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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

### Services for February 2020

26th 20.00 **Ash Wednesday at St Peter and St Paul,**  
Holy Communion **Church Hanborough**  
(Rev. Sue Spankie and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

### Services for March 2020

1st 10.00 Family Service (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

8th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Sue Spankie)

15th 10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev. Sue Spankie)

22nd **Mothering Sunday**

08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)

10.00 Mothering Sunday Service (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

29th 10.00 **Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul,**  
**Church Hanborough**  
(Rev. Sue Spankie and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

### Services for April 2020

5th **Palm Sunday**  
10.00 Family Service (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

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### St Mary's Junior Church

St. Mary's Junior Church meets at **10 - 11am** on the third **Sunday** of every term-time month. The leaders and children leave the service during the first hymn and walk through the churchyard to the quiet Convent Chapel. There, using crafts, games, DVD, and drama we explore the same passage as the adult congregation. We have the chance to be slightly noisier in our study!

We then walk back to church to join our families for a blessing or communion.

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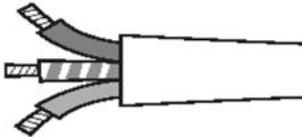
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**Flowers in the Church:**

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All sorts of interesting information about St Mary's can be seen on the "A Church Near You" website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland)

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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**Letter from our Curate:**

Dear Friends,

At this time of year, spring is just starting to blossom all around us - including one of my favourite flowers, Hellebores (sometimes known as the lenten rose). I always think they look so shy, with their beautiful heads slightly dipped. They herald the ending of winter and the coming of spring - a promise of the new life that is yet to come, with the warmer weather.

The joy that these flowers bring reminds me of God's beautiful creation. I was reading earlier this year the writing of St Francis Borgia, who was a nobleman who became a Jesuit priest and monk after his wife sadly died. He writes:

*'God has left us from Paradise three things: the stars, the flowers and the eyes of a child. Flowers have in God's creation a place entirely their own; they are on the globe of the earth what the stars are in the canopy of heaven. In the splendour of their colours, in their fragrance, they are revelations of the beauty and goodness of God, emblems of His benevolence, images of His first, true designs'.*

As I notice the signs of springtime pushing through the earth, I am reminded of a verse from the Bible 'The flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land'

Flowers are a rich symbol and sign - of joy, of life, of the promise of spring, of love for another, of hope.

May God bless you abundantly with all these things this month,

Emma

The Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones



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## Thank You David

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, our Rector, David Tyler, took his last service in our Benefice at St Peter and St Paul's in Church Hanborough. The previous week saw David's last service in Freeland at a very well-attended family service in St. Mary's. Over the past twelve and a half years he has served the parishes of Freeland and Hanborough, looking after our four churches and all its parishioners, many of which

joined David and his family in a farewell celebratory tea party in Freeland Village Hall on Sunday afternoon.

David, who in January was made an Honorary Canon in a service at Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford, not only has served as our Rector since 2007, but was also the Assistant Archdeacon of Dorchester and had twice acted as Area Dean of Woodstock, not to mention his time as a governor at both Manor School in Long Hanborough and Freeland School. He now leaves us to take up a new permanent role as Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester and will soon be moving to the south of the county to take up the new position.

As I sit here trying to think of the right words to express our collective gratitude for David and for his ministry during his time here, I suddenly feel inadequate to do so. Judging by the wonderful turnout at his final services and at the tea party, it is obvious to me that he touched so many lives that I could not possibly reflect all of the things I should without pushing the Grapevine to proportions of multiple volumes. As budget or time will not allow for this, I will therefore share just a few personal reflections.

I believe we were truly blessed when God led David and his lovely family to our parish, and it is with a heavy heart that the time has come to say farewell. I personally don't want to lose David as our Rector. I have valued his leadership, his patience and his friendship, but God has opened a new path to him and I rejoice in this for David as he takes the next steps in his lifelong ministry. I therefore can only give thanks to God for David's work and everything he has done for me, my family and the wider community during his ministry. We have been truly blessed.

Although they are two very simple words, on behalf of the many people I have personally spoken to, 'Thank you' Rev. Canon David Tyler and may God bless you, Catherine, Josh, Charlotte and Poppy as you embark on the next chapter.

Steve Mellin  
Churchwarden

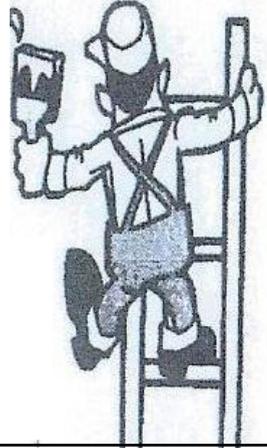
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The bells will be rung at the following services:

<b>Sunday 1st March:</b>	9.15am - 10.00am
<b>Sunday 15th March:</b>	9.15am - 10.00am
<b>Sunday 22nd March:</b>	9.15am - 10.00am <b>Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>Tuesday 24th March:</b>	2.15pm - 3.00pm Three Counties visiting band
<b>Sunday 5th April:</b>	9.15am - 10.00am <b>Palm Sunday</b>

Usual practice every **Monday** from **7.30pm until 9pm**.

FF6 takes place on **Fridays** from **6pm to 7pm**, except where a practice falls immediately before a Saturday practice.

Please contact the Tower Captain, Neil Ephgrave (**883850**) or 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)



FREELAND HALL

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**LENT** begins at the end of February this year so Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. This makes the whole of March a time for doing our personal spring clean for God. The best way to do this is to take on something extra – an extra bit of money given to charity – an extra time of prayer in church or at home – or turning a walk into a prayer walk. Here, at St Peter's, we provide things to help people with this.

**ASH WEDNESDAY (26<sup>th</sup> February)** is the day when Lent starts and we go to Mass to have a mark of ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sorrow for past failings and our determination to get closer to God and further from our own selfish pleasures. Mass at St Peter's is at **10.00am** and **7.00pm**.

**OUR CHARITY is the CAFOD** (The Catholic Fund for Overseas development) and we have a special day for this cause – the CAFOD FAST DAY on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – and then we bring what extra money we have raised for our CAFOD COLLECTION on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

**EXTRA PRAYER** might mean choosing a Weekday Mass to come to or taking the WALK WITH ME BOOKLET that is available and using it at home. There is also a LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** when a number of priests will be available to hear Confessions.

**THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE SHARE** might be another way to mark Lent. Every **Wednesday at 10.30am** after the **10.00am Mass**. We look at the Bible Readings for the following Sunday and share what they are saying to us, whilst Father Martin & Mrs Frances Flatman explain a few things.

**THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** for the three churches in Eynsham is at St Peter's this year on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm** followed by Tea



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# **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – LISA’S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

This is just a preliminary note to let you know that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome so please make a note of the date and come along if you can. The Council are thinking of “going green” this year, so a number of environmentally themed topics are likely to be covered, plus ideas will be sought from parents regarding replacing a piece of play equipment in the toddler play area. Further details will follow next month.

## **Little Free Library**

Some new vinyl signs will be attached to the phone box shortly (they will probably have been done by the time this Grapevine is printed!) and then the new Little Free Library will be up and running! Matthew will be advising further on this, but in the meantime the Council would like to thank Matthew for his work on getting this project completed.

## **Welcome Letter!**

Do you know anyone who has recently moved into Freeland? If so, please let me know so I can provide them with a welcome letter! The Parish Council has produced a “Welcome to Freeland” letter for all new residents, which contains lots of useful information and websites/contact details. The Council would like to thank Vero for her work on producing this welcome letter.

## **Parish Council Elections – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

2020 is an election year! Would you like to become more involved in your village but are unsure how to? Becoming a Parish Councillor is a great place to start! Freeland Parish Council elections are due to be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020** and there are 8 places on Freeland Parish Council. If only 8 candidates stand it will be an uncontested election, if more than 8 people stand than it will be contested and a poll will take place on the **7<sup>th</sup> May**.

I will be receiving nomination papers shortly from the District Council which I hope to make available via the village website or they can be collected from me (or you can contact me directly and I can arrange to pop one through your door).

I would strongly encourage anyone wishing to get more involved in their village to consider joining the Parish Council, it’s a great way to have your say and make a real difference to your community.

All information regarding the elections will be displayed on the Parish Council notice boards and on the village website at **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)** . If anyone has any queries about what is involved do feel free to get in touch for an informal chat.

## **Playing Field**

As many of you may have noticed, the playing field has suffered particularly badly this year with flooding. The Parish Council have been liaising with the Football Club (who have been forced to postpone or cancel many fixtures as the field has been unusable) and a Pitch Improvement Report was carried out by the Oxfordshire Football Association. The report recommended verti-draining the whole field to relieve

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compaction and improve drainage. The Parish Council have therefore agreed to have verti-draining work carried out, and this will be done when conditions allow to ensure the best results are achieved.

The Parish Council are also currently working on providing a new picnic bench on the field and extending the safety surfacing around it, plus replacing the old garage with a new larger storage shed that can house the tractor, mower and other sports equipment for the Football and Cricket Clubs. Quotes are currently being obtained.

### **Daffodils**

As advised last month, the lovely daffodil bulbs are now starting to push through ready to display their beautiful bright cheery yellow flowers. These bulbs have been lovingly planted by members of the Gardening Club and every year the flowers make a fantastic display throughout the village. Please be mindful that the bulbs are particularly vulnerable whilst they are coming through, so please keep off the grass verges where they have been planted. Thanks very much.

### **Salt bins**

As the weather turns colder, just a reminder that there are a number of salt bins provided in the village for residents to use on their driveways/paths etc should we get any snow/ice. The salt bins are located outside of the Primary School (next to the post box), by the hill near no. 42 Wroslyn Road, and by the Village Hall.

### **Speedwatch**

Confirmation has been received from Thames Valley Police that they have changed their policy regarding acceptable equipment to be used by Speedwatch teams and that the Bushnell gun was now acceptable. The original Freeland Speedwatch team has therefore been reformed and Speedwatch activity is now being carried out once again. The Parish Council wish to pass on their thanks to the Speedwatch team whose work was felt to be an active deterrent to speeding motorists.

### **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: None.**

### **Applications Approved:**

**19/02563/HHD                      2 HURST LANE, FREELAND**  
Erection of garden room (Retrospective) for Mr & Mrs Rogers.

**19/03499/HHD                      10 CHURCH VIEW, FREELAND**  
Single storey rear, side, & front extensions for Mr P. Panting.

**19/03491/S73                      LAND ADJOINING 1 PARKLANDS, FREELAND**  
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**Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:**

The next council meeting will be held on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 7.30pm** in the Newell Room.

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

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** .

Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email **lisa.fpc@gmail.com** .

**A PROFILE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR ROBERT CROCKER**

We are due to have an election in May to elect members of Freeland Parish Council. Each month we are profiling a different councillor, to provide more information about what we do, and to inspire you to consider becoming a Parish Councillor this year!

**Who are you?** Robert Crocker

**How long have you been on the Parish Council?** Two full terms (8 years)

**What is your day job?** Farmer / conservationist.

**What aspects of the Parish Council are you involved in?**

The current Parish Council has a wide spectrum of expertise. I tend to involve myself with the practical aspect of things –the hands-on side of our various projects.

**What have you enjoyed the most about being a councillor?**

I didn't expect to enjoy the role of Parish Councillor, I felt it was something I should do to make a positive contribution to our community. However, working alongside a committed and interesting group of councillors has been genuinely enjoyable.

**Why should someone consider becoming a Parish Councillor?**

Freeland deserves the best team to represent the aspirations, needs (current and future) as well as the day to day running of our village. To that end, the Parish Council needs new blood, new ideas as well as continuity. If you have something to offer and can spare a modest amount of time, I recommend you consider standing as Parish Councillor in May. It's a great job for a great village.

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## **FREELAND VILLAGE HUB**

As we continue to wait for news of the sale of the Methodist Church we start this new decade with renewed hope that 2020 might be the year when our hopes for a Freeland Village Hub may finally come to fruition.



In this context, take a look at the photograph below that illustrates how the **Freeland Village Hub** might be laid out. How good a resource this would be in our village, with the addition of a café at a later date.

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- These are all feel good factors associated with a Village Hub.
- This could be **YOUR VILLAGE HUB** of the future.



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To make contact the website address is **[www.freelandcbs.community](http://www.freelandcbs.community)** or email: **[freelandvillagehub@gmail.com](mailto:freelandvillagehub@gmail.com)**

Jane Duff March 2020

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## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY**

For the final concert in our 2019-20 season Witney Music Society welcomes the return of The Carice Singers. This outstanding vocal ensemble will be presenting *Tis Nature's Voice*, a programme focusing on springtime, with songs by English composers alongside some fascinating European rarities.

This concert is on **Friday 13th March** at the High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets **£12**, under 19 **£1**, will be available at the door from **7pm**.

For more information, please telephone **01993 702296** or visit the Witney Music Society website **[www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)**

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2nd February 2020**

After the group's heroics last month, avoiding a sinkhole and a number of small puddles, normal (I say that loosely) service was resumed which strangely resulted in further complaints from Mrs Trellis and even more strangely one from her brother-in-law Treeve who lives in Splatt, Cornwall, this consisted of five words and a hand print....incidentally the five words were no no no no yes!....the legal ins and outs of all this are being cogitated and we will update when the mood takes us.



But what about this month's ramble I hear you say!

11 people and 2 dogs (one white & one black) did their level best to avoid any sort of excitement, but within seconds of setting off they had kicked off with each other, this quickly escalated when Dento stepped in to calm things down, all was resolved with a couple of dog biscuits which he soon polished off.

Due to the recent watery deluge we thought it was sensible to have a tarmac heavy Ramble and covered roughly 5.5 miles. We did hit the fields at times and as expected they were mud swamps with little life to see or hear. One of the group found 5+ miles wasn't far enough for him so craftily left his stick hanging on a sign post when we



stopped for sustenance in the sunshine of a nearby village. A mile later he noticed he'd left the stick behind and claims that he was distracted by sightings of the three toed sloth that has followed us on previous rambles and a black rhino which hasn't. He later claimed he got trapped for two days with three other people in an old WWI bomb crater when retrieving 'stick', this was quickly dispelled when he was seen in the afternoon hiding in a bush by the pub.

The next Unaccepted Ramble will be on: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**, leaving the **Oxfordshire Yeoman at 9.30am**. Newcomers always welcome.

From Mr E. Writer pt 3

### **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

The March meetings of Freeland Photo Group will be on **Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 17th March** in the Newell Room. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, all levels of experience. We are a friendly group who provide mutual support and encouragement. **£2.00** on the door, with refreshments provided.

The main theme of the meeting on the 3rd will be a portfolio. We will also be reviewing members photographs. Programme planning is underway for meetings after 3rd March.

For further details please contact Paul Sayer at [paul.pshm1@googlemail.com](mailto:paul.pshm1@googlemail.com)

## Freeland Pre-School - Co-op Local Community Fund Update

After further investigations, we have learnt that the Co-op Local Community Fundraiser will only earn money for the Pre-School if you shop in a Co-op group store – the only ones in our area are the Witney and Cherwell (near the JR) stores (most other stores in our area are independent Midcounties stores).

If you do shop in Witney Co-op, please become a Co-op group member, select Freeland Pre-School as your local charity online and present your **blue card** when you shop in the store.

As a reminder, to become a Co-op group member please go to <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>

A big thank you if you are already supporting this scheme. So far over **£200** has been raised, which is fantastic!



**Thank you for supporting the village Pre-School!**



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## FREELAND COMMUNITY BUS TIMETABLE

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Freeland Village Hall ----- 10.00am  
Little Free Library – 138 Wroslyn Rd ----- 10.05am  
Nash Lane ----- 10.05am  
Freeland Primary School ----- 10.05am

### **With drop off at:**

Waitrose car park, Witney  
Sainsbury's supermarket, Witney

### **Return pickup:**

Sainsbury's supermarket, Witney ----- 12.00noon  
Waitrose car park, Witney ----- 12.10pm

### **With drop off by request anywhere along Wroslyn Road**

For suggestions or requests for additional pick up / drop off points please call

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### **AVAILABILITY**

We expect to provide a service every Thursday. Please note that occasionally the regular Scout bus will be replaced by a Comet bus and this will start from the bus shelter, not the car park at the Village Hall.

### **INFORMATION**

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## 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

We are looking for a couple of new volunteer leaders - can you help?

We need a new leader for our Beavers group. They meet on Wednesday evenings from **5.30pm**

until **6.45pm** at Freeland Village Hall.

**Beavers** are boys and girls age 6-8, full of energy and enthusiasm! We already have a brilliant team of volunteers but still need a leader for this group.

We also need an additional leader to support the current leaders for our **Explorers**, age 14-18, who meet on Wednesday evenings **7.30pm - 9.00pm** at the Pavilion in Long Hanborough.

Visit our website's contact page (<https://www.hfscouting.org.uk/contact>) to get in touch, or please send an email to Adam, our Group Scout Leader, for more information: [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk)

Our leaders receive fantastic support from other leaders, volunteer helpers, and the Executive Committee - we'll support you every step of the way.

Scouting is a brilliant organisation to be a part of, so come and get involved!

We need to say a big thank you to Liam Walker, who gave us **£173** from his Community Fund, to pay the annual fees for our website. His contribution is very much appreciated!

Do you remember that we delivered the Christmas post in Hanborough? Well, we raised an impressive **£225**. Thank you to everyone that was involved!

Finally, a date for your diary: our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 24th June**.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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### ALUMINIUM COLLECTION

On behalf of the Freeland Village Hub I continue to collect aluminium in the form of drinks cans, clean foodtrays and foil. Please, no food cans, these are made from steel.

These items may be left with me at **139 Wroslyn Road** or I can collect from you.

Should you have aluminium in a different form, then this can also be left with me. Also welcome are copper, brass and lead in any form - all will be sold to a metal salvage company and the proceeds donated to the "Hub".

Any questions please contact me - Graham Lay, **139 Wroslyn Road tel: 881464**

### WOODSTOCK and DISTRICT UNIVERSITY of the THIRD AGE



Monthly meetings at Woodstock Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock **OX20 1PB**.

Visitors are welcome to our Speaker Meetings which start at **2pm (£2.00)**

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- 10:13 Freeland Village Hall**
- 10:20 Eynsham, Bartholomew School Layby**
- 10:27 Freeland Village Hall (opposite)**
- 10:40 Witney, Market Square**

### **Monday & Friday From Witney via Eynsham**

- 12:50 Witney, Market Square**
- 13:03 Freeland Village Hall**
- 13:10 Eynsham, Bartholomew School Layby**
- 13:18 Freeland Village Hall (opposite)**
- 13:25 Long Hanborough, Christ Church**
- 13:30 Church Hanborough, Hand & Shears Pub**

**Additional bus stops on Wroslyn Road:  
 These will be on request near the school and the Little Free Library.**

## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 3rd March:** Roman Silchester: The oldest public baths in Britain - a talk by Rev. Margaret Dixon

The Roman town of Silchester was developed on the site of an Iron Age settlement and remained as a thriving town until more than a hundred years after the Romans left, when it was abandoned. Since 1997 the University of Reading has been leading excavations and continues to uncover new findings. The recent discoveries at the bathhouse has reshaped our understanding of the early Roman occupation and is causing much interest in the world of archaeology. Margaret Dixon has been involved in these excavations and will bring us up to date on the latest findings. Join us to find out more.

We meet in the Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh **OX29 6TX** at **7.30pm**. All welcome. Visitors **£4**, Members free. Further details from Diana Power **01993 882301**. If you wish to go on our mailing list, contact Robert Kyte: **kyterobert@gmail.com**

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## **FARMING WITH NATURE - AN INTRODUCTION**

For centuries, farming and nature enjoyed a symbiotic relationship. Every farmer, by default, a conservationist. The pace of farming allowed nature to adapt and thrive but now, things are very different. Our natural world is under threat from decades of industrialisation and our indifference to the delicate, natural balance that once existed. Intensive farming has played an undeniable part in the demise of our wildlife. Through the 1960s and 1970s wholesale removal and fragmentation of habitats, indiscriminate use of crude pesticides and artificial fertilisers initially set in motion, a collapse of many species. Most of the early chemicals have long since been withdrawn from use. Practices such as aerial application of fertilisers and sprays out-lawed and straw burning banned.

Today's modern farmer has the benefit of hindsight and realises the enormous challenge of feeding a nation whilst being custodian of the natural world. A healthy ecosystem is the by-product of good farming practice and yet our wildlife continues to decline.

Although farming today is more sophisticated, with applications of chemicals and fertilisers carefully targeted, the sheer scale and speed of operations gives nature little chance to adapt and evolve to this new world. Monoculture creates vast deserts of no-go areas and wildlife is pushed to the margins.

Today, for most modern farmers, the management of the wildlife that inhabits our farms, biodiversity, healthy soils, field margins, hedgerows and clean water are as important as our crops and animals. Profit can no longer be at the expense of nature.

A monthly summary of a farm diary will give some insight in to the interaction between the farming operations and the natural world. The January diary is on **page 35**.

I farm a 600-acre mixed farm, situated between Freeland, Long & Church Hanborough and Eynsham.

I hope that you find the monthly reports interesting

Robert Crocker



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**FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

It was lovely to welcome Ray and Jill Evans back with us after Ray's illness and time away.

The first meeting of the new year was on 27<sup>th</sup> January when Barry Gayton came to speak and show slides of 'The Weird and Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom'. We had not realised he had come from near the Norfolk border and was returning that evening. He seemed to enjoy his visit though and gave a very interesting talk. He started by telling us of his interest in plants from the age of 7 years, buying his first greenhouse at 11 years and his career involving plants thereafter. He runs a nursery with what sounded like an enormous number of plants, many of them quite rare. His slides showed all sorts of quirks of nature like twisted trees and growths caused by galls and many others – all extraordinary!

The next Gardening Club meeting is on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall and is a very important subject at present. David Cropp will talk on 'Gardening in the Face of Climate Change'. We shall all have to be aware of where our plants have come from, particularly those from abroad and maybe show Nurseries that we favour British grown plants.

The meeting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm**, also in Freeland Hall, is given by Mary Fenton who will remind us of 'The Wonder of Trees'. Trees play an enormous part in combatting CO2 so are of great importance and need preserving and enjoying their great beauty.

All Gardening Club meetings in Freeland Hall have a Plant and Gardening Items Sale on a Bring and Buy basis, which means that any unsold items should be returned to those who brought them.

As mentioned in the Parish Council notes, please do not damage the emerging daffodils throughout the village so that they can be enjoyed by all.

For any further information about the Freeland Gardening Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans at [jillandray@btinternet.com](mailto:jillandray@btinternet.com)

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# **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

## **200 Club Draw**

1st prize: £ 20 No. 31 B. Darbon  
2nd prize: £ 10 No. 36 R. Crocker  
3rd prize: £ 5 No. 46 A. Warren



The real winner once again this month has been the weather. At the time of writing we still have not been able to play a home game since October due to the flooding.

The **First** team have managed to get in 3 games. They have beaten Mansfield Road 1-0, drawn 0-0 with Kennington and lost 2-0 to Cropredy.

The **Reserves** have won both of their games – beating Kennington Reserves 1-0 and Kirtlington 3-2.

We would like to thank the Parish Council and Councillor Liam Walker for their funding and help in trying to alleviate the awful flooding issues on the pitch, and helping us try to catch up with our outstanding fixtures.

We would also like to send our thoughts out to the family and friends of our Youth team player, Patrick Walsh, who tragically passed away in January.

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**Ben Symonds - Secretary Freeland FC**

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## **NORTH LEIGH LIBRARY NEWS**

We are launching the Oxfordshire Bloomin' Good Reads, which is the adult reading challenge, with a social gathering, with wine and nibbles, on

**Monday 2nd March, starting at 5pm.**

Our Creative Writing Group starts on **Tuesday 17th March at 3.30 pm.**

This is not a creative writing class but an opportunity to share things we have written, stories, poems, etc. - and to explore ideas together that might help us develop our writing. A sort of 'bring and share' approach. We hope that people will also bring along things that they have found in books, magazines or newspapers that they found interesting or quirky or that might inspire us. This might be as brief as a few really good words of descriptive writing, or something that creates a sense of atmosphere or character, or a snappy piece of dialogue, or it could be a longer passage that someone has enjoyed. This group is a way to meet fellow aspiring writers and it is up to us all to make of it what we want.

If you have any questions, then please email **kyterobert@gmail.com**

Finally, we have another author visit, this time by Merilyn Davies, who will talk about her books. This will be on **Wednesday 18th March at 7pm**, and promises to be a very interesting evening.

All are welcome to these events, which take place in the Library in North Leigh.  
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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Here's a date for your diary!

The official opening of the new Little Free Library will be on **Saturday 7th March, at 3pm**, by the Village Hall.

Please come along to join us in thanking The Teddy Girls for raising the funds for this project, and to celebrate the transformation of the old telephone box into a useful community resource!



At the time of writing, I am waiting for the new graphics and signs to be installed in the telephone box but that should have all been done by the time you are reading this.

We have a small team of volunteers helping to look after the new Little Free Library - Peter, Sue and Jenny - so a big thank you to them for lending a hand.

Thank you also to Graham Lay who installed the shelves for us.

Once the new Little Free Library is up and running, please do use it in the same way that you have been using the old one, which will continue to operate.

Happy reading, and many thanks once again to The Teddy Girls for all of their fundraising.

Matthew Ruddle    **01993 359 543**    [ruddlem@gmail.com](mailto:ruddlem@gmail.com)



## **Freeland Baby and Toddler Group**

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- Monday 2nd March - St David's Day painting**
- Monday 9th March - Spring Playdough**
- Monday 16th March - Mothering Sunday Growing Gift**
- Monday 23rd March - Colouring and Stencils**
- Monday 30th March - Easter Nests**

Can you help? We would love some more volunteers! Even if you don't have a baby or toddler, could you spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning every now and again? Contact us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/freelandtoddlers/](http://www.facebook.com/freelandtoddlers/)



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## **FARMING WITH NATURE - Farm Diary - January 2020**

Ultimately, everything revolves around the weather and what weather we have had. 2019 ended with three and a half months of rain and the new decade has yet to see any change.

The calves, aged 9 to 10 months, have now been weaned from their mothers. Our Aberdeen Angus cows produce one calf per year and the cow's dual purpose in life is to suckle their calf whilst grazing and maintaining our biodiverse pastures. Their presence, as an Organic herd, supports a raft of wildlife. During the winter, they are housed in open strawed yards; producing much needed manure...they are my fertiliser factory! Ensuring that the soil is replenished with nutrients and organic matter. From the worms to the insects, to the birds (who pluck the cows moulting hair to line their nests) these munching ruminants keep the eco system healthy whilst preserving the carbon sink pastures.

My vet gives good news, that his ultra-sound scanner confirms all bar one cow is in calf...well done bulls! Gestation is similar to that of humans. The bulls join the cows on June 2<sup>nd</sup> (my birthday) and the first calves of the year will be born in early March.

The cattle yards are frequented by numerous birds in winter, feeding on the tiny seeds that fall from the opened hay bales, the timber slats in the hay barn allow easy access to a safe, warm roost.

Whilst walking across the waterlogged fields towards Eynsham, on my way to inspect the water level of a newly constructed pond, I see that the Pied Wagtails have already claimed it as their own. It will be interesting to see which other species colonise the pond this year.

Flocks of linnets rise from the oat stubble and descend into one of the many large hedges whilst a small murmur of starlings perform their aerial display before roosting.

We grow only spring sown cereals which, after the wet autumn just passed, is a blessing. My neighbours have struggled to establish autumn sown crops.

The overwintered stubble harbours many insects and, being Organic, also harbours many weeds. Amongst them, on the lighter patches, is Speedwell...the earliest plant to flower and set seed. Speedwell is a lifesaver for small birds, when other sources of winter food are exhausted.

February beckons, the nights are noticeably drawing out and, as twilight descends, two Pied Woodpeckers hammer out their last reverberating message of the day. See an A-Z of UK birds at: [www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/)



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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

The intricacies of Fair Isle knitting were explored in Feb. with sample patterns to learn how to “weave” or “float” the various coloured yarns on the back of the work without causing the knitting to pucker up. Well done to Liz, Sue, Helen, Jane, Mavis, Gill, Margaret , Irene etc. for a brave effort!

*We try to explore different crafts and have an enjoyable time doing it.  
Come and join us any Wednesday afternoon for a warm welcome whenever you can.*

**NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:  
Wednesdays: March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th; April 1st & 8th**

It costs £1 per session to cover hire of the room, heating, lighting and refreshments. For further information (or someone to go with) please contact:  
Helen Molden: **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright: **01993 881316**

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## **COMBE MILL STEAMING SUNDAYS**

We have some exciting new experiences at the Mill in the programme for 2020.

**SUNDAY 15th MARCH – STEM** - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Admire the wonderful engineering of our forebears and browse our STEM tour in which we highlight all the engineering and technology in the Mill to explain each topic. We also have a Maths trail together with various topics that focus on Science.

This hands-on museum takes pride in making you think and learn through trying your hand at making things and seeing how machinery works. There is a Millie-the-mill-cat trail for the children.

## **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL – COMBE MILL AT WAR – THE HOMEFRONT**

Combe Mill is being taken back to the 1940s for one day only. Join in with Oxfordshire Home Guard, meet Winston Churchill, hear live singers, see Home Front displays and demonstrations, 1940s re-enactors, take a look at military vehicles and much more. Feel free to dress up in 1940s style. See our website **[www.combemillatwar.co.uk](http://www.combemillatwar.co.uk)** for details. This is a ticket only event and numbers are limited so book early.

Combe Mill will be open and in-steam with all machinery working. Our Tea Room and BBQ will be in business as usual. We would love to see you there.

Keep up to date with all events by visiting our website:  
**[www.combemill.co.uk](http://www.combemill.co.uk)**



Julie Stuart-Thompson Combe Mill Direct

## **EXERCISE GROUP**

Come and join our friendly exercise group run by an Age UK tutor at the Village Hall, Fridays 10.00am - 11.00am First taster session is free. To suit all abilities (seated or standing). These classes are to build muscle strength & help prevent falls.

Have fun and sing along to the music too.

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## **FREELAND WI**

The WI may be best known for baking and jam making, but did you know about the WI's campaigning history? Over the past 100 years, members have campaigned on a wide range of issues, raising awareness and driving changes to the law. You may recognise some of these WI campaigns (many of which came years before action was finally taken):

- 1943 – Equal Pay for Equal Work
- 1954 – Keep Britain Tidy
- 1964 – Cervical Screening
- 1971 – Plastic Pollution
- 1992 – Fairtrade Foundation
- 2014 – Time to Talk about Organ Donation

At our February meeting we discussed and voted on this year's resolutions, which are:

- Increase stem cell donor registration
- Introduce female crash test dummies
- End modern slavery
- Time to talk about death and dying
- Protect our precious helium

We will know which resolutions are passed later in the year. You can find out more about WI campaigns at **[www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns](http://www.thewi.org.uk/campaigns)**

Many WI campaigns have concerned the environment. The WI is a founding member of the Climate Coalition (**[www.climatecoalition.org](http://www.climatecoalition.org)**), which is the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change. As part of our local commitment to environmental awareness and action, Rosie Smith continues to provide us with practical tips and ideas on reducing our personal environmental impact:

**Reduce your use of a washing machine** – Spot clean clothes rather than automatically putting them in the washing machine. So if there is just a small mark or stain on an item of clothing, wash just that mark or stain, rather than taking the easy option of just throwing it in the machine. Saves you money as well.

**Ditch the Cling film** (not strictly climate change mitigation, but a good idea anyway as anything that reduces unnecessary manufacturing helps). Use reusable beeswax paper to wrap food in the fridge. Put food in plastic boxes with lids, rather than cover with cling film. Buy some reusable dish covers, they look a bit like shower caps but are very useful and reusable.

**[www.lakeland.co.uk/71213/Covermate-8-Assorted-Elasticated-Food-Covers](http://www.lakeland.co.uk/71213/Covermate-8-Assorted-Elasticated-Food-Covers)**

**Our next meeting** is on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, and we will be holding our AGM.

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. You do not have to be a member to come along (although we would love you to join us). We always welcome visitors and new members of any age. Further information is available on our website:

**<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi>**

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## **BURFORD ORCHESTRA CONCERT**

On **Saturday 28th March**, Burford Orchestra returns to St Mary's Church, Witney with a **Spring** concert. The programme opens with Beethoven's Leonora Overture (no. 3) and concludes with Schubert's 9th symphony ('the great'). Tickets cost **£9** with **£1** entry for under 16s and are available online from TicketSource or on the door. Contact **info@burfordorchestra.org.uk** or Sarah on **01993 883490** for information. Doors open **7pm**, refreshments available.

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## **WITNEY COLOUR RUN 2020**

The Witney Colour Run 2020 is on **Sunday 3rd May** at Witney Rugby Club. Start the day in a white T shirt and end up covered in a rainbow of colours at 3 Colour Zones as you run skip or even dance your way round the 2.5 k or 5K course. It is all about getting active and having fun! For further details and to enter (closing date **31 March**) visit **<https://www.entrycentral.com/witneycolour2020>**

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## **BEFSA QUIZ**

The hall was packed again this year for the BEFSA quiz. Teams of 6 fought it out for the honour of taking home the BEFSA quiz trophy – a much coveted award. The village teams played valiantly and probably peaked at the music round with several full marks being gained for the last round – just a shame that the damage had been done in earlier rounds. We were then treated to an excellent plate of chilli with all the trimmings – our compliments to the chef and all the helpers.

The trustees would like to give our thanks to all who came to support the work of BEFSA, the evening raised just under **£1200**.

**Curry Night at Ready Steady Spice, Eynsham - Sat 25th April - all welcome.**

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## **THE BIG LUNCH IS BACK on Sunday 14th June in the Village Hall**

It's a community picnic, hosted by the Parish Council. Everyone in our community is invited!

The main aims of The Big Lunch are to bring people together, to help overcome loneliness and isolation, and to foster a greater sense of community.

All you have to do is come along with some food to share.

Put it on your calendars now, and more details will follow in due course!

**Matthew Ruddle 01993 359 543 [ruddlem@gmail.com](mailto:ruddlem@gmail.com)**

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**COMBE FC UNDER 6s TEAM** are currently looking for more players to join this exciting Team! Please contact Stuart on **[smg26585@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:smg26585@yahoo.co.uk)**

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**“WHAT'S YOUR 2040”** is a thought-provoking film about the Climate crisis.

It will be shown at **Freeland Hall on Friday 13th March - doors 7.30pm for 8pm**

Suggested donation of **£2** per person

Hosted by the Hanborough Environment Group

## **FREELAND TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE**

Freeland now has a transport rep - that's me Pete Leigh. If anyone has any local village transport issues, within the village or just beyond, then let me know. I cannot promise that these will be solved straight away, but unless we know about them then they remain hidden and unknown. E-mail me at [pete.leigh@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.leigh@btinternet.com)

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Price pp for return coach from Freeland to the theatre + theatre ticket: **£26**

Anyone interested should give full details (name, address, phone no., email) and  
number of tickets required, along with a cheque for the relevant amount, payable to  
Oxford Operatic Society, no later than **Monday 16 March**, to:

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**Freeland Pre-school** provide high quality Pre-school education for 2 to 5 year olds. We are a small, friendly and welcoming Pre-school, with a large outdoor space. Our Pre-school is situated within the grounds of Freeland Primary School and enjoys strong links with the School, which in turn aids a smooth transition for children into the Foundation stage class, whom we share a garden with.

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We can take children for half day sessions or full days from **8.45am - 3.15pm**, term time only. We offer funding for 2, 3 and 4 year olds for 15 hours or 30 hours. Pricing: AM or PM sessions **£15** / Full day **£30** / Early bird session starting at 8.45am **£2.50**. (Spaces available in September).

We do lots of fun activities at Freeland Pre-school including Outdoor Explores in the woods, Salt Box Music, parent cooking term, parent reader term, visits to the church, a grandparent event and an end of term event.

### **Pre-school activities**

The children have been learning all about different types of house; the children have been on a walk around the village, to look at all the different houses. The children will be learning about healthy eating next. We also celebrated Chinese New Year. The children will also be celebrating Mother's Day and Easter, this term, including making something special for their families. The children will take part in the annual Easter bonnet parade, which is also a popular event.



**01993 882945** : [freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk) : [www.freelandpreschool.org](http://www.freelandpreschool.org)  
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**AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE ROYAL BUTLER  
SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2.00 - 4.00pm  
FREELAND VILLAGE HALL**

**This event has already SOLD OUT. If you would like to be added to the waiting list in case of cancellations, please contact:**

**Kathy Liddell on 07786 731634 / [kathy.liddell@me.com](mailto:kathy.liddell@me.com)  
or Julie Stuart-Thompson on 01993 880378 / [julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.st@btinternet.com)**

**There will be NO tickets available on the day**



**Freeland CE Primary School  
FREELAND SCHOOL NEED YOUR HELP!**



Dear Readers,

We are the school councillors of Freeland School and we are seeking some support with fundraising for a well needed library/nurture/additional learning space in our lovely school.

For any of you that have not visited the school, we are extremely space poor, so we have created a plan to start fundraising for an additional building. For a small school, we are surrounded by a large field and playground, this is great for playtimes and PE. However, the one thing that the children, staff and parents have wanted for a very long time is a library and a nurture space. This would make a difference because it would mean that small groups could read together, do research and help us develop a love of books, as well as providing us with a space to run our nurture sessions for groups and individual children. We are hoping that this space could also be used for other activities like music and drama lessons, so that more children can take part in such activities.

In a recent survey that we did with the rest of the school, a library was the main thing that everyone thought we needed to make our already brilliant school, even better.

Therefore we are asking you to help us on our mission to have a purpose built library and nurturing space, so that we can provide more support for the wonderful children of Freeland, and the other local villages. We know that we are going to need approximately **£25000** to build this additional space. We are thinking about having a heated cabin which can be situated in the corner of the field.

We have written to some local businesses that might be interested in supporting us but have had no luck. If you know of any companies that may be able to support us in our mission we would really like to hear from you. Any small donations towards our mission would be gratefully received or if you would like to find out more please email our Head Teacher at [office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk) or phone: **01993 881707**.

Freeland School Society are also supporting us for this and any donations would be added to the money already raised.

Thank you for reading.

Freeland School Council





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## **MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT @ THE YEOMAN**

**Wednesday, 25th March 2019, 7.30pm. for 8.00pm start at**

The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon **OX29 8AQ**

Don't worry if there's only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night!

Entry is just **£3** per person with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Bar snacks available. Raffle prizes on the night will be very much appreciated.

For more info: Nicky Clargo at **oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com** or **07754 271831**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- M 24 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 24 Feb Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 26 Feb Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 27 Feb Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 28 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Su 1 Mar Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- Su 1 Mar Afternoon Tea with the Royal Butler, Freeland Hall **SOLD OUT**
- M 2 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Tu 3 Mar The Cake Café, Freeland Village Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am(Bacon rolls 9-10am)
- Tu 3 Mar Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- Tu 3 Mar Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
- Tu 3 Mar North Leigh History Society, Turner Hall, Church Road, N. Leigh, 7.30pm
- W 4 Mar Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 5 Mar Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 6 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Sa 7 Mar New Little Free Library opening!, Old phone box by Freeland Hall, 3pm
- M 9 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 9 Mar Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm
- W 11 Mar Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 12 Mar Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- Th 12 Mar **Last date for insertions in the April Grapevine**
- F 13 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- F 13 Mar Witney Music Society, High Street Methodist Church, Witney, 7.30pm
- F 13 Mar 'What's Your 2040' - Climate crisis film, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm doors
- Su 15 Mar Combe Mill Steaming Sunday, STEM day, **see page 37**
- M 16 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 16 Mar Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- Tu 17 Mar Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
- W 18 Mar Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 19 Mar Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 20 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Sa 21 Mar Teddy Girl's Spring Fayre, Freeland Hall, 10 - 12noon
- M 23 Mar Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 23 Mar Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 25 Mar Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

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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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Sat 7th March: England v Wales 4.45pm 6 Nations Rugby

Sat 21st March: Wine quiz & cheese nibbles £10/head 8pm

Tues 24th March: International Food Theme Evening

Wed 25th March: Marie Curie Quiz - 8pm-ish

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