

# MINSTEAD MAIL

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### WHAT'S COMING UP



#### PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings continue to be held on the first Monday of every month and you can keep up to date by visiting <https://minstead.org.uk/parish-council/> or keeping an eye on the noticeboard by the Green. Looking ahead, the Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 8pm in the Green Room and the Local and Parish Council elections will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

#### CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Carols on the Green will be from 6pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Father Christmas will make his usual visit at about 6.30 pm. Minstead parents can leave a present for their children in advance at the Trusty, please keep the value below £5.

#### CHURCH SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.30am 5 Candles Service
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4 pm Carol Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6pm Reflective Prayer & Music, led by Revd David Potterton
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.30pm Nativity Service
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11pm Midnight Service.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am Christmas Morning Service

Keep an eye on Noticeboards and eMails for further information about services, events and timings

#### MINSTEAD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meetings are held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of the month in the Social Club when there will normally be a talk of historical interest. All welcome!

#### MINSTEAD TRUST AND FURZEY

There will be a Festive Evening at Minstead Lodge from 8pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Father Christmas will be visiting Furzey Gardens on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December

#### MINSTEAD STUDY CENTRE

Christmas Wreath making from 1pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### MINSTEAD PLAYERS



Minstead Players' next production will be "Don't Get Your Vicars in a Twist" by Ann Gawthorpe and Lesley Brown.

7.30pm Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January in the Hall.

Tickets from the Trusty Servant.  
Something to look forward to in January!

### VILLAGE NEWS

#### VILLAGE COMMUNITY SHOP

The Minstead Community Shop Working Group would like to thank everyone who attended the public meeting in the Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> November. There were over 60 people present which gave a good deal of confidence to this small team of volunteers that the Community continues to support a scheme for a new shop. There were lots of positive suggestions and ideas which the Working Group will take forward for consideration at its future meetings. The Working Group will keep you up to date with how it is progressing and call a further public meeting when it feels this is necessary. Meanwhile, if you have any further proposals or other constructive ideas then please send these to:

[minsteadcommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:minsteadcommunityshop@gmail.com)

#### BELL RINGERS REMEMBERED

Church bells were rung in celebration when Armistice was declared in 1918, after having been restricted during the four-year war. 1,400 bell ringers died in WW1. In remembering their sacrifice, the aim has been to recruit 1,400 new ringers this year. Minstead has been able to make its contribution with 3 new recruits and we all appreciated the very moving half muffled ring on 11<sup>th</sup> November this year. A note of thanks goes to those who live in ear-shot of the bells as the learning process proceeds. If you can't beat them, why not join them? Anyone interested should contact Polly Osborne.

#### OUR BROADBAND

We have still not received costings for our proposed Community Fibre Partnership from BT Open Reach in spite of promises made earlier in the year at our Annual Parish Meeting in March and in subsequent

correspondence. The most recent commitment to a response by the end of September has now passed and we have written yet again to the Directors and senior managers in Open Reach, Hampshire County Council and our local MP.

### **THE TRAFFIC ON OUR ROADS**

Minstead and Lyndhurst Parish Councils have been working together to press Hampshire County Council to address the frequent congestion in Mill Lane. There have been some changes to signage; the missing dragon's teeth will be replaced; and the results of a traffic survey are being analysed. We will continue to press for the best possible practical solution for the greatest number of local residents. In addition a new proposal to close the A31 Rufus Stone gap is under consideration and the Council is concerned about the potential implications to local traffic if this is implemented.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **PLANNING**

If you are new to the Village and are considering applying for Planning Permission for new buildings, extensions or modifications to your property the Parish Council can provide you with some general advice. Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor. Not only do we live in a National Park but most properties lie within a Conservation Area so planning approvals will be closely scrutinised by the National Park Authority who always seek the Parish Council's opinion. The NPA website is well worth a visit to read about obtaining pre-application advice, the Core Strategy (which will be replaced by a new Local Plan) and other important planning guidance documents or you can ring on 01590 646615 – The Planning Advice Line is available between the hours of 8.45am and 1pm

#### **ROAD PROBLEMS**

If you encounter a problem on our roads e.g. a pothole, a fallen tree, a broken traffic sign and much more you can report it to Hampshire County Council by phoning 0300 555 1375 (8.30am to 5pm) or visiting:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Fly tipping should be reported to the New Forest District Council on line, by phone (023 8028 5000) or via the New Forest In Touch app except in New Forest Car Parks for which you should contact the Forestry Commission:

Telephone: 023 8028 3141, E-mail  
[new.forest.rangers@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:new.forest.rangers@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)

### **SAFER NEW FOREST**

Safer New Forest is a partnership that consists of partner agencies such as New Forest District Council, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire Fire and Rescue and Probation. Together they work towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and to make the New Forest a safer place to live, work and visit.

The partnerships key priorities for 2018-2019 are:

- Children at risk
- Modern slavery & human trafficking
- Drug & alcohol related harm
- Develop consistent recognition and access to support for victims of domestic abuse

For further information regarding the priorities within the partnership plan, please visit [Safer New Forest partnership](#) or ring 023 8028 5438.

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We shall do our best to continue with Minstead Mail two or three time a year as it is delivered in hard copy to all households in the Village and thus reaches those who do not use the internet. We shall also continue with the weekly eNewsletter. If you wish to receive this you should use the "Sign Up" facility at the bottom of the Village website's front page ([www.minstead.org.uk](http://www.minstead.org.uk)). Once you have completed the sign up process (*you also have to respond to a confirmation email*) your details will be added to the list and we can then send you newsletters. If you have any queries do contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk and we shall do our best to answer them.

**THE PARISH COUCIL WISHES ALL READERS A  
VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND AN ENJOYABLE  
NEW YEAR!**

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