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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)

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on **01993 881 001** or email: [print@associatedagencies.co.uk](mailto:print@associatedagencies.co.uk)

**You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:**  
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**11+ Hitchhikers** - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (19/09/2021). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at [www.hanboroughparish.co.uk](http://www.hanboroughparish.co.uk)

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

**Funeral and Burial:** Muriel Rosina Parker 18th August 2021

**Interment of Ashes:** Graham Edward Oldfield 4th September 2021

**Baptism:** Poppy Olivia Thompson 5th September 2021

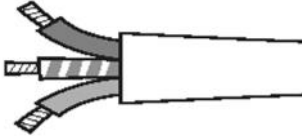
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## **Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:**

As I write this letter, this week has marked the 20th anniversary of the 11th September 2001 attacks by Al Qaeda terrorists on United States. One of the ongoing themes in the news reporting is of course being that these momentous events changed the world. And in many ways, they did. Somehow the 21st century just feels that little less certain, that little bit less secure than it once did.

The events of 9/11 certainly raised huge questions about the place of religion, faith, dogma, belief in society and the relationship between the different cultures of the world: the so-called “clash of civilisations”. It is right for us to ask, Where in this season of uncertainty and change is God? Throughout all of the enormous changes not only in the international arena since 11 September 2001, but also in my own life, I have found that the one place of absolute unchanging, life-affirming, loving certainty is to be found in the person of Jesus Christ. What followed 9/11, irrespective of the rights and wrongs of all sides, was 20 years of war. And, as any student of history will know and have heard, the first casualty of war is the truth. My calling as Rector here is centred in the teaching of the Bible not simply because that is “what clergy do”, not because it is a requirement of the job, not because the Bible simply contains nice things which we want to hear (it doesn’t always, far from it!) but because I am convinced by reason and have experienced in my life the truth of the treasures within it. The Bible is God’s answer to the casualty of the loss of truth in human affairs, political and personal.

The purpose of the church therefore is nothing more than to reveal the truth of Jesus Christ to the world: that He loves you, He died for you to wash away sin, to make you righteous, and by his resurrection to offer you the free gift of eternal life. Our churches here in Hanborough and Freeland seek, through being founded on God’s Word, to be loving, welcoming, hopeful places of peace, where world-changing, life-giving truth can be found.

If you have any questions whatsoever about coming to church or exploring Christian faith, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me at  
**rector@hanboroughparish.co.uk**

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,  
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

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## **ST MARY’S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT**

The bells will be rung at the following services:

**Sunday 3rd October 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 17th October 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.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the “Clubs and Groups” section of the village website **www.freelandoxon.co.uk**

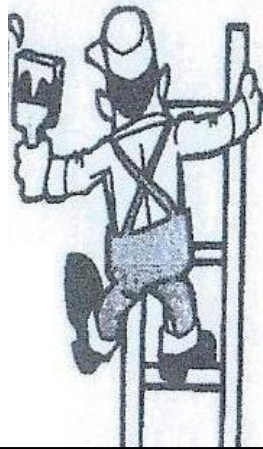
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Thank you everyone who sponsored the StRiders, visited churches or helped to make visitors welcome to St Mary the Virgin, Freeland, Christ Church, and the Methodist Chapel, Long Hanborough and St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough.

There were **10 visitors** and **3 Striders**.

John Fox

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**Sun 10th Oct 10am** Mr Peter Allen

**Sun 17th Oct 10am** Mr David Sarbutts - Harvest

**Sun 24th Oct 10am** Rev. Charles Harris

**Sun 31st Oct 10am** Mr Geoff Reeves

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – Lisa’s notes from the meeting held on 13th September 2021**

### **Parish Council meetings – change of venue**

The next few Parish Council meetings due to be held in October, November and December will be held in the Village Hall rather than the Newell Room, just to keep everyone safe as we head towards the winter months with Covid sadly still hanging around and not going anywhere anytime soon!

I would also like to pass on our thanks to St Mary’s Church for accommodating our September meeting following a mix up with a Hall booking.

### **Inspired Villages Planning Application**

Fiona Lehane, one of the “Freeland Friends” who was instrumental in producing and delivering the leaflet about the Inspired Villages planning application, attended the September meeting to deliver an imaginative and brilliant poem that delivered a very clear message “It’s not in the Local Plan”.

At their meeting on Monday, Freeland Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this planning application on the grounds that it was inappropriate development for the site and village (including the scale, location and type of development being out of keeping with existing scale and character of the village); poor access to amenities and public transport (most of which are not within walking distance); and poor transport planning (included the fact that the plans proposed to improve the site’s accessibility are unrealistic and so will not make the scheme any more sustainable).

With over 200 objections now logged on the WODC Planning Portal, it is clear there is a strong sense of feeling about this application. If you haven’t already logged your response, I would strongly urge you all to take a look at the proposals and submit your comments to the Planning Officer at WODC (Joan Desmond). Due to the timing of this application being submitted over the summer holiday season, an extension for comments was granted by WODC and they have confirmed that all comments received will be taken into account right up until date of determination, the date of which, at the time of writing these notes, is not yet known.

### **Buses**

The Freeland Community Bus has resumed its Thursday service into Witney and a timetable is included in this Grapevine on **page 27**.

A new initiative is also being explored with a company called First and Last Mile CIC to provide a bus service between Freeland, Hanborough, Standlake and Eynsham. Nothing has been finalised as yet, but it’s looking positive so again watch this space for more details. See **page 33** for more information.

### **Building a Better Freeland through Neighbourhood Planning**

Freeland Parish Council and several Freeland residents learned all about the highs and lows of creating a Neighbourhood Plan on 1st September at an online meeting with Eynsham Parish Council. Despite several large developments planned around Eynsham over the next few years, the Eynsham councillors were clear that having a Neighbourhood Plan has been vital in helping Eynsham gain more say in where and what development happens and how other aspects such as green spaces and traffic calming are managed. To quote one councillor, the village would be ‘naked’ without its Plan.

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With the need for sustainable, affordable housing in the right place raised many times in the responses to the recent retirement village proposal, the Parish Council has decided that it would like to start the Neighbourhood Planning process by setting up a working group and holding exploratory discussions with West Oxfordshire District Council.

Three people from the village have agreed provisionally to get involved, but we need lots more hands to make this happen. We would therefore like to ask whether anyone interested in supporting Neighbourhood Planning in any way, big or small – or even if you just want to find out more at this stage – to please get in contact with me at [lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com). Time is pressing. Pressure for speculative development is growing, and grants to help create Neighborhood Plans are running out. However, we can develop the future we want for Freeland, but it needs to be with your help.

### **Oxfordshire Plan 2050 consultation & OxCam Arc Spatial Framework**

#### **Vision consultation**

**Oxfordshire Plan 2050** is a long-term plan that will set a framework for future planning decisions.

Various policies have been suggested including addressing climate change, improving environmental quality, creating strong and healthy communities, planning for sustainable travel and connectivity and creating jobs and providing homes. A consultation about these policies is now open to all members of the public and will run until

**Friday 8th October**, and it can be viewed at [www.oxfordshireopenthought.org](http://www.oxfordshireopenthought.org). Printed copies are available at the local library or from WODC offices in Witney.

The Government has also launched a consultation, ‘**Creating a vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc**’, on the OxCam Arc Spatial Framework Vision. The Arc spans the five counties of Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire, forming an ‘Arc’, which provides a place to live for approximately 3.7 million residents and is home to one of the fastest growing economies in England & has been designated by the Government as an area of national economic importance.

In February this year, the Government published details about the intention to create a long-term strategic plan for the Arc, called a ‘spatial framework’. This Framework will provide a vision for the future of the whole area to 2050 and beyond, in order to shape future local planning decisions on how land is used, where and what type of new development happens, and what infrastructure is to be provided.

The consultation will run for 12 weeks and is open until **12th October** and is open to all members of the public and can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1003974/Creating\\_a\\_vision\\_for\\_the\\_Oxford-Cambridge\\_Arc.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1003974/Creating_a_vision_for_the_Oxford-Cambridge_Arc.pdf)

There are also strong alternative views on the need and evidential basis for the Arc at all. A local campaigning group which began with the aim of stopping the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway has morphed into campaigning against the Arc (the Expressway was cancelled in March 2021). The group is offering an alternative series of questions to those posed by the official MHCLG Arc consultation – see <https://www.noexpressway.org/> or, more directly, here <https://us3.list-manage.com/survey?u=d5211c882faf4e1d15fdf9932&id=23be9ea342&attribution=false>

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I would urge you all to take a look and respond to both of these important consultations as they will ultimately have a lasting impact on Oxfordshire and how it is developed over the next 30 plus years.

Freeland Parish Council intends to respond to both of these consultations.

### **“Deposits” from four legged friends**

Yes, well just for a change I thought I would mention the dreaded dog poo! Yes, it's getting worse again all around the village - pavements, grass verges, through the woods, as well as on the playing field. Can I PLEASE remind all owners to clear up any deposits after your four legged friends and place them in the bins around the village. The District Council is in the process of upgrading some bins so that they will become dual purpose bins (for both litter and dog waste). Please help to keep Freeland the lovely, clean village that we know and love! Thank you, your co-operation is much appreciated.

### **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be in 2022 to celebrate the first time any British monarch has ever reigned for 70 years. There will be a range of commemorations and one of the main national projects will be a large-scale tree planting campaign all across the UK, to be known as The Queen's Green Canopy. People, voluntary groups, schools and local authorities across the UK are being encouraged to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”. The Parish Council is hoping to get involved in this project and will be looking for suitable sites around the village to plant some trees. The actual planting programme will need to be in two phases; autumn/winter 2021-22 and then October-December 2022.

The village hall has also been booked for **Sunday 5th June 2022** for a Big Lunch style event and we are looking for anyone who would be willing to help organise this – please get in touch with me if you can offer any assistance. Thanks!

### **Road Closures – A4095 & Cuckoo Lane**

I have been advised that two temporary road closures are due to take place as follows: North Leigh, A4095 Witney Road between Common Road and Park Road – carriageway widening works. Road closed from **29th September – 1st October**. The closure will operate each night from **21.00 to 05.00 hours**.

North Leigh, Cuckoo Lane (past the sawmill turn, near edge of Broadmarsh Woods – Thames Water works. **Road closed from 8th – 17th November inclusive. This will be a 24-hour closure. (See also page 19)**

Exemptions for both closures are included for police, fire and ambulance services and for the works vehicles and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road.

### **Yellow Rattle Trial Sites**

Freeland Parish Council are keen to support the Freeland Naturehood's efforts to extend wildlife corridors across all local parishes, and some work of sowing Yellow Rattle on several carefully curated trial sites across the village is in progress. Yellow Rattle is used to slow down the growth of invasive grass species. Once sown in August/September it is hoped further sowing and planting of native perennial meadow species can be done with greater success in the Spring.

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This should create some beautiful wildflower verges throughout the village which should look really pretty and they will be beneficial to wildlife as well – a win win!! The carefully curated trial sites being progressed are at The Green, Broadmarsh Lane amenity area, the grass verge at the rear of Parklands by the entrance to the woods, and the grass verges either side of the entrance to Oakland Close. If you would like to become involved with this project or find out more about supporting nature in Freeland, please contact Russell Fisher at [nature\\_instead@outlook.com](mailto:nature_instead@outlook.com).

### **Planning Applications:**

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk) (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning).

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

### **Applications Received:**

#### **21/02627/OUT LAND OF THE WEST SIDE OF WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND**

Outline planning application for the erection of a retirement community of up to 160 extra care units (C2 use class) with associated communal facilities and open space, with access from Wroslyn Road, (all matters reserved except access) and retention of veterinary practice in the coach house for Inspired Villages.

#### **21/02671/HHD BROADVIEW, BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND**

Proposed conversion of first floor of an existing garage to create an annex for Mr & Mrs Hopkins.

### **Applications Approved:**

#### **21/02355/HHD 11 BLENHEIM LANE, FREELAND**

Erection of a two storey rear extension for Miss Maddy Bull.

### **Applications Withdrawn: None**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm**, in the Village Hall.

*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](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email [lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)

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## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

The season is just about to end, we have one more **Women's softball** competition on the **25th September** at Stanton Harcourt.

The **League team** had a poor end of season losing 3 of their last 4 games to end up 4th in the league, missing out on promotion by 4 points.

### **End of season statistics**

#### **Batting**

Sam Walker 317 runs @ an average of 24  
Marc Buckingham 275 runs @ an average of 23  
Rich Borrill 208 runs @ an average of 52  
Simon Brown 206 runs @ an average of 34

#### **Bowling**

Marcus Hall 29 wickets @ an average of 9  
Andy Warren 22 wickets @ an average of 22  
Dave Carroll 16 wickets @ an average of 16  
Simon Brown 12 wickets @ an average of 18



The Junior cricket ended with the **Under 11s** beating Kidlington off the last ball of the match. Half of the team are Under 9 players and look great prospects for next season.

There needs to be a special mention for Carys Owen who has been the best bowler for Oxfordshire Under 13s. She has taken the second most wickets across all the County girls' teams, only beaten by Freeland's Chloe Westbury who plays for Charlbury women and the full County team. Well done Carys.

We are now planning our winter activities including indoor cricket.

The AGM will be held in November, the date to be announced in the next Grapevine. Many thanks for all your support this year & we look forward to seeing you next season.

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We have now started the season, which for the first time in two years will hopefully get finished!

Both sides have had a fantastic start to the season, with the **1st team** beating Brize Norton **9-0**, with Club Captain Conor Almond, Joey Burgess and Rob Keylock all grabbing a brace apiece.

The **Reserves** also had a convincing win beating Faringdon B **4-1**, the highlight of the game being CEO and wing weasel Matt Hardy coming out of retirement to put in a stellar performance.

By the time of publication we hope to have held our Groundhop match, more details on how this went next month.



We would also like to congratulate the **Freeland Flames** on their epic ride to Brighton, which clocked a massive 132 miles. They raised a fantastic **£10061**, including Gift Aid, for Mental Health Recovery & Oxfordshire MIND, British Heart Foundation and Bridewell Gardens.

Remaining fixtures in September:

**Saturday 25th Sept – 1st Away** to Minster Lovell Reserves;

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The villagers say "No", the Parish Council says "No" and we are generating press coverage in the Oxford Mail and Witney Gazette on this speculative development.

The campaign to stop this development, which is in breach of our Local Plan, will go on. Please email **[freeland.friends@yahoo.com](mailto:freeland.friends@yahoo.com)** to get more involved/stay informed.

Thank you.

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

There's a been a high turnover of books recently, which is wonderful, as it means people are giving and taking books in equal measure. Children's books are as popular as ever and adult fiction books come and go very quickly, too!

I know we keep saying this, but it really is amazing how quickly the books on the shelves change; even in a matter of days there is often a completely different selection of books available.



Thank you for being considerate about the books you have been donating: some specialist books are better off going to a charity shop, and if a book is in poor condition it really is better to recycle it.

There are two boxes behind the bus shelter where you can leave donations, but if the boxes are full there is another box next to the smaller, original Little Free Library outside **138 Wroslyn Road**.

Thanks again for all your support, and a special thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who keep the Little Free Library clean, tidy and well-stocked.

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## **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION**

The Aluminium Can collection has now been operating in its current form for a year, and to date it has generated **£185** for Freeland Pre School. This is a great total, thank you for your continued support. I find it very satisfying that such amounts of money can be raised from 'rubbish'.

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## **FREELAND WI**

Our September meeting was our first proper face to face meeting for eighteen months, although we have had the opportunity to meet socially distanced, for our afternoon tea in June and our August trip to Batsford Arboretum. We started our evening by meeting at Freeland Garden Centre, where Sue guided us in planting up a pot. Some of our members chose to make a bulb lasagne pot whilst others made an Autumn planter. The finished results all looked very impressive. Many thanks to Tim and Sue for allowing us to visit the Garden Centre and for their time and expertise. Our visits there are always very popular with our members.

After all that planting we moved across to the village hall for some home made soups and breads, as well as the chance to catch up with everyone's news.

We were delighted to welcome a new member & a visitor to our September meeting.

### **WI Climate Advisor Tip from Rosie Smith: Ask Google What To Do!!!!!!**

Way back in 1993 a few of us Mums started an environment club at Freeland School called **The LID Club** – Learn Inform and Do. Our aim was to **Learn** about the environment, **Inform** others and **Do** what we could to help the planet. At that time our concerns were more to do with pollution, deforestation and waste management. Sadly 28 years on those issues remain largely unsolved and are compounded by Climate Chaos. On the up side at least these are now priority issues for business and governments around the world and not just of concern to pressure groups. The issues we face are known to all and what we should do about them is widely discussed. So my tip this month, if you are interested and concerned and want to Learn, Inform and Do something about climate change then check out what information there is on the Internet and join up with a pressure group that most lines up with how you would like to work to restore the planet to good health. Good luck.

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We 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. 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 to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

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

## **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

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The camp was a huge success and that was all down to our magnificent team of leaders, volunteers and parent helpers. Thank you very much! All the children went home smiling, happy and just a little bit tired...

We can't do what we do without volunteers. Here's a message from Steve, our Group Scout Leader & Cubs Leader:

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Speaking personally (but I know this goes for other leaders too), I could totally empathise with him as my time as leader has also meant I have experienced things that I would never otherwise have done in my life. You don't realise it when you step up to volunteer, but being a leader really is a privilege and so worthwhile.

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To express your interest in joining our fantastic team email Steve at [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk) and he can tell you more about what is involved.

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## WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

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In November, the internationally renowned pianist Leon McCawley will be making a welcome return visit to Witney with a recital of works by Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 12th November.**

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## **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES IN WITNEY**

The High Street Methodist Church Shoebox Team will again be supporting the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year.

It is difficult to explain the impact that these shoebox gifts have, because to us they are filled with everyday items, but hearing from our overseas partners that parents would not be able to provide even one of the items from the shoebox brings home the reality of the desperate circumstances that these children face everyday.

You can see the Teams4U website at **[www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)**

Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the High Street Methodist Church in Witney, or Helen Molden, 146 Wroslyn Road, or Diane Fairfield, 39 Church View, by the week beginning **8th November**. (Donations of items for the shoeboxes are also very welcome.)

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

The Committee of Freeland Gardening Club met for the first time since March 2020 so there was a lot to discuss. Alison Faulkner was welcomed as a new member on the Committee.

Since the unexpected move to Witney of our Chairperson Jill Evans and her husband Ray, who was Programme Secretary there was a need for others to fill these gaps.

Terry Jones has temporally taken over as Chairman and it is hoped that June Counsell and Brian Wildblood will step into Ray's shoes. The rest of the Committee are willing to continue. Thankfully Ray had booked speakers for most of last year and it is hoped that they will be willing to come next year. There is a need for another person to join the Committee so if anyone is interested please contact Terry on the email below.

A thank you present for Ray and Jill was decided upon.

As there have been no meetings for many months it was decided to abandon the AGM till October 2022. It is hoped that our first meeting will be on **November 22nd** when Roger Umpelby's subject will be 'The Wonders of Wildflowers'. This will be confirmed nearer the time.

Another decision taken was that we will no longer do a monthly Newsletter. All information about meetings is on our programme cards, in the Grapevine, in the Hanborough Herald, Round and About and Postcode Elite. Outings will be discussed next year if there is a wish to continue these.

There will be a reduced subscription for members who paid their subscription in and after the last October AGM.

Projects in the village include planting wildflowers in areas of the village. Members will take part but not organise this. Weeding the Freeland Hall beds will continue.

Doing the autumn clearing of annual flowers and perennials is well under way. Spreading compost and/or fertiliser will give the beds a boost. Spring bulbs are in at Freeland Nurseries so it is time to restock while the best bulbs are available and can be planted now except tulips which should be planted in November.

For more information about the Freeland Gardening Club, please contact Terry Jones at **[davidjones30@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjones30@talktalk.net)** Janet Dalton (Secretary)

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(If you have any questions, please phone Hilary on **01993 881125**)



## **FREELAND DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING Covering Freeland, Long Hanborough & North Leigh.**

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides units have started back.  
Details of the dates and program have been emailed out  
to parents and put on our unit Facebook pages. Those

on the waiting list have been contacted to advise if we have a place in September  
Available, or if not when a place is likely. Although no units currently run in Freeland,  
girls from there attend units in either Long Hanborough or North Leigh.

During the first term back we will be looking at Nature & Agility Badges in Rainbows,  
Aviation and Astronomy in Brownies as well as the Innovate Skills Builder badge stage 2  
for both Rainbows and Brownies. Guides have also moved back into the Recreation  
Hall in Long Hanborough and the Memorial Hall in North Leigh following meeting  
outside for the whole of last term.

There will also be Promise Nights for the new members of the units which usually  
involves CAKE ! Other activities will include making some architecture out of food, tap  
dancing, miming (with costumes), making boats and seeing if they float and being  
inventors.

We also hope guidelines, & availability of tickets permitting, to be able to take the girls,  
who would like, to the cinema in December to watch Disney's Encanto – there will be  
a badge for all who attend too. Hoping to team up with Odeon in Oxford as before for  
a special Guiding only screening.

If you are interested in registering your daughter to join guiding for the first time, to go  
on our waiting lists, then please visit <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Finally, we cannot run our units without adult volunteers, so if you are interested in  
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Charity Raffle (raffle prizes will be very much appreciated). This event will be run  
COVID safe, please do come along and support it if you can. Masks do not need to be  
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### Saturday 4 December

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Your wreath can be hung on a door or used as a centrepiece for your festive table. It will last until Christmas.

The cost of the workshop is £35 to include the wreath base, ribbons, decorations and some foliage. Refreshments will be included in the cost.

Sign up now and be the envy of your neighbours this year,  
or better still, bring them along.

To reserve your place, please contact:

Rosie James - [colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk) / 07968242208

## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 5/9/2021**

This month's ramble was an absolute banger, we had a huge turnout (no sniggering please) of 7 people plus two dogs. Not only did we complete 5 miles, we thought we heard Hansel and Gretel in one of the woods while we were discussing some of the more pressing issues facing villagers at present. These included the new group of trainee hairdressers popping up at certain points along Wroslyn Road and touting for business by pointing their hairdryers at oncoming cars, also who are the unseen gardeners and is there such a thing as a penny chew these days?



Either way it's great to be back walking through our lovely village and beyond. Bring a camera and you might catch some rare flora and fauna, remember it's not a rush, it's a ramble.

The next Ramble will be on

**Sunday 3rd October at 10am** from outside the Yeoman.

**All Welcome.**

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## BRIDEWELL GARDENS OPEN DAY SUCCESS

The weather was kind to Bridewell on Sunday 12th September as our neighbours, friends and the curious came in numbers to Bridewell's final Open Day of the year. We were delighted to welcome over 500 visitors to Bridewell and were bowled over by the support and encouragement of Bridewell's work, supporting people in our communities whose lives have been affected by serious mental ill health.



It was wonderful to share Bridewell's work with people of all generations, with service users and their families relaxing and spending time together in the garden and exploring the vineyard.

Bridewell's mission of mental health recovery through purposeful and meaningful activity, using gardening and land-based activities such as willow weaving or working in the forge resonated with many visitors. Bridewell staff and volunteers talked with guests who shared their own experiences of mental health, in particular the challenge of finding appropriate support for people experiencing serious mental health problems. Thank you from the Bridewell team to everyone who joined us on Sunday, we hope to see you again in 2022.

If you'd like to help at one of our Open Days please visit our volunteer page at: [www.bridewellgardens.co.uk/support-us/volunteer/](http://www.bridewellgardens.co.uk/support-us/volunteer/) for more information. Details of future Bridewell Open Days will be displayed on our website and published here.

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# EYNHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE

## Flu vaccination clinics

Due to unforeseen road freight challenges that have been widely reported in the news media it will mean that there will be a delay to our scheduled deliveries of flu vaccination.

For this reason (as at the time this was written) it is necessary for us to suspend all flu vaccination clinic bookings. We have been advised by the NHS we should not book any clinics until we have a delivery confirmation.

Please therefore do not ring our reception or flu line regarding this, as we have no further information to give you at present.

As soon as we have any further information, we will send it out via the channels open to us including our website <https://www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk> and the various Facebook pages in Hanborough, Freeland and Eynsham.

If you have already booked your flu vaccination with us, we will contact you in due course when your own time comes around. You will not be forgotten.

## Covid -19 Booster vaccines

We now know that there will be a Booster programme starting in October.

At least initially it will be rolled out across the same groups as those used for the first 2 doses - Cohorts 1-9. That is all we know, authoritatively, at the moment.

As with the Flu vaccination clinics, further information will be sent out via our website and the various Facebook pages in Hanborough, Freeland and Eynsham.

We will also contact you in due course when your own time comes around.

## Official Opening of the New Long Hanborough Surgery

On 10th September, with Covid restrictions eased, we were finally able to hold our official opening of the new Long Hanborough Surgery and Hanborough Pharmacy.

The weather was kind while we assembled. Dr Neil Rust then introduced Robert Courts MP and invited him to cut the ribbon. There followed a short speech from Dr Helen Evans telling us a little about the Eynsham Medical Care Group Charity.

Guests were then invited inside for light refreshments and guided tours of the building.



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## **FREELAND DRAMA GROUP**

I'm hoping to establish a drama group in Freeland and initially produce one production that can be performed in Freeland Village Hall and other village halls within the vicinity of Freeland. I have no set idea of what play this will be and am therefore reaching out to people living in villages in the area for ideas.

If you are interested in the theatre and would like to become involved in any way, whether it be acting, sound, lighting, writing, etc. then please contact me.

It's difficult to have a set idea of how this will develop, as it very much depends on the number of people who show an interest and what skills they have to offer.

You do not necessarily need to have specific skills, just the enthusiasm to be creative and willingness to learn!

If you are interested, please give me a ring: **Steve Rogers 01993 881487**  
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## Freeland Naturehood Photography Competition

Every month entries will be judged by a panel from the Freeland Photo Group alongside wildlife experts from Earthwatch Naturehood. It is completely free to enter for any age.

There will be a small prize each month. All winning photos will be included in the 2021 Freeland Naturehood Calendar.

Send your entry to: [nature\\_instead@outlook.com](mailto:nature_instead@outlook.com) by the end of the month.



### **August Winner - Jenny Wylie**

Congratulations to Jenny for this great picture of a Grasshopper staring directly at the camera for its close-up. There are roughly 25,000 species of Grasshopper (Orthopteroids) worldwide, 11 of which are resident to UK gardens and meadows. Enjoy this colourful photo in the online Grapevine.

Russell Fisher -

Freeland Naturehood Leader

## **ROMAN VILLA - MOST SUCCESSFUL OPEN DAYS YET**

September 11 and 12 proved to be North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers' most successful open weekend to date.

Saturday saw over **250** visitors to the mosaic, while Sunday achieved the highest attendance on a single day of **330** since the volunteer group started. This made for the busiest weekend at the Roman villa yet. Over one third higher than the best previous weekend.

Among these visitors were 26 volunteer cleaners drawn from Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa, who helped Laura Mountford of English Heritage to clean and conserve the mosaic. One family party involved in cleaning said: *"We all thoroughly enjoyed helping clean the mosaic today and wanted to thank you for the opportunity to be involved"*

In conversation with the dozen local volunteers staffing the site over the weekend, visitors remarked on the great opportunity to handle so many different Roman artefacts and added: *"You've changed the way I think about the Romans."* *"Thank you for making these dry stones interesting."*

This was possible because as well as North Leigh Roman Villa volunteers, the event welcomed volunteers from Tackley Local History Society. They helped set North Leigh villa in the wider Roman context of this part of Oxfordshire, and to provide details to visitors of the newly unearthed villa in Tackley, which has its own mosaic. The event also featured, via a live interview with John Perkins from the Tackley group, on Radio Oxford.

Specialists from English Heritage were also present explaining artefacts and coins from the Roman era.

Another first was the use of a contactless card terminal for donations, alongside cash donations. So far, in addition to the Blenheim Bursary award announced in the summer, visitors in 2021 have donated over **£400** towards improving the site.

Cumulatively, since the North Leigh volunteer group began in the summer of 2019, more than **3,250** visitors have now seen the mosaics at the site.

Follow us on **Twitter: @villa\_north**

To join Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa or arrange a special opening email: **[nlrvvols@gmail.com](mailto:nlrvvols@gmail.com)**



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

2021 will hopefully see us return to the community meal in Freeland Hall, On **Christmas Eve, 24th December 2021**, the team of chefs are ready to go!

I am therefore interested in hearing from lovely volunteers who are available on **23rd or 24th December**.

1. **23rd December** - The Big Peel team - **I am** at my house - St Martin's - although I have my fingers crossed for more pre-peeled veg from Waitrose.
2. **23rd December** - The Decoration team - **8pm** at Freeland Hall - to put up decorations, dress the tree, etc.
3. **24th December** - The Tidy-Up team - approximately **3.30pm** at Freeland Hall - to help tidy the kitchen, take down decorations, sweep up and put everything away.

Please contact me if you are available to help.

Julie Stuart-Thompson

[julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.st@btinternet.com)

## FREELAND SPEEDWATCH

Many local residents will have noticed that the Freeland Speedwatch team have resumed their activities. Sessions have already been held at varying points along Wroslyn Road, at varying times and on varying days.

Details of speeding vehicles are forwarded to Thames Valley Police who will take appropriate action. It is incredible how many people drive in excess of the 30mph speed limit with many recorded at speeds well in excess of 40mph. One driver was clocked at **63mph!** If anyone drives at excessive speed through the village they are very likely to be caught.

The collection of data is not only important for Thames Valley Police but will also be a useful tool in discussions with Oxfordshire County Council when considering the impact of the proposed Park and Ride and building of Salt Cross, the new garden village. This will be particularly relevant to us if we do not want Freeland to become a route for heavy construction vehicles or to become a rat run.

We are a small team of volunteers and welcome anyone interested to come and join us. If you would like to be involved, or require any further information, please contact me. Together we can ensure that our village is both a beautiful and safe place to live.

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## **'REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON LOWER ROAD' - Update**

Early Breakthrough! OCC has been successful in sourcing funding to undertake the options appraisal and feasibility design work for the cycle route between Salt Cross Garden Village and Hanborough station. The speeding issues along the road will be addressed as part of this work. Traffic and speed surveys will be undertaken in October. <http://chng.it/hvRBq6HB>

Dr Lidia Arciszewska, Church Hanborough resident

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## **POPPY APPEAL 2021**

This year as we mark 100 years of the Royal British Legion, we are able to return to door to door collections for the Poppy Appeal which will take place between **Saturday 30th October and Saturday 13th November**. A big thank you to the Farmers' Market, where we will have a stall on **Sunday 31st October**, and our normal static points throughout the village who have so generously allowed collections previously.



The key message from the Royal British Legion this year is that collectors who have been at the heart of the Poppy Appeal for over 100 years are able to be back out in the community, so please find a local collector because every Poppy counts.

Over the last 100 years of the Royal British Legion the poppy has become a symbol of support for our armed forces, past and present. For 100 years Remembrance has been part of the fabric of society, reminding us of our shared history and today it continues to unite people. Your support is greatly appreciated in making a real difference.

The recent pandemic has changed the way many charities can receive donations and I am pleased to say our collectors will be able to take cash as well as providing QR codes and text codes so donations can be made in this way.

I would like in advance to say a great big thank you to the collectors who are volunteers, giving up their time in all weathers because they wish to help this charity. We are all looking forward to seeing you once again.

Should you wish to read more about the work that the Royal British Legion then please visit [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk)

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

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## **SALT CROSS UPDATE**

The additional work highlighted in the proposed way forward to Planning Inspector Darren McCreery is in progress and will likely be completed at the end of September/ early October. In the past month, additional information and clarity on certain issues have been provided on actions raised during the hearings. More details are available here - <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/salt-cross-area-action-plan-examination/>





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## **WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT u3a**

The summer having passed quietly – greatest excitement the seeming loss of the Branch's 8 foot banner from outside the Marlborough School following our August garden party. It was later recovered unharmed and should, all being well, stand proudly again outside

Woodstock Town Hall on **Saturday 9th October – 'Woodstock Day'**, which should offer another chance to find out about the work of the Branch, and u3a in general.



The September meeting was once more available on-line and provided an excellent resume of the continuing work, world-wide, of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; worth looking at the Commission's own website if you missed the presentation. Woodstock members also benefitted from access to on-line events from the sub-regional Thames Valley Network: - both a serious presentation on the effects of climate change on oceanic circulation and a rather more light-hearted Quiz.

Woodstock Branch's 5 October meeting – 'Divided by a common language – American and British English' is described as 'hybrid': it will again be available on-line, but we hope also to screen it at the New Road Community Centre (**2.30pm**) to a live, if limited, audience; check our website for details of this and all other Branch activities – notably those of our 20-odd working groups.

Detail of all Branch activities can be found at **[www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock)**

Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- W 22 Sept Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 23 Sept **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Su 26 Sept Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**
- W 29 Sept Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 29 Sept/Fr 1 Oct **Overnight closure of A4095** between Common Rd & Park Rd
- Th 30 Sept **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Su 3 Oct Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
- Tu 5 Oct The Cake Café + Knead Bakehouse, Village Hall 9am - 11.30am**
- W 6 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 7 Oct **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Tu 12 Oct Freeland Grapevine - November edition deadline day**
- W 13 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 14 Oct **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Su 17 Oct **Combe Mill in Steam** See **[www.combemill.co.uk](http://www.combemill.co.uk)**
- M 18 Oct Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, **7.30pm**
- W 20 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 21 Oct **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- W 27 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 28 Oct **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
- Su 31 Oct CLOCKS GO BACK - end of British Summer Time**
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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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