

The Village Fete - the Results are in!

Minal Village Fete!!

As reported in last month's Newsletter, the Minal Fete proved to be the best fete fund-raiser ever. The total raised was a little over £3600 benefitting the three main village organisations: the Sports & Social Club, the Village Hall and Minal Church. Once again, a big thank you to the organisers, sponsors and all those who came and enjoyed the day.

Minal is Hedgehog Friendly

Following on from our article about making Minal hedgehog-friendly, we are happy to report that there have been quite a few sightings from within the Village including Church Lane and the High Street. Jaki Thompson kindly sent these photos of the hedgehog frequenting her garden – thanks Jaki!



Minal Playpark – Help Required

Our playpark continues to be well used by local children. As you might have noticed our playpark is showing some signs of age. The posts on the mound are going to need replacing with a more sustainable solution and the cableway will need to be closed while we sort out the tree roots growing through. This is because we have to meet safety standards and the roots are failing the "fall" standard ie they are too hard should someone fall off the zip wire. We are getting quotes from local playground companies but as part of the job involves digging out the roots and old lumps of concrete if anyone knows someone locally with a digger we would be very grateful to get a quote from them. Also if anyone would be prepared to help us with this job please let the Clerk know: Sue Hine clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

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MINAL CHURCH

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

5 September – All Age Worship with Sarah Musgrave

12 September – Holy Communion

19 September – Morning Worship

26 September – Holy Communion

The church is also open daily for individual prayer between 9am-5.30pm

GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club is on Thursday 9th September at 6.45pm at Lucy Kirkpatrick's house - Southfield just before the Leaze. Please note the change of day to **Thursday**. Deirdre kindly pointed out that Marlborough gardening club are on the Wednesday that week and the light levels will be reducing if we leave it any longer

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 6th September in the Village Hall at 7pm – all are welcome to attend

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JOHN GALE

26 May 1939 – 4 August 2021

It is with great sadness that we are recording the death of John Gale who passed away at his home on the 4th August in the presence of his wife Elizabeth and daughters Kate, Sue and Mary.

John lived his whole life in the village of Mildenhall at Church Farm House where he was born 82 years ago.

John was a very loyal and friendly man, a character with a great sense of humour. His three main passions in life were his family, his farm and his dogs. At the celebration of his life in Minal Church John's three daughters and eldest granddaughter sang Amazing Grace. Kate read a bible verse that he often quoted, Sue wrote a eulogy and Mary read his favourite poem.

CONCERT IN THE VILLAGE HALL 22 OCTOBER

An Americana acoustic music duo called **Hungrytown** have been booked to perform in the Village Hall on 22 October. Over the past fifteen years, the duo have been touring in the US, UK and abroad. They come from hills of Vermont, and are looking forward to getting out and doing what we love; in our case, touring in the UK. You can hear their music and learn more about their act by visiting the website:

<http://hungrytown.net>

More details in next month's Newsletter

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