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Useful contact details:

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01993 881270
 The Rectory, Swan Lane
 Long Hanborough OX29 8BT
 Email: **rector@hfchurch.org.uk**

Curate: Rev. Mike Madden
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Contact via website **www.hfchurch.org.uk**

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You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: **www.achurchnearyou.com/5863**

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH> Thank you to Nikhilesh Haval for allowing the use of the images.

Children and Youth Work - families are really welcome at all our services, but especially at the weekly **10am** service where youth friendly activities are held at the back of church.

Babies & Toddlers at Christ Church Hanborough & Freeland Church welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group that meets each **Wednesday** in term time from **10.00 – 11.30am**. We provide the opportunity to play and chat, with a variety of toys and activities for children aged 0-4 years and each session finishes with refreshments, a Bible story and song time.

For more information, please contact Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270** or contact us through the Church website: **www.hfchurch.org.uk**

The above information is correct at the date published (24/04/2022). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our new website at: **www.hfchurch.org.uk**

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 1st May 9.30am - 10.00am**Sunday 15th May 9.30am - 10.00am**

Practices are held on **Monday** nights from **7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Please contact the Tower Secretary, Michael Probert **(882687)** should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

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Letter from our Curate, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear friends.

“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” (Mark 4:35-41)

I remember before, the ‘storms’ of pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine, rising inflation, crazy energy bills, and not to mention our own personal ‘storms’, life did seem to be at least a little bit predictable! Whether our lives have been impacted by big global ‘storms’ or personal ‘storms’ it can be all too easy to focus on the problem, the ‘storm’ rather than on the love, power and greatness of God. We can learn many things from the short account shown above of Jesus calming the storm in Mark’s gospel. However, one lesson that Mark was trying to teach his readers was that Jesus, the Son of God, had authority over creation because he was in fact the creator.

So my prayer for each of us this month is that as we grapple with the ‘storms’ that life throws at us, that we would...‘**pause**,’ take time out of our busy lives to slow down, to look away from the storm and ‘**turn**’ towards God. That as we pause and turn towards God, that we would ‘**focus**’ on Jesus the Son of God on his greatness, his love, and his power. Remembering that whatever storms we face even those that might have been initiated by presidents, prime ministers and kings that Jesus, the Son of God, the creator God, is greater, and more powerful. Remember it was Jesus who spoke to creation and calmed the storm.

So remember, when you find yourself in the middle of a storm, ‘Pause, Turn and Focus’.

Blessings

Rev. Mike

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Sunday 1st May	10am Mr Chris Strata
Sunday 8th May	10am Rev. Charles Harris
Sunday 15th May	10am Mrs Margaret Broadberry
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- **Supporting Ukrainian refugees:** working with partner agencies and the DEC to provide lifesaving aid, shelter, truckloads of food, water, sanitation, medical equipment and health support, as well as offering vital information for refugees and internally displaced people.
- **Helping people starving and displaced in Afghanistan:** working with partner agencies to provide emergency food, clean water, nutrition support and winter kits, to support healthcare facilities, and to protect women and girls.

How to donate

- Online: through our Freeland village e-envelope at <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/freeland-oxon> or this QR code:
- Cash or cheque: envelopes will be available in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week.



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https://www.mcnmedia.tv/ is another platform that does the same and includes Corpus Christi, Headington in Oxford; and Blackfriars, Oxford

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL - Fay's notes from the meeting held on 19th April 2022

Firstly I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Fay and I have the pleasure of taking over from Lisa as the new clerk. She has been an incredible asset to the local community for the past 13 years and will truly be missed and we wish her the very best of luck in her new job.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We are in the process of starting all the arrangements for **Sunday 5th June** and would love for as many residents to get involved in the big bring your own picnic. We are hoping to have some of the Farmers' Market stall holders along with lots of different fun games for all ages. Do you have a business? Have a great idea for joining the community together or want to get involved in any part of the day, please get in touch.

Freeland Village Hall

We have been very lucky to have been donated a bench for the Village Hall that has now been installed ready for all to enjoy for many years to come.

Speedwatch

Thank you again to all our volunteers. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The speed through the village is reducing and we haven't had anyone exceed 50mph since January 18th. If anyone travels through the village in excess of 35mph they are likely to get caught.

Freeland Village survey

Take part in our anonymous survey for the development of Freeland for a chance to win **£25**. Further details are in this Grapevine on **page 15**, with how to enter.

Mobile coverage in Freeland

A survey has been carried out for Freeland and we are waiting for the drawings to be finalised to enable the next phase in getting a better phone network throughout the village. Progress is slow but it is heading in the right direction.

Who are your Parish Councillors

Over the coming months you'll get to read a little bit about each of our councillors. This month as the new Clerk it is all about me.

My name is Fay Friend, I have lived in the village since February 2021 in Broadmarsh Lane with my husband, 1 year old, newborn and 2 dogs. When I'm not working or raising my kids, I enjoy being outside and playing Netball where I have represented England internationally. Taking over from Lisa is going to be a tough job, but I am hoping that I can continue where she left off.



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Applications Received:

22/00913/HHD 18 PARKLANDS, FREELAND

Single storey side extension, new porch and gravelled parking area for Mr R. Massingham & Ms C. Stephens (amended application).

22/00881/HHD 44 THE GREEN, FREELAND

Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Calcutt.

22/00911/HHD 26 FREELAND GATE, FREELAND

Proposed detached garage for Mr M O'Callaghan.

Applications Approved: None

Applications Withdrawn: None

Applications Refused:

22/00110/HHD 18 Parklands, Freeland.

Conversion of existing garage to living space together with the erection of single storey side and rear extensions, new front entrance porch and associated works including gravelled parking area for Mr R. Massingham and Ms C. Stephens.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

Please note this time and venue is subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk - email fayf.fpc@gmail.com or call 01993 357851**

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A **survey** has been developed by Freeland Parish Council and a group of residents to understand what you love or dislike about living in Freeland, what you are concerned or excited about – and what you want Freeland to be like in 10 years' time.

We are also interested in hearing from those who work in the village, whose children attend the village school, or who regularly visit us for other reasons.

We recognise that people in the same household may have different views, so we encourage everyone to complete the survey, which can be done **anonymously**. The views of all residents, whether adult or children, are valuable! And every village resident has the chance to enter a prize draw to **win one of four £25 One4all shopping vouchers**, exchangeable at a wide range of outlets and online.

To complete the survey now, point your phone camera at this QR code, or go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/Freeland2032. More details about the survey, entering the draw and data privacy are available on paper copies of the survey, or at bit.ly/Freeland2032

We don't promise to address **all** the points raised, but we do promise to see what can be done to address them. This may result in proposals for an updated Community-Led Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan or other initiatives. If you're willing to be part of the survey follow-up, contact Amy Jackson at amyj_fpc@outlook.com or on **07917 773756**.

Please complete the survey online if possible, by the **deadline Tuesday 31 May 2022**.

If you or a friend would prefer to complete a **paper copy**, or would like help completing or submitting the survey, please contact Amy or **any other parish councillor**, all of whom have paper copies available.

Your views are very much appreciated! Thank you for helping us to understand what you want Freeland to be like in 2032!





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As the season draws to a close, the **First** team have had a stop start month, being awarded a walkover and then not having a game scheduled. They currently sit top of the League with two games to play, having beaten Hailey Reserves 3-2 in their latest game. With promotion secured, they should only need one point to clinch the League title.

The **Reserves** season has now finished with a respectable 3rd place in the League, having lost their final game to Witney Royals who pipped them to second spot. In their Cup semi-final they were extremely unlucky to lose to Hailey Reserves, a side two leagues higher, after extra time, despite being the better side for most of the game.

The **Under 15s** also currently sit top of their Spring League, having won six of their eight games.

The provisional date for the men's end of season presentation evening is **Saturday 21st May**.

The **Under 15s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - stu.mac@aol.com

Ben Symonds - Secretary: bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk

Simon Hole - Chairman: Si_hole@hotmail.com

Ben Symonds - Secretary Freeland FC

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

We'll start this month off with a plea:

Please donate specialist non-fiction or academic books to charity shops. These kinds of books are unlikely to be taken from the Little Free Library. Charity shops are the better option; they'll reach a wider audience and can raise money at the same time.



Similarly, if your books are very old or in poor condition, please recycle them. We try to maintain a high quality supply of books in both Little Free Libraries, and the truth is that old or dated books do not get taken, no matter how good the stories may be within their tattered covers. Thank you for your understanding with this.

The vast majority of books that get donated are in amazing condition, however, so thank you for your generosity. It is wonderful that in all these years we have never run out of books!

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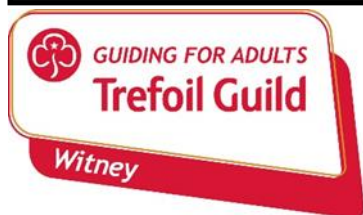
The first closure is the section of Eynsham Road between the Swinford Toll Bridge and The Talbot Inn, to facilitate tree felling.

This will be a complete closure of that section of the road in both directions between the hours of **9.30am and 4pm, for a five day period between Thursday 19th May and Wednesday 1st June 2022**

The second closure is on Freeland Road, in the section between the A40 and Cuckoo Lane, to facilitate the installation of a new water main for a new development.

This will be a complete closure, **for 24 hours per day**, in both directions, from **Monday 6th June to Friday 10th June**,

There will be limited access for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of the road, subject to the progress of the works.



There is every chance you have never heard of the Trefoil Guild.

When I was an occasional helper with a local Guide group and asked, 'What is Trefoil?' the reply was something along the lines 'Oh they help out'.

A useful reply but perhaps less than half an answer. Today the key messages of Trefoil are:



Locally there are Trefoil Guilds in Witney and Woodstock and a little further away in Carterton and Chipping Norton. Every guild sets up its own meeting arrangements and its own programme heading towards those key messages.

In Trefoil Guild, members aged 18+ make new friends, travel, explore, serve their communities and help Guiding and Scouting thrive across the UK!

Why not get in touch to find out more?

www.trefoilguild.co.uk/About-Us for the national website and locally contact Denise for the Witney Trefoil Guild at **adp14gw@hotmail.com**

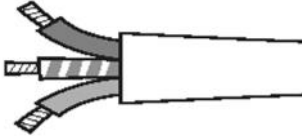
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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

We are days away from the start of the season, and we are anticipating the busiest season of cricket Freeland has ever seen.

Outdoor training has already started & the timetable is as follows:

Mondays 6pm to 7.30pm - under 11s and under 15s

Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8pm - under 13s

Tuesdays 5.30pm to 6.15pm - under 9s (from 17th May)

Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm - women's softball

Wednesdays 6pm to 7.30pm - adult league team nets

Fridays 6pm to 7.30pm - women's hardball

If you want to join in, or for your children to join in, please contact me on the details below. We really need a couple more women who want to play hardball cricket.

The Club has been fortunate to receive financial support in developing the cricket nets, and you will have seen that the work has started to renovate them.

The Parish Council and Whites Cleaning have jointly funded the new netting, which is bright green. This compliments the previous funding from the Partnership Academy, which has funded the new matting.

The Cricket Club is extremely thankful for the support of all the sponsors, and without them we would not have been able to develop into the only local club which offers cricket from the age of 5, for all residents. We have over 120 players participating in organised cricket.

The Club continues to hold a quiz in the Yeoman on the second Wednesday of each month. The quiz offers cash prizes, and the April quiz saw the winners take home **£30** and the two runners up winning **£10** each.

The next quiz will be at **8pm on Wednesday 11th May**.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

E: freelandcc.ul1@gmail.com

Web: <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>

Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

Having mastered (?) the different crochet stitches last month and used them to produce various useful items, we finished the last session by learning how to make these pretty decorated Eggs, just in time for Easter. One of our members has just produced some interesting glass painting, so that is what we plan to try next.

We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Newell Room of the Village Hall and there is a subscription of **£1** per meeting.

We are a friendly group and love to welcome new members, with whatever skills you have, even if you have none but would just like to come for a chat!

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For our meeting on **Tuesday 3rd May**, Anthony Wagg will be taking us back to the 15th century and the long series of battles known to us now as the Wars of the Roses. The struggle between the royal Plantagenet houses of York and Lancaster resulted in 30 years of civil war and ended with rise of the Tudors, when Henry Tudor defeated the last Plantagenet king, Richard of York, at Bosworth Field to become King Henry VII. The names of the battles are still resonant today. Do come and find out more.

We meet at **7.30pm** in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SS**, members **£18** per year, visitors **£4** per talk.

Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com** and **01993 880368**

CONCERT IN FREELAND HALL RAISED OVER £450 FOR UKRAINE

After a pandemic-enforced break from live performances for over two years, it was wonderful to have an evening of live music from these two local orchestras in Freeland Hall. The evening began with a 9-piece performance from the West Oxfordshire Learners. WOL is a mixed age group that first started playing together in 2016. By chance, more than design, the programme formed an impromptu "Night at the Movies", with the performances being mainly pieces from TV and film. Somewhere Over the Rainbow was a fitting start as this had very much become the anthem of the COVID pandemic, and the mixture of flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophones and cornet worked together perfectly. The arrangements took us time-travelling through the different cinematic eras as we listened to favourites old and new, including music from Raiders of the Lost Ark and Disney classics such as Beauty and the Beast and The Bare Necessities. Although playing together as "learners" the musicians were extremely accomplished and the overall performance was so polished and professional it was hard to believe that for some it was their first ever performance and were still quite new to their instruments.

Next up were the West Oxfordshire Clarinets who are a group of more experienced musicians which included alto and bass clarinets. The programme took us on a chronological passage through musical history starting with Bach, Handel and Mozart. The mood and style then changed dramatically as we whizzed forward to the twentieth century and we were treated to several more contemporary pieces including a slow ragtime from Scott Joplin and a classic from the Father of the Blues, WC Handy.

Both orchestras played magnificently, with the music being expertly arranged and conducted by Wendy Marks. Both WOL and WOC clearly enjoyed being able to play together in real life, rather than via Zoom, and it was certainly food for the soul to be able to enjoy such wonderful live music again. The proceeds from the tickets and a retiring collection raised **£455** in aid of the DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Look out for the next event when the Freeland Orchestra & West Oxfordshire Winds perform at Wood Green School in Witney on **Friday 1st July at 7.30pm**.

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If anyone is interested in joining any of these groups, please get in touch with Wendy on **01993 883379**

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Club had another superb lecture on 28th March from Andrew Mikolaski entitled 'Practical Pots'. He covered many other subjects related to pots. Firstly he mentioned that all chemicals are now banned from slug pellets so an organic way to control slugs is to boil 2 heads of garlic in 2 litres of water, mash and strain. Use 2 tablespoons of garlic mixture to a watering can of water and spray plants with this mixture weekly.

There is still time to plant bare root roses either in pots or the ground. Soak plant overnight. Dig a large hole, loosen soil at the bottom, water, more soil or compost, water again and plant rose 1 1/2 inches below graft and firm soil around it.

He had observed that peat free compost dries out quickly and is impossible to rewet, so he recommended Melcourt compost which is bark based. Shallow rooted plants should be planted in shallow pots, and tall plants in tall pots with stones in the bottom for stability. Polystyrene can also be used to improve drainage.

Multipurpose compost has limited use as it is based on green waste which may contain herbicides. Spent compost can be used if fresh compost is added as well as a fertiliser such as chicken manure.

Plants which do well in pots include figs, begonias, lilies, blueberries which need ericaceous soil, hostas, fuchsias and hydrangeas also do well. He warned against planting climbers in pots unless they are non vigorous.

Jobs to be done shortly include feeding roses and spring bulbs, Plant out annuals after last frost. Feed and weed borders and mulch if possible. Deadhead spring bulbs and wait till foliage dies before discarding.

Clean and sharpen tools as well as hard surfaces. Repair mortar joints. Watch out for aphids. Put a glove on and squash the aphids. Vine weevils eat notches out of leaves, particularly in pots. They lay their eggs in the soil and the grubs eat the roots weakening the plant, discard all the soil and place the plant in clean soil and squash the grubs.

The speaker at our next meeting on **Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is Mary Fenton. Her subject is 'The Wonder of Trees'. As the trees are coming into full leaf we enjoy their beauty and look forward to learning more about them.

Plants and gardening items on sale at all Hall meetings. Visitors and new members very welcome.

For any further information about the Gardening Club please contact Terry Jones at **davidjones30@talktalk.net**

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at **7.30pm**, for the foreseeable future.

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Explorers have been ice skating in Oxford, continue to work towards earning Duke of Edinburgh Awards and will soon be fundraising to send Will and Beth to South Korea to take part in the 2023 World Jamboree. They enjoyed an Among Us night and have been taking turns to run their own sessions to boost their leadership and planning skills.

Scouts spent an amazing Saturday earning Forestry and Naturalist badges at Wytham Woods, which included using saws to cut down trees! They have also been tasting edible bugs, celebrated Chinese New Year, built Warhammer figures and went orienteering. In June they'll be going gliding...

Cubs celebrated St David's Day by making (and eating!) Welsh cakes, earned astronomy badges, tried pond dipping and enjoyed a campfire at Combe Mill.

Beavers learned about life in Zimbabwe from one of their leaders who grew up there, did some fun Easter activities, went pond dipping and had a campfire at Combe Mill. They also learned about bees and made bee hotels!

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At our next meeting on **Monday 9th May**, we will be doing beadwork jewellery and decoupage. This is an open meeting where members can bring a friend to enjoy a taster session of Freeland WI. There will be no charge for visitors at this session so definitely worth coming along. Last month we were delighted to welcome three new members.

Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **10pm**. Our meetings usually consist of an activity or speaker, a raffle and refreshments. We always look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. If you want to check out what we have planned for 2022, a copy of our programme was included in January's Grapevine or is available from our secretary. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors.

Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love you to join us.

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Our group began in 2010 when a very special lady called Marion Humphreys contacted me to collect her Christmas shoeboxes. Sadly when I saw her she was very ill and unable to finish the teddy bears she was making for a Tombola to raise money for the Church Bells at the Hanborough Show. A group of friends offered to help out and we got together and spent an enjoyable time trying to work out which limb belonged to which bear. We ended up with a group of bears which we took to the Hanborough Show. We raised £60 and Freeland Teddy Girls began. As well as sales we get together socially.

Over the years we have had a great deal of support from the Village in the form of donations for the sales and coming to our sales helping us to raise the funds. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped us, we couldn't have done it without you.

This year we took the decision to raise money for war torn Ukraine and managed to raise **£370** at our last sale.

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The war time memories continue and this month Mrs Bunyan describes some of the ways her family's farm was affected..

MY VILLAGE IN WARTIME by Mrs Barbara Bunyan

As I recall, whenever there was a power strike, Freeland House was never cut off and shared the same supply as the farm. It was fortunate for us too as our farm was the first in the County to have an electrically powered Alfa-Laval milking machine – a huge asset for our dairy herd of Shorthorn cattle. Our farm was one of the main suppliers of Tuberculin Tested milk to go daily to local dairies in Oxford.

Farm labour during the war years was very difficult and a real headache. My father found men who had not joined up for war service, for whatever reason, were 'absolutely useless' for the physical work on the farm. He had twelve men in as many months of the year – quite incapable of the hard work required milking, feeding livestock, handling machinery – keeping up routines – even getting up in the morning! Some seemed incapable of receiving and carrying out routines such as preparing animal feed, rounding up cattle – feeding young calves and filling up barns with hay bales and carrying corn for poultry scattered around the farm fields. Waking up in the morning and getting the milking done every single day was particularly important, for the milk lorry arrived at 8am to pick up five or six 8-gallon churns – all labeled ready for the driver to load up and move on to another collection point.

The War Agricultural Committee (WarAg for short) was based in Oxford. I later learned their offices were, in what is now Wychwood School, on the Banbury Road. WarAg was the body which dictated rules and policies from the government to farmers and, according to my father, 'was an absolute pain in the neck'. My father was very intolerant of interfering and petty officialdom. In fact, he once ordered some ministerial officials off his farm by telling them in no uncertain terms that he did not want them coming to tell him how to run his farm as he regarded them as 'broken down' farmers themselves. He felt they were not equipped to act in an advisory basis.

My father was, of course a farmer's son from a family of farmers going back many generations in Shropshire; farming was therefore well and truly in his blood. My mother too came from generations of landowners, farmers and horse breeders in Shropshire and on the Welsh borders. Some of her ancestors bred Shire horses for the drays in Liverpool and Manchester.

Returning to the subject of help on the farm, prisoners of war were drafted in from the local prison camps to help with hay making, corn harvesting and labour for the threshing machine on its annual contractual visit.

There were several prisoner-of-war camps in our local area – Witney – at Cogges, Bampton and Carterton - plus a large German camp at North Leigh on the Eynsham Hall Estate. As we travelled up the hill towards Witney, I was always entranced by the brightly painted, wooden miniature houses and fairy castles built by the prisoners who had placed their handiwork up and against the perimeter fence adjacent to the main road – for all to see. The army was based at Eynsham Hall too – under the direction of one Major Gooch – another friend of the family. It may be that they oversaw the running of the prison camp.

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When haymaking season started, we had four German prisoners who came every day by lorry very early in the morning and the transport collected them at the end of the working day. I remember them as very young men, tall blond-haired and usually called Hans (German form of John). They were quiet and very pleasant but found farm work very hard going and exhausting. Of course, in those years, hay was collected by horse and cart and wagons. Hay balers and Fordson/Ferguson tractors came onto the scene at a much later time.

My father was very good to these young men from Germany, having been a soldier himself in France in World War One. He related to their immaturity and camp conditions – probably away from home for the first time. He appreciated their efforts in trying to cope with the hard work on poor rations and usually gave them fresh eggs every day. They could not take the eggs back to the camp, so they swallowed them in their raw state during their 'lunch break'.

Then the threshing machine came (an annual Autumn event). Among the English labour force was a young German student who had one of the worst threshing machine jobs, dealing with the output. He had to collect up the huge piles of chaff expelled from the side of the machine. Chaff was the leftovers from the sheaves once they had been stripped of the main stalks for baling. The only way to collect the chaff was in a huge sack, which, when filled, was carried on one's back, into the storage loose box for bedding. A scratchy and very physical job, to say the least, but essential work.

I remember asking him if he was enjoying being part of the threshing gang and his job. I was quite surprised by his reply, that he was enjoying the work because it took him away mentally from his studies which were constantly going around and around in his head. He was a philosophy student at one of the German Universities and he had requested practical work in agriculture in the UK.

There was great pressure and publicity at that time on food production to feed the nation and for the nation to be self-sufficient. Farmers were constantly pressed to do more and more and grow more corn for flour, root vegetables, kale for cattle feeding, mangolds and potatoes. Lord Woolton was the Minister of Food and I remember 'Dig for Victory' posters everywhere.

As well as good pasture on our farm for milk production, we had rich arable land too and the farm was known as a good wheat-producing area.

One of our largest acreages was made up of half pasture and half woodland and our cattle had the best of both worlds – good grass land and shady areas in which to wander in the height of summer. This was not to last. Sadly, for the cattle and for us, the WarAg came along and commanded that the woodland had to go, the whole area cleared and ploughed for more food production.

Before we had time to blink, lorry loads of forty Italian prisoners of war plus armed sentries arrived daily with heavy equipment for the removal of trees and the burning of the debris. This went on daily for three months and the whole area looked like a recreation of the trenches and warfare of World War One. These chaps were really tough looking folk - unhappy looking and very rugged. The weather did not help as it was wet and very muddy.

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We children – always curious – were warned by my father to stay away from these men but we were able to stick with Luigi, their cook, who I remember as a very delightful young man. Every day he lit a fire within a tripod and boiled water to make coffee for the prisoners. Luigi fetched buckets of fresh water from the barns several times a day and then made coffee served in bowls to forty prisoners and their sentries. Luigi obviously liked young children and I became his devoted companion, following him everywhere until it was time to return to the house for lunch. Luigi spoke English fairly well, so he and my father had daily chats on progress and Luigi was in turn interpreter for the whole gang.

The farm was enveloped in burning and wood smoke for days and days – a fact which did not please my mother especially when the wind was in the wrong direction and blew over the house and buildings.

This clearance was not without drama. One day a prisoner decided to escape and charged off over the fields making for the thick hedgerows. Suddenly there was a lot of shouting, work stopped, and the sentries raised their rifles and dashed off in pursuit across the fields. For a while it was alarming for, we thought there would be shooting but thick hedges reinforced with strands of barbed wire saved the day. The prisoner got entangled in the wire trying to push through a hedge, so he was captured and marched back to work. What happened to him? We never knew.

This must have happened in 1943 for, soon after, there was much jubilation among the prisoners, for Italy had capitulated and all were overjoyed with the news. Work continued however until the field was completely laid bare, cleared of the debris and ready for cultivation and the prisoners left.

We were sad to say goodbye to Luigi, but we later learned that he did not return to Italy but joined the British army instead.

In the final instalment, Mrs Bunyan shares the memory of an incident during army manoeuvres and also how family life changes again as war time ends..

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EYNHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE

We are pleased to be extending our Covid vaccination clinics for the spring booster campaign.

The clinics will continue Friday mornings at Long Hanborough Surgery throughout the spring.

We are vaccinating patients 75 years and over and immunosuppressed patients 18 years and over. Please bring the letter inviting you to have an additional vaccination if you are immunosuppressed to your appointment. Advice for these groups is to have your 4th Vaccination 3 – 6 months after your 3rd.

Appointments are bookable to have the booster at Long Hanborough either by phoning **01993 881330** or going to the Surgery itself.

We will be contacting our housebound patients to arrange a date for their covid booster vaccinations.

The NHS also continues to invite eligible people to book their Spring booster through the National Booking System online at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination> or by calling **119**. These offer appointments at the large vaccination centre at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford or at several Oxfordshire community pharmacies.

Thank you to everyone, especially our volunteers, who continue to work with us to make the vaccination clinics possible.

Healthwatch Oxfordshire have asked us to let you know about a Survey regarding “Getting prescriptions from your pharmacy”

They want to hear about your recent experience of getting prescriptions from any pharmacy you use. For example - Have you had problems or delays getting your prescriptions, or has it been easy?

Please share your experiences by completing a short, anonymous survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Gettingprescriptions/>

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 3/4/2022

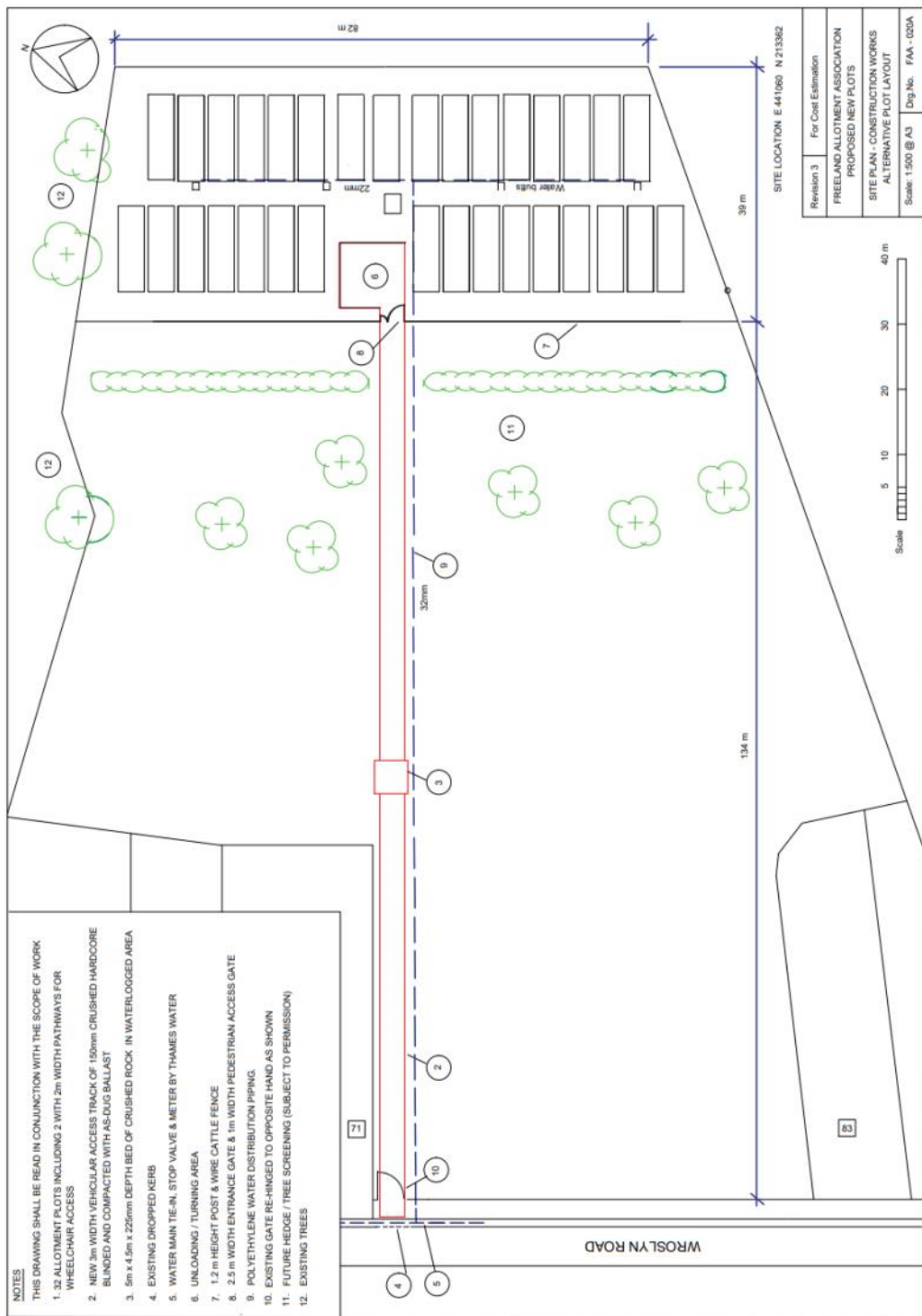
Well blow me over with a drinking straw....SUN!!

And on this sunny Sunday the 10 of us were spoiled as the shire was awash with many, many spring flowers, including the Cowslip, Oxlip, Dandelion, Common dog violet (not to be confused with rare cat purple), and of course the magnificent Bluebells. The group didn't realise they had a couple of local celebrities in their midst in the form of the sheep whisperers, so named because wherever they go walking, sheep radiate towards them, baaarmy I know!

Next Ramble **Sunday 1st May at 10am** from outside the Yeoman.
All are welcome to join us.



Sherpa Elevensing



FREELAND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

The Allotment Association Committee have for some time now been investigating possible sites to allow expansion of the allotments. The waiting list had grown to 18 people and, with a very slow turnover of current plots of approximately one per year, looking elsewhere seemed the right thing to do.

The search has narrowed down to the field opposite the School on Wroslyn Road, which is owned by Blenheim Estates and under direct control of Pye Homes. This opportunity was initiated by Councillor Alaa Al-Yousuf, and is being coordinated by Andy Murray.

Several meetings and online discussions have taken place and have led to us being offered a stretch of this field which would provide 32 additional **13m x 4m** plots over an initial 15 year tenancy. Taking over this area would involve the construction of a permanent gateway, a hard track to the bottom of the field (subject to approval of a planning application to be submitted by Pye Homes in the event we proceed) where the new plots would be sited with a turning / unloading area, erection of a perimeter and rabbit proof fence and installation of a water supply, so quite an involved job. This would of course come at a considerable cost. However, Blenheim Estates and Councillor Liam Walker have kindly offered to provide some support.

If we are to proceed with this opportunity, we must ensure that the take up of plots will yield sufficient revenue to cover the annual repayments plus water charges. To estimate this and determine if the proposal is financially viable, the Committee therefore wish to invite anyone living in the village who would be interested in taking on a plot to contact Jacky Scotney-Jones, (email **faadigger21@gmail.com**), before the end of May 2022. Existing plot rents are currently **£25** per year and we envisage the new plots could be available to begin cultivation by the end of September this year.

Allotmenting provides a great form of exercise and can produce healthy, flavoursome fruit and vegetables, as well as offering a good social gathering place!

John Howe, Chairman

COMBE MILL - Sunday 15th May 2022 **Barn Engines Steaming Day**

Come to the Mill and step back in time to see how we used to work on the land. Speak to the visiting exhibitors and learn about how machines were designed to carry out many routine jobs.



The BBQ will be fired up and early breakfast/brunch available - moving on to our delicious selection of sausages/burgers. Visit the tea room for a selection of refreshments, cake and cream teas.

By visiting the Mill, you are helping to ensure it continues to educate and delight visitors. Remember you can buy a ticket on the day or an annual pass to come to a whole season's worth of activities.

Julie Stuart-Thompson - Director **julie.st@btinternet.com** **www.combemill.org**

A further article from Julie Stuart-Thompson on the service personnel listed on the War memorial in St Mary's Church Yard.

Alastair Conway Hill 27th March 1915 – 1st January 1942

Alastair Conway Hill was born in Chertsey Surrey and was a career soldier, from a family of career soldiers, who came from and married into the landed families of England and Ireland, across several generations. As with many military families, they were constantly moving around the country and living/serving abroad.

Alastair's father was Conway Rowley Hill, born 1881 in Berkshire. In the 1891 census he was living in Berwick and by 1901 is recorded as an Officer in the Royal Field Artillery. By 1911 he is a married soldier stationed in the 2nd Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery in Potchefstroom Transvaal, South Africa. He won a DSO in WWI (Distinguished Service Order) in January 1916 and awarded the Legion of Honour – Croix de Chevalier in February 1916 and a Greek Military Cross in July 1917. Conway married Georgiana Marion Larkins in December 1910 in Horwick. Alastair was born in 1915 and his sister June Victoria Conway Hill born in 1923. Conway would go on to marry a second time in 1925 to Gwendoline Winifred Cleminson. He died in the Devon and Exeter Hospital in December 1943. His effects were left to his wife and totalled £1438 4s 6d.

Alastair's grandfather was Rowley Richard Conway Hill, born 1841, who rose in the ranks from Ensign in 1861 to Lieutenant Colonel by the time of his death in 1914. He married Marion Eliza Blanche Cropper, born 1859, 18 years his junior, in March 1878 in Sevenoaks. Their children were born in Scotland and Northumberland. They were Rowley A E 1879, Hugh Rowley 1880, Conway Rowley 1882, Oliver Conway Rowley 1884, Lesley Rowley 1885, Blanche Edith 1887, Margaret 1888, Janet Dorothy 1893 and Helen Irene Susan 1898. Each of the houses the family lived in had many servants. By 1911 just the last 4 daughters were at home in Hamble House, Hampshire. Rowley now retired aged 70 and Blanche aged 52. He died in September 1914 leaving £13935 1s 2d to his wife Marion, who died in 1936.

Alastair's great grandfather was Richard Kirwan Hill was born 18th November 1794, in Wexford Ireland. He married Jane Margaret Halkett on 2nd April 1832. She was from a very distinguished military family – for instance leading battalions at Waterloo. Richard died a Captain in the 52nd Foot Light Infantry on 5th December 1842, of a disease of the brain. This regiment was based in Oxfordshire, in the Cowley barracks. Jane was left to bring up their young family and granted a pension. Her last child named after his father was born in September 1842 just a few months before his father's death, but he too died the following year. In 1851 we find the widowed Jane living in the household of her brother in law Edward Rowley Hill, also a Lieutenant Colonel in the army. Jane was born in 1806, her father was Admiral Sir Peter Halkett, 6th Baronet of Pitfirrane Fife and his with Elizabeth nee Todd. Jane's brother John became the 7th Baronet. He married Amelia Hood Conway. Jane and Richard's daughter Eliza Anna married her cousin Sir Peter Arthur Halkett who went on to become the 8th Baronet.

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One more generation back, was General Hugh Hill born in 1770. The Rowley name handed down through the generations was one of the oldest landed families in Ireland. It should come as no surprise that Alastair joined the military with this pedigree.

Alastair married Marion A McBain in Shanghai China on 17th August 1940. He was 25 and she just 18. Marion had been born in Chelsea in the September 1921 daughter of Neville S McBain and Susanne Carter. On the marriage certificate, Neville is listed as a Merchant. After Alastair's death, Marion would remarry in 1948 aged 27 and also outlived her second husband by 16 years.

Alastair's service number was 66132 and he was quickly promoted through the officer ranks; 2nd Lieutenant 29.8.35; Lieutenant 29.8.38; Acting Captain 16.4.40; Temporary Captain 16.7.40, serving in the 2nd Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment.

In 1940, the 2nd Battalion sailed from China to Malaya it became attached to 11th Indian Division based in North West Malaya. In December 1941, Malaya was invaded by the Japanese Army and the Battalion suffered considerably from casualties and being taken prisoner during the defence and retreat. 19 December 1941: The Battalion was amalgamated with the 1st Battalion of The Leicestershire Regiment to form the "British Battalion", and fought gallantly throughout the rest of the short Malayan campaign. He was originally listed as missing on 7.12.41 presumed killed in action, and then his death was recorded as 1.1.42. Alastair's name is recorded on the Singapore Memorial, Column 67, as well as the memorial in St Mary's. Alastair's probate record shows his address as Bublong Wells Road, Shanghai. His effects came to £6893 4s 10d which was left to his wife.



The link with Freeland is an interesting one. In 1939 we find two unmarried sisters living in The Old Parsonage in the Wroslyn Road, Margaret Hill, born 28 June 1888, and Blanche Edith Hill, born 30 April 1886. Blanche was recorded as President of the VVI and Billeting Officer for the area. These were both the maiden aunts of Alastair Conway Hill who lived together according to the all the census details, from Berwick Northumberland to Hampshire and finally to Freeland. Margaret died in September 1965 aged 77, and Blanche outlived her by another 12 years, dying in June 1977 aged over 90.

HANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

The outdoor season has now started - come and try the game and see if you like it!

During May we have **OPEN DAYS:**

Friday	27th May	14.00 - 17.00
Sunday	29th May	11.00 - 14.00

Bowls offers a way of exercise, it's a social activity. It is competitive and fun. All we ask is for you to wear flat shoes as heeled shoes can damage the green. Try something new this summer. A warm welcome awaits you.

Just come along or ring **01993 882537** for more information.

EYNHAM ROAD RUNNERS

We are a club of over 200 members and meet every **Wednesday at 6.30pm** at the Eynsham Sports Pavilion on the Oxford Road. We have various pace lead groups ranging from our social walking group to our fastest 7.30 minute mile running group and everything in between. We currently run around Eynsham, but come the lighter evenings will head off into the lovely Eynsham countryside for distances of around 4 to 6 miles.

In addition to the above we also have training sessions on Tuesday evenings with a qualified coach.

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Our next course starts on **Saturday 7th May 2022.**

To find out more please visit www.eynshamroadrunners.org.uk/you-can-run/

We are a friendly welcoming club and would love to see you. To find out more about Eynsham Road Runners please visit our website at:

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ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the Church Porch, which is open 9am to 5pm seven days a week.

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Monday 5 - 11pm; Wednesdays & Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm; Fridays 9am - 3pm & 4pm - Late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 7pm.

In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** they are now on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack which is at the end of an aisle near the Post Office counter.

CHANGES TO THE STAGECOACH 700, 800 & 900 SERVICE

From **Monday 9th May 2022**, Stagecoach will be making some changes to their services which serve the JR Hospital, Churchill and Nuffield Hospitals.

Services 700, 800 & 900 will be combined into one new **700** route serving:

- > Kidlington (anti-clockwise loop)
- > Oxford Parkway Park & Ride
- > John Radcliffe Hospital
- > Oxford Brookes University
- > Churchill Hospital (serving Roosevelt Drive and Churchill Hospital stop C3 - no longer serving the current stops in use at the Churchill: C4, C5, C6, C7)
- > Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre (serving Windmill Road stop N5 - no longer serving the current stops in use N1, N3)
- > Thornhill Park & Ride.

The timetable will have slightly earlier and later departures times, with the first journey to the JR at: 06.10 from Oxford Parkway (previously 06.30 on 700) and 06.12 from Thornhill (previously 06.30 on 800)

The last journey from the JR will be at: 20.20 to Oxford Parkway (previously 20.15) 20.25 to Thornhill (previously 19.25)

The new route will run up to every 30 minutes and will give different connections between all of the Oxford University Hospital sites.

View timetable, valid from **9th May 2022**, via this link: https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/Oxford_Timetables/temp/700_valid_from_09_May_2022.pdf

Ticket information, including NHS staff discounts, can be found via this link: <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/oxfordshire/further-afield-to-JR-Hospital>

SALT CROSS UPDATE - April 2022

The Salt Cross area action plan has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. Sessions will be held on the plan which will run from 8th June to 8th July.

A previous examination hearing was paused while the district council provided a delivery plan setting out a time frame for the 2,200 homes with proposed dates when schools, transport, community space and green infrastructure will be delivered.

You can see plans submitted here - www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/salt-cross-area-action-plan-examination

Staff Update

Eliane Pony has been appointed as the Community Development Facilitator for Salt Cross. Eliane's role is to be the point of contact for the affordable housing and the community development within the village.

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She is also responsible for the self build project within the development and will engage with people who have expressed interest from the district council's self build register to design and build their own homes, by helping them speak to the necessary bodies to complete their build along with keeping them updated about the progress of their application.

Eliane is also responsible for letting residents know what is happening with the project as it progresses via social media.

Eliane is a masters graduate with merits in project management in the built environment. She has more than 14 years of experience in housing management. She was appointed in the role in November 2021.

You can contact Eliane on **eliane.pony@westoxon.gov.uk** with enquiries about the Salt Cross Garden Village.

WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT u3a (University of the 3rd Age)

Both locally and nationally, Spring 2022 looks like a busy time for University of the Third Age members. May brings a significant anniversary – 40 years since the creation of the u3a movement. A number of national events are in the pipeline, including a 'monster picnic in the park' – simultaneous garden parties all over the country. One such is on the cards for Woodstock & District Society members and their friends.



Check the website for forthcoming information. **www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock**

Despite the continued prevalence of COVID, most Society activities are back to something approaching normal. Monthly meetings with guest speakers are booked through to the end of the calendar year. Subject matter shows a rich variety. On **Thursday 12th May** our guest speaker will be Jim Holmes, author of travel guides to Japan; his title - 'Bowling to Tradition' - reflects the way in which Japanese society has established a balance between age-old tradition and modernity. Unusually, this talk will be available only via Zoom; on **Thursday 2nd June**, however, the talk on 'Music of Cole Porter' should be accessible both on-line and live at the St. Hugh's Centre in Woodstock.

Many of our individual Interest Groups are managing to carry on their specialisms. In Needlework we have not one but two Groups, both of whom contributed to a recent local display of craft work. Arguably less strenuous, but no less determined, the Play Reading Group plans to make the usual nod to Shakespeare's birthday at the end of April, before tackling the 1980s 'domestic drama' – Leslie Darbon's 'Time to Kill'.

Chris Sladen

'No Mow May' is back!



Throughout May, the Parish Council will again be collaborating with the local nature group to leave selected verges unmown and provide more habitats for wildlife. These should complement the managed wildflower plots you will have seen around the village.

Last year was the first time No Mow May was tried, with mixed results! We've learned from these experiences & will be 'curating' the areas better this year. Please let us know of any concerns by contacting Fay, the Parish Council clerk, on fayf.fpc@gmail.com or 01993 357851.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- M 25 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 27 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 27 Apr Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
- Sa 30 Apr Bridewell Gardens, OX7 3DT Plant Sale - see page 35
- Su 1 May Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
- M 2 May Early May Bank Holiday**
- Tu 3 May The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
- Th 5 May Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection**
- Tu 10 May Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30-8.30pm
- W 11 May Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 11 May Cricket Club Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3 each
- Th 12 May Freeland Grapevine - June edition deadline day**
- Su 15 May Combe Mill in STEAM! www.combemill.co.uk
- Su 15 May Bridewell Gardens Open Day, 11am - 4pm, OX7 3DT - see page 35
- M 16 May Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- W 18 May Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- M 23 May Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 25 May Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 25 May Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
- Su 29 May Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**
- Tu 31 May Freeland Village Survey deadline day**
- W 1 Jun Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 2 Jun Spring Bank Holiday**
- F 3 Jun Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday**
- Su 5 Jun Platinum Jubilee 'Bring your own picnic' in the playing field**

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **June Grapevine** is **Thursday 12th May**.

The **June** edition should be in the church porch and online at:

www.freelandoxon.co.uk from **Friday 27th May**.

We welcome handwritten or typed articles and adverts. However, if at all possible, please send by email, formatted to fit an A5 magazine - it will certainly help to reduce the number of our mistakes! The font we use is **Gill Sans MT** at 10 point.

If submitting electronically please use Word or Publisher, **not PDFs** as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine.

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- COMING UP - AT THE YEOMAN

7 MAY // LIVE MUSIC RETURNS!

Regular music nights return. Put the 1st Saturday of the month in your diary for the best of local music.

11 MAY // QUIZ NIGHT

Our 2nd Wednesday of the month quiz raises money for Freeland Cricket Club & Sobell House. CASH PRIZE! 7.30pm, £3 entry.

19 MAY // OPEN MIC NIGHT

Experience musical talent from Freeland, West Oxfordshire and beyond! Sign up by 7pm with performances from 7.30 to 9.30pm

25 MAY // QUIZ NIGHT

Our 4th Wednesday of the month quiz night hosted by the Oxfordshire STARS raises money for Marie Curie. 7.30pm, £3 entry.

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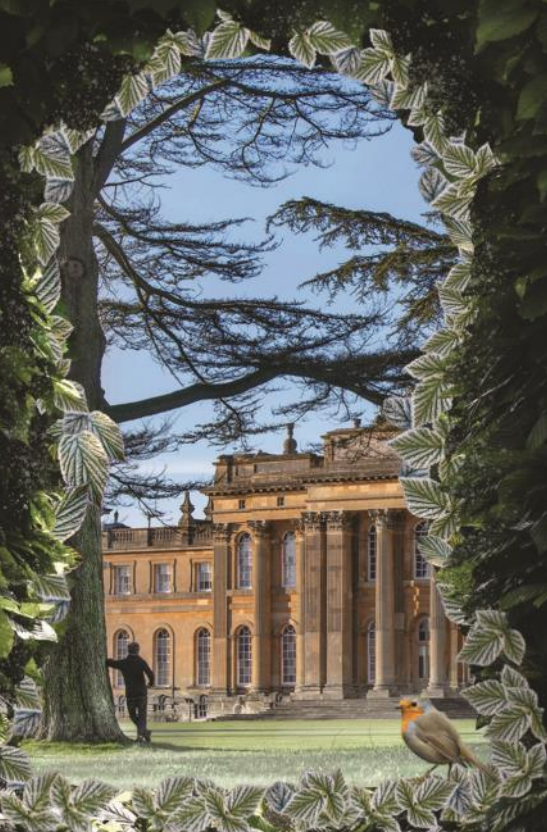
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