
MINSTEAD MAIL

A Newsletter published by the Minstead Parish Council to Inform & Consult Spring 2017
Please see our village website at www.minstead.org.uk

The Parish Council sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Sunday evening which contains 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. Did you know that the Police issue alerts to notify you immediately of any criminal or suspicious behaviour relevant to your area? To receive these, register on www.hampshirealert.co.uk. There is also a facility to inform the Police to provide a flow of information from the community. Next Beat Surgery is on the 6th May at 10am.

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. If you cannot attend but would like a matter raised, please inform any one of the Councillors below who will gladly do so on your behalf. The record of all minutes taken can be found on the website www.minstead.org.uk.

Church Events – Palm Sunday (9th April) 4.15pm. Meet ‘Holly the Donkey’ on the Village Green and follow the procession to the church. **Easter Sunday** 9.30am for Family Communion.

Minstead Singers – Wednesday evenings at 7.15pm in the church. Contact Robert Osborne 02380 812375.

Minstead Makers – 6pm -7.30pm at Furzey Tea Room – the last Thursday of each month. To make items and exchange ideas.

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 – Whatever your interest in drama, be it backstage or onstage contact Eileen Porter on 02380 811235.

Minstead Study Centre – 6th May A wonderful opportunity to join Jeremy, recently returned from managing the Globe Theatre’s tour of USA, China and Italy, for a day of diverse song and performance. For more details of 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. Contact Steve Cattell 02380 813574.

WOW – (Women on Wednesday) meetings are held in the Green Room of the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. You are invited to two free sessions before committing to join. Contact Sylvia on 07831 142245.

Minstead Bell Ringers – Contact Peter Bennett 02380 812358 or see village website.

Minstead Social Club – Within the Village Hall. Bar is open between 7pm-11pm and on Saturdays between 6pm-11pm.

VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFÉ



Heidi Drummond, the shop proprietor, has invested in a new coffee machine and new style interior. She welcomes you to try something from her breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea menu. The shop and café are open daily between 8.30am – 5.30pm and there is an emphasis to source food and products locally where possible. The shop also offers vegetable and fruit boxes which include delivery to your door on a Friday. Follow their Facebook page ‘Minstead Village Shop’ to keep informed or telephone 02380 813134

THE TRUSTY SERVANT INN

A superb new and extensive menu has recently been launched in our local pub. This ranges from light bar snacks to bistro style Chef’s Choices and it also has a good offering of vegetarian meals. Food is served throughout the day between 12pm and 9.30pm. Please see the website www.thetrustyservant.co.uk or telephone Laura on 02380 812137 to book a table.

ACRES DOWN FARM SHOP and TEA ROOM



Acres Down Farm Shop and Tea Room have amended their opening hours for the Summer, these are 10am – 5pm from Tuesday through to Sunday. Although usually closed on Mondays, they will be open for the Easter, May and August bank holidays. There is a variety of produce available, including their home-grown beef, pork and lamb. The Tea Room and garden offer Cream Teas and Tea and Cake; a perfect reward after a long forest hike. Telephone 02380 811281(shop) 02380 813693 (tea room).

FURZEY GARDENS – Continues its fantastic programme of events which raised money to support over 150 people with learning disabilities last year. For Spring 2017 highlights include: RHS Gardeners' Question Time (27th April), Floral Workshop (8th May) and Wine, Cheese and Trees (23rd June). The Trust has recently added a marquee within the grounds of Minstead Lodge for wedding or other celebratory hire. Please refer to www.minsteadtrust.org.uk or telephone 02380 812464 for further information.

JUNIOR MINSTEAD 40TH PANTOMIME

'Charlie and the Confectionery Factory' written by Jo Vardy



This was a fabulous production that involved so many of the children of Minstead Village. The show was full of local jokes, affectionately poking fun at everything from the local barmaid, to complaints over the slow internet and to planning permission grievances. Both shows were performed to a packed and appreciative audience. The superb music, written this year as always by Marion Young and played by the Minstead orchestra was a perfect accompaniment to the professionalism of the play. Special mention should also go to the excellent sets and special effects which included an inflatable suit and confetti bomb. There was even a special guest appearance by BBC South Today reporter, Emma Vardy, sister of writer and director Jo Vardy who thoroughly enjoyed her cameo role as a stropky interviewer trying to get her scoop. A truly wonderful and memorable production which spectacularly succeeded in bringing the community together.

HOW IS OUR COUNCIL TAX MONEY APPORTIONED?

Nobody enjoys paying tax but it is interesting to know where our Council Tax monies go. After talking to Diane Andrews our local NFDC District Councillor this was made clear. Each £1 we pay is shared between five organisations in the following proportions:

- 71p Hampshire County Council
- 10p Police and Crime Commissioner
- 10p New Forest District Council
- 5p Town and Parish Councils
- 4p Hampshire Fire and Rescue

Diane explained from their income the NFDC provides: rubbish collection and recycling, planning services, managing council housing, providing housing advice and homelessness prevention, maintenance of public toilets, supporting CCTV in towns and villages, running cemeteries, caring for the coastline, street cleaning and grass cutting, administering taxi licensing, monitoring air quality, running electoral registration, recovering stray dogs, controlling food hygiene, maintaining trees, providing community and leisure services and offering pest control services.

Garden Waste – Are you aware there is an option to have your garden waste collected by the NFDC once a fortnight for £32 per year? They supply you with a (20kg) bag and a list of collection dates. Additional bags are a further £17 (p/a).

To sign up www.newforest.gov.uk/gardenwaste or tel 02380 285391

PRECEPT – MINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Council Tax bills went up this year and the increase in the Minstead Parish Council precept was £500. This brought the total monies in to the parish to £10,000. This is the first increase since 2011 and it is important to explain why. Because of local authority austerity measures, Minstead PC is finding it increasingly difficult to get funding for action in areas such as footpath and bridleway maintenance, highway maintenance and local traffic management issues. There is also a move to try to devolve some responsibilities to Town and Parish councils to increase local accountability. One specific consequence is that Minstead PC has committed to cutting the vegetation back on the single section of Mill Lane. The Parish Council will always endeavor to keep the precept to a minimum.

HOUSEHOLD GLASS COLLECTION

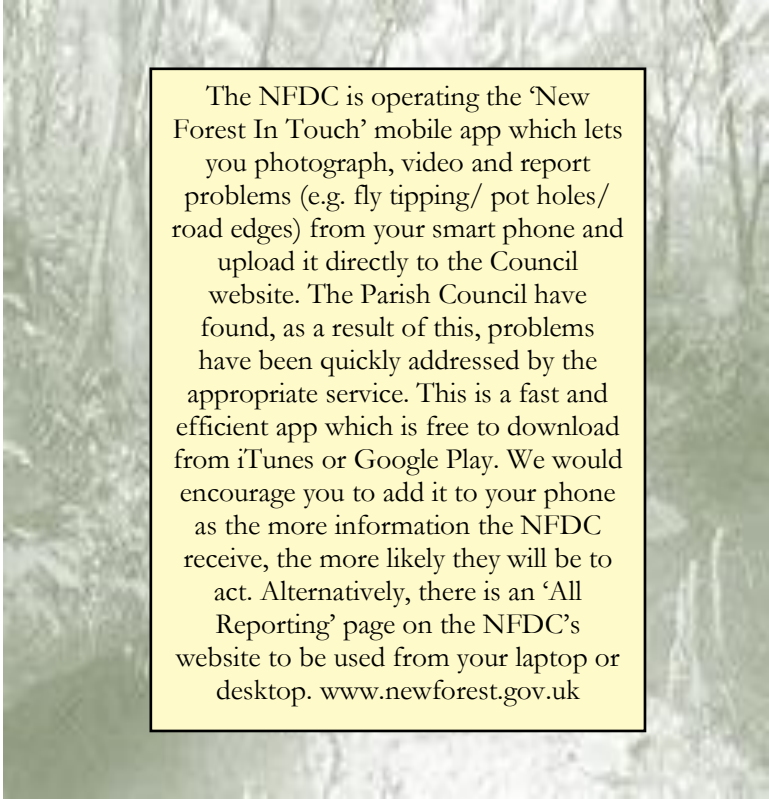
New Forest District Council has developed a text reminder service for your glass recycling collection. This means the day before the glass is scheduled to be picked up you will receive a text to prompt you to put your black box of glass outside. It's easy to sign up, just text 'GLASS' to 81025 together with your first and last name, first line of your address and postcode.

Example: **Text 81025**



GLASS Joan Smith 1 School Lane SO43 7FY

NFDC - REPORTING A PROBLEM



The NFDC is operating the 'New Forest In Touch' mobile app which lets you photograph, video and report problems (e.g. fly tipping/ pot holes/ road edges) from your smart phone and upload it directly to the Council website. The Parish Council have found, as a result of this, problems have been quickly addressed by the appropriate service. This is a fast and efficient app which is free to download from iTunes or Google Play. We would encourage you to add it to your phone as the more information the NFDC receive, the more likely they will be to act. Alternatively, there is an 'All Reporting' page on the NFDC's website to be used from your laptop or desktop. www.newforest.gov.uk

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