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Services for March 2018

25th	Palm Sunday	
	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
29th	Maundy Thursday	
	20.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)
30th	Good Friday	
	14.00	Third Hour of Meditation (Rev. Sue Spankie)
	14.00	Children's activities in Freeland C of E Primary School (change of venue)

Services for April 2018

1st	Easter Day	
	11.15	Easter Holy Communion and Family Service (Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Sue Spankie)
8th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)
15th	10.00	Holy Communion with baptism and Junior Church (Rev. David Tyler)
22nd	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
29th	10.00	Holy Communion with Confirmation (Rev. David Tyler) Ss Peter & Paul, Church Hanboro'

Services for May 2018

6th	10.00	Family Service with baptism (Rev. David Tyler)
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Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is normally held on the last Monday of the month however this year, as Easter falls early, March's session will change to **Good Friday Crafts** in Freeland C of E Primary School on **Friday 30th March**.

Please come and join us for an hour of activities (including an Easter Egg hunt), the Easter story & crafts between **2pm - 3pm**.

The next BFC will be on **Monday 30th April** from **3.15 - 4.15pm**.

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 or activity and of course snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation.

The group runs weekly during term time and on an ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact either Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or see our Facebook page to find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/958595840860028/>

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Some useful contact details:

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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:
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH>

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 3rd April: The Oxford HEIR project (Historic Environment Image Resource) - Dr Janice Kinory

In April Dr Janice Kinory will be telling us about an exciting project being undertaken by the University of Oxford which goes under the acronym of HEIR. Using the extensive collection of photographs amassed by the university since the late 19th century, researchers are collecting data that is helping them to gain new perspectives on present issues such as climate change and also offering fresh insights into the past.

7.30pm in the Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh **OX29 6TX**. All welcome. Visitors **£4**, Members free. Further details from Diana Power **01993 882301**.

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Ashes interment: Jean Johnson 8th February 2018



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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

Happy Easter!

I recently visited a class of school children and we were talking about Holy Week and Easter. I explained to them that an Easter Egg is supposed to have a profile that reminds us of the stone that was rolled away from Jesus' tomb. A child said to me that they didn't think the profile of an egg was very much like a stone outside a tomb. I said - I have to agree! I don't think it looks much like it either (apologies to those of you who do).

I think that the egg is a much better symbol of new life. The children had had some eggs hatch in school and so this made much more sense to them too.

Easter is all about new life. At this time of year we see the lambs in the fields, flowers beginning to show, leaves unfolding, bulbs flowering. This is a time of new birth and Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection at this time of year remembering his resurrection just after the Passover celebrations. Christians remember the empty tomb, the folded grave clothes, the angels and the risen Lord Jesus. They also remember the profound transformation Jesus' resurrection had on the disciples. This is a time of new birth, there is no better time to celebrate the resurrection which is all about new birth - the re-birth of Jesus and the new birth he offers us after we die.

I hope and pray that you enjoy a blessed Easter and may know the joy of this season. And I hope you enjoy an egg or two.

With love and best wishes,

David

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 1st April: 10.30am - 11.15am Easter Sunday

Saturday 7th April: 1.00pm at the wedding of Leigh Manning and Abbie White

Sunday 15th April: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 6th May: 9.15am - 10.00am

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.

Freeland Bell Ringers would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Hewitt for all the time and effort she has put into being our Tower Correspondent, now that she has stepped down from this role.

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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Services in Hanborough for March 2018

25th	Palm Sunday		
	10.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship		Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
29th	Maundy Thursday		
	20.00 Holy Communion		St Mary's Freeland
30th	Good Friday		
	11.00 Walk of Witness	(Rev. David Tyler)	Methodist Church
	12.00 First Hour of Meditation		St Peter & St Paul
		(Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	
	13.00 Second Hour of Meditation	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church

Services in Hanborough for April 2018

1st	Easter Day		
	09.45 Holy Communion		St Peter & St Paul
		(Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	
	10.00 Easter Celebration		Manor School
8th	10.00 Holy Communion with baptism		St Peter & St Paul
		(Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones and Rev. John Underwood)	
	10.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson)	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer		Christ Church
15th	08.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Worship Together		Manor School
	10.00 Morning Prayer		Christ Church
	18.00 Compline	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
22nd	10.00 Holy Communion		St Peter & St Paul
		(Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	
	10.00 Morning Worship		Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
29th	10.00 Holy Communion with Confirmation		St Peter & St Paul
		(Rev. David Tyler, Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones and Rev. Sue Spankie)	

Services in Hanborough for May 2018

6th	08.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	(Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church

This information is correct at the date published. Should any changes be necessary, the up to date information can be found at www.hanboroughparish.co.uk

EXERCISE GROUP

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

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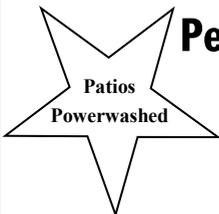
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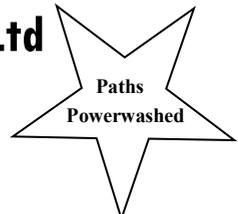


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Maundy Thursday (29th March)

8pm Holy Communion St Mary's, Freeland

Good Friday (30th March)

11am Walk of Witness Methodist Church, Long Hanborough

12pm First hour of meditation St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough

1pm Second hour of meditation Christ Church, Long Hanborough

2pm Third hour of meditation St Mary's, Freeland

2pm Tea, coffee & hot cross buns, with children's crafts **Freeland C of E
Primary School (NB Venue change)**

Easter Sunday (1st April)

9.45am Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough

10am Morning Worship Manor School, Long Hanborough

11.15am Easter Family Service (with Holy Communion) St Mary's, Freeland

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EASTER LASTS FOR FIFTY DAYS so although Easter Sunday on **April 1st** is the special day, every Sunday throughout April is an Easter Sunday and the great Easter Candle which will be brought in at the Easter Vigil on the Saturday Night (**March 31st**) stands alight in the sanctuary declaring the joy of Jesus alive for us in this new mysterious way.

HOLY WEEK begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday on **25th March** when we will all have to get up early (as the clocks go forward) so as to get to our Sunday Mass and be given a Palm Cross to remind us all of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding on a donkey whilst the crowds shouted Hosanna and waved palm branches.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM is the three great days at the end of Holy Week when we solemnly celebrate the crucial events of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY THURSDAY (29th March) is the day when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and told his disciples to take the Bread and the Wine and to know that in them he would be always present for them. Christians have followed this command through the Centuries, and so when people ask why do Christians have to go to Church, the answer is that Jesus told us to on this night.

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is at 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY (30th March) is the day when Jesus was killed on the cross dying at the Ninth Hour which is 3.00pm our time. So we celebrate this event solemnly on this day with a service which is called THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION. It is always held at 3.00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY (31st March) Easter begins in the dark on this night with the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter. The Easter Candle is lit from the Easter Fire and carried into the darkened Church. After readings from the Bible, Easter proper begins, all the lights and candles are lit and the decorated Church appears in all its glory to celebrate Easter. **THE EASTER VIGIL is at 8.00pm**

SIX TEENAGERS are preparing for Confirmation at the moment and deepening their understanding of their faith in the process. We are looking forward to a visit from the Archbishop of Birmingham in early June when he will confirm them.

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

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March	25th	10.00	Jude Levermore
	29th	19.00	Maundy Thursday Service led by Mrs Stella Bristow
	30th	10.00	Good Friday Service led by Rev. Hilary Ewing
April	1st	10.00	Easter Day Service led by Rev. Richard Donoghue (Holy Communion)
	8th	10.00	Local Arrangement
	15th	10.00	Rachel Prince
	22nd	10.00	Mrs Mary Blow
	29th	10.00	Mrs Stella Bristow
May	6th	10.00	Mr Ken Mumford

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2018

Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 20th April – 7.30pm

As mentioned last month, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Friday 20th April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and meet your Councillors who work on a voluntary basis to make Freeland a better place to live.

Topics for discussion this year are: Village Hub update, WODC Local Plan update on final results, Garden of Remembrance update, presentation by Spitfire Homes on proposed plans to develop land on corner of Pigeon House Lane, Speedwatch Team update and a Christmas Day lunch idea.

There will also be annual reports from your County and District Councillors, the Chairman of the Parish Council and the local Police.

Dog's mess around Freeland

Time for a moan I'm afraid - first one of the year about dog's mess! I've had several residents mention to me recently about dog's mess in the village which has gradually been getting worse over the past few months. Particular areas of concern are the pavements along Wroslyn Road from Church View towards the Village Hall, and the pavements in Broadmarsh Lane and the footpaths in the woods. I know it is just a minority of people who don't clear up after their four-legged friends, but it spoils it for the rest of us and it is a health hazard, especially for young children. Please, please use the dog bins provided around the village and scoop the poop! Thanks!

Spring Bulbs

As previously mentioned last month, the lovely daffodil and snowdrop bulbs are starting to really brighten up our gorgeous village with the daffodils just starting to open up and display their beautiful bright cheery yellow flowers. These bulbs have been lovingly planted by members of the Gardening Club and every year the flowers make a fantastic display throughout the village. It's one of the reasons I love living here! Please be mindful that the bulbs are particularly vulnerable whilst they are coming through, so please keep off the grass verges where they have been planted. Thanks very much for your co-operation.

Fix my Street!

Just another reminder that with so many potholes opening up all over our roads, these can be reported directly to OCC Highways by anyone via the Fix my Street website at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>. Just put in the postcode or road name, give details of the problem and it will get sent to OCC Highways to be fixed. Photos are often helpful to include as well to help identify where the problem is or how big a pothole it is. Thanks.

Mobile Coverage in Freeland

The site at land by Whitehouse Farm in Pigeon House Lane has been granted, although the final details of the exact location are still being finalised. It is hoped that once the new mast is installed, the mobile reception in the village will be greatly improved. I don't have a date for this yet but will keep you updated as and when more information is available.

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VAS signs

Following discussions with the Parish Council and our Community Speedwatch Team, it has been agreed to purchase 2 additional VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) and to relocate the existing VAS to the opposite side of the school. One of the new signs will be located by the approach to the village towards the Green, just opposite Orchard View, and the second one will be by the approach to the village from the North at the beginning of the slope towards Willoughby Fields. Both of these areas are places where traffic has frequently been found to exceed 30mph by the Speedwatch Team. The existing VAS will be moved from the Flashing Amber Lights post South of the School to the Flashing Amber Lights post North of the school. Again, the Speedwatch Team have found that most of the speeding traffic near the school generally came from the northerly direction. These requests have been made to Highways and I will update you as to when they will be carried out.

Garden of Remembrance

Some additional planting will be carried out shortly, to provide some screening from the allotments, and some quotes are being obtained for a gazebo and archway. Rules and regulations for use need to be drawn up and this is work in progress. A few Councillors have visited a local Garden of Remembrance to see how the administration is carried out, and this has proved useful. Details of the costs to date of the GOR have now been placed on the village website.

Planning Applications:

Applications can be seen via Freeland Website (www.freelandoxon.co.uk) under Parish Council/Planning Tracker as well as 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:

18/00386/FUL 59 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Demolition of existing single garage and erection of three bedroom two storey dwelling for Mr & Mrs Langford.

18/00604/HHD 5 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Proposed alterations and conversion of part of roof space to enlarge bedroom to include two dormer windows for Mr & Mrs Keylock.

Although not within our parish, you may also be interested to note that an application has been submitted on behalf of Gladman Developments Ltd for the Barnard Gate Garden Village:

18/00273/OUT LAND NORTH AND SOUTH OF BARNARD GATE, WITNEY

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Applications Approved:

18/00018/FUL FREELAND METHODIST CHURCH, WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Change of use to Classes A1 (shop), A3 (café) and D1 (non-residential institution) for Freeland Village Hub.

17/00133/S73 FREELAND HOUSE, WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Non-compliance with condition 2 of planning permission 13/1159/P/FP to allow the building to be moved 1.5m for Mrs Alka Patel.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meetings: The next meetings will be held on: **Monday 16th April 2018, 7.30pm** in the Newell Room (Ordinary Council meeting), and **Friday 20th April 2018, 7.30pm**, Freeland Hall (Annual Parish Meeting)

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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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Club had an entertaining evening with Michael Poultney from Halesowen on the 26th February about 'Raised Beds and no Digging'. He said raised beds should be small enough to walk around them. He suggested types of timber to use to build the beds and how to preserve it. Any compost which adds nutrients to the soil can be used, and it should never be allowed to dry out. Covering the beds with straw helps to keep them moist. Mycorrhizal Fungi and seaweed meal are good sources of nutrients. He also said that saving leaves in a separate compost bin which encourages worm activity, will be a great asset to add to the soil in spring.

The next meeting on **Monday 26th March at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is a talk by Malcolm Moody about 'Growing Orchids in the Home'. Some of us may have got Orchids for Christmas and this will help us to get the best out of these lovely long lasting flowers.

On **Saturday 14th April** we have our first day outing to Thenford Gardens the home of Michael Heseltine and his wife. This is a large garden with many interesting features and at this time of the year spring flowers should be at their best. To book for the trip and get information on cost either do so at the March meeting or contact Brian Wildblood on **01993 883968** or email brian.wildblood@gmail.com

Also in **April, on Monday the 23rd at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall, Marcel Floyd is the speaker on Climbers and Clematis. With summer coming up it will be an opportunity to add some upright interest to our gardens as he is sure to have some plants for sale.

The Club took part in the WI Easter Market on 18th March in Freeland Hall so we hope that you came and visited our stall to find out all about the Club, particularly if you are new to Freeland. There were some plants for sale and competitions to take part in.

In October the Club celebrates it's 20th Anniversary so plans are already under way to mark this remarkable achievement.

The snow rather flattened some of the many daffodils around the village but it is lovely to see how well they have recovered so that we can all once again enjoy their beauty.

There is a Bring and Buy Plant and Gardening Items Sale at each Hall meeting. More plants will soon appear as the summer approaches.

For more information about the Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans at 99 Wroslyn Rd tel. **881420** or email jillandray@btinternet.com

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

THE 70 PLUS PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

I am very happy to tell those who have been involved and have followed the progress of the photographic project that it is coming to conclusion. I have one book printed, this a draft copy being proof read for corrections and any last minute layout alterations, if needed. This process should be done in a few days then I can get copies made and would hope to move to the next stage, allowing people to see the finished book. I must ask those involved to be just a little more patient but I hope to be able to conclude and share the book with all interested within the next month.

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FREELAND VILLAGE HUB - April 2018

Last month a letter was hand delivered to each house in the village asking for support for the Fighting Fund, thank you so much to all those who have donated so far and to those of you who attended the Open Evening at the Oxfordshire Yeomen. We are on the way to reaching our initial target but we are not there yet. At present we have **£1200** in our funds after some payments have been made.



FREELAND VILLAGE HUB

If you are still wondering whether to support this initiative and would like to hear about the difference a community shop/café can make, then do come along to our next meeting for the Village which will be on **Friday 27th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**. We will have a guest speaker Tim Allen, Chairman and Secretary of the Ilmington Community Shop and Café. Come and hear at first hand the success story of their village project – the very facility that inspired us to start our venture. Take a look at their website and you too will be inspired. www.ilmingtonshop.co.uk
See separate advert on page 28 for all the details of the meeting.

Since our last report in the Grapevine we have had two pieces of good news. Firstly our application to WODC Planning Department for the change of use to a shop and café has been accepted for the Methodist Church.

Secondly our application to become a Community Benefit Society is now complete and in due course we will be inviting everyone in Freeland to purchase shares in our community project. Each share will be priced at just **£10**. More information will be available in due course.

Finally as part of the fund raising effort we are very pleased to announce a Violin and Piano Recital on **Sunday 8th April 2018 at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Freeland in aid of the Freeland Village Hub fund. Tickets can be bought from Freeland Nurseries or on the Door. Adults £10, children £5.**
Do come along and support this event and enjoy some superb playing.
Please see separate advert on page 24 of this issue.



We are working to develop a programme of events over the coming months. If you can help in anyway please approach one of the Steering Group or make contact via the Facebook page or village website. We need you to take up this cause. If you can help please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Steering Group, we will be very pleased to hear from you.

Alaa Al-Yousuf - Vice Chairman Freeland Village Hub Steering Group

Jane Duff - Communications Sub Group
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March 2018



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FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were joined at our March meeting by Frances Benton, who shared her “passion for pearls.” Frances is such a popular speaker that we booked her two years ago for this meeting. Thankfully, the wait was worth it! Frances gave us a hugely enjoyable and informative talk, which incorporated the biology, mythology, history and geography of pearl production. She also brought along an array of pearls of many different colours, shapes and sizes. The highlight of the evening for many of us was the opportunity for a spot of retail therapy. Frances’ profits are all donated to a school for children with autism, which somehow helped to justify the expenditure!

Our next meeting is on **Monday 9th April at 8pm** in the Village Hall, when Jane Oldfield will be giving a talk on Eynsham Hall and grounds. Do come along and join us in finding out more about our local history.

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, and women of all ages.

Further information is available on our website <http://freelandwi.wixsite.com/> on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/freelandwi or contact Lorraine Pengilly **01993 881129**.

THANK YOU

During our recent “snow adventure”, several neighbours phoned me with offers of help. I really appreciate such thoughtfulness and feel fortunate to live in such a kindly village as Freeland. Thank you indeed.

F.G.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

Holiday Bible Club will be during the first full week of the Summer Holidays which is **Monday 30th July to Friday 3rd August**. This year we will be at Freeland School. Do keep the week free if you can.



Come and find out at the Annual Parish Meeting on:

FRIDAY 20th APRIL, 7.30PM,

FREELAND HALL

Topics for discussion this year will be:

- **WODC Local Plan final results – Giles Hughes from WODC to give an update on the Emerging Local Plan**
- **A presentation by Spitfire Homes regarding plans to develop the field on the corner of Pigeon House Lane**
 - **Village Hub update (to include update on Methodist Church)**
- **Update from Community Speedwatch Team re: speeding in Freeland**
 - **Progress on plans to develop the Garden of Remembrance**

Reports from District Councillors, the Police and local Clubs and Groups as well as the Chairman of the Parish Council will all be available on the night. Please come along and keep informed of what is happening in YOUR village!

We look forward to welcoming you!



FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



April 2018

World Book Day

It was world book day on Thursday 1st March and this saw the children and staff coming to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns. We had a great morning sharing books and having a read around with members of the community joining us. Thank you to Caroline, one of our governors and Reverend Sue for coming in and joining the staff. Please have a look at the pictures on the website showing the read-around.

www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/

Lent Prayer Space

This term we were delighted to welcome Rev. Sue Spankie to lead our Lent 'Prayer Space' activities. Rev. Sue had talked to the children in Collective Worship about Lent and its significance for Christians. The activities were organised by Rev. Sue and led by an 'army' of volunteers from the community. Each activity had a theme, such as 'Turning over a new leaf'; 'When it is hard to do the right thing'; and 'God's love - shaping our hearts'. The Prayer Space was at lunch time, and therefore voluntary for the children to attend. However, we were packed out at times! It was wonderful to see so many children (from all the classes) attend and take part. We would like to thank Rev. Sue for her hard work and organising the event, and to our friends in the community that willingly gave up their time to lead the activities. Also – a very big thank you to Mrs Watson (Jack's mummy, Class 1) who kindly made and donated the huge batch of playdough. This was one of the most popular activities, where the children were asked to make a heart with the dough, and "Think of something that you can say or do to show that you love someone".

Please look at the school website for the latest photos and videos

www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes, Sarah Nickelson

Headteacher of Freeland CE Primary School

School office: **01993 881707**

FREELAND BRIDGE CLUB

We have had an exciting month since our Fast Track Beginners weekend with 8 locals now playing on a Tuesday evening at 7pm. The 'L' in Freeland Bridge Club is definitely for 'Learners' and we are relaxed in the way we use our memory aids and discuss things we have forgotten. Whilst we will be running more lessons in the Autumn (and would appreciate you advising if you are interested in these) – there is plenty of scope for those who have played a bit in the past and are rusty. Join us now - we can find some hours, if you choose, away from Tuesday nights, to sharpen up the memory. Alternatively we are happy to double up with you, on a Tuesday, until you feel comfortable to play solo.

Chris Onslow chris@freelandbridge.uk **01993 880518**

RESTORATION OF FREELAND WAR MEMORIAL - FINAL REPORT

As promised, I am writing to confirm that the restoration of the Freeland War Memorial is now complete and that the VAT for both phases of the restoration work has now been successfully recovered.

I would like to give a huge thank you to every individual who so generously gave a donation towards the work, including many who no longer reside in Freeland but who still read The Grapevine.

We are very fortunate to have many groups and clubs within our village and I give thanks to them all for their donations and for the fund raising events organised to support this cause. The Teddy Girls, Freeland Quiz Group, Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Football Club, Freeland Methodist Church and Freeland Parish Council. Thank you also to the Police Mutual Force for Good Community Sponsorship Programme for their donation.

The War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport have provided invaluable technical and financial support for which they are thanked most sincerely.

Thank you to the stonemasonry contractors for their skilled craftsmanship in carrying out the restoration work, Joslins Stonemasonry Limited for the Phase 1 work and Bespoke Stonemasonry Services Limited for the Phase 2 work.

Rev. David Tyler and St Mary's PCC have provided essential guidance and support for this project and I thank them very much.

So amazing has been the response financially, I am delighted to report that a sufficient sum of money remains within the dedicated fund, which is held for us by the church for the future upkeep of the War Memorial, which will enable cleaning and repair work to be undertaken one more time in the future.

Lastly, at the request of The War Memorials Trust, the work which has been carried out to our village war memorial has been recorded and updated on the War Memorials Online website, in order to generate a greater understanding of our shared war memorial heritage.

John Hewitt

YOUR CHANCE TO PUBLISH A SHORT STORY IN 2018



The 2017 edition of *Unexpected Tales*, an anthology of short stories written by eleven local authors, was published in December. It was a great achievement and contains 14 remarkable stories and is available from Amazon.

Now you also have a chance to publish a short story by submitting your story for the 2018 edition.

We are inviting people from the **OX29** post code area to submit, before the **30th June 2018**, short stories of between 2,500 and 7,500 words in length.

For more details and to see the submission rules please visit the web site at:

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We look forward to reading your stories.

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- Complaint handling and other administration.
- Proposals for future developments in the Practice.

Each of the surveys should take less than 3 minutes to complete.

The first survey, covering the first 4 bullet points above, can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VX32M6T> . If you prefer not to type this link into your web browser then please send an email to print@associatedagencies.co.uk and I will return it with a link you will be able to click on.

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FREELAND VILLAGE HUB

OPEN MEETING

FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2018
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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME - March 2018

Did you know Freeland now has a Community Speedwatch Scheme? Do you know what exactly this means?

The Community Speedwatch Scheme has been set up in Freeland in consultation with the local Police and has been up and running for about a year. We currently have a team of 5 volunteers who have been trained by our local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to use a radar gun to check the speed of vehicles travelling through the village.

The radar gun is pointed at vehicles travelling through Freeland and the vehicle's speed will be displayed on the gun. No photographs or videos are taken, the radar gun literally just records the speed at which a vehicle is travelling. Camera and videos are not permitted so the volunteers will not record any details on mobile phones.

The registration numbers of any speeding vehicles are then recorded by the volunteers and these are then passed to the Police to be entered onto their database by trained volunteers.

Warning letters are then sent out by the Police to the registered keepers stating that their vehicle has been reported as speeding. The first letter is a warning letter, the second is a stronger letter and further detected speeding could result in enforcement by the Police.

Our volunteers all have high-vis jackets and they operate in various locations throughout the village based on where there is most concern about speeding traffic, or the impact of speed.

The Community Speedwatch Team give the Parish Council updates of how many vehicles have been recorded speeding in a given timescale, and where the main areas are in Freeland where speeding occurs.



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Raising funds for Learning Resources
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This replaces our March Sale which had
to be cancelled because of the snow.

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 4th March 2018

It is rare for me to have a good word to say about our Mapping Department and this month was no exception, however the last few yards of our 6 mile ramble were pure magic! A warm mist hung over the forest as the sun broke through and we trudged along the paths in the woods. The imaginary wild boar didn't materialise although there were rumours of a three toed sloth with attitude. One of our more rebellious ramblers tempted us with sherbet bonbons and another kind-hearted soul in pink supplied homemade flapjack. Car drivers urged us on by splashing us with slush and indicating that it was only two miles. Train spotting was cancelled this month because of snow on the tracks. House building continues apace and it was agreed that Long Hanborough and Yarnton will soon form part of Botley. Mrs Trellis writes in again complaining that the Chapel is to become a nail bar or charity shop and once again my position is being threatened as I suspect a hostile takeover if rumours are to be believed.

The next worrying ramble leaves The Oxfordshire Yeoman, **9.30am on Sunday 1st April 2018**. (Note: Ah, April Fools Day, Ed) Newcomers welcome.

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Friday 20th April at 7.30pm is the pre-season meeting.

If you are interested in taking up a new social activity why not come along for a drink & nibbles to find out more.

Our first two matches are at home to Chipping Norton **Saturday 21st April** & Witney Mills on **Sunday 22nd April** starting at **2.30pm.**

THE BIG LUNCH 2018

Save the date!

Sunday 10th June, at the Village Hall

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

Put it on your calendars now!

So, what is The Big Lunch?

It's a community picnic. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come along, to enjoy lunch together. All you need to do is bring some food to share, and invite a neighbour or some friends to join in.

More details to follow soon, but please do contact me if you would like to help with this event.

Thank you!

Matthew Ruddle

01993 359 543

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK

Our final Saturday workshop of this academic year is coming up on **19th May**.

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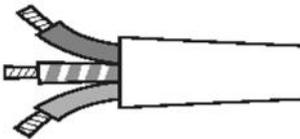
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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

There will be an exhibition of members' photos at the Teddy Girls' Sale on **Saturday 7th April** from **10am to Noon** in the Village Hall (postponed from 3rd March).

The next meeting of the Photo Group will be on **Tuesday 17th April**.

Meetings are held in the Newell Room starting at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome at all levels of experience. We are a friendly group who provide mutual support and encouragement. Refreshments provided and cost is **£4** on the door.

Please confirm dates at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/freelandgroup/> or contact Paul Sayer at paul.pshml@googlemail.com



Freeland Pre-school News!

We are very pleased to be able to confirm that we were awarded "Good" again by Ofsted at their inspection last year. This is a great result and a true testament to the effort and care put in by all our wonderful staff.

In January we started our Forest School sessions again in the woods at the end of Parklands. So far we have gone on a Gruffalo hunt, toasted marshmallows and gone on mini beast adventures! These Forest sessions offer the children a great outdoor experience and they enjoy them hugely.

The children have also been making good use of the Pre-school garden, going outside most days and are enjoying some new construction toys bought with one of the grants we were lucky to get.

In Term 3 we held a Teddy Bears' Picnic where parents came in to sing songs and read the children's favourite stories. For our Easter celebrations, Rev. Sue Spankie gave us a wonderful Easter service in the Church and the children produced fantastic creations for our annual Easter bonnet parade!

Finally, we want to reiterate how grateful we are to have received donations for our lighting appeal. The new setup installed by Stephen Wiley has really helped lift the gloom during the winter months and made a big difference.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to spring!

Jess Williams Pre-school Manager

We are still taking admissions for September 2018. If you would like more information about session availability please email the Pre-school office at freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk

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Blenheim Palace is the stunning venue for the annual Blenheim 7k fun run.

Three events for all ages and abilities: the 7k takes a scenic route around the trails and paths including a spectacular lakeside section. The 4-mile route is suitable for wheelchairs and buggies. The 1 mile race is for under 15s.

Participants can run for fun or fundraise for the charity of their choice. This provides an opportunity for many smaller charities can get involved and benefit from the event. Last year a team of parents raised £750 for Woodstock Under 5s.

All finishers receive a medal and there will be trophies for the winners as well as for first team and a school challenge trophy. Fun Run entry includes entry to the Palace grounds for the participant and their supporters (a bargain if you have a car load!)

For Fun Run entry and more details please go to www.blenheim7k.co.uk

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

What a brilliant array of poppies made so far towards our aim of decorating the memorial trees in the village in time for the November centenary of WWI. Over 450 have now been knitted or crocheted towards our aim of 600 needed - so very many thanks to those who have produced this wonderful effort. As you can see, we still need more - so CARRY ON CRAFTING!

Other items have been made too - *Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs* made an appearance last week and the supply of little clothes for the premature baby unit is increasing.

We were very pleased to welcome two new members last month - one just temporarily. We hope they will continue to enjoy Freeland Craft Club. Everyone is welcome, whether you have never done anything like this before, and wish to learn, or you are an expert, keen to share your knowledge and experience with others.

**NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:
Wednesdays: April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th; May 2nd & 9th**

It costs £1 per session to cover heating, lighting and refreshments.

For further information (or someone to go with) please contact:
Margaret Wright: **01993 881316** or Helen Molden: **01993 882305**

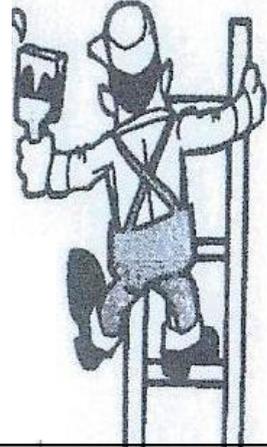
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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club March Draw

1st prize:	£20	No. 132	S. Claridge
2nd prize:	£10	No. 39	Mrs Hardy
3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 1	P. Steffans



Freeland F.C. have had a number of postponed games due to waterlogged pitches and non-fixtures over the past month, so the

First Team have only played twice since our last report.

First of all losing 2-1 in the Quarter Final of the Ben Turner Cup to a very strong Horspath side. Only goal coming from Tom McCudden.

They then returned to winning ways in the League with a 2-0 victory over OUP. Goals from Danny Taylor and Stuart Hole.

The **Reserve** team have only had one fixture since our last report as all other games have been postponed. This was a strong 3-1 win over Chalgrove Reserves in the league. Goals from Ben Weller x 2 and Ethan Simlett x 1

Come along and support Freeland FC against Hanborough FC at the 2018 Oxfordshire FA Charity Cup Final on **Good Friday 30th March** - see **page 45** for more details.

Paul Salter - Freeland FC Chairman

1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

Come to our free BBQ on **Wednesday 20th June!**

Stop by Freeland Village Hall anytime between **6pm**

and 8pm for our open house event. Meet members of the committee, watch our groups in action, and enjoy a

free meal! We're looking forward to seeing you there, so put it on your calendars now!

Our **Explorers** group are in need of extra volunteer leaders. They are our oldest scouts, and meet on Wednesday evenings, from **8 until 9.30pm**. If you are able to help on some Wednesday evenings please contact Adam at gls@hfscouting.org.uk to express your interest. Join our experienced team to help young people develop and have fun!

Our groups will be a bit quiet during the Easter break, but are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things later in April when the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be busy as usual trying new things and having lots of fun.

Finally, I know we keep saying this, but our website will be going live very soon...

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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Could you help?

We are looking for more volunteer collectors to help with the house-to-house collection in Freeland this year. If you would like to help, and could give time to deliver and collect envelopes from around 20-30 houses during Christian Aid Week, please contact Fiona McGrady on **880007**.

Christian Aid works with partner organisations to support those in need, regardless of faith or nationality.

Further information about the charity can be found at www.christianaid.org.uk/

MARIE CURIE EASTER QUIZ NIGHT @ THE YEOMAN

Wednesday, 28th March 2018, 7.30pm. for 8.00pm start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon **OX29 8AQ**

Don't worry if there's only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night! Entry is just **£3** per person with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Bar snacks available. Raffle prizes on the night will be very much appreciated.

For more information please contact Nicky Clargo at oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com or ring **07754 271831**

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WAR MEMORIAL NAME PROJECT

November 2018 marks the centenary of the end of World War One and as a village we have recently carried out some restoration work on the War Memorial in St Mary's Church.

I thought it would be an interesting project to find out a bit more about the men whose names appear on the memorial.

Information is freely available from various internet sites: the census taken in 1911, 1901, 1891, 1881 and 1871, the Commonwealth War Graves site and freebmd.

Some of the families of these men still live in Freeland and surrounding areas and I would like to make contact with any of them who have further information about the men whose names appear on our Memorial. I have been in contact with the keeper of the Merry name family history database, who had information about both Edgar and Lewis Ernest Merry, so would like to have more



information about the other three men – Arthur James Edgington, Walter Scraggs and Arthur Slatter.

Please email me on julie.st@btinternet.com if you have anything to share.

Many thanks,
Julie Stuart-Thompson



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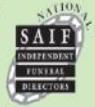
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24 Mar Burford Orchestra, St Mary's Church, Witney, 7.30pm, £9
25 Mar **Put your clocks forward an hour!**
26 Mar Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
27 Mar Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
28 Mar Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
28 Mar Marie Curie Easter Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm for 8pm, £3
29 Mar Freeland Pre-school Easter Bake Sale, School playground 1.15pm
30 Mar Freeland FC v Hanborough FC (Cup Final) Oxford City Grounds, 5.30pm
1 Apr Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
3 Apr The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am
3 Apr North Leigh History Society, Turner Hall, Church Road, NL, 7.30pm, £4
5 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
7 Apr Teddy Girls Spring Fayre & Photo Group Exhibition, Village Hall, 10am
8 Apr Freeland Village Hub Violin and Piano Recital, St Mary's Church, 3pm
9 Apr Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm
11 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
12 Apr **Last date for insertions in the May Grapevine**
14 Apr Freeland Gardening Club outing to Thenford Gardens
16 Apr Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
17 Apr Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £4
18 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
20 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, Freeland Village Hall, 7.30pm
23 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
25 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
27 Apr Freeland Village Hub Open Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
29 Apr Blenheim 7K Fun Run, Blenheim Palace, 10.15am
30 Apr Bridge taster session in Cassington, 2pm
1 May The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am
1 May Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
2 May Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
5 May Prom Praise Concert, Royal Albert Hall, London, 7.30pm
6 May Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
10 May Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
13 May Bridewell Organic Gardens, Wilcote OX7 3DT, 2pm-5pm, £4
13-19 May Christian Aid Week
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We welcome handwritten or typed articles and adverts. However, if at all possible, please send by email, formatted to fit an A5 magazine - it will certainly help to reduce the number of our mistakes! The font we use is **Gill Sans MT** at 10 point. Please do not submit PDFs as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine.

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