

# Minal News 51

May 2024

Communication Building Community



Minals intrepid boundary walkers

## What is Beating the Bounds

Beating the Bounds goes back to medieval times when groups of villagers, including the parish priest, walked the parish borders to preserve the historical boundaries for future generations



Thanks to Lesley Green and her team for making the boundary walk a "Grand" day out.

Despite a damp start on April 27th, 31 intrepid walkers ranging from tweens to octogenarians enjoyed 14 miles of beautiful scenery. The great oaks in Savernake and the bluebells in woodlands at Grove Farm were delightful.

A big thank you to Sir Nigel and Nicky Thompson for a refreshment break, to Tim and Melissa Brown at Mere farm for the lunch stop and to Martin and Nina Gibson for allowing walkers to enjoy their bluebell woods. Not forgetting Simon Denehay who delivered much needed lunches.

**Mikron Outdoor Theater** is back **July 31st at 7pm** with their production of "Common Ground"

**Playground Fix It Day**  
Sunday May 5th from 10am  
Join our Parish Councillors for wood treating, weeding, strimming, spreading wood chips and general tidying up.  
Any volunteers  
The playground will be closed this day.

\*\*\*\*\* **Seasonal Village Spring Party** \*\*\*\*\*

(it's all happening on...) Saturday April 27th

7-11pm at the Village Hall

BYO drink, nibbles, & favourite tunes to dance to (we have a phone playlist). Seasonal decor, and PA system for your party

Com... and let your hair down for Spring!

£5 voluntary donation to support the Village Hall and optional red/orange/yellow dress code.

Look out for posters and flyers.

**CANCELLED - LOOK OUT FOR NEW DATE**



### Village Hall Spring Clean

The weather was kind. Several repairs, painting tasks and replacements carried out.

Boundary paths and gutters cleaned. Grass cut and gravel renewed



Volunteers made new colourful bunting to decorate future village hall events

### SAVE THE DATES for 2024

**Village Fete**  
Saturday July 20th starts at 1pm

**Minal 10K Trail Fun Run**  
Saturday July 20th starts at 10am

To take part apply at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mildenhall-10k-trail-challenge-tickets-856870922997>



Lavender Row plant nursery opening at Grove Farm, Thicketts Lane Friday 17th May.

**GARDENING CLUB 2024**  
**Thursday June 13th**  
Garden visit to Tup at Woodlands Road

**MINAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Monday May 13th** - Annual Meeting at the village hall 6:30pm Come along if there is anything in the village you would like to discuss or suggest

### REGULAR FREE VILLAGE ACTIVITY

**MINAL MUNCH**  
**Friday May 17th from 3-4.30pm**  
Drop in to the Village Hall for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat with neighbours and friends.

**May at the Horseshoe**  
**Thursday 2nd 8pm** - Jazz & Blues @ The Horseshoe (Note Jazz moved to 1st Thurs in mth)  
Free Entry, Check website for details of the band [www.thehorseshoemildenhall.com](http://www.thehorseshoemildenhall.com)

**Wednesday 8th 8pm** - Quiz Night  
£2 per person, max team size of 6

**Thursday 16th 8pm**: Open Mic Night - Free Entry. Musicians, poets, performers welcome.



**St John the Baptist Church, Minal**  
Services are held **every Sunday morning** at 9.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Sarah Musgrave at [sarahmusgrave99@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmusgrave99@hotmail.com)

**Minal Book Club**  
We are a small, informal group, and always welcome new members. Next meeting is in the Horseshoe on **Thursday May 23rd**. Our book will be **V for Victory by Lisa Evans**. For more information contact Deirdre Watson on: 512729 or [dwatsonweavers@gmail.com](mailto:dwatsonweavers@gmail.com)