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Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday** mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

There are toys, a craft linked to the story and of course snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation.
The group runs weekly during term time and on a slightly more ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact either Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or check out our Facebook page to find out more: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/958595840860028/**

With no planned dates for August, we look forward to welcoming you in September!

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Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for parents, carers and primary school aged children who meet once a month during term-time for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme. Come along on the last Monday of the month to the hall at **Freeland Primary School** from **3.15-4.15pm**.

Forthcoming dates: **Monday 25th September and Monday 27th November**

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11+ Hitchhikers meeting in Hanborough at 7pm on Sunday evening.

For further information on all these groups or services phone David on 881270 or visit www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland or www.hanboroughparish.org.uk

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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**

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on **01993 882866** or email: **print@associatedagencies.co.uk**

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
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FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Baptisms:	Eli Cox	18th June 2017
Funerals:	Audrey Franklin	19th June 2017
	Charles Rex Hanks	26th June 2017
Ashes Interment:	Marlene Susan Anne Harris	8th July 2017

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Last month, we had a Little Free Library stall at the FreeFest event at Freeland school. Thank you to everyone that came along to grab a free book or two.

Believe it or not, it will soon be our second anniversary. In September it'll be two years since we launched this book exchange project. At the time, we had no idea how popular it would become, and it continues to well-used by members of our community. Many thanks to all of you that have been swapping books over the past two years;
I am always amazed at how quickly the books come and go, and personally, I have read a much wider variety of books as a direct result of using the Little Free Library.

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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

I recently went 'wild camping' with my son Josh. He has recently finished his GCSEs and so has a long summer holiday. We got up early and left just after 6am in search of the Lake District. We made good progress and were walking by about 2pm. We had taken all that we needed for the next 24 hours or so in our rucksacks: food, water, a tent, sleeping bags, etc, etc. We headed towards Great Gable. As we peeled off toward the summit of Great Gable we left everyone behind and didn't see anyone else for another 18 hours. It was just the two of us and quite a few sheep. We pitched our tent by Black Tarn and just had the trout for company ... oh and about 2,000,000 midges - ouch!

It was a lovely time - I really enjoyed it. It was a special time which I will always remember.

However, while we were washing up in the tarn after supper one of our saucepans started to float out over the tarn. Without thinking I took off my boots and waded in after it. I did get it back .... BUT then realised by phone was in my pocket! R.I.P. phone!

It was very frustrating to have done something like that - but I tried not to let it colour my time away. I will probably never forget our days away - my new phone is already working and I am slowly moving details on to it.

When something like that, which is very frustrating, happens the temptation is to focus on that and ignore the good. Many times in the history of God's people they did exactly that. Released from slavery in Egypt by Moses performing signs in front of Pharaoh, and fed by manna from heaven, God's people *moaned* about the taste of manna.

Don't we do that some times? We ignore the good and focus on the bad. I haven't cracked this yet - and I am still very frustrated about my phone - but focusing on the good in life - for us, our time away - and trying not to focus on the negative is something which God encourages us to do.

I wish you well as you seek out the good in your life and try to ignore the frustrations.

With my best wishes,

David

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Tuesday 5th September: James Mitchell: Opera - not just shrieking & fat tenors!

More information can be found on our website:
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HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

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July	30th	10.00	Bob Forster
August	6th	10.00	Rev. Melanie Reed
	13th	10.00	Rev. Hedley Feast
	20th	10.30	Final Service at Northleigh Methodist Church
	27th	10.30	Welcome Service for Rev. Rose Westwood at the High Street Methodist Church, Witney

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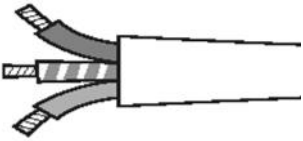

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ONE SPECIAL DAY IN AUGUST for all Catholics is the day when Mary the mother of Jesus died and went to heaven. In lots of countries it is a Public Holiday – the **15th August**. It is called the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for no-one can doubt that she is now with God in heaven where she can pray for us. Mass at St Peter's at **9.30am** and **7.00pm**

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 30th July: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 6th August: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 20th August: 9.15am - 10.00am

On **Saturday 5th August** at **5.45pm** ringers from St Peter's, Farnborough will be visiting St Mary's and ringing for 45 minutes.

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**

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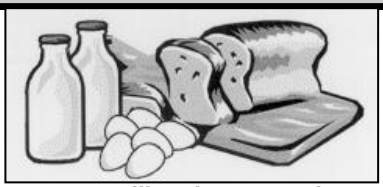

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL - LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 19th JUNE & 17th JULY 2017

41 house scheme on land off Witney Road

Steve Dalton, from Carlton Design Partnership attended the June meeting together with Ross Heriot from Sovereign Housing and Paul Adams from Mears New Homes. They gave a brief presentation on plans to amend the layout of the site on the South side of the A4095 that had already been granted planning permission for 41 houses with access onto the A4095 (previously arranged by Terry Daniel from Daniel Family Homes).

The original site layout was an indicative plan only and there were a number of issues which needed to be addressed. These were: issues with the pedestrian access; unprotected boundaries of rear gardens exposed to open public spaces; insufficient space/access for connection to the sewer network; noise nuisance from Industrial Estate; garage sizes and parking spaces too small; insufficient drainage capacity for development in an unsuitable location; native species habitats and foraging routes across Southern boundary compromised by the development.

The site layout therefore had to be changed to accommodate the above issues. The drainage had been moved to the Southern boundary of the site (subject to agreement by Thames Water), and this meant that the houses that were situated there had been relocated to the Eastern side of the site. This relocation had also solved the issue of noise nuisance for these gardens as they were no longer situated by the Industrial Estate. Garage sizes and parking spaces had been amended so that they were compliant with Local Authority standards. The through pedestrian access had also been altered to ensure compliance with Secure by Design standards.

Residents were given the opportunity to ask any questions and a number of concerns were raised including a buffer zone for Great Crested Newts and the insufficient Ecology Surveys; drainage of the site and concerns about future flooding, lack of privacy and possible overlooking and out of date maps used to draw up plans.

A visual display of the new and old plans were available to view at the meeting, these were not the final version so residents were encouraged to give their views to Steve Dalton so that further amendments could be made if necessary.

A plea from our post ladies!

I've had a plea from our post ladies to please ensure residents homes are accessible. They have experienced problems accessing some properties due to overgrown hedges/ plants – if access to your letter box could prove tricky due to overgrown shrubs etc, please can you cut them back. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

West Oxfordshire Garden Village.

Oxford Dioceses' proposal (represented by West Waddy)

Reverend David Tyler, Chair of Freeland Parochial Church Council (PCC) attended the July meeting to give a brief update on the Oxford Dioceses' proposal to add 100+ acres of Glebe land in Freeland to the existing WODC Garden Village scheme. The land owned by Oxford Diocese…Glebe Land, starts at the Green and heads South East towards Eynsham. The PCC have been consulted by the Diocese as to their views on

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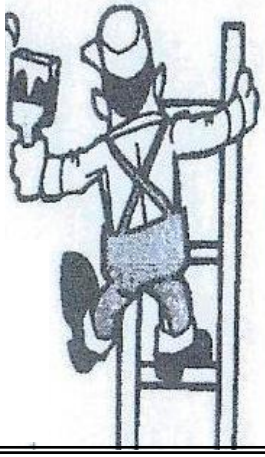

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such a proposal. Despite the PCC expressing their reservations, the Diocese, represented by West Waddy, is to proceed.

Four legged friends!
Well it's been at least a few months now without a moan about this, so it must be time!! Dog's mess left around the village, and particularly around the woods is getting worse again. I had to clear up some recently where it was left right in the middle of the pavement on Broadmarsh Lane. This is totally unacceptable. There are plenty of dog waste bins around the village, so a polite reminder to all dog owners to please clear up after your four-legged friends. There really is no excuse. Thank you!

Community Speed Watch
Freeland now has a group of 5 volunteers carrying out Community Speedwatch checks. At each assessment, they are reviewing approximately 100 vehicles, and on average about 10% of vehicles are speeding (sometimes higher), with speeds often in excess of 40mph. These volunteers will be carrying out regular speed checks at various times of the day to try and help prevent speeding through our village.

Double Yellow Lines
As previously mentioned in the April notes, the Parish Council is investigating whether it would be possible to have double yellow lines installed at various points throughout the village where parked cars and vans potentially create a hazard. A brief questionnaire has been sent out to all affected properties, and I would like to thank all those who have returned their questionnaires. The results are still being analysed and will be considered further at our September meeting.

Methodist Chapel
It has been agreed to see if we can nominate the Methodist Chapel as an Asset of Community Value with WODC. The forms will be submitted shortly and I will update you on the outcome.

Parish Council meeting
Just a brief reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August, so our next meeting will be on **Monday 18th September.**

Planning Applications:
All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** (under Planning Applications) 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:
17/02195/HHD 52 BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND.
Conversion of garage and erection of single storey front extension for Mr Aurelio Beleno.

17/01805/HHD 49 BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND.
Part conversion of garage to enlarge kitchen (retrospective) for Mr Andrew Jones.

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17/01570/HHD 176 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

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17/01040/FUL TAUNTON HOUSE, WROSLYN RD, FREELAND

Conversion of an existing annexe to provide accommodation for elderly persons to allow independent living. Small extension to rear and formation of an entrance to the front for Mr & Mrs David Lindgren.

17/00807/HHD THE HAVEN, 61 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Erection of two storey extension for Mr Stephen Ebbs.

17/00578/RES LAND SOUTH OF WITNEY RD, LONG HANBOROUGH

Application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 169 dwellings, open space and associated works for planning permission 14/1234/P/OP for Mr Graham Flint.

Applications Withdrawn:

17/01373/FUL 11 NASH LANE, FREELAND

Erection of detached dwelling for Mr J Dalton.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

There is no meeting in August, so the next council meeting will be held on:
Monday 18th September, 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** .

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RESTORATION OF FREELAND WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE

The enhancement of the lettering and numerals has now been carried out. The work took two and a half working days to complete and the standard of workmanship is exceptional.

A Completion Report, a copy of the paid invoice for the work, together with a set of photographs has been sent to the War Memorials Trust for their assessment. It is anticipated that the offered grant towards the cost of this final phase will be released in the very near future.

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July 2017

It has been a busy term at Freeland Primary School. The Years 4/5 and 5/6 performed a version of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream called 'Dream On' for their families and friends. The children certainly rose to the challenge with many of our year sixes taking leading roles, including solos.

We were blessed with wonderful weather for both sports day and FreeFest, the school's first festival style fete. Thank you for the community members that supported Freeland School Society, it was great to see so many people enjoying the occasion.

We are saying goodbye to our amazing year sixes who will be taking their next step to secondary school. They have made us very proud this year and they hopefully will move on with fond memories and skills to make them lifelong learners. Some of our staff will also be moving on and we wish them all good luck as they move onto pastures new.

It has been great this year getting to know more of the community of Freeland and I look forward to working with you all more in September.

Sarah Nickelson
Headteacher of Freeland CE Primary School School office: **01993 881707**

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THE 70 PLUS PROJECT

Readers of the Grapevine may be aware of my project photographing members of our village who were born in the year 1947 or before.

The project is going well, so far some 20 or so portraits are complete, and what a fine group of people they are! My aim is to self publish all the photographs along with, where possible, a short resume of the individual in their own words. The project is proving to be very interesting with wonderful subjects with interesting lives.

My problem is that I am fast running out of those whom I know. So a plea, if you are of the 70 plus community please feel free to call or email me with contact details to find out more and perhaps we can set up a photo shoot. I hope you would find this to be an enjoyable experience.

My number is **01993 880 227** or **brucehammersley@gmail.com**

Bruce Hammersley

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MACMILLAN CANCER CHARITY LONGEST GOLF DAY EVENT

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METHODIST CHAPEL - UPDATE

An open meeting in the Village Hall on the 6th July to discuss the future of the Methodist Chapel was attended by 30 people.

Colin Smith started the meeting by outlining issues that need to be considered if the building is to be retained for community use. Although it has been closed for worship it has not yet been placed on the market and the timetable for this is not known.
If the Chapel is registered with WODC as a Community Asset this allows a 6 month moratorium on the sale to allow the Village to prepare a bid. Estimating the likely selling price is difficult as it is dependent upon a number of unknown factors, for example: possible covenants that may be on it, its state of repair, status as a grade 2 listed building and planning issues.

Should there be general support from the Village for an attempt to buy the building there are several sources of funding which will need to be investigated. There are grants available for rural businesses, and a WODC community grant can provide £50k or 25% of any project. Grants are also available to support the setting up of Community Shops. However, grant funding is unlikely to be available for more than 50% of the cost and while long term loans at preferential rates such as that secured for the Village Hall, can also be made, a substantial sum will have to be raised from Village residents by means of donation and/or investment. The establishment of a Community Interest Company (CIC) would enable residents to buy shares in the venture which would be re-paid if the building were sold at some time in the future.

Trevor Johnson, landlord of the Oxfordshire Yeoman, outlined his ideas as to how the building could be used as a multi purpose space. His ideas included a cafe, shop, library, parcel drop off and distribution point. The building would become a central meeting place for Village residents.

There was a general discussion of the issues raised which ended in unanimous agreement that the idea should be pursued. A Working Group has been formed to look in detail at the feasibility of both raising the funds and running it sustainably.

The Group will report at an open meeting in the Village Hall on **Monday 18th September** at **8.00pm**.

Please put this meeting in your diaries and come along. The more support we get the more likely we are to succeed. If you have any questions or concerns do please call or email me:
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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club Draw - June 24th

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3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 141	T. Fisher

Freeland FC have now started Pre-season Training for the coming season, training will be taking place Wednesday evenings at **18.30** at the village playing fields.

Pre-season games in August are as follows:
Wednesday 2nd August at home **18.30** kick off
Thursday 8th August vs Kennington – location still be decided
Thursday 15th August at home – opposition yet to be confirmed

We are then ready for the start of the season which will be a midweek game on **Tuesday 22nd August**, opposition yet to be confirmed.

We will be running our annual summer Golf Day for the Football Club which will be held on **Sunday 6th August** at Carswell Golf Club.

We will look forward to seeing you all for the upcoming season.

Paul Salter - Chairman

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FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL LIGHTING APPEAL

Thank you so much for your continued generosity towards our lighting appeal. At the time of writing we have raised an amazing **£860**. We are so proud to belong to a big-hearted community that sets such a wonderful example to our young learners and would be absolutely thrilled to reach our £1000 target before many of them return from their summer holidays!

We are therefore inviting anyone yet to make a donation to do so this month. Further information with an online payment option is available at **www.bit.ly/2ul0OqO** and cheques can be made payable to Freeland Pre-School.

Thank you cards designed by the children will continue to be sent out over the holidays, so please do leave your name and contact details should you like to receive one. We guarantee every penny received will go towards funding the lighting system we so desperately need, with anything collected over and above the amount required going where it's needed most.

Again, thank you so much for your support, we really have been blown away by your kindness, and look forward to updating you next month.

The Pre-School Committee

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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

We made the most of the lovely weather last month with lots of great outdoors activities.

Beavers enjoyed a massive water fight, soaking each other with an array of water-shooters, to keep cool on one of the hottest days of the year so far. At least one Beaver ended the evening by sitting in a bucket of water! A few weeks later, on another hot night, they went to the other extreme by venturing into the woods to learn how to light fires (in a fun and safe way, of course). As always, Beavers have been earning badges, so parents have been busy sewing them all on.

Meanwhile, the Cubs went on an exciting adventure, driving narrow boats along the canal, which proved to be an amazing experience for everyone involved. Massive thanks to Paul Trimble for organising what surely must be one of the best activities of the year. And yes, our Cubs did actually steer the boats!

The biggest news this month, however, involves nine of our Scouts and Explorers, who will be heading to Iceland in August. They have already been on two training camps to prepare for their trip, and have been busy helping out at the various fundraising events. We wish them the best of luck for their adventure, we're sure they'll have an amazing time.

From September, we will be in need of extra helpers and leaders for all our groups, so please do get in touch if you think you might be interested. Volunteering with the Scout groups is a wonderful experience, and any help you can provide really will be greatly appreciated. Contact Adam to express your interest by sending him an email: **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk** Thank you!

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Officer)

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2nd July 2017

Another street full of excited walkers joined us on this month's ramble and it must be said (but not by me) that our logistics department did us proud.
The route included Doggers Hill (not to be confused with Benny Hill) a waterfall, rapids and the cliffs. Moths and butterflies were in abundance in the fields and it was only after serving lunch that I found the rest of the party had left me, it was my own fault, I should have known better, in future I shall distribute food at the end of the proceedings.

I know a lot of you are deeply interested in the Woodworm/Deidre scandal from last month but as yet there is no further news. Mrs Trellis has complained, as anticipated, regarding the use of "language" in last month's edition to which I can only reply "c'est la vie"! Re: Chuck Berry.

The main topic of concern this month was, how can the Methodist Chapel be converted into a train station for the H2O rail route with the track bed having already been laid in the playing field? It seems only urgent action can stop this now!

The next exciting ramble is from **The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 9.30am prompt**, **Sunday 6th August, 2017.**

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

On 14th June Club Members and Visitors had a superb visit to Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens. There is a large walled garden which specialises in roses which, being June, were absolutely lovely. There were many climbing roses and Clematis trained against the walls, as well as many old fashioned roses which smelled gorgeous. As well as the walled garden there was a river walk along the Test and of course a visit to the Abbey House as well. We were very lucky to also have a lovely sunny day.

As well as the coach trip there was a meeting in Freeland Hall on 26th June with a talk and photographs by Andrew Mikolajski entitled 'Pin me to the wall and do what you like with me'! As we had imagined, his talk was all about climbers so he showed many pictures of climbers for every season and environment. He discussed many types of supports and ties for attaching plants to their support. Altogether it was a very useful talk and presented with a touch of humour.

The Gardening Club did an arrangement for the St Mary's Church Flower Festival on 1st & 2nd July.

Bookings for the next coach trip to Hillier's Arboretum near Romsey in Hampshire on **16th September** have now started. This is another venue well worth a visit with not only many interesting and unusual trees but lovely gardens as well. There is a fairly new Education Centre and excellent café. Tickets cost **£10** for the coach and **£8** entrance fee ie: **£18** per person. Please contact Brian Wildblood on **883968** or email **brian.wildblood@gmail.com** for tickets.

The next meeting on Monday 24th July at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall is given by another of our regular speakers Michael Brown and is entitled 'Knots and Bowers in Tudor Gardens'. There are still many Tudor Gardens around the country mostly at Stately Homes for us to visit. It will be helpful to know what symbolic meaning some features represent. Plant and Garden Items Sale as usual at the meeting.

Plans for the Club Social on **21st August** are already being discussed. Tickets cost £5 each and can be obtained from Jill and Ray Evans at 99 Wroslyn Rd, phone **881420** or email **jillandray@btinternet.co.uk**

For any further information about the Club also contact Jill and Ray.

Janet Dalton - Publicity Secretary

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MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHTS @ THE YEOMAN

Marie Curie Quiz Nights on **Wednesdays 30th August, 25th October & 13th December, 7.30pm for 8.00pm** start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, Wroslyn Road, Freeland.

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.

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

This year the theme of the Flower Festival in St Mary's was NEW LIFE so the Craft Group's display contained samples of "New Life in Africa", with clothes for the "Fish'n'Chip" babies (those born to poor mothers who have nothing to take their new-born home in except newspaper wrappings to keep them warm) and "New Life" in the JR with little jackets, hats & bootees for the premature baby unit there. The flower arrangement included seed heads containing the new life in them.

NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:
Wednesdays: August (picnic on the 2nd), 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
September 6th & 13th

Costs: £1 per session to cover heating, lighting and refreshments.

Come along and join us one Wednesday afternoon, learn something new, meet new people, make new friends and exchange gossip!

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PLASTIC BAGS CAN NOW BE USED TO LINE FOOD WASTE BINS

Residents can now use plastic bags such as carrier bags and pedal bin liners, to line their food waste bins.

West Oxfordshire District Council collects food waste every week and takes it to the Agrivert Anaerobic Digestion plant near Cassington for recycling.

The processing plant is now able to accept thin plastic bags and carrier bags as caddy liners, as well as residents placing food waste in compostable bags, newspapers or directly into their caddies. Extracted liner bags are sent to an Energy Recovery Facility, where they are incinerated, and created into energy.

Cllr Carol Reynolds, Cabinet Member for the Environment at West Oxfordshire District Council said: *"This is great news as many residents tell us that compostable bags are expensive and some tear easily, which can be messy.*
"We know local people are keen recyclers as last year we collected over 3,480 tonnes of food waste, but this change will help make it even easier, cheaper and cleaner for people to recycle their leftovers."

Residents can use any type of paper or plastic liners for food waste, provided they are **not** black bin bags.

Food can also be put loose, straight into the caddy. However, it is important that retail packaging is removed. For example, bacon should be taken out of its plastic packet and fruit out of any punnets.

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ST MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

Very many thanks to those who did arrangements for the Church Flower Festival on 1st and 2nd July. There were many interpretations of the theme of 'New Life' and the beautiful flowers made some lovely displays. We welcomed the new Curate Emma Hopegood Jones at the packed Family Service at 10am to celebrate the dedication of St Mary's 148 years ago. There was also a lovely Songs of Praise service in the evening and a Quarter Peal of the bells.

Many thanks Janet Dalton

Freeland Baby and Toddler Group

This friendly group meets in the village hall every Monday morning during term-time **10.00am** until **11.30am**. A wide variety of toys and play equipment is available every week along with a drink and snack for the children. We provide a craft table each week.

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

The next meeting of the Group is on **Tuesday 29th August at 7.30pm** in the Newell Room. We will continue our series of talks/demonstrations on processing digital photographs. Plus the usual consideration of photos by members. Refreshments provided.

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FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were delighted to welcome Amanda Belz back to our July meeting. Amanda is a trainer at the Oxford Brookes University, School of Hospitality Management. She has previously entertained and inspired us with two delicious cookery demonstrations, and we were not disappointed this time. Amanda was assisted by her daughter, Hannah, and between them they prepared flatbreads and brioche, beetroot and courgette burgers, crab cakes, coleslaw with a fennel twist, strawberry ripple ice-cream and a meringue gelato cake with chocolate sauce. This wonderful array of summer dishes, were all produced within 90 minutes. Needless to say, it took us much less time to taste everything, and not a crumb remained by the end of our meeting!

We are going out and about for our next meeting, when we will be walking the Witney Wool and Blanket Trail. This 2 mile walk will allow us to find out more about the wool industry and how it shaped the buildings of Witney. In a change to our normal meeting time, our walk will take place during the afternoon of **Tuesday 15th August.** We will be meeting at the Village Hall at **1.30pm** to organise lifts into Witney. Alternatively, you can meet us at **3.30pm** for tea at the Blanket Hall. We should be back in Freeland by 5pm. If you would like to join us, please call Rosie James on **01993 881997.**

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We welcome visitors and new members.

Further information is on our website **http://freelandwi.weebly.com/** on our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/freelandwi** or contact Lorraine Pengilley **01993 881129.**

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Organiser of the Fair, The Wychwood Project, is a registered charity that aims to inspire people to conserve and restore our unique local landscapes and habitats. In addition to the Project's own display area, community and conservation groups will be promoting ways of "doing your bit" for the environment and for your community.

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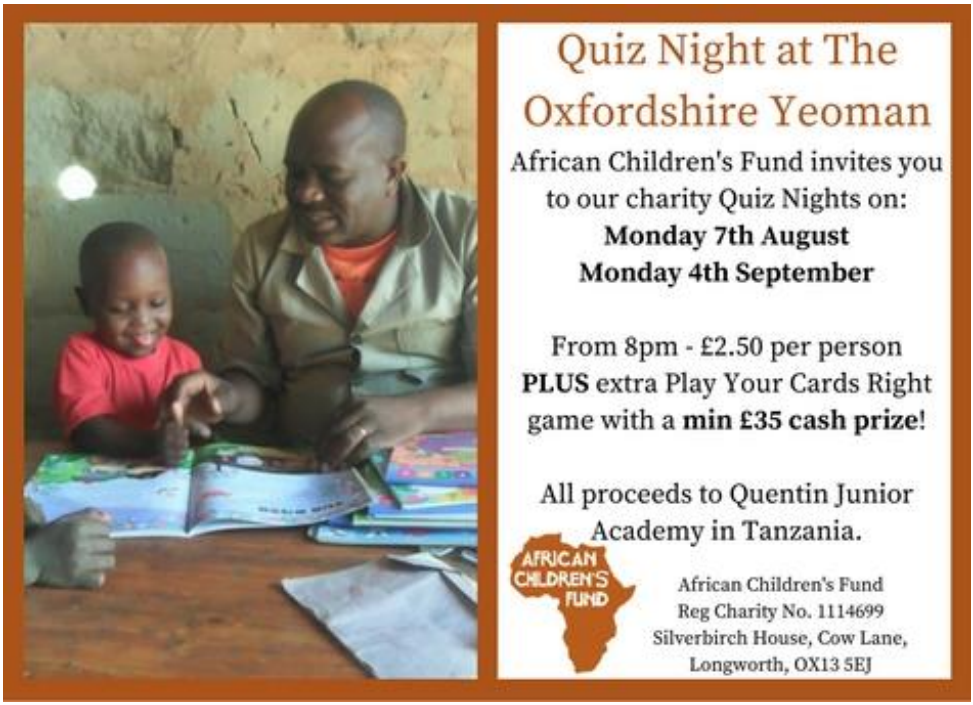

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1 August	The Cake Café, The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 9.30am - 11.30am
2 August	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged)
6 August	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
7 August	African Children's Fund Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £2.50 each
9 August	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
12 August	**Last date for insertions in the September Grapevine**
15 August	Freeland WI walk the Witney Wool & Blanket Trail - see page 35
16 August	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged)
17 August	Bridewell Open Gardens, The Walled Garden, OX7 3DT, 2 - 4pm, £3.50
21 August	Freeland Gardening Club Social
23 August	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
27 August	The Cake Café Cream Teas, Village Hall, 2.00pm - 5.00pm
29 August	Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
30 August	Marie Curie Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30 for 8pm, £3 each
31 August	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged)
3 Sept	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
3 Sept	Wychwood Forest Fair, Ducklington OX29 7YL 11.00am - 5.00pm
4 Sept	African Children's Fund Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £2.50 each
5 Sept	The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am (Bacon rolls 9.00-10.00am)
5 Sept	Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm
6 Sept	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
13 Sept	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged)
18 Sept	Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
18 Sept	Methodist Church building community interest meeting, Village Hall, 8pm

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