

The Villager

Minsterworth News



Highnam sunset

Graham Edgeworth
Minsterworth Photo Club

February 2022

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Dear readers,

January 2022 saw the very first Minsterworth Comedy Night on Friday 7th January (see p18) and great to hear more are planned.

Please support the Saturday Soup Kitchen on Saturday 12th Feb (p3) and good to see the Wednesday coffee mornings at the Harvey Centre are well supported. Many people report that the art classes have helped them to realise that they **are** artistic so why not join in?

Julian Oxley starts another of his excellent series of articles on p8 and see p11 for Teams4U's thanks for your generosity for their shoebox appeal.

Paula

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SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday 12th February 2022

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Lighten our Darkness



I would like to thank everyone who made such a splendid effort for the 'Lighten Our Darkness' week. We were so lucky with the weather, and it was a joy to walk along to the Church, watch the lighting taking place and join neighbours chatting to each other.

You have made such a success with this idea and I do believe it has become a Minsterworth Annual Event!

My thanks for your support and enthusiasm.

Liz Duff

St Peter's Minsterworth

As we look to the future, and the year ahead, there will be changes at St Peter's Minsterworth. We are excited by the prospect of interviewing and appointing a full-time priest-in-charge for the Highnam benefice, with Minsterworth. We hope that the interviews for this post will take place in February.

As we look back to the end of the year and our Christmas celebrations, we remember that many things are familiar and occur year after year.

Here is a precious memory from Christmas 2021. Thomas was thrilled to make his Christingle, during our Processional Carol and Christingle service.

He proudly held his lit Christingle, as we sang,
"Like a candle flame, flickering small in our darkness,
uncreated light,
Shines through infant eyes. God is with us, alleluia."

Jo Stait and Anne Cowdrey



FEBRUARY FISH & CHIPS

Thursday 10th February 2022

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Fish and chips will continue every second Thursday of the month until further notice



Coffee mornings:

Coffee mornings at the Harvey Centre are proving popular and it is not surprising with delicious cakes on offer and chance to meet new people. Why not pop along on Wednesday morning between 10am and 12.30pm? A warm welcome awaits!

Art for Wellbeing:

This new class started on 5th November 2021. All who have attended the classes so far have thoroughly enjoyed their experience with many of them surprising themselves with their achievements! Attendees have commented on how friendly the group is and feel it has evolved into a supportive, non-judgemental, safe space where they can relax and enjoy a few hours “me time”.

Approximately half of the attendees had not had any previous art experience since school and were convinced that they couldn't draw. The accompanying picture showing examples of their work to date tells a different story!

Classes are held every Friday morning from 10am to 12.30pm and cost £7 per session. Attendees are provided with everything they need to start their art journey so why not give it a try?

For further information please call Arlette Lane on 07926 986 247 or please just come along on any Friday from 14th January 2022.



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Strength, balance and mobility class:

This new, weekly class is delivered at the Harvey Centre by Farr Physiotherapy & Sports Therapy who are based at Highnam.

The class is tailored to individual needs and is suitable for anyone who wishes to improve mobility and posture, prevent falls, maintain their walking, activity levels around the home or generally wish to feel fitter and stronger.

The classes started on Wednesday 12th January 2022 but due to the rise in Covid numbers it was decided to limit class numbers to 8 for the remainder of January and re-assess after that. Once this class is established it is hoped to offer a second class on a Thursday for people who cannot attend the Wednesday class.

Cost: £10 per session. To book a place please either:

Call: 01452 234005 or Email: info@farrphysio.co.uk and leave a message with name, mobile contact number and email address. A member of the team will then contact you.

February 2022	
MON	Tan House Choir 6.00 to 9.00pm Telephone 01452 750128 to find out more...
TUES	Parents/carers and toddler "Play Date" 9.30 – 11.00 am (Note TBC) Telephone 07925 011795 to find out more...
WED	Community Cafe 10.00 to 12.30pm Drop in event Strength, balance and mobility class 10.00 to 11.00am Telephone 01452 234005 or email infor@farrphysio.co.uk leave mobile number/email address. A member of the team will contact you. Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange 11.00 - 12.30pm
THUR	
FRI	Art for Wellbeing 10.00 to 12.30pm Telephone 07926 986247 to book a place Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange 9.30 to 10.00am
SAT	
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CROSSING THE RIVER – part 1

Julian Oxley

This is the first of several parts of Julian’s latest article of local interest.

1. Down to Gloucester

Many towns and cities in this country – even villages – are divided by a river; the biggest of all is of course London. The same applies to counties, with Gloucestershire effectively bisected by the mature River Severn before it becomes the Bristol Channel. Crossings of one sort or another have always been needed, and over the centuries a wide and fascinating variety has developed. I’m going to look at all the principal, and a few lesser ones and starting at the top will move south through the county.



Mythe Bridge

The Mythe Bridge just north of Tewkesbury was built by the famous Scottish engineer Thomas Telford and opened in 1826. Prior to that the river had to be crossed by means of two long-established ferries. The Bridge has undergone intermittent strengthening and repair and has been listed Grade II* since 1952. It carries the A438 Tewkesbury-Ledbury road, and single file traffic is controlled by lights at either end.

The word “Lode” means “ferry”, and there is still the occasional ferry crossing at Lower Lode, about a mile south of Tewkesbury, probably to access the pub on the west side of the river. Traditionally the crossing was used by troops fleeing from the Battle of Tewkesbury in 1471.

A mile and a half further down the river there was a ferry by the Yew Tree Inn at Chaceley. This goes back centuries and used to carry worshippers to the 11th century St Odda’s Chapel at Deerhurst, just on the opposite bank.

Two miles further south there is the Haw Bridge on the B4213 between Tirley and Apperley. This was built in 1824 but demolished by a barge in 1958, then rebuilt and reopened in 1961. In February 1938 the Bridge saw the gruesome discovery of an unidentified man’s headless body, which remains one of Gloucestershire’s most notorious unsolved crimes.

Haw Bridge

There was once a ferry at Ashleworth Quay which was a major crossing point, providing a link to Sandhurst on the east side of the river, but it closed in the 1950s. Its siting was due to the flood meadows being narrower here than they are all the way back up to Tewkesbury.



Just under three miles downstream from Ashleworth we reach Upper Parting, where the river divides into two, the West (or Maisemore) Channel and the East Channel. Because of this the crossings become more complex as we approach Gloucester.

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Turning first to the West Channel around Gloucester, we come to Maisemore Bridge, carrying the A417 over the river on the city side of the village. This has been an important crossing point for many centuries, with the first recorded bridge dating from the 1200s.



Maisemore Bridge

After that a bridge, probably timber, was cut down by royalist besiegers of Gloucester in 1643. At some later date it was replaced by a brick and stone structure, but this was destroyed by floods in 1777 and replaced by a two-arch brick bridge from 1785, initially paid for by tolls. In 1936 responsibility for this bridge passed from the trustees who had overseen it to Gloucestershire County Council. Three years later the bridge was demolished to make way for a new structure. but due to the outbreak of war a

temporary timber bridge was erected instead. This carried the traffic until 1956, when the existing bridge was finally opened.



Minsterworth Reading Group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

In February we will be reading
A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes

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Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

2021 was a very special year for the Royal British Legion. On May 15th the Legion reached a milestone – its 100th birthday –

To mark the occasion H.M. the Queen sent a message of congratulations and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales recorded a special birthday message which was played to the charity members during their Annual Conference.

Also, in May 2021 it was marked that it was 20 years since the National Memorial Arboretum was officially opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent.

The Memorial Arboretum is a super location to visit and its. Address is:-

National Memorial Arboretum
Croxhall Road, Alrewas, Staffordshire, DE13 7R

Military History

Feb 10 th	1906	Launch of H.M.S. Dreadnought
Feb 12 th	1942	Channel Dash
Feb 14 th	1797	Battle of Cape Vincent

We were unable to hold our meeting in Jan 2022 due to Head Office instructions from the R.B.L. not to hold meetings in closed rooms at present.

Terry Bourne
President
Minsterworth & District R.B.L.

- 250 lbs here on Earth is 94.5 lbs on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just not on the right planet.
- The best thing about good old days is that we were neither good nor old.
- How come you never see a headline like "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Cats and commas have so much in common and yet are so different. Cats have claws at the end of their paws, and commas have a pause at the end of their clause.

Thank You!

Thank you all very much for the contributions you have made to this years' Teams4U shoebox appeal. People have donated in different ways; either by filling shoeboxes, donating money or by donating items to go into shoeboxes. Whichever way you helped: thank you! They all played a large part to ensure this years' appeal was once again a success; over 63,000 shoeboxes are being distributed among the poorest children and adults in Eastern Europe; our boxes having gone to Belarus.

As well as the many residents of local villages responding to the appeal, the pupils of Westbury on Severn CofE Primary School took part. These acts of thoughtfulness and kindness will have ensured families' Christmases were brightened. It has been said that the 'kindest thing one can do is to do something for someone you will never meet' and you have certainly proved that point!

A huge Thank You from Eastern Europe and from both Jayne and myself. *Elaine Incher*



THANK YOU!

FOR SUPPORTING
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Thank you so much for the donation of your boxes, which will be going to the poorest children in Eastern Europe. You have made this Christmas one to remember!

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Keith & Sandy
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Minsterworth Tree Planting – Platinum Jubilee Oaks

Roger Blowey

There have been two Minsterworth tree planting initiatives recently.

Following the ash dieback issues, Gloucestershire County Council used funds from the Treescape scheme to offer free trees to Parish Councils. You may remember messages about this in December 2020 and Jan - Feb 2021. The first delivery went to the Harvey Centre in spring 2021, and the second delivery, to Minsterworth residents and the Village Hall, came in December 2021. Almost 30 residents requested trees, and these were mainly collected over the weekend of 18/19th December – well supported with cups of coffee! It turned into a very pleasant occasion, a relaxed way of having a social catch up with residents old and new. In fact, we were supplied with significantly more trees than had originally been ordered, so we were able to have a second distribution round on a ‘first come first served’ basis following a message on the Minsterworth Matters WhatsApp group.

Hopefully all the trees have now been planted. I would be grateful if those who had trees would **please send me some pictures** that I can return to Gloucestershire CC as they have, quite reasonably, asked for a few pictures for publicity purposes.



Cathy and Emma collecting their trees



Someone is delighted with their new maple tree!

Jubilee Oaks - The second delivery were two oak trees, supplied to the Village by The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire. These are to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On 6th February 2022 the Queen will become the first British Monarch ever to have spent 70 years on the throne, so it's certainly something to commemorate.

One tree has been planted on Ham Green, and the other at The Village Hall. The letter accompanying the trees states that the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire was founded twelve years ago and is based on the style of the London Livery Company, namely with the objective of highlighting our County's history, achievements, and all that is good in our county in the widest sense. Let's hope that the rabbits and squirrels take note!



Jubilee Oak Tree at Village Hall, beside football pitch



Jubilee Oak Tree at Ham Green

Intaxication

Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with

Ignoramus

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Minsterworth Parish Council – Paper-Copy Planning Documents

Minsterworth Parish Council (MPC) is looking to reduce its holdings of paper documents that relate to previous domestic planning applications within the village. All current planning applications are processed online, and the authoritative source of planning information can be accessed via the Tewkesbury Borough Council planning website. The documents held by MPC pre-date the online process and should not be used for any current or future planning application.

If any Minsterworth resident would like to have the previous planning documents for their property held by MPC, they can request them from the Parish Council Clerk, Mr Paul Bell (by email to: clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk). The Clerk will check whether any records are held for that specific property; if they are, they can be collected from the Clerk at Minsterworth Village Hall between 6.15 to 6.40pm on the following dates:

14 March 2022	Residents will need to provide proof of their address in order to be given the planning documents for their property. MPC cannot guarantee the accuracy or completeness of these planning documents, and once they have been given to the resident, they are for the resident's retention or disposal. Any documents not collected by the resident before the last date above will be disposed of in an appropriate manner.
11 April 2022	
09 May 2022	

Paul Bell
Minsterworth Parish Council
Clerk and Finance Officer

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White Chocolate Cheesecake

Alison Raeburn

This recipe is great for entertaining as it serves 8, it is easy to make and tastes delicious. Enjoy!

100g Digestive Biscuits
50g Butter melted
2x 200g bars of good white chocolate
284ml of double cream
250g tub of full fat cream cheese
250g tub mascarpone



Serve with fresh berries and berry coulis (such as raspberry or blueberry).

Whizz biscuits in food processor
Pour in melted butter and whizz briefly again
Line bottom of 20cm loose bottom tin with parchment
Tip in biscuit/butter mixture and press firmly over base
Refrigerate while making topping
Break the chocolate in small pieces and melt (microwave or bowl over hot water)
Leave to cool slightly
Gently beat cheese, cream and mascarpone but don't over beat
Stir in the melted chocolate
Spoon over base and leave to set for 4 hours or overnight.
Cut into slices, place on individual plates, pour over a little coulis allowing to run down the sides and top with a few berries.



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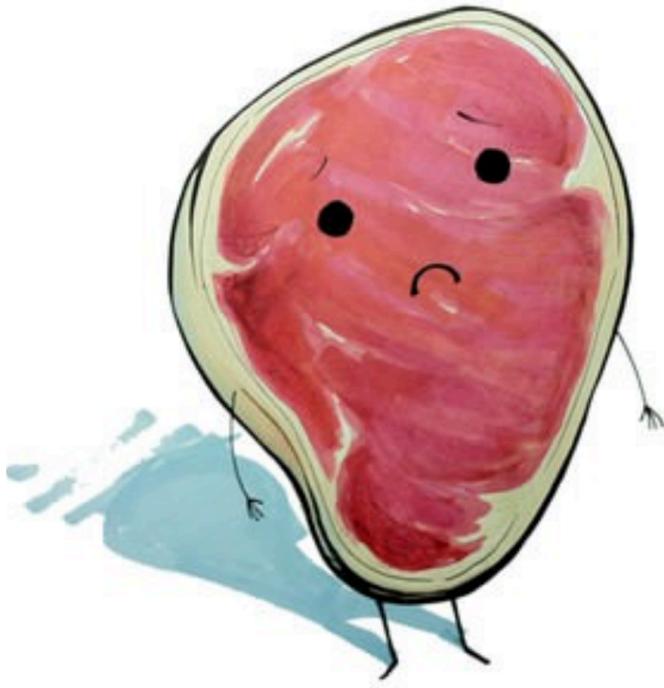
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The Comedy Club comes to Minsterworth

Sarah McHale



Well what a brilliant evening we all had on Friday 7th January, and a great way to start the New Year with more than a few good old belly laughs! Our first foray into hosting a Comedy Night was a roaring success with lots of positive response and we're already planning at least one more later in the year.

The Hall was set out cabaret-style and bathed in a pink hue: the combination of our lighting and the heating elements. Ollie Horn noted how he now knew what it felt like to be rotisserie chicken as the light bounced off the chrome surrounds! Compered by the irrepressible Nik Coppin (Johnny's nephew apparently?? Really?? Erm no but he had me for a few seconds) who immediately 'got' the Minsterworth audience and gently poked fun at several familiar faces who took it in good humour and gave back as good as they were given. Several remarks made about the age of the audience (Fifty Shades of Grey!) and how all the comics felt safe in the knowledge they were performing in 'a three jabbed hall'! Following Nik's brilliant introduction, we knew we were in for a great evening.

Sets followed from retired police officer Alfie Moore whose satirical observations of police work had us giggling. Catch more of him and his series 'It's a Fair Cop' on BBC Radio 4 Sounds and follow him on Twitter: 'Dear Boris, I've been working hard to support the establishment and work from home but I'm a funeral director and my garden's full now. Can you please advise?' is a recent tweet. Ollie Horn referenced his lockdown experience having been stranded in Malaysia and missing living at home with his Mum. Interesting to follow his tweets and see of five gigs he had booked for this January only one hadn't cancelled, assume this was us? And on another note, wasn't it great to do our bit for live theatre and be able to support all the acts given the awful time the entertainment industry has experienced this past

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two years? And so, on we went to our final act Dan Evans, possibly the most acerbic wit of the night. Loved his question to the audience enquiring what had we all been doing to pass those interminable lockdown hours? 'Making jam' was the response that played right back into Dan's act (thank-you Judith!) And not just any old jam but 'apple jam, blackcurrant jam and (wait for it) apple and blackcurrant jam'. As Dan commented, while others had learnt languages, read Shakespeare, learnt new skills, Minsterworth was about making jam!

As I'm writing this review, I am recognising how tricky it is to accurately convey just what a fantastic evening this was. As a committee we worked hard to plan this event and spent time considering the line-up, hoping we had selected the comedians we felt the village would support. We hope we got it right. Alongside lots of familiar faces who support MVH at many events, it was great to pull in a new audience who have assured us will spread the word for future events.

Finally, we must commend and recommend the Bespoke Brewery from Littledean who did a sterling job running the bar. How good was it to see the Legion Room set up as a bar? Their craft ales and local gins were great sellers. We will definitely be rebooking Matt and his team for future Pop-up Pub events, and if you're considering your own party look no further than The Bespoke Brewery (www.bespokebrewery.co.uk).

And finally, a big thanks to Team MVH for the organisation, and a massive thanks to all of you who supported us. Do tell your friends and family. Do rebook later in the year. And as always, do let us know what else you'd like to see happening at your village hall.



Compere: Nik Coppin



Alfie Moore

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Ollie Horn



Dan Evans



Bespoke Brewery of
Littledean's bar

- I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"
- How do you get two whales in a car? Start in England and drive west.

Robin Redbreast

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The red breast of adult Robins is instantly recognisable, making this species one of the most straightforward to identify. Juvenile Robins lack the red breast and have brown upper parts and breast speckled with dark brown. Bit by bit, the red breast starts to appear in late summer, but even in juvenile plumage the round shape, long legs and cocked head postures are characteristically 'Robin' in nature. Robins have a delightful musical song, fluty in nature and pitched higher than that of a Blackbird. Being territorial all year-round means that Robin song can be heard throughout the winter months, and Robins can often be heard singing at night throughout the year, prompted by street lighting.



Almost all other European common names for this delightful bird simply mean 'red-breast' and so it is interesting to speculate how the English name of 'Robin' came into being. Use of the name 'Robin' is relatively recent, with the British Ornithologist's Union official list accepting 'Robin' only as recently as 1952. Historically, the name 'Ruddoc' was used by the Anglo-Saxons but by the Middle Ages, the name 'redbreast' was in use. The 'Robin' component was added later (sometime in the 15th or 16th Century) and appears to be an affectionate nickname associating the bird with the legends of Robin Goodfellow and Robin Hood.

Most of our breeding Robins are sedentary in nature, although some will disperse to breed in a new area. Some individuals appear to undertake migratory movements and many Robins from colder countries like Scandinavia and Finland will pass through Britain in the autumn en route to Iberia or North Africa. Some of these birds will remain in Britain for the winter.

Robins defend territories throughout the year and Robin song can be heard both in winter and summer. During the winter, both sexes sing a rather weak and liquid song. It is during spring that the beautiful breeding season song can first be heard, the male establishing his territorial boundaries. Robins can be surprisingly aggressive. The red breast (associated with fire-bringing and the cross in legend) plays an important part in the threat display and is held so that an intruding Robin sees as much of the territory holder's breast as possible. If the display song and posturing fail to drive an intruding Robin away, then a territory holder may resort to an all-out attack and such attacks can sometimes result in the death of one individual.

- “Uncle Ben has died. No more Mr Rice Guy.” – Tim Vine
- “My mother made us eat all sorts of vitamins and supplements. One day I nearly choked on part of The Sunday Times.” – Milton Jones
- Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs? They always take things literally.

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Gardening by the Severn

Sharon Ingham

This month we are visiting Camden Cottage, developed by Anne Pearson and her late husband Tony, over a twenty-year period. This is a wonderful, enchanting garden with many different areas. The garden has a large terraced area, recently designed and installed, which runs its full length. This provides beds, viewing points and a strong backdrop. Ann says that Tony was a rather unknowledgeable but fairly willing assistant gardener. He was excellent at weeding, digging and mowing but not so hot on plants. In theory he was responsible for the veg patch, but it seemed to be a shared endeavour. 'I never thought I would get excited about a new mower, but I did when I had to take over the mowing! I almost enjoy it!'



When did your love of gardening start?

It is a wonder that I ever became interested in gardening! As children my siblings and I had to do lots of weeding under my, very strict, father's instruction. My sister remembers that she and I even went to the extent of walking from Northleach to Charlton Kings one Saturday to get out of it!!

My mother was always pottering in the garden and I suppose I must have inherited my interest from her.

What significant changes have you made to the garden since you bought the property?

When Tony and I moved to Camden Cottage nearly 20 years ago there was really no garden and I found a blank page harder to deal with than trying to adapt something already there. To start with I asked Tony to dig lots of beds, and I had read somewhere that narrow beds look mean, so they had to be quite deep! We managed to keep more or less on top of it all for about 10 years, after which time we progressively started filling them in as it got too much. About four or five years ago we had the bank along the back of the garden terraced but even that is now getting a bit out of hand. The one big advantage of gardening here is the wonderful soil compared with some we have had to contend with.



Do you think travelling the world has influenced your style of planting or plant choice?

Having been in the Forces for over 30 years with frequent moves, gardening was a challenge and we went for fairly instant results, with lots of annuals. The soil always seemed to be poor, so it was a thankless task. I think having lived abroad made me appreciate our temperate climate and the flowers that are happy here. And I have learned over the years that only plants that are happy where they have been placed will do well.

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Do you use your greenhouse all year round?

I do try to use the greenhouse as much as possible, but I am not very good at keeping it tidy and clean. I overwinter some things, but it really comes into its own in the Spring with seeds and cuttings.

Which plant/flower could you not live without and why?

The one flower I really love, and grow very badly every year, is sweet peas. The scent sums up the summer.

Do you have a favourite view in your garden?

I think my favourite view of the garden is any part of it that is weed free and full of colour, and this varies over the year. Funnily enough I enjoy a line of washing flapping on a lovely sunny day!



Which garden open to the public would you recommend everyone should visit?

Tony and I visited lots of gardens over the years and I discovered many interesting and unusual plants. Also, ideas to adapt for our various gardens, not always successfully! One place in particular that I remember making a big impression was the white garden at Sissinghurst. We went there many years ago with my father-in-law on a lovely sunny day and I have happy memories of it. Having said that, any garden in full bloom in the summer is a delight.

Thank you, Anne, for telling us more about your garden. Like most gardeners you are self-critical and modest. Your Sweet Peas are always a delight as are your Fisherman's Rods in the summer. A washing line of clothes adds to the joy of your very English garden.

- “When a bird gets sucked into an engine, they call it ‘bird strike’. It’s not bird strike, it’s ‘engine suck’!” - Eddie Izzard
- “Years ago, I used to supply Filofaxes for the mafia. I was involved in very organised crime.” - Milton Jones
- “I had a dream last night that I was cutting carrots with the Grim Reaper – dicing with death.” - Tim Vine
- “Somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note, it said ‘Parking Fine.’” - Tim Vine

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- Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve?
 - It's too far to walk.
- I told my friend 10 jokes to get him to laugh. No pun in 10 did.
- Sometimes I tuck my knees into my chest and lean forward. That's just how I roll.
- Why do we tell actors to 'break a leg?' Because every play has a cast.
- Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar. "We don't serve your type!" shouts the barman.

Minsterworth 200 Club

The draw for January resulted in the following winners: -

£50 No. 058 Roger Parham
£20 No. 047 Roger Blowey
£10 No. 116 Juri Zaslowski

Whist Drive

As the January whist drive fell within the 12 days of Christmas, it was good to still have the decorations in situ. Thanks to all who supported the evening which resulted in £74 for church funds. The next whist drive at the Hall will be on February 7th.

Church service times and flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
6 th February	11am	Family Service	Beverley Robinson
6 th February	5pm	Evening Worship	Beverley Robinson
13 th February	11am	Holy Communion	Beverley Robinson
20 th February	11am	Morning Prayer	Julie Fisher
27 th February	TBA	Morning Prayer	Julie Fisher

The advertisement for Minsterworth's priest-in-charge was placed in the Church Times on Friday 14th January. This single role will be Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Highnam Parish and of the Parish of Minsterworth.

- "The sun doesn't live in England; it comes here on holiday when we're all at work" – Benny Bellamacina
- "Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't" – Margaret Thatcher

HELPFUL COMMUNITY LINKS

Minsterworth Neighbourhood Watch - join by emailing 64lettie@gmail.com

The Parish Council website - agenda, minutes, councillors etc

<https://minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk/>

The Village Hall website - www.minsterworthvillagehall.org bookings, recent events

Minsterworthmatters Face Book website – news, local produce etc

<https://www.facebook.com/MinsterworthGlos/>

St Peter's Church - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/> services, events

Minsterworth Matters App - join by texting Roger Ingham, 07525330364 immediate village interests

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At the heart of the village is Minsterworth Village Hall.

This website is for Minsterworth Village Hall activities, clubs and events.

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