



# minstead mail

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*Welcome to the May 2013 edition of Minstead Mail. As in recent months it will be augmented by the weekly Parish Council e-Notices every Sunday evening which will contain up to date news and information which may be of interest. Please let us know by the preceding Friday evening if you wish to spread information round the Village, or at anytime to be added to the Parish Council's e-mail address list, by contacting the Parish Clerk, any Parish Councillor or by e-mailing [minsteadpc@googlemail.com](mailto:minsteadpc@googlemail.com)*

## COMING UP THIS YEAR - SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Minstead Players Sat 8th June:* two performances of 'Another God' on Saturday in the Church (2.30pm and 7.30pm).

*Jazz on the Farm Sun 30th June* 6pm to 9 pm, a fundraising event to support Gift of Sight. Tickets and further information available from Juliette Spiller on 02380282735 or [juliette.s@talktalk.net](mailto:juliette.s@talktalk.net) or from Minstead Village Shop.

*Minstead Study Centre Open Day Sat July 20th* 12.30-4.30pm. For further information see <http://minsteadstudycentre.ning.com/page/community-events>.

*Village Fete Sat 17th Aug* on the Green. Help needed, see below.

*Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Show Sat 7th Sept* in the Hall, see below.

*Minstead Training Project Open Day Fri 27th and Sat 28th Sept.*

*Apple Day Saturday 28th September* on the Village Green.

*Carols at the Trusty Sat 21st Dec.*

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council continues to meet formally every month, usually on the first Monday. The Agenda is displayed a few days in advance on the PC Noticeboard near the Shop and there is always an opportunity for Public participation at the start of each meeting. In addition, one or more Parish Councillors can normally be consulted informally in the Village shop on Saturday mornings or in the Trusty Servant from 6 to 6.30 pm on Fridays. The Council is keen to support the views of the Community when appropriate and should also be the first port of call for advice when considering a planning application. The Annual Parish Assembly was held on Wednesday 20th March and was attended by a number of parishioners. The Chairman reviewed the Council's many and varied activities and concerns for the past year and welcomed new Councillor, Paul Glover. He expressed his thanks to all Councillors and the Clerk for their continued support and good work, and to Cllr Keith Mans (HCC) and Cllr Diane Andrews (NFDC) for their continued support, guidance and assistance. Congratulations to Keith Mans are due following successful re-election on 2nd May.

## VILLAGE FETE SAT 17TH AUGUST

Please contact Peter Bennett (Hill Close, 8081 2358) if you are able to help in any way. In particular:

- Books for the bookstall to Polly and Robert Osborne, Curtle Cottage, 8081 2375.
- Items for Tombola to Peter Bennett as above or Alison McGhee, Cauldrons, 8081 4233.
- Freshly made cakes on the day for the cake stall.

Further information to follow.

## FLOWER, FRUIT & VEGETABLE SHOW 7TH SEPT

Are you a gardener, craft person or baker? Why not come along to the Hall and enter the 63rd Minstead Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show on Sat 7th September? Anyone can enter produce and flowers they have grown and provisions they have made as there are classes to suit all ages, including fun classes for children such as vegetable animals, miniature gardens, hand writing and cake making. You are also very welcome just to come and visit, view the wonderful displays, enjoy homemade teas and perhaps take part in one of the several tempting raffles. Open to the public from 2pm, teas from 3pm. Schedule and further information will be available nearer the time or contact Janet Mitchell on 02380 813484 or [jm4mfs@btinternet.com](mailto:jm4mfs@btinternet.com).



## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MINSTEAD

We meet every Sunday at either 9.30am or 10.30am. Please check the notices outside the shop or church, consult the Parish Council weekly notices or the Benefice website [www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com) for further details.

**5 4 50 Singing Walk** A little group of us is planning a walk on Friday 28th June in the Winchester area to encompass 5 churches and we're aiming to sing some beautiful music in each of the churches we visit. We are hoping for sponsorship for our walk to raise money for the 5 4 50 campaign for All Saints Church. Company along the way is welcome and we will teach you a round to sing with us. Please look out for further information or contact Berry Stone 023 8081 3719.

**A Sixth Bell for Minstead** Minstead Bell Ringers wish to thank all of you who have helped raise the money for our sixth bell. To have raised within twelve months the necessary funds for an additional bell is remarkable and is chiefly due to the support of many friends, parishioners and fellow bell ringers whose donations, large and small, have helped towards the target. The new bell was cast at John Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough in February and will be installed in Minstead Church tower during the week commencing 17th June. Church bells are an important part of our national heritage: for centuries they have been rung to mark significant events, both religious and secular. We are keen to promote the ancient art of change ringing and the additional bell will significantly enhance the repertoire. Visitors to the tower are always welcome, as is anyone interested in learning to ring. [Contact The Tower Secretary, Polly, on 023 8081 2375]

## NEW FOREST & HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW 30TH, 31ST JULY & 1ST AUGUST 2013

Following on from last year's highly successful 'Best of British' theme, the New Forest & Hampshire County Show's (NFHCS) theme this year is 'Get Involved'. The idea is for as many people as possible to come along and enjoy the Show and join in with all the demonstrations and interactive events on offer. Every section of the Show is organising something for our visitors to do - whether it is taking part in the tug of war with a tractor in the Old Time Farming area, making pottery in the Art Tent or having your face painted in the Church Tent - everyone attending will be assured a great day out! Agricultural Shows are famous for their livestock and rural activities and of course this remains the central attraction, especially as the Show is particularly famous for its horse competitions including international showjumping. Over 3000 animals will be at the Show, 75 traditional crafts shown and cooking demonstrations and wine tasting 'live' on the showground. This Show's aims are so much more than just agriculture, offering the opportunity to learn about everything in the countryside but also to provide entertainment for all ages. Attractions this year will include the exciting Devil's Horsemen, One Man and His Dog, displaying the very best sheep dog techniques, the Pony Club Mounted Games and of course, the stunning Heavy Horse Musical Drive, all of which are on every day of the Show. Remember there are also over 600 trade stands providing one of the most varied and unusual goods and produce - definitely the place to get that special purchase. 15% off advance tickets bought online until July 11th 2013 at [www.newforestshow.co.uk](http://www.newforestshow.co.uk).

## DRIVER AND CYCLIST AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Over the last five years 760 cyclists have been killed or seriously injured on roads in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. HCC and Hants Constabulary are launching a cycling/driving safety campaign called THINK, based on the premise that cyclists and drivers are often one and the same, as 80% of cyclists hold a driving licence and one in five drivers cycle at least once a month. In support of this, buses across the county will display the slogan: 'Let's Look Out for Each Other'. The campaign is simply about mutual respect, for cyclists to make themselves as visible as possible so they have less chance of being injured and for drivers to simply keep their eyes peeled for cyclists. For further information see <http://think.direct.gov.uk/cycling.html> and keep an eye out for the NFNPA's cycling codes of conduct for the Forest and cycle event organisers which are in the course of development.

## UNEXPLAINED DOG DEATHS

Following many tests and on-site investigations, it is still not known what is responsible for the recent dog deaths in the Ogdens (Fordingbridge) area of the New Forest - it could be something in the environment or it may be something not related to the Forest. Local vets, specialist laboratories, New Forest District Council, The Forestry Commission and The Environment Agency continue to co-operate in working to find the cause of the illness but the reality is that it may never be known. The number of cases is a small proportion of the dogs walked in the New Forest every day and the instances are not isolated to the New Forest. (There has been one confirmed case in Surrey and two in Worcestershire.) Owners are asked to be vigilant, and to contact their vet if they have any concerns about their dogs. The Forest is open for business as usual and there is no evidence to suggest that there is any threat to human health.

### Public enquiries:

- If you are a dog owner and have any concerns or questions, please direct your enquiries to Forest Veterinary Clinic on 01425 652221 or by emailing [forestvetsAKI@aol.co.uk](mailto:forestvetsAKI@aol.co.uk)
- If you are a vet, please direct your enquiries to Anderson Moores on 01962 767920 or by emailing [info@andersonmoores.com](mailto:info@andersonmoores.com)
- If you have any information that you believe would help with this investigation contact the Forestry Commission email: [enquiries.southern@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.southern@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone 023 8028 3141.



## FURZEY GARDENS

On 25th April, Furzey Gardens and Minstead Training Trust had the pleasure of TV Gardener, Chris Beardshaw formally open the Chelsea Garden at Furzey Gardens in front of 400 staff, students and guests. There was extensive coverage of the event by BBC South Today who filmed live from the gardens throughout the day. As many of you will know, Chris led the learning disability team from Minstead to win a much coveted RHS Chelsea Gold Medal last year. Unlike most of the other show gardens, the charities took all of the garden back from Chelsea and for the last year have been cultivating the plants and land to recreate the garden at Furzey. Despite the wet summer, autumn and winter, the garden is now firmly in place together with the famous thatched Lantern structure at its heart. The aim of the Chelsea Project was to show how much people with learning disabilities can achieve with appropriate support. Students from the Minstead Training Trust inspired the design and were encouraged to express, through speech and art, what they love about the gardens and what they think it is that makes Furzey Gardens such a special place. On opening the garden, Chris Beardshaw said "Our aim was to capture the unique essence of Furzey Gardens which would engender the same feeling of peace and tranquillity that envelops visitors as they wander round the paths and secret corners of this special garden. The Chelsea Garden has come home." If you aren't already, you might want to consider becoming a Friend of Furzey Gardens which enables free entry for you and up to three guests every time. Please ask at Furzey Gardens for an application form. Alternatively, you can now pop into The Gallery at Furzey for a cream tea (or two), or to buy some last minute presents, without having to pay garden entrance fee. For more information see [www.furzey-gardens.org](http://www.furzey-gardens.org)



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