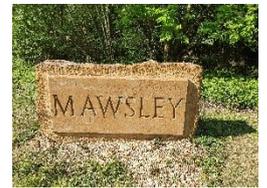


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### **Census 2021**

As I am sure we will all remember from our schooldays, the first English census was held by William the Conqueror in 1086 and was known as “The Domesday Book”. (Domesday..The day of Judgement).

From 1841 the modern style of Census has been taken on a regular basis every 10 years (with the exception of 1941 because of WW11) and the information gathered informs the government and helps plan for future needs particularly in education, healthcare and transport.

The information gathered is not made “Public” for 100 years so at present the 1911 census details can be searched and of course gives valuable assistance to family history enthusiasts.

The 2021 Census will be the first to be taken “On Line” and the hope is that at least 75% of the respondents will be able to do this .....there will still be the option to complete a hard copy, as in former years and return in a freepost envelope.

There will be the usual questions for the Householder to complete. There are then Individual questions which must be completed by each person living in the household also any Visitors to the Household on Census day.

I must point out that it is crime to ignore the Census and you can be prosecuted if you fail to complete it and make sure the information given by the Householder and the individuals agree with each other!

The Census must be completed to represent your Household, on Sunday 21st March 2021. My advice is to read the whole form and the notes through BEFORE you start to complete it. There are helplines available with any queries.

What happens next ? During the week commencing 22nd February you will receive an advance warning Postcard. Then during the Week commencing 3rd March information packs will be sent to every household with your unique digital access code and full instructions.

For full information and advice [www.census.gov.uk/census2021](http://www.census.gov.uk/census2021)

All good wishes,

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