

The Villager

Minsterworth News



Over canal

By Graham Edgeworth
Minsterworth Photograph Club

November 2021

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Dear readers,

Getting autumnal now and you gardeners can get out in the garden to tidy up. See p30 for something essential to plant in November & perhaps find time to build a pond to encourage friendly wildlife. You know it makes sense.

Lots going on in the Village towards the end of the year, see whole edition for details – there's so much happening!

Why not start with p3 for some pointers.

So far the installation of new mains water pipes along the A48 through the village has been far less painful than it could have been, given our history. After 8 recent leakage issues this is essential work.

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING NOV 2021

GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy		BLUE bin & caddy	
(landfill)	(garden)	(recycling)	
Tuesday	9	Tuesday	2
Tuesday	23	Tuesday	16
		Tuesday	30

Please put your recycling bin & caddy out by 7am.

Minsterworth Village Hall Events 2021-22

Friday 12th November 11.30—1.00: Soup Kitchen—Mug of soup, bread and bottomless tea/coffee £5

Friday 19th November 7pm: Wine-tasting with Simon Ruffley
£15 per ticket

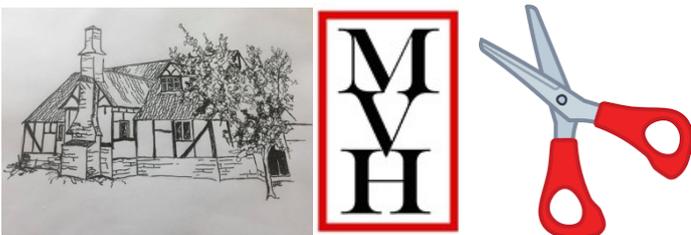
Friday 26th November 7pm: Mystery Film Night with Fish and Chips
£10 each (free if you don't want food!)

Thursday 2nd December 7pm: Cake-decorating with Sue Williams of 'Cake My Day'
£10 to include raffle of two cakes (see advert on p28) Saturday 4th

December: Christmas 'Made in Minsterworth' Event (see advert on p28) 10.00— 2.00

Friday 7th January 2022: Pop-up Pub with Entertainment. Price TBC 7.00pm

Saturday 4th June 2022: Village Jubilee Fete



Minsterworth Village Hall Future Events and Plans:

In addition to renovating and decorating the Hall over the past 18 months, the committee have been very proactive in coming up with a range of ideas for events to see us through the last months of 2021 and beyond. We are aiming to have four main fund-raising events each year (for example: wine-tasting, fashion show, pop-up pub, live music, food events) which will sit alongside four coffee mornings, the regular Mystery Film Nights, Made without Gluten and the Summer Fete (Jubilee Fete in 2022).

We have identified three income streams, all of which we need village support for. First, and foremost, we remain dedicated to supporting our local community with a range of events which we hope will be of interest. Secondly, we would love to see more clubs and societies use us on a weekly or monthly basis. The Photography Club is a popular activity at the Hall, as is the Whist Drive. And finally, we are very keen to become far more involved in the wedding and conference business. We'd also welcome villagers leading on their own events too. We need to generate an income of at least £10K to operate the Hall.

You can help us by coming along to our events (and bringing your family and friends!) and letting us know if there are any activities you'd like to see happening. You can join a club or start your own; hire charges for parishioners are only £10 an hour. And please do consider us when planning a party, event or wedding. We have competitively priced our wedding package to compare very favourably with other options such as hotels. The Hall and Legion Room have been decorated. We have a catering kitchen, wet bar, ample parking and state-of-the-art AV equipment. Future plans include a patio at the rear to create an outdoor seating space. We honestly believe we have a fabulous hall to host special events, so spread the word! Personal recommendation is always immensely valuable.

As a committee there are times when an extra hand would be very much appreciated. Would you consider becoming a Friend of Minsterworth Village Hall? We'd like to build a list of villagers who we can call upon on occasion to help with moving heavy items, maintenance, helping at coffee mornings and events etc? Please do chat to Andrea or Sarah if you wish to join.

Please see the event list and make a note in your diary. Make a note too of anything you can help out with such as the Christmas Coffee and Cake Event on Saturday 4th December when we are launching our 'Made in Minsterworth' stalls featuring artisan crafts and produce from our talented villagers. You can help us by donating any home-made baked goods, jams, chutneys etc. And also, any gently worn jewellery, fashion accessories and small china/home items for Mimi's Vintage stall (please, not bric-a-brac or jumble). Table tops can be hired for £10. Contact details below:

Finally, Minsterworth Village Hall is your hall run by the trustees on your behalf. Do support our events which generate income to keep us running and support future developments. Please do spread the word about our facilities. Please follow us on Social Media and check in on our website for current news. Let us know what you think and what you want!

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Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

Our meeting in October was very well attended as hopefully this month's **meeting on 10th November** will be. Arrangements for the Remembrance Services have been finalised and are as follows: Westbury On Severn service will commence at 10.45 and afterwards we will proceed to Minsterworth church for the wreath laying ceremony.

Services will be held on **Sunday November 14th** and will be conducted by the Rev. Sarah Hobbs. Branch members should parade at 10.30am at the entrance of Westbury on Severn church for the initial service.

Military History

Nov 1 st	1914	Battle of Coronel
	1944	Assault on Walcheren
	1993	WRNS disbanded merge with R.N.
Nov 8 th	1942	Invasion of North Africa
Nov 11 th	1940	Battle of Taranto
Nov 20 th	1759	Battle of Quiberon Bay
Nov 21 st	1918	Der Tag – Surrender of the German High Seas Fleet
Nov 25 th	1899	Battle of Graspan
Nov 29 th	1917	WRNS established

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

Thomas Fulljames – Severn Barrage Architect

Sarah McHale

In last month's article 'Musings on the River' I mentioned Thomas Fulljames whose early design for a Severn barrage in the early part of the twentieth century can be seen in a small watercolour sketch held in the collection at Newport Museum and Art Gallery. Unfortunately, some information on Fulljames was omitted but I think he's worth knowing a little more about.

Having opened his architectural practice in Barton Street in 1830, he was elected County Surveyor in 1831. Fulljames has certainly left his mark on our county despite the fact that his design for the barrage in 1849 was never realised. The proposal would have seen the barrage erected between Beachley and Aust (the location of the current and first Severn Bridge crossing) spanning just over a mile. The barrage was never built as costs way back then were estimated at some 25 million pounds!



Gloucester Court of Probate

Other buildings of note in the county include the Gloucester Court of Probate which reflects a Gothic style and several churches. He even merits a mention in Pevsner's 'The Buildings of England'. Fulljames was also a church surveyor and had he fulfilled his plans to publish his book on Gloucestershire churches along with copperplate illustrations he may be more widely acknowledged for his own designs.

Sadly, several of Fulljames' churches are either demolished or no longer in use but there are some worthy of a visit including St Mary and Corpus Christie in nearby Down Hatherley and St Lawrence's in Sandhurst.



St Mary and Corpus Christie
Down Hatherley



St Lawrence's Sandhurst

There is a memorial to Fulljames at St Mary's Church, Hasfield, Tewkesbury

Parish Council Event & Monthly Meeting

Monday, 8th November, Village Hall, at 7 pm

Come and meet Neil Meynell, the ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) Officer from Community Safety Unit (CSU), Tewkesbury Borough Council; which includes responsibility for Minsterworth.

The Parish Council feel that Minsterworth has more than its fair share of ASB events, causing unnecessary distress to residents. Our difficulty is trying to find ways of control.

Neil Meynell, the ASB Officer from Community Safety Unit (CSU), Tewkesbury Borough Council, will be attending the Parish Council meeting at 7-00pm on Monday 8th November at the Village Hall, and will be available to answer your questions and hopefully make some suggestions for improvements in the future. You are welcome to stay for the whole PC meeting, but as Neil will be an 'early agenda item', feel free to leave after his session if you prefer

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Aggressive Door to Door Selling

'Nottingham Knockers'

Roger Blowey

A few weeks ago, several Minsterworth residents had their doors knocked/doorbells rung by an aggressive salesman trying to sell cleaning materials. He carried an ID card with him (fake), and in his sales pitch he said that he was part of a rehabilitation scheme.

According to the police this is part of a well organised crime group, often originating from Nottingham – and hence the name of Nottingham Knockers. The men involved are bussed down from Nottingham and set to work in specific areas, recently one of them being Minsterworth. Gloucestershire Trading Standards recommends that you do not open the door to cold callers, and not to purchase items from them. If it happens to you, please report the incident to the Police by calling 101, or report the incident online.

Further details are available on www.gloucestershirelive.co.uk/news/gloucester-news/nottingham-knockers-strike-someone-pays-5913538

Funds remain available from the Minsterworth Parochial Charities

Roger Blowey

We still have funds available for distribution from the charities. The John Hiatt Charity sponsors younger people, and the Joseph Winkle charity is intended to assist people in any age group. Funds from both charities are limited to hundreds rather than thousands of pounds. Financial assistance from the John Hiatt charity could be towards items such as books, educational travel or equipment or from the Joseph Winkle charity, towards wheelchairs, personal alarms, stair lifts, bathroom aids and taxis for hospital visits. Please apply to rogerblowey@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07768-451071. All applications will be considered by the trustees and treated with strict confidence.

The establishment of the parochial charities was an act of kindness from Minsterworth residents many years ago, so perhaps using their funds should be considered as a mark of respect to the original donors.

Vaccination Update

Caroline Walker

The rollout of the vaccination programme has been a huge success. We are now in the process of carrying out booster vaccinations for health and social care staff and for people over 50 years of age. The uptake has been good in this cohort.

I was fortunate enough to be asked to help in the vaccination of school children. We went to our first school in Gloucestershire at the end of September,



the first in Gloucestershire to have the vaccinations. We vaccinated the majority of children aged between 12 and 16. The take up was good and the response from the school children was positive. They wanted to be able to get back to some normality and having a vaccination was a step in the right direction.

We are so fortunate to have been given this lifeline with the vaccines.

I will continue to be a part of this programme. It is a privilege to be able to be involved and to be able to play a small part in getting the people of Gloucestershire protected.

“My grandfather invented the cold air balloon but it never really took off.” – Milton Jones





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Severn Trent Roadworks on the A48

Roger Blowey

We are very grateful to Severn Trent water (STW) for giving up their time on Thursday 7th October and providing a Q&A session at the Village Hall. Between 30 and 40 residents called in for a chat and the feedback we received from them was excellent.

The water main is being replaced because there have been 8 significant leaks along this stretch of pipe since 2012, each one causing a major disruption. The old cast iron pipe is being replaced by lengths of polyethylene, the lengths being fused together by heat. That's what is happening in the tent that you see along the roadside – they are not there for a crafty cuppa! The tent protects the fusion process from dust and rain, both of which could impede the seal. Progress will be slower when the work is adjacent to houses, because each house has to be re-connected to the new main, including the houses the other side of the road. Disruption of access to private houses will be minimised by providing metal plates to cover the trench.

Special 'artificial intelligence' (AI) traffic lights have been installed. These count the number of vehicles passing and when say, the 10th vehicle has passed, the lights turn red and as soon as vehicle 10 goes past the lights at the other end, they turn green. This is why you must not take a chance and pop through on red (or 'just about' red!). Changing the lights quickly this way maximises traffic flow and minimises queues. The lights also have a sensor that looks up the road and assesses the length of the queue, so that flow times in each direction can be adjusted depending on the time of day. The exit from Watery Lane is not easy, so we will see new signs installed at the entrance to Church lane, Pound Lane and Watery Lane to say something like 'Access to Local Residences Only'. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of cars speeding along the lower lane.

“Hard to tell if people are interested in joining my Sarcastic Club or not...” – Milton Jones

“I'm going to donate my body to science, and keep my Dad happy – he always wanted me to go to medical school.” – Lee Mack



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We moved into our first home in Minsterworth in 1973 and ten years later relocated farther along the A48 to The Uplands.

Rob had been helping a local farmer with his turkeys in the run up to Christmas and enjoyed it so much that he thought they would be the ideal stock to have on our own holding and that is why, in 1984, Hart's Traditional Turkeys was born.



Queen of all she surveys

We started with 15 birds but within 3 years were dealing with several hundred. Year by year our sales were increasing yet we both had full time jobs. Consequently, some years ago we decided to limit our sales to pre-ordered farm gate sales only. We still have several hundred birds each year and send Christmas turkeys, via courier, all over the UK.

Our turkeys are hatched and grown specifically for the Christmas market. They are the traditional, slow-growing, bronze turkeys. Rob drives to Norfolk to collect

the day old poults (chicks) at the end of May/beginning of June. When the poults first arrive they are too small and vulnerable to go outside. On arrival each chick is given a drink of water and placed under a heater. For the first few weeks we house them in the "nursery" in special rings lined with corrugated cardboard and an extra layer of bio-degradable paper as bedding. This is because straw and shavings, if eaten, can be harmful to young birds. After about five weeks the turkeys no longer need supplementary heating and are mature enough to be transferred to a larger building and, at eight weeks old, have access to the paddock.

We feed our turkeys on a completely natural, cereal-based, diet (no antibiotics or other additives) which includes Gloucestershire grown oats and their bedding is barley straw from a neighbouring farm. The welfare of our turkeys is paramount and we treat them with care and respect from the moment they arrive until they are boxed and handed to the customer. We believe our commitment to the well-being of our turkeys makes a difference to the quality of our product and this has been reflected over



New arrivals in the nursery ring

the last thirty-seven years by the customers who return year after year. Customers make collecting their turkey part of their Christmas tradition, some travelling many miles just to come to Hart's Traditional Turkeys.

Processing begins around 9th December and we prepare our turkeys on the premises, dry plucking them by hand. Dry plucking is a traditional skill, which is fast disappearing but which we are happy to preserve. We are fortunate to have a brilliant team of people from the village who for many years have taken part of their annual leave to help us at turkey time. They are

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invaluable not only with their help but also in maintaining our standards and attention to detail. Work carries on throughout the year but increases with the arrival of the poults and then, from September, preparing for sales, stocking the shop and making sure everything is in place for December.

Having all the facilities on site reduces the impact on the environment and, wherever possible, we use recycled and recyclable products.

When plucked, the birds are hung for at least seven days to dry-age at a steady temperature of between 2°C and 4°C. This allows the meat to mature while the natural gamey flavours, unique to a traditional farm fresh turkey, develop. When oven-ready the turkeys are boxed and stored in another chiller at 2°C to await collection. Throughout the process, policies are in place to ensure full traceability of each turkey.

The Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Association was formed in 1984 by a group of like-minded farmers who were passionate about producing the ultimate Christmas turkeys in terms of eating quality, welfare standards and environmental responsibility. These principles continue today. We are proud to be members of the Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Association. Nationwide there are about thirty members of the Association and we are the only member in Gloucestershire. Membership is conditional upon meeting all the requirements of the Association's Quality Assurance Code and Guarantee and members and their production methods are independently audited each year. Several other inspections are carried out by other public bodies.



Turkeys produced by members of the Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Association were the first product in the UK to gain recognition that they are produced according to a traditional method and carry the Traditional Speciality Guarantee. This sets us apart from other turkey producers. Not only do we have to meet the Traditional Farm Fresh Turkey Quality Assurance Code but also the Traditional Speciality Guarantee Regulation. This also requires an annual inspection to ensure compliance.

In recognition of the quality of our turkeys, this year we have been awarded a 2 Star Gold Great Taste Award by the Guild of Fine Food.

Our shop stocks a range of locally produced products which reflects the Tastes of Gloucestershire and provides a great opportunity to catch up with friends and long-standing customers, albeit briefly. Like the rest of the country we are affected by Covid 19 which necessitates the implementation of safety measures that will keep both our customers and our Team as safe as possible. Our customers last year were very understanding but missed the usual table laden with mince pies and mulled wine.

Rewards for us are more intangible than profitable. The most fulfilling aspect being Team Hart working together to produce something that our customers appreciate and which makes their Christmas meal really special.



Lighten our Darkness

Our Candle light walk was supported and enjoyed by so many last Christmas. Do you think we could do it again this year?

Hopefully, we might be able to persuade more people to take part with any changes or improvement you might like to suggest.

Details in next month's Villager!

Thank you Liz Duff

A Big Thank You

£475 was raised for three Minsterworth charities



Leaf Creative was a wonderful environment to hold a charity fashion show in. A forest of house plants plus fairy lights cleverly merge the outside with the inside of the garden centre, where a wood burner provided a seductive backdrop. Hospitality provided by the Fernery Café' was simply splendid and went down a treat.



Raft Clothing Company presented clothing from a number of well-known and less well-known designers. All hand selected by Kate Philips the owner and modelled cheerfully by staff from both companies.

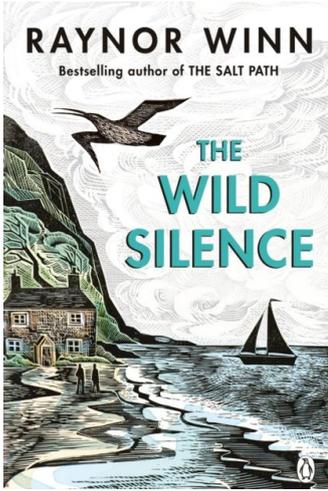
Three charities in Minsterworth village benefitted from this sell-out event and each charity much appreciates the support given by Raft Clothing Company, Leaf Creative and all the ladies who bought tickets for the event. A huge thank you to everyone involved with this occasion What a wonderful way to spend an evening!

Thank you, thank you, thank you

The three charities to benefit are

St Peter's, Village Hall and the Harvey Centre.

Minsterworth Village Book Club Review



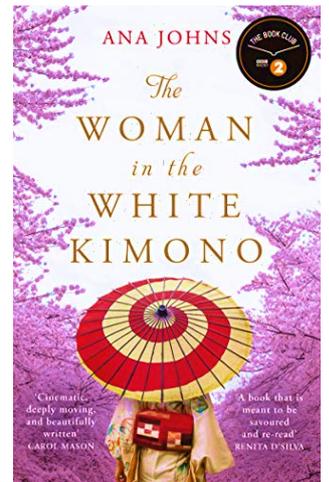
Last month we reviewed 'The Wild Silence' by Rayner Winn, the sequel to her very popular 'The Salt Path' which the group had read a couple of years back. The book certainly provoked a very lively discussion and comparisons with the first biography which had introduced us to Ray and Moth, how they managed Moth's diagnosis with CBD, which along with a change in their home situation drove the couple to walk the South-West Coastal Path. 'The Wild Silence' picked up the story seeing them living in a converted chapel in Cornwall before settling at a farm.

While the group enjoyed reading how the story continued after the coastal walk, many of us felt it wasn't as strong a read, and while the narrative of the first book focussed specifically on the challenges of the walk (and how it improved Moth's health), 'The Wild Silence' seemed to meander too much meaning Moth's voice was lost as Ray reminisced about their early days, then switched to the present. Over-long descriptions of nature were also a distraction. We debated whether this was because 'The Salt Path' wasn't written for publication but more a personal diary, while this book had been commissioned by the publishers and Winn was just over-ambitious?

We were left frustrated by the often helpless situations the couple continued to find themselves in, such as the challenging Iceland trip which could have been a far easier trek. We felt Moth's achievements – for example, managing his health while studying for a degree, weren't really celebrated, and we were left with a feeling that the couple's lives still seemed to be unnecessarily chaotic.

This month we are reading 'The Woman in the White Kimono' by Ana Johns which we will review on Wednesday 3rd November.

Meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month at 7.45pm.



Only the mediocre are always at their best
Jean Giraudoux

If I had to live my life again, I'd make the
same mistakes, only sooner.
Tallulah Bankhead



Village Wine Tasting No.2

By Simon Ruffley

Friday, 19th November 2021 at 7:00pm

in

Minsterworth Village Hall

Tickets (purchase in advance) cost £15 each

For more information and tickets contact Simon Ruffley on
07847 560629

or Sarah McHale on 07900 984281 or e-mail

minsterworthvh@gmail.com

As we are slowly becoming normal again for those who enjoy a glass of wine or could be encouraged along, we have an evening prepared for meeting our neighbours and friends, learning about and tasting some great wines that may just be different to your regular choice?

Theme-wise, as we're coming up to the festive season the wines will suit the time of year. Some biscuits will be provided on each table but feel free to bring any nibbles with you.

Tickets (purchase in advance) cost £15 each.

For more details contact Simon Ruffley on 07847 560629 or Sarah McHale on 07900 984281 or alternatively e-mail us on minsterworthvh@gmail.com

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Grilled Meal for 2 people – pre-heat the grill to a high setting and oven on 160°C

- 2 rump steaks cut into ½ cm slices
- 1 red chilli & 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 1 red and yellow pepper finely sliced
- 2 tsp each of; paprika, ground cumin, ground coriander
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- Handful of freshly chopped coriander
- 4 / 6 tortillas
- 150 ml sour cream
- 1 lime juiced



1. In a large roasting tin, mix together the steak, peppers, onion, spices, olive oil and salt & pepper
2. Place under a hot grill for 4 minutes, then remove and toss everything, place under the grill again for 4 further minutes
3. Place the tortilla wraps, in foil to warm in the oven for two minutes
4. LEAVE the steak mix to rest for 2 minutes
5. Scatter the chopped coriander and lime juice on top of the steak
6. Share the steak mixture equally between the tortilla wraps and serve with sour cream & you can add grated cheese if you wish

This is a very quick and easy dish that takes about 10 minutes to get ready and 10 minutes to cook. All the prepping can be done well in advance.

Some Chinese proverbs:

- ◇ A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step
- ◇ If you chase two rabbits both will escape
- ◇ I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.
- ◇ Teachers open the door; you enter by yourself.

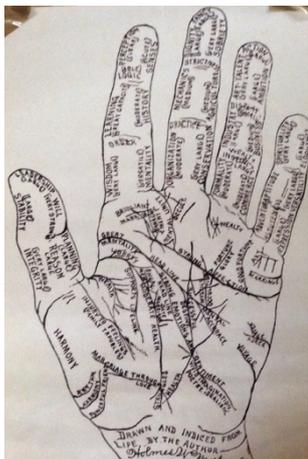
Palmistry

Nicky Milligan

Back in 1950 something (post dinosaurs and crinolines I hasten to add) a lovely man called Ernest read my palm and I still have the beautifully handwritten papers he gave me. Admittedly he threw in a bit of Astrology but 99.5% of it was very accurate...even up to today... so when a "Reader" offered to run a weekend course on Palmistry for me, of course I accepted.

Palmistry is a very ancient practice that started in India and spread to China and Egypt in what is estimated to have been 5000 years ago. It has its roots in astrology, passed on to Romany

gypsies and was also called Chiromancy.



In the Middle Ages it was seen as witchcraft and prohibited by Henry VIII. Nowadays hands and fingerprints are recognised as being very important in police work for example... Palmistry can be very complicated looking at hand shape, individual finger and joint shapes and lengths, proportions and even more. The lines in your hands can change as life goes by and can be predictive as well as offering information in more general terms.

It is thought that for women the right hand shows what you are born with and the left is what you accumulate throughout your life... the reverse for

men but that is not cast in stone. The left side of the body links with the right side of the brain and vice versa. The left brain tends to be associated with logical thought and the right side tends to be creative. You will remember from the Reflexology article how hands and feet are linked, and next year I hope to have a "Footreader" to come along for 2 days teaching.

On a course that Georgina, the Reader gave just before Covid struck she had a very keen participant who turned out to be in the Police and she wondered what exactly he was doing there. His reply was that he had always been able to read palms and he could always read a criminal's intent and character... but of course that could not replace Procedure...so dear Reader do not worry, but how interesting!



I have just listened to a programme called "Hands" on radio 4.... with a masseuse and a hand surgeon... who between them said it was necessary to read a person with your hands (the masseuse) and listen to a person's hands (the Surgeon)... isn't that something to think about?

The above gives some hints on how to start looking at your own hands...give it a go!



Celebrate the start of the Harvey Centre

Trustees of the Harvey Centre would like to invite all
Minsterworth residents and friends to

Afternoon Tea at The Harvey Centre

**Saturday the 13th of November between 3.00 –
5.00pm.**

During the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to look around the Centre to see the progress made to date, and for you to tell us what sorts of things you would like the Centre to organise over the coming year.



We are delighted to inform you that the Harvey Centre is opening.

The Centre now provides a vibrant and attractive environment of which we can all be proud. An enormous thank you to all the volunteers from the Board of Trustees for their generous contribution and hard work in developing the Centre.

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To achieve the Centre’s aim of **promoting community well-being and lifelong learning**, the trustees are in the process of finalising the programme for the full year. We should be in a position to share information very soon. Meanwhile we are delighted to inform you about the following:

Provision	Timing	Contact
The Community Café is now open starting on <i>Wednesday 17th November</i>	Wednesdays 9.30-12.00	Roger Ingham 01452 751283
“Art for Wellbeing” sessions starting on <i>Friday 5th November</i> These sessions are being led by a very experienced and talented tutor commissioned by trustees.	Fridays 10.00 am to 12.30pm	Arlette Lane 07926 986247
The Tan House Singers come together <i>every Monday evening</i> and would welcome interest from anyone wishing to join the Choir	Mondays 7.00pm -9.00 pm	Rita Garbutt 07775 778323
“Not the Sunday Service” starting on <i>Sunday 28th November</i> Changes in church service patterns means that there is not a service in Minsterworth on the last Sunday of the month. We are opening up the Harvey Centre for a ‘Not the Sunday Service’ <i>bring and share lunch</i> , on the last Sunday of every month.	Last Sunday of each month 12.30 – 2.30 pm	Rita Garbutt 07775 778323
Book and DVD exchange starting on <i>Friday 12th November</i>	Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30 – 12.30pm	Jo Stait 01452 750709
Parents/carers and toddler “Play Date” starting on <i>Tuesday 23rd November</i>	Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30 am	Farzana A 07925011795

We look forward to seeing you on the 13th November, no booking or charge, just come along!!

Art for Wellbeing - an Art class for all.... Starting 5th November from 10am to 12.30pm

Yes! An art 'class' in that guidance, tuition and encouragement will be on hand but more importantly it will be a creative group where people can come together and make art in a non-judgemental and friendly environment.

- ◇ Art for Wellbeing will be held weekly at The Harvey Centre on Friday mornings. 10am to 12.30pm
ALL abilities are welcome.
- ◇ Some previous experience of painting is great ...no experience of painting is equally great!
- ◇ All materials supplied - all you'll need to start is to be open to trying things out with the aim of enjoying yourself and doing something creative that will improve your sense of wellbeing.
- ◇ No sign up required. Pay as you go:
£7 per session £25 for 4 sessions.
- ◇ Teacher: **Jackie Cox**
Website: sindencox-art.co.uk



For further information or to book a place, please contact Arlette Lane on 07926 986 247

“If God had written the Bible, the first line should have been ‘It’s round.’” –
Eddie Izzard

“A man walks into a chemist’s and says, ‘Can I have a bar of soap, please?’
The chemist says, ‘Do you want it scented?’
And the man says, ‘No, I’ll take it with me now.’” – Ronnie Barker

“Two monkeys were getting into the bath. One said: ‘Oo, oo, oo, aah aah aah.’
The other replied: ‘Well, put some cold in it then.’” – Harry Hill

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Minsterworth 200 Club

The result of the October draw was as follows:-

£50 No. 035 Brian Lewis

£20 No. 092 Matthew Gardner

£10 No. 080 Terry Moore-Scott

Whist Drive

Thank you to all who supported the whist drive in October. There were just under 5 tables – how about trying your hand? If you are interested in having a game but are unsure how the evening runs and would like to know more, then please give Liz a ring on 750401. We could do with more support! The next whist drive will be on Monday 1st November.

Church service times and flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
7 th November	11am	Family Service	Jo Stait
7 th November	5pm	Evening Worship	Jo Stait
14 th November	10.45am	*Remembrance Service*	Sharon Ingham
21 st November	11am	Morning Prayer	Julie Fisher
28 th November	10am	Benefice Holy Communion**	No flowers – Season of Advent

* The Remembrance Service is at Westbury on Severn followed by a Commemoration around the War Memorial at Minsterworth around 11.45am to Noon.

**The Benefice service is at Flaxley church

Community shared lunch on the last Sunday of the month for a 'Not the Sunday Service'

This is simply an opportunity to meet over food and to spend some time together. There is space outside and inside for children to play. This is not limited to church goers, but to everyone who would enjoy the company of friends and neighbours and want to get to know each other.

Just come along at around midday with a plate of buffet type food to share and you will be made welcome.

Tea coffee and squash will be provided, but if you enjoy something else please bring your own.

Warm welcome to all at the **Harvey Centre at 12 o'clock on the last Sunday of the month.**



Christmas Cake Decorating



An Evening with Sue Williams from 'Cake My Day'



Sue will demonstrate how to decorate a celebratory chocolate gateau and a Christmas Cake. Sue has been making bespoke cakes for all occasions for several years with fabulous results.



Thursday 2nd December at 7pm at Minsterworth Village Hall
£10 per ticket to include refreshments and free entry into the raffle to win the cakes.

See Sue's Facebook Page 'Cake my Day by Sue Williams

Tickets from Sarah McHale 07900 984281



Please be aware, in the event of a change in Covid regulations, this event could be cancelled at late notice. A full refund will be given

'Made in Minsterworth' Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4th December: 10am—2pm

- Locally made produce
- Arts and Crafts
- MiMi's Vintage Stall
- Minsterworth Photography Club.....and more!



Donations of cakes/biscuits/jams/chutneys very welcome. Along with gently worn jewellery & fashion accessories plus small homeware items

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Table top bookings and donation offers - please email sarahliv.mchale@btinternet.com





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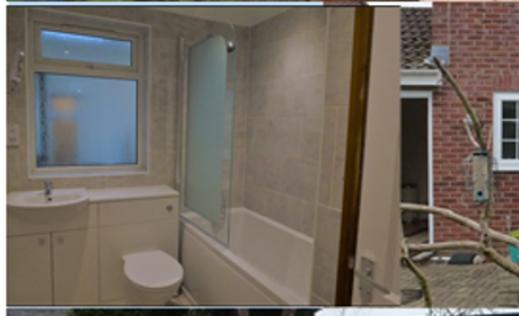
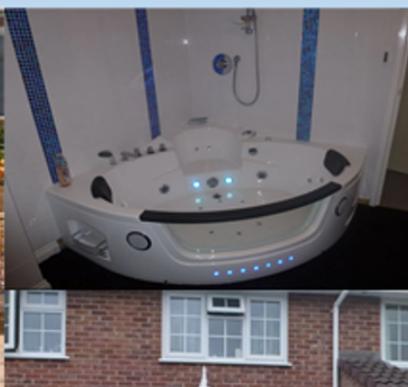
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The Elephant

Anonymous

An elephant slept in his bunk,
And in slumber his chest rose and sunk.
But he snored — how he snored!
All the other beasts roared,
So his wife tied a knot in his trunk.



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— Anne

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Time to plant garlic!

Paula Ruffley

Home-grown garlic takes up little space and requires hardly any effort to get a good crop although a bit of manure makes bigger cloves.

Buy a garlic bulb from the supermarket, nothing fancy – it must be firm with no green bits that might cause it to rot.

Split the bulb into cloves and plant them a hand apart & about a thumb's length deep directly in the ground where it will get sun next year.

You need never buy garlic again! Water them occasionally to get going & in a drought et voilà!

They take quite a long time to grow, and obligingly fall over around July when you dig them gently up and hang them to dry. The secret's in drying them thoroughly!

Simple!





On 25th July 2021, Denise Luckman was confirmed at St Peter's Church, by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Right Reverend Robert Springett.

What a great occasion it was!

Denise looked so happy surrounded by many of her friends from the village.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/>

"Me and my partner were going to go on holiday to Norway this year, but we costed it up and in the end we couldn't af-fjord it." Tom Parry

"Why do Americans say 'eggplant' and everyone else says 'chicken'?" Ian Smith

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/>

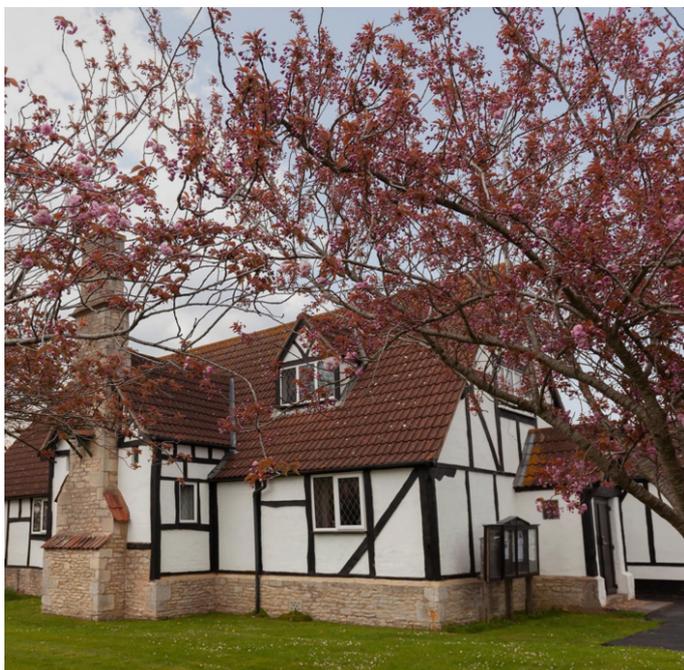
St Peter's Church - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/> services, events

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



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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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