

Lockdown rules will change on **May 17**. Under the current planned timeline, it is hoped that people in England will be able to mix indoors from **May 17**. The rule of 6 will still be in force for indoor meet ups, although more than 6 people may meet inside if there are no more than two households mixing at once



It's been almost 5 years to the day that Joe and I, Lesley were lucky enough to purchase the beautiful site at Werg. Since then we have embarked on a self build project which is now nearing completion.

Much of the village, I know, have watched the development with interest and the build team have often commented on the friendliness of passers by. We are now delighted to have moved in to the house during an especially kind spell of weather.

The next more visible stages of driveway and riverbank restoration due are due to complete by the end of May.

There is still much to do but we wanted to thank villagers and especially our close neighbours for their patience and understanding whilst works have been underway. Unprecedented recent event have inevitably played their part in delays but the end is in sight.

We have loved living in Church Lane for the duration of our build, it has been great to get to know that part of the village more and we have been made to feel very welcome but now, it feels great to be home on the Werg.



Sculpture by Minal artist, Gordon Aitchison..Carved in Portland stone his work, "On the brink", stands just over a metre tall.

Currently on exhibition at the Royal West of England Academy's 168th Open Exhibition in Bristol

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NEW WEBSITE OPEN



The new improved Minal website is now up and running. You are now able to access the Minal News online together with details and diary of all future activities taking place in the village

The more you refer to it, the more those with something to communicate will use it.

www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

Village Hall Polling Station

Remember to vote in the Elections **On 6 May 2021**, all eligible residents in Wiltshire will be invited to vote in a number of elections. The Village Hall will be used as a Polling Station

The Police and Crime Commissioner election; town and parish council elections; Wiltshire Council unitary elections; will all be taking place.

Whats happening in Minal?



CHURCH DIARY May 2021

St John the Baptist Minal
Services at 9.00am on the
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of
each month:

Sunday 2nd May

Sunday 16th May

Sunday 30th May

St John the Baptist Church
is open every day from
9.30 am to 4.00pm.

For any enquiries email
gordonpepper55@gmail.com

About a month ago it appeared that St John the Baptist church was heading for a financial crisis. Our General Fund was predicted to run out of money in July. The Rector, Revd Chris Smith, was not worried because in his experience God would provide. We had a day of prayer for the church. The financial crisis ended the next day when we learnt of a £13,000 bequest in Steven Hurd's will. Many thanks to the family.

Meanwhile on 24th May, work is scheduled to start on the construction of the toilet for the church.

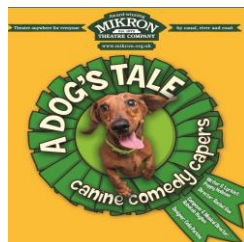
Sports and Social Events Return!

With great relief and anticipation we are able to resume activities on the sports field at last. Youth football is catching up on missed matches and cricket commences in May with games most Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. And here are early notices of events being planned for the hopefully normal summer ahead of us. Look out for more information on the Minal Website and Minal Community Facebook page or contact Clive Scholefield at cliveascholefield@gmail.com.

Thursday 24th June 6pm. Cricket 🏏 :

Minal XI vs Ramsbury Leg Rovers. The Minal XI will roll back the years and return to the field in this annual very friendly match. But we will need more players - both young and old, particularly from the local community. Please have a go - you will enjoy it!

Thursday 1st July 7.1pm. Outdoor Theatre 🎭:



We are thrilled to welcome back the Mikron Theatre for their performance of "A Dog's Tail" Bring your own chairs/ blankets/ picnic. Refreshments will be available. If past years are to go by this is a light hearted, highly skilled and quintessential English evening event for the whole family. You will need to book, details in the next edition of the news or contact Milly Carmichael via the Minal Community page.

<https://www.mikron.org.uk/shows/a-dogs-tale>

Saturday 24th July: Summer Fete!! 🎪 🍷

Hot off the press - still in planning. Start the summer holidays on a day filled with good old fashioned fun and activities for all - tombolas, plant stand, bric-a-brac, book stand, human fruit machine, games, face painting, refreshments, BBQ and more! And hopefully some live music at the end.

Mildenhall Village Hall reopens

As lock-down restrictions ease, we are able to reopen the Village Hall for limited activities and numbers from 17 May, subject to the Rule of Six restrictions.

After 21 June, all activities, including dances get the go ahead. For more information, please contact Lisa on 01672 511623 or book online at minalbookings@gmail.com

Book Club

Minal book club: Next meeting at 7pm in the Horseshoe on Thursday 27th May 2021, when we will be talking about "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyassi. New members welcome; please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or

dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan

The draft plan was open for consultation until 8th March. Thank you to everyone who provided comments. The Steering Group is reviewing all the comments, and making any amendments to the Plan or additional explanations of background, where questions were asked. Please look at the website for any updates and FAQs to answer queries: <https://www.marlbrough-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan> There is now a long process of further submission to, and review by, Wiltshire Council, which will take some months, so the referendum on the Plan will not be included in the elections in May; it will be much later in the year

Plantlife have a campaign called 'No Mow May' where they encourage everyone to stop mowing at least part of the lawn to let the plants grow and feed the bees and pollinators <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/about-us/news/no-mow-may-how-to-get-ten-times-more-bees-on-your-lockdown-lawn>

Please visit Minal website www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk for more info

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