

# The Villager

Minsterworth News



**HM Queen Elizabeth II**

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## Dear readers,

In 2022 , Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to reign for 70 years, and in June we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. She reigned for 70 years, 7 months and 2 days before her death on 8 September 2022.

Queen Elizabeth II was a much loved and respected figure across the globe. Her Majesty was a dedicated Head of the Commonwealth, linking more than two billion people worldwide. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 the British Nation was granted a Bank Holiday and bid a fond and emotional farewell to Her Majesty with huge pomp and ceremony. World leaders attended a ceremony at Westminster Abbey, viewed on television around the world. King Charles III has a tough act to follow and Britain will, of course, support him in his long-awaited role.

Well known for her lovely smile, we felt we should place Her Majesty on our October cover.

## Paula

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### KERBSIDE RECYCLING OCTOBER 2022

**GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy**  
(landfill) (garden)

Tuesday            11

Tuesday            25

**BLUE bin & caddy**  
(recycling)

Tuesday            4

Tuesday            18

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 (**not** a bag for life)

# The Sunshine Vitamin when there's no sun...

Paula Ruffley

Vitamin D helps regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body, keeping bones, teeth and muscles healthy. It is known as the Sunshine Vitamin as the body creates vitamin D from direct sunlight on the skin when outdoors. From about late March/early April to the end of September, most people should be able to make all the vitamin D they need from sunlight. Always remember to cover up with clothes and/or sunscreen to protect against skin cancer and sunburn, not to mention accelerated skin ageing.

Vitamin D is also found in a small number of foods. Sources include:

oily fish – such as salmon, sardines, herring and mackerel, red meat, liver, egg yolks, AND fortified foods – such as some fat spreads and breakfast cereals. In the UK, cows' milk is generally not a good source of vitamin D because it is not fortified, as it is in some other countries.

But since it's difficult for people to get enough vitamin D from food alone, the British Government recommends that everyone (including pregnant and breastfeeding women) should consider taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of vitamin D during the autumn and winter because the sun is not strong enough for the body to make vitamin D.

If you have dark skin – for example if you have an African, or Asian background – you may also not make enough vitamin D from sunlight. You should consider taking a daily supplement containing 10 micrograms of Vitamin D throughout the year. Melanin is the

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## Village Wine Tasting No.3

By Simon Ruffley and Vic Martindale

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 7:00pm

in

**Minsterworth Village Hall**

Ever wondered if it's worth paying up to £20 for a bottle of wine then why not come and join an informative and entertaining evening tasting 4-pairs of wine where we will see...

### Is it worth it?

**Tickets (purchase in advance) cost £15 each.**

To book go to [www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/events-coming-soon](http://www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/events-coming-soon) or alternatively contact Simon Ruffley on 07847 560629 or Sarah McHale on 07900 984281.

Bring some spare cash too as there will be a raffle for a nice bottle of bubbles!

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pigment responsible for our beautiful variety of skin tones and shades, eye and hair colours. It also provides some protection against the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) rays.

While it's true that melanin production in the skin can be increased by tanning, it's important to remember why tanning can be dangerous. During sun exposure harmful UV rays from the sun penetrate through the skin and begin to damage the DNA in the skin cells.

In response to this cellular damage, the body attempts to produce more melanin to protect the cells. This increase in melanin production is what creates the signature "tan" on the skin.

However, once the skin begins to tan, this is an indication that cellular damage has already occurred.

Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, is more common in white people than in black people, but doctors typically diagnose melanoma much later in black people, increasing their risk of developing a serious case.

There is no such thing as a 'safe' tan, always protect the skin of face, ears and neck from UV light with a wide brim hat, wear sunscreen and stay in the shade as much as you can, especially at midday. Get your vitamin D through a daily supplement to be safe.

# The Family Spinach Pie

Rita Garbutt

A very simple tasty dish that takes no time to prepare, to cook or eat! This is a recipe that I have used on many occasions and always goes down well.

## Ingredients:

1 large chopped onion	500g of minced pork
250g of a hard-grated cheese	200g of chopped mushrooms
400g washed spinach	Pinch of salt & freshly ground black pepper
40g of butter	Buttered chunks of freshly bought or made bread, for 6 people

## Method:

- Heat the oven to 180°
- Butter a large oven proof dish
- Line the dish with a single layer of spinach
- Fry the chopped onion
- Mix together by hand the pork, the fried chopped onion, chopped mushrooms, most of the spinach and season with salt and lots of ground black pepper
- Press this mixture into a large buttered dish.
- Place on top of the mixture the rest of the spinach and grated cheese and small well-spaced blobs of butter.
- Bake for 40 / 45 minutes in the oven.



Serve with the freshly baked and buttered bread. You will need this to mop up all the lovely juices. Enjoy!

“Modest about our national pride – and inordinately proud of our national modesty.”  
Ian Hislop

# Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 3rd December 10 - Noon**

*'Made in Minsterworth'*

**An opportunity to support local crafters, artists; do some festive gift shopping and grab a coffee and cake with neighbours at the Village Hall:**

- **Paintings and hand-made cards**
- **Wood-turned products**
- **Textile Art**
- **Children's Clothing**
- **Gift wrap and cards**
- **Village-baked Goods**
- **Mimi's Vintage**
- **Ceramics**
- **Handmade Chocolates**
- **Plants and Seeds**



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## Minsterworth 200 Club

The result of the September draw was as follows:-

£50 No. 194 Roy Pritchard  
£20 No. 085 Jennifer Morgan  
£10 No. 163 Hazel Sealey

## Whist Drive

Enough people were at the Whist Drive in September to make up 6 tables. A pleasant evening was had resulting in £75 for the church funds. Next Whist Drive will be on Monday 3rd October at the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Please come along and enjoy this social evening.

## Church service times and flower rota

Date	Time	Service	Flowers
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	11am	Harvest Celebration	Group Flowers
9 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Eucharist	Anne Pearson
16 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Morning Prayer	Liz Savage
23 <sup>th</sup> October	11am	Morning Prayer	Cathy Thomas
30 <sup>th</sup> October	10am	Eucharist at Highnam Church	Julie Fisher

If you have any donations of dried or tinned food for the Harvest Celebration Service on 2nd October then please bring them along to the service. These will be given to the Food Bank.

## Harvest Supper

7:30pm, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022

in Minsterworth Village Hall

Ploughman's Supper, BYOD

Contact - Jo Stait 01452 750709 for Tickets, £10

*Where would you learn to make a knickerbocker glory?*

**Answer on p13**

# Gardening by the River Severn

Sharon Ingham

This month we visit the garden of Nicki Milligan.

## How big is your growing area?

It's 1/3 of an acre but because it's a long strip of land it looks a lot less... but after a day's gardening I know it's quite large!

## When did your love of gardening start?

My Grandfather was a very green fingered gardener and explained all sorts of things to me when I was quite little... including how to graft fruit trees. He was a very good amateur painter and gardened artistically, I remember him explaining that if you had a long border you could create the illusion of a different shape and size by use of colour and height of



Bamboo Orchid

plants. My mother was the same... and I still remember one of her mantras... leave the roots of beans in the ground when you clear the plants... if anyone hears me muttering "nitrogen fixing bacteria" it means I'm sending a message to someone somewhere that I've not forgotten!

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

We moved here a long time ago... well, 40 years to be exact and the garden was a tired length of grass, a few apple and plum trees that were unidentifiable because the labels had vanished (the string ties were still there) and the whole area ran alongside a long driveway where someone had buried strange bits of metal. I gradually put in some borders and added a small pond by a few of the apple trees. That was successful and I later added a large pond nearer to the house... and wildlife started to move in. Then came vegetable beds and I tried to create a series of "rooms" to create the illusion of space and distance and it was ideal for Easter Egg hunts when the grandchildren were small.

## You grow a variety of things. How do you decide what to grow?

I've learned that plants choose their ideal spot and move if they want to. I put lungwort where I wanted and it's migrated to where it wanted... I have some stunning cardoons and they live in the front of border area... logic and design should put them at the back of a border because they are tall. After several years of trying to move them I was defeated... they just died... and are now back at the front. I can grow most vegetables; I love buddleia plants and they love me (I think) and others like alpines don't.

My grape vine is a cutting from the Great Vine at Hampton Court that was originally planted by Henry The Eighth for Ann



Black Hamburg vine

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Boleyn. I've been to see it; it's huge and has one person to look after it... it took me four years to track it down!



Showing part of my plan to create corridors in my garden

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

I was given a dragon tree seed from Gran Canaria... it's a huge tree... I liked the challenge of trying something new and so far it's thriving, but where it might eventually go is another question. I don't have a favourite plant. It varies from season to season... I love them all... not so keen on weeds even though they are only a plant in the wrong place.

**Which garden would you recommend visiting?**

That would depend where I am and the season. I like all the Cornish gardens but not in winter... spring and summer are divine there... long ago I went with a friend to a garden in Scotland, Inverewe... it was magical and I would recommend it in autumn time... my recommendation would be to take every opportunity to visit gardens. I must add here Highgrove Gardens are fabulous and demonstrate pure gardening of a very high

standard... King Charles III certainly knows what he is doing there, and it would be interesting to visit seasonally.

I think that a Garden Tea Room is almost essential to mull over the visit ... and plan what to buy!!

I would like to add thanks to the Smiths who help me nowadays and never discourage some of my ideas... which usually seem to work!



**Have you seen Chloe?**

**She will have had her kittens and be hiding – please check your garden, sheds and outbuildings. Call Bryony on 07880207530 if you find her.**

## Historic October

4 <sup>th</sup> October 1911	Britain's 1 <sup>st</sup> escalator opens at London's Earls Court
7 <sup>th</sup> October 1920	Women become eligible for admission as full members of Oxford University and can take degrees
9 <sup>th</sup> October 1967	Labour Transport Minister Barbara Castle introduces the breathalyser
10 <sup>th</sup> October 1903	Suffragettes founded by Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 1957	Children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash makes TV debut
26 <sup>th</sup> October 1863	Formation of English Football Association
20 <sup>th</sup> October 1831	English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrates the dynamo founding the science of electro-magnetism
30 <sup>th</sup> October 1925	1 <sup>st</sup> TV transmission of a moving image by John Logie Baird

## October's jokes

Why do you never want to invite a tree to your party?...  
Because they never leaf when you want them to.

Why wasn't the moon hungry?  
Because it was full

What kind of music do mummies like listening to on  
Halloween? Wrap music.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit? Neck-tarines.

Why do skeletons have low self-esteem? They have no  
body to love.

How do gourds grow big and strong? Pumpkin iron.

# DISCOVERING OLD MINSTERWORTH: WHEN WAS MINSTERWORTH FIRST SETTLED?

Terry Moore-Scott

There is no clear evidence of habitation here in prehistoric times but that is not so surprising. This low-lying river-side territory would then have been an inhospitable, marshy and dangerous area into which Bronze Age and Iron Age man would have ventured from their nearby hillforts with some trepidation and probably only to hunt.

So, what about the Romans? Old Ordnance Survey maps of Minsterworth consistently show traces of a "Roman road" passing through the village although to date no firm archaeological discoveries of the road have been made. But given the proximity of Minsterworth to Roman Gloucester and to the known arterial Roman road leading west from there (largely following the line of the A40 through Over, Churcham and Birdwood), it would be surprising if the area of Minsterworth wasn't well known to the Romano-Brits.

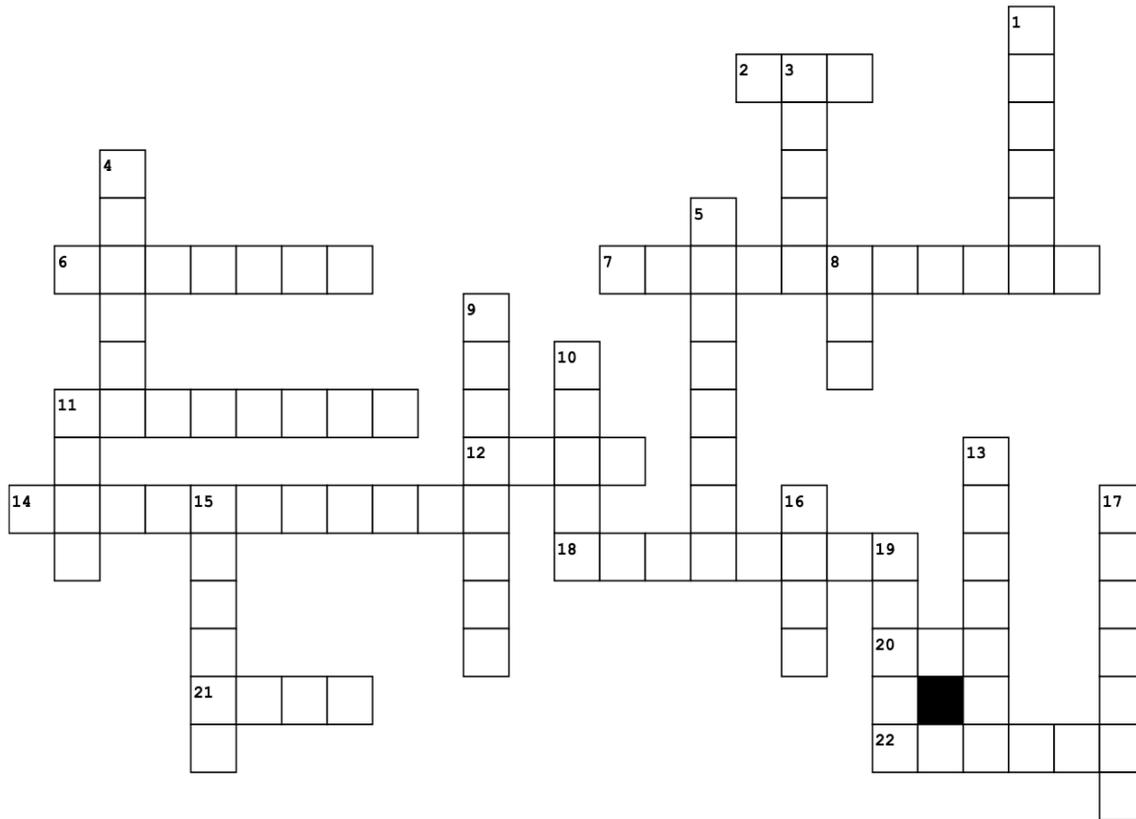
The first real archaeological evidence of Roman activity in Minsterworth came in 1937 when a water filtration plant was being installed in association with bathing and paddling pools for a leisure ground adjacent to the old Appletree pub (then described as a 'roadhouse'). Workmen came across the remains of three male humans accompanied by pottery consistent with an early Roman date, suggesting that at least a Roman cemetery might have existed at the site. A more important discovery pointing to actual Roman occupation in the area happened in 2016 when archaeologists carried out an archaeological investigation in connection with a proposed new housing development on the same field next to the Appletree. Their initial findings turned out to be very exciting. Among various features found were field boundary ditches, grain storage pits, a large quantity of Roman pottery from the 1st to 4th centuries and a quantity of iron slag indicating iron smelting took place on the site. But more important, at the western end of the paddock (where the water filtration plant was located and those burials were found) they discovered evidence of a stone wall, building debris, roof tiles and bits of lime wall plaster. Such evidence strongly suggests the existence of a building, possibly a small villa farm, occupied for several centuries during the Roman period. For evidence of a larger community however, we have to look to later, early medieval, times.

Domesday Book commissioned by William the Conqueror in 1086 contains details of three separate manorial estates making up the area we now call Minsterworth: two small ones known as Murcott and Dunny, and a third larger one un-named but identifiable by analysis as Minsterworth. Importantly, for two of the estates Domesday also gives us the names of their pre-1066 Saxon owners, indicating that there were well-established Saxon estates here before the Normans came. The placename Minsterworth first appears in documents of the 11th century although St Peter's Minster or Abbey in Gloucester which held the Minsterworth estate, and after which the place is named, was founded as early as the 7th century. Thus we get a glimpse of an Anglo-Saxon settlement existing some time before the Normans came, consisting of three separate small communities or hamlets. According to Domesday in 1086, it was inhabited, by 4 villeini (farmers), 5 bordari (cottagers) and 2 servi (slaves) plus their respective families. Theirs would have been a harsh subsistence living, deeply rooted in the land and devoted entirely to serving their feudal overlords.

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# British wildlife quick crossword

Paula Ruffley



## Across

2. Long tailed pest
6. Small grey crow
7. Small raptor found in gardens
11. Legless lizard
12. Fast, long-legged mammal
14. Butterfly larvae
18. Pig, common in Forest of Dean
20. Winged mammal
21. Slimy shell-less mollusc
22. Stinging weed

## Down

1. Tree of life
3. Small venomous snake
4. Voracious furry predator
5. Colourful beetle
8. Tree, symbol of strength
9. Fungus fruiting body
10. Small insectivorous mammal with tiny eyes and a long nose
11. Regal waterfowl
13. Agile bird, often at garden feeder
15. Spicy root vegetable
16. Small subterranean mammal
17. Chirping insect
19. Popular garden bird

See November Villager for answers

Answer to joke on p8  
**At Sundae School!**

## **Minsterworth Matters.....**

### **to all of who live in our community**

And, while a small village, we are fortunate to be supported by four 'community hubs'. These are St Peter's Church, The Parish Council, Minsterworth Village Hall and The Harvey Centre. Each has its own distinct remit but with strong links to the other three. We have recently established a joint steering group meeting quarterly to exchange information, plan and discuss how best we can meet the needs of our growing community and ensure relevant information is relayed to the village.

Each 'hub' has its own committee or management group and additional volunteers are always welcome. This could be filling vacant trustee and secretary roles or simply offering to help at coffee mornings or joining maintenance working parties to pull weeds, polish brass or fit blinds, to name just a few tasks! Volunteering is a great way to support your village and meet old and new friends.

### **How can you help?**

We would love to establish a 'volunteer register' listing names of residents we can call upon, on occasion, to help out. Perhaps you can offer just the odd couple of hours here and there but are unable to commit to anything on a regular basis, and this is fine. Volunteering can fit around your commitments – you can join the register and are free to say no if a date is not convenient!

While we can plan a raft of different events, we always want to hear from residents about any activities, training or wellbeing events you would like to see. Please take the time to read the information on the following pages. There are contact names and details. Have a think about which you feel you could help with and get in touch, or better still pop over to the Village Hall for coffee and cake 'on us' in November; put names to faces and have a chat.

### **Community Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12 Noon**

Please pop in for 'Coffee and Cake on us' at the Village Hall.

Come and find out more about the work of the Community Hubs, meet your neighbours and friends.



## Minsterworth Village Hall



Minsterworth Village Hall opened in 1928 on land donated by the Viner-Ellis family with funds raised by the village. It was built to commemorate the men of Minsterworth who lost their lives in The Great War. It is a fine example of an Arts and Crafts community building

### Community Support

and has recently undergone significant work to both renovate and enhance the facilities.

Caring for an old building has its challenges, mainly financial. And to ensure the Hall remains in excellent condition for generations to come we do

need to ensure fund-raising is key. By hiring out the Hall to external agencies we can maintain a healthy fiscal position which supports maintenance and future works and (adhering to the original remit) provides accommodation for local events at reduced costs to parishioners.

### Social Events

With a large hall, separate wet bar, large catering kitchen and recently completed patio, the Hall's facilities are ideal for all social events, parties and conferences. We can provide furniture, crockery, cutlery and glassware. Additionally, we have a stage area, fields available for games and camping and ample car-parking space. We have digital projection facilities and an AV system. We have recently upgraded our disabled parking area, have an access ramp and accessible toilet facilities.

### Weddings & Parties

As we head towards the Hall's centenary in 2028 we remain keen to ensure it continues to serve the community of Minsterworth, and while we welcome our outside bookings it is always most rewarding seeing village functions and gatherings. So do please try to support events and think of booking *your* village hall for your next family celebration.

Registered Charity Number: 255668

**For further information visit:** [www.minsterworthvillagehall.org](http://www.minsterworthvillagehall.org)

## The Harvey Centre.

The Harvey Centre is located on the main road at the former primary school and is named in honour of the local Minsterworth poet Frederick William Harvey (1888 - 1957).



After acquiring the premises in early 2021, many volunteer days were spent refurbishing

the centre which opened its doors in October 2021. Offering education & training, health and wellbeing events for adults, young people and children, the centre holds regular classes and will continue to grow its services and facilities as demand increases in the village.

### LEARNING AND IMPROVING

The centre has a main hall with audio visual equipment, children's play area, book and CD Exchange. There are also a cafe area and two smaller counselling and training rooms for community use. The centre offers disabled parking, access and facilities. Outside a pond, reflection area, shelter and field for forest school and organised play activities.

### LOOKING AFTER YOUR WELLBEING

The activities at the Centre complement, but do not duplicate, the activities organised by our very successful Minsterworth Village Hall.

The village is fortunate to have this amazing additional venue so please let us know about courses YOU would be interested in attending.

### ACTIVITIES FOR YOU

If you can offer a wellbeing, learning or sporting opportunity for adults, young people or children we would be delighted to hear from you.

It's your centre so please support it! A warm welcome awaits.

**Registered Charity - Number 311684** For further information visit:

<https://www.minsterworthvillagehall.org>

## Minsterworth Parish Council

**Our priorities** are to maintain the environment and character of Minsterworth for the safety and enjoyment of residents and visitors.



**The Parish Council** is made up of seven members; Roger Blowey – Chair, Nick Powell – Vice Chair, Nigel Garbutt, Steve King, Cathy Thomas, Sharon Ingham and Ruth Thomas who serve a term of 4 years. The council has an appointed clerk who acts as its administrator and responsible financial officer. **All correspondence and requests for information** should be directed to the clerk. We will get back to you if you send an email! The Parish Council **meets at 7.00pm in the Village Hall on the second Monday of every month** and meetings are open to parish electors. Do join us.

**The Parish Council website** contains documents and reports produced



by the Parish Council which may be of interests to residents. The Annual Parish Assembly is held in April followed by the Annual Council Meeting in May. The local planning authority [Tewkesbury Borough Council] notifies the

Parish Council of all major **planning applications** that affect the Parish Council for their consideration and comment. The Parish Council is consulted for its local knowledge but **does not** determine a Planning Application, we are a statutory consultee.

**Website:** [minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk](http://minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted at**

**Email:** [clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk)

## St Peter's Church

**St Peter's Church** is an integral part of the Village alongside the Village Hall and Harvey Centre. It was rebuilt in 1870 by Henry Woodyer due to flooding.



However it contains many older features such as a fifteenth-century baptismal font, a Jacobean pulpit and part of a fourteenth-century chasuble. There are many beautiful stained-glass windows including one installed in memory of F. W. Harvey, war poet and broadcaster.



**The Churchyard** which leads to the banks of the River Severn is also a prime spot from which to view the world-famous Severn Bore. We supply refreshments to hundreds of spectators who travel to view this spectacular force of nature

Alongside the PCC there are supportive members of the community who help in keeping the church open daily and join together to decorate it for special events. If you are passing, please drop in for a look around.

**We are entering a new phase in joining the Highnam Benefice.** In September 2022, Rev'd Heather de Gruyter was Licensed as Priest in Charge. We look forward to exciting times ahead as we continue to forge our links with Highnam.

We continue to have a Lay Led family and all age Worship on the first Sunday of the month. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and an Evening service take place throughout the month. On the last Sunday we have a 5 Churches together Service within the Benefice.

There is an Annual Riverside Songs of Praise with the Salvation Army, Harvest Supper much more....

**For more Information go to: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>**



Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the beautiful Altar Frontal. It looks fantastic against the stained-glass window.

Too many people to name but especial thanks to those who designed and created the work.

Jo Stait and Rita Garbutt, Church Wardens



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 We are located on the A48, travel from Minsterworth through  Westbury-on-Severn and down the hill. We are on the left-hand side before the garage.

 **01452 760511**

# Arts Society West Gloucestershire

Explore the world of art and design

It is pleasing to report that our September meeting held at Highnam Community Centre, got our new programme off to a very positive start. with **John Ruskin - His Impact, Achievement and Legacy**. Our lecturer David Cross travelled from Carlisle to be with us and the combination of his knowledge and rapport with those in the hall made for a very successful meeting. Members returned to the hall in greater numbers and many more watched online. Ticket sales were brisk for our forthcoming visit to The Museum of Carpet and our Christmas event. Additionally, we were able to welcome a number of new members.



On Thursday 13 October we have an open meeting,

## **THE ART OF THE CARTOONIST**

when Harry Venning, a professional cartoonist for thirty years will trace the history of cartoons from Hogarth to Giles and be drawing live in the hall.

He was awarded UK Strip Cartoonist of The Year for his Guardian strip *Clare in The Community*, which he adapted into a Radio 4 sitcom.

Admission is free just come along to Highnam Community Centre on the day for 2pm.

If you would like to come online, please email to [info@theartsocietywestglos.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietywestglos.org.uk) to be sent a link.

In November we will take **An Armchair Tour of Public Art**. The work of well-known names such as William Morris, Peter Blake, Turner and Monet will feature in later monthly lectures.

To see more details of our society please, visit our website, [www.theartsocietywestglos.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietywestglos.org.uk).

If you would prefer to contact us our email address is: [info@theartsocietywestglos.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietywestglos.org.uk) or call 01454 218092



What do cows like to watch on TV?

Answer on p29



# Newent and District Probus Club

Need to stimulate your retirement?

**Come and join us.**

The club for retired and semi-retired professional and businessmen who join together for regular meetings and wish to meet together for Fellowship.

We meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY** of each month at the **Gorsley Village Hall.**  
**10.30 – 12.00**

Our members appreciate the ambience that the hall offers and its pleasant rural setting.

We have a diverse and interesting speaker programme planned.

### **Our Programme:**

**27 September:** Perestroika, from rebuilding to collapse – Marsha Lees

**11 October:** The Mappae Mundi – Peter Petrie

**25 October:** Scandals in the seat of Government – Mike Warburton

**8 November:** Electricity distribution – An inexact science – John Slack

**22 November:** The Gloucester Regiment at the Imjin river 1951– Dr Tim Brain.

**13 December:** Christmas Lunch

As well as our regular fortnightly meetings we have Pub Lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at various hostelrys in the area and organise Skittles evenings, Pub Quizzes, Theatre trips and Visits to Places of Interest to which wives and partners are welcome.

We are a friendly group, so come and join us.

Potential new members are welcome to attend a meeting for free.

**For further information, contact our secretary: Fraser Gunn on 07960 463462  
or email: [fraser.gunn@live.com](mailto:fraser.gunn@live.com)**

## **OCTOBER QUOTES**

“I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”

— L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

“October proved a riot a riot to the senses and climaxed those giddy last weeks before Halloween.”

— Keith Donohue

“October, crisp, misty, golden October, when the light is sweet and heavy.”

— Angela Carter, The Magic Toyshop



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## TEAMS4U - SHOEBOX APPEAL

I hope everyone has had a good summer and managed to keep cool when needed. Yes, it's coming to that time of year again when we begin to think of winter, Christmas and those who have nothing to look forward to.

Thanks to everyone who supported the appeal last year. With your help we added 87 shoeboxes to the total being sent to Eastern Europe.



OUR 87 SHOEBOXES IN THE CAR

We are again supporting the charity 'Teams4U' who run this Christmas appeal in relation to a long-term commitment to children the world over, including financing pre-school programmes to support their education and development.

If you would like to take part in this year's appeal, leaflets will be available in due course, to collect from St. Peter's Church, Minsterworth; or we can pop one over to you - please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be thrilled to accept filled boxes, items to put in them or money to help with

transportation. Any of the following items are suitable:

Hygiene items (flannel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb) – school writing equipment and paper – a soft toy – a small ball – puzzle - jewellery – hair accessories – bubbles - sweets – hat, scarf and gloves- new socks/underwear. Or you may prefer to donate a shoebox for the family. Gift suggestions are: Candles – tea-towels – plastic utensils – bowls and cups – soap – washing up cloths – cloths pegs – candles.

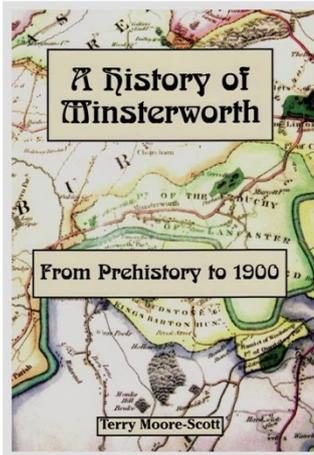
Collection of boxes will again be in November; either give us a ring and we will happily collect them or Mary Cooper has once again said that you may leave them in the front porch at her house. If you prefer to leave them in the drive, could we ask you to put them in a plastic bag please, just in case of bad weather.

Thank you in anticipation

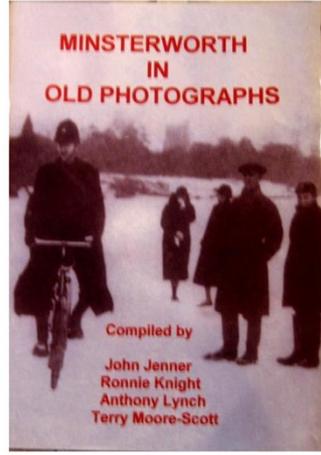
Our phone numbers are Elaine Incher 01452 750140 Jayne Stephens 01531 821385

**I always give 100%**  
**Which is why I lost my job**  
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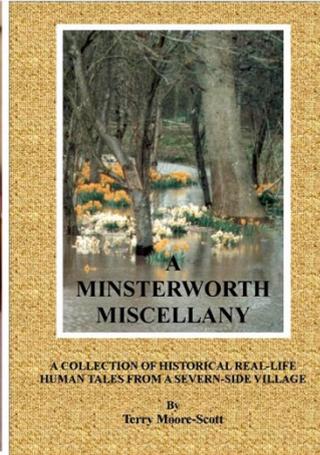
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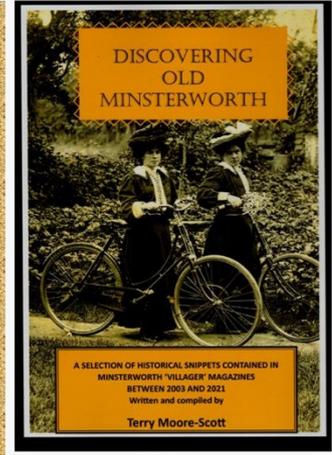
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## Minsterworth & District Royal British Legion

As I stated in September's edition the next R.B.L. meeting will be held this month on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October in the Legion room at Minsterworth Village Hall at 7pm. Please come and join us and consider becoming a member as we really do require more members so as to retain our position in the Royal British Legion. As I have previously said you do not need to have served in the Armed Forces to join.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November the Remembrance Service will be held initially at Minsterworth's St Peter's church, followed by the service at Westbury-on-Severn.

### MILITARY HISTORY

1943 Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Landings at Termoli (40 Commando RM)
1990 Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	First WRNS serve at sea in HMS Belfast
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## Minsterworth Reading Group

Minsterworth Reading Group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Helen Few

August's read, which we reviewed when we met in September, was 'Full Hearts and Empty Bellies' by Winifred Foley:

We found this an interesting read, giving an insight into the social history of mining family life in the Forest of Dean. It originated with Winifred Foley sending stories of her childhood in to Woman's Hour on the radio in 1973, after they asked their listeners for memories to read aloud in the programme.

We agreed that it is a book of two halves, the original A Child in the Forest book (1974), extended by recollections of Winifred's time in service in London and on the Cotswolds. Some found the first half, of growing up in the Forest, the most interesting, but her adolescent years spent working with different families is also enlightening.

The poverty that the family grew up with was vividly described, but the sense of family and neighbourly closeness is huge. It was clear that she was surrounded by love and had a happy childhood, fondly remembered in her reminiscences. It is a book that brings images of living in the Forest a hundred years ago to life and is a valuable resource for younger generations.

The book being reviewed next month is My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante.

### When Stretch'd on One's Bed by Jane Austen

When stretch'd on one's bed  
With a fierce-throbbing head,  
Which precludes alike thought or repose,  
How little one cares  
For the grandest affairs  
That may busy the world as it goes!

How little one feels  
For the waltzes and reels  
Of our Dance-loving friends at a Ball!  
How slight one's concern  
To conjecture or learn  
What their flounces or hearts may befall.

How little one minds  
If a company dines  
On the best that the Season affords!  
How short is one's muse?  
O'er the Sauces and Stews,  
Or the Guests, be they Beggars or Lords.

How little the Bells,  
Ring they Peels, toll they Knells,  
Can attract our attention or Ears!  
The Bride may be married,  
The Corse may be carried  
And touch nor our hopes nor our fears.

Our own bodily pains  
Ev'ry faculty chains;  
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## Minsterworth Walking Group

Carol Hamlin & Dawn Ricketts

The group has been walking for about four years. We walk Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Members can choose to walk all three days or any days that suit them. Typically, we start at 7:30 and walk for around an hour. If the weather is nice, we may carry on a little further or come back early if the weather turns.

We have a WhatsApp group with a message coming out from Carol the night prior to the walk. The meeting point is usually at the bottom of Lyncroft / Bury Lane. However occasionally we walk outside of the village.

As you can see from the pictures, we welcome adults, children and dogs (cats are not restricted). We know a wide range of the local footpaths and rights of way that we can explore.

If anyone wants to join us contact Carol on 07903-672402 or Dawn on 07577-287005

Answer to joke on p21  
**A good moo-vie!**

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- “October was always the least dependable of months ... full of ghosts and shadows.” – Joy Fielding
- The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here’s to October... – A.A. Milne
- The clear light that belongs to October was making the landscape radiant. – Florence Bone
- October is a symphony of permanence and change. – Bonaro W. Overstreet



Her Majesty with her  
fell ponies

Arthur n Pippi



## **HELPFUL COMMUNITY LINKS**

Minsterworth Neighbourhood Watch – join by e-mailing [64lettie@gmail.com](mailto:64lettie@gmail.com)

Parish Council – agenda, minutes, Councillors etc

[www.minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.minsterworthparishcouncil.org.uk)

[www.minsterworthvillagehall.org](http://www.minsterworthvillagehall.org) – booking, recent events

Minsterworthmatters Facebook website – news, local produce etc

[www.facebook.com/MinsterworthGlos/](https://www.facebook.com/MinsterworthGlos/)

St. Peter's Church – [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14101/) services, events

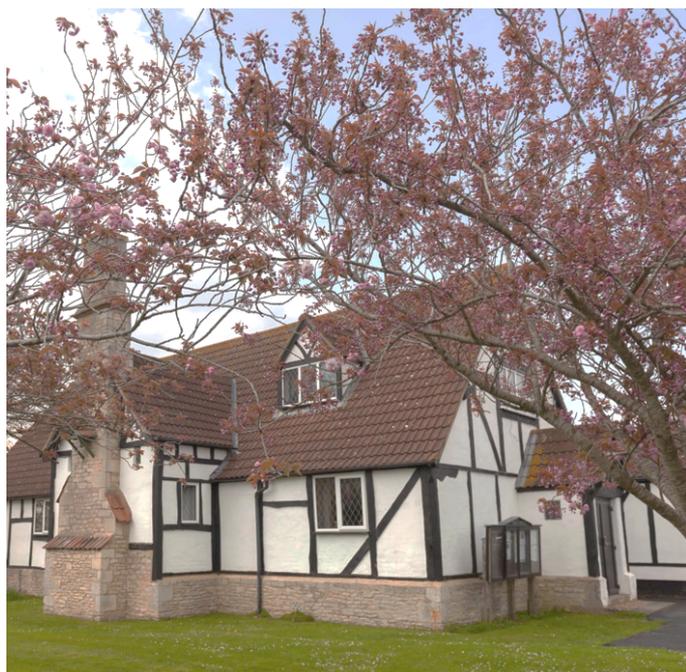
Minsterworth Matters WhatsApp – join by texting Roger Ingham on 07525330364 immediate village interests

Harvey Centre – [www.minsterworthvillagehall.org/the-harvey-centre](http://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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