

## Minety Music Festival Is to Hold It's First Wedding Celebration Ceremony!

Stuart Earl and Nikki Monaghan, of Colerne, first met in 2019, before moving to the village in 2022. The Wiltshire community's strong spirit quickly saw them becoming involved in volunteering at many local, social and community events, to fundraise for a variety of charities.

Their large group of volunteer friends, known locally as 'The Bonfire Army', also organise Colerne's village bonfire and fireworks display, and friends from that group suggested that they also volunteer at Minety Music Festival, whose profits also support several charities.

The happy couple explained "Our first festival build was June 2023, which was completely new to us, so we borrowed a caravan for the weekend and we were instantly hooked!"

As a former chef, the groom-to-be eventually took over the cooking duties, feeding and fuelling the Minety Music Festival build team, and has continued to do so. Now approaching their fourth year at the event, he told us "We always love the feeling of returning to that field and watching it take shape, with a fantastic group of organisers that we call our friends."

Stuart went on to say "both Nikki and I are on our second marriages and we held the same views of doing it non-traditionally this time, wherever possible. With most of our friends already at the festival every year, and our wanting 'something different', we asked the organisers if they would consider the first Minety wedding. They thought it was a great idea, agreed and here we are!". The future Mr and Mrs Earl will be holding their wedding celebration ceremony on the Eames Laurie Main Stage, at 10:00am on Saturday 4th July 2026.



Stuart closed by saying "The build team planning mode is now moving into its final stages for what's promising to be an extra special, very memorable year for our friends and family at Minety Music Festival. We're not sure quite what the festival goes will make of it, but everyone's invited and we can't wait to see you all in the field!"

Festival co-director Rich Swatton said "our amazing volunteers feel like family, so when Stuart and Nikki approached us with the idea, we were honoured! It's going to be a fantastic celebration!"

Minety Music Festival will be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> July 2026, at Salud's Field, Mile Straight

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Tickets available from [www.minetyfestival.co.uk](http://www.minetyfestival.co.uk)