

Minal News 65

October 2025

Communication Building Community

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

Children and families very welcome



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



On Friday 3rd October 2025

6.00pm – 8.00pm

in Mildenhall Village Hall

Tickets: Adults £8 and children free

from Gilly Price 07785 568513

and Helen Slater teamrectorpa@gmail.com

Proceeds will go towards more seed, hoes and wellies for Bishop Datas
Diocesan Farm in South Sudan

Minal Munch

10th October, 7th November, and 5th
December

3.30-4.30pm, Minal Village Hall

All are welcome to come along and enjoy a
selection of lovely free cakes and
refreshments

Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 5th October 9.00am

Please join us at St John the Baptist
Church for a service of thanksgiving.

There will be a collection of tinned/ dried
food to support the local Food Bank

STAY SAFE STAND BACK



LET THE GROWN-UPS LIGHT THE FIREWORKS

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY TIME!

Come and enjoy all the fun!

**Wednesday 5 November at
Sports Field in Minal Village**

Gates Open 6pm

BBQ, Bar, Soup Kitchen

**Plus Spectacular Firework
Display with Music**

**Acoustic Night at the Horseshoe
Sunday 19th October:**

Free entry: Musicians, Poets, Performers
All welcome

Minal's Village Show 2025 - The Results

What a wonderful turnout and a surprising array of home grown produce given the unsettled growing season we've had. Our judging team of Wendy, Dee, Adele, Jenny and Charlotte included veterans and newcomers to the art of choosing 'best in class' and they all rose to the occasion. Special thanks to Dee for bringing her expertise over from Ramsbury Horticultural Society and sharing some top ideas with us on how we can make the show even better next time round. Our worthy recipient of the 'overall winner' prize, was Jaki Thompson who went the extra mile with a veritable barrow load of top notch entries. In total, we had over 150 entries from nearly 30 entrants this year. It was heartening to see new faces and some children's entries too. Huge thanks to everyone who helped make it happen and let's look forward to Minal's Village Show in 2026. Always a cracking village-y day to reconnect over a cuppa, a slice of prize-winning cake and a wonky carrot or two.



Closure of Postern Hill campsite in Savernake Forest

Sadly, this much-loved campsite in the forest is slated to close permanently on October 3rd this year. A campaign is in progress to keep it open with support now offered from Marlborough Town Council, Savernake parish councillors and our local press. That campaign will build in the coming weeks and start to gather evidence of public and business support to keep the site open. If you love the campsite too and want to be actively involved, please contact millicarmichael@hotmail.com for more details.

Christmas Nativity 24th December at the Village Hall

Preparations are underway to organise this year's event. We are looking for people to form a team; otherwise it may not go ahead. Also, we need people to take part as the various Nativity characters. The tasks can be split up into 3 groups.

Pre- Nativity tasks. E.g. finding people to perform. Find a pony, musicians, food and drinks, printing off carol sheets. Get the costumes out of the village hall loft and put on hangers.

On Christmas Eve – help to build stable, get straw bales. Erecting lights and operation on the night. Helping at the Horseshoe pub getting ready. Putting children and adults into costumes at Village Hall. Rehearsal.

Post Nativity – Clearing up. Putting stable and props into the loft. Washing any dirty costumes. Putting costumes into labelled bags. Put costumes in the loft.

If we can share up some of the tasks, then I do think the event can go ahead. So, if you can offer just one thing off the list, please contact Gilly Price 07785 568513