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## Minstead eNewsletter 8th December 2020

### 🎄 COMING UP THIS MONTH 🎄

#### All Saints Christmas Services (Booking Essential):

December 13th - 4pm Christmas music, readings and carols to listen to.

Christmas Eve - 11.15pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 11am Morning Service

Christ Church Emery Down 20th December - 4pm Outdoor Carols



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and



### ❄️ NEW RESTRICTIONS AND MAKING A BUBBLE AT CHRISTMAS ❄️

From 2nd December the New Forest is in Tier 2: High alert:

- no household mixing indoors
- rule of six will apply outdoors
- pubs and restaurants can only serve alcohol as part of a substantial meal, and must close at 11pm
- shops, gyms and personal care services will reopen
- schools and colleges will remain open
- collective worship, weddings and outdoor sports will resume.

Between 23 and 27 December:

- You can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' of people from no more

- You cannot change your Christmas bubble
- You can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble
- Only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces
- You cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble

### 🧑‍🌾 COMMUNITY SHOP CHRISTMAS FARE 🧑‍🌾

Your Community Shop will normally be open from 10am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday and from 10am to 3.30pm on Sat and Sun

But please note that it will shut at 1pm on Christmas Eve, will not be open on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day and that there may be some adjustment to the above times over the holiday period.



We shall of course continue to serve hot drinks, cake, dairy produce and basic groceries and also have lots of locally sourced goodies to add to your Christmas festivities. You will be able to pre-order whole cheeses, trout pate and slices, wreathes and table centrepieces. Additionally we have baskets available for you to make up your bespoke hamper with our lovely products. Our volunteers are very happy to provide ideas!

Do call in to have a look and keep an eye on the [Shop Website](#) and [Facebook](#) for further updates or ring the shop directly on 023 8051 8166

### CENSUS MARCH 2021

The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Minstead Parish will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out

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Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://census.gov.uk).

### ANIMAL ACCIDENTS

Caution is urged by drivers on the roads as animal accidents increase in the run up to Christmas. Click [HERE](#) for more details

### NEW FOREST SNAPSHOT SURVEY

Forest organisations are putting together the next Partnership Plan for the New Forest National Park - a joint strategy setting out what all the organisations will do over the next five years to care for this spectacular landscape, its wildlife and its communities.

As part of this Plan several snapshot surveys are being carried out and in the first on they would like to hear your views about:

- some of your experiences over the last few months
- how we can all help the Forest recover
- what you would like to see going forwards.

For more details Click [HERE](#)

### THE MINSTEAD RESILIENCE PLAN

Please can everyone look out for one another. In particular please check on any of neighbours who live alone or are vulnerable. If anyone does need assistance please contact Helen Bennett on 07804046122 or [helenbennettpc@yahoo.com](mailto:helenbennettpc@yahoo.com)

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Alison McGhee has been appointed the new church warden of All Saints . There are also new wardens at St Michaels - Luke Augustyn and Christ Church - Lucy Elms

Invitation to share the remembrance of a loved one at Christmas: Instead of using the Christmas tree in church, the focus has moved outside to the Lych Gate. You are invited to write the name of a remembered loved one on a wooden roundel (provided) and hang it from the Lych Gate rail.

Every evening during the rest of Advent and for the "Twelve Days of Christmas", the Lych Gate will be gently but festively lit. Roundels, pens and twine will be provided on site (look out for written instructions, also on site).

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the village for us all to use to treat slippery areas. Quantities to use - 1 tablespoon salt is sufficient to treat 1 square metre of road. Please use the salt carefully - overuse will result in it being used up too quickly. If your bin is running low of salt - request a refill click [HERE](#)

#### BEAT REPORT

Click [HERE](#) for the November New Forest Heart Beat Report from PCSO  
Richard Williams

#### GO NEW FOREST CARD

2021 Go New Forest Cards are out now and you can Buy 1 Get 1 Free - offer valid from 1 - 31 December...

Buy yours [online](#) or at a local card retailer

There are nearly 350 amazing offers for you to use with your Go New Forest Card across the New Forest. Save money at pubs, attractions, restaurants, shops, accommodation & more...

#### NFDC : BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN AND NUTRIENT MITIGATION

NFDC is inviting landowners and other interested parties to put forward proposals for projects within the district that will enhance local biodiversity and improve the condition of the River Avon and water quality in the Solent and Southampton Water.

NFDC are keen to find local projects which will help reduce the levels of nutrients flowing into the Avon, Solent and Southampton Water

Click [HERE](#) for more details

#### PARKING CLOCKS

2021 Parking Clocks are now on sale and due to Covid-19 it is strongly recommended that you buy one online Click [HERE](#)

#### FREE PARKING DAYS IN DECEMBER

Free parking to help you #ShopLocal this Christmas in our town and village car parks on Saturday 5 December (this year's #smallbusinessaturday) and weekends Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December, and Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 December.

#### CHRISTMAS REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

For details of refuse collections and Christmas tree drop off points please Click [HERE](#)

#### BROADBAND

We have now started investigating the feasibility of gigabit voucher schemes for some properties not covered by the previous schemes. As previously stated this will be a lengthy process as we will need to go through the design and costing process before such schemes are approved and can enter the build programme. We will provide updates in due course.

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### 🎁 FATHER CHRISTMAS'S VISIT TO MINSTEAD 🎁

Sadly, Father Christmas won't be making his special pre Christmas visit to Minstead this year as he is self-isolating at home in the North-Pole due to the fact he is at high risk of contracting Covid-19 . We understand his helpers will still be at work on Christmas Eve on his behalf!

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



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