

Minal Sees the Return of Bonfire Night!

Minal Village Bonfire Night – 5 November

After last year's postponement, the Minal Sports and Social Club are pleased to announce the return of the Bonfire Night Fireworks. Traditionally held on the 5th November, and this year will see it fall on a Fun Friday!

Come down and enjoy the evening with a Bar, BBQ and Music to keep the chills away.

Gates will open from 6.30pm on the night

Bonfire wood welcomed and we will be opening the gates during dry days throughout October. Please be considerate to what you place on the bonfire – no mattresses, tins of paint or containers with flammable liquids, or rubber tyres etc.

Thanks from the MSSC

Minal Playpark – Great News Update

As reported last month, our playpark is showing some signs of age, and we requested some assistance digging and removing roots and lumps of old concrete. We are pleased and very grateful that we received an offer of help from Simon Edwards – thank you!

Extra good news is that after much form filling our Parish Clerk – Sue Hine – secured a grant of £3500 from the National Lottery Community Fund towards the refurbishment of the playpark. Well done Sue, and a big thank you from us all.



The Minal Book Club

The next meeting of the Minal Book Club will be meeting in the Horseshoe at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 October where we will be discussing 'The Trespasser' by Tana French.

New members welcome; please contact Deirdre Watson

on 512729 or email: dwatsonweavers@gmail.com

Fungi in Savernake Forest : Photographed by Anne Youngs





MINAL CHURCH

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

3rd October – **Harvest Festival** followed by ‘thank you’ to David and Mary Fishlock for all they offer to the church and this community.

10th October - Holy Communion

17th October – Morning Worship

24th October – Holy Communion

31st October – Morning Worship

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

GARDENING CLUB

Last month we enjoyed a very pleasant evening in Lucy and Gareth Kirkpatrick’s garden. Fun was had discovering and identifying many interesting plants within their garden, and as a reward members were treated to copious quantities of wine, beer and delicious snacks. Thank you Lucy and Gareth

There is no meeting in October but in next month’s edition look out for details of the legendary Christmas dinner and Quiz!! All welcome RB

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 8th November in the Village Hall at 7pm – all are welcome to attend

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To a lot of peoples’ relief the newly built Church Loo is to be officially opened by the Bishop of Ramsbury - Bishop Andrew - on Tuesday 19th October at 5.15pm in the churchyard. Drinks and nibbles will be provided and perhaps a prize for the best associated joke!!!
(Excuse the earlier pun RB)

Harvest Festival – 3 October 9 am. If you are able please bring a contribution: tinned meat, tinned vegetables, chocolate, packets of biscuits for the busy Devizes Food Bank. Thank you!

A more comprehensive list of contributions is on the Minal website: www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

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 they have been touring in the US, UK and Europe. They come from hills of Vermont, and are keen on getting out and doing what we love best, touring in the UK. You can hear their music on YouTube. To learn more about their act by visiting the website

<http://hungrytown.net>



Congratulations to Ninna Durnford

We are very pleased to congratulate Ninna on being appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire, and is keen to help anyone with the Queen’s Green Canopy – tree planting

Thank you from the editing team – Rob Bailey, Gilly Price, Milly Carmichael and Clive Scholefield