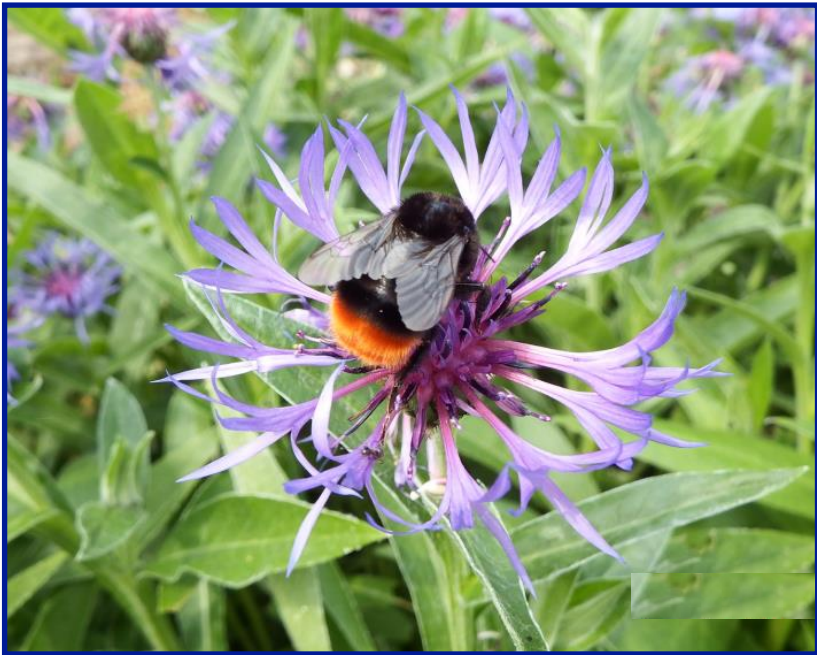




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## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

**Sunday 25th June 10.00am Whole Benefice All-Age Family Service at St Peter and St Paul**  
(Rev. Heather McCulloch's ordination as priest **10.30am at Dorchester Abbey**)

**Sunday 2nd July 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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**Sunday 9th July 10.00am Service of the Word**

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**Sunday 16th July 10.00am Holy Communion**

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**Sunday 23rd July 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Matt Cripps tbc

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**Sunday 30th July 10.00am Whole Benefice Service at Ss Peter & Paul**

**Sunday 6th August To be advised**

Leader: TBA

Preacher: TBA

The above information is correct on the date published (18/6/2023). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our website below.

**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm/dusk.**

**Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.**

**See our website at [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)**

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### **ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard is currently open for both burials and ashes interment. The space for burials is limited. We will provide notification on our website and in the Grapevine when the graveyard reaches its capacity.

For further information or to contact the church, please see our website **[www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)** or use the QR code.



Freeland Parochial Church Council

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### **FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

**Wedding:** Thomas David Goodson Forkner and Samantha Louise Capewell 20th May 2023

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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](mailto:rector@hfchurch.org.uk)

**Associate Rector:** Rev. Mike Madden

Email: [associate.rector@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:associate.rector@hfchurch.org.uk)

**Curate:** Rev. Heather McCulloch

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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](http://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. At St Mary's the first Sunday of the month is a Family Service where everyone stays in church together. At the other **10am** services the young people have the opportunity to take part in youth friendly activities 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](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)

**Hitchhikers** If you have children at secondary school (or are one yourself!), you are welcome to join us every other week between **5.30pm and 7pm on Sundays** to have snacks and hot chocolate, catch up with friends, play some board games, and share a short thought from the Bible. It is usually held in our home, so do phone us for dates and more information if interested. Sarah and Nigel Knights Johnson (**01993 359 572**) on behalf of the Youth Team.

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## **Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:**

“Little darling, it’s been a long cold lonely winter”. So go the words of the Beatles classic from the Abbey Road album, penned by George Harrison. This year it feels like winter didn’t really end until May, and only now can we say, “Here comes the sun”! *Here Comes the Sun* is a song of great hope after a long time of longing and waiting.

Sometimes life can feel like a long cold lonely winter, where it is hard to find hope, let alone meaning. Yet this sense of longing in the face of the world which looks like despair was an emotion expressed in the Psalms of the Bible long before the Fab Four put it to music. Time and again the Psalms speaks of the soul’s aching for the life of Winter’s anxiety and despair to be over:

*Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint;  
heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.  
My soul is in deep anguish.  
How long, LORD, how long?  
Turn, LORD, and deliver me;  
save me because of your unfailing love.*  
(Psalm 6:2-4)

If this is how you are feeling, know that God hears you when you cry out to him. If you are seeking – as every human soul is – for something deep and solid and true and meaningful, then hear what the Psalmist says:

*Those who know your name trust in you,  
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*  
(Psalm 9:10)

This is the Lord Jesus Christ whom the Church has proclaimed from the earliest times, and still knows and loves and proclaims right to this day in the villages of Hanborough and Freeland. We know that life can be incredibly tough, and our spirit can be so often in despair – but we also know the love of Jesus Christ, resurrected, alive, ready to pour out his life-giving Spirit on all who call upon his name.

For in Jesus Christ, the Sun has truly come, and puts an end to the winter of despair:

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favour and honour.*  
(Psalm 84:11)

And

*For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays*  
(Malachi 4:2)

Wherever you are in your life right now, we welcome everyone in our villages at **10am** each Sunday morning to the churches of the Hanborough and Freeland to come and enjoy the warmth of the sun of the love of God.

With much love in Christ Jesus,

**Rev. Steve Stewart,**  
**Rector, Hanborough and Freeland**

If you would like to learn more about church and what it means to be a Christian, simply join us at any of our churches on a Sunday morning (see [hfchurch.org.uk](http://hfchurch.org.uk)) or contact me for a chat at [rector@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@hfchurch.org.uk)



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## **ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT**

The bells will be rung at the following times:

<b>Saturday 24th June</b>	<b>3.30pm - 4.15pm</b> visiting band from St. Bartholomew's, Ducklington
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	<b>9.30am - 10.00am</b>
<b>Sunday 16th July</b>	<b>9.30am - 10.00am</b>
<b>Saturday 29th July</b>	<b>2.30pm - 3.00pm</b> Wedding blessing of <b>Charl and Victoria Van Der Merwe</b>

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.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)**

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<b>Sunday 25th June</b>	<b>10am</b> Mr Karl Williams
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	<b>10am</b> Mrs Kathleen Skinner
<b>Sunday 9th July</b>	<b>10am</b> Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
<b>Sunday 16th July</b>	<b>10am</b> Mr Andrew Maisey - Family Service
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b>	<b>10am</b> Mr Richard Bowler
<b>Sunday 30th July</b>	<b>10am</b> Rev. Charles Harris
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	<b>10am</b> Rev. Fred Ireland (Holy Communion)

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Leader: Rev. Mike Madden      Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

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 Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson                      Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

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 Leader: Rev. Mike Madden      Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

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 Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch      Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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 Leader: Alison Feast      Preacher: Jeremy Sugden

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 Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson      Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

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We were fortunate with warm sunshine for our first Open Day in May. Visitors enjoyed strolling round the gardens and vineyard exploring all of Bridewell's nooks and crannies at a leisurely pace and maybe polishing off a scone or two in our pop-up café near the cottage garden.

We have two more Open Days this year in July and September on **Sundays 16th July and 10th September 11am to 4pm**.

Families of all ages are very welcome, including four legged friends (please keep dogs on a lead!). Feel free to bring your own picnic and find out what makes this small part of West Oxfordshire so special. We can't wait to share the gardens with you. No booking required. Suggested donation **£5** per person.

If you're visiting the gardens this year, do explore the little orchard at the top of the vineyard and our beautiful shepherd's hut, on loan from Red Sky Shepherd's Huts. This is the place where gardeners can sit and share their experiences of Bridewell, capturing stories of recovery and reflections of the impact of working in the gardens. You can also read these stories on our website **www.bridewellgardens.org**

While Open Days are essential for helping to raise funds, these days are also a vital way of raising awareness of the recovery service. The team often meet professionals who go on to refer to Bridewell as well as families who are looking for support for a loved one. Speak to Bridewell staff about the recovery service and the support provided at the gardens.



If you've enjoyed visiting Bridewell do share details of our next events with your friends and family and your neighbours – we love meeting new people and sharing the gardens with others.

To talk to someone at Bridewell about making a donation or leaving a gift in your will, get in touch with Rachel at: **rachel@bridewellgardens.org** or phone: **01993 259058**. Charity No. **1158456**

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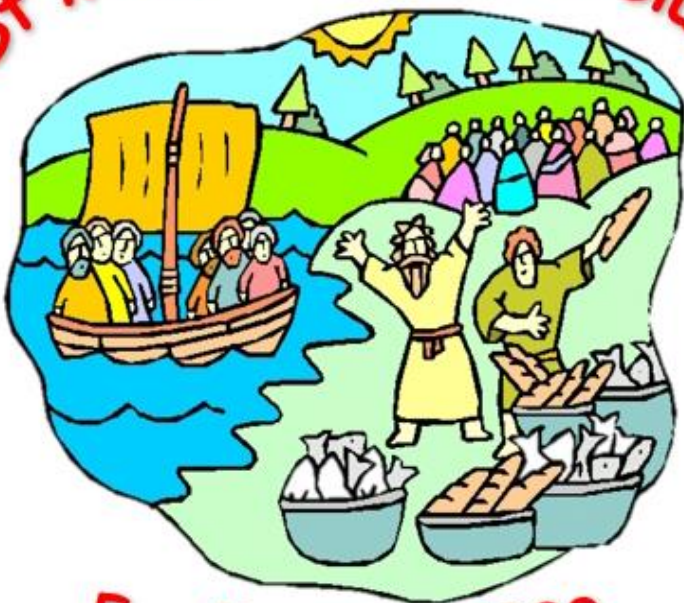
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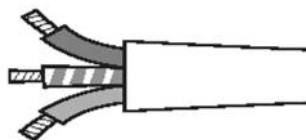
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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES**

### **Botley West Solar Farm**

The Parish Council need to understand the views of the residents of Freeland and so local residents are encouraged to make their own personal views heard. Please make sure that you are aware of the implications for our local countryside. Your comments, no matter whether you support or oppose the plan, should be sent to [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com).



**Freeland  
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### **Working Groups**

We wish to thank all those who attended the working groups recently. Anyone else wishing to help support the future of Freeland and join either the Community (Social) or Sustainability Groups should email [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com). The social group's email address is [kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com). Your help would be really appreciated if you can assist in any way however - big or little. Please see articles on page **27** about the Freeland Community Group and the Sustainability Group

### **New Parish Councillor - Phil Holt**

I moved to Freeland in April 2021 with my wife Sarah, having married the previous summer and looking to establish our family home. We are both in the Royal Air Force and Freeland provided a good location for us to continue our careers.

Freeland is a beautiful, community focused village and, having taken time to settle into the area, I wanted to volunteer my time, joining the Parish Council in February of this year. I am keen to support and contribute to the Parish Council to ensure the village ethos is preserved, for not only its current residents, but also for the next generations that will call this Parish their home.

We enjoy running and walking in the local area, as well as good food and drink at the local pubs, when we aren't attempting to tame our garden.

Having been a member of the Royal Air Force community for the last 28 years, I enjoy working as part of a team and know the importance of creating a community that people enjoy being a part of. I now find myself at a time in my life that I look forward to establishing roots and volunteering my time to the Freeland community.

### **Fix My Street**

We urge you to continue reporting pot holes on "Fix My Street" ([fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk)), where you can report any issues to the County Council. Additionally, if you would like to become a 'Super User', which will help speed up the process of repairs, then email [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com) for further details.

### **Pigeon House Lane**

Our County Councillor, Liam Walker, met with residents to discuss how Pigeon House Lane could be made safer for everyone. Thanks to all who attended and expressed their views.



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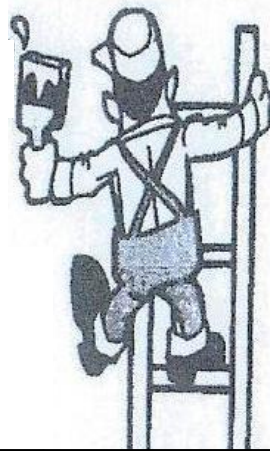
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### **Green Tip**

Did you notice this spring was quieter than usual? Fewer insects; less of a dawn chorus? We've heard that mammals, insects and birds are becoming extinct at an alarming rate. However, this cold, late spring on the back of the scorching dry summer also hit insect populations badly in some parts of the country, and we have seen the results locally with first bird hatches struggling to survive.

There is a lot of conversation around the climate crisis, and we can see its effects around us. But we also have the crisis around loss of biodiversity. Amazingly, England is one of the most affected countries. Usually, in Freeland we are lucky enough to be surrounded by nature, it's just difficult to know exactly how much. And without knowing what we have, how are we meant to appreciate it and save it?

Well, here is one way you can get to know what birds we are lucky enough to have in our gardens and our woodlands. It's an 'app' called Merlin, developed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in the USA for use anywhere in the world, that you can install on your phone. In real time it allows you to listen to the birds singing around you and know which is which. Finally, you can tell the difference between a robin and a blackbird, and be amazed by the number of blue tits and chiffchaffs.

Perhaps try using the app on the walk past the allotment where the Parish Council have let some of the grass grow long and start to understand how lucky we are to so many beautiful little creatures around us, feeding off the insect populations we can encourage through longer grass, wildflowers and ponds. Just search for '**Merlin**' in your app store and look for the logo, as shown here.



### **Planning Applications**

All planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website at **[www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk)** (under Planning Tracker) or on the WODC website at **[publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/)**

You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

### **Applications Received:**

**23/01576/HHD    89 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland**

To remove a portion of the existing side garden wall facing the front of the property. This current wall requires rebuilding as the mortar is crumbling and the top 3-4 layers of bricks are falling off. To build a new portion of this garden wall further out - 0.40m from the pavement edge.

**23/01077/HHD    4 Parklands, Freeland**

Conversion of garage and erection of a single storey rear/side extension

### **Applications Approved:**

**23/00493/HHD    151A Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Single storey and side extension, loft conversion with roof-lights, proposed car port

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**Applications under consideration:**

**23/00579/HHD Taunton Cottage, Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Removal of conservatory, erection of single-story rear and side extension, garage conversion internal works

**23/01041/S73 Land between Wychwood House and Malvern Villas, Witney Road Freeland.**

Variation of conditions 12 and 13 of permission **16/01353/OUT** to allow changes to ensure surface water drained to SUDS facility/pond and a pathway around SUDS facility (Retrospective).

**Playpark**

Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

**Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 10th July 2023 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 Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandpc.org.uk** You can follow us on Facebook (**@freelandpc**) or Twitter (**@freeland\_pc**). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

**FREELAND WINE CLUB TO LEARN ABOUT ITALIAN WINES**

**Friday 21st July \*\*\* Note changed date \*\*\***  
**at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**



Our speaker Charlie Dall'omo and his wife are passionate about sharing all the delights of Italian wine. Their venture, San Martino wine, was born out of a family reunion after 65 years. The food was delicious, the wine was flowing, and even though guests didn't all speak the same language, there was a sense of love and camaraderie in the room. Through a mutual appreciation of Italian food and wine, and a desire to share those with others, San Martino was born.

***FREELAND WINE CLUB***

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We hope you enjoy the wines of San Martino!

All local residents from Freeland and nearby villages welcome. Guests pay **£12** for a trial meeting. Please email **FreelandWineClub@gmail.com** for more information or to book your place(s).

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Roger Faulkner - Chair, Freeland Parish Council

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Summer has arrived! This means that now is the perfect time to grab some books to enjoy during the next few months, whether you'll be sitting on a beach, relaxing in your garden, passing the time on a long journey, or resting at home in your favourite reading chair.



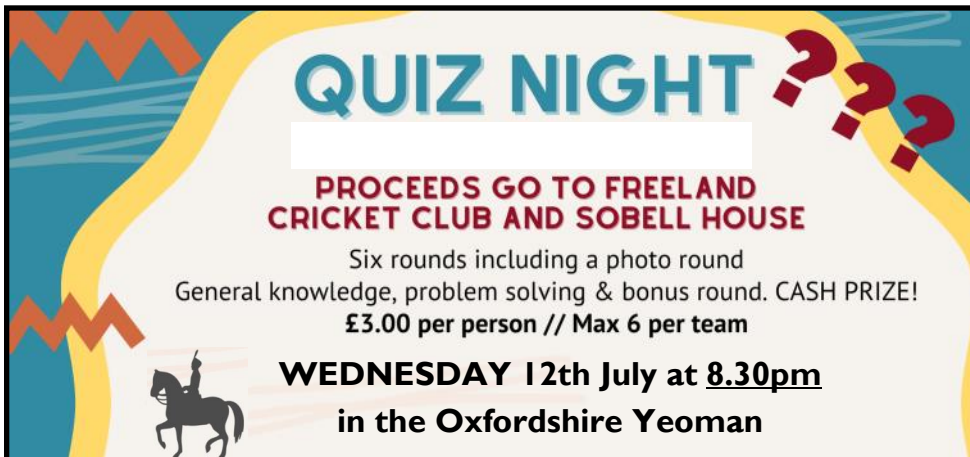
As always, there's a mix of fiction, non-fiction, and children's books readily available for you to take anytime you like, and with no expectation to return them, which means that you can keep them for as long as you like or even pass them onto friends after you've read them.

Sue, Caroline, Fi, Jenny, and I are all very proud to facilitate and look after the Little Free Library for our wonderful community, and we enjoy witnessing all the books coming and going every day. It really is a joy to be able to be a part of the Little Free Library project.

We hope you enjoy some summer reading, no matter what your plans are, and who knows what books you'll find next time you stop by?

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Fi, Sue, Caroline and Jenny)

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**SUNDAY 25th JUNE 10am - 1pm**

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and to check out their products.

**£105** was donated to the Heart Unit at the JR from the May Market.

**£100** was also raised to help fund the trip to the Scout Jamboree in South Korea, for two Freeland teenagers who are representing Oxfordshire.



**We're on Facebook: Freeland Farmers' Market**

**The next Market will be on Sunday 30th July**

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Sainsbury's supermarket, Witney

#### **Return pickup:**

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#### **INFORMATION**

For more information or to volunteer as a driver or helper please contact:

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## **FREELAND COMMUNITY GROUP 2023 - planning is underway**

The Freeland Community Working Group met recently to help get the planning underway to establish more social activities within the village. The Jubilee Picnic was such a big success in June 2022 that we would like to see something similar happen again, so next year we are planning on putting on the Freeland Festival. The date is still to be decided but we are hoping it will take place in early June. We also have plans to develop the Farmers Market with some regular activities for all ages - we are so lucky to have a market but it needs your support, so we don't lose it altogether... and finally we hope to put on a Moveable Feast - a dining experience where people get the opportunity to prepare and serve a dinner course before moving on to eat the next course at someone else's home.

Whilst we had a great turn out for our first meeting, we would still like to hear from anyone else who would be interested in helping. We have set up 3 separate working teams: Freeland Festival, Farmers Market Activities and the Moveable Feast.

If you would like to help organise one or more of these events, please contact Kathy Liddell on **kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com** who will be able to direct you to the right group contact.

Additionally, if you are part of a group in Freeland and would be interested in organising an activity at either the Festival or the Farmers Market, we would also like to hear from you.

We hope that if they are a success, they will become a regular fixture so are looking for people who can volunteer some of their time to get them up and running.

To get the social activities started, we will be putting on a quiz night in the Freeland Village Hall in September, so keep an eye out on social media and future copies of the Grapevine for more news.....

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## **COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR ZERO CARBON ENERGY** **- UPDATE**

A small group met to discuss how Freeland households and businesses can contribute to the local Community Action Plan for Zero Carbon Energy. As noted in last month's Grapevine, this Plan sets out a strategy for a local contribution to the Government's 2050 Net Zero commitment, that focusses on the energy consumed and generated within the area served by the Cuckoo Lane primary electricity sub-station.

The initial report sets out a number of high level actions involving Local Councils, Households and Businesses and we discussed how these might be taken forward in Freeland. We will be meeting with the Eynsham Energy Group to discuss how we can coordinate actions with them and with the other Parishes served by the sub-station.

If you would like to join this group, or would like more information on the initiative, please contact me.

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS** 4/6/2023

Have you ever wondered where the place name Cotswolds comes from? Well it's not actually a singular place name. The Cotswolds is a region in central-southwest England along a range of rolling hills that rise from the meadows of the upper Thames to an escarpment above the Severn Valley and Evesham Vale.

The name Cotswold is popularly believed to mean the "sheep enclosure in rolling hillsides", incorporating the term, *Cots* meaning sheep pen and *Wold*, meaning hills.



But that's enough factual nonsense, let's get back to the Ramble, and what a trip it was, 7 humans and a dog pottered through woods and fields, over streams and trudging slowly over wet sand, back to the bench where your clothes were stolen, this is the coastal town....sorry I went a bit Morrissey there.

Near Kembleford Copse we found a field of red clover which stood out like a sore thumb but kept us all guessing as to what it might be called (thank you, Google).

It's been brought to my attention (had a note put under our door), that I wrongly claimed in the last write up that I had not mentioned any animals when I had in fact already mentioned a dog in our walking group. Just to clear this up, a dog is a pet and I was referring to wild animals, is a goat a wild animal I hear you ask, well it would be pretty angry if you stood on its hoof...so yes it is.

Next month's local Ramble will be on **Sunday 2nd July at 10am** from the bus shelter across the road from the Yeoman pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

The meeting on **Monday 26th June at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is a talk by Mandy Bradshaw entitled 'Beyond the Garden Gate (Cotswold Gardens). In Mandy's last talk she mentioned some gardens she recommended going to. We plan to do so when a date has been decided upon. She was one of our best speakers.

On **Monday 24th July at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall a new speaker, Paul Williams, has a very varied talk entitled 'Potatoes, Peppers, Poisons and Petunias'. What an interesting variety.

Plant and Gardening Items Sale at all Hall meetings. Visitors at **£5** a meeting and new members very welcome

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

No updates this month, other than to remind you that next season we hope to be able to continue to run both **Men's** sides as well as two **Under 17** sides and an **Under 10s**.

If you wish to get involved in any of the sides please get in contact as both the Men and Youth sides are looking for players.

The **Under 10s** Coach is Emma Wylie - **emmawylie54@hotmail.com**

The **Under 17s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - **stu.mac@aol.com**

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

Simon Hole - Chairman: **Si\_hole@hotmail.com**

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Ben Symonds

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

We were very pleased with the results of our mosaic coaster efforts! The work was a bit "fiddley" but enjoyable. Our next project will be using "couching" embroidery on perhaps phone or glasses cases.



Interested? Why not give us a try? None of us can come every week, but come when we can, to enjoy a time of friendship whilst crafting.

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

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:

Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316**  
(**margaret.wright160@gmail.com**)

Margaret Wright



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This term we have been enjoying the sunshine in the garden. We were lucky enough to have some caterpillars, where we could watch the lifecycle and then we released the butterflies into the garden.

Near the end of July, we will say goodbye to the older children who will be leaving us for school. We wish them all the best at school.

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## Timetable, effective 3rd JANUARY 2023

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### Service 411 Eynsham to Hanborough via Freeland

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Eynsham Church	8:45	10:30	12:30	14:30	17:05
Eynsham, Surgery	8:49	10:34	12:34	14:34	17:09
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	8:55	10:40	12:40	14:40	17:15
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:00	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:20
Church Hanborough	9:05	10:50	12:50	↓	17:25
Hanborough Station (arr)	9:10	10:55	12:55	14:50	17:30

### Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station (dep)	9:10	11:05	13:05	14:50	17:35
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:15	11:10	13:10	↓	17:40
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	9:19	11:14	13:14	↓	17:44
Bartholomew School	9:24	11:19	13:19	15:15	17:49
Eynsham, Surgery	9:25	11:20	13:20	↓	17:50
Eynsham, Church	9:29	11:29	13:29	15:20	18:00

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## RAIL CONNECTION TIMINGS

### FREELAND / HANBOROUGH / OXFORD & return

Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	08.55	10.40	12.40	14.40
Hanborough Station	09.10	10.55	12.55	14.50
Connects to:	↓	↓	↓	↓
Hanborough Station	09.18	11.19	13.20	15.18
Oxford Station	09.30	11.29	13.30	15.28

Oxford Station	10.46	12.45	17.23
Hanborough Station	10.55	12.54	17.33
Connects to:	↓	↓	↓
Hanborough Station	11.05	13.05	17.35
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	11.14	13.14	17.44





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## **FREELAND WI**

At our June meeting we were delighted to welcome two volunteers from Pets As Therapy, along with their dogs Jack and Thea. The dogs were very well behaved and demonstrated brilliantly the qualities needed to be a therapy dog. Their owners told us all about the background to Pets As Therapy which is a national charity that enhances the health and well-being of thousands of people across the UK through ensuring that they have access to the companionship of an animal, regardless of their circumstances. Volunteers take their pets, dogs or cats, into care homes, schools, hospitals, hospices and prisons. It was obvious that their visits greatly benefit those they visit and they shared some emotional stories and photos. The charity is based in Chalgrove and celebrate its 40th birthday this year. If you would like to find out more, their website is **www.petsastherapy.org**



This year we continue to support the Witney food bank at our meetings; our donations being delivered by one of our members Maggie, who volunteers there. Incidentally Maggie, had a recent significant birthday and decided to celebrate it by doing a sky dive from 13,000 feet. She is donating her sponsorship money to two charities namely Dementia UK and the Air Ambulance. Well done Maggie. Freeland WI is very proud of you.

At our July meeting on Monday 10th July, we look forward to welcoming John Caldicott, who will tell us about being brought up in a Foundling Hospital.

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. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests; it's not all about jam and Jerusalem! 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.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

**<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi>** whilst current information is on our Facebook page: **[www.facebook.com/freelandwi](https://www.facebook.com/freelandwi)**

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at **[freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)**

Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI



ENGLISH HERITAGE

NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA

# Mosaic Open Days

**Saturday 24th June & Sunday 25th June**

**11am - 5pm**

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**Saturday 22nd July & Sunday 23rd July**

**11am - 5pm**

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**Wednesday 2nd August**

**11am - 5pm**

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**Saturday 19th August & Sunday 20th August**

**11am - 5pm**

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**Saturday 9th September & Sunday 10th September**

**11am - 5pm**

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Join our volunteers at North Leigh Roman Villa for a great chance to see the impressive mosaic close up!

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa)

Twitter: @villa\_north

*Step into England's story*

### So what have we been up to this term?

Although it is a fading memory, we all celebrated the Coronation – **Rainbows** decorated crowns and they had their own Coronation ceremony. The Rainbows have also been doing parachute games and seeing if they can follow instructions to make things. They have also been to a special Girl Guiding showing of the Little Mermaid at the Odeon in Oxford.

The **Brownies** have had a take-over evening where they chose the activities. The choice was pj's, teddies, den building, hot chocolate and popcorn. Both groups have been bat detecting at Church Hanborough Church as part of the Bats in Churches badge. The Brownies have also had a fun evening at the Crazy golf in Witney followed by ice cream.

The **Guides** have been learning how to sew badges onto a blanket to make a camp blanket, cooking wartime recipes and playing wide games over the playing fields.

We were lucky enough as a District to receive a grant from the Witney Lions Dream scheme, to put towards new tents and storage of items. We are really grateful to the Lions for their generosity.

If your daughter would like to join us on a Tuesday night in Long Hanborough, you can register them for all sections here (it's never too early).

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

We are always in need of volunteers to help out on whatever basis you can manage. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way:

**freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com** It's really rewarding and good fun.

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### **FREELAND NATUREHOOD PLANNING MEETING**

We had a wonderful number of people come to our inaugural meeting and had some fab ideas and interesting discussion!

We discussed the current four wildflower verges and how these are being managed currently and what this will look like moving forward.

New ideas for nature projects around the village were also discussed and how best to get people involved and passionate about our wild spaces and wildlife.

We plan to hold a monthly get together where everyone is welcome to hear what we've been up to and what activities we are planning. If you are interested in nature/ wildlife and have a few hours to spare please join us!

Next Meeting: **Sunday 23rd July 6pm @ The Yeoman pub**



## **FREELAND ORCHESTRA and WOW'S CONCERT REVIEW**

The concert on Saturday 20th May in St Leonard's, Eynsham, was a treat for all musical tastes, with both orchestra and wind band enthusiastically conducted by Wendy Marks.

First on the programme was Haydn's popular Clock Symphony, written during his 2nd visit to London in 1793. Haydn the pop star of his day! The ticking of the clock is heard in the second movement with bassoon and lower strings ticking nicely, taken over later by bassoon and flute. There was some accomplished playing from wind and brass throughout this piece which had a lively finish from the entire orchestra.

This was followed by *Soirées Musicales* by Britten. There was assured playing from all sections of the orchestra with lovely flashes of colour from wind and brass, and a particularly lyrical violin solo in the *Canzonetta*, all brought to a close with a lilting *Tarantella*.

The second half of the programme saw West Oxfordshire Winds, WOW for short, taking over the stage, where again Wendy brought an inspired choice of pieces together. Here we had Beethoven's Turkish March, beginning on a pianissimo, managed confidently, leading on to a jolly Ragtime followed by a lovely American piece called *Ashokan Farewell* which featured a beautifully played saxophone solo. A medley of Elton John songs included some hand clapping from the middle of the band was next. They were having fun and so were we. This section of the evening finished with *Best Years of your Life* from Shrek. All in all, an eclectic mix where players and audience alike were clearly enjoying the rendition. 'WOW' indeed!

Finally, a first for all concerned, both orchestra and wind band came together for a huge finale, the church seating still seemed packed with audience, so where had everyone been hiding? *Dance of the Tumblers* by Rimsky-Korsakov...wind, brass percussion and strings in one joyous bonanza.

Chrissie Woodward

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## **FREELAND NATUREHOOD UPDATE**

### **Freeland Bat Walk**

The bat walk was planned for the 13th May. A few days prior to the walk it was a little wet but luckily on the day we were blessed with good weather. We met in the church yard around 8.30pm to be given a short introduction about what we might come across. A further demonstration on how to use the bat detectors from a local bat ecologist was then given and we were set to start searching the skies.

Eighteen species of bat are present in the UK, and Oxfordshire hosts around eight. We were able to identify five species within a few hours. A brown long eared bat was recorded in the same location as the previous walk two years ago which could confirm this species is hibernating somewhere in our village.

Thank you to all those that attended. The next bat walk is due in September. Further details of the date will be provided closer to the walk. The donations provided helped us to raise **£60** which is fantastic! Steven (the Ecologist) was happy for the group to spend this on a rather fancy bat box to put up in the village.

If you have any knowledge of bats within or close to your property, please get in touch. Bats are protected in this country and a licence is required to approach a suspected roost so try not to disturb any active roosts.

Email: [nature\\_instead@outlook.com](mailto:nature_instead@outlook.com)



## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

We are now midway through the children's cricket season, so it is a little bit hectic, with matches on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays, along with coaching on every other day.

I must thank my coach colleagues, Rich Borrill, Rich Tight, Emma Owen, Matthew Smith and parent helpers Catherine, Alison and Carl for everything they do to promote cricket in the village.



**Under 9s** training continues on Saturday mornings, with their first festival being held at Oxford Downs CC at the end of June.

The **Under 11s** have played a number of friendly matches recently and resume their league matches on the 18th June. The Under 11 softball team will play their first match on 19th June. One of our Under 11s, Gabby Owen, has been selected to Captain Oxfordshire Under 11s. This is a great success for Gabby but also reflects on the work we are doing in developing young cricketers.

The **Under 13s** have now played three League games and they have tied one and lost two. They are developing well and we are hopeful of a good second half of the season.

The **Under 15s** are playing good cricket, especially when they are bowling. We have four fast bowlers, Kit, Sam, Logan and James, and wicket keeper Ben who are all playing in the adult League team on Saturdays, and in a few years time we will have a really strong adult team.

The **Adult** League team have played 3 matches, winning one and losing two, but we have also had 3 matches called off.

The **Women's Super 8s hardball** team won their first match of the season against Horspath, and this has set them up for the 11-a-side league which starts on the 18th June.

The **Women's softball** team played a friendly against Steventon on 14th June, the match went to the last over, and captain Claire Soanes, supported by her daughter Beth, got the match to the last ball, but we ended up just missing out on a victory. Hopefully there will be a couple of friendlies in Freeland on Wednesday nights in the next few weeks.

The **Yeoman** has started playing midweek matches, in their lovely coloured cricket shirts. They have played 3 and won 3, and they are playing with a great spirit.

The next **Cricket Club Quiz** will be on **Wednesday 12th July**, starting at **8.30pm** to avoid clashing with coaching.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

**E: [freelandcc.u11@gmail.com](mailto:freelandcc.u11@gmail.com)**

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

**Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club**

### **THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE**

Witney	08.30 - 13.30	Fri 23 June	Fri 28 July
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## **CRIME IN WEST OXFORDSHIRE**

Thames Valley Police have confirmed the high incidence of robberies taking place during the daytime throughout West Oxfordshire. Our PCSO, Helen Duffield, has said that thieves are targeting properties and stealing jewellery and vehicles. Local residents are therefore asked to be aware and vigilant as well as keeping doors and windows locked and placing any high value items in a safe place.

Roger Faulkner - Chair, Freeland Parish Council

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## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH - ORGANISER**

For the last 5 years we have made a Christmas Dinner for local, mostly elderly, people in Freeland/Long Hanborough and a few from North Leigh. During Covid these dinners became deliveries, accompanied by a bag of presents. Last year, we were back in Freeland Hall, where we enjoyed a lovely social occasion, a great dinner and take away food plus the bag of presents.

Each year there have been villagers who have come forward to help cook and serve or deliver on the day. A whole new team served on Christmas Eve last year. I am as always so thankful for the people who have offered to cook the food we have served.

Most importantly - I have funding for the 2023 meal in the Christmas Lunch bank account.

This year, I am looking for someone to take on the Christmas Lunch organisation as my personal circumstances have changed and I will be in St Albans looking after my grandchild for half the week. There is no need to replicate all that has happened before, it can be organised exactly as the new team wishes. As with all these worthwhile events in our village – they do need someone to lead them.

Please do contact me for an informal chat if you are interested in taking on this role.

Many thanks

Julie Stuart-Thompson [Julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:Julie.st@btinternet.com)

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## **HANBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB**

Hanborough Lunch Club meets in Christ Church, Main Road, Long Hanborough between **12.45pm and 2.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month** for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee for **£5**.

It was founded in April 1980 for anyone who would like to eat a meal in pleasant company. Please contact Carol Bower (**881930**) if you would like to join.

Dates for the rest of the year are: **19th July, 16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, and 20th December.**

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## **FREELAND WALKING GROUP**

The Walking Group is always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The July walk is on **Wednesday 19th July**, meeting at the Village Hall at **9.30am**. If you'd like to join the Walking Group please contact me on [hjdalton43cv@gmail.com](mailto:hjdalton43cv@gmail.com) so I can put you in contact with the group leader for that month.

Janet Dalton

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP**

Do you like pizza? Well, here's some great news!

You are invited to our AGM on **Wednesday 5th July**, at **5.30pm** in the Newell Room at Freeland Village Hall.

Free pizza and drinks will be available for you to enjoy, after our short meeting.

This is the ideal time to hear about our amazing achievements, to ask us any questions, to meet our dedicated volunteers, and to find out more if you are interested in joining our team. Do come along; we would love to see you there!

Scouting is as popular as ever in Hanborough and Freeland, and to meet the demand, we are always in need of more volunteers to help lead our groups and to inspire and support the young people that we work with.

Our AGM is the perfect opportunity to get to know us a bit more, whether you are a parent of a Scout, a member of the local community, or are just interested to hear more about the work we do.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 5th July, at 5.30pm** in the Newell Room at Freeland Village Hall.

If you are unable to attend but would still like more information about how to get involved in Scouting as a volunteer, please contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk)

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY TRIP TO THE BBC PROMS**

Witney Music Society has organised a trip to one of the BBC Promenade concerts in London. The concert is at **7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd August** and will feature works by Karabits, Mozart and Rachmaninov. Seats are in the stalls and return travel is by executive coach from Woodford Way, Witney, direct to the Royal Albert Hall. The coach will leave Witney at **1.15pm** to give time to spend in London ahead of the concert. The all-inclusive price for the trip is **£60**.

More details about the concert, the travel arrangements and how to purchase tickets are on the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk) or telephone **01993 898020** for further information.

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## **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION**

We now have a small manual can crusher next to the galvanised bin, to help you get those cans extra flat (helps me transport them easier!).

As always, please crush all cans as much as possible as it reduces the space needed to store and transport the cans. Drinks cans only please.

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- W 21 June Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 21 June Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am**
- Su 25 June Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
- M 26 June Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Beyond the Garden Gate'
- W 28 June Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Su 2 July Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
- Tu 4 July The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
- W 5 July Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- M 10 July Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- M 10 July Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm 'Reflections of Life in a Foundling Hospital'
- W 12 July Freeland Grapevine - August edition deadline day**
- W 12 July Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- W 12 July Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, **8.30pm**
- Su 16 July Combe Mill in Steam: 'Wildlife by the Evenlode' [www.combemill.co.uk](http://www.combemill.co.uk)
- Su 16 July Bridewell Gardens Open Day, OX7 3DT, 11am to 4pm
- W 19 July Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 19 July Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am**
- F 21 July Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm \*\*Note changed date\*\***
- M 24 July Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Potatoes, Peppers, Poisons & Petunias'
- W 26 July Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Su 30 July Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
- Tu 1 Aug The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**

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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.

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## BLenheim

The replacement of the Orangery roof project is now well underway, as you may have noticed on recent visits. Over the past 300 years the Orangery has been used as a greenhouse, theatre, offices, art gallery, events space and most recently a place to enjoy lunch or afternoon tea. The 18th century glass ceiling has now been fully removed and is being replaced with a timber and slate structure in the spirit of Vanbrugh's original design. This will be a far more effective insulator than glass, saving energy and helping us reach our green goals. The project is expected to finish later this year in autumn. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our visitors, without whom this unique conservation project would not have been possible.



## BLenheim ESTATE

We are delighted to have welcomed the next generation of Blenheim Estate sheepdogs! The eight new puppies are parented by our current working sheepdogs, Tweed and Roe. Our Park Farm Team have been kept very busy over the last few weeks with looking after the lively litter, and they're not the only new arrivals on the Estate...lambing season is now in full swing. If you have visited recently you may well have spotted some of the new lambs frolicking in the fields as we exclusively lamb outdoors. This is to give new-borns the best spring grass and nutrients they need. You may also have seen our 'Thank Ewe' signage during your walks - please do be mindful of walking your dog in the Parkland and ensure that they are kept on a lead at all times so that our sheep are not at risk of being attacked or chased in a way that may cause injury, suffering or miscarriage.

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