

MINSTEAD eNEWSLETTER 1ST MARCH

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH?

Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Monday 2nd March Danby Room

Junior Minstead Pantomime 7pm Friday 6th March & 2pm Saturday 7th March in the Village Hall

Spring Preparation in a Vegetable Garden 1pm Saturday 7th March Study Centre

Minstead History Group 8pm Tuesday 10th March Social Club

Stained Glass Dragonflies 10am Saturday 14th March Study Centre

Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 18th March Village Hall

Open Door Café 2pm Thursday 19th March All Saints Church

Easter Egg Needle Felting 9am Saturday 21st March Study Centre

Easter Chick Needle Felting 1.30pm Saturday 21st March Study Centre

Annual Spring Clean week commencing 23rd March

British Summer Time starts 1am Sunday 29th March - clocks go forward 1 hour!

Click on the links above or see below to find out more.

To keep in touch with events in the Community visit the calendar on the Village website:

<https://minstead.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

We do our best to keep this up to date!

Please let us know at minsteadpc@gmail.com if you would like us to notify the village of any event or incident that would be of local interest. We are able to do this via our [website](#), monthly [e-newsletter](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

If you know of anyone near to you who does not get emails and may like to read this eNewsletter please print a copy and give it to them.

SCHOOL LANE WATERSPLASH ROADWORKS, CLOSURE & DELAYS

As you would expect we have been monitoring the work in progress and discussing it with HCC's site foreman. We are generally pleased with work done so far.

Completion of the first part of their work has been delayed by weather and Additional drain work, concrete washing away, water pouring off adjacent fields, etc and is now expected during the week commencing 2nd March.

The second part of the works, on the other side of the Watersplash, will then commence and we hope to update you later on progress with that via email &/or

[Facebook](#).

BEAT REPORT

We expect the February Beat report in the very near future and will put it on the Village Website as soon as it is available.

Visit <https://minstead.org.uk/police/>

At 7pm on Wednesday 18th March our local police will be holding their next "Policing in your Community" meeting at St Michael and All Angels Church in Lyndhurst. As well as being able to meet the Police Inspector responsible for policing in the New Forest the session will also be joined by a Scam Busting expert who will be passing on some excellent advice. The meeting is free and tea and coffee will be available.

You can keep in touch with our local Police on Facebook by following

<https://www.facebook.com/NewForestHeartCops/>

MINSTEAD HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting will be at 8pm in the Social Club on Tuesday 10th March with a talk entitled:

"An Airman's view of Magna Carta"

JUNIOR MINSTEAD PANTOMIME

See poster below for details about the Junior Minstead 43rd pantomime

'Flower Show Shenanigans'

Tickets can be obtained from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jm>

also at the Trusty Servant and The Social Club
£7 per adult and £3 per child.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30pm Wednesday 18th March in the Green Room

Please come along to hear what the Parish Council has been doing over the last year together with an update from our local NFDC and HCC Councillors, our Police and the Community Shop Committee.

Everyone is welcome: as usual there will be bread and cheese after the meeting and the bar will be open!

Click [HERE](#) to see the full Agenda.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We shall continue to put the latest information about Services and Events on the [Church page](#) on the Village Website.

There was another very successful Open Door Café on 20th February and many thanks go to Isabel Yeo for organising this monthly Community event. Please do your best to help her at the forthcoming events on 19th March and 16th April and in future months.

Please click [HERE](#) to read the recent letter from our Vicar, David Potterton, about the present financial situation.

SPRING CLEAN

As part of the New Forest Spring Clean, our annual Minstead Spring Litter Pick will be held during the week commencing 23rd March. We are asking everyone to tackle their bit of road rather than trying to organise a particular day or stretch. Please contact the Clerk, Polly Osborne (minsteadclerk@gmail.com or 8081 2375), if you need any equipment and dispose of the rubbish you collect using the normal weekly collection. If you plan on taking part please read through the NFDC's Health and Safety Guidance by clicking [this link](#).

VERDERERS' WEBSITE

The Verderers' website (<https://www.verderers.org.uk/>) is always worth a visit, not just for those who graze animals on the Forest but for all who live here or visit. It has recently been updated and now includes a direct call option to any of the Emergency Services you may need if you are involved in an incident with Forest stock, see injured deer or find fallen stock on the Forest

To use this visit <https://www.verderers.org.uk/reporting-an-incident/> and tap the phone number you need if you're using a smart phone or just dial it if you are not that techy!

WHAT'S ON IN THE NEW FOREST

A useful way of seeing what's on in the New Forest is via the [New Forest website](#) where you can sign up for a weekly Nesletter and a weekly What's On.

MINSTEAD OIL

In case you have not already read it this message from Mike Hutton is especially for those who traditionally ask for their tank to be filled up, with an estimate of the quantity required.

It has become obvious that the oil companies, in an attempt to compete on price, are now only delivering the estimated quantity and no more. This means the tankers get back to the depot as nearly empty as possible.

It has become so bad that the company contracted to deliver oil to Minstead Hall have allowed the tank to run dry, twice, this winter.

The warning to you is please make as accurate an estimate as possible of the quantity required to fill your tank. I hesitate to suggest over-estimating but it would be interesting to discover what happens!

Those who traditionally ask for their tank to be filled will find that their bill was exactly for the estimated quantity - no more. Mine has been like this on the last two occasions and fortunately my estimate was probably within 100 litres of that required to fill the tank each time.

(March delivery requirements must be with Minsteadoi@gmail.com by 9am on 18th March to last at least until the last bank holiday in May)

MINSTEAD VILLAGE HALL CENTENARY

At the onset of hostilities in 1914 various large temporary huts were erected at a site on the outskirts of Romsey to house and train the thousands of horses that were needed for the War effort, many were shipped in from Canada and North America, landed at Southampton and taken to this Remount facility. At the end of World War I the Government of the Day decided to sell off these now redundant buildings.

Dan Hanbury a local benefactor bought two of these huts probably at the instigation of his wife who was a staunch supporter of the then newly formed W.I. that was in need of a large venue for their meetings (well over 100 women from the village and surrounding area). In 1920 the newly positioned huts formed the main part of the building that you see today. Its purpose - for the benefit of the villagers and local area - and was known as The Minstead Hut, the largest community building then (as now) in the New Forest.

Over the Century it has had many uses and centre of so many local activities as it continues today - it even underwent a name change after the villagers had paid off the debt to buy the building in 1963 (don't know the history - read it in the Congelton Room} it is now known as The Minstead Hall. The fabric of the building is much improved and adapted to comply with modern tastes and needs. We learnt the building is sound following a recent Structure report, however we did not think that 100 years should go unnoticed and thought it would provide a good

opportunity to add value to the building for future generations. Over the next few years the cladding, especially on the south side (front) needs replacing. There are enough funds to do this but with extra we could re-clad using cedar which not only would look better it would also last much longer, but cost nearly twice as much. To this end we are putting on various activities and events to celebrate the Hall's centenary and raise funds for this project.

Please take note of the following dates in your diary and support and enjoy the Celebrations of YOUR HALL.

27th June Speak-Easy Dance & Buffet (M H Management Com)

5th September Special Centenary Flower Show (Flower Show Com)

20th and 21st November Old Time Musical (Minstead Players)

Junior Minstead, WOW, History Club, Minstead Social Club, will also be organising events dates to be announced

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications in Minstead are out for consultation:

No: 20/00114

Address: Marleys, Lyndhurst Road, Minstead, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FY

Proposal: New barn; demolition of existing outbuilding

Ends: Mon 23rd March

No: 20/00097

Address: Appletrees Farm, Sallys Water, Newtown, Minstead, Lyndhurst, SO43 7GH

Proposal: Replacement stables

Ends: Weds 18th March

No: 20/00084

Address: Land At Thatched Cottage, Blackwater Road, Emery Down, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FJ

Proposal: Stables

Ends: Mon 15th March

No: 20/00083

Address: Land At Thatch Cottage, Blackwater Road, Emery Down, SO43 7FJ

Proposal: Application under part 6 of the town and country planning (General Permitted Development) (England) order 2015 (as amended) in respect of the siting, design and appearance of an agricultural building, hardstanding and access

Visit the [NPA website](#) to find out more.