something happening every month over the next year to encourage and inspire as many of us as possible to actively care for our river and keep it healthy.

June - saw the installation of a second rain planter at the village hall, with expert guidance from local garden designer Wendy Allen. The planter diverts rainwater from the roof gutters and helps to slow down storm water surges that discharge into the river. This helps prevent pollution.

July - Village Litter Pick on Saturday July 27th - 10am meet at the village hall.

August - River walk with John Hounslow, our River Keeper. Details in the next Minal news, village facebook page and posters nearer the time. For more information and to get involved, contact Valerieh18@sky.com or millycarmichael@hotmail.com



REGULAR & FREE VILLAGE ACTIVITY

MINAL MUNCH - Friday 19th July

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

Look out for the banner at the village hall



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

July 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.

Thursday 4th 7pm - Jazz & Blues @ The Horseshoe
Free Entry, Check website for details of the band
www.thehorseshoemildenhall.com



Minal Book Club

We are a small, informal group, and always welcome new members. **Next meeting - Thursday July 25th at 7.30pm** in the Horseshoe. Our book will be **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins.

For more information contact Deirdre

Watson on: 512729 or

dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Also coming soon! ☀️☀️ **A spruce up for the phone box and book exchange.** ☀️☀️

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