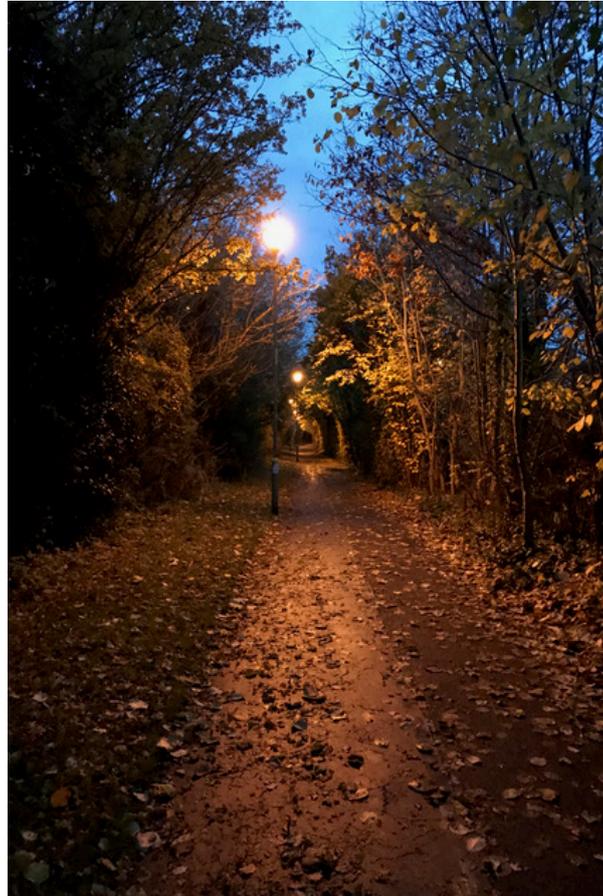


The Villager

Minsterworth News



Bicester alley at night

Graham Edgeworth
Minsterworth Photo Club

January 2022

Edition 230

Dear readers,

Happy New Year Minsterworth! At the moment the frosty back cover seems highly improbable with this globally warmed winter weather but who knows!

January 2022 sees the very 1st Comedy Night in Minsterworth Village Hall on Friday 7th January at 7.30pm see p3. Great to have something very different in our newly refurbished Village Hall and there are more plans afoot see p4.

Paula

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Pop-up-Pub Night! **7th January**
7.30pm

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‘Made in Minsterworth’ Christmas Fayre and Village Hall News

First a massive thank you to all who helped in any way with the organisation of our Christmas events. It was a very busy time but raised significant income for the Hall.

‘Cake My Day’ with Sue Williams on Thursday 2nd December was almost sold-out. Sue’s presentation was very well-received and the raffle of both demonstration cakes a huge success. Sue was very generous with her discount vouchers and we all loved the chocolates she left on our chairs. Please do support her business making bespoke cakes and demonstrating at parties (contact her on Facebook and Instagram).

The evening was significantly enhanced by Bob Holder’s camera skills, filming Sue and presenting on ‘the big screen’ made viewing so much easier. Thanks to Bob! We are looking to explore other events where we can take advantage of our superb AV facilities. The wreath-making class led by Julie Fisher is always a sold-out event and this year was no exception; it was good to see this event back after last year’s cancellation. Many thanks to Julie.

Saturday 4th saw our first ‘Made in Minsterworth’ Fayre. Plans for our traditional Coffee Morning rather ran away with us once we’d decided to host our own village stalls and it ‘snow-balled’ (groan, sorry, couldn’t resist) into a larger event with some 20 stalls selling a range of creative products. We had excellent footfall throughout the day and have received lovely feedback from our stallholders. Too many people to name and we always worry we will forget someone but huge thanks to the ‘Church Ladies’ who raised over £300 for St Peter’s selling scrummy cakes and village produce. Also to Terry Moore Scott for selling his books and donating the income. To the ‘Village Hall Friends’ who helped on stalls. And to the amazing committee who worked tirelessly to ensure both events went well. Thanks to all who donated to the Produce Stall for the Church and to Mimi’s Vintage. Finally, huge thanks to you for supporting the events. If you’d like to have a ‘MiM’ stall at the Summer Jubilee Fete on Saturday 4th June please chat to Sarah McHale. Our Christmas events raised in excess of £700 for the Hall.

Next year is already being discussed and we kick off with our Comedy Night on Friday 7th January (see p3, details and ticket booking on www.minsterworthvillagehall.org). We are setting up a sub-group to plan and organise more events so do please chat to one of us if you’d like to join. We are moving towards the majority of our events being facilitated by the pre-purchase of tickets through the website rather than payment on the door (tickets can still be collected on the door or posted). This makes it far easier for us to manage the Hall’s finances and keep a closer eye on ticket sales. We hope you will support us with this initiative. It also makes it easier for people outside the village to book events.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year at the Hall, and while the events sub-group still needs to meet please add Saturday 12th February to your diaries for the next Soup Kitchen

Happy New Year Minsterworth!

WREATH MAKING EVENING – MINSTERWORTH VILLAGE HALL

In December, twenty-four ladies from Minsterworth, Westbury and Churcham gathered in the Village Hall to make their Christmas door wreaths. Armed with scissors, secateurs and decorations, the Hall was awash with foliage as they all set to work. The end results were beautiful and varied.



Thank you to everyone who supported the event, made the cakes and drinks and helped with all the clearing up. £162 was raised for Minsterworth Village Hall and Church.

What does the Loch Ness monster call his favourite dish? Fish & Ships

What do you do after reaching Greenwich? Find something to occupy you in the meantime.

“It turns out that if you bang two halves of a horse together, it doesn’t make the sound of a coconut.” Ken Dodd

THE SALE OF ONE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSES

A few Minsterworth residents expressed concern about the house that was being advertised for sale at Ellis Bank. This is because there was a general understanding that all shared ownership properties would remain the property of Rooftop and would therefore be available for shared ownership purchase in the future.

This is exactly what happened to the house that was for sale – it has been sold to new shared ownership occupants.

The Parish Council would like to remind all Minsterworth residents, and those with a connection to Minsterworth, e.g. born or working in the village, that they will be given priority if houses become vacant in the future. However, if you wish to be considered it is **VITAL** that you are registered on both of the two waiting lists, namely:

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Shared Equity purchase - Help to Buy South www.helptobuysouth.co.uk phone
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It's absolutely no problem if you are on the waiting list and a house becomes available before you are ready to take it. You can simply stay on the list until you need the accommodation.



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Roger & Norma Blowey's daughter Ann's letter written to celebrate Norma's 'special' birthday two years ago is **overleaf on p7**. Ann lives in Australia & misses her Mum very much.

8th December, 2019

Dear Mum,

Snowdrops & crocuses announce the New Year with strength & vibrancy.

Daffodils & tulips herald the Spring. You have planted many to that end!

Blackthorn & Hawthorn along with Elder flowers in the hedges bring promises of what is to come.

The buttercups, celandine, dandelions & clover of the summer lawns embody the warmth of the season. They encourage lounging, reflection & fun times in the sun.

Berries, beech nuts, acorns & conkers - the Autumn holds the richness & goodness required to carry us through the quiet time.

Although we don't have them here, for me those are the flowers that mark time. There are others that signify different thinking for me: Geraniums take me to Nan's porch, hyacinths to my junior school classroom where we grew them over water perched on jam jars. Cowparsley, snapdragons, alysum, dandelion clocks, holly & mistletoe ^{↳ Burleigh Croft} all hold memories for me, & of course poppies. So vibrant, cheerful & fleeting. You have to appreciate ^{them} there where they grow. Such a treat when you come across them!

Happy Special Birthday, Mum. Much love,
Ann xx



Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

A very happy New Year to you all from Minsterworth and district R.B.L.

Hopefully we will hold our first meeting of 2022 on Wednesday January 12th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The donations received for Remembrance Day in November 2021 amounted to £3,320. This was a superb amount from Minsterworth & District and Westbury-on-Severn.

Military History

Jan 23 rd	1945	Attack on Montforterbeek
Jan 24 th	1945	Carrier strike at oil refineries Palembang
Jan 31 st	1945	Battle of Kangaw

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

Spicy Moorish Kebabs Pinchitos morunos

Dawn Field

This recipe is from Andalusia, where you see it in almost every tapas bar, the region is renowned for simple tasty food, so this is a quick, easy recipe that leaves more time for other things, like socializing with guests.

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 dried red chilli, crushed
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground fennel
1 teaspoon oak-smoked sweet Spanish paprika
Freshly squeezed juice of 1 lemon
2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
1 tablespoon dry sherry
500g/1lb pork tenderloin



Put the oil, garlic, chilli, cumin, fennel, paprika, lemon juice, parsley and sherry in a bowl, mix well. Cut the pork into 2cm cubes and add to the bowl. Cover and chill overnight in the fridge. When ready to cook, preheat a grill until hot. Thread the pork onto skewers and grill for 10 minutes, turning often – take care not to overcook the meat. Remove from the heat and set aside for 10 minutes.

Serve warm.

Enjoy!

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Can you find these words?

- Healthy eating
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Gloucester Canal Side Walk

Roger Blowey

One of our favourite walks is from the docks alongside the Gloucester to Sharpness canal. Park somewhere around Llanthony Bridge (GL2 5JQ), which is point one on the map below – there is usually plenty of space on a Sunday!, and walk west along the canal path. This takes you past Gloucester College, along the edge of Llanthony Secunda Priory, under St Ann’s Bridge (point 2 on the map) and then past Sainsburys. If you have plenty of time, a walk around the Priory is well worthwhile. The area has been beautifully restored.



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Gloucester College on the left, with Llanthony Bridge in the distance. Start your walk here, or from the Sainsbury's car park if you are already there for shopping.

St Ann's Bridge, viewed from the west, with the McCarthy and Stone apartments in the distance.

After passing Sainsbury's, the path passes several blocks of newly built apartments on your right, until it turns right into a marina area (point 3). It's amazing how much busier this little area has become over the past few years, with a whole variety of boats now moored there.



The marina off the Gloucester Canal. There will soon be apartments built on all sides.

As can be seen in the pictures, the path surface is well maintained and easy to walk or ride on, although you do have to keep a look out for bikes! Walk around the marina, and as the path continues west towards Hempstead and Quedgeley, you come into a small wooded area, at the end of which there is a wooden bridge going over a small stream.

The wooded area of the path (point 4), plus the bridge at the far end. (continued on p12)





If you turn right over the bridge you can access a very spacious children's play area. To continue the walk, turn left, and this will bring you out in front of the houses that line the canal bank. This is probably my favourite area. If you are driving to Quedgeley along the Hempstead bypass the red brick wall on the left makes the area look rather sombre. Go to the canal side however, and it's a lovely bright and open area, with lots of space for children to play or ride their bikes.

The open canal side area in front of the houses at Hempsted, point 5

We usually turn around at this point and walk back to the car, but if enthusiasm gets the better of us, we can walk through another small wooded area towards Quedgeley. For those with super enthusiasm, Sharpness is only 14 miles away, and it's a lovely trek, although I have to say that I have only done the whole journey by bike!



The path continues to Quedgeley – and eventually to Sharpness!

Put it on your list – the path is an all-weather track, easily walked and suitable for children's bikes and mobility assisted equipment. We try to walk it every 2- 3 months, at least partly to watch the progress of the apartment block construction.



I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner as all it was doing was gathering dust.

If we shouldn't eat at night, why do they put a light in the fridge?



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WED	Community Cafe 10.00 to 12.30pm Drop in event - Restarting 12th Jan. Strength, balance and mobility 10.00 to 11.00am Telephone 01452 234005 Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange 11.00 -12.30pm
THUR	
FRI	Art for Wellbeing 10.00 to 12.30pm - Restarting 14th Jan Telephone 07926 986247 to book a place Book/DVD/ Audio Book exchange 9.30 to 10.00am
SAT	
SUN	Friendship Lunch Last Sunday of every month – Next Lunch 30th January 2022 Telephone 01452 750128 to book a place



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Memory Cafe (In association with Artspace)

A new group offering support to individuals with Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of Dementia, their partners and carers.

Sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings from mid-February 2022. More info to follow....

If you would like to volunteer on a Wednesday morning for the drop in Café session, we are putting together a rota with a once a month commitment.



between the hours of 9.30am and 12.30pm. Volunteers will work alongside a lead trustee.

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Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you from Monday 10th January when the Harvey Centre reopens for 2022.



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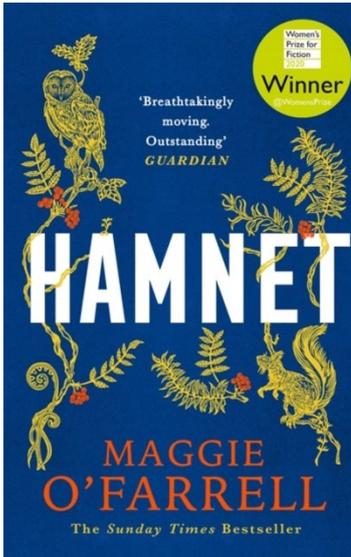
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Minsterworth Village Reading Group



This book is a fictional account of Shakespeare's son written by Maggie O'Farrell. Hamnet died at the age of eleven in 1596 according to records, and the play Hamlet was written by Shakespeare the following year.

I loved this book, beautifully written, conveying the atmosphere of the family home, the countryside and the village and was delighted that the members of the group who attended were equally impressed.

This was a smaller group than usual for a variety of reasons, but the discussion was stimulating, and much enjoyed by those present. Our meeting in January will discuss the way forward for us all and I'm sure we will be reading some very good books in the new year.

Liz Duff

There is no book selected for January; we have a social meeting planned instead, so plenty of time to read those Christmas presents at leisure.



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“Cures and Remedies”

Nicky Milligan

An interesting little book was recently passed on to me called Primitive Physic by John Wesley. A book of old-fashioned Cures and Remedies. This edition had been edited by William Paynter (Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd) in 1755.

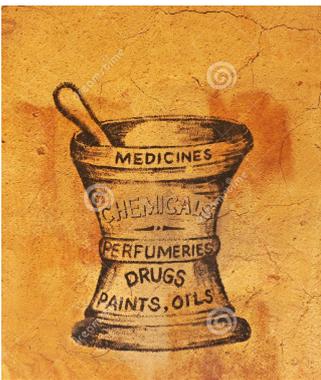
It contains the first reference to electricity with additional cures and remedies from earlier editions. It also contains definitions of diseases followed by prescriptions for their cure.

In a postscript, written by John Wesley, whilst living in Bristol, he wrote “It is my design to set down cheap and safe and easy to be procured, easily to be known, and easy to be applied by unlettered men.”

- BOILS Apply a plaster of honey and wheat flower...or of figs...or drink dock or elder tea. or apply to the body salt bacon
- BRUISE Immediately apply treacle spread on brown paper or clarified honey or apply a plaster of chopped parsley mixture with butter. A cataplasms of fresh cow dung was sometimes recommended.

Animal dung was used freely both for internal and external application as late as 1817.

Interestingly my mother played hockey and her father, my grandfather, used the treacle / honey brown paper on the bruises, sometimes plus a warm iron over the paper.



TO PREVENT SWELLING FROM A BRUISE Immediately apply a cloth, 5 or 6 times doubled, dipped in cold water, and a newly dipped cloth when it grows warm.

- COUGH Drink a pint and a half of cold water lying down in bed or mix an ounce of linseed oil with an ounce of sugar candy powdered and take a teaspoonful whenever the cough comes.
- NERVOUS DISORDERS – two types.
 - o Those which proceed from the Nerves being compressed by the

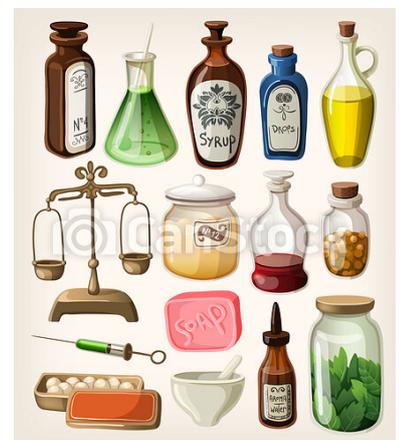
swelling of the muscular flesh

- o When the Nerves are themselves disordered.

In the former case ‘Temperance and Abstemiousness’ will generally cure; in the latter, when good nerves perform there office too languidly a GOOD AIR is the first requisite.

The patient should also rise early, as soon as the dew is off the ground and walk. Let his breakfast be Mother of Thyme tea, gathered in June, using half as much as we do commonly tea. It should be drunk with the finest sugar and cream may be added if it pleases. Coffee must be avoided.

When the Nerves are too sensible, let the person breathe a proper air. Let him/her eat veal, chicken or mutton. Vegetables should be eat sparingly; the most innocent is the French bean whilst young and the best the root Turnip. Wine should be avoided carefully and so should all sauces. Sometimes he/she may breakfast upon an ounce of



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powder of Valerian root, infused with hot water, to which he/she may add cream and sugar.

- AN OLD STUBBORN BACK PAIN Steep some fern in water, till the water becomes thick and clammy. Then rub the back in the morning and evening.
- TO PREVENT THE BITE OF A VIPER, Rub the hands with juice of radishes.

- CLEAN TEETH Rub them with Ashes of burnt bread.
- RICKETS (to prevent or cure) Wash the child every morning in cold water.

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It was well worth a winter evening
visit to the
Spectacle of Light
at
Sudeley Castle

Sharon Ingham

I visited the Spectacle of Light as part of the Northwood Green Gardening Club and was absolutely enchanted by the display, as was everyone else in our group.

There was so much to see around every corner or hedge. Providing surprise, after surprise of constantly different types of light display.

The mesmerising Carpet of Colour, shown in the photograph opposite was viewed from many different angles as you followed a predetermined route, did not fail to impress.

Light beams made you feel as if you were walking under water and the sparkling water features were a delight for all your senses.



I have listed just a few of the light displays we saw and highly recommend this as a visit for next year. It is just 45 minutes from Minsterworth.



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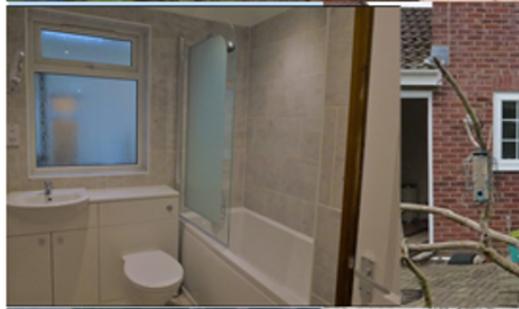
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- Why was the broom late for school?
It overswept
- Where do T-rexes shop?
At dino stores.
- How does the moon cut his hair?
Eclipse it!
- What's a cat's favourite type of Mexican food?
Purritos.
- I'm an archaeologist. My career is in ruins.
- If you're going through Hell, keep going.

Minsterworth 200 Club

The December draw for the 200 Club includes the extra £100 prize. This year it was won by Pat Knight – Congratulations Pat.

£100 No 033 Pat Knight

£50 No. 069 Ann Mogg

£20 No. 176 Alison Dowding

£10 No. 025 Sue Marshall

Whist Drive

First a BIG THANK YOU to the Village Hall Committee who put the decorations up in the Hall and gave it a very festive look. Thanks are due too, to the people who kindly donated prizes which helped towards a good result of £138. The next whist drive at the Hall will be on January 3rd.

Cake and produce stall at 'Made in Minsterworth'

The result for the above event which was held on December 4th was £332.20p. A sincere thank you is due to all who contributed in making cakes etc for the event. Thank you too, for the Hall Committee proposing that the proceeds would be for St Peter's Church.

Church service times and flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
2 nd January	11am	Family Service	From Christmas
2 nd January	5pm	Evening Worship	From Christmas
9 th January	11am	Holy Communion	Alison Raeburn
16 th January	11am	Morning Prayer	Alison Raeburn
23 rd January	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Sarah McHale
30 th January	10am	Benefice and Thanksgiving Communion	Sarah McHale

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

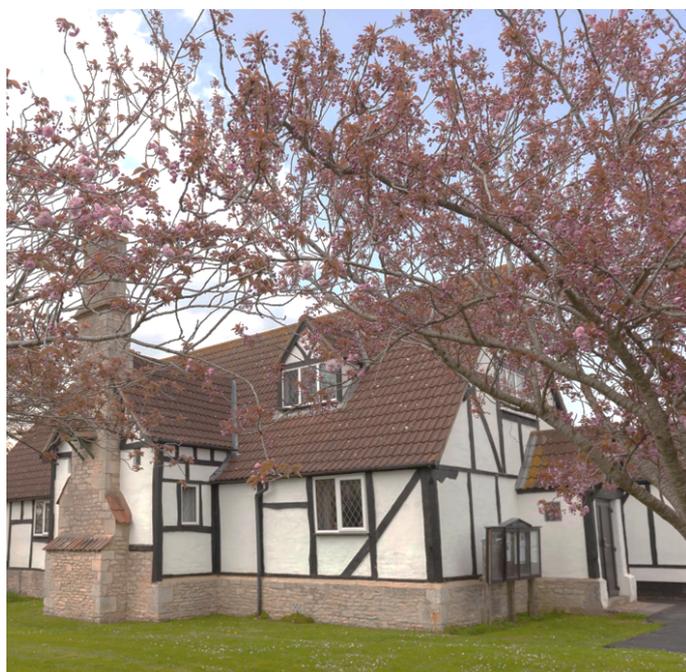
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Welcome to Minsterworth Village Hall

Why not plan your next event with us?

The village of Minsterworth can be found on the A48 to the west of the city of Gloucester, on the north bank of the River Severn nestled between the Cotswold Hills and the Forest of Dean.

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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