



MINSTEAD MAIL

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

We are sure our Sunday evening email e-newsletter is reaching a great majority of our village but if you are not, please email minsteadpc@googlemail.com with your name so you can be added to the distribution list. The e-newsletter can also be found on our website www.minstead.org.uk. We have also added a Minstead Parish Council Facebook page to circulate reminders of what's on and to send out any bulletins of interest.
Please follow this page too - search Minstead Parish Council and click follow.



CHRISTMAS IN MINSTEAD

Christmas Village Lunch – Tuesday 19th December 12.30pm in The Trusty Servant Pub. Just join in to meet fellow parishioners, no booking required.

Carols on the Green – Saturday 23rd December 6-8pm

This is our annual village gathering outside the village pub. Join us for carols, mulled wine, mince pies and a visit from Father Christmas!

Junior Minstead Xmas Night Hike with Festive Fun – Tuesday 19th December, 5pm-7pm. Book in with elaine@barriballs.net then turn up with head torches and wellies! If you have children and live in the village this club is for you. Please use contact details above to find out more.

All Saints Church – Carol Service Sunday 17th December 4pm-5.30pm – Nativity Service Sunday 24th December 4.30pm-5.30pm – Midnight Mass 11pm start - Christmas All Age Worship Monday 25th December 10.30-11.30am.

Christmas bin collections – the last black and clear sack collection is on Monday 18th December and glass collection will be on Saturday 23rd December. After Christmas, rubbish will be collected on Saturday 30th December and the glass pick up will follow on Saturday 6th January.



MINSTEAD VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE

Local Produce Christmas Fair – Tuesday 12th December, 6pm-9pm. Enjoy mulled cider and Christmas music whilst you browse a variety of local producers' gifts and stocking fillers. Heidi also has a dedicated section for Christmas ordering both online and at the counter. Please see www.minsteadvillageshop.com for the full list which includes everything you need from turkey to pudding and all locally sourced. Follow their Facebook page 'Minstead Village Shop' to keep informed of events or telephone 02380 813134 to reserve a table for breakfast or lunch 7 days a week.

THE TRUSTY SERVANT INN

Please see the website www.thetrustyservant.co.uk or telephone Laura on 02380 812137. There is still some space for Christmas Parties taking place until the 23rd December. They are also hosting a New Year's Eve party and offering a free glass of prosecco at midnight. Please phone to reserve your table!

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.

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. Please make sure you bank up your ditch edge to ensure a good demarcation to road users.

Hedges normally form the boundary of the highway and are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. They 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.

Fencing – protect your garden. The Forestry Commission offers advice to owners of properties adjoining the open forest. It states ‘The condition of your boundary fence is your responsibility and needs to be stock proof so that animals cannot enter your garden. If an animal damages your garden you cannot claim against the owner.’ They ask us to keep the character of the New Forest by using a ‘well-constructed fence, preferably post and rail or post and wire including stock netting, or a picket fence with a native species hedgerow behind (hawthorn, blackthorn or holly and to avoid laurel, rhododendron or exotics). A traditional timber five bar gate is also recommended. The National Park Design Guide can be found online www.newforestnpa.gov.uk or pick up a free copy at the new Forest National Park Office, Lymington.



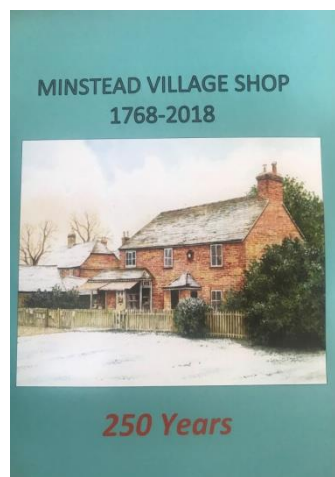
50 years of the Five Candles Service at All Saints Church



Junior Minstead was invited to help lead the Five Candles Service to celebrate the commencement of Advent. Gill Gibbons remembered it as her 50th year attending, and she hoped that the service, written especially for the village, will continue for many more. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share in the readings, write their own prayers and finish with a rendition of ‘We Wish You a Merry Christmas’. The five intricately crafted candlesticks were made by Jeannie Mellersh about fifteen years ago and are a wonderful, visual reminder of the real crux of the service.



Jill Holt's publication of the history of Minstead Village Shop 1768-2018



This very interesting book is now available to purchase from Minstead Village Shop. Jill Holt has written a fascinating history of the shop which spans almost 250 years of trading and charts the ownership throughout. The shop is seen to adapt to the character and skill of each proprietor. It enjoyed a heyday of baking under the ownership of Reg Butt who even made the wedding cake for Parish Councillor Steve Cattell and his wife Pat. What comes through whilst reading, is how valuable an asset it has been throughout the last two and a half centuries and how we remain one of the few villages to still have a thriving shop and cafe at the centre of our community. This book is thoroughly recommended, and all proceeds are being donated to Minstead Trust and Minstead local History Group.

Minstead Oil order – minsteadoil@gmail.com This is a buying group to help reduce the cost of your oil purchase. If you would like to join in, please place your orders by 9am on January 10th, 2018. Future dates will be posted in our e-newsletter and via our Facebook page.



REGULAR EVENTS AND CLUBS

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 and circulated on our Facebook page.

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. We post the dates of these on our website and via the Facebook page. 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.

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.

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.

Minstead Discussion Group with tea and cake! – Monthly on the second Sunday of each month from 4.15pm. Meet in the Compton area of the church. Contact Mary on busybee45@hotmail.com or see All Saints' Church, Minstead Facebook page.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WISH
EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL
NEW YEAR!

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