

Thicketts Wood Remains Open



By kind permission of Martin Gibson, Thicketts Wood remains open for play and walking. At the user's own risk and no fires or littering or structures are to be built. Careful of the bluebells!

The Census Day

Sunday 21 March 2021

The Office for National Statistics needs your help with the census which gathers vital information to help plan services (such as transport, education and healthcare)

You must complete the census by law

Look out for your pack in the post; it will show you how to complete the census

Your answers are protected by law

Letter to the Editor:

In last month's edition the Parish Clerk mentioned the good work of John Bevan. I must also mention something else which John Bevan has been doing, picking up litter along the lanes up to the triangle. He had a carrier bag full when I saw him one day!! What is it about people who drop litter or fling it from car windows? *Name supplied*

NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.mildenhallwiltshire.org.uk



The new, improved village website is up and it looks fabulous! Big thanks to Sue Hine for all her hard work.

You can access the Minal Newsletter online, take virtual village tours, check out all the village clubs and amenities. Contributions very welcome – it's our website to celebrate Minal.



Marlborough
Area Neighbourhood Plan

You should have received a leaflet about the Neighbourhood Plan covering Marlborough and the parishes of Manton, Mildenhall and Savernake. It makes recommendations for future planning and development for housing, public spaces, amenities and local infrastructure.

After four years of hard work by the Steering Group, taking into account views of local people through many open forums, the draft Plan is now open for consultation. Please pass on your views and comments to inform amendments before it goes to Wiltshire Council, and then goes to a referendum. Covid-permitting, this will be by early summer.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available at: www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk

You can send your comments to: enquiries@marlborough-tc.gov

What's happening in Minal?



CHURCH DIARY March 2021

St John the Baptist Minal
Services on Sundays at 9.00am

7th March 9am Holy Communion

14th March 9am Mothering
Sunday family service

21st March 9am Morning Worship

And for the beginning of Holy
Week, Monday 29th March
7:30pm Evening service
(Compline)

**St John the Baptist Church is
open every day from 9.30 am
to 4.00pm.**

For any enquiries email
gordonpepper55@gmail.com



The Parish Council has instructed tree surgeons to pollard the ash trees bordering the church car park in an effort to combat Ash Die Back.

Pandemic By Archie Gagen

Pandemic. A word.

A word I didn't 'know'.

*Only heard in history...the plague
pandemic.*

*But now Pandemic means so much
more.*

*It means so much more to me, to
my family.*

Isolation.

Forced into your home.

No visitors.

*Cannot see family. Cannot see
friends.*

Like a cell, padlocked shut.

*A cell, a green cell. Three miles in
each direction.*

*Every space explored. Every space
walked.*

*Pandemic. It means so much more
to me, to my family.*

Home-schooling.

*I always longed to be home
schooled.*

Not to go to school but stay home.

But now, I dread it.

Team lessons. Chat. Spam.

Microphone on. Video off.

Teachers there, but not.

Ugh, another live lesson.

I never thought I would wish

Wish, wish

to be back at school.

*Pandemic. It means so much more
to me, to my family.*

So much more than just a word.

WANTED



Do you have an old Hoover or old Henry that you no longer want? If so, please donate it to the Village Hall as ours is wearing out!

Please contact either:

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May 2021 Elections

On 6 May 2021, all eligible residents in Wiltshire will be invited to vote in a number of elections and referendums.

The Police and Crime Commissioner election; town and parish council elections, Wiltshire Council unitary elections, and nine local neighbourhood planning referendums will all be taking place.

Register to vote

It's important to us to live in a democratic county, so in order for you to have your say in the elections and referendums, you must be registered to vote. If you're not already, please visit [register to vote webpage](#) It will only take a few minutes of your time.

Vote by post if you can

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Newsletters are in various points in the village and please take a few copies and drop them through your neighbours' letterboxes if you think they might not be getting out to pick up one. If you have any articles or information you would like to add to Minal News please email robbailey1@aol.com

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