

# Minal News 38

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Communication Building Community

## Minal Nativity

Once again the village came together to act out the Nativity story on Christmas Eve. There was a strong sense of support this year, with lots of offers to help. It all went well, apart from me missing the cue to put the angel on the chair! Thank you to everyone who took part in all sorts of ways. The weather held off until 5 minutes before the end but it all culminated in a well attended event providing a fitting scene to start the Christmas celebrations, followed by nibbles and drinks in the village hall. All the costumes and stable are back in the loft ready for Christmas 2023. Thank you all. Gilly Price

## Eyes Down for Bingo

Over 90 residents of all ages from Minal and the local area enjoyed the annual Bingo evening at the Village Hall in December. This really is a fun event with the happy shouts of "House" and groans of "Oohs & Aahs" of those who were close. Thanks to the generosity of those in attendance and to individuals and local businesses who donated prizes, we were able to raise some much needed funds. This will go towards the maintenance of the pavilion and the lovely sports field that we tend for everyone to use. Thanks are due to Jackie Cook and her small team of volunteers from the village.



### Flood Warnings

Check for flooding in Minal at:  
Check-for-flooding-service.gov.uk

### Hold the Dates

"Hold the date" for Mikron Theatre returning on Wednesday 19 July for another 7pm summer show at the cricket pavilion.

Minal Village Show on Saturday 9 September

More news in March's edition.



### Hire the Village Hall

Did you know you can hire the Village Hall for parties, wedding receptions, reunions or club activities. The Hall has free wi-fi, a full kitchen plus lots of tables and chairs. The hall can be hired on an hourly basis, part day or for a whole day.

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

## An Important Message from the Parish Council

### SSE Support in Power cuts

Most power cuts are short lived and fixed within a few hours but have you thought what you would do if the power was off for longer? The last time this happened in Minal was 2 days before Christmas and people still remember it. What if you have medication that needs to be kept cool, or you have small children or a disability and need power to work equipment? Two Rapid Response Operatives from SSE Scottish and Southern Electric came to talk to the village at the PC meeting on Monday 9 January to talk about their Priority Services Register. They recommend anyone with a disability, chronic illness, the very young or elderly or anyone otherwise reliant on electricity for medical equipment registers for this service. It means that in the event of a significant power outage they know who to prioritise for help. This can include delivering small generators to power a fridge or lighting and glow sticks that are safer than having naked flames around the house.

You can register free by calling 0800 294 3259 or by completing the online form [ssen.co.uk/psr](http://ssen.co.uk/psr) There are also forms to complete at the village hall if you attend the next Minal Munch and some will be placed in the Minal News boxes.

SSE also had lots of advice for preparing an Emergency home kit and this is also available on line and their leaflet "Your Home Emergency Plan". There is a new easy number for reporting any power cuts, 105 and a mobile app called "Power Track" where you can see where power outages are and how long they are likely to be. The app has a green and white stripey pattern.

We are experiencing more extreme weather events than ever before and sometimes equipment breaks down which takes a bit longer. Delays can be caused by SSE needing to access private land and negotiate with the landowner via a way leave agreement. SSE offer lots of help to small village parishes and the PC will be looking at what emergency equipment we can store for the village. *For more information read the news article on the front page of the village website <https://mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk>*

### **Gardening Club**

The next Gardening Club meeting will be Wednesday 22 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Call Sue Hine for further details: 512847

### **Minal Munch**

All are welcome to come along to the Minal Munch on Friday 17 March from 3.00 to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. There's always a warm welcome and lovely free cakes and refreshments

### **At the Horseshoe**

Acoustics at the 'Shoe will be on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> which is also Nick's birthday so there will be cake!

### **Generator for Ukraine**

A Minal resident kindly donated a new generator for Ukraine. It was delivered by Simon Ellis from Pewsey and presented to Ukrainian medical staff in Sumy near the Russian border

