

The Villager

Minsterworth News



Sunrise on Christmas morning
over Calcotts Green

by Tony Pearson

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Dear Readers,

Don't forget early May Bank Holiday **has MOVED to FRIDAY 8th MAY** to commemorate 75 years since VE day in 1945.

See p6 for an urgent request for a new Villager distributor for Ellis Bank Lane and a need for a Villager Distribution Manager to take over from Tony Pearson after 18 years of managing all of the distributors on p7. It may sound complicated but believe me it works! A big thank you to Tony for all his hard work – he's due a break!.

Paula

Closing copy date for the March edition is Wednesday 15th February 2020
but earlier is even better!

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING FEBRUARY

GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy
(landfill) (garden)

Tuesday 4 Feb

Tuesday 18 Feb

BLUE bin & caddy
(recycling)

Tuesday 11 Feb

Tuesday 25 Feb

Please put your bin & caddy out by 7am.

See the Snowdrops at The Naight House Minsterworth

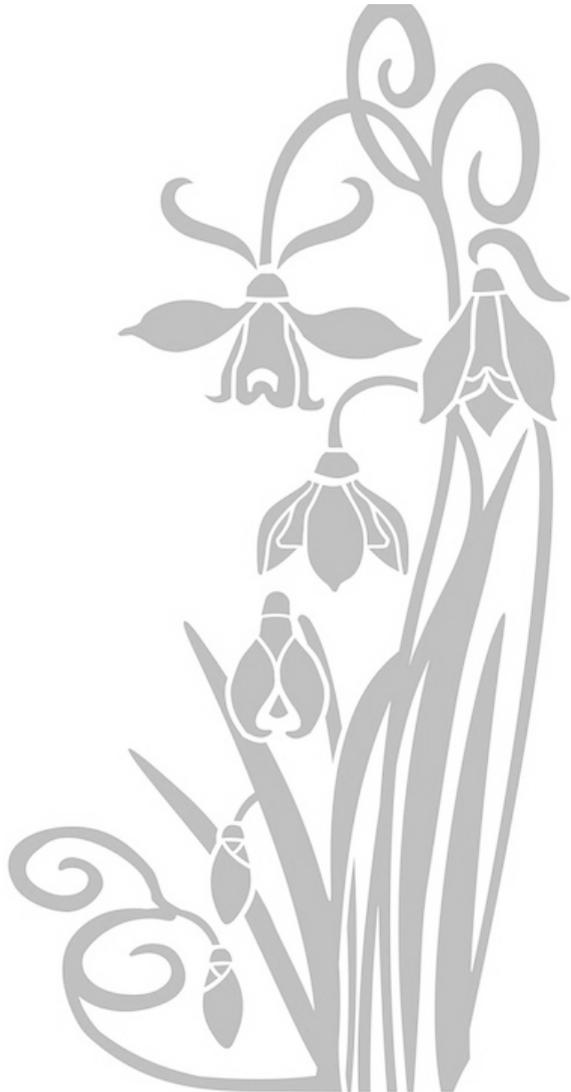
The Naight woods will be open to the public throughout February for you to wander its paths and gaze upon the snowdrops.

On the weekends 8th-9th and 15th-16th February we will be serving hot drinks and cakes from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Donations kindly accepted for St. Peter's Church Minsterworth and Minsterworth Village Hall.

If arriving by car, please park in St. Peter's Church car park and walk along the riverbank.

*Marie-Clare and
Richard Mawle*



Household and Cyber Security

Minsterworth Village Hall

Tuesday 3rd March 7-00pm

All of us will be concerned about the continued risk of being burgled or subjected to some form of scam. Sometimes it's really difficult to know if that email or phone call is genuine or just 'phishing'.

At the above meeting Jill Croxall and Chrissie Parkes from Neighbourhood Watch and members of the Police will discuss various methods of crime prevention, and how we can help ourselves to become more secure. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) exists to help communities work together to prevent crime and make individuals feel safer. This is an opportunity to find out more about NHW and, if you wish, join the network to receive updates about criminal trends and crime prevention on an ongoing basis.

Examples of local Cyber scams are phone calls from i) a bogus BT caller, telling you that your internet will be cut off within 24 hours unless you give the caller access to your computer to fix a fault and ii) a bogus Amazon caller saying that you have signed up for Amazon Prime, and if you don't want to be registered, they will access your computer and disconnect you. BOTH OF THESE EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED LOCALLY, AT LEAST ONE RESULTING IN A LOSS OF FUNDS, so be on your guard.

In addition to the talks, there will be foc leaflets on crime prevention, and for those attending the meeting an opportunity to purchase property marking devices such as 'magic marking water' at a discounted price.

We attended a similar event at Westbury in November and thought it was well worthwhile – fun and interesting.

RB

**Thanks to all those who distribute The Villager,
making it possible.**

Alison Raeburn, Anne Pearson, Brian Billingham, Carol Selwyn, Cath Arkell, Cathy Thomas, Dawn Ricketts, Forest Way care home, Gerald Savage, Hazel Sealey, Mark Atkin, Mary Cooper, Rona Martin, Sascha Morgan, Terry Bourne, Tony Pearson.

It's the people behind the scenes who deliver your Villager who keep it alive. Look how many people it takes! A big thank you to all of you!

Paula

A New Year for Minsterworth Photo Club!

At Minsterworth Photographic Club we have been welcoming photographers of all knowledge levels and abilities for two years. We've recently had some free taster evenings for new members, and we're pleased to say that as a result our numbers have increased substantially!

From January, we will be changing our club nights to the 3rd and 4th Monday of each month from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

At Minsterworth Photographic Club we welcome photographers of all knowledge levels and abilities. It doesn't matter what level your photographic skills are currently; over the last two years, our members' abilities have risen dramatically, and their images are proving very hard to judge! If you are interested in photography, why not give us a try? A warm welcome awaits you!

Unlike some other clubs, we are open all year round with trips out on summer evenings, and projects and competitions throughout the year.

In the meantime, why not have a look at our website:

www.minsterworthphotoclub.co.uk or email us at minsterworthphoto@mail.com.

We would be delighted to meet you and make you most welcome!

Bob Holder

Club Chairman, Minsterworth Photographic Club

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE RESIDENTS OF ELLIS BANK

Sascha Morgan presently delivers a copy of The Villager every month to each house on Ellis Bank Lane. She will be leaving the village in the near future so if anyone would be willing to take over from her please call me on 01452 750174 or 07449 414186.

Tony Pearson

Villager Distribution Manager



**A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER AND FILM NIGHT
FEBRUARY, FRIDAY 28TH.**

TIME 7PM FOR 7:30PM

PRICE 10 POUNDS.

ANY PROFITS TO CHURCH FUNDS.

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

TICKETS TO BE OBTAINED FROM:

RITA GARBUTT 01452 750128 BY WED 26TH FEBRUARY.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT SUPPER AND 'MYSTERY' FILM.

VILLAGER DISTRIBUTION

Every month since the Villager was first produced 18 years ago I have been responsible for ensuring that the 15 distributors receive their bundle of magazines as soon as possible after I receive them from the printer.

Each distributor has an agreed number of houses in their local area to deliver to and so I organise the magazines into 15 bundles and then drive round the village and deliver one bundle to each distributor.

I also send magazines by post to paying subscribers (currently 13) who live elsewhere. This whole process takes me about 3 hrs one day a month. Additional time is needed on an occasional basis to maintain the database of distributors and their distribution lists.

After all these years I feel it is time to stand down. I am therefore looking for anyone in the village who would be willing to take over from me in, say, 6 months time. This would give plenty of time for me to explain the very simple monthly routine and for the volunteer to accompany me on my round at least once. If you are interested then please call me on 01452 750174 or 07749 414186 and we can discuss any questions you may have.

Tony Pearson

Villager Distribution Manager



MINSTERWORTH AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our January meeting, held on 8th, was attended by 6 members. Unfortunately numbers of the Legion branch have decreased and one of the agenda items was focused on wanting to raise member numbers. Our next meeting will be held on February 12th at 7.30 in the Legion room so please come along and join us to discuss many items, particularly the VE Day 1945 75th anniversary.

Military History

Feb 10 th 1906	Launch of HMS Dreadnought
Feb 12 th 1942	Channel Dash
Feb 14 th 1797	Battle of Cape Vincent

Terry Bourne
President
Minsterworth RBL

I bought my friend an elephant for his room.
He said "Thanks"
I said "Don't mention it"

My friend asked me to help him round up his
37 sheep.
I said "40"

My friend says to me: "what rhymes with
orange"
I said: "no it doesn't"

Greg Tassell sings...

ELVIS

Friday 20 March 2020, 7 pm
Minsterworth Village Hall

Programme to include:
Teddy Bear | Love Me Tender
It's Now or Never | Just Pretend

backed by
Lorenzo Milani *bass*
Wez Johnston *drums*
Nick Miller *piano*

Tickets £25
from 3choirs.org/elvis
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Two-course hot buffet
supper included
Wine and soft drinks
cash bar available

Everybody welcome!

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AIRGUN LEGISLATION

On 7th December a small group of 4 to 5 boys and a dog were seen in an area of private woodland within the Village carrying what was believed to have been an air rifle. The legislation states that they should not be using an air gun if they are under 14 and unsupervised, nor on private land without permission. There are similar restrictions when shooting on a riverbank or near a public footpath. For further information see <https://www.airgunshooting.co.uk/expert-advice/>

The legislation changed in 2007 and this now states “It is illegal to shoot an airgun on any land, including common land, river banks, public land, recreation areas or playing fields and land covered by water, i.e. lakes, ponds, canals and rivers where you do not have full permission from the land owner or its tenant. It is also illegal to fire an airgun closer than 50 feet (15 metres) from the centre of a public highway, bridleway or footpath, if your shooting causes upset or inconvenience to those using the highway.”

Air gunners between 14 and 18 years of age are no longer allowed to transport an airgun to the venues at which they shoot. These shooters must be accompanied and supervised by someone of 21 years or above.

The Police were informed, and the caller was told that they should phone 999 if a similar incident with small boys and a gun is witnessed.

We would be grateful if anyone else in the village experiences a similar incident it is reported using the link <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/contact-us/report-a-crime-or-incident/>. It is only by reporting such events that the authorities become aware of this illegal behaviour.

RB

St Peter's Church Social Events 2020

Dear friends

Here is the diary for St Peter's social events for the year. There will be more details as the year progresses, this is just so that you can put some dates in your diary. If anyone notices any mistakes, please let me know..... thank you.

January 31st Fish and chips and a film at the village hall. 7:00 for 7:30.

February 28th Fish and chips and film night.

March 14th/21st Church and church yard Spring clean.

Nearer the time one date will be chosen, depending on weather forecast. All welcome, a fun morning, tea and coffee and cake will be provided.

March 27th Fish and chips and film night.

April 24th Sheep drive (similar to a Beetle drive) with puddings, at the Village Hall. Great fun!

May 3rd Celebrating V. E Day.....the Sunday before the main day of celebration. A joint event with the Village Hall.

May 16th A Coffee morning at the home of Liz and Gerald

May 22nd A talk at the Village Hall by Pete Wilson, a local radio presenter.

June 20th/21st Open Gardens weekend..... for more details please talk to Alison Raeburn, maybe you would like to open your garden?

October 3rd Harvest Supper

November 27th Fish and chips and film night.

December 1st Wreath making

Thanks Anne Cowdrey

Tasty Vegetarian curry

Trying to reduce how much meat you eat? Vegetable curry is a staple in many Asian houses. We love curry in Britain so why not try making something healthy, simple & delicious? How about a South Indian Kadala Curry made with chick peas & plenty of spices. Make lots & freeze for midweek meals.

1 tbsp sunflower oil
1 onion, diced
1 clove garlic, chopped
½ tsp salt
½ tsp cumin pdr
¼ tsp coriander pdr
¼ tsp turmeric pdr
¼ tsp red chilli pdr
2 tins chick peas
1 tin chopped tomatoes
2 inch piece root ginger grated
Pinch garam masala

- Heat the oil in a large saucepan, fry onion & garlic until caramelised
- Add salt & spices, stir
- Add tomatoes
- Cook until it begins to thicken
- Add chick peas including the water
- Mash a few of the chick peas
- Cover & simmer for 5 minutes
- Add the ginger and garam masala & cook for another minute

Serve with pitta breads or plain basmati rice.

Why did the old man fall in the well?
Because he couldn't see that well.

What's orange and sounds like a
parrot?
A carrot.

What do you call a dog that does
magic tricks?
A labracadabrador.

Minsterworth Reading Group



The book chosen for our February 5th meeting is 'Everything I Never Told You' by Celeste Ng.

In March we will review 'Girl, Woman, Other' By Bernadine Elvaristo.

Missing

By Anne Scott

I've hunted near, I've hunted far
I even looked inside my car.
I've lost my glasses, I'm in need,
To have them now so I can read.
I loudly swear and I curse
Did I leave them in my purse?
Are they behind the sofa, under the bed?
Oh there they are - on my head!



ST PETER'S P.C.C.

The Whist Drive

Thank you to all who supported the January whist drive. Proceeds from the evening amounted this time to £67.

The next whist drive will be on Monday February 3rd, at Minsterworth Village Hall, 7.30pm.

200 Club

The result of the January draw was as follows:-

£50 No. 087 Simon Bourne

£20 No. 071 Jean Parker

£10 No. 086 Colin Bolton

Church Service Times & flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
2 February	11am	Family Service	Gill Payne
2 February	5pm	Evensong	Gill Payne
9 February	11am	Holy Communion	Gill Payne
16 February	5pm	Evening Prayer	Anne Pearson
23 February	9.30am	Holy Communion	Anne Pearson

On Ash Wednesday, which falls on the 26th February, there is a service at Minsterworth church starting at 7pm. If you prefer an earlier time there is a service at 2pm at Westbury church.

During Lent there is a service of Compline at Northwood Green every Friday starting at 6pm.

Gardening...

Would any garden lovers be interested in meeting up... perhaps seasonally for a coffee gathering just to exchange ideas and comments?

I tried some purple vegetables this year and wasn't overwhelmed with the results... but someone else might have had a better outcome... and maybe arrange help for holiday cover for plants... Personally I don't want another committee in my life... or too many meetings... but I love sharing ideas!

If you are interested in this proposal just email or call me and we can fix a date in the springtime... and thereafter plan ahead... perhaps a spring... summer... and autumn... gathering..?

I personally think chocolate biscuits help such things along very well indeed...

Nicky Milligan

Nicky.milligan.healing@gmail.com

Every time you talk to your wife you should remember the conversation is being recorded for Training and Quality purposes.

Why are men who have pierced ears better prepared for marriage? They have experienced pain and bought jewellery.

I just asked my husband if he remembered what day it is..... scaring men is so easy.

When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than letting him keep her.

Anon

More Fedex 'gripes'

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back order.

P: Auto pilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Can't reproduce problem on the ground.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

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Daytime Severn Bores 2020

Our old friend the Severn Bore isn't doing anything spectacular this year but there is a fair smattering of decent 4 and 3* daytime bores across the piece. Remember a 'small' bore can be good without river traffic!

Month	Date	Time	Star	m
February	Tues 11 th	09:26	3	9.8
	Weds 12 th	10:07	3	9.8
March	Tues 10 th	08:26	3	9.9
	Weds 11 th	09:08	4	10.2
	Thurs 12 th	09:50	4	10.2
	Fri 13 th	10.28	3	9.9
April	Weds 8 th	09:20	4	10.0
	Thurs 9 th	09.47	4	10.2
	Fri 10 th	10.28	4	10.2
	Sat 11 th	11:07	3	9.7
May	Thurs 7 th	08:42	3	9.7
	Fri 8 th	09.25	3	9.8
	Sat 9 th	10:06	3	9.7

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Sept	Sat 19 th	10:09	3	9.8
	Sun 20 th	10:49	3	9.7
Oct	Sat 17 th	09:04	3	9.8
	Sun 18 th	09:45	4	10.0

It's worth saying that there are 4* bores at night in September & October if that's your bag.

Minsterworth Village Hall

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Thank you.

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