

## A Grand Day Out at the Village



### What a glorious day it turned out to be for the return of the Minal Village Fete!!

Hats off to the Sports & Social Club, especially Clive, Dom and Nick, for organising and all the volunteers from the Church, Village Hall Committee and village groups. It was a fun and music-filled day and a welcome chance to catch up with old friends, grab a bargain, a beer or a bite of barbecue. Activities a-plenty and something for everyone.

Early counting suggests it could be the best fete fund-raiser ever so the benefits will keep on making a difference to the village in the coming year too.

### Congratulations to the winners of the raffle

**A very big thank you** to Jill Otley for drawing the winning tickets and to the generous local sponsors for the raffle prizes:

- Waitrose Marlborough- Giant Hamper
- Horseshoe Inn - Sunday Lunch x 2
- Ramsbury Brewery/Distillery Guided Tour x2
  - Imagine Studio Photo Shoot
  - Tom Parker Creamery voucher
  - Sumbler Bros voucher
  - Cobbs Farm Shop voucher

**More big thanks** to John Desmond of the Horseshoe for Judging the Dog Show and **Ramsbury Brewery** for selling us Ales and Beers at discounted prices.



We welcomed Mikron theatre back again to perform their funny and heart-warming show 'A Dog's Tale' on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The company are still touring their shows through August and September and you can find out more at [www.mikron.org.uk](http://www.mikron.org.uk)

### Good News on the Church Loo!

The long awaited church toilet is nearing completion.

Minal PCC are grateful for grants from the All Churches Trust for £1,500 and the Weston Foundation for £3,000. Bishop Andrew, the Bishop of Ramsbury, will be blessing and opening the toilet once it is completed later this year.





## MINAL CHURCH

Church services are held every Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church Minal at 9am.

- 1 August - All Age Worship + Baptism
- 8 August - Holy Communion
- 15 August - Morning Worship
- 22 August - Holy Communion + Baptism
- 29 August - Holy Communion

The Church team are delighted to announce that we have found a much needed churchwarden.

Rebecca Spicer, who lives in the village, has been nominated to the role. We all welcome her to the position and pray for her and strengthen the team and life of the church in Minal

### BOOK CLUB

Next meeting -7.30pm on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Horseshoe.

We'll be reading "Stay with me" by Ayobami Adebayo.

New members welcome. Please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or [dwatsonweavers@gmail.com](mailto:dwatsonweavers@gmail.com)

### Let's make Minal Hedgehog-Friendly

Hedgehogs numbers have seriously declined in the UK in recent years but there are still quite a number making their home here in the village. They have a wide range as they forage for food so will likely visit most of our gardens in their nightly forays.

Food, water, safe nesting sites, care when mowing and strimming, and making it easy for them to move from garden to garden are all ways we can help them thrive.

Find out more at [www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs/)

#### Top 10 tips to make your garden hedgehog-friendly

1. Link your garden with Hedgehog Highways
2. Make your pond safe with a ramp
3. Create a wild corner
4. Deal with netting and litter
5. Put out food and water
6. Stop using chemicals
7. Check before strimming
8. Be careful with bonfires
9. Make a home for hedgehogs
10. Become a Hedgehog Champion

## Acoustics @ The Shoe *...well what can you do?*

Next Acoustic Night at the Horseshoe  
on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.


A friendly and supportive place to share and enjoy live music

[www.facebook.com/AcousticsAtTheShoe](http://www.facebook.com/AcousticsAtTheShoe)

### GARDENING CLUB

There will be a chance to have a go at scything when the wildlife area at the village hall is cut near the end of the month. Please contact Milly on [millicarmichael@hotmail.com](mailto:millicarmichael@hotmail.com) for details of time & date.  
All welcome!

### Sports and Social Fixtures

 6-a-side cricket and BBQ on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 12 noon for the Gary Giles memorial cup.

 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August - Minal vs Marden.

Anyone interested in playing for the Minal team, please contact Ash Miles on 07594 762 541.

All welcome.

*And a polite reminder to dog owners to pick up after your dogs when you are walking them on the sports field please, for the benefit of other users and the people mowing the grass.*

### Plant Stall

Lavender Row will be selling plants, pots and stone ornaments from the village hall car park on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Bus Service Survey

Wiltshire Council are planning to transform bus services in the county. Please have your say to inform those plans by completing their online survey at

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/bus-services-survey>

### How did Mildenhall get to be called Minal?

(From the pages of the [www.visitoruk.com](http://www.visitoruk.com): ) "In the 1970s the parish was distinguished by having the oldest Anglican vicar in the country. When he retired in 1978 the Rev Courtman was aged 94. One of his acts during his rectorship was to introduce the spelling of the village name in the form used orally by local people. This is 'Minal' and if you are in the vicinity, make sure that you pronounce it that way or you will immediately be labelled a 'vurriner'. "

Please visit Minal website [www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk) for more info