

## Seasons Greetings & Merry Christmas to All Our Readers

### Bonfire and Fireworks Evening a Roaring Success!

A brisk but calm evening saw the return of this popular event on the sports field at Minal. The bonfire roared and the fireworks whooshed and banged much to the delight of all. We even had appropriate firework music this year thanks to Nick Beere. Thanks to all of the many volunteers assisting with gates, parking, BBQ, bar, soup and teas, preparing and lighting the bonfire and the fireworks and more.

And a big thank you to all who supported this event!



### EYES DOWN FOR CHRISTMAS BINGO! FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER 7.30pm in Minal Village Hall

8 Bingo rounds plus a fun Irish Bingo round (last person standing)

Refreshments and Raffle

Fun for the whole family

Please bring warm clothing as the Hall will be well ventilated

Organised by the Minal Sports and Social Club

Contact: Clive Scholefield: 07717812165

### Village Suppers to Return – January 2022

Subject to any COVID Restrictions, it is planned to re-start the ever popular Minal Village Suppers in the New Year. The initial format will be different; finger food to bring and share and no formal seating or table arrangements. Wansdyke, Church Lane will provide a warm but well ventilated setting for the supper.

For more information please contact Valerie or Rob Bailey – 512363 or [robbailey1@aol.com](mailto:robbailey1@aol.com)

### The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative

#### First Tree Planted in Minal

8 years ago when her first son was born, Sarah Foard planted an acorn. Now her son Edison, who recently celebrated his birthday, has become the first in Minal to plant a tree in support of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.



Edison's oak tree – now 1.75m tall – was presented to the Village Hall to replace the rotten oak in the car park. Although it will take many years to reach its full height, Edison's care and attention whilst the oak was growing has ensured the tree has had the very best chance of reaching maturity. Thank you Edison from the Village Hall Committee and the Minal community.

If any land owner or individual household would like to participate in the Queen's initiative, please contact Rob Bailey ([robbailey1@aol.com](mailto:robbailey1@aol.com)) or Ninna Gibson ([ninna@durnsford.co.uk](mailto:ninna@durnsford.co.uk)) for details of how to obtain trees and financial support for tree or tree whip protection.



## MINAL CHURCH

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

5<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Family Service – 9 am

12<sup>th</sup> December - Carols by Candlelight 4 pm

15<sup>th</sup> December – Shielder’s Service 11 am St Mary’s

Christmas Eve – Village Nativity 5pm starting at the Horseshoe

Pub

Christmas Day – Family Communion 9 am

Boxing Day – Team Communion 10.30 am St Mary’s

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

## GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Gardening Club endured cold winds and a -5C windchill to work with Action for the River Kennet to construct a rainwater planter, which now adorns the SE corner of the Village Hall. Our thanks to Wendy Allen and Charlotte Hitchmough



## STOP PRESS

**Village Hall** – the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is on Thursday 13 January at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome! New members very welcome to join this small group of enthusiasts whom keep the hall available for the benefit of all.

### **Finger Signpost – Renovation Required**

The finger signpost at the start of Thicketts Road is in need of desperate repair. As can be seen, the finger has rotted and only needs the wood replaced and lettering screwed back on. Grateful for anyone to renovate it. Please contact [robbailey1@aol.com](mailto:robbailey1@aol.com) if you can help!



## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Village Hall – all are welcome to attend

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