

The Villager

Minsterworth News



St. Peter's Weather Vane
by Bob Holder

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Dear readers,

Many thanks to all the people who volunteer to make this publication possible. Those who: share ideas, write articles, send photos, plan content, seek subjects, research them, persuade people and distribute magazines to your doorsteps. Thank you too to the other members of the coordinating team: Sharon Ingham, Dawn Ricketts, Roger Blowey and Katie Panting, all of whom make a massive contribution to making this magazine what it is. Thanks also to Bob Holder who uncomplainingly scours his camera files for me most months to put something interesting on The Villager front cover.

Other contributors are very welcome too! If you'd like to just send in a one-off story or a picture – or to write a regular feature – I seldom say no. Look what happened when Natalie Wang did just that, see p12.

Look! Comedy is back at the Village Hall p5. Please support this amazing event in our tiny community and a big thank you to the organisers.

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING January 2024

GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy		BLUE bin & caddy	
(landfill)	(garden)	(recycling)	
Wednesday	3	Tuesday	9
Tuesday	16	Tuesday	23
Tuesday	30		

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Minsterworth Christmas Fayre

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported our Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd December.



It was a rather wet and cold day, but plenty of warmth and chatter inside the Hall. There was a wide range of goods for sale, most of which was made in Minsterworth – silver jewellery, children's clothing, wood turned goods, some lovely home-produced cheese boards, wreaths, the church cake stall, and the Minsterworth 'goods donated' stall, the proceeds from which will be divided between the Village charities. Many thanks to all who donated items for sale. The Legion Room made a lovely tea/coffee/chat room, with cakes from the church stall for those who fancied a nibble at the same time. Finally, many thanks to those who put out tables, served tea and coffee and cleared up afterwards.

Minsterworth at its best!

MINSTERWORTH'S CORONATION COMMEMORATION

Roger Blowey

Now we are in the dark days of winter, our Minsterworth Coronation Celebrations on Sunday 7th May 2023 seem a long way away! That hot sunny day, with us all sat outside on the patio enjoying the chat, the company, pork roast, ice creams and Pimms was such a lovely afternoon.

As a result of your support for the event, we made a small surplus, and we have used the money to improve the look of our Village, as a commemoration of the Coronation. Under Malcolm's generous advice and direction, plus some financial support from the Parish Council, we have planted close to 2000 bulbs in front of the white gates at the entry to each end of our village. There are a range of bulbs including snowdrops, scillas, crocuses, puschkinias (Russian snowdrops), daffodils and tête-à-têtes.

What a lovely thing to look forward to in the spring. Let's hope it encourages drivers to slow down a bit and have a good look!



Scillas



Pushkinias



Bulb planting



COMEDY IS BACK AT THE VILLAGE HALL!

Saturday 10th February 2024

Bar opens at 6.30pm, comedy starts at 7.30pm

*******EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT*******

Tickets only £10 (full price £12.50) if bought before 31st January.

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Roger Swift

Sam Day

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What people said last time....

"It was hilarious I can hardly speak now because I laughed so much"

"Brilliant comedians tonight at the village hall"

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WREATH MAKING EVENING

Julie Fisher

The ladies of Minsterworth and surrounding area gathered in the Village Hall to make their Christmas door wreaths. There were new faces as well as seasoned hands and the 29 different wreaths showed what a wealth of talent we have in our locality.

The wreath evening has been running for about 10 years. However, its success is due to the many ladies who have supported it over the years and helped turn it into a very enjoyable social occasion. My grateful thanks to everyone for their support and participation. This year **£205** has been raised to be shared between the Village Hall and Minsterworth Church.



What do pigs use in the shower?

Hogwash.

What's the pirate's favourite letter?

The "C."

What did the man say to his fingers?

I'm counting on you.

How do pigs do their homework?

With a pigpen.

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree.



The Harvey Centre Calendar – January 2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR MINSTERWORTH

MON	<p>Main Hall: Tan House Choir Weekly from 7.00 to 9.00pm Telephone 01452 750128 to join or find out more.....</p>
TUES	<p>Memory Café every 4 weeks on a Tuesday 11:00am – 1:30pm. No Charge Next Café, Tuesday 9th January 2024 Safe space for dementia patients, their partners, families or carers to enjoy coffee, crafts and lunch. For further info call 01452 750128 Crafternoons Crochet 23rd Jan, Enamelling 30th Jan 2024 - Contact roger.ingham@btinternet.com for more information</p>
WED	<p>Community Café @ The Harvey Centre <u>Reopen 10th January 24, extended Warm Space session for all ages, with lunches provided</u> The drop-in community café open from 10:30 am to 1.00pm Lifts can be arranged if you are unable to make it under your on steam on the 17th Jan, 21st Feb & 20th March Tel 07889198790 mrssharoningham@gmail.com and someone will get back to you. Main Hall: Strength, Balance and Mobility Class Weekly from 10:30 to 11.30am (Note new time) Telephone 01452 234005 or email info@farrphysio.co.uk Leave telephone number / email address and a member of the team will then contact you to arrange. FREE -Book/DVD/ Audio Books exchange available 11:30am to 12:30pm</p>
FRI	<p>Main Hall: Art for Wellbeing Weekly from 10.00 to 12.noon – Water colour <i>Please pop along or Telephone 07525 330364 to book a place</i> Art session will commence 12th to 26th Jan (£36 for all 3 session, £15.50 adhoc sessions) Theme Movement in People & Portraits in watercolour and penwork February- we are moving onto using acrylics 2nd to 23rd (£48 for all 4 sessions) FREE -Book/DVD/ Audio Books exchange available 10:00am to 12:30pm</p>

8 weeks of Warm Spaces Morning Activity

from 10th January 2024 - Wednesday morning 10.30-1.30pm **Soup, roll and hot drink £2.50.**

1st of 3 Warm Spaces Evening Activities – Games night 26th Jan, 7pm

No need to book, just turn up and join in the fun

What do bees chew?

Answer on p25



CROCHET

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Tuesday 23rd January

2 - 4.30pm

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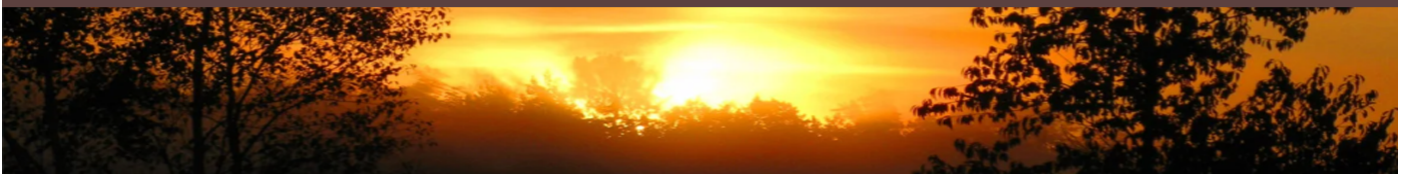
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To book please call Roger: 07525 330 364

WARM SPACES AT THE HARVEY CENTRE

Shake off the winter chill at a relaxed evening open house. Play board games, enjoy hot drinks & snacks and see what the Centre has to offer. BYO alcohol if you'd like!

26TH JAN - 7PM



A BIG **THANKYOU** FROM KATIE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS WHO DISTRIBUTE THE VILLAGER MAGAZINES EVERY MONTH

Minsterworth 200 Club

The result of the December Christmas draw was as follows: -

£100	John East
£50	Sarah Sawyers
£20	Neil Pittman
£10	Bill Tiko

Whist Drive

The December Whist Drive was a very successful event, it raised £129 for Church funds. Thank you to all the players and those who help prepare, donate prizes and clear up at afterwards. A special thank you to Liz Savage who has dedicated many years and time in organising the monthly Whist Drives.

Church service times and flower rota

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
7 th January	11.00	The 11'oclock	To be confirmed
14 th January	09.30	Holy Communion	
21 st January	17.00	Evening Worship	
28 th January	10.00	Benefice Communion at Highnam	

There will be a change in the service pattern from February. Please check in the magazine and notice board for the new arrangements.

On behalf of the Priest in Charge and Churchwardens I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Church in any way, from those who decorate it so beautifully, to those who clean and maintain it. Those leading services and playing music, to the congregation and local community. Without your help and support it would be difficult to maintain the church as we would wish to do so.

All good wishes for 2024

Jo Stait

Which city was the birthplace of Martina Navratilova?

Answer on p14

The first agenda item was 'To receive applications for Casual Vacancy and to follow the vote for Co-option'. There was only one applicant, namely Mrs Vicky King, who was proposed, seconded, voted onto the P Council and welcomed by the Chair.

Borough Councillor Jill Smith was unable to attend due to a prior engagement, and no report was submitted because as there was a full TBC Council meeting the following day, it was thought best if her report included material from this meeting.

Finance - November expenditure was discussed, followed by a discussion on the proposed increase in the precept for 2024/25. The precept for Minsterworth (which residents pay as part of their Council Tax) is below the average for other Parish Councils in the TBC area, and at the moment equates to less than £1-00 per household per week. Costs are rising all the time however, and so it was agreed to increase the precept by 10%, i.e. just above the rate of inflation.

Planning

1. 23/00927/FUL Replacement of brown painted garage doors to aluminium bi-fold doors. Replacement windows UPVC double glazed windows. Street End Cottage. As this work has already been carried out, it was requested that the application be resubmitted as a Retrospective Application. After the PC meeting TBC accepted that the failure to circulate the application as retrospective was their fault, and the application was represented. No Cllrs expressed any objection.
2. 23/01028/FUL Proposed garage with Oak frame and cladding. The Old Beams , The Street. As the proposed garage was below the height of surrounding trees, and its view from the road partially blocked by the existing office building, Cllrs raised no objection.
3. 23/00988/FUL application for a variation of condition 1 of planning permission 18/01085/FUL, to revise the layout of Plot 2 by removing a garage to allow vehicular access to the field to the north for maintenance purposes at: Land Parcel 1228, Seven Acres Close. The P Council remain concerned that these houses have yet to be occupied, and that no full drainage plan has been approved, but no reason could be seen to object to the current proposals.

A48 Safety - Cllr Garbutt presented an update on the proposed meeting with the PC, Mark Harper, Highways and others in January 2024. A time and venue needed to be agreed, plus a firm agenda for the meeting. Points to be raised include speed limits, more central reservations to allow safer road crossings, improved road markings, speed camera signs and pedestrian signs along the 'lower road'.

Clerk Mentoring Support - The PC agreed to fund 15 hours of mentoring support for the clerk. **Calcotts Green** and **Ham Green** – The PC intend to improve both Greens, for example to improve access for residents walking around the area, to reduce the amount of weeds, and to establish wild flower areas. One quote had been received to reshape an oak tree, and it was agreed that further quotes be obtained before proceeding with the work.

Next Meeting – Monday 8th January 7-00pm at Village Hall

All are welcome

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE ODYSSEY – 5000 YEARS OF HISTORY

Roger Blowey

Many thanks to Tony Conder who gave us such an interesting talk on Friday 24th November. His entertaining style and interesting subject matter mean that his evenings are always well attended. We do live in a fascinating county, with history stretching back for thousands of years. I found the various ‘stones’ in the County particularly interesting, I suppose partly because I have visited some of them.



Some history of Gloucestershire – with raffle prizes beneath!

Four Counties stone is on the A44 near Morton in Marsh – this small piece of Gloucestershire ‘protrudes’ into Worcs, Warwick and Oxford, hence the placing of the stone.

Three Counties stone on the A46 near Marshfield near Bath and set up by the Victorians is at the other end of the county.

The Devil’s Pulpit overlooking Tintern Abbey and Wintour’s Leap looking over the Wye valley – both beautiful view points

The Buckstone at Stanton – I’ve been there but did not realise that it had once been broken and was now repositioned and mended.

Our next talks will be Fishing on the River Severn by Matt Hart (23rd February 2024), The Hardwicke Incinerator, (how it works, energy generated etc) and Battle Sites in Gloucestershire – so look out for the dates!

Weight loss

Natalie Wang

Over summer 2023, a group of ladies took the initiative to embark on their own weight loss journeys. Here is a summary of their honest and inspiring accounts of the past few months and advice for anyone else who may be wanting to start the same journey.

There are a range of reasons to lose weight that may be different for everyone. For some, their health may require them to lose weight to improve joint strength or prepare for a surgery. Others may simply want to begin slimming to change their appearance or boost self-confidence. Whatever your reason may be, all these following tips and guidance could apply to you.



Your local GP can provide you with leaflets and medical advice through weekly telephone sessions.

Slimming World is a particularly popular weight loss organisation for both men and women of all ages.

Telephone number 0344 892 0400

Email hifi.queries@slimmingworld.co.uk

‘never be hungry’

This was the first piece of advice Sharon Ingham’s coach gave her. Many might think dieting is synonymous with starving yourself and use the feeling of hunger to quantify and measure progress, but this is not by any means the ideal outcome. Monitoring what you eat is undeniably more important than how much you eat.

Try to avoid:

- sugary drinks
- juices
- strong alcohol
- fried foods
- highly processed foods

 6 oz. Greek Yogurt & 1/2 Cup Berries	 1/2 Cup Pumpkin Seeds (in shell)	 Apple & 1 Tbsp Nut Butter	 String Cheese & Orange	 1/2 Cup Sunflower Seeds (in shell)
 Skim Latte (skip sugar) & Banana	 1/2 Cup Hummus & Veggies	 Celery Sticks & 2 Tbsp Nut Butter	 4 Cups Light Popcorn	 1/2 Cup Nuts
 1/2 Cup Pistachios (in shell)	 3 oz. Turkey Rolled Around Bell Pepper Sticks	 1 Cup Steamed Edamame (in pod)	 Small Frozen Yogurt	 2 Rice Cakes & 1 Tbsp Nut Butter

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Calorie deficit

A calorie deficit means the number of calories you burn exceeds the number you intake. You may think decreasing the amount of food you eat is an easy way to create this deficit however not only is this unsustainable, but the average woman needs 2000 cal. and an additional 500 cal for men for healthy daily function. The brain uses 20% of the energy we take in for metabolic processes and you burn 75 cal./hour by just sitting still and breathing (that's already 1800cal a day!)

The Myfitnesspal app is a free calorie counter that is easy to use and access on your phone and can be updated throughout the day.



Incorporating exercise into your new daily routine will burn off calories as well as improve general health both physically and mentally. Why not go for a morning stroll around the village by the riverside or a longer hike with your family in the forest? Classes are a great way of motivating yourself to commit and the group setting encourages everybody as well as adding a more fun, social aspect to the exercise.

Top tip! Don't obsess too much over calorie counting, remember it's a long-term journey not just that day, so don't feel like you can't get together with friends and family and eat what everyone else is.

Benefits

Slimming obviously has a range of physical benefits such as lower blood pressure and risk of heart disease as well as improved sleep quality and mobility. It is also shown to improve mental health by boosting confidence and improving mood.

Staying in shape

Losing weight in the first place is already a challenge in itself but maintaining your new body and lifestyle can be just as tricky. Frequent weight checks (not every day!) are useful to ensure you're continuing your new habits but many say that because the initial approach to weight loss was a balanced, healthy diet that it has not been too difficult to keep up.

What's small, black & yellow and drops things?

Answer on p23

The Memory Cafe have created a wall hanging over the last few sessions, and we are rather proud of it. It will be mounted and displayed in the Harvey Centre café.



The Memory Cafe at the Harvey Centre is every four weeks and caters for those who are having memory difficulties and for their carers.

After a coffee and chat we take part in a guided activity, led by Artspace, and enjoy a simple lunch.

If you are interested in Joining us our next session is on **Tuesday January 9th from 11am until 1pm.**

Answer to p13

Prague

Exercise your singing voice in 2024!

Marilyn McDougall

Come and join The Tan House Singers as we prepare to sing Mozart's Requiem - one of the best loved pieces in the choral world. We meet on Mondays at the Harvey Centre in Minsterworth and are looking for singers of all voices to join our choir. The first rehearsal of 2024 is on Monday, January 8th and our concert is planned for Saturday May 11th at Highnam Church.

You're assured of a warm welcome and lots of support.



Visit the 'Join Us' page on our website tanhousesingers.org or email membership@tanhousesingers.org to find out further details.

*"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."
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CRAFTERNOONS FOR 2024 START WITH

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024 CROCHET - 2pm - 4.30pm

Join Lisa for a very beginner friendly and relaxed workshop. This session is for you if you're curious about crochet but have never touched a hook and is also for those who have dabbled but have got stuck along the way. We will start from scratch, learning all of the basics from how to hold the hook and yarn comfortably in a way that works for YOU (**we can accommodate you too lefties!**) and learning some basic stitches and techniques. We will work at your speed, no matter what the person next to you is doing! Cost per person £25.00.

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2024 ENAMELLING 2pm - 4.30pm

Demand for this amazing workshop outstripped the number of places available in November so Katie is offering a repeat session for the complete beginner. The photos below show the fabulous pieces made by Minsterworth ladies in November. ALL are very welcome to learn the basics in preparation for a second, more advanced session, later in the year. Cost per person £30.00.

Pendants and pictures made in the Enamelling Crafternoon on Tuesday 21st November.

Fancy a go?



TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024 CARD MAKING INCLUDING A TASTE OF SUMINAGASHI

Photos below show the gorgeous patterns you can produce before embellishing the result with whatever takes your fancy. This is just such fun and can be done by all with no experience required at all. Cost per person £15.00.



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TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK

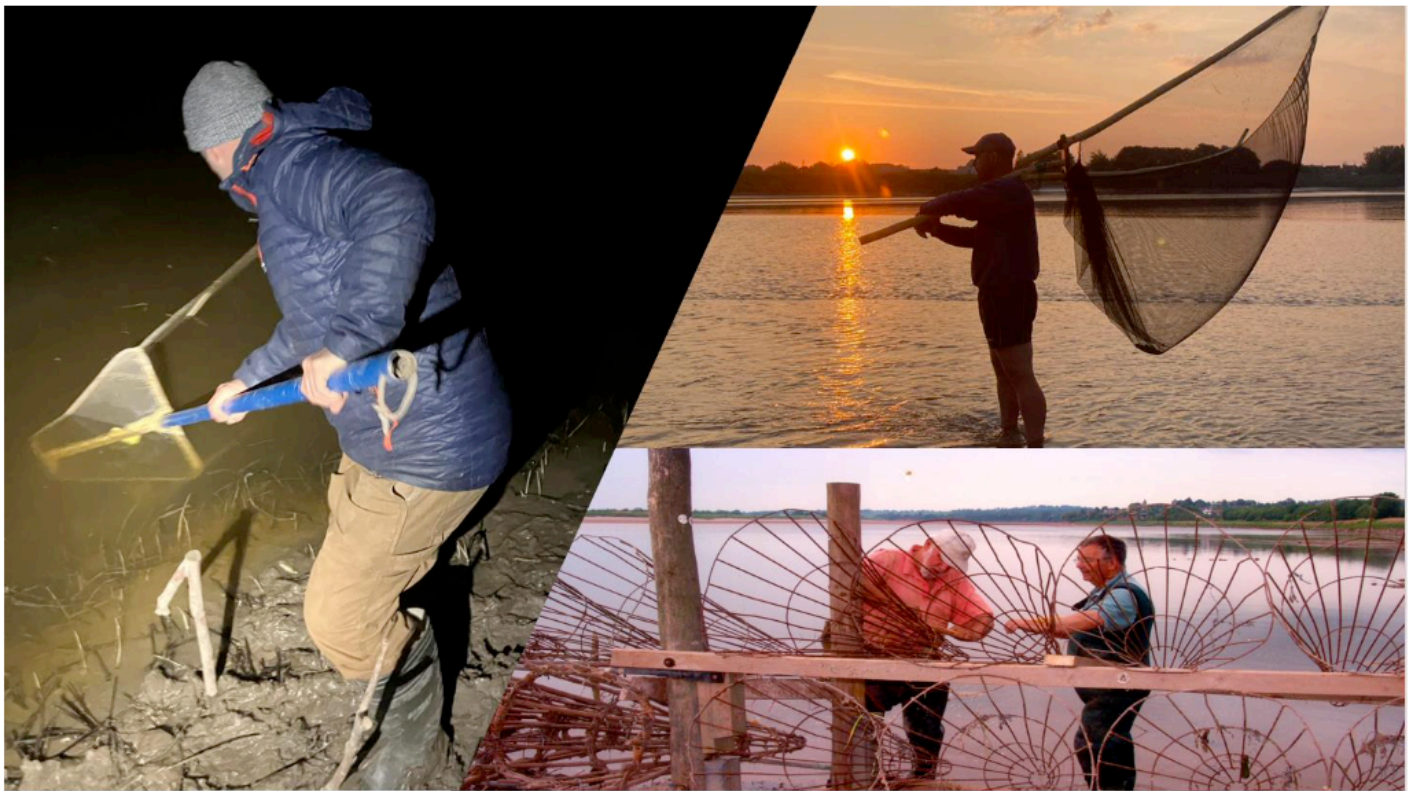
An illustrated talk by Mike Powell and Matt Hart

Friday 23rd February 2024

From 6-30pm at Minsterworth Village Hall

Mike Powell and Matt Hart have a lifelong affinity with Gloucestershire, the River Severn and its heritage fisheries. Benefitting from generations of experience and a lifetime on (and in!) the river, Mike is one of the few remaining lave net fishermen of the Severn, where salmon and shrimp (amongst other species) are the quarry. Armed with a similar CV, (and a lave net fisherman serving his apprenticeship), Matt's time has been mainly spent in pursuit of the elusive eel and elver.

In Tales From The Riverbank, Mike and Matt aka 'The Alternative Severn Bores' will open the door on the secretive world of the heritage fisheries of the Severn, sharing fishing methods, folklore and importantly, what the future holds.



Tickets (£5) are available online at <https://www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/events-coming-soon.html> or from rogerblowey@hotmail.co.uk, or text 07768 451071.

PLEASE purchase your tickets in advance, preferably on-line, because we need to know how many are coming.

Wine, soft drinks and snacks available from 6-30pm, talk starts at 7-00pm, so let's make it another nice social evening!

New year resolutions that will help give you a tidy garden

Sharon Ingham

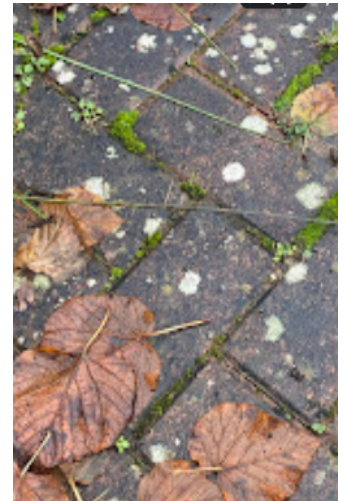
Our gardens will always benefit from bouts of tidying up and there's no better time than in January. Have a good look round and make some well-judged resolutions about what you intend to do, to improve things ready for the coming year. Below are my January resolutions!



Greenhouse Clean my Greenhouse - Frosts, followed by damp, foggy weather has left my greenhouse with cloudy glass that blocks out the natural light. As the growing season begins, I will want to maximise light, so now is an important time to keep my greenhouse glass clean and clear.

Remove Dead Foliage - Because of the protection they offer, greenhouses encourage plants to hold onto their foliage longer than they would outdoors. This means I have a lot of dying and decomposing foliage in the greenhouse now. It is a good idea to clear up such foliage as often as possible to minimize the chances of disease and mildew.

Path Clean my Path – My slippery paths are dangerous, so getting out the jet sprayer now is essential. As long as the ground is not constantly frozen, any kind of brickwork, path laying, or other such maintenance is best done now, before you start getting busy with plants and other garden tasks.



Soil Do Some Digging - If my soil isn't too sodden wet, and where I have some digging or tidying to do, I think that it's worth getting on with it as soon as possible. Continuing cold weather will help the soil break down nicely over the next few weeks and will kill off perennial weeds if you expose their roots.



Fruit Mulch my Fruit Bushes - This is the ideal time to give fruit bushes a good covering with well-rotted compost that will break down into the soil over the next few months and encourage a good crop.

General tidying up Tidy my perennials – I will be finishing off removing the dead or decaying tops, stalks, and foliage of plants from borders and other planted areas. If I leave it too long, my spring bulbs will be in the way.

Write my Labels – Writing labels for new plants and seeds can either make my garden look scruffy because I have not bothered and scribbled them off quickly, or can add a little edge by being neat, or even decorative. So, I shall allow myself plenty of time and write them now when I'm not in a hurry – it will also help me concentrate on what I want to grow in 2024.



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Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

Firstly, on behalf of the Branch, may I wish you a very Happy New Year. As indicated, our next meeting is being held this month, January 10th, commencing at 7pm in the Legion room at Minsterworth Village Hall. Please do come along and discuss with us the actions and happenings of our Branch of the R.B.L.

May I again indicate that you do not have to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member.

Military History

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

Terry Bourne – President
Minsterworth & District RBL

Answer to p13

A fumble bee



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Minsterworth Reading Group

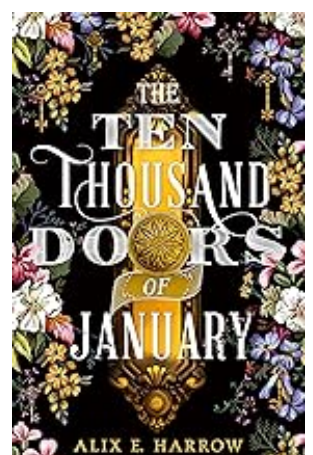
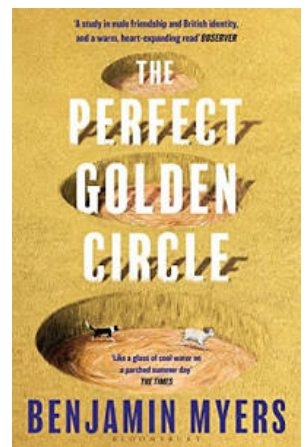
Helen Few

Last month our Reading Group read *The Perfect Golden Circle* by Benjamin Myers.

Some people took a little time to get into the book, but then found themselves fascinated by the beautifully descriptive writing drawing you into this unusual friendship between two men, both damaged in different ways, living fairly isolated from society. It is set in 1989 in Wiltshire.

Calvert was an SAS veteran badly injured in the Falklands war, who prided himself on living in the second smallest house in Britain. He wore sunglasses day and night, as his eyesight was also affected and he couldn't bear lights. Redbone's issues could be described as self-inflicted, as in his younger years he had travelled Europe with his band, into sex, drugs and rock'n'roll. He now lives in his van, with a casual, though often complicated, sex life.

The friendship between the men is beautifully drawn, especially the way they bond over the planning, design and construction of the crop circles. Both are perfectionists, working only with ropes and planks, building intricate and large-scale designs, under cover of darkness.

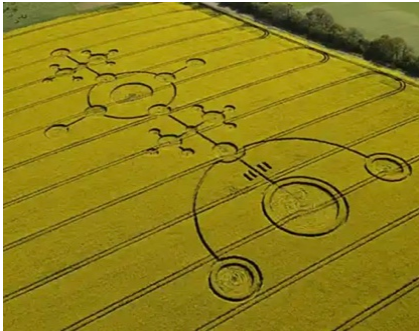


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Calvert carries out all the logistics while Redbone creates the designs on scraps of paper which they later burn for secrecy.

The book is very much about appreciating the countryside, the crop circles not intended to be seen as destructive. The crops are allegedly gently bent into shape, not damaged. Issues such as lamping and fly tipping are also addressed. Several of us remember the crop circles mystery during the Eighties, with photos on TV and in the papers, and huge debates as to whether they had been made by Aliens in UFOs... this book explains it all.



Examples of some crop art that has appeared in fields

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Why a Community Shed?

The Harvey Centre is all about creating opportunities for learning, banishing isolation and strengthening the community of Minsterworth. So far, finance has always been difficult but with the Nursery moving in we now have vital funding to secure the Centre financially, allowing us to move forwards with other plans, such as developing the café, creating a community shop and more. These take time to develop but, supported by the Severn Trent Community Fund, we have an exciting initiative to talk about right now - the Community Shed.

So, what exactly is a Community Shed?

The Men's Shed movement (www.menssheds.org.uk) say that Sheds are about meeting like-minded people and having someone to share your worries with. They are about having fun, sharing skills and knowledge and gaining a renewed sense of purpose and belonging. They reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness, allow men to deal with mental health challenges and remain independent, they rebuild communities and, in many cases, they save men's lives. Our Community Shed will be open to both men and women, but it will have a positive impact on men who might find our current activities difficult to join in with. So, it will have a positive impact on all our community – but will help us be more inclusive.

What will happen in the Shed?

The shed will be equipped as a workshop with tools for woodwork, metalwork and more. Members of our Shed community will be able to use this for individual projects and community projects. We hope to run regular "Repair Shops", where people from the Village can bring household items for repair – obviously not large complicated jobs, but many things need simple repairs to be made useful again – we can bring the community together around these tasks and all will be winners – the community, the environment and the "Shedders".

What's next?

The foundations have been laid, the cabin is ordered, next is to build it – planned for February - and begin to assemble the workshop itself, connect power, water etc. We have already been promised many items to equip it. Then we can begin work!

How can you get involved?

If you are interested in being involved with the Shed, using the Shed or just coming in to say "hello" and have a coffee, please get in touch with me, ian@theforge.re or 750093

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A Sliotar (pronounced sly-o-tar) – ball hit with a Hurley (stick) in Hurling

What's the women's equivalent of Hurling called?

ROCKIN' SHOP WITH ROD CRISP

Roger Blowey with pictures from him and Dawn Ricketts

What a brilliant evening we had at the Village Hall on Sunday 26th November! Rod Crisp returned to the Village, after having moved away in June 2020, as lead vocalist with the Rockin' Shop band. The hall was beautifully laid out so that we could sit around tables and chat, the music was very much of 'our era', loud enough to be able to join in, but not so loud that you couldn't chat to others on the table, and the level of lighting was just perfect. The bar was well staffed, drinks reasonably priced, and the buffet half way through the evening, supplied locally by Sarah, provided an excellent selection of food. A huge thanks to Lucy and Malcolm, Chris and Karen for the idea in the first place, and for organising the evening, and to Jasmine, Rosie and Ollie for helping at the bar. An amazing £492 was raised for Village Hall funds, to be put towards the running costs of the Hall, and perhaps a new floor covering for the Legion Room sometime in the New Year.

There is talk of a repeat event sometime next year, so if you are a music lover, make sure you buy your tickets early – this time was a total sell out!



Rod Crisp on stage as the lead vocalist

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www.minsterworthvillagehall.org – booking, recent events

www.facebook.com/MinsterworthGlos/

St. Peter's church – www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/ services, etc

Minsterworth Matters WhatsApp – join by texting Roger Ingham on 07525330364 immediate village interests

Harvey Centre – www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/the-harvey-centre

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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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