

The Villager

Minsterworth News



Waxwing

By Denis Jackson

March 2024

Edition 255

Dear readers,

Stunning Waxwing on the front cover, thank you Denis. They are not resident but spend the winter here, arriving from Scandinavia. The first of many appreciable Severn Bores in 2024 in February see p21 for the March bores with lots of water in the river – and the fields, but happily not the houses yet!

A wide variety of comedians on at the comedy night at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th Feb. An excellent night, organised by Emma with help on the night from many, including Stuart, Ian, Ruth and Simon, many thanks to all of them. Look forward to the next one!

By the way, I work on the principle that if someone puts a picture on Minsterworth Matters, it's fair game to put it in The Villager, since it's already been shared publicly – you have been warned.

All items for consideration to: -

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Deadline is ALWAYS 10th of the month before the magazine is published, so for April it's Sunday 10th March (Mother's Day!) or can be a few days later **by arrangement**.

*Responsibility is not accepted for the accuracy of submitted items
nor the content of advertisements.*

KERBSIDE March 2024

GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy (landfill) (garden)		BLUE bin & caddy (recycling)	
Tuesday	12	Tuesday	5
Tuesday	26	Tuesday	19

Please put your recycling bin & caddy out the night before, where possible.

Small electrical items now collected alongside your blue bin in a standard carrier bag

Churchyard recording project: An Update

Terry Moore-Scott

How time flies – it was back in Spring 2020 that I first put a notice into The Villager under the title ‘CHURCHYARD RECORDING IN MINSTERWORTH: A CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN A WORTHWHILE COMMUNITY PROJECT’. It was an invitation to villagers to help carry out a long-overdue full survey of St. Peter’s churchyard in order to update the church’s 50-year-old records.

The first phase of the work involved systematic examination of each of the hundreds of grave sites, old and new, in the churchyard, recording all details of inscriptions on the memorial stone and, if appropriate, photographing it and noting its condition. The plan was that all this data would be processed and assembled into a database that would not only provide the church with a new fully up-to-date record of burial sites and a new plan of the churchyard, but its contents would also be made available via the Internet to anyone around the world wanting to trace their antecedents who once lived in Minsterworth.



Thanks to a team of almost a dozen doughty volunteers, work took off, good progress was made and, despite the disruption of Covid, the job was eventually completed successfully. Since then, a smaller number of us have been busy processing all the data into a single Excel spreadsheet form and adding to it still more genealogical data derived from a very much earlier survey (done in the 18th century by Gloucestershire antiquarian Ralph Bigland) as well as present-day memorials inside the church. This comprehensive record can now be seen on the excellent Minsterworth Village Hall website.

Work is also in hand to produce for the church a new annotated plan of the churchyard showing the location of every recorded burial site.

The boffins in the team are now working on converting the spreadsheet information into a format enabling it to be hosted onto a website to provide a searchable database for world-wide use.

Immense thanks to all those who have had a part in this project which is all set to provide a really valuable new churchyard record - fit for another 50 years?



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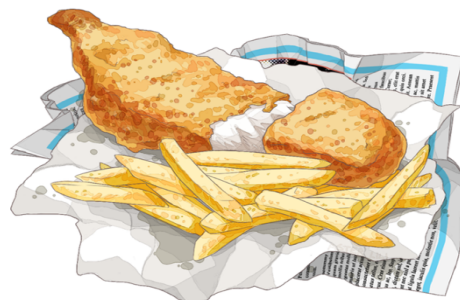
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IMPROVING A48 ROAD SAFETY – AN UPDATE

A48 Road Safety Group

After years of speed surveys, questionnaires to residents, meetings with Highways, and taking small steps such as the installation of Village Gates and our own speed monitoring camera, it looks as if we may at last be making some progress. The A48 Road Safety Group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, met representatives of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), Highways, the Police and other bodies on Friday 26th January for a discussion at The Harvey Centre, chaired by Mark Harper, Minister of Transport and of course our very own MP.



A48 Road Safety interested parties meet at the Harvey Centre

Gloucestershire CC have recently allocated funding to new projects and have agreed to come back to us in May of this year with proposals as to what might be done to improve road safety. As in the past, the Parish Council would like to see an increase in the number of central reservation crossing points, especially near bus stops, and a single speed limit through our village, rather than the 60–70–50 mph situation west to east that exists at the moment.

There have been suggestions on how to improve road markings to increase road safety, and in some areas the footpaths along the A48 badly need ‘turning back’, i.e. the overgrowth of grass across the footpath needs removing, to return the footpaths to their original width.

It does seem as if GCC have had a change of direction on this. We met some new GCC staff who had brought new ideas and did seem genuinely keen to make improvements. We were pleasantly surprised to find that we were all in agreement that something could and should be done to improve road safety on the A48. The meeting was positive and agreed to a comprehensive review of all safety aspects affecting motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, including the speed limits of the A48 through Minsterworth. After that the GCC proposals will be put to all villagers, hopefully for their approval. With the legal and planning steps necessary, significant changes to the road are however unlikely to occur for at least another year.

- It's my first week working at the bicycle factory and they've already made me a spokesperson.
- My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently because I left Windows open.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ENERGY FROM WASTE

2-30pm on Monday 18th March 2024

Minsterworth Village Hall

An afternoon talk, by Melanie de la Torre Zamora, of Urbaser Ltd



Roger Blowey

Before my own visit, the big questions for me were

i) why do the roofs on the building slant?

and

ii) is that smoke or steam that we can see (even from Minsterworth) coming out of the chimney?

These questions, and many more about the process whereby the waste from our green bins is converted into useful energy, will be answered.

The website states that since the beginning of operations in October of 2019, the Facility has treated 750,699 tonnes of waste and exported 509,583 MWh of electricity to the National Grid. That's impressive!

We are trying an afternoon talk this time, hopefully to make it more appealing for those who prefer not to go out at night.

Tea and cake will be served afterwards, so please stay for a short while for a social.

Tickets (£2) 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 would like to know how many are coming for catering purposes.

Minsterworth Parish Council, February 2024

(This article is a summary of the Parish Council meeting and does not represent minutes of the meeting).

A48 Road Safety Group

Cllr R Blowey, Cllr R Thomas and Cllr N Garbutt attended a meeting as representatives of the Parish Council.

Problems that residents and road users are exposed to i.e.

- a. High speeds, inappropriate in many locations and making safe pedestrian crossing impossible at many times causing community severance.
- b. The lack of any cycleways despite the road in places being more than wide enough.
- c. Ian referred to our local survey and Ruth summarised the speed camera data.

Cllr Norman was accompanied by another GCC person who stated that the priorities of safety and communities had changed over recent years and that it would be possible to design a plan and program of improvements for the A48 including a full assessment of the speed limits.

A further meeting will be planned to consider the plan and then would go to public consultation.

Council agreed to fund Portaloos for the Severn Bore events. The dates are below.:

March 11th, 12th, 13th (12th is a 5*)

September 18th, 19th, 20th

April 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th

October 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th

August 21st and 22nd

Planning Applications

- 23/01141/FUL Erection of a two-storey side and rear extension, Mooffitch The council discussed and agreed no objection.

Decisions by Tewkesbury Borough

- APP 23/01028/FUL Proposed garage with oak frame and cladding. The Old Beams The Street. PERMIT
- APP 23/00864/PIP Permission in Principle for residential development of 1 new dwelling Hawthorn House Main Road. REFUSE

Borough Councillor Jill Smith's monthly report can be found on the website alongside full minutes.

The council are more than happy to report highway issues on behalf of the community. However, there is a Gloucestershire Highways 'Report it' portal, public can report issues on the roads or public rights of way. Please visit the site using the link below.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/

Next Meeting – Monday 11th March 7-00pm at Village Hall

As always, all residents are very welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk: Jo Badham clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk

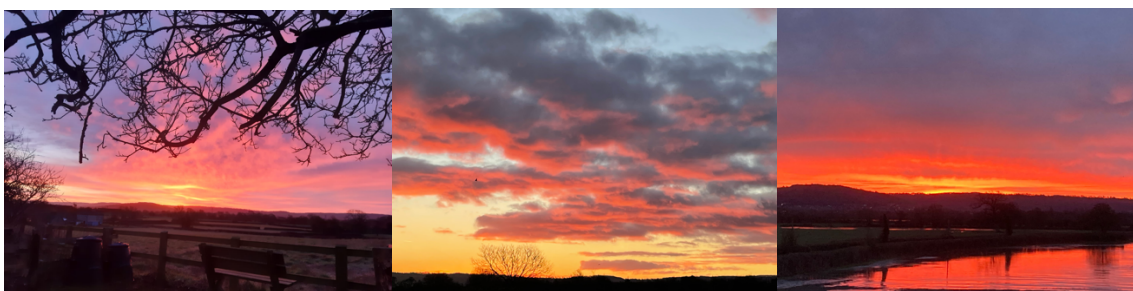
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AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE
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7PM AT
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Why has the morning sky been so red lately?

Paula Ruffley

During sunrise and sunset, the sun is low in the sky, and it transmits light through the thickest part of the atmosphere. A red sky suggests an atmosphere loaded with dust and moisture particles. We see the red because red wavelengths (the longest in the colour spectrum) are breaking through the atmosphere. Must have been lots of dust and water in the air then, well I understand the water! In fact, there have been many red skies recently, like these taken by Sue Smith, Cathy Thomas and Chris.





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HEARING LOOP INSTALLED AT VILLAGE HALL

Simon Ruffley

We are pleased to announce that a Hearing Loop has been installed in the main hall at the Village Hall, to support those using hearing aids. The installation was partly funded by a generous £1000.00 contribution from Tewkesbury Borough Council's Community Health and Wellbeing Grant.



The loop will work when we are using microphones connected to the existing audio-visual and speaker system installed in the main hall. It will be perfect for the various talks that are organised at the Village Hall along with the comedy events. In any meeting where the audio-visual, microphone and speaker system are not being used, such as the Parish

Council meetings, the Hearing Loop, even if switched on, will not improve the auditory experience of a hearing aid user. When the system is in operation remember to turn your hearing aid to the T-position.

If anyone has any queries then do not hesitate to talk to any of the Village Hall team.

A closer look at the new “sustainable” Forest of Dean Community Hospital

Ruth Thomas

The new Forest of Dean (FoD) Community Hospital, located in Cinderford, is nearing completion, and serves as a good example of sustainable healthcare. Commissioned by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust it showcases various features that make it a model of sustainability and environmental best practice.

At the heart of the hospital’s sustainable design lies a focus on energy efficiency. The building features extremely thick, 250mm insulation in its walls and roof – essentially enveloping the hospital in a nice thick jumper, which significantly reduces the energy needed for heating and cooling. Compared to a typical new build home which may have 100mm insulation, this is extremely energy efficient. In addition, the FoD Community Hospital relies solely on electricity (i.e., no gas or fossil fuels), and uses alternative air source heat pumps, mechanical ventilation recovery systems and on-site renewable energy sources to offset its energy consumption. In fact, the hospital will be a net contributor of electricity to the national grid, so its carbon footprint will decline over time, which could lead it to achieve net zero in the future.

Extensive consideration has been given to the surrounding wildlife, such as dormice and bats, to ensure the hospital does not encroach onto their existing habitats. As an example, prior to construction the team was on site overnight to carry out light level surveys to understand how the design would impact on the bats’ flight path and are now installing dimmable night-time lighting at the hospital entrance. The hospital also incorporates bat and bird boxes throughout the site, while also committing to the planting of significantly more plants and trees than were previously in situ, which will ultimately enhance its biodiversity by over 10 per cent.

A crucial aspect of the design has focused on the connection to nature, so all 24 in-patient rooms have a view directly out to the forest or the surrounding environment. The therapeutic benefits of connecting patients with nature are well-documented, and this deliberate design choice aims to positively impact patient recovery rates and overall well-being.

The Trust’s sustainability strategy also covers local communities, both in the way that it serves the local area and how it employs local people and procures local goods and services. For example, over 70 per cent of the supply chain for the hospital build has been procured from within 30 miles of the site, and many from the Forest of Dean itself. Throughout the construction, the site team has made efforts to engage with the community, held educational events and promoted a sense of ownership among local residents. The NHS intends to continue this approach, whether that’s through volunteer involvement in the grounds and gardens, art projects or community use of meeting spaces within the hospital.



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Wine Tasting Evening

By Simon Ruffley and Vic Martindale

Saturday, 13th April 2024 at 7:00pm

in

Minsterworth Village Hall

Doesn't time fly when wine's involved!?

After our last most enjoyable outing tasting a range of sherries the next tasting is going to be equally enjoyable and informative and maybe even a little competitive...

It's always interesting to compare wines from different regions around the world especially when their wines both have excellent reputations. To match the passion on the rugby field we're going to compare two wines, the same grape variety but one from France and the other from New Zealand.

There will be 4 wine pairings on the night to sample, along with introductions to each of the wines and as many questions or comments as you care to share.

Tickets (purchase in advance) cost £15 each.

To book online go to www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/events-coming-soon or alternatively contact Simon Ruffley on 07847 560629.

Bring some spare cash too as there will be a raffle for a bottle of something sparkling.



The Harvey Centre Calendar – March 2024

All welcome to our Social Evening, Friday 8th
March 2024, 7pm

<p>MON</p>	<p>1) Main Hall: Tan House Choir Weekly from 7.00 to 9.00pm Telephone 01452 750128 to join or find out more.....<i>New members welcome</i></p>
<p>TUES</p>	<p>1) Memory Café every 4 weeks on a Tuesday 11.00am – 1.30pm. No Charge Next Café, Tuesday 5th March 2024 <u>For further info call 01452 750128</u> Safe space for dementia patients, their partners, families or carers to enjoy coffee, crafts and lunch.</p> <p>2) Crafternoons DRYPOINT 2-4.30pm Tuesday 19th March £25 per person. All materials provided, including refreshments Contact Sue on 07776666222 or Roger 07525330364 for more information</p>
<p>WED</p>	<p>1) Community Café @ The Harvey Centre The drop-in community café open from 10.30 am to 12.00pm. Cake and hot drink £2.50 Lifts can be arranged if you are unable to make it under your own steam on 20th March Tel 07889198790 mrssharoningham@gmail.com and someone will get back to you. We need to know at least a week in advance.</p> <p>2) Main Hall: Strength, Balance and Mobility Class- <i>New members welcome</i> Weekly from 10.30 to 11.30am 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.</p> <p>3) FREE - Book/DVD/ Audio Books exchange available 11.30am to 12.30pm Extensive range of novels</p>
<p>FRI</p>	<p>1) Main Hall: Art for Wellbeing Weekly from 10.00 to 12 noon – Watercolour <i>Please Telephone 07525 330364 to book a place</i> Art sessions 1st to 22nd March (£48 for all 4 session, £15.50 adhoc sessions) Paul Fisher leading sessions. www.selway-fisher.com/paul_fisher_art.htm</p> <p>2) FREE -Book/DVD/ Audio Books exchange available 10.30am to 12.30pm Extensive range of novels</p>

TREE PLANTING IN MINSTERWORTH – GLOS CC ASH DIEBACK SCHEME

Roger Blowey

Each year for the past 3 – 4 years Gloucestershire County Council have offered free trees (plus plastic spiral guards and support canes) to parishes in an attempt to replace some of the many trees that have been lost due to Ash Dieback.



**32 sacks of 'bareroot' trees , plus
2300 tree guards and canes, ALL
ready for collection**

The order for Minsterworth is placed via the Parish Council, and any resident is allowed to apply for trees. This year Minsterworth was allocated 2,300 trees of 17 different species! There were plenty of the more common species such as beech, hazel, hawthorn, cherry, oak and maple, plus some less common varieties such as hornbeam, wild privet, rowan, walnut, chestnut and crab apple. In all cases the trees are to be used in hedgerows, either in those that have become overgrown with brambles, or in several cases, to establish totally new hedgerows.

It will be a huge amount of work to get the hedgerows planted, so we are grateful to the six Minsterworth residents involved, and of course to Gloucestershire County Council for supplying the trees for free. It can only help to improve our Village.

If you missed out this year, it's likely that there will be another opportunity next year, so if you are interested, look out for the notice in the Villager, or if you prefer drop me an e-mail in advance and I will put you on the pending list.

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY JUNE 6TH

BEACON LIGHTING

to commemorate the D Day landings



Minsterworth 200 Club

The draw for February resulted in the following winners:-

£50 139 Betty Jayne
£20 185 Alan Morgan
£10 099 Annette Wales

Whist Drive

Thank you to all who supported the evening on the 5th February. Whilst we were down on numbers, the evening resulted in £65 for church funds. The next whist drive at the Hall will be on 4th March starting at 7.30pm. Why not come and try your hand – you would be very welcome.

Church service times and flower rota

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
3 rd March	5pm	Evening worship	No flowers
10 th March	11am	The 11'oclock	No flowers
17 th March	9.30am	Holy Communion	No flowers
24 th March	10.00	Holy Communion (at Highnam church)	No flowers

There is a service on Good Friday (29th March) at Minsterworth Church at 7pm



**I don't know if
Facebook has ever
caused the lame to
walk but it has sure
caused the dumb to
speak.**



"The question isn't who is going to let me, it's who is going to stop me" Ayn Rand

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito" Dalai Lama

CRAFTERNOONS FOR 2024 CONTINUE WITH...

Sue Smith

TUESDAY 19 MARCH DRYPOINT PRINTMAKING

Drypoint is an intaglio print, similar to an etching. In this 2-hour taster session you will create a print of a choice of four little garden birds. The workshop is suitable for complete beginners with no previous printmaking or drawing experience needed. All equipment and materials provided. **Price per person £25.00.**



Some examples of our Crochet



Participants in the 2nd popular Enamelling Crafternoon class and some of their work



I just wanted to thank everyone who has taken part in our Crafternoons and I really hope that you have all enjoyed finding out about something new and spending time with old and new friends. I wanted to let you know about the last session we have planned for March as spaces are still available for this workshop. Feedback on the completed workshops would be very welcome and any ideas on what you might like to get involved in next Autumn will be much appreciated.

Sue

Minsterworth wordsearch

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

By Natalie Wang

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 CHURCH LANE
 FOREST OF DEAN
 FW HARVEY
 GLOUCESTER
 HARVEY CENTRE

HENRY WOODYER
 MINSTERWORTH
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 SEVEN ACRES
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Parish Council Clerk Vacancy

Roger Blowey

Our current clerk has decided to pursue a new job opportunity, and we are therefore looking for a new Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. The hours are 8 per week, which can be worked flexibly during the day or evening but must include attendance at our monthly Parish Council meetings on a Monday evening. The post involves handling correspondence on behalf of the Parish Council; managing the budget, including the payment of invoices and the monthly reconciliation of the online bank account; coordinating the Council's responses to planning applications; and maintaining the website to provide regular updates and access to information.

For further information about the role, the salary and/or for a job description please contact rogerblowey@hotmail.co.uk.

Applications are by CV to the same email address.

MINSTERWORTH PARISH MAGAZINE.

JANUARY, 1929.

GREETING.

board A Happy New Year to you all, and may it be to all a year of unity of spirit in the land of peace, of good fellowship at the love of Christ. Its secrets are hidden in the counsels of God. Let us trust Him, and all will be well in adversity or prosperity.

OPENING OF THE NEW MEMORIAL HALL.

On Thursday, Nov. 29th, our fine Hall was opened by the Duchess of Beaufort, and the Tablet to the memory of our fellow villagers who died in the War was unveiled by Mrs. Vyner Ellis, and solemnly dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. A large assembly was present. The Vicar then gave a hearty welcome to the Duchess, who expressed the pleasure she felt in opening the New Hall, and wished all success to it. The Vicar then, in the name of the villagers, heartily welcomed our Bishop, who, in an interesting speech, alluded to the objects of social welfare, good comradeship and educational advantage to which the Hall will be devoted.

Mrs. Vyner Ellis then expressed her deep interest in having originated the beginning, and witnessing the happy completion of the Hall to which she had devoted over seven years of hard and enthusiastic work, and of having been the means of raising £800 in the parish without any help from the Diocese. She gratefully acknowledged the splendid assistance which the villagers had given in all manner of ways. It is understood that £600 has already been paid to the builders, and £198 19s. 8d. is still in the bank, while more is coming in. We gratefully acknowledge Mr. W. Vyner Ellis's kind gift of the land. Much still remains to be done to pay off the debt and finance the upkeep of the Hall. But we shall do it without outside help. In the evening, after the opening ceremony, a dance took place in the Hall, at which a large gathering was present.

When Minsterworth Village Hall was first opened in January 1929 (then called the Memorial Hall) the Vyner Ellis family's wishes for it were very similar to ours today. Our dancing and continued large gatherings fit very closely with that of our forebears. Very good to know!

Paula



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Severn Bore March 2024

Day	Date	Time	Tide	Prospect
Mon	11 March	08:41	10.1	4*
		21:04	10.0	4*
Tue	12 March	09:21	10.3	5*
		21:42	10.0	4*
Wed	13 March	09:59	10.1	4*
		21:17	9.6	2*



Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

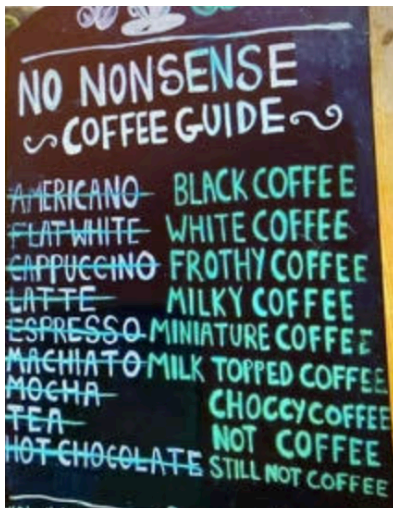
After our meeting in January our future continuation as a “full branch” was discussed and unfortunately accepted that due to lack of interest and new members we will now proceed to discuss whether we are able to amalgamate with another branch, become a county supported branch, or closure.

Our next meeting will be April 10th in the Legion room at 7pm.

Military History

- Mar 1st 1942 - Battle of the Java Sea
- Mar 20th 2003 - Assault on the Al Faw Peninsula
- Mar 28th 1941 - Victory over the Italians at Cape Matapan

Terry Bourne - President
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Minsterworth Reading Group

Liz Duff

The book we discussed on 7th February was *The Night Ship* by Jess Kidd.

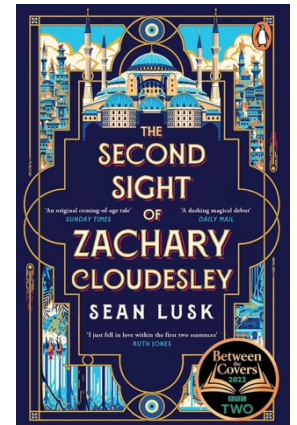
The story captured the lives of two young people: Mayken, sailing off to find her father in 1628 and Gil a young boy sent to live with his grandfather when his mother dies in 1980.

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Good discussion by a full gathering.

Our March book is

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www.minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk

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

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