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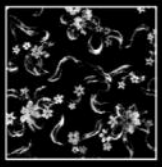
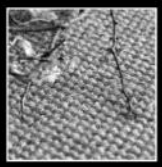
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5th May	10.00	Family Service with Baptism (Rev. David Tyler)
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There is also a service of Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 9.30am at ***the Daltons' house in Church View, Freeland,*** *led by Rev. Jackie Gardner.*

We also have groups for young people meeting during the week:

Toddlers at St Mary's All families with pre-school aged children are welcome to join in the fun at our toddler group in St Mary's, Freeland.
There are many toys, a craft table and we have a Christian themed story every week. The singing section is brought to life using puppets, props and musical instruments. We provide snacks, drinks, home baked cakes, fresh coffee and tea while we have a chat and share time together, all for a small donation of 50p. The group runs during term time on **Thursdays** from **10am to 11.30am** and everyone is very welcome. If you would like to know more then please contact Helen on **882044** or David on **881270**.

Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for parents, carers and young children who meet once a month for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme. We meet on a Thursday during term time, at the Village Hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm *(2 & 30 May, 4 July, 3 Oct)*

Sunsetters*, for teenagers, Contact Denise Ball (****882859****) for further information.*

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

14-18 TTT meeting in Hanborough at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings at The Rectory.

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.

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Letter from the Rector:

Dear friends,

The arrival of our puppy has caused us to think about a variety of things. One thing in particular is how long one should keep a dog in a crate (cage for those of you who don't know what I am talking about). If you have a puppy it's quite an important question because the devastation that they can cause outside the crate can be quite spectacular - take it from me!

But is it right to keep a dog locked up for hours on end?

People tell me that dogs live in the moment and so they don't mind .... but there must come a time when it becomes too much.

It's got me thinking about what we do with our days. We might not be in a cage (at least I hope you are not!) but do we get stuck in places (or jobs) that we would prefer to be out of?

Perhaps we are tied to our desk or our computers - perhaps we are locked into the classrooms where we teach, perhaps we feel locked into the workshop where we work.

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I've been thinking about what God tells us about work in the bible. We are told that we are made to work, we are told that we are made to rest some of the time as well, and we are told that our work may not always be easy or pleasurable.

Perhaps all of us can identify with that. If we have ever been unemployed (or if we are at the moment) we might prefer to be in employment - if we have ever worked 7 days on the trot - we know at the end we need a rest, and I suppose most of our experience of work is that there are at least bits of it that we don't like - yes that is even true for me.

So whilst we may not be physically caged during our working days, we may at times feel that we are trapped, which is why it is important to find times of rest away from work with our families and friends and to recognise that in any job there will be bits we don't like - but if these ever get too much then maybe it is time to look for a new cage!

With best wishes.

David.

PS For those of you that are interested, the RSPCA say that crates are suitable for dogs for 'short' periods of time .... but they don't define short!

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Did you know that St Mary's in Freeland has a quiet reflective service at 8am on a Sunday? - a lovely way to start a Sunday.
We have recently had some new people join us at this service .... one of them explains why she loves the 8am services:
- It's hard to get a moment to yourself these days, but this service is personal, reflective and soothing for people who might want to communicate with God in their own space
- It sets the scene for Sundays – it reminds me of what's important and I miss it on the weeks it doesn't take place
- While I love singing, not having hymns in this service just adds to the sense of peace
- It's just over half an hour long, so you can slip out of the house first thing and be back before even the dogs have woken up properly!

Fancy joining us? .... just turn up at 8am on either a second or fourth Sunday (full service times on page 3). All are welcome.

Rev. David Tyler

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NORTH LEIGH HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday 2nd April: Family History - a Tiger in the Bathroom and Bullets up the Chimney. A talk by Tony Hadland

Tuesday 7th May: A Whitsun Ale for North Leigh, with a quiz, dancing, cakes and ale

Meetings are at North Leigh Memorial Hall at **7.45pm.** Visitors £2.50, Under-18s £1. Members free. All welcome. Contact Diana Power **01993 882301** or Ann Chilton on **anniechilts@gmail.com** for further details.

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In the Summer, Sr Helen Julian will be joining us as a curate. She has written a few lines of introduction:

I was born in 1955 in Edinburgh, and educated there and in Newcastle, before working as a librarian in Dundee. I joined the Community of St Francis (CSF) in 1985, making life vows in 1993, and have served the Community in various roles. Since February 2012 I've been Minister General. I'm a published writer, and contribute regularly to the Bible Reading Fellowship's New Daylight notes. In my spare time I read voraciously, listen to music, and am addicted to transcribing old ships' logs for the Old Weather project. I am looking forward to what God has in store next.

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Services in Hanborough for March 2013

28th	20.00	**Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion (Revs Phil Cooke & David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
Good Friday			
29th	11.00	Walk of witness from Methodist Church	Methodists
	12.00	1st hour of meditation (Rev. Phil Cooke)	St Peter & St Paul
	13.00	2nd hour of meditation (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
Easter Sunday			
31st	09.45	Holy Communion (Revs Jackie Gardner & David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Ball)	Manor School

Services in Hanborough for April 2013

7th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Jackie Gardner)	St Peter & St Paul
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	18.00	Evening Prayer	Christ Church
14th	10.00	Holy Communion with Baptism (Revs Peter Ball & Phil Cooke)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
21st	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	United Celebration Service	**Methodist Church**
	10.00	United Morning Prayer (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
28th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
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EASTER IS CELEBRATED BY CHRISTIANS FOR 50 DAYS So our Church will be looking festive with the Gold Banner streaming out on either side of the cross to show the glory of our God who in Jesus defeats death and offers us eternal life. Every Sunday is an Easter celebration but especially the Sundays of Eastertide. Our Sunday Mass at 10.00am is always open to anyone who wants to come.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING is on **Tuesday 16th April at 8.00pm** when we will be presented with the Annual Accounts for 2012 and discuss other Parish matters.

OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY DELEGATE has raised, with our help, a large amount of the money to pay for his trip with other young people from our Diocese. Please pray for Jack Buss-Keating from Eynsham as he prepares for this fortnight in Brazil in late July. Thanks for all the support you have given him.

OUR TEENAGE STUDY GROUP continues to meet on Saturday mornings. Some of our young people between the ages of 14-18 gather with Father Martin and discuss some of the ways they can explain the faith to others, and understand it more deeply themselves. We will be meeting on the **20th and the 27th of April** at 9.45am.

QUESTIONS OR CRITICISMS ABOUT CATHOLICISM are welcome. Father Martin is always happy to answer such things however difficult! You can email him or arrange a time to meet either at his house or at yours. If anyone wants to learn more about the Faith on a regular basis that too can be arranged.

FATHER KEVIN GOOD was a very popular Parish Priest here between 1961 and 1966, and so two Parishioners who knew him well, Sarah Ruane and Dot Walker were very happy to go with Father Martin to Father Kevin's Funeral in Redditch last month. May he rest in Peace. By the way, the Archbishop mentioned Eynsham in his Homily and the caravan Fr. Kevin lived in!

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March	31st	10.30	Easter Service at Long Hanborough Methodist Church with Stella Bristow
April	7th	10.00	Family Worship at St Mary's
	14th	10.30	David Tee
	21st	10.30	North Leigh with Martin Bucknall
	28th	10.30	Andrew Maisey
May	5th	10.00	Family Worship at St Mary's

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL
LISA'S NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4th MARCH 2013

CRF Update

As you will no doubt have noticed, the appointed builders for the CRF Project, RMD Builders Ltd have taken over the site and have started work on the new CRF. It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of October this year.
We have also received a £7,000 grant this month from Freeland Charitable Foundation towards the CRF, and a grant of £2,500 from the Big Society Fund from Oxfordshire County Council. This is fantastic and Councillors are extremely appreciative of all funds received for this project, although more funds are urgently needed.

Resurfacing work on Wroslyn Road

As advised in the December notes, Highways are planning to resurface a section of Wroslyn Road from The Green down to Blenheim Lane which is particularly prone to potholes. This work was due to start in April this year, however because Thames Water now need to do some repair work on the sewer along this section, the resurfacing work has unfortunately had to be delayed until July this year.

Dog Fouling

I know – I can hear you all groan as you are probably thinking "she is not mentioning that again?" Well, yes I'm afraid so. I know that barely a few months go by before I have to mention this again, and yes it is getting rather tedious. But - the Parish Council have received a number of verbal complaints this month about dog's mess yet again on the pavements around the village. Particularly bad areas reported are Broadmarsh Lane, Wroslyn Road from Broadmarsh Lane down to the school and the footpath leading from Woodlands to Wroslyn Road. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets, so it is a real shame that the odd resident who doesn't clear up after their dog causes so much offence to others. **This has to stop** and the Council have called in the dog warden to monitor Freeland at various times when we think it is happening and if anyone is caught they will be fined on the spot. Please help us with this problem. Thanks. *Continued……*

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Update on CRF Building Project

Allotments – report on their first year

Community Led Plan – update on progress

There will also be annual reports from your County and District Councillors, the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee, plus a report from the Police.

Allotment plot

The vacant allotment plot has now been filled.

Temporary Road Closure – Cuckoo Lane

We have been informed that Cuckoo Lane will be temporarily closed for one day on **Tuesday 27th March 2013** whilst BT carry out some essential fault repair works. Cuckoo Lane will be closed south of its junction with the A4095 to the road junction for Barnard Gate near Tanner's Hill clump. Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force. The alternative route is via the A4095 Witney Road, Wroslyn Road, Cuckoo Lane and vice versa.

Notice Boards

The Council has received a complaint about the open style notice boards and that it is very difficult to attach notices to them. Councillors were originally informed when the boards were installed that the wood would soften over time, but unfortunately this has not yet happened. Various solutions were explored but some proved rather expensive, so it has been agreed to attach some cork tiles to one of the boards as a trial to see if this helps the situation and if they can withstand being exposed to the weather.

Footpath behind Broadmarsh Lane

I have been informed that the footpath that runs behind Broadmarsh Lane by the woods has finally been cleared.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed on line at **www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning** or by contacting the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420**.

Applications Received:

13/0215/P/S73 PLOT 5, CUCKOO WOOD FARM, EYNSHAM ROAD

Non-compliance with condition 8 of planning permission 08/1885/P/FP to allow a total of 3 static caravans or residential trailers on plot 5 for Mr Scott Forest.

13/0216/P/FP PLOT 5, CUCKOO WOOD FARM, EYNSHAM ROAD

Erection of workshop/shed on plot 5 for Mr Scott Forest.

13/02237/P/FP 83 BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND.

Reposition existing boundary wall for Mr Jon Langford.

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Applications Refused:

13/0071/P/FP 176 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.

Erection of two storey detached dwelling for Mr Rod Berry.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

Next council meeting will be on **Monday 8th April 2013 at 8.00pm** in the **Village Hall**.

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

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Freeland Baby and Toddler Group

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Due to the half-term, we will be meeting only twice in April. We provide a craft table each week and the themes for April will be:

15th April - Coffee Morning and rhythm and movement session, everyone welcome!

22nd April - Crown making to celebrate the Queen's birthday

Everyone is welcome at our coffee morning on Monday15th April 10am until 11.30am. Help yourselves to tea/coffee and a piece of delicious homemade cake whilst the children enjoy themselves with the toys and activities. Any donations of cakes/biscuits would be very gratefully received. All money raised will go towards the running of the group. Please do come along and see what we have to offer….

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There are also positions on our Executive Committee. These would benefit from previous administrative or management experience.

Any assistance is welcome. Scouting is fun for all – young people and adults.

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Gwilym Mason
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Woodstock U3A now has its own website up and running providing a wealth of information about the Woodstock Group, its events, activities, newsletter and happenings. **www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock**

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA held on the 9th March

The total raised amounted to **£502.75** for the CRF - a brilliant effort by all.
Many thanks to everyone who donated items and came to support us.

Thank you - The Teddy Girls

The Environment Agency, which is the navigation authority for the Thames, is now recruiting for the 2013 season and are looking for volunteers who can commit to assisting at least one day a week between May and the end of September. Volunteers can agree their hours with lock keepers but need to be available at least from 11am to 5pm. Volunteers are particularly needed along the river between Reading and Lechlade.

Our Volunteer Assistant Lock Keepers work alongside paid lock keepers, helping boats pass through the lock safely. They also provide information to visitors.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The meeting on 25th February brought a real lift to our spirits by transporting us to the Island of Madeira. Howard Drury, who was our speaker, has been there many times and takes parties to enjoy the wealth of flora and scenery the island has to offer. His talk was entitled 'Madeira the Islands, it's Gardens and People' and unusually was a video presentation rather than just slides. The island is very mountainous and has lush vegetation over many parts, including some plants which are only found on Madeira. Those on his tour really seemed to be enjoying all that Howard and some of the local people introduced them to, so much so that some Club members are going to investigate the possibility of going with Howard on one of his trips.

Another 'old faithful' speaker, Frank Hardy is the speaker on Monday 25th March in Freeland Hall at 7.30pm when he is coming to do a demonstration of 'Container Planting with a Difference'. As we will be thinking of our summer displays this will be a very useful lesson in how to plant something or some way that we haven't tried before. Watch out for something stunning in the summer! He will also have plants for sale as well as those on the Plant Sale table so there will be no excuse not to have a go!

Help will be at hand on **22nd April** also in Freeland Hall at **7.30pm** when Philip Aubury will show us 'How to Grow your own Vegetables'. If you have never done so or are a new allotment holder or have been a 'grow your own' enthusiast for years do come along and hear an expert give you some helpful advice. Hopefully this year the allotments shouldn't be plagued with rabbits and deer eating the crops as a rabbit and deer proof fence has now been erected. It is hoped that water will also be laid on soon. Also at the April meeting we will have the annual raffle of hampers.

Bookings are being taken for the day visit to the Malvern Show on **Saturday 11th May** and the coach is filling up fast, so if you haven't booked and want to go, contact Brian Wildblood on **883968**.

Well done again to the Teddy Girls, many of whom are Club members, for an excellent sale on Saturday 9th March. They also had plants for sale thanks to the generosity of Tim Webster at the Garden Centre.
The daffodils throughout the village are in full flower at present. Nature is marvellous the way it copes with whatever the weather throws at us.

Refreshments and Plant and Gardening equipment sale available at all the meetings in the hall.

For further information about the Gardening Club contact Ray and Jill Evans at 99 Wroslyn Rd or telephone **881420.** Janet Dalton Publicity Officer

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

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3rd Prize	£10	No.	47	Mrs Holden
4th Prize	£ 5	No.	166	B. Slaughter

Freeland **FIRSTS** continued their fine league form with two draws against the top two in the Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Division, they have now gone four league games unbeaten and are playing some great football as well. The only downside of the month was a 4-1 reverse at Riverside in the Ben Turner Cup – it's all about the league anyway!!

A new look **RESERVES** have shown promise in their last two games, they were unlucky to lose out to Charlton in the Ivor Gubbins Cup, and were then even more unlucky in the A40 derby with Eynsham as they conceded a last minute goal which changed a deserved win into an unfortunate draw.

The **A TEAM** had a mixed bag of results; they started by beating top of the table Stanton Harcourt 5-2 and then narrowly lost out to promotion chasing Chadlington. They cruised through to the last 16 of the Junior Cup with a routine win over FC Mills before being beaten by another promotion chasing side Aston.

FREELAND YEOMAN have been on a fine run, until the moment I write this, they won four games in a row to see themselves back in the promotion mix and through to the Ridgeway Cup semi-finals. They lost out to Sutton Wanderers in the Devenney Cup, but will look to start another run in the coming month to finish the season on a high.

Keep your eyes peeled down the field as the season reaches an exciting end, there will be plenty of matches for you to feast your eyes on as we look to ensure survival for the Firsts and A's and Freeland Yeoman make their charge for promotion.

Off the pitch I am sure you have all seen the screens are up and work has begun on the CRF so may I take this opportunity again to thank everyone who has helped raise money and put in their own time to make this happen.

For further information on the above and for all the club news, fixtures, results and much more don't forget you can log on and find it all at **www.freelandfc.co.uk**

Matthew Hardy

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FREELAND AND HANBOROUGH WINE CLUB

The next meeting of the Wine Club, on Friday 22nd March, will be focused on the wines of the Italian region of Veneto from the North of the country. The area is noted for its fine White Wines, Proseco and mellow Reds.

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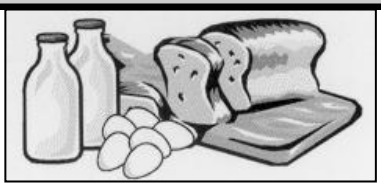

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At Forest School the children will also be exploring this theme, following trails of crumbs through the woods and building homes.
The children will be looking for signs of spring in the outdoor areas, using resources to help, such as the big magnifying glasses. The children will be given the opportunity to record their findings using a variety of resources such as, cameras, white boards and other mark making equipment.

We currently have a limited number of lunchtime and afternoon vacancies. If you would like your child to attend in the future, please ring us (between 8.45am and 3.15pm) on **882945**, or email **freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk** to give us your details and help us to plan ahead. Our admissions policy sets out the criteria by which places are allocated and is available to read on our website: www.freelandpreschool.org.

From all at Freeland Pre-school

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TUESDAY CLUB - 5th March

We had a very entertaining time with Sue Hooper from the Garden Centre. She provided us with polyanthus plants, potting compost and flower pots, together with coloured stickers to decorate the pots. It was great fun and the end results were very colourful.
As usual, this was followed by a great tea and a lovely birthday cake to celebrate Doreen Emanuel's 90th birthday. Betty Carter and Joyce Bartlett were also celebrating birthdays.
Next month, on April 2nd, we will be having a talk by the Thames Valley Air Ambulance Service, which should be very interesting. Do come and join us.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung for the following Sunday services:

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Sunday 7 April – 9.15am to 10.00am

Sunday 21 April – 9.15am to 10.00am

Sunday 5 May – 9.15am to 10.00am

To mark St George's Day, Tuesday 23 April, a quarter peal of approximately one hour's duration will be rung between 7pm and 9pm

The Junior Ringing held on Fridays will now be named Foundation Practice. It has been agreed by the Parochial Church Council that this practice will be open ringing, not on tied bells.

Doubles and minor practices will take place on the third Saturday of each month until further notice. These practices are generally held at Freeland from 4 pm. until 6 p.m.

Please contact the Tower Captain, Neil Ephgrave (**883850**) or myself should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

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Monday 20th May 2013 between 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Monday 17th June between 2.30pm and 3.30pm

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27 Mar	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
27 Mar	**Cuckoo Lane - part closure** - see page 15
2 Apr	Tuesday Club, Freeland Hall, 2.30pm
2 Apr	North Leigh History Group, Memorial Hall, North Leigh 7.30pm
4 Apr	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
4 Apr	Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
8 Apr	Freeland Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm, Freeland Hall
10 Apr	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
11 Apr	Annual Parish Meeting, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
12 Apr	**Last date for insertions in the April Grapevine**
12 Apr	'Drop In' Coffee Morning, Methodist Church 10.45 - 11.45am
16 Apr	Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Woodstock, 2pm
17 Apr	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
18 Apr	Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
22 Apr	Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
24 Apr	"Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
2 May	Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
1 May	"Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
7 May	Tuesday Club, Freeland Hall, 2.30pm
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