

# **The Villager**

**Minsterworth News**



## **Pacific Coast Highway**

By Paul McHale  
Minsterworth Photographic Club

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**Dear Readers,**

What a lot's going on in November! Negligible bores to round off the year but 2019 could be fun with the return of several 5\* bores.

**Paula**

**Closing copy date for the December edition is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
*but earlier is even better!*

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**KERBSIDE**

**BLUE bin & caddy**  
**(recycling)**  
Tuesday 6  
Wednesday 20

**RECYCLING - NOVEMBER**

**GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy**  
**(landfill) (garden)**  
Tuesday 13  
Tuesday 27

**Mobile library**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**10.00 – 10.30**

**outside school**

**Exon Domesday: Living (and Paying Taxes) in  
William the Conqueror's England**  
**A talk by Dr Chris Lewis,**  
**Dept of History, King's College London**  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**  
**at Minsterworth Village Hall**

Domesday Book is England's oldest public record and the end-product of an intense and unprecedented survey of landed property across the whole country undertaken for William the Conqueror twenty years after the battle of Hastings. The Domesday Survey was launched at Gloucester, while King William was holding court at Christmas 1085 in the royal palace that now lies beneath Kingsholm.

Exon Domesday is the oldest part of the Domesday archive to survive, older by a few months even than Domesday Book itself. It surveys the manors of south-western England, providing details of peasants and livestock, woods, watermills, fisheries, and more. It also includes a surprisingly fascinating and much less well known set of tax accounts for the south-west from 1085-6.

Dr Lewis and colleagues in London and Oxford are engaged on an in-depth study of the 500-odd pages of the Exon Domesday manuscript, which belongs to Exeter Cathedral.

We are delighted that Dr Lewis has agreed to repeat the talk that he gave at Gloucester Cathedral in February 2018 – there were people queuing at the door at that event, unable to get in, so Minsterworth is honoured to have its very own presentation! It was excellent in February, so I'm looking forward to hearing the talk again.

**Tickets £10 available from Roger or Norma on Glos 750260  
or rogerblowey@hotmail.co.uk**

Medieval biscuits and non-alcoholic hot punch served on arrival  
(or tea + coffee if you prefer!)

**Fortunately tickets are selling rather faster than we expected,  
so make sure you reserve yours if you are hoping to join us.**

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## Coffee Morning at Minsterworth Village Hall

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October

10am – 11.30am

The Village Hall will open for Minsterworth people and their friends to get together, have a drink and a chat. **Meet the new people who have moved into the Affordable Housing**, they're invited too!

Free entry

*Funds raised for Minsterworth Village Hall*

In aid of Minsterworth Village Hall and St Peter's

# Ladies Charity Fashion Show

Thursday 22nd November at 7.00pm

@Minsterworth Village Hall  
Minsterworth (On A48)

**£10 ticketed entry**

including a complementary Prosecco or non-alcoholic drink

**Other stalls will be selling  
items suitable for  
Christmas gifts.**

**Raffle tickets are £1**

**Fish & Chip supper**

**£10**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

**Minsterworth Village Hall**

for St. Peter's Parish Church

**Plus mystery film**

(See the film for free if you don't want the fish supper)

Contact *Rita Garbutt on 750128*

*no later than Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November*

# **Minsterworth Community Hub**

A Health and Well-Being Centre

Minsterworth Village School closed in July 2017. Since the closure, a group of villagers have been exploring ways to use the school building as a new community hub running alongside the church and the village hall.

The Gloucester Diocese, who own the building, have asked for detailed proposals on how the school could be used to the benefit of the village and the immediate surrounding area. They are willing to grant a working group a 5 year lease of the building providing that any proposals meet certain education and well-being criteria and meet the needs of the Minsterworth Community.

A recently formed working party has formulated a number of ideas on the types of services that the community hub might offer and wish to ascertain the views of the village on these. Your views are very important to us and we would be grateful if you could spend a few moments to answer the questions covered by this survey.

When you have completed the survey please click SUBMIT to register your reply.

If you have any questions please contact Roger Ingham at Street End Cottage on 01452 751283 or 07525 330364

The survey can be accessed by using the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/MinsterworthCommunityHub>

Many thanks for your help.

Minsterworth Community Hub Working Group

Roger

## **New Tarmac Drive**

By now many of you will have seen the new entrance to the Village Hall. It looks just excellent. It will be much cleaner for people entering the hall, and much easier for disabled access users, who had previously struggled to get over the gravel area.

The tarmac was not in the initial specification of works, and has been supplied and laid through the massive generosity of Rooftop and of Knaresboro who built the houses. They have both helped with many other little jobs for the Village Hall, and on behalf of the residents of Minsterworth I would like to say a big 'thank you' for the way that they have involved us in the project.

## **Minsterworth Poppies**

Thank you to everyone who has made poppies to decorate Minsterworth Church. When some of us gathered in October we had collectively completed over 500 poppies!! An amazing achievement & still more to come in!

Please could we ('the poppy ladies') meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at Cathy's home, to attach the poppies onto the hessian, in readiness for completing the display in Church.

The poppies will be displayed in the Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November & will stay in the Church (all being well) for a week, so that anyone can pop in and view it.

We are really hoping that everyone will support our work and will purchase a poppy afterwards to wear next year, all funds raised will be given to The Royal British Legion.

Thank you to everyone who has & will contribute in any way, your support is greatly appreciated.

Cathy

# WESTBURY COURT Day Centre



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## GIVE LOVE IN A BOX THIS CHRISTMAS - SHOEBOX APPEAL

After the success of last year's appeal we are once again collecting for the charity 'Teams4U' who run this Christmas appeal in relation to a long term commitment to children. This includes financing pre-school programmes to support their education and development.

If you would like to take part in this worthwhile charity, we have explanatory leaflets and would be happy to let you have one. Please contact us and we will pop one over to you. There will also be leaflets available in Minsterworth Church for you to collect.

We will be at **Westbury on Severn School Friday, 2nd November – 10.00am to midday** to accept boxes. Also, Mary Cooper, 'Graingers' Main Road, Minsterworth, has kindly said that you may drop them off in her front porch - the last date for this will be **Thursday 8th November**. If you would like further information of where Mary lives please ring me and I will give you directions. Obviously, anyone travelling through Birdwood is more than welcome to leave boxes in our car port at home – 'The Nook', any time up to **Thursday 8th November**. Again, please ring me if you do not know where this is.

Gift suggestions for a child are:

Hygiene items – school writing equipment and paper – a soft toy – a small ball – puzzle - jewellery – hair accessories – sweets – hat, scarf and gloves- new socks/underwear.

Or you may prefer to fill a shoebox for the family. Gift suggestions are:  
Candles – t-towels – plastic utensils – bowls and cups – soap – washing up cloths – clothes pegs

Thank you in anticipation

Our phone numbers are:

Elaine Incher 01452 750140 Jayne Stephens 01531 821385



# St Peter's P.C.C.

## **The Whist Drive**

At the October whist drive, we were pleased to be able to welcome Linda from Trinidad & Tobago. Linda was on a visit to her brother Peter who is one of our regular players. Linda did not partake in the game of whist, however, as there was a 'sit out' table it meant that she was kept busy with lots of questions regarding her country. As always, thank you to all who helped and attended the evening. The total for church funds amounted to £60.50.

The date for the next whist drive is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, at Minsterworth Village Hall.

## **200 Club**

Linda kindly drew the numbers out of the drum resulting in the following winners:-

£50	No. 066	Barbara Coldwell
£20	No. 083	Margaret Cotterell
£10	No. 138	Mark Thomas

## **Church Service times & Flower rota November**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Family Service	Anne Pearson
4 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Evensong	Anne Pearson
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Service of Remembrance	Kate Oxley
18 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Evening Prayer	Kate Oxley
25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Gill Payne

If I won the award for laziness...

I would send someone to pick it up for me.

If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly...

Why did it fall off?

I'm actually not funny...

I'm just mean & people think I'm joking.

Life is short...

Smile while you still have teeth.

# Minsterworth Reading Group



Our October book 'The Chilbury Ladies' Choir' was very well received by our Book Group members. Despite some unlikely plots and characters the book did manage to portray to today's readers what it was like to live in Kent in 1940. The book centred on the imaginary village of Chilbury not far from Dover. It opens with a notice on the church door announcing that the church choir is to close as all the men have left for war service.

It was made easy to read as each chapter took the form of a diary excerpt or a letter from different 'ladies' to develop the plot lines and to illustrate how the ladies of the village stand up to be counted. Firstly by starting up the choir again, winning a choral competition and then becoming involved in placing and housing evacuees and other forms of war work. The women of the village become a force, they start to voice their opinions and expect people to listen. It also shares the uncertainties, the worries about family and friends, the rationing and their fear of what happens if there was to be an invasion as they are so close to the Channel ports. Our book group members either sing or know those who sing so all of us are well aware of the power of song and it was this particular aspect of the book that the majority of us enjoyed. The various plot lines also ensured it was a page turner, an essential factor in a book catering for very busy members.

What made it a 'good read' was the power of kindness. Among the many characters there were a number of really nice and kind people. As the plots developed we could see the power of kindness which even touched some nasty characters in the book.

We will review 'Ladder of Years' by Anne Tyler on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Pat Brooke

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## Minsterworth Harvest Supper



What a very enjoyable evening was had by all on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We all enjoyed an excellent cold buffet of various delicious cheeses, pate, pickles, green salad, curried rice salad, potato salad and various fresh breads, followed by Hot Apple pies and crumble served with lashings of custard, cream and ice cream. Concluding with coffee & tea being served. There was a hum of chatter and laughter and a good social event, the village hall looked beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who supported a really good evening.

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### **'Minsterworth Matters' on Facebook:**

We have a new Facebook page! Its purpose is to get information about various events happening in and around the village across to residents frequently and efficiently. We'd like to avoid it becoming a 'buy and sell' forum but the occasional advert (not commercial please) is fine. We're keen to advertise events at the Village Hall and Church, but feel free to add other information. It would be great to keep the page constantly updated. Let's use it to celebrate all that Minsterworth is about (we've already started with photos of the stunning floral arrangements celebrating Harvest Festival at St Peter's)

You will need to set up a Facebook account to access it, but this is fairly easy to do and strong privacy settings will ensure your own details remain confidential. If you'd prefer not to do this but have information to share please email me and I'll upload it for you.

Looking forward to hearing from you all.

Sarah McHale

[sarahliv.mchale@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahliv.mchale@btinternet.com)

## Some customer service complaints

A customer phoned to complain following the delivery of a curtain pole. On finding no one home, the driver decided it would be possible to still deliver the pole - through the letterbox. When the customer returned they found their dog pinned to the wall.

On receiving a call advising that her contact lens order was early and could be collected, the customer complained to the head office, suggesting that the 'overzealous' ordering system was akin to high pressure selling.

A customer threatened to escalate his complaint, adamant that his phone should have withstood a full wash cycle. The label sewn to his jacket pocket clearly stated that the pocket was "fully waterproof".

A television was returned because the picture was not clear. On being told he was required to remove the protective film from the screen, the customer insisted that at no point during the sales process had he been told he'd be required to do this and insisted on a full refund, plus compensation for his wasted time.

On return from a camping holiday on an approved "farm stay" site, a holiday maker requested a full refund stating their holiday had been ruined by the "intrusive noise of cows mooing."

A pet shop refunded a customer after they complained the hamster recently purchased was "neither friendly nor cuddly."

A diner complained to the waiter that the Champagne recommended was not as "excellent" as suggested. Despite consuming all but a glass of the bottle, he insisted on a full refund.

MyCustomer.com



## 2018 Remembrance Service

As reported in the October Villager our day trip to the Imperial War Museum in London raised in excess of £500. This amount was helped by a number of donations. Many thanks to all who helped raise this superb amount for the Royal British Legion.

**The Remembrance Service** this year is being held at **Minsterworth Church on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. This is when we will especially remember all those who lost their lives from our villages, our country and the Commonwealth during the World War 1914 – 1918.

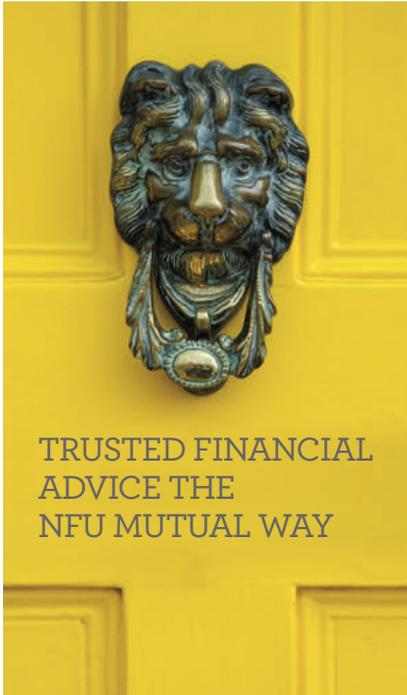
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Minsterworth & District R.B.L. meets in Minsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday each month except August and December. Please come and join us.

### Military History

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	1914 – Battle of Coronel 1944 – Assault on Wallcheren 1993 – WRNS Disbanded. Merger with RN
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	1956 – Assault on Port Said (40 Commando RM)
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	1942 – Invasion of North Africa
Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day 1940 – Battle of Taranto
Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	1759 – Battle of Quiberon Bay 1920 – WRNS formed
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Surrender of German High Seas Fleet – 1918
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Battle of Graspán – 1899
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	1917 WRNS “The Wrens” established

Terry Bourne, Chairman  
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How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?

10-tickles

What kind of cats like to go bowling?

Alley cats.

How do you invite a dinosaur for lunch?

Tea, Rex?

Will glass coffins be a success?

Remains to be seen.



**MAKE YOUR OWN  
CHRISTMAS WREATH  
OR TABLE ARRANGEMENT**

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
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## **Facts about DNA**

- There's enough DNA in the average person's body to stretch from the sun to Pluto & back – 17 times
- We each share 99.9% of our DNA with every other human – just to show that we're more alike than different
- The remaining 0.1% helps us to differentiate between people
- DeoxyriboNucleic Acid is a molecule composed of two chains that coil around each other
- DNA contains codes for ALL the information that makes up an organism
- Using only 4 building blocks – adenine, guanine, thymine, cytosine.
- Some ancient viruses used to infect humans. Today 8% of human DNA is from those ancient viruses
- The centre of the Milky Way contains precursors of DNA

## **The Tewkesbury Borough Plan**

### **Proposed Settlement Boundary for Minsterworth**

Those of you who have been following the minutes of the Parish Council over the past few months will realise that, at the request of Tewkesbury Council (TBC) we have been attempting to delineate a reasonable 'settlement boundary' for Minsterworth village. Planning permission for housing is more likely to be granted within the settlement boundary, although it does not mean that planning permission would automatically not be granted in other areas.

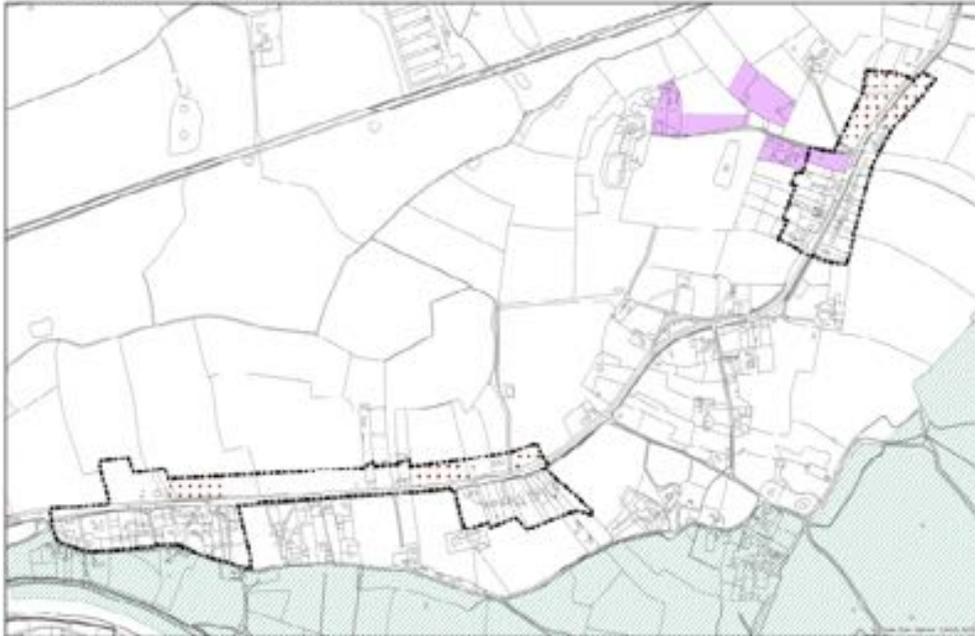
The draft plans were announced and voted on by TBC on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, after which the settlement boundary is available to view on the TBC website. The plans will then be open for comments from any resident during the following 6 weeks, in addition to being discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.

This is an important step in the planning process for Minsterworth, and your opportunity to comment on the future of planning decisions.

# Tewkesbury Borough Plan – Minsterworth settlement boundary

The proposed Minsterworth settlement boundary has now been announced by TBC and is shown below.

**RES1 & RES2 - Minsterworth**



Those who would like more details can access the original data themselves and see the whole plan and associated documents on:

<http://minutes.tewkesbury.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=256&Mid=2561&Ver=4> .

See 'Agenda Reports Pack'. The plan is agenda item 10 (page 65 etc) and the Minsterworth map can be viewed at the end of the document on page 221. On the map the red dots areas are currently approved sites within the settlement boundary, or sites under construction. There are other approved sites for new houses currently outside of the proposed settlement boundary.

Alternatively If you wish to make comments on what the Tewkesbury Borough Plan should contain you can respond to the consultation via their website:

[www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/boroughplan](http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/boroughplan) , page 11, where an online consultation form has been set up. Comments can also be sent by post or email.

**All comments must be received by 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, so please don't leave it too late!**

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## Notes from Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: Cllr. R Blowey, Cllr. C Elias, Cllr. S Ingham, Cllr. N Garbutt, Cllr. C Thomas, Cllr. R Crisp, clerk F Wallbank, Cllr. D Davies, Cllr. P Awford

Apologies: S. King

County Cllr. Awford

TBC's plan has gone through. The JCS review is in October. There is a concept plan for Tewkesbury. The Ashchurch base is now not in the plan, leaving a hole. Cheltenham is very short of space for houses.

District Cllr. Davies

TBC's preferred options are now available. There are 81 changes in Boro policies so it's an important read for anyone building.

Public Comment

TBCs stuff is on their website and out for consultation but very hard to actually find on the website. See p21 for link & picture of proposed Minsterworth settlement boundary. There was comment that children of some Minsterworth residents have been unable to buy or rent Affordable Houses.

Planning

17/01268/FUL Greenacres, Main Road. Removal of existing barn and stables, change of use to residential – erection of 7 new dwellings. Support.

18/00954/OUT Hampton Farm concern about amount of traffic on Watery La. Look at archaeology? Concern re 'not compliant with SD10' (water / run-off). Need more info. Support pending SD10 compliance.

Enforcement: Holborn House had been visited and found changes different to plan.

Highways: A48 improvements are ongoing. Signs are up but incorrect. For salt & sandbags contact Cllr. Thomas.

Village Hall: Structural issues have delayed refurbishment progress.

Broadband: Significant delay to at least 2020. Cllr. Awford to query as outrageous.

Richard Few memorial bench location was agreed. Activities in the village: Harvest Supper 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, Coffee morning 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, charity fashion show 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Exon Domesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> November in Minsterworth Village Hall at 7.30pm

*This report doesn't necessarily reflect the minuted discussions and decisions of the Parish Council; anyone wanting further information, or to inspect the agreed minutes, should consult the Clerk Fiona Wallbank on 01452 849178.*

# FOR YOUR DIARY

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How many cans can a cannibal nibble  
if a cannibal can nibble cans?  
As many cans as a cannibal can nibble  
if a cannibal can nibble cans.

Hassock hassock, black spotted hassock. Black spot on a black back  
of a black spotted hassock.

When you write copy you have the right to copyright the copy you  
write.

If Stu chews shoes, should Stu choose the shoes he chews?

Something in a thirty-acre thermal thicket of thorns and thistles  
thumped and thundered threatening the three-D thoughts of  
Matthew the thug - although, theatrically, it was only the thirteen-  
thousand thistles and thorns through the underneath of his thigh  
that the thirty year old thug thought of that morning.