

Many thanks to Martin Gibson for opening up Thicketts Wood for walking and exploring. The trees are resplendant.



Please respect the plants, birds and animals when you go.

### Plant tables for swap and donation

There are two plant swap tables in the village now – one at Honeysuckle Cottages near the top of Church Lane and one in Werg, at the bottom of Cock-a-Troop.

Please share your spare plants, seeds and seedlings. All plants are free and donations are welcome. Proceeds will support developing the wildlife garden at the Village Hall.

Please share your favourite local walks, observations of nature and ideas for staying well and connected on the

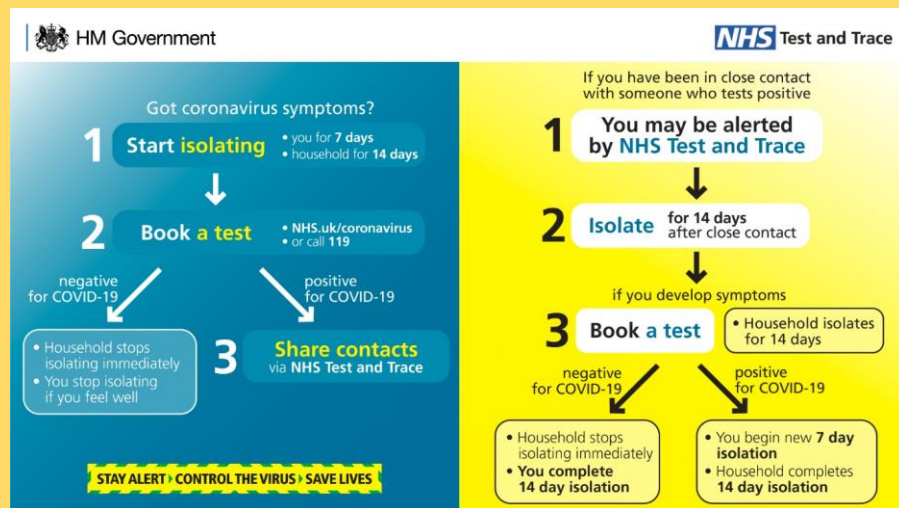
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## Sports & Social Club



The field is in great condition due to the excellent weather and ongoing care and attention and hopefully very soon we will have cricket being played again. However having said that it has been a great facility during lockdown with all sorts of activities on it including football practice and coaching, family cricket, kite flying, keep fit and some social distancing chats plus of course the final stretch of the popular round trip walk from town.

**The next step is “contact tracing”. Stay alert. It’s a nasty condition as my 13 year old granddaughter will confirm.**





## CHURCH DIARY

While the church is closed, do keep in touch via the Team website <https://www.marlboroughanglicanteam.org.uk>

### 24<sup>th</sup> June is the Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist. Here are some facts about him:

An angel, Gabriel, told John's elderly parents they would have a baby. His father Zechariah did not believe it and was struck dumb until John was born. He named his son John, which means 'God's grace'.

His mother Elizabeth was a relative of Jesus' mother Mary. When they were both pregnant and met up John leapt in his mother's womb.

John was called to be a prophet and to prepare people for Jesus. He lived in the desert and ate wild locusts and honey.

John started preaching before Jesus but with the same message, 'Repent and believe.'

If people wanted to respond he 'baptised' them by submerging them in water. This is where the name 'John the Baptist' comes from.

Jesus' ministry began when John baptised him in the River Jordan. From then on Jesus' ministry grew and John's declined.

King Herod imprisoned John and in a rash promise to his daughter cut off John's head.

Jesus said of his cousin, 'No one born of woman has risen higher than John.'

John is symbolised as a lamb because he once said about Jesus, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.'

Please email Clive Scholefield [cliveascholefield@gmail.com](mailto:cliveascholefield@gmail.com) by June 15<sup>th</sup> with anything you'd like to share for the July news.

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## Royal Maundy



Mary Fishlock was honored this year to be selected to receive the Maundy from the Queen.

Recipients of Maundy money are nominated by their local dioceses for contributions to their local church and community. However, this year the service at St George's Chapel, Windsor was cancelled, instead Mary received a letter from the Queen to mark the special occasion.

Anyone who has spoken to Mary will gather how chuffed she is at the award. It is very appropriate given how much she, and David, have done for Minal over many years.

## Coronavirus contacts We are here to help

Everyone should have a contact number now for a local volunteer who can help with shopping, picking up prescriptions, dog-walking, a friendly chat etc.

PLEASE call us if you need any help or contact the Parish Council on 07513 442 271 or [clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk) who will be able to connect you with a volunteer.

Latest national updates are on [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) or [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)