

Many thanks to Martin Gibson for opening up Thicketts Wood for walking and exploring. The bluebells are spectacular!



Please respect the plants, birds and animals when you go.

**Well done and enormous thanks to all the volunteers supporting the village, to our Parish Clerk, Sue Hine, and Cllr Ruth Kolish for coordinating everyone.**



We're also showing how much noise we can make at 8pm on Thursdays, by stepping out and clapping and cheering for the NHS. It's heartwarming to hear it and a chance for everyone to reflect on and appreciate all the key workers who are keeping everything going for us all.

**A little poem...**

Today I saw a honey bee  
And we had a frank discussion  
He said he'd joined an orchestra  
And that he played percussion.  
I asked him 'What's your best piece?'  
Well he gave a little cough  
And said 'Flight of the Bumblebee  
By Rimsky-Korsakov.'



[www.etsy.com/uk/listing/528381589/flight-of-the-bumble-bee-music-card](http://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/528381589/flight-of-the-bumble-bee-music-card)

**Plant tables for swap and donation**

There are two plant swap tables in the village now – one at Honeysuckle Cottages near the top of Church Lane and one in Werg, at the bottom of Cock-a-Troop.

Please share your spare plants, seeds and seedlings. All plants are free and donations are welcome. Proceeds will support developing

**Look after yourself with the 5 ways to wellbeing...**



Please share your favourite local walks, observations of nature and ideas for staying well and connected on the **Minal Community**

**Book Exchange**  
The Book Exchange has new paperback novels so now is the time to catch up on

# What's coming up in Minal?



## CHURCH DIARY

While the church is closed, do keep in touch via the Team website <https://www.marlboroughanglicanteam.org.uk>

It has been redesigned with recordings of weekly services containing bible readings, a talk, prayers and hymns. From the link choose 'Online services' or 'Sunday Worship' and play the Mp3 file. The site also has 'Latest News', weekly notices and the bible readings set for this week. The Church notice board is also kept up to date.

## Minal Rocks

Look out for these tiny works of art popping up in the village



## VE Day singalong

Even though the VE day anniversary celebrations have been cancelled, we can still have a sing-a-long on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Logistics are still in the planning but look out for posters, Facebook posts and notes through your door in the coming week for more details.



## Friday evening music hour

Some of you may have heard the hour of song requests being broadcast from the 'West End' of the village on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

It was great fun and everyone kept a safe social distance while having a bit of a dance and a sing in their gardens or in the street, waving and chatting with neighbours and friends.

Weather permitting we'll do it again on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May so send you requests in soon to [milycarmichael@hotmail.com](mailto:milycarmichael@hotmail.com)

or via the Minal Community Facebook page.

## Gardening Club



### Things to do in the garden in May

It's SO tempting to put your precious tender plants outside, especially when the weather is warm and sunny. But we can still get night frosts until the end of the month.

So keep an eye on the forecast and, if you have put them out already, cover up those runner beans, courgettes, dahlias, tomatoes and other tender veg and flowers with fleece or other light fabric until after the last frost.

## Coronavirus contacts We are here to help

Everyone should have a contact number now for a local volunteer who can help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog-walking, a friendly chat etc.

PLEASE call us if you need any help or contact the Parish Council on 07513 442 271 or [clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk) who will be able to connect you with a volunteer.

Latest national updates are on [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please email [christopherwebb2@me.com](mailto:christopherwebb2@me.com) by May 15<sup>th</sup> with anything you'd like to share for the June news.

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

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

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