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Did you know that the River Kennet flowing through Mildenhall is one of only 170 chalk streams in the world?

Charlotte Hitchmough gave a fascinating talk about the work of ARK (Action for the River Kennet) on Wednesday 19 February. At the moment we might feel that we have more than enough water but Charlotte talked about how Ark working with local farmers are ensuring that winter crops are planted or left in the ground to ensure the soil we have does not wash away. The green weed you see growing in the river is called Ranunculus and helps with the flow rate of the river and is a habitat for wildlife to ensure the health of the river. Joining Ark only costs £20 per year and they are always keen to welcome volunteers.

Parish Council Project to replace stiles with gates

Over the last couple of weeks you may have noticed new gates being installed on the footpaths around the village. This is part of a project by the Parish Council to replace aging and dangerous stiles with stock proof, accessible gates. The PC has been working with local landowners and the Rights of Way Officer at Wiltshire County Council. The aim is to improve access to the paths and provide a long lasting solution. The PC have obtained a grant from the local Area board towards the cost of this work and are very grateful to Gordon and Gillian Pepper for purchasing the gate at the start of the Werg path, and to Ramsbury Estates who have promised to install the three gates along the rest of the Werg path. Thanks to Graham Hobbs for his hard work installing the gates in this wet and dismal weather. Graham, who grew up in the village, carries out the mowing and many other tasks for the PC.



Gordon and Gillian Pepper's gate at the entrance to the Werg path. Thanks from all in the village!

Wiltshire Council are carrying out a survey of residents views of green and open Spaces in your community. If you would like a copy of the survey please email clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk.

Whats coming up in Minal?



CHURCH DIARY March 2020

Services are normally held on the first three Sundays of the month

Sunday 1 March
9:30am

Parish Communion
Lent 1

Sunday 8 March
8:00 am

Holy Communion BCP
Lent 2

Sunday 15 March
9:30am

Parish Communion
Lent 3

Sunday 22 March
9.30am

Mothering Sunday
All Age

Sunday 29 March
No Service in Minal
(10am in St Mary's)
Lent 5

Sunday 5 April
9:30 am
Parish Communion
Lent 6

The season of Lent

As nature is springing back to life we can carry out our own Spring Clean. Lent is an ideal time to reflect and refocus our minds. The Marlborough churches are reading Pilgrims Progress. Even though this was written in 1680 the characters of "Talkative", "Faithful", "Timorous", "Mistrust" and the hill of Difficulty, Vanity Fair and the Slough of Despond still provide a great insight for our faith today.



Thanks to a great job from QS in Hughenden Yard we have reduced our costs and can respond to your news more quickly.

Book Club

This month "*A Thousand Splendid Suns*" by Khaled Hosseini

Copies available from the library.

Tuesday 31 March – 8pm
in The Horseshoe.

Contact Deirdre Watson
on dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Minal Munch

The next 'Munch' is on **Friday 6th March 2020.**
3:00pm - 4:30pm in the village hall.

Minal Meet and Eat is Back!

Friday 13th March

Minal Suppers are back with a new look!

The next Meet and Eat will be a sit down supper at **Rob and Val Bailey's**. Please contact Rob on robbailey1@aol.com or tel 512363 if you would like to go. This has been quite popular so first come first served (pun intended!).

If you would like to know more, to go on the mailing list, or to host a Meet and Eat, then please contact Deirdre on dwatsonweavers@gmail.com, or tel 512729.



Gardening Club



Wednesday 18 March
7.30pm Horseshoe

Derek Pinchen

Owls in Savernake and how to tempt them to your garden.



Wednesday 22 April
Growing Vegetables

Please email christopherwebb2@me.com by March 25th with anything you'd like to share for the April news.

If you would like to be emailed this Newsletter or know someone who does then please email Tom Otley at tomotley@btinternet.com.

And do take a few copies and drop them though your neighbours' letterboxes if you think they might not be getting out to pick one up.

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