

# Minal News 54

September 2024

Communication Building Community

## A Busy Summer in Minal!

### Telephone Box Book Exchange

Our sincere thanks to Jamie Pittams and his colleagues for their fantastic work carried out on the book exchange Telephone Box. At considerable cost to themselves and a donation from the Parish Council, Jamie and his friends have replaced all of the scratched glass panels, replaced a missing Telephone window and replaced the shelves; it looks brand new. May we ask that users of the book exchange make every effort to keep it tidy and do not leave bags of books on the floor. Instead, please call Rob Bailey on 07872 326177 and he will make arrangements for their collection



### Village Scything

The long grass in the wildlife patch at the village hall has had its annual scything. Many thanks to everyone involved and their willingness to forego the strimmer for some healthy graft with traditional tools. Thanks again to Jane Brown and Paul Darby for the loan of the scythes too. There are over 25 different flowering and fruiting plants in that little area now, feeding insects, birds and small mammals through the spring and summer. The grass will be kept short now until the spring flowers start to emerge from February.

### Social Events

The **fete, outdoor theatre and fun run** events were again well attended and enjoyed by the community. As well as providing a platform for fun and social interaction these event raise valuable funds for the organisations in the village. And the weather held off - just! Thanks go to all hard-working volunteers and everyone who attended with their families and friends to make these events a success.



# Upcoming

St John the Baptist Church, Minal  
invites you to a  
**Harvest Barn Dance**



Please bring food and something to  
drink for a Bring and Share Supper



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
6.00pm – 8.00pm  
In Mildenhall Village Hall

Adults £8. Under 13's free



Tickets from Gilly Price 07785 568513  
Sarah Musgrave sarahmusgrave99@hotmail.com

Proceeds will go towards building a well  
and providing clean water  
for Bishop Data's community in South Sudan

## MINAL MUNCH

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3-4.30pm**

Drop in to the Village Hall for a cuppa, a piece of cake  
and a chat with neighbours and friends.

## September at the Horseshoe

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm - Quiz Night**

£2 per person, max team size of 6



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 8pm: Open Mic Night - Free Entry.**  
Musicians, poets, performers welcome.

Jazz night will return in October. Check for details at:  
[thehorseshoemildenhall.com](http://thehorseshoemildenhall.com)

## Village Show and Tell

There won't be a Village Show this year but  
how about a 'Village Show...and Tell' instead?

Plans are brewing for a late morning  
gathering at the village hall, on Saturday  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, to bring together  
representation from the village groups, clubs,  
institutions and businesses and show  
everyone in the village what Minal has to  
offer. Hold the date and contact  
millycarmichael@hotmail.com to book a spot.

## 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)



## Speed Posters

The Parish Council has bought some  
laminated speeding posters which are ideal  
for sticking on your bins. There are "30mph  
please drive carefully" and "20 is plenty"  
posters. It is hoped that this will act as  
another deterrent for people driving too fast  
through our village. They are free and the  
Clerk will be delivering these in the next few  
weeks. If you don't want them please could  
you place in the plastic newsletter container  
by the village hall so they can be  
redistributed.



**Hold the Date!**  
**Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7.30 - 11.00pm  
in the Village Hall.

Our second seasonal village party is coming!  
Optional dressing up with a theme of  
Vikings, Halloween, and autumnal colours.  
Look out for posters and flyers coming soon.

## Police Safe-guarding

You may know that Wiltshire Police was put in Special Measures last year. Since then they  
have been working hard to improve their service and in particular engaging with the local  
community. There is now a Q code you can click on to find more about our Neighbourhood  
team and there are posters on the village notice board and inside the village hall. Also the  
Minal website has been updated with the information so click here to find out more:  
<https://mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk/police-information/> In particular the Street Safe team  
wants to hear about places or locations you have felt unsafe as part of their Violence Against  
Women and Girls (VAWAG) work [StreetSafe Wiltshire | Wiltshire Police](https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/streetsafe) This applies to when  
you are out and about generally in Wiltshire and is a little-known service.

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