

Grateful thanks to our local village food companies

The fabulous teams at Tom Parker's Creamery and Grove Farm Butchery have both made very generous donations to the Marlborough Community Fridge in recent months. Their top quality products have been hugely appreciated by many local people who are really feeling the effects of the cost of living crisis now. Many, many thanks to you all.

Lavender Row Plants to return in May

Popular local nursery, Lavender Row Plants, plan to come back to the village hall car park for their regular summer pitch from Saturday May 6th.

Minal Munch

All are welcome to come along to Minal Munch held on one Friday afternoon each month from 3.00 to 4.30pm. There is always a warm welcome and a selection of lovely free cakes and refreshments. What's not to like?

Look out for the banner on the Village Hall.

Volunteers, gardeners, flower arrangers Please help us to cherish our Minal Village Church St. John the Baptist, a small gem beside the river Kennet, below Savernake Forest. Rated 3*** in *England's 1000 best Churches* and used as a film set for Jane Austen wedding scenes. Everyone welcome Churchgoers or not. It has witnessed the best and worst that can happen in human lifetimes for over 1000 years. The quiet peace is restorative. Open daily from 10-5 pop in for a visit, passing walkers often do. Vases etc. available for *your* weddings. Can you spare an hour to join us?

Tel. Denise Price 07785 936441 or Sue Sykes 07908 969052

Phone Box Book Exchange is due a refresh



A kind volunteer recently emptied three box loads of non-book items including comics, cutlery and DVDs. PLEASE only drop off books for the book exchange.

The kiosk also needs a coat of paint and a good old refresh. Can you help with applying a coat of paint or helping to keep an eye on the stock? Contact Rob at robbailey1@aol.com if you can lend a hand

?Do you want to learn how to prune your apple and pear trees to improve yield this year?

Two morning pruning workshops coming up on Saturdays March 4th and 11th at Marlborough Community Orchard sites. No experience needed. Both starting at 9.30am. More details from Gerald at communityorchard2023@gmail.com



Support your local church

For more information, visit www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk

Supporting the people of Turkiye and Syria

Since February 6th, the devastation following the powerful earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria is still affecting 10s of 1000s of lives. You can donate to help through the Disasters Emergency Fund (DEC - www.dec.org.uk) and the Red Cross (www.donate.redcross.org.uk)

!Help our village hall to thrive!

Lisa Coomber has done a fantastic job as the village hall bookings clerk and now needs to pass on the baton. Are you looking for a home-based way to make a contribution to Minal life? It's not a huge commitment of time but it is a vital role to keep the village hall a vibrant centre for village activities. Please contact either Lisa 511623 or Lynn Scholefield 288076 to find out what being the next booking clerk will involve.

This month at The Horseshoe

Quiz Night - March 8th

Now a popular, regular monthly fixture on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Maximum 6 per team and £2 per person. Winner takes all!

Acoustic Night - March 16th

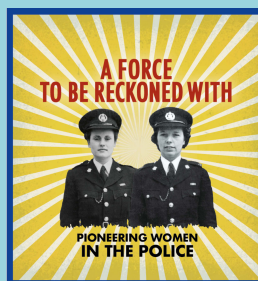
Musicians and music lovers welcome. Music starts at 8pm.

The acoustic night is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Think 'THIRDSDAY'!

Mikron Theatre Performance July 19th

Our performance this year will be 'A Force to be Reckoned With' - an arresting tale of law and order. Ivy and Ruby are WPCs on the mean streets of a 1950s market town - making their mark (and history) as they carve out their place in a modernising police force. They turn 'women's work' into a specialist role. All the usual laughs, music and social history we've come to love from Mikron.



Book Club

Do you like reading and would you like to share your interest?

Then you might enjoy Minal Book Club.

We are an informal group and meet in the Horseshoe on the last Thursday of the month

Our next book is Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce



If you'd like to know more contact Deirdre Watson on dwatsonweavers@gmail.com or 512729

Gardening Club



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm at the Horseshoe. We'll be making up packets of runner bean seeds in memory of Joe Smith. All the beans will come from Joe's own harvests that he had shared with neighbours. They'll be distributed around the village, with growing instructions, in the hope that we'll have some splendid entries for the special 'Joe's Beans' class at the village show in September. Everyone welcome to join in!