

## Welcome to the Autumn 2015 edition of Minstead Mail!

It is being delivered to all households in the Parish but is particularly for those who do not use the internet. It will continue to be augmented by the weekly Parish Council e-newsletter every Sunday evening which will contain more up to date news and information. The Minstead community website <http://minstead.org.uk/> also contains further information about village events, news, the Parish Council, organizations, amenities and services. For any queries please contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor directly.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

At the time of going to print the following major events are known about:



**HALLOWEEN FOR ALL** - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 6pm-12am at The Social Club in conjunction with Junior Minstead. A Spooktastic Night of family fun including Devils Disco and Tattooed Scullery BBQ. Bring your carved pumpkins and decorated cupcakes for a chance to win some great prizes! Fancy dress and free entry.



### **NEW FOREST WALKING FESTIVAL**

The third New Forest Walking Festival takes place from 17th October to 1st November this year, with 80 guided walks to help people learn more about the New Forest. You can see the range of walks on offer and print directions at [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/walkingfestival](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/walkingfestival). For telephone information contact 01590 646600



The following regular monthly events will also take place:

- Parish Council meetings - first Monday
- History Group meeting - second Tuesday
- Women on Wednesday - second Wednesday
- Beat Surgeries – 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Minstead Makers - last Thursday

Please refer to the Minstead Village website or notice boards for contact and further information.

Please remember to use the Noticeboards, the Village website (<http://minstead.org.uk/>) and weekly e-newsletters for up to date information and new events throughout the year. They are kept up to date so a valuable resource for us all.

### VILLAGE FETE

Thank you to all those who helped in the success of the Village Fete. It was a wonderful, sunny day and incredibly well attended. The stalls and game stands all contributed to raising in excess of £1400. Donations of £485 were made to Help the Heroes, The Church and Junior Minstead.

### MINSTEAD FLOWER SHOW



Thanks also to all who made The Minstead Flower Show another fantastic success. There were 620 superb entries including 80 from 33 local children. The photograph shows some of these, many of whom are also holding cups won for different classes. However every child received: a certificate for entering, a bag of sweets and a knitted toy relating to the particular “theme” for each year. This year the children’s theme was “farmyard” so they had miniature pigs which proved incredibly popular!

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH REMEMBRANCE AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday 10.45am -12pm  
Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Service of Readings and Carols 4pm  
Wed Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> Minstead Training Trust Christmas Service 11am.  
Thu Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Crib Service 4.30pm and later Midnight Mass at 11.30pm.  
Fri Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Morning Family Service 10.30am.  
Sun Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Service of the Word 10.30am.

### MINSTEAD HALL

Minstead Hall can be hired at favourable rates by locals. For further information email [minsteadhall@btconnect.com](mailto:minsteadhall@btconnect.com) or phone 8081 3143.

### OIL ORDERS

Remember there is a village scheme where you can pre-order your oil and benefit from bulk pricing. Mike Hutton has three dates for you prior to Christmas and will be placing the order at 9am on each day. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and finally Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Contact him at [minsteadoil@gmail.com](mailto:minsteadoil@gmail.com).

### TRUSTY SERVANT

Join us for two tasty weeks!

Italian Week from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October and

Mexican Week from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
also

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Carols on the Green and a visit from Father Christmas! 6pm-8pm. Remember to book your table for supper as it is always a popular evening.

#### Christmas Opening

Christmas Eve – Join us for complimentary nibbles from 6pm to kick start the festivities.

Christmas Day – open until 4pm

Boxing Day – open until 5pm

New Year's Eve – Special Celebration Menu but no disco

### POT HOLES, DITCHES AND HEDGES

**POT HOLES** have become the bane of the road user's life. In Minstead our road edges are in need of a large amount of attention and the Parish Council is involved in an ongoing conversation spanning over eighteen months with Hampshire County Council. The chief surveyor, Rob Miller is in agreement that our road edges qualify for repair and is keen to get on with the work. However there is a stale mate between HCC, The Verderers and other bodies who decide what should be used to back fill the weak edges. As soon as agreement is found he has assured us ours will be repaired. In the meantime it is crucial for the Parish Council that parishioners help us to keep the pressure on. If you can, please follow the link below and report as many of the serious potholes as you can so Minstead remains a priority to them.

<http://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/pothole.aspx>

**HEDGES** – Please ensure if you own a hedge adjacent to any of Minstead's roads or pathways that you cut them back to ensure good visibility and breadth of way for all users. There are a number of contractors locally who can do this work for you. Please contact any of the Parish Councillors listed below if you need assistance with this.

**DITCHES** – Again, it is the season to attend to all ditch work surrounding your property in preparation for the harsher weather. It is our responsibility as homeowners to do this to prevent unnecessary and dangerous water on the roads and potential flooding.

### MINSTEAD VILLAGE SHOP

The Shop will be able to offer a large range of Christmas produce to help take the strain out of festive shopping. Order forms will be available in good time.

Christmas Eve – open until 2pm (then closed over the bank holiday weekend)

Re-opening on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am

New Year's Eve – open until 3pm

New Year's Day – closed

Winter opening hours 8.30am to 4pm will apply in Jan/Feb/March.

## DEFIBRILLATOR



Following a positive consultation with parishioners the Parish Council has agreed to support a defibrillator being placed centrally in the village. This will be part funded by a generous donation by our local County Councillor and it is hoped that the remaining funds needed (approximately £2000) will be raised locally. The Parish Council will be considering how best to achieve this but if you have suggestions for fund raising please email them to [minsteadpc@googlemail.com](mailto:minsteadpc@googlemail.com) or contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor (see below for contact details).

It will be important for everyone to realise that while a defibrillator can be a life-saver it is not a substitute for ringing 999 and carrying out basic resuscitation procedures in the case of collapse or sudden cardiac arrest. The Parish Council will arrange for training sessions for basic diagnosis and resuscitation as well as in the use of a defibrillator. If you are interested in attending a training session, which will last for about 1.5 hours, please email [minsteadpc@googlemail.com](mailto:minsteadpc@googlemail.com) or inform the Clerk or any Parish Councillor by 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

## BROADBAND UPDATE

After the initial few months since Super Fast was enabled at the Minstead cabinet, results have been mixed. Residents living within 1km of the cabinet have enjoyed big speed improvements when upgrading to FTTC (fibre to the cabinet). For the majority of residents beyond this who have upgraded the service has been worse or even broken. Providers have advised if you are quoted FTTC speeds on the BT speed checker less than 10Mb then DO NOT upgrade as your original ADSL will still be better. For those outside of FTTC range who require faster speeds there is a 4G option and is being used by 10+ residents already. For information about this see <http://minstead.org.uk/broadband/>

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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