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**\*On Sunday 31st October there will be one  
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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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**Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's** The church of St Mary the Virgin welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group with a Christian theme that meets each Wednesday in term time. We meet on an ad-hoc basis during school holidays so do ask us for details.

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**11+ Hitchhikers** - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (24/10/2021). 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**

**Baptism:** Neve Emilia Cox 19th September 2021

**Funeral:** Mavis Dunn 28th September 2021

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### **ST MARY'S TOWER CLOCK**

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The Churchwardens

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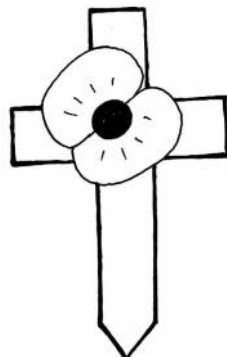
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## Remembrance Sunday, Freeland 14th November 2021, 10.15am

There will be a Service of Remembrance  
at St Mary's, Freeland, starting in church  
at 10.15am moving to the War Memorial  
where silence will be held at 11.00am.

*All are welcome.*



## **BEREAVEMENT SERVICE FOR HANBOROUGH & FREELAND**

(also known as Commemoration of the Departed service)

The Hanborough and Freeland Bereavement Service will take place at  
St Mary's, Freeland on **Sunday 21st November 2021 at 3pm**. All are very  
welcome to come to this service to remember our loved ones who have died.

If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service, please email  
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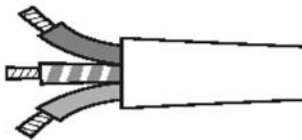
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## **Letter from our Curate:**

**Dear friends,**

*<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. <sup>4</sup>Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.' (Psalm 19:1-4)*

I am writing this letter a few days after having seen an amazingly clear, quite beautiful night sky, where the stars just seemed to sparkle brighter and clearer than usual. It reminded me of Psalm 19 verses 1-4 which I have quoted above, where the psalmist who may have had a similar (probably clearer) experience than mine recognised that such beauty, such order could only be the work of the creator God. In Psalm 19:1 the psalmist writes, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."* The psalmist recognises that while all of creation declares God's glory, the heavens are worthy a special mention because they are the most obviously seen of all God's works. While it is true that we can see God's glory reflected in other aspects of creation such as mountains and lakes, forests and wildlife, not everyone will have access to these places. But everyone can look up on a clear night and see the beauty of the heavens. John Glenn the American astronaut who got an even closer look at the beauty of the heavens than most of us, said *"To Look at this kind of creation out here and not believe in God is impossible."*

When we look up and see the beauty of the heavens, we can learn at least two things. Firstly, God is powerful, quite simply the enormity and intricacy and order of our own solar system with the sun, the moon, and the planets, tell us something about how powerful God is. Secondly, God is creative, the beauty of the heavens, the variety of shapes, sizes and colour tell us something of the creative nature of God. Saint Paul was alluding to this when he wrote in Romans 1:20, *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."*

So, this Autumn when we have clear night skies take the opportunity to look up, and ponder, who God is and what he is like.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

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

The bells will be rung at the following services:

**Sunday 7th November 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 14th November 9.45am - 10.15am**

**Sunday 21st November 9.30am - 10.00am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm**

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

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

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

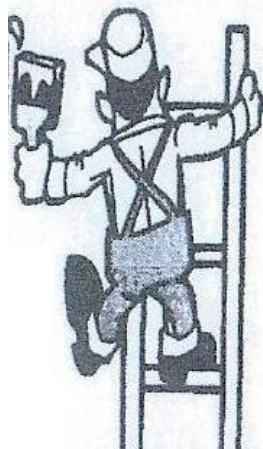
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John Fox

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**Sun 21st Nov 10am** Mr Grahame Faulkner

**Sun 28th Nov 10am** Rev. Charles Harris

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

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – Lisa’s notes from the meeting held on 18th October 2021**

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

As reported last month, the next two Parish Council meetings due to be held in November and December will be held in the Village Hall rather than the Newell Room, just to keep everyone safe as we head further into the winter months with Covid sadly still hanging around and not going anywhere anytime soon!

### **Inspired Villages Planning Application**

No news on this at the moment, we are still awaiting a decision from the planning officer.

### **Bench on The Green**

The existing bench on The Green is in desperate need of replacement. The Parish Council have chosen a replacement bench and I would like to pass on our thanks to the Freeland Teddy Girls who raised **£429** from their recent coffee morning and sale on 16th October. What a fantastic achievement. These funds are being put towards the new bench, which has been ordered and will be installed shortly. Our thanks to everyone involved in raising these funds, it is greatly appreciated.

### **Local River Pollution**

The Parish Council is very concerned about the increased amount of sewage being dumped in local rivers, including the River Evenlode and Windrush. A recent article in the Times detailed how the bacteria levels that were monitored in water downstream from the sewage treatment works in Church Hanborough showed E.Coli regularly at 100 times the safe limit in both wet and dry conditions. Although this location is not used for swimming, the pollution would have affected water quality further downstream. Thames Water and local Government representatives are aware of this problem, however a new Government White Paper on the Environment is due to be published soon which is hoped will provide stricter standards for water companies to adhere to. In the meantime, the Parish Council will be writing to Thames Water and Robert Courts MP to express their concerns.

### **Toddler Play Area upgrade**

The Parish Council have been working with a small group of parents to look at updating some of the play equipment in the enclosed toddler area at the play park. The Multiplay climbing equipment with hanging tyres will be replaced with a wooden climb-on tractor, and a new covered sand pit and small trampoline will also be provided. This work is being funded through the use of S106 funds received from the Mears Homes development on the A4095. Please note the installation of the new equipment is currently due to start on **22nd November** so the toddler area will be out of use during this time whilst the work is carried out.

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

Following on from last month’s report, Freeland Parish Council and several interested Freeland residents are due to meet with WODC soon to kick start the Neighbourhood Planning process.

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I would like to reiterate my report from last month..... With the need for sustainable, affordable housing in the right place raised many times in the past in responses to various planning proposals, 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., 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. Please do get in touch to offer assistance if you can.

### **Road Closure – Cuckoo Lane**

A reminder about the upcoming temporary road closure that is due to take place as follows: 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.**

Exemptions for this closure 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**

Work on the trial sites has started, and two areas of The Green have been scarified and a wildflower mix of seeds including Yellow Rattle have been sown. A section of the Broadmarsh Lane amenity area has also been prepared and seed sown. The next areas to be planted are the two grass verges at the entrance to Oakland Close and the grass verge at the end of Parklands by the entrance to the woods.

Freeland Parish Council are keen to support the Freeland Naturehood's efforts to extend wildlife corridors and the work carried out so far should create some beautiful wildflower verges throughout the village which should look really pretty, plus they will be beneficial to wildlife as well.

The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks to Russell Fisher, Amanda Watson and Robert Crocker for all their hard work on this project, plus the volunteers who provided assistance in preparing the areas. 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) .

### **Traffic Calming in Freeland**

The Traffic Calming group met this month and revisited its aims and objectives in trying to slow the speed of traffic through the village and to prevent HGVs coming through Freeland by encouraging them to take a different route at the village gateways. Sadly, according to the data collected by the Freeland Speedwatch team and from feedback received from the local police, a lot of the speeding being done through Freeland is by our own residents! Something to think about perhaps when you next drive through the village!

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### **Good Neighbour Scheme**

West Oxfordshire District Council are looking at resurrecting and improving the Good Neighbour Scheme that was set up a few years ago in conjunction with Volunteer Link Up in Witney. A new way of allowing people to volunteer in their local community is currently being explored, and I will post further details when I know more. What has been clear throughout this past year or so, is how much people have got out of volunteering and helping others, and it would be great to provide an easy way for people to continue to do this. In the meantime, I would encourage anyone wishing to continue to offer support, to register as a volunteer with Volunteer Link Up in Witney, details are available at **oxfordshiregns@vlu.org.uk** or you can ring **01993 776277** for more information. Thank you!

### **Planning Applications:**

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

**21/03106/HHD**

**I Church View, Freeland.**

Erection of rear and side storey extensions for Ms Maria Admans.

### **Applications Approved:**

**21/02671/HHD**

**Broadview, Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland.**

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

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 15th November 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** . Alternatively,

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To help keep you safe in our festive space, our invitation this year is for those of you living alone, or are elderly and would like some company, or could accompany a neighbour/family member, or would find it difficult to provide or cook a traditional Christmas meal - then please come and join us.

Please fill in the form below or email one of the team.

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help so far.



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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

The season is now in full swing!

On the 18th September we were part of the Witney and District Groundhop Weekend. This saw over 100 supporters visiting five different games in the league across the weekend. We put on a great show on and off the pitch, with the **1st team** running out 4-1 winners against Witney Royals and the Groundhoppers enjoying the cake, chilli and beer that was laid on for them. The souvenirs were also popular, with many mugs, badges and old shirts being sold. Two of the badges have since been sent as far as away as Poland to collectors!

Read the blog of our game here: <https://laurencereade.com/2021/09/25/wroslyn/>



Other games for the **Firsts** have seen them lose 3-2 to Minster Lovell and beat Kingham 12-1 in the Junior Shield first round, with Joey Burgess grabbing four and Rob Keylock scoring one of the worst hat-tricks you will see!

The **Reserves** have maintained their unbeaten start to the season, and currently sit 2nd in the table. They have beaten Carterton 4-1, Spartan 5-1 and Stonesfield 2-1.

The **Under 15s** have also had a good month, only losing to Carterton. They have had 2 good wins against Easington 5-1, and Swis who they beat 3-1.

Remaining fixtures in October:

**Saturday 30th Oct – 1st Away** to Chadlington;

**Reserves at Home** to Hatherop Reserves

**Under 15s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - his email is [stu.mac@aol.com](mailto:stu.mac@aol.com)

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## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

Over the weekend of the 8th October we held our end of season award evenings for the junior players. It is worth remembering at the time of celebrations, the history of the club and the people who made these celebrations possible.

The adult league team has a dozen players who have graduated from Freeland CC's junior teams which were run by Les Hole, Ade Buckingham and Steve Lay. There are also a number of young women who are playing in other village teams that were coached by Denise, Russell and Rhian Todd and Paul Salway.

Sadly, Les and Ade are no longer with us, but I am hopeful that they would be very proud that the torch they originally lit has been rekindled over the past few years.

10 years ago Graham Walker and I restarted the junior cricket section with one **Under 11s** team, made up of 10 players, Martha French, Cara Little, Rebecca Moore, Becky Wells, Ashley Wells, Ben Lloyd, Tom Brown, Josh Soanes, James Gild and Hamish Ditchfield.

The awards nights this year celebrated the achievements of nearly 100 young people, ageing from 5 to 17 years of age, playing in **Under 9s** through to **Under 19s** teams, an amazing difference over 10 years. Freeland CC is so lucky to have the services of some great coaches. Many thanks to Rich Borrill, John McGrady, Dave and Emma Owen and Megan Lovick, who have given up so much time to coach all the children and run the teams each week.

### **The Award Winners 2021:**

#### **Under 9s Team**

Most Runs - Zachary Furse

2nd Most Runs - Ellis Wilmott

Most Wickets - Evie Hunt and Gabby Owen

#### **Under 11s Softball Team**

Most Runs - Niall Rose

Most Wickets - Nathan Bean

Most Improved Player - Zachary Furse

Player of the Season - Niall Rose

#### **Under 11s Hardball Team**

Most Runs - Eddie Borrill (170 runs), Toby Borrill (151 runs)

Most Wickets - Daniel Smith (12), Ben Stansfield (11)

Most Improved Player - Harry Lewis

Player of the Season - Eddie Borrill

#### **Under 13s Super 8s**

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### **Under 13s 11-a-side**

Most Runs - Logan Hunt

Most Wickets - Carys Owen

Most Improved Player - Ben Hills

Player of the season - Logan Hunt

### **Under 15s**

Player of the season - Matthew McGrady

### **Under 19s**

Player of the season - Owain Cartwright

**Junior Player of the Season** - Carys Owen

**Fielder of the Season** - Beth Soanes (3 stumping in 1 match and 7 run outs)

### **Hat-trick bowlers**

Ila Biggin v Shipton Under Wychwood u13s

Carys Owen v Eynsham Women

Many thanks to Paul and Anna, of the Oxfordshire Yeoman, and their staff, who looked after the players and their families all season and on the awards night.

The Club's AGM will be held on **Monday 15th November** in the Yeoman at **7pm**, all welcome.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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

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

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Once again thank you for all the donated books. A lot of children's books have been coming in lately, which is great as they soon get snapped up! If you're donating colouring or activity books please have a quick flick through to check that the pages haven't been coloured in or used already, as this obviously impacts the enjoyment of children that might take them home.



There are two boxes behind the bus shelter where you can leave donations, and if the boxes are full there is another box next to the smaller, original Little Free Library outside 138 Wroslyn Road. After you've finished looking through the boxes please make sure the lids are closed, to prevent any damage from the weather. Thank you!

We're hurtling ever closer to Christmas which means that our supply of donated Christmas-themed books will be gradually appearing in the Little Free Libraries over the coming weeks. Please do take as many as you like as we have received plenty of Christmas books throughout the year.

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; they're an amazing team!

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The September Market raised **£120** for the Heart Unit at the JR Hospital  
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**The next Markets will be on Sunday 28th November  
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## **WAR MEMORIAL - Part 2 !**

Some of you will remember that I wrote up the family history/back stories on the men who died during the First World War, who are remembered on the cross in St Mary's churchyard.

I have made a start on the names of those who are commemorated for their sacrifice in the Second World War but am struggling to find information on a couple of them. The two men in particular I am having trouble in narrowing down or linking to Freeland are William Berry and John Foresheew. I am also aware that there may be relations of these men who are still living in the village or the surrounding area, I would be really interested in hearing from anyone who has information - please share my email.

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### **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP**

Our groups have had an action-packed time since we started up again in September!

**Beavers** have visited Combe Mill for pond-dipping and a camp fire, had a go at baking bread, and worked on earning gardening badges by planting bulbs with support from Freeland Nurseries.

**Cubs** have also been to Combe Mill to track bats, held a scrapheap challenge, have been working on their first aid skills and earned their Communication badges.

**Scouts** had a fun evening at Fat Squirrels activity centre, have been climbing walls at Far Peak and built towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti to work towards their teamwork badges.

**Explorers** are planning their own activities as well looking to collaborate more closely with the Scouts to participate in some of their events together.

These activities are all thanks to our wonderful team of volunteer leaders and assistant leaders, without whom we could not offer such a variety of experiences.

We have recently recruited some great volunteers to help us run our groups but we are always in need of a few more! If you can spare a few hours a week to help us provide wonderful experiences for young people in Long Hanborough and Freeland please do get in touch. Send an email to Steve: [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk) to find out how you can get involved!

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Over half term North Leigh Brownies and Guides had a visit to Combe Mill, looking around the Mill and having a go at Pumpkin carving.

This coming term from November to December we will be celebrating Fireworks, taking part in Remembrance Parades and having some Christmas based activities too.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can obtain the number of tickets we need to be able to take the girls to the cinema in December to watch Disney's Encanto – there will be a badge for all who attend too. Odeon in Oxford are teaming up with Girl Guiding as before for a very 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/>**.

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

This is the time of year when gardeners are tidying away all the annuals that brighten our gardens in summer and cutting down the perennials when they have finished flowering. If the clumps of perennials have grown too big dig them up and split them with two forks and replant what you want. Spare clumps can be potted up and given to a friend, moved elsewhere in the garden or brought to gardening Club for the Plant Table. It is also a good time to save seed from many plants. Put these in a paper bag and store somewhere cool. Tulip bulbs should be planted in November.

As the nights are getting cooler it is time to move delicate potted plants either to a greenhouse or somewhere offering them more protection. This also applied to any house plants moved outside for the summer.

The Hornbeam tree on the playing field to celebrate the Gardening Club's 20th Anniversary is now doing well, thanks to those who looked after it when it was first planted.

At last we are hoping to have the first Gardening Club meeting since early 2020. Roger Umplby is coming on **Monday 22nd November** to Freeland Hall at **7.30pm** to tell us about 'The Wonders of Wildflowers'. This is a subject that has inspired many gardeners to help wild life, particularly bees. Certain areas around Freeland are being prepared to plant wildflowers next spring. If these are successful, more areas will be taken over for this project. Many gardeners already have personally turned areas in their gardens to wildflowers and enjoyed their display.

We greatly look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Gardening Club including any newcomers to the village. If you are new please let someone in the Hall know so we can welcome you and get to know you. There is usually an excellent speaker and questions afterward. We have a plant and gardening item sales table at every Hall meeting so do bring your spare plants along and see what is there that you may like. Tea and coffee are then served and a social time is enjoyed.

Anyone who paid their subs last year will only pay **£7** for the coming year. More information will be given once the Club gets going after the Committee meeting at the beginning of November. There will be no meeting in December as it would be too near Christmas. Most meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month and plenty of information about speakers, etc is given via the Grapevine and local free magazines.

The Committee are looking for another person to join them so if this is something you would like to do, please have a word with our acting Chairperson Terry Jones or contact him at the e mail below.

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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 of the Royal British Legion then please visit **rbl.org.uk**

If you don't have cash there are other ways to donate:

To donate **£2** text **POPPY2** to **70545**

To donate **£5** text **POPPY5** to **70545**

To donate **£10** text **POPPY10** to **70545**



Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

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## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

In a change to our previously advertised programme, on **Tuesday 2nd November** we have a talk by Frank Ledwidge about 'Enstone's Black Lancasters - Myth, Mystery or State Secret?' Are we about to discover the truth about UFOs? Or is this about one the secret operations of the Second World War that is only now seeing the light of day? Come and find out more at our meeting.

In December we are branching out and we have invited the Launton Handbell Ringers to our meeting on **Tuesday 7th December**, when we will getting into the Christmas spirit in St Mary's church in Church Road, North Leigh, **OX29 6TX**.

Our November meeting will be in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SA** and all our meetings start at **7.30pm**. Members free, visitors **£4**. Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com**

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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## **FREELAND SPEEDWATCH**

Since our local Speedwatch team of nine volunteers resumed activity in early September, 21 sessions have been conducted. During these sessions **1928** vehicles have been recorded in total, **189** (or nearly **10%**) of which were travelling in excess of **35mph**. Of these 189, **138** were doing **36-40mph**, **40** were doing **41-45mph**, **6** were doing **46-50mph** and **5** were doing in excess of **50mph**. The fastest was recorded at **63mph** travelling from the village centre towards The Green.



Members of the team operate at different locations, on varying days of the week and at various times of the day so anyone speeding through Freeland is likely to be caught. The data is then submitted to Thames Valley Police who will take appropriate action.

Keeping to the **30mph** limit throughout the village will avoid police action, but more importantly will ensure that Freeland remains a lovely and safe place to live

Roger Faulkner, Freeland Speedwatch Co-Ordinator **rogfner@aol.com 01993 622413**



## **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP** **Saturday 4 December** **Freeland Village Hall 9.00 - 12.00noon**

Come along and make your own Christmas wreath at our friendly workshop. You will produce a circular wreath using fresh foliage which can be left natural or decorated with baubles, cones, cinnamon sticks, dried oranges and a bow.

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,  
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Rosie James - **colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk / 07968242208**

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## **FREELAND VILLAGE HUB update from FCBS Management Team**

It is now nearly five years since the Methodist Church was closed for worship and since then this iconic building, which has stood in the heart of the Village for 200 years, has remained unused.



When its impending closure was announced, it was assumed that it would be offered for sale and Freeland Community Benefit Society Ltd. (FCBS) was formed, as a legal entity, to take on the task of acquiring it for a community owned and volunteer run Village “Hub”, incorporating a cafe and shop. Many Villages are running such enterprises in redundant Churches and other buildings and it is a facility that Freeland has lacked since the Village shop in Parklands closed 15 years ago. The Methodist Church at the time indicated to us that they hoped that it would continue to be used for a community purpose.

The FCBS Management Team (MT) successfully applied to WODC for planning permission for use of the building for commercial purposes and were instrumental in having a submission for residential development by the Methodist Church refused. The MT have a well developed business plan and have continued with fund raising events. Support from Freeland residents was received in the form of pledges of over £70,000 in response to a share offer.

The failure of the Methodist Church to offer the Church for sale and to engage with the community continues to be a source of frustration and the work of the MT is currently in abeyance. Two of our members: Jane Duff and Anna Tighe have resigned and we would like to thank them for the time and effort they have put into supporting the project over the last few years, in particular by the organisation of regular fund raising events for our fighting fund.

Recently the MT have been in discussion with Tom and Alice Harden, Freeland's Micro Bakery (Knead Bakehouse), who have been operating very successfully during the pandemic and who have indicated that they would like to expand their business by purchasing the Methodist Church for a combined bakery, cafe and community space. In the view of the MT this currently offers a more direct and feasible approach to achieving FCBS's objective of having a social hub in the centre of the Village, than a community funded initiative and we are supporting their proposal. A long time has passed and much has changed in the Village since we first circulated the questionnaire regarding the future of the Methodist Church, which indicated strong support for the concept of acquiring it for use as a Community hub. However we believe that there is still a desire to see this building used for something of value to the Community rather than being developed for residential use and we will continue to pursue this objective.

We will provide the Village with updates as and when there are any developments. If you have any questions please email: **[freelandvillagehub@gmail.com](mailto:freelandvillagehub@gmail.com)** or contact any of the members of the MT: Roger Faulkner, Andy Murray, Colin Smith, Veronica Counsell, John Wilcox, Alaa Al-Yousuf.

Colin Smith

Chairman FCBS MT

email: **[csmithprivate@hotmail.com](mailto:csmithprivate@hotmail.com)**

## **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**  
**or email me: rogers27@sky.com**

If enough interest is shown, I hope to arrange a first meeting before Christmas.

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## **SALT CROSS AAP & HANBOROUGH STATION MASTERPLAN UPDATE**

### **Salt Cross Area Action Plan (AAP)**

Following the Council's submission of Salt Cross Area Action Plan to the Planning Inspectorate in February, examination hearing sessions were held 28 June – 8 July. Subsequently, the Inspector paused the examination and invited the Council to undertake some further work on the phasing of community infrastructure.

Once this work is complete, the next stage is to move towards publication of 'main modifications' of Salt Cross Area Action Plan which the Council will consult on to give everyone the opportunity to comment on the modifications made to the Area Action Plan through the inspection process, before it is adopted by the Council.

### **Hanborough Station Masterplan**

The District Council and Oxfordshire County Council are working closely to scope out a brief and invite consultants to prepare a new masterplan for Hanborough Station.

The masterplan will build on and develop previous work prepared for the District Council which looked at initial opportunities for enhancing the role of Hanborough Station a key transport hub.

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## **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION**

Thank you for continuing to support the aluminium collection. It is raising some much appreciated funds for Freeland Pre-School.

Please crush all cans as much as possible. It reduces the amount of contact needed with the cans (Covid Safety) and saves a massive amount of space which makes each trip more profitable too. **Drinks cans only please.**

Address for drop offs: **10 The Blowings, OX29 8HY**

Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood. The galvanised bin does have a lid, so I advise bringing some hand sanitiser to further reduce any risks.  
**andre\_woodward@yahoo.co.uk**

## **FIRST AND LAST MILE CIC**

The new community minibus service linking Freeland with Hanborough and Eynsham is coming soon and will be up and running no later than **4th January 2022**.



Every 2 hours Monday to Friday a bus will offer connections at Eynsham Church with the S1. It will include a service to Bartholomew School.

Our buses will be low floor and driven by volunteers. If you would like to join us phone **01993 704827** and ask for David Miles or contact us on:

**info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com**

For more information and timetables **www.firstandlastmile.org.uk**

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## **FREELAND WI**

Pumpkins were very much in demand for our October meeting in the Village Hall. With expert guidance from two of our members, Rosie and Anne, we all made an autumnal floral arrangement using a pumpkin as our base. The finished arrangements were very colourful and looked absolutely stunning.

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 as a visitor or to become a member. We would love to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

**https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi** or on our Facebook page:  
**www.facebook.com/freelandwi**

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or email **freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**

## **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**

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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## **YELLOW RATTLE TRIAL / FREELAND'S VERGE RESTORATION**

There has been an incredible support from many residents regarding the current verge restoration currently underway on selected sites in the village. There are four sites that have been selected this autumn, two of which have been done and ready for further sowing next spring. Whilst writing this, two more sites are yet to be sown with Yellow rattle.

At last weekend's work party in Broadmarsh Lane there was a fantastic gathering of likeminded volunteers ready to gear up and get stuck in. I would like to thank all those that got involved in the weekend's activities, whether it was raking, providing needed sustenance, supplying electricity for machinery, or giving moral support – Thank you!

A huge thank you also to Freeland Parish Council, Freeland Gardening Club and Robert Crocker for the ongoing support and guidance.



The Village Green before and  
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Freeland volunteers on  
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Amanda and Russell

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## **TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE CENTRES**

Oxfordshire County Council, the authority in charge of the sites, will be closing down the Household Waste Recycling Centres on random days in November to carry out deep cleaning and 'essential' maintenance.

This includes jet washing the sites and structures, repainting lines and safety areas, and carrying out work to improve the customer experience.

The council will be shutting each of its centres for two days - although never at the same time.

### **The closing dates are:**

Alkerton, near Banbury: Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 November

Ardley, near Bicester: Thursday 4 and Friday 5 November

**Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November**

Drayton, near Abingdon: Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 November

Oakley Wood, near Wallingford: Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 November

Redbridge, Oxford: Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November

Stanford, near Farringdon: Thursday 11 and Friday 12 November.

All closures will happen on quieter weekdays to minimise disruption and will reopen at 8am the following day.

Residents are asked to plan ahead, and hold on to waste until the sites reopen, or if this is impossible to use the nearest alternative site.

Residents with van or trailer permits can use these at any of the HWRCs.

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 3/10/2021**

So what is the origin of the word Ramble:

**Is it:** Late Middle English (in ramble) probably related to Middle Dutch rammelen, used of animals in the sense 'wander about on heat', well I'm not sure this best describes our UFR!

**Or:** Walk for pleasure in the countryside...getting warmer. Also (and probably more aptly) Talk or write at length in a confused or inconsequential way.



Incidentally the Proclaimers wrote a song about 'going to be' (500 miles) and frankly I don't blame them...seems a bit far for our group to be honest so we will stick to friendly Rambles of around 5 miles in the beautiful local countryside.

Our next Ramble will be on **Sunday 7th November at 10am** from outside the Yeoman. **All Welcome.**

Your friendly route pointer-outer

### **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

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

Meetings in November will be on **Tuesday 2nd and 16th.**

Please contact Paul Sayer on **paul.pshml@googlemail.com** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

## **COMBE MILL - CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Saturday 11th December, 11am to 4pm**

It is nearly that time of year again ..... so why not come & share in the Christmas atmosphere, at the last fundraiser of the year for Combe Mill.



There will be a range of stalls selling a whole selection of items to fill Christmas stockings - or tummies! Hot and cold food on offer from our BBQ and tea room, along with Mulled Wine, hot chestnuts and never ending supply of tea/coffee/cake/mince pies. Our very own gift shop will be selling some items made by our blacksmiths - unique presents made with love and a bit of hard work on the anvils in our forge.

The raffle will have lovely prizes giving you something to look forward to in 2022. A 4-ball Golfing day, a meal and pud at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, a family day out at Blenheim, a family day out at the Bus Museum, a gin tour at TOAD, Beer from Little Ox Brewery and other prizes. We will of course add a family pass for our very own Mill and a Blacksmith Experience - who could want to win more for just a **£1** a ticket gamble. Please let us know if you would like some tickets.

For a very small charge, Santa and his elf friends will have set up a story telling grotto in the Foreman's office, we are pretty sure the children/grandchildren will enjoy this thoroughly - Santa's sack of gifts has been kindly sponsored by our Mill neighbours at Burnside Partnership, for which we are really grateful.

We would like to put some magic back in to a traditional Christmas experience, for visitors of all ages and make some valuable income for the Mill.

See you there!! **www.combemill.org**

Julie Stuart-Thompson - Director

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

Having finished our Plastic Canvas projects - varying from coasters to glasses stands & pencil holders - we have been producing several little "Doddle Hats" to go on the top of Innocent Fruit Smoothies bottles. These go on the shelves of supermarkets and each one sold with a "hat" means 25p is given to the Age UK charity.

This month we will be looking at "Blackwork" embroidery stitches. Originally used to decorate dresses of the rich in Elizabethan times, we are looking to produce more up-to-date items. We were glad to welcome another new member in October and we hope she found a warm welcome and will continue to enjoy our meetings.



We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm**  
in the Newell Room of the Village Hall.

There is a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover heating/lighting & booking fees.

We are a friendly group and love to welcome new members, even if you can't come every week.

For further information, please contact: Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316 (margaret.wright160@gmail.com)**



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#### **Pre-school activities**

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for the sand pit project.

We now have our new sandpit built and re-filled with new sand.

The children have been enjoying going to the woods.

The children have taken part in some Halloween messy play and looked at the changing of the season and the signs to look for.

We also celebrated harvest with Alice leading a session all about harvest.

Thank you Alice.

**T: 01993 88294 E: [freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk) www.freelandschool.org**

#### **Freeland Nurseries and Freeland Pre-school Christmas Tree Charity Partnership**



This year, Freeland Nurseries have again kindly offered to donate to Freeland Pre-school for *every* freshly cut *Christmas tree* sold.

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## **EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE**

### **Covid-19 Booster Vaccinations and Annual Flu Vaccinations are continuing for those who are eligible.**

We are having **Covid Booster Vaccination** clinics on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Do please note that the **earliest** this can be given is 6 months after you received your second Vaccine. Please do not try to make an appointment earlier as you will not be given the booster vaccination on arrival.

If you are eligible for a Covid Booster do please check the on-line booking status regularly as these appointments will be released as we have confirmation that the vaccine will be available.

You will be contacted individually when your turn comes for either the Flu vaccine or Covid Booster.

**If you have access to book on-line this is the best way to book your appointment and can be done via the**

**NHS App: [www.nhsapp.service.nhs.uk/login](http://www.nhsapp.service.nhs.uk/login) or**

**Patient Access: [www.patientaccess.com](http://www.patientaccess.com)**

Our **Vaccine booking line** is still available for patients who cannot book online.

This is open between **09.00 and 14.00 Monday to Friday 01993 880786.**

Be patient, it is often very busy.

Please note, it is vital to turn up for your appointment in order to obtain the best protection you can against serious symptoms of either the Flu or Covid in what may be a difficult Winter for those (and other) viral infections.

If you are eligible but have not had either the first or second Covid Vaccination, then arrange to have them as soon as possible at the following website:

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The Government's chief scientific adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance, has said that about sixty percent of people being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 are unvaccinated, so don't delay – book up today !!

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## **BEFSA UPDATE**

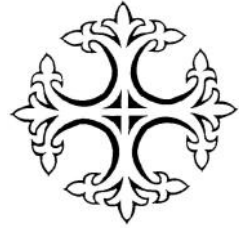
### **Quiz Night in the Freeland Hall - 29th January 2022**

Many thanks to all who have supported my fundraising by buying cards at the Freeland Market - see you at the next markets **31st October, 28th November and 19th December.**

Although we are unable to complete all our normal work programme with schools in Oxfordshire and their partners in the Eastern Cape, we are continuing to improve the lives of the school children in Adelaide by financing a daily meal/feeding programme.

Our next fundraiser therefore will be really important as our reserves are getting low. It is a difficult time for charities both large and small, that rely on events as their main source of income.

Julie Stuart-Thompson **[www.BEFSA.org](http://www.BEFSA.org)**



## **WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT u3a**

Although it would be rash to imply that things are back to normal, Woodstock u3a's activity has notably stepped up as Autumn runs on. Our monthly speaker meetings have indeed still had to be delivered on-line, but there is hope that come November we will be able offer a choice

to watch on-line or in limited numbers at our usual meeting place, Woodstock Community Centre in New Road; check our website..

Our October speaker, David Grylls, provided an entertaining talk on differences and similarities between US and British English. November's subject – 'Wheelpower' – will illustrate the potential for changing lives through sport, going back to the first Paralympic Games in 1948.

In October, too, the Branch had a visible presence at what I assume to be the very first 'Woodstock Day'. With the weather on our side, Branch Chair David Duthie and other members manned a stand in Woodstock museum garden, drawing a good number of visitors whom we hope to see return as members.

Much of the continuing interest for members lies in the Branch's score of Interest Groups, who have found ingenious ways to continue through Lockdown. The popular Lunch Group, for example, is preparing to tackle an exploratory visit to Adderbury's 'Coach & Horses': tough work, but someone must do it.

More detail at [www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock).

Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

W 27 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
Th 28 Oct **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27  
**Sa 30 Oct - Su 13 Nov Royal British Legion Collection - see page 37**  
**Su 31 Oct CLOCKS GO BACK - end of British Summer Time**  
**Su 31 Oct Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**  
**Tu 2 Nov The Cake Café + Knead Bakehouse, Village Hall 9am - 11.30am**  
W 3 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Th 4 Nov **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27  
Su 7 Nov Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman  
**M 8 / W 17 Nov Closure of Cuckoo Lane - diversion through Freeland**  
W 10 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
Th 11 Nov **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27  
**F 12 Nov Freeland Grapevine - December edition deadline day**  
M 15 Nov Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, **7.30pm**  
W 17 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Th 18 Nov **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27  
W 24 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
Th 25 Nov **Freeland Community Bus** Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27  
**Su 28 Nov Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm**



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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **December Grapevine** is **Friday 12th November**. The **December** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 26th November**.

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