

We Wish You A Happy 2022!

As we can look forward (hopefully) to a less restrictive COVID year and things start to open up again, we can also enjoy a return to some old favourites here in Minal. There are dates for your diaries and events to look forward to such as the return of the Minal Munch and Beating the Bounds! Also, we hope to have some celebrations to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and possibly another Village Fete later in the year.

Minal Play Park – Use It or Lose It!

In the summer of 2014 we opened the play park which proved a great success and has been a favourite with children from Minal and further afield. However, the adult fitness equipment has proved less popular and some pieces are requiring maintenance because they are not used; this maintenance is expensive. The Parish Council is considering the removal of the expensive fitness apparatus and replacing them with more fun equipment for children. Have your say or please use the fitness trainers. It's a case of Use It or Lose It!

Parish Council – Emergency Plan

The Parish Council (PC) is writing an updated Emergency Plan for situations like extreme weather, power outages etc. Although we are close to Marlborough the recent storm in November overwhelmed services, so the PC is starting to put together resources so that our community can cope. Some will remember the Transco gas problem we had in 2000 when the whole area lost gas and the town was basically one line of Transco vehicles!

Basically, the PC would like to hear from anyone who has digging / lifting equipment that could unblock a road in the event of Wilts Council being overwhelmed by a massive storm; or owners of a 4x4 who could drive casualties / emergencies to hospital during inclement weather. Please contact : clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk or call 512847



MINAL CHURCH

Church services are held every Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church, Minal at 9am. Other dates to note :

- 2 March – Ash Wednesday
- 27 March – Mothering Sunday
- 10 April – Palm Sunday
- 14 April – Maundy Thursday
- 15 April – Good Friday
- 17 April – Easter Sunday

The Church team are delighted to announce that we have a much needed churchwarden - Rebecca Spicer, who lives in the village. We all welcome her to the position and pray for her to strengthen the team and life of the church in Minal

Parking For Church Services

Andrew Ainslie has very kindly given permission to park in the Avenue Nursery car park during services while the church car park is too wet. It's only a 2 minute walk down Church Lane

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting: Thursday 24 February.

We will be talking about 'Melmoth by Sarah Perry' New members welcome. Please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or dwatsonweavers@gmail.com



**Hannah
Yoga**



cultivating kindness from the inside out

- one to one sessions
- group yoga classes
- family / parent and child yoga
- guided meditation

Minal Village Hall Classes

- Thursday evening 7pm
- yoga flow class all welcome
- Friday lunch time 1230pm
- focused on beginners and those wishing to go back to basics with their yoga practice.

create space for yourself - email:
hannahwoolven@gmail.com

GARDENING CLUB

All welcome!

Gardening Club is on 9 February in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Chilli and jacket potatoes will be provided. Please bring your own drinks. Topics to include permaculture and seeds for spring.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you well know, this year Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, and there is a long public holiday 2-5 June. During this period the Parish Council would like to support a Minal celebration and would ask for volunteers to manage and assist to run such an event. There will be a floral display and a special service in St John's, and other ideas are a street party in the Village Hall or The Horseshoe Inn, and a games afternoon for children of all ages. If you are interested, please contact: Rob Bailey 512363 or email: robbailey1@aol.com

Minal Munch

We are pleased to announce the return of the popular Minal Munch held in the Village Hall from 3-4.30pm on the following dates:

February – sadly no Munch!

Friday 4 March

Friday 1 April (no joke)

Friday 6 May

Look out for the poster and pop in for a chat and cuppa