

The Villager

Minsterworth News



On a tunnel on the Honeybourne Line
Cheltenham Paint Festival
Photo taken by Simon Ruffley

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Dear Readers,

Well what a time we had! Our Garden Party at Hygrove, in aid of Minsterworth Village Hall went off very well, due to the involvement & enthusiasm of everyone in planning, running and, most importantly, attending it. We will let you know how much we all managed to grow the Village Hall funds by in the November edition.

Take a look at the Paint Festival paintings in Cheltenham. It's definitely not 'just graffiti' check out the eye at the University's Hardwick campus.

Due to a major broadband issue there are many omissions, e.g. Gerald's e-mail didn't even get to me & I didn't find out until he had rightfully gone on holiday - sorry Gerald. Result: no PCC report. But the Affordable Housing build has started!

Paula

There will be no November edition as the editor has foolishly booked a holiday when she should be preparing it. Humble apologies.

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KERBSIDE RECYCLING October

BLUE bin & caddy
(recycling)

Tuesday 10

Tuesday 24

GREEN & BROWN bin & caddy
(landfill) (garden)

Tuesday 3

Tuesday 31

Mobile library

Friday 20th October

9.30-11.00

outside school

Work starts adjacent to Village Hall

On Thursday 21st September the first equipment will arrive and work on the Affordable Housing site will start on Friday 22nd September. The 'journey' to establish the housing started in March 2011.

It's been a long time in the planning let's hope it's worthwhile. The initial work will be to establish the new road in through the Village Hall entrance. This may result in some inconvenience, but we are assured that each night the Hall will be accessible – there is no need to cancel any events.

If anyone has any questions please phone Roger on 07768 451071 or Tony on 750174.

There will be much more information on how to register for one of the houses in subsequent editions of The Villager, so watch this space...

What's in your blue bin?

'Reduce, reuse and recycle' is the mantra Tewkesbury Borough Council is encouraging its residents to follow. Around 54% of the borough's waste already goes to recycling and the council wants to help and support its residents to do more and to 'get in the know' in regards to what can and can't go in their blue bin.

On a recent visit to a recycling plant operated by Suez Resource and Recovery, council officers watched as a tent, a pair of wellies and some net curtains were removed from the recycling and disposed of. These can't be reused as they are no longer suitable having been mixed in with broken glass jars and bottles. The plant operatives explained that although the level of non-recyclable items coming through the plant was low, they did see regular incidences of items being sent to recycling that could have been reused at a charity shop, sold on or in some instances should have been in the general rubbish bin. While observing the plant operations, officers witnessed a child's swing, which had been incorrectly disposed of in a blue bin bring the entire plant to a standstill for twenty minutes due to loose parts and the cord jamming machinery.

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Other common items which have been found are plastic toys, electrical items, video tapes and clothing, some of which can be recycled locally at the household recycling centres around the county. Nappies occasionally appear in the recycling rather than in general waste and can prove a costly and unpleasant issue to deal with. The collection crews will check bins before emptying them but sometimes it is hard to see what is at the bottom and therefore it has to be a joint effort.



If you are in doubt as to whether something can be recycled, a full list can be found on the council's website www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/bluebin.

Pershbrook Open Evening

Sunday 5th November from 7.00pm onwards

Come and have a snoop around now the
Refurbishment is finished.

Watch the Bore from the house (Bore expected 8.45pm)
Wine & Cheese will be available.

Contact Mike and Louise if you are interested.
01452 751065 or mike@pscheltenham.com

Contributions accepted for
The Village Hall and Church.

HISTORICAL SNIPPETS AROUND MINSTERWORTH

Whenever I visit the churchyard of St Peter's church and contemplate the various gravestones there I can't help feeling that behind every stone is an untold personal story. The stones alone are unable to tell us their stories—but sometimes one gives us a clue to follow up. Just in from the corner gateway into the churchyard is a stone cross monument commemorating the double burial of a Lady Caroline Douglas who died in 1909 and her husband Sir Arthur Percy Douglas who died four years later in 1913. The story behind that stone is well worth telling.

Sir Arthur (born in 1845) was the 5th baronet of Carr in Scotland. He belonged to a family with a long record of service in the Army, the Navy, in the Colonial Service and the British Parliament. After schooling in Harrow and Stubbington House, he entered the Royal Navy in which he served until 1873. Arthur had married Caroline, the daughter of the Rev William Foster, the founder and headmaster of his old school at Stubbingtons, and they had three Daughters. In 1876 he, with his family, moved to New Zealand where he went on to serve the New Zealand government eventually becoming Under Secretary for Defence from 1895 to 1903.

The story however has to move on to 1909 by which time Lady Caroline, then 62 years old, is recorded as staying at Highgrove in Minsterworth. We are told that she had been ailing for some time, and since around that time Highgrove was operating as a paying guest house, she may have been staying there for the benefit of her health. Sadly, in July of that year however, she died following an attack of appendicitis and was buried in Minsterworth churchyard.

Four years later, in September 1913, Sir Arthur was travelling by rail from Scotland to visit his late wife's grave in Minsterworth. His train was travelling on the Carlisle to Settle line bound for London St. Pancras when, at a remote spot near Aisgill, it collided with another train resulting in catastrophic damage and many casualties, including 16 deaths. Sir Arthur was seriously injured and later died from his injuries. It was to Minsterworth that his remains were brought to be interred with those of his wife.

The Aisgill rail accident was the worst in the country's rail history up to that time and attracted much national attention. Less spoken of was the tragic story of a noble lord who perished while travelling to visit his late wife's grave - a story which a gravestone in our local churchyard bears witness to.

TMS

Everyone's a Photographer!

Hi. I'm Bob Holder, and I'm a semi-professional photographer. I moved to Minsterworth around 6 months ago. I am passionate about all aspects of photography, and would like to share my knowledge and experience by forming the **Minsterworth Photographic Club**, where everyone, regardless of camera type, experience or ability, is more than welcome.

I propose to run the club in Minsterworth Village Hall, initially twice a month, hopefully starting in November.

In order for me to get an understanding of numbers, can you please e-mail me at the address below to let me know if you are interested?

The evenings will consist of talks, demonstrations and practice sessions, as well as studio sessions (and in the warmer months, outings to local venues) to further practice your new-found skills!

In addition, there will be six rounds of photographic competitions, leading to an annual competition, and hopefully, contests with other photographic clubs.

It doesn't matter if you don't have much experience, if you have a camera of any type (including a phone or tablet!) you would be very welcome to come and see how you can improve your skills and understanding of all aspects of photography.

I hope to see you soon!

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Teabags are so useful!

- ❖ Put a used **dried** teabag in a bowl at the bottom of the fridge to absorb the odours
- ❖ Put one at the bottom of the rubbish bin too
- ❖ Flavour rice by putting a herbal or fruit teabag in the pan while cooking
- ❖ Tea can help cut through dirt & grease. Brew a fresh cup & when the water has cooled use it to wipe down surfaces. Dry & buff with a soft cloth afterwards
- ❖ Soothe sunburnt skin with a wet teabag. This also works for stings & razor burn

My anonymous contributor

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. Alternatively, Minsterworth Garage have again said they will hold leaflets for you to collect and that they will be happy to accept completed boxes to pass on to us.

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 – cloths pegs

We will once again be collecting them at the beginning of November – please see next month's magazine for exact dates/locations to collect leaflets/drop boxes off.

Thank you in anticipation

Our phone numbers are: Elaine Incher 01452 750140

Jayne Stephens 01531 821385

MINSTERWORTH READING GROUP



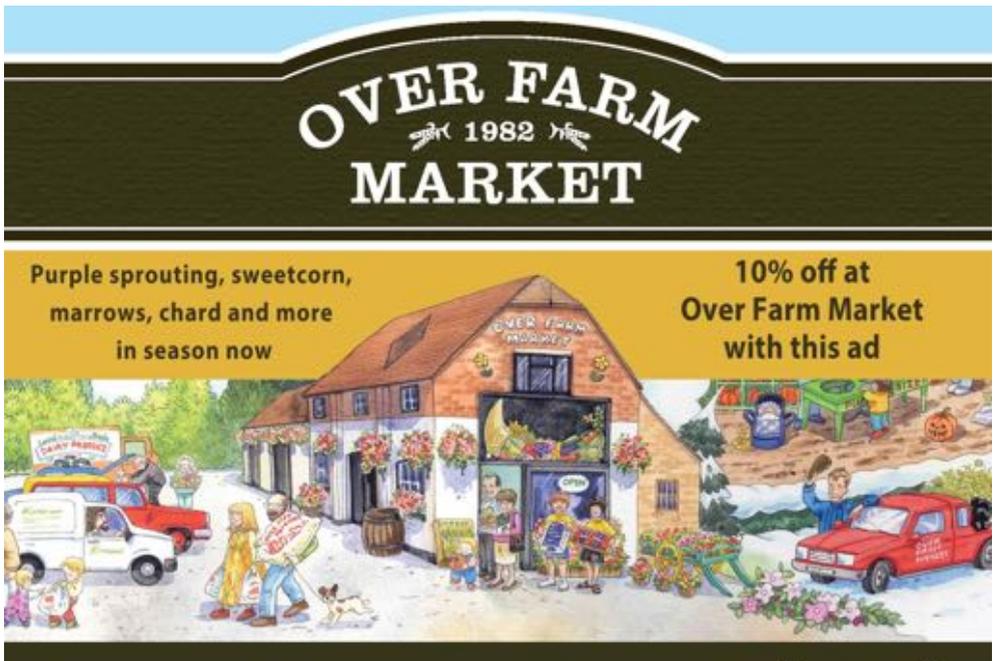
At our September meeting we reviewed 'At the Edge of the Orchard' by Tracy Chevalier.

This is a harrowing story of a Pioneer family trying to make a living in the Black Swampland of Ohio in the 1830's. The endless struggle between the parents drives the youngest child Robert to leave home and 'go west'. Much of the story is about his journey and his curiosity about the amazing sequoia trees in California which he eventually finds. He is befriended by plant collector William Lobb to whom he proves to be a valued friend and assistant.

The book was much enjoyed and produced first-hand accounts of fruit growing in our area by some of our members.

Our next book is 'The Little Red Chairs' by Edna O'Brien, which we will review on 4th October.

A shy Reading Group member



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Notes from Minsterworth Parish Council Meeting 11th September 2017

All present, save apologies from Cllr. S King. Chaired by Cllr. R Blowey.

1. County Cllr. P Awford reported that Minsterworth School has now closed. All pupils have been accommodated at other schools.
2. Cllr D Davies reported that the Affordable Housing building is to start soon. The JCS will be finalised after Christmas.
3. Public Comment
The admin around the road closures was poor but it seems to be progressing well. Cllr. Awford to try to make sure the admin for the works lower down the A48 will be better.
4. Planning:
17/00855/FUL Part Parcel 1228 Main Road and 17/00849/FUL Holborn Hse Main Road no objections. 17/00889/OUT Land at Appithorne Main Road support but request Highways confirm happy with access. 17/00828/FUL Stonelea Main Road support. Two new applications at the Apple Tree. Support. Land adjacent to Rosedale has revisions. Deepfurrow Hse granted, Pershbrook granted, lift for Church granted, Footpath EMW17 no objections but is width correct?
5. Mains sewer. Severn Trent no interest. Would only be for Main Road houses would be responsible for connection. Asked how much.
6. Portaloo company large price increase. Ask Church if can always use their toilet & pay for septic tank empty.
7. Stones remain on the verge. Affordable Housing progress. Community Resilience report at next meeting. Broadband no change. VH nothing. Big push on data protection. Villager assess.
8. Harvest Home, Fish & Chips & Folk in the Village Hall.

The next meeting of Minsterworth Parish Council is on Monday 9th October.

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.

St Peters Church Minsterworth Pottery painting evening

AT Minsterworth Village Hall ON Friday 27th October at 7pm

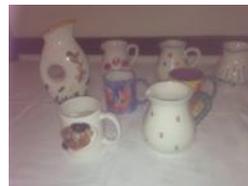
If you would like to come along to paint a piece of pottery of your choice (which will then be taken away, fired & returned to you) then please complete the form below with your payment before

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER to Cathy (*numbers are limited*)

Pottery item	Cost + £5 to cover hall & refreshments	1 st choice	
<i>Eg: reg mug @ £10.00</i>	<i>£10 +£5 = £15 pd</i>	<i>tick</i>	
Coupe Salad Plate £10.00			
Coupe Dinner Plate £12.00			
Coupe Charger Plate £15.00			
Heart Plate £14.00			
Rimmed Salad Plate £10.00			
Rimmed Dinner Plate £12.00			
Rimmed Charger Plate £15.00			
Large Cereal Bowl £12.00			
Large Fruit/Pasta Bowl £20.00			
Regular Mug £10.00			
Heart Mug £11.00			
Cup and Saucer £13.00			
I Love Mum Mug £11.00			
I Love Dad Mug £11.00			
Owl Mug £11.00			
Dog Mug £11.00			
Cat Mug £11.00			
Penguin Mug £11.00			
Monkey Mug £11.00			
Frog mug £11.00			
Egg Cups 2 for £10.00			
Teapot £19.00			
Sugar Bowl £11.00			
Salt and Pepper set £11.00			

Cake Stand £20.00			
Milk Jug £14.00			
Sayings Pot £14.00			
Frog £12.00			
Picture Frame £17.00 4×6 photo			
Gift Box £14.00			
Heart Box £13.00			
Dream Plaque £13.00			
Love Plaque £13.00			
Large Flower Pot and Saucer £20.00			
Gnome £14.00			
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Princess £11.00			

Name:



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Quotations

We think in generalities, we live in detail.

- Alfred North Whitehead

What right have you to think? Haven't you been in the Police Force long enough to know that?

- CJ Snaith

60 minutes of thinking of any kind is bound to lead to confusion and unhappiness.

- James Thurber

They talk most who have the least to say.

- Matthew Prior (1664 - 1721)

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A burglar breaks into a house one night and as he is about to lift the DVD player off its shelf a voice says, "Jesus is watching you!" Clearly scared, the burglar freezes and listens intently. After a few minutes he puts the voice down to his imagination and reaches for the DVD player again. "Jesus is watching you!" says the voice again. In shock the burglar switches on the torch and shines it around the room to find the source of the voice. The torch's beam comes to rest on 'a parrot in its cage. "Did you say that?" asks the burglar. "I did!" replied the parrot. "But I'm only trying to warn you!" "You warn me?" scoffed the burglar. "And who the Hell are you to warn me?" "Moses," replied the parrot. "Moses! What kind of people call their parrot Moses?" The parrot squawked, then said, "The kind of people who ...

...call their Rottweiler, 'Jesus'!"

My anonymous contributor

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