

Did you know the Parish Council sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Sunday evening? This contains updated village news and information. Please email minsteadpc@googlemail.com with your name so you can be added to the distribution list. We are always interested in the views of our parishioners so please do contact the Parish Council about any matter concerning our village.

FORTHCOMING and REGULAR EVENTS

Beat Surgeries – PC Steven Norris (07554 775477) and PCSO Richard Williams (07554 775469) visit Minstead Village shop each month to give parishioners the opportunity to talk about local issues. They encourage you to register on www.hampshirealert.co.uk to become part of the flow of information between the police and community. The next beat surgeries will be held at 4pm on Monday: 10th October, 7th November and 5th December.

Parish Council Meetings – You are welcome to attend the meetings starting at 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in The Danby room within the Village Hall.

Church Events – Bringing the Past to Life Saturday 24th September 10:00 -16:00 Led by New Forest National Park Authority Archaeologist, James Brown. ‘Learn to log our churchyard monuments.’

Harvest Festival – Sunday 2nd October 9.30-10.30am

Minstead Singers – Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm in the church. Welcomes new members.

Minstead Makers – Next meeting is on Thursday 29th September at 6pm within Furzey Tearooms.

Junior Minstead – This is a group for children of all ages. They organise social activities and events for those living in Minstead. Contact elaine@barriballs.net.

Minstead Players – ‘Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders’ Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November. Contact Eileen Porter on 02380 811235.

Minstead Study Centre – ‘Let’s Cook Vegan’ (8th October) Find out more about cooking with a plant base. This is an evening, hands on event where the prep, cooking and consuming of a three course meal will be shared by everyone £22. For more details for this and other events, please tel 02380 813437 or see Minstead Study Centre website.

Local History Group Meetings are in the Social Club on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Details on the village website or contact Steve Cattell 02380 813574.

WOW – (Women on Wednesday) meetings in the Green Room of the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. October’s topic is ‘In the hands of the committee’. You are invited to two free sessions before committing to join. Contact Sylvia on 07831 142245 or see village website.

Minstead Bell Ringers – Would welcome new members, with or without previous experience.

Contact Peter Bennett 02380 812358 or see village website. **Minstead Social Club** – Within the Village Hall. Bar is open weekdays and Sundays 7pm-11pm and Saturdays 6pm-11pm.

Clocks Change – Sunday October 30th

Important date for the Diary! Carols on the Green, together with an appearance by Father Christmas! Evening of Saturday 17th December.

VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFÉ



We have had a change of ownership of our shop and cafe. Heidi Drummond is our new proprietor and she together with her husband Andy and two children are introducing new products with an emphasis on sourcing locally to be on sale both in the shop and for lunch in the cafe. These include meats and pork pies (Roy and Sarah Hunt), breads (Hoxton Breads), cakes, cheeses (Lyburn), pickles (Real Jam and Chutney Company) and weekly vegetable and fruit boxes. Follow their facebook page ‘Minstead Village Shop’ to keep informed as they add more to their tasty boards!

THE TRUSTY SERVANT PUB

Please see the website www.thetrustyservant.co.uk or telephone Mark or Laura on 02380 812137 to book a table. Forthcoming events

Asian Fusion week Monday 19th – Saturday 24th September. Enjoy dishes taken from traditional Chinese, Indian, Nepalese and Thai recipes.

Exciting new menu launch on 6th October and please find menus for both Christmas Day and Christmas Parties on their website.

UPDATE ON MINSTEAD DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is now positioned on the outside wall of The Trusty Servant, to the left of the front door. It is within a yellow, **locked** cabinet. To open the cabinet, you have to telephone 999 and say you are at location **AL46**. This information is also on the front of the cabinet. The operator will give you an unlock code and will also remain on the line to give you guidance. Please familiarize yourself with its location and thank you to all who contributed and to The Trusty Servant for allowing us to position the unit on their site.



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MINSTEAD SUMMER FETE



Many thanks to all who organised, participated, donated, supported and/or otherwise helped with the Village Fete! With a great deal of hard work, it was another outstanding success and greatly enjoyed by many people,

both local and visitors. Total profit was a fabulous £1112.85 which will be divided between All Saints Church and also completes the defibrillator fundraising.

SPECIAL NOTICE Madding Crowd presents 'A Village Harvest'. A charity concert in aid of Minstead Training Trust to be held at All Saints Church on Saturday 8th October. Concert starts at 7pm and tickets are £10. Contact info@minstead.org. Then on the 7th November, 'Jazz on the Menu' in celebration of the Training Trust's 30th year anniversary will be hosted by BBC's Laura Trant. Concert at 7pm. Tickets £15 and includes canapes.



DRAINS, DITCHES AND HEDGES

It is the time of year where we all need to take a good look at the road frontages of our properties to make sure the

drains, ditches and hedgerows are maintained before the onset of the worsening weather. Please see a check list below.

Drains on private property are the responsibility of the householder/landowner. If you have a problem with waste water and sewage drains, your local water authority will need to be contacted.

Ditches Common law imposes a duty on the occupier of land adjoining highways to maintain roadside ditches which provide natural drainage for both the land and the highway. The highways authority is only responsible for storm water run-off such as gullies (drains) and grips (drainage channels in verge). Let Hampshire County Council know if you believe these require maintenance.

Hedges normally form the boundary of the highway and are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. From August 31st when the nesting birds are considered flown, hedges need to be trimmed to prevent a narrowing of the road and to avoid branches being of danger to any road

user. Landowners also need to be conscious of any hedge or tree obstructing highway signs.



Hampshire County Council will request formally that the necessary work is carried out if any danger is reported. Minstead Parish Council has been known to act on behalf of some residents in exceptional circumstances!

MINSTEAD FLOWER SHOW SOCIETY'S 65TH ANNUAL FLOWER, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SHOW

A huge thank you and many congratulations to all those who contributed to yet another outstandingly successful Minstead Flower Show. There were a bumper 604 entries of which 166 were from 37 different children and a very high standard was achieved in all classes. The show was opened by Janet Mitchell who is retiring from the Committee after 30 years as Secretary. Special thanks go to the hard working committee as well as the very many volunteers who helped with the detailed organisation, the teas, the raffles, the tombola and other attractions. A final thanks to all in the Community who took part, especially to the children for their wonderful array of exhibits.



LYNDHURST AND MINSTEAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY

In June 2016 a working party was formed between Lyndhurst and Minstead Parish Councils to address the traffic issues which affect both parishes. One key area is Mill Lane, Emery Down which has seen unprecedented congestion which is not just incredibly frustrating for its residents, it is also a danger to those requiring any emergency service. In the short term meetings are planned with Hampshire Highways, Hampshire Constabulary and the Verderers of the New Forest and either Parish Council would be keen to hear your ideas on how the situation can be improved. Suggestions so far are:

- to improve signage to encourage appropriate use of the road to minimize larger vehicles.
- to improve how the single track section is driven.
- to find measures to stop sat navs and smart phones from using Mill Lane as an alternative route.

Please send your thoughts to Richard Taylor by emailing taylorr01@aol.com

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