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## Spring in Minal!

After a stormy few weeks in February, spring has arrived in all its splendour, the clocks have gone forward and there is a buzz of anticipation and excitement in the air. The Minal calendar is filling up as can be seen in this News.

### Annual General Meetings

Villagers are welcome to attend upcoming AGM's of Minal organisations where they will hear what has been happening and what is being planned by the dedicated volunteers who give their time for the benefit of the village. If you have been thinking about joining one of the committees then now is the time!

#### Village Hall

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Village Hall

Contact: Rob Bailey 512363 or email:

[Robbailey1@aol.com](mailto:Robbailey1@aol.com)

#### Minal Sports and Social Club

Date: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Sports Pavilion ( dress warmly!)

Contact: Clive Scholefield 07717812165

Email: [cliveascholefield@gmail.com](mailto:cliveascholefield@gmail.com).

### Upcoming Events

#### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee: 2-5 June

The Village would like to mark the Queens Jubilee with a street style party for all villagers plus other activities. We are urgently looking for people to organise or support this important milestone. Please contact Rob Bailey 512363 or email [robbailey1@aol.com](mailto:robbailey1@aol.com).

#### Duck Races and 6-a-side Cricket: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June or 10<sup>th</sup> July – TBC.

There will be fun cricket on the sports field from 12pm with the traditional Duck Races on the Kennet at Werg Bridge at 4pm. Contact Ashley Miles: 07594762541

**Mikron Outdoor Theatre presents: RED SKY AT NIGHT**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm on the Minal sports Field.** Bring your anorak. And your Factor 50. Well you never know! Check it out on: [www.mikron.org.uk](http://www.mikron.org.uk). Or contact the Minal Community Facebook page

#### Village Fete: 1.30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July on the Minal Sports Field.

Fun and activities for family and friends. Watch this space for more details and/or contact Dom Coomber: [dominiccomber@gmail.com](mailto:dominiccomber@gmail.com).



#### A huge thank you!

After many years of dedicated service in organizing and arranging flowers at Minal Church, June Goddard has finally hung up her secateurs. She has brought such joy for so many people on many occasions. The church and the whole village are so grateful to you June.

#### BOOK CLUB

The Minal Book Club will be meeting on Thursday 28 April, when we will be discussing The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. New members welcome - Please contact Deirdre Watson on 512729 or [dwatsonweavers@gmail.com](mailto:dwatsonweavers@gmail.com)



# MINAL CHURCH

## Happy Easter from the Marlborough Anglican Team

Church services are held every Sunday at St. John the Baptist Church, Minal at 9am. The church is open every day. Special services in Minal over Easter are:

- 9am 10 April – Palm Sunday Service
- 8pm 11 April – Compline (night prayer)
- 9am 17 April – Easter Sunday Celebration Service- followed by Easter Egg Hunts.

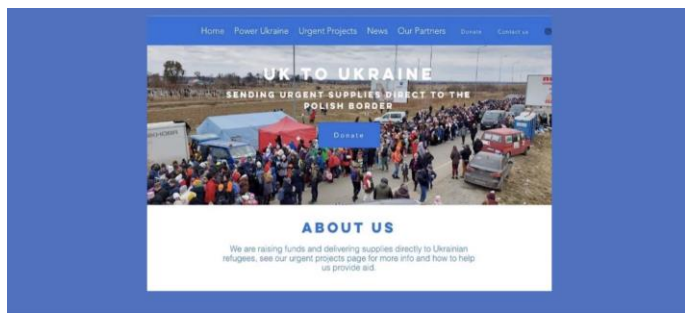
For more details on these and other services/events in Marlborough over Easter, pick up a card in the church or go to: [marlboroughanglicanteam.org.uk](http://marlboroughanglicanteam.org.uk) or phone: 01672 512357

### Church Spring Clean!

St. John the Baptist are having their Spring Clean on **2nd April from 10am to 12 noon**. Please do come and help us dust and polish the pews and brasses. Refreshments served!

### Electoral rolls

Revision of the electoral rolls are underway. Being on the electoral roll is a way of expressing commitment to the church and enables you to vote in important church meetings. Forms are to be found at the back of the church and from the team office.



Ukraine still needs your help! Support a very local initiative

[www.uktoukraine.com](http://www.uktoukraine.com)

So far we have raised over £100,000 in aid of the refugees from the Ukraine now in Poland. 40 generators have been delivered along with thousands of pounds worth of medical supplies, food and other essentials. **Supplying aid to Ukraine started as a small initiative from our village of Axford and now it has gathered some serious momentum, please follow the links to donate**

## A Warm Welcome!

We extend a very warm welcome to Rebecca and Jeremy Leggate and their family Freddie, Jasper, Arthur and Saskia who are the proud new owners of Glebe House, Church Lane. There is some maintenance and modernisation work that needs to be completed before all the family can move in but, nevertheless, Rebecca and Jeremy will be constant visitors so please make your acquaintance.

## Fraud and Scam Alerts

Fraud and scam is on the rise – here are two advisory services that might help you to avoid being caught out:

**\*\*\* FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL FRAUD PROTECT ADVISOR – SOUTH WEST REGIONAL ORGANISED CRIME UNIT \*\*\***



**ONLINE WEBINARS** ~ These 1-hour sessions are available to any person, who seeks to enhance their awareness of fraud and financial exploitation regardless of age, job, responsibility. Attendees of this session will have an understanding of the threat caused by fraud, as well as an insight into the most common frauds affecting the UK today, and will be offered fraud protection advice and resources, that will be invaluable in the fight to stay free from fraud in all aspects of daily life.

**The next fraud safety webinar is scheduled for Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 2pm: Follow link to book place on webinar: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/215697405747>**

And

### Phishing and scams

“Which” has a scam alert service that is free to sign up to. It is very useful as it keeps you up to date with the current ones circulating and tells you how to spot them. There is also a tool for reporting scams. Go to:

<https://conversation.which.co.uk/scams>.