

# Minal News 41

May 2023

Communication Building Community



## **Minal Coronation Celebration 'The Big Picnic'. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May – from 12 noon in the Church Field.**

### **Where is it exactly?**

In the field adjacent to the church at the bottom of Church Lane. The event will be in the field that is currently the church car park, and the small field beyond it.

### **Parking?**

Because we are using the field for the marquees and party games there is limited parking so this has been designated Disabled parking only and drop off/collect **only**. No Parking is available in Church Lane in case there is an access need for emergency vehicles.

The Avenue nursery have been kind enough to allow parking on their property but please be considerate of the residents property adjacent to the nursery. Or you can park at the Village Hall.

### **What to bring?**

Your own drink (Prosecco, Pimms, beer, soft drinks whatever you fancy) and drinks for your children. Tea and coffee (hot water via the Urn) will be provided.

Tables and chairs will be provided but please feel free to bring picnic blankets

### **Bring and Share**

We've designed this as a Bring and Share food event. The BBQ goods (and many other items like salads, sausage rolls etc) have been donated but we will still need some items such as:

- Tomato ketchup bottles x 4
- Sliced cheese (for burgers) x 6 packs
- Punnets of raspberries, blueberries and strawberries x lots!
- A large pasta salad (for 12 people or more)
- Other large individual salad items (tomatoes/cucumber etc for the kids)
- A quiche or two?
- A large Trifle

If you are able to provide one of the above items can you please contact Gilly to confirm by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## Tray Bake Competition:

We are running a competition for the best Coronation themed sponge or tray bake dessert. We will then share them for pudding with fruit and cream. If you would like to enter please bring your entry to the food Marquee by 12.30pm. Please no nuts as ingredients in any entry.

- **Activities**

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- There will be lots of children's games and activities. We will have a Tug of War, some Ball games, a bean bag game, garden darts, garden jenga and a craft activity table. Please bring along anything you think would be useful to entertain the kids whilst we socialise.
- Man/woman power required
- Would anyone be willing to assist on the day with the following:
  - Running the BBQ – ideally we'd like 2 people per every 40 mins or so. We already have a few volunteers but could do with a few more to allow everyone time with their families.
  - Childrens games – anyone comfortable running the tug of war or any of the children's games is welcome.
  - Childrens activity table – we have one volunteer to oversee this but more would be good.
  - On the Saturday we have quite a few volunteers with the set-up so thank you, but if anyone else is willing to assist we'll be at the Village Hall loading up chairs and tables and down at the field erecting marquees after the Coronation Service itself (3pm onwards).
  - On the Sunday after the event we will need lots of help to pack up and transport stuff back to the Village Hall so volunteers welcome.
  - We look forward to seeing those of you who have told us you can join us and raising a glass with you in celebration of our new King.
  - Contact: 07785 568513 Gilly Price, or chat to Mark Mutch, Kelli Cichero or Sarah Foard if you have any queries or if you can help with any of the above.

## VILLAGE NOTICES



### Next Sunday 7 May the morning service will be a special commemorative service for the Coronation

Bishop Stephen, our diocesan bishop, is coming to St Mary's Church Marlborough to lead our Ascension Day service at 7.30pm on Ascension Day 18 May '23 at 7.30pm. Do come and meet him.

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed to our Deanery Lent Appeal to buy bibles for Bishop Data's diocese in South Sudan. We were delighted with your generosity and each priest in the diocese will be able to have a Bible in their own dialect.

### Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

See what's growing in the 'wild' garden at the side of the village hall and having a go at making strong, usable, natural cordage (string) from 'weeds' and other plants in your garden.

This meeting is open to anyone - you don't need to be a garden club-goer. If you're curious about why we let the grass grown long, and why it sometimes looks less than 'tidy', come and find out what's really going on in that little patch.

### Acoustic Night at the Horseshoe Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Music from 8pm with a supportive house band to back guest performers if needed. Musicians and music lovers all welcome.

### Joe Smith's Magic Bean Seeds

Small packets of runner beans seeds are on their way to letterboxes around the village.

Over 140 packets will be delivered with a leaflet sharing their story and encouraging as many to be grown in the village this year as possible. If you get a packet and can't use them, you can drop them off in the Minal News leaflet holders so they can be redistributed. Look out for a packet popping through your door soon.

Call Sue Hine 512847 for more details

### The Village Hall is still looking for a Booking Clerk

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 at [minalvhmoney@gmail.com](mailto:minalvhmoney@gmail.com) to find out what being the next booking clerk will involve.

## UPCOMING IN THE VILLAGE

### Duck Races on the Kennet!

This popular village event will take place in late June, date TBA. Buy a duck and take your chances on winning the race or come down to the Werg bridge and watch the fun.



### Watch this Space!



**Minal Village Fete**  
**Fun for family and friends**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
On the Sports Field

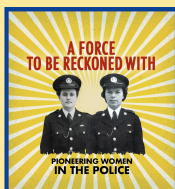
If you would like to help please contact **Clive Scholefield**  
at [cliveascholefield@gmail.com](mailto:cliveascholefield@gmail.com)

**Mikron Outdoor Theatre**  
presents

**A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH**

**Wednesday 19th July 7pm**

On the Sports Field



### The Garden Show Returns Saturday 9 September

There'll be fruit, veg, preserves,  
baking, crafts and classes for children  
too.

Look out for copies on the village hall  
notice board, in all the Minal News  
leaflet holders (village hall, bus  
shelter and phone box) and at the  
Horsehoe.

Everyone welcome to join in. Call Sue  
Hine for further details: 512847