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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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ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 31st March: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 7th April: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 21st April: 10.30am - 11.15am Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th May: 9.15am - 10.00am

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

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Please contact the Tower Captain, Neil Ephgrave (**883850**) or Michael Probert (**882687**) should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

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FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Funeral: Harry Foote 27th February 2019

Baptism: Albie Longford 3rd March 2019

Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

I have been thinking recently about patience. Some of us will be more patient than others. By nature I tend to be impatient but I think over time I have learnt the value of patience, even if I don't always get it right. Especially with emails I am much more likely these days to ponder my response, or write a response and then ponder it before I send it.

'Patience is a virtue' we are told. But when we want something, often we want it now.

Esau was very hungry one day and due to his lack of patience (and his hunger getting the better of him) he sold his birth right to his brother Jacob. The twin brothers had never got on, they even wrestled in the womb and this incident only made things worse.

What mistakes might we have made when we have been impatient?

Becoming more patient takes time and practice, we can't just improve now (dare I say it, we need to be patient!).

In this season of Lent we are encouraged to take up disciplines which take us closer to God. Making an effort to be more patient might be a good starting place for most of us whether we recognise the need to draw closer to God or not.

I hope and pray that your patience may grow - even if it takes a while - and I pray that you may know extra blessing through your patience.

With best wishes,

David

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March 31st 10.00 Rev. Hilary Ewing

April 7th 10.00 Rev. Rose Westwood - Baptism

14th 10.00 At Sutton

18th 19.00 **Maundy Thursday** - Mr Richard Bowler

19th 10.00 **Good Friday** - Mr David Sarbutts

21st 10.00 Rev. Rose Westwood - Holy Communion

28th 10.00 Rev. Hadley Feast

May 5th 10.00 Mr Peter Allen



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31st	Mothing Sunday		
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Services in Hanborough for April 2019

7th	08.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	(Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion	(Rev. Sue Spankie)	Christ Church

14th	10.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	Ss Peter & Paul
	10.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. Sue Spankie)	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer	(Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church

21st	Easter Day		
	09.45 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Easter Celebration		Manor School

28th	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

Services in Hanborough for May 2019

5th	08.00 Holy Communion	(Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship		Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion	(Rev. Dr Richard Armitage)	Christ Church

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THE PARISH PRIEST: Father Mark Lagorio is happy to receive enquiries by phone on **01865 881613** or on email **stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com**

The Retired Priest: Father Martin Flatman is available on **07719 646790** or email: **frmartinflatman@gmail.com**

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HOLY WEEK begins on **PALM SUNDAY** which is on the **14th April** this year. We begin our Sunday Mass outside at **10.00am** for the traditional Blessing of The Palms before we commemorate the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as we process into Church.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM is the three great days at the end of that week.

HOLY THURSDAY 18th APRIL : MASS of the LORD's SUPPER 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19th APRIL : LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 20th APRIL : THE EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.00pm

HOLY THURSDAY is usually called MAUNDY THURSDAY in England from the Latin word for a Commandment. Jesus gave us two very important Commandments on this day. First he washed his disciple's feet and told them to "*Love one another*"; and then he took Bread and Wine and said "*Do this in memory of me.*" Christians have tried to keep both these commandments down through the Centuries with varying levels of success.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS of THE LORD'S SUPPER commemorates this event. The Priest washes the feet of some of the people and then Mass (the Ceremony of the Bread and Wine) follows. We then move to our Garden of Gethsemane where people take it in turns to Watch in Prayer till Midnight following the request of Jesus to his disciples to "*Watch and Pray*". They fell asleep and were only woken when the soldiers came and arrested Jesus.

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HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT is when Easter begins. OUR LITURGY starts **8.00pm** outside with the Easter Fire and the Easter Candle and then, lighting our own candles, we process into a darkened Church to listen to a series of Readings, before Easter really begins as the Lights go on, the Bells are rung, and we celebrate our First Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING continues the celebration with our usual Mass at **10.00am**.

Drop-in Quiet Days

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Maundy Thursday (18th April)

8pm Holy Communion St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough

Good Friday (19th April)

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 Village Hall

Easter Sunday (21st April)

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

10am Easter Celebration Manor School, Long Hanborough

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

All are welcome

FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 18th FEBRUARY & 18th MARCH 2018

Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 26th April, 7.30pm, Freeland Hall

As mentioned last month, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Friday 26th 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, A40 Park and Ride Scheme, West Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village update, Garden of Remembrance –ideas for a possible sculpture, Wildlife Corridors, Christmas Day 2018 lunch feedback, the Number 11 bus service and Speedwatch update.

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

Garden of Remembrance

The wooden archway has now been installed and looks beautiful. Some additional planting will also be carried out shortly. The Parish Council are considering installing some sort of sculpture in the Garden, which will be paid for using S106 funds. More information about this and some examples will be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting, so please do come along as we'd like your feedback on a preferred option.

Stagecoach No 11 Bus

You may well be aware, but Stagecoach have announced that they will be withdrawing

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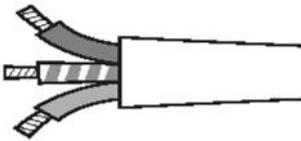
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the number 11 bus service from **29th April** this year. With dwindling passenger numbers, the service was unfortunately not financially viable to continue to operate. Oxfordshire County Council are holding talks with Stagecoach and other service providers to see if an alternative option can be agreed. In the meantime, an agreement has been reached to continue running the 11 service for a further 4 weeks to provide more time for OCC and other key stakeholders to assess alternative options. Stagecoach will now withdraw the service from **27th May 2019.**

(Editor's note: County Councillor Liam Walker held a very well attended public meeting on Saturday 23rd March in Freeland Village Hall where people shared their comments and frustrations about the news from Stagecoach. If you would like to fill in the bus survey that was mentioned at the meeting please visit **www.liam-walker.com/freeland-bus**)

Thank you!

I must just say a big thank you to the Gardening Club for the beautiful display of bulbs again this year. I love this time of year when Spring is coming, and the bright cheeriness of the bulbs make our village really stand out and is just one of the many reasons why I love living here! Thank you to everyone involved in the planting of the bulbs, they really do look stunning.

Dogs on leads

Just a polite reminder to all dog owners that when walking your dogs on the pavement of a public highway, they must be kept on the lead at all times. I've had concerns raised of dogs running loose, running out into the road and being aggressive to other dogs, which is of course a worry and a danger to other residents. It is a legal obligation to ensure your dog is walked on a lead when on a public road/pavement. Thank you for your co-operation.

Trees by cricket nets

You may have noticed that 3 new Hornbeam trees have been planted on the playing field near the cricket nets. These were planted following a request to have some shading provided for spectators watching the cricket. Tree guards have been placed around the trees whilst they are young, and it is hoped in time they will provide the much-needed shade in the summer months. Our thanks to Robert Crocker and Mary Ann Canning for arranging the purchase and planting of the trees.

Speedwatch needs you!

Are you fed up of seeing speeding motorists travel through Freeland? Our Speedwatch team are currently recruiting some new volunteers to help with Speedwatch activity in the village. If you would like to find out more or become a volunteer to help keep our village safe, please contact Roger Faulkner on **01993 622413** or **rogfner@aol.com** .

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.

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19/00482/HHD 9 WALKERS CLOSE, FREELAND

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Applications Approved:

18/03456/HHD 97 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Erection of first floor front and side extensions with first floor rear balcony to new master bedroom. Single storey extension to front and rear for Mr & Mrs White.

18/03598/HHD 9 CHURCH VIEW, FREELAND

Retrospective application for a garage/workshop for Mr Kenneth Jeddere- Fisher.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on:

Monday 15th April 2019, 7.30pm in the Newell Room.

Friday 26th April 2019, 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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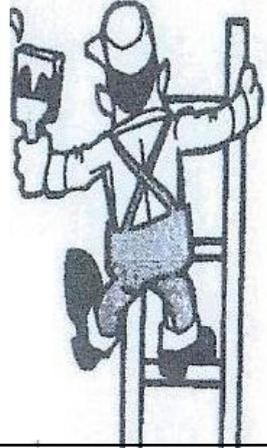
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HARRY FOOTE

The family of Harry Foote would like to thank everyone who attended his funeral on 27th February 2019 and those who sent cards & messages of sympathy. In particular we wish to thank Rev. David Tyler for his kindness and a beautiful service at Freeland Church.

Thanks also to Trevor and his staff at the Yeoman for all their hard work with such a fantastic spread.

With kind regards, Ruth, Caren & Rachel

MIKE MADDEN - OUR NEW CURATE FROM JUNE 2019

Mike was born in Hemel Hempstead, and attended a Roman Catholic school and church as a child before drifting away from God as a teenager. After A Levels, he then went on to study engineering at the University of Lancaster, and rediscovered his faith through the combined ministry of the Christian Union, and the local Anglican church that was experiencing renewal at the time. Since leaving university Mike has combined a career in the oil and gas industry with serving in various churches in a number of roles.



Mike and his family moved to Oxfordshire in 1995 joining Oxford Community Church where he served in various ways before joining St Leonard's Church, Eynsham in 2008. During his time at St Leonard's Mike continued to combine serving in the church with work and studying theology, culminating in gaining a Masters in Theology from the London School of Theology in 2012.

Mike is interested in lots of things including: the application of robust theology to practical everyday challenges; the development and role of small groups in church life; and understanding what the coming of the kingdom of God means to everyday parish life.

Mike trained for ordination at St Mellitus College, London, and is married with three grown up sons and one granddaughter. He will be ordained in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on **Saturday 29th June at 2pm**.

Mike writes '*I am delighted to be joining the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland as a Curate and I am really looking forward to getting to know people and serving them across the four churches.*'

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To reserve a ticket email revdavidtyler@gmail.com or phone **01993 881270**.

FREELAND VILLAGE HUB

Members of the committee are continuing to work on the Share Prospectus and Business Plan documents, the wording of which has to be legally correct and at the same time provide an incentive to the reader, getting the balance of these two elements is most important to create a professional document which will be the basis of our fund raising campaign.



A decision on the Planning Application for change of use by the Methodist Church will be known shortly, after which we hope that a way forward will be found to progress our community initiative.

An update will be given at a presentation at the **Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 26th April 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

Our next Musical offering is the concert to be given by Hannah Laurens, Violin, and Tom McCoy, Piano on **Sunday 7th April 2019 at 3pm in St Mary the Virgin Church.** A programme of enjoyable classical music featuring Mozart's sunny Sonata in B flat, this is contrasted by Röntgen's dark and foreboding Sonata in F sharp minor and a virtuoso show piece in the gypsy style. A programme to please most people, so do make a note of the date in your diary. There are no tickets to purchase but a suggested donation of **£10** per adult would be most acceptable.

Continuing our fund raising activities there will be a Joint Treasure Hunt with Freeland School Society on **Saturday 27th April, 3-6pm.** Starting and ending at Freeland Primary School, the trail will lead you around the village looking for objects/clues.

There will be a shorter loop for those with little legs, a long loop for those with more energy, and on completion prizes too! Drinks and a BBQ will be available at the School afterwards.

If you wish to make contact with the Committee, or offer your services to this project, the website address is www.freelandcbs.community or email:

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Topics for discussion this year will be:

- Village Hub update
- A40 Park and Ride Scheme
- Number 11 bus service withdrawal
- West Oxfordshire Garden Village update
- Garden of Remembrance – sculpture ideas
 - Wildlife corridors
- Christmas Day 2018 lunch update
- Speedwatch Activity update

There will also be a Residents' Question and Answer session - if you have any questions, please email them to the Clerk, Lisa Smith in advance of the meeting at lisa.fpc@gmail.com

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!

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have resolved issues with sorting out the new Little Free Library. Please check the Parish Council notes in the next Grapevine for the most up to date information. Thank you for your patience with this!

In the meantime it has been business as usual, with books coming and going all the time. Thank you very much to the people that have donated bags of books recently. If there isn't space inside the Little Free Library please do leave them by our front door, at **138 Wroslyn Road**, for me to sort out later.

We have quite a lot of extra books in storage at the moment. I have been slowly sorting them out and putting photos of groups of books by the same authors on the Freeland Little Free Library Facebook page. Do take a look at let me know if there are any books you would like. As we get into spring and summer I'll try to leave boxes of books outside for you to help yourself.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

It was lovely to see so many people at Dennis West's talk on 'Dahlias' on 25th February. There were quite a few visitors from surrounding villages as well. Our speaker who lives in Witney grows Dahlias for showing and finished his talk with a picture of all the cups and prizes he had won recently. He took us through the whole process of how he grows his plants, starting from taking cuttings from sprouting tubers to taking his prize blooms to shows. Not many of us want to grow for anything other than our own pleasure but will use some of his advice to get the best from the ones we do grow.

The meeting on Monday 25th March at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall is another one that may prove to be popular. Roger Umpleby will give us 'A Close Up View of the Cotswold Countryside'. This is such a beautiful part of England on our doorstep so there are places we will probably be encouraged to visit during the coming year.

On **Monday 29th April**, also at **7.30pm** in Freeland Hall, another interesting subject entitled 'Capability Brown – Saint or Sinner' is Michael Brown's question for us to answer! Most of us have never considered Capability Brown as anything but a wonderful landscaper, so it will be an eye opener to hear of another side of his work!

There is the usual Plant and Gardening Items Sale at both of these meetings and visitors are very welcome at **£3** a meeting.

The Gardening Club is having a Plant Sale at the Teddy Girls' Sale on **Saturday 13th April** from **10am to 12noon** in Freeland Hall, so this will be a good opportunity to stock up on plants for the coming season. Thanks to the Teddy Girls for sharing their sale with us. Come and support this wonderful group who have raised so much money for village projects over the years. There is always something for young people as well.

Bookings have started for our first coach outing this year on **Saturday 18th May** to Bowood House and Gardens. The house is set in 2000 acres of parkland designed by Capability Brown, as well as a walled garden and spring woodland garden. Tea and coffee and lunches available. At **2.30pm** the coach will take us to the entrance of the 600 acre woodland garden, an oasis of azaleas and rhododendrons, considered to be one of the most exciting gardens of its type in the country. They should be at their best when we visit in May.

The Gardening Club have donated towards one of the Hornbeam trees which have been planted near the cricket nets on the playing field. This will have a plaque beside it commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Club. We hope the three trees will be a joy to everyone in the village particularly those watching sport, and hope they will not be ill-treated but allowed to grow into the lovely shaped and beautiful trees that the Hornbeam is when mature.

For any further information about the Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans on **881420** or email jillandray@btinternet.com

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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Please join us at Morning Prayer for Mothering Sunday at St Mary's, Freeland on Sunday 31st March at 10am.

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1ST HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

First of all, a belated thank you to Nicola Stapleton, who made a generous donation at our Race Night at the end of January. Thanks to Nicola, we doubled the money we made that night, making our total an impressive £500. Thank you very much!

Here are a couple of dates for your diary:

The St. George's Day Parade will take place in Witney again this time, on **Sunday 28th April**. The groups are to meet at The Leys at **10.30am**, and will walk together to the ceremony on Church Green. Please do come along and support our groups that morning.

As last year's AGM was so successful, we'll be running it in the same format again this year. It will be at Freeland Village Hall on **Wednesday 19th June**, starting from **6pm**. There will be games for the children to take part in, we will be having investitures for our new leaders, and, most importantly of all, there will be a free BBQ! I will be reminding you of this every month until then, so put it on your calendars now!

Here's a quick round up of what we have been getting up to:

Explorers have been enjoying different activities recently, such as karate, and are busy planning a camping trip for June.

At the end of March many of our **Scouts** completed their Expedition Challenge badge, so a big well done to them! The group is busy planning a camping weekend in May, at Blackwell Adventure Centre, near Bromsgrove.

Cubs have been climbing at Far Peak, learning sign language, getting tips on how to take better photographs, and doing martial arts.

Meanwhile, the **Beavers** have been having a blast making slime, playing crab football, trying archery and making pancakes. We also welcomed our newest volunteer, Zoe Hastings. Welcome to the team, Zoe!

We are always on the look out for extra helpers, so if you would like to embark on a fun and rewarding journey with Scouts, please do get in touch by sending an email to Adam gsl@hfscouting.org.uk or by chatting to one of the leaders.

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 3rd March 2019

Love is definitely in the air, after all was it not George Ezra that said ‘Spring is sprung, the birds are riz, I wonder where the bluebells is?’ No, maybe it wasn’t.

The UFR meal was a complete success apart from the fact that hardly anybody turned up! It’s alleged that Mr P. P. Anting gave everybody the wrong date however a big ‘thank you’ to Trevor and his long-suffering staff for their hospitality. The food was great, it’s just a shame that we can’t do it again, however it was a one-off and can never be repeated, oh dear, what a shame, how sad, never mind. A genuine thank you to all concerned.

Mrs Trellis has another complaint and is angry about some alleged inaccuracies in our previous articles. She writes ‘Dear Jimmy Young, Where is the evidence for the reforestation of the playing field?’ Well I think I can help there, I have it on reliable authority that rubber trees (so the footballers don’t get hurt) are to be planted next month.

Yes, you cry, but what about this month’s ramble? Another dismal failure I’m afraid, we experienced 6 miles of wind and rain and were promised a visit to a local guacamole farm but our mapping department got confused so we visited yet another new housing site instead. My bog-snorkelling attire made me feel a little overdressed but Mr Green turned up only to be humiliated by a rambler in red trousers, corduroy at that! Red trousers, I ask you, whatever next?

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The **First** team sit top of the League, after some impressive wins this month, with wins against Horspath and a comfortable victory against second place rivals Kennington 4-1.

They also beat Charlton 2-1 in the Ben Turner Semi Final to reach the final, which will be held at Woodstock Town on **11th May** with Kick Off tbc.

The **Reserves** are also unbeaten this month with two wins and a draw. The highlight being a fantastic win against local rivals Hanborough 1st team. After finding themselves two-nil down, they fought back to win 3-2 thanks to Joey Burgess and a brace of coolly taken penalties from Ethan Simlett.

The **Under 15s** are third in their League as they break for the Cup games, in which they have drawn one and lost one, having had the latest game postponed due to the weather.

The **Under 12s** are still sitting 2nd in the League, while they break for the Cup games, in which they have won one and lost two this month.

As we go into the business end of the seasons, let's hope all four sides can continue their good form and bring some trophies home to the club.

For all the latest updates on fixtures / results keep an eye on the club twitter **@freelandf_fc** or the club website **freelandfc.co.uk**

Ben Symonds - Secretary Freeland FC

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 2nd April: Pagans and Puritans - a talk by Tim Healey

Tuesday 7th May: Archaeological finds of a detectorist in Oxfordshire

- a talk by Michael Hodges

On **April 2nd** we welcome back Tim Healey, who will be delighting us with stories of the May Day celebrations in Oxford in his talk, Pagans and Puritans. In the past, May Day has been a hedonistic time when rules are temporarily abandoned as we welcome in the summer, and many of the old traditions and customs are still celebrated in our city and county today. Come and find out more with us so that you're ready to join in the festivities in Oxford on May 1st this year.

Our talk on **May 7th** is by Michael Hodges who is a detectorist. If you've ever been tempted to get a metal detector and go searching for buried treasure, come and find out how it is best done, and what contributions can be made to archaeology through this method. It might spark off a new hobby for you!

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What we have done this term

This term we are learning about All Around The World, the children have brought in books and photos to share with the group. We have celebrated Mother’s Day with a craft event where we invited the mothers to join us. Then lots of Easter activities including a church service and an upcoming Easter Bonnet parade with an Easter egg hunt.

What we are doing next term

Next term we are learning all about fairy tales. Sharing lots of stories and acting them out using story sacks.

Dates for you diary

Easter Bonnet Parade: **Thursday 4th April**

Reader week **6th - 10th May**

Salt Box: **Friday 17th May**

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We would like to reassure you that Stagecoach had not attributed its decision to competition from our bus service. In addition, the Office of the Traffic Commissioner had granted us a permit because they had been satisfied that we would not compete with a licensed commercial operator.

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Please see the timetable on **page 38** of this issue.

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

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Next time - adventures in Fimo paste work perhaps fridge magnets or buttons or.....?

We welcomed a new member last month and hope she continues to enjoy our meetings. We are a very friendly group and welcome new members to join us, to share their experience or to learn something new.

**NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:
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The main theme of the meeting on the **2nd** will be filters, and **16th** will be printing.

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House to House collection

During Christian Aid Week, we will be carrying out the usual House to House collection throughout the village. Collectors, who will be wearing Christian Aid collectors' badges, will deliver the envelopes and then return to collect them later in the week, if you wish to make a contribution. Thank you in advance for any donations; we do appreciate that not everyone wishes to give to this charity.

Can you help?

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Further information about Christian Aid can be found at **www.christianaid.org.uk/**

FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We held our AGM and celebrated the fifth anniversary of Freeland WI on Monday 11th March. The AGM allowed us to reflect on the past year, which included a diverse range of talks from pearls to willow weaving; practical sessions of bulb planting and wreath making; combined with trips to Friars Court, the Oxford Islamic Centre and a Ghost Walk in Burford with Bill Spectre – to mention just a few. Our walking group have explored miles of the local countryside (and visited a number of highly rated coffee stops). In all we have had a busy and enjoyable year - with another planned for 2019!

We were joined at the AGM by Pauline Goddard, who is a W.I. Advisor from the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. Pauline guided us through the election process, so that we could appoint our committee. Lorraine Pengilly was re-elected to the position of President for another year.

With the official business for the evening completed, we celebrated our fifth birthday with prosecco and cake, and a fun (but slightly challenging) quiz.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 8th April at 8pm** in the Village Hall, when we will learn about social and therapeutic horticulture at Bridewell Gardens. This promises to be an interesting evening, and both members and guests are welcome to attend.

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 available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/freelandwi** or contact Lorraine Pengilly **01993 881129**.

COMBE MILL EASTER WEEKEND

Easter Market - Saturday 20th April 11am - 4pm

A new event for the calendar this year, an opportunity to do some shopping, enjoy the lovely refreshments available in the tea room, the chance to buy discounted entrance tickets – come and grab yourself a few bargains and support our fundraising. There are also some excellent prizes on offer from Randolph Hotel, Eynsham Hall, TOAD, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford Bus Museum, Blenheim Palace, Wychwood Brewery, George and Dragon and Eynsham Cellars, with even more promised. Free entry. Dogs are welcome.



Steaming Sunday with Easter Egg Trail – Sunday 21st April 10am - 5pm

Come along and see our full range of exhibits and the Mill in steam, watch a range of demonstrations by the knowledgeable band of Combe volunteers.

Our younger visitors can enjoy themselves by following the Mill trail that will lead to something made of chocolate, kindly sponsored by Mill neighbours, “The Burnside Partnership”.

Enjoy delightful, seasonal offerings in the tea room.

Normal entry fees apply. Dogs are welcome.

Combe Mill is the historic sawmill adjacent to the River Evenlode, kept running by a team of amazing volunteers. Would you like to come and join us??

You can see more information on the website: <https://www.combemill.co.uk/>

Julie Stuart-Thompson



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COFFEE MORNINGS IN AID OF THE HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH SHOEBOX APPEAL

Saturday 27th April 9.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 11th May 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Please pop in and see us for tea or coffee and cakes
- we look forward to meeting with you.**

**If you have any wool that you don't need, please donate it to us
to so that we can knit scarves with it!**

Piano & Violin Recital

Mozart

Sonata in B \flat

Röntgen

Sonata in F \sharp minor

Hubay

Hejre Kati



• Hannah Laurens, violin • Tom McCoy, piano

Sunday 7th April 2019, 3pm

St Mary's Church, Freeland



Suggested donation:

£10 adults / £5 children

Proceeds to Freeland Village Hub

ALUMINIUM COLLECTION

On behalf of the Village Hub I am collecting aluminium in the form of drinks cans, foil etc. Such items may be left with me at **139 Wroslyn Road** or I can collect from you.

Should you have aluminium in a different form than cans, then this can also be left with me. The aluminium will be sold to a metal salvage company.

I have constructed a can crusher so please do not crush the cans yourself.

A number of local public houses are saving their cans but already many villagers are depositing their cans with me.

Please, no food cans - they are made from steel.

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



FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



We have had a very exciting term so far with lots of opportunities and experiences for our children.

We had the Explorer Dome visit us, which gave all children the chance to climb into a whole new world in an inflatable dome, filling the school hall.

The children all dressed up as favourite book characters for World Book Day – the children enjoyed listening to stories read by the staff and governors.

Our Key Stage Two children went on a trip to London to visit the Globe Theatre and the National Portrait Gallery as part of their Tudor topic.

Key Stage One also went out and about visiting Gaydon's Motor Museum as part of their topic.

We took seventeen incredible singers to take part in Primary Pop, which was a mass choir singing pop songs at Oxford Music Service. It was a pleasure to watch them sing so enthusiastically.

We have also welcomed our school pets this term – Caramel and Cookie, our school guinea pigs and Class Three now has an aquarium full of fish, which was a project from Maidenhead Aquatics. The pets have been a wonderful addition to our school, for the children and the staff!

Please take a look at our website to see all of the different ways we bring learning alive at Freeland School **www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk**

If you are interested in becoming a governor of Freeland School please contact the office for more information on **office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk** or **01993 881707**.

Sarah Nickelson - Headteacher of Freeland CE Primary School



Freeland Baby and Toddler Group

Mondays 10 - 11:30 am
FREELAND VILLAGE HALL

£2 per family

You will always get a warm welcome at Freeland Baby and Toddler group. We meet every Monday during term time. We have plenty of toys for all ages, an activity each week, and drinks and snacks for adults and toddlers.

What's On?

Monday 1st April – Easter painting

**Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd April – Easter Holidays –
NO GROUP**

Monday 29th April – Messy Play

Can you help? We would love some more volunteers! Even if you don't have a baby or toddler, could you spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning every now and again? Contact us for more information.

Contact Victoria on **07771 938357** for more information, or find us on Facebook: Freeland Baby and Toddler Group.

Bridewell
Gardens



SEASONAL PLANT SALE on

Saturday 13th April from 11am to 2pm

with a variety of herbaceous perennials at reasonable prices. Do come along and support our charity which promotes gardening for better mental health.

Please note that this is a plant sale ONLY and the Gardens will not be open to visitors.

Open days for 2019: Sundays 19th May, 23rd June and 28th July

Bridewell Gardens, Wilcote, OX7 3DT

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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Training and Coaching

Outdoor training starts on **Monday 1st April**. This is the time table for April:

Mondays - 6.30pm to 7.30pm adults, under 17s and under 15s

Tuesdays - 6.30pm to 7.30pm under 13s and under 11s

Saturdays - 10.00am to 11.00am under 9s

Saturdays - 11.00am to 12noon Ladies.

There will be tweaks for May as there will be matches on Monday evenings.

Matches

The fixtures for 2019 are now published with the exception of Ladies' and Girls' matches. These will be updated soon.

The first matches start the first week of May. The first adult league match is on

Sunday 5th May at home to Wolvercote. This is a rearranged match as we are all going to watch Freeland FC Reserves in the Cup Final on Saturday evening at North Leigh FC. Please come along to both the football final and the cricket match and support your fellow villagers.

NatWest Cricket Force

On **Sunday 7th April** we will be holding a day of preparation for the new season, please come and support us in getting the field, pitch & equipment ready for the season.

Website

The Club has a new website **freeland.play-cricket.com** (don't put in www. first!)

All results for all our teams will be published here, and players can track their progress.

Sponsorship

The Cricket Club would like to thank Phil Panting for supporting with the purchasing of all the adult match balls for the season. This is the second largest one off expenditure we pay each season, and has made a significant difference to the club.

The Club would also like to thank EuroDrive Car and Van Rental for continuing their sponsoring of the club. You will see their logo on our cricket shirts.

Fundraising

On **Saturday 18th May** we will be holding a fundraising cricket themed Race Night at the Yeoman starting at **7.30pm**. This is open to all, and will raise money for new coaching equipment.

Harry Foote

The Cricket Club would like to offer our condolences to Harry's wife, Ruth, his daughters Caren and Rachel, and the whole extended family following his untimely death. Harry was a tremendous player and supporter of local cricket and Caren described his cricketing career vividly in her personal tribute to her dad. It was great to hear that Harry scored his first century, whilst playing for Hanborough when he was in his 50s, and also took 9 wickets in a match. There is still hope for us older players who would like to match these feats.

We are always looking for new players of all ages, volunteers and supporters, please feel free to contact me **freelandcc.u11@gmail.com** or if you see me cutting the grass or rolling the pitch.

Simon Brown (Chair)



SUNDAY 28th April 2019

**Blenheim 7k, 1 mile junior run and 4 miles on wheels,
Blenheim Palace, Woodstock**

Run, jog or walk for charity or for fun with three events that offer a race for all ages and abilities: the 7k takes a scenic route around the trails and paths of the Palace, including a spectacular lakeside section. Run, jog or walk, the course offers a challenging run for the more experienced, and beautiful surroundings for the beginner or anyone who wants to take a gentle pace.

The 4-mile route follows a similar course, missing out the off-road lakeside section to make it suitable for wheelchair and participants pushing buggies. *Both the 7k and the 4-mile events are chip timed.*

The 1-mile race is for under 15s, starting at 10.15am with the other events starting after it has finished, meaning that parents can watch their children and participate in the 7k run.

All finishers receive a medal and there will be trophies for the winners as well as for first team and a schools' challenge trophy.

Runners can choose the charity they want to support through fundraising, or simply participate for fun. Bring a team of friends, family and work colleagues.

Entry to the race includes entry to the grounds - for entry and details please go to the website www.blenheim7k.co.uk

FREELAND SPEEDWATCH

From June 2017 a group of local residents, supported by Thames Valley Police and Freeland Parish Council, recorded the speed of motorists travelling through the village at various times of day and on different days of the week. Many drivers were noted to have exceeded the speed limit, in some cases by as much as 20mph. It was noticeable that the number of speeding motorists, and the speed at which they were travelling, reduced. It was therefore disappointing when the team ceased operating in September 2018. Since that time the number of speeding motorists has increased again.

The Parish Council greatly valued their efforts especially as the data collected was instrumental in the positioning of the two vehicle activated 30mph signs that are now in place at either end of the village. At its February meeting the Parish Council decided to support the re-establishment of Freeland Speedwatch. For this to happen more volunteers are needed. If you would like to be involved, and can spare just one or two hours a week, or require any further information, please contact me. Together we can ensure that our village is both a beautiful and safe place to live.

Roger Faulkner rogfner@aol.com 01993 622413

COMEDY CURRY NIGHT starring **Jeff Denton**, comedy impersonator and vocalist. **Wednesday, 15th May 2019, 7.30 pm - 11.30 pm, Curry Paradise, 39 High Street, Witney OX28 6HP** Tickets **£20** in advance only (includes poppadoms, mixed starter, mild, medium and hot curry, rice, naan and dessert). Jeff Denton has been entertaining audiences for over a decade. He impersonates a wide variety of rock and pop stars from the 1950s to date. With his excellent voice and comic timing he brings joy and laughter to all. If you enjoy a fun evening with delicious food and good crowd interaction then join us and help raise funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tickets available from Nicky Clargo, oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com **07754 271831** This event has been generously sponsored by Curry Paradise.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 31 Mar CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**
- 2 Apr The Cake Café, Freeland Village Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am
 - 2 Apr Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
 - 2 Apr Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
 - 2 Apr North Leigh History Society, Turner Hall, Church Rd, N. Leigh, 7.30pm
 - 3 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
 - 4 Apr Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 38**
 - 5/6 Apr WMS Spring Concert, St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock, 7.30pm
 - 7 Apr Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
 - 7 Apr Village Hub Piano & Violin Recital, St Mary's Church, 3pm **see page 35**
 - 8 Apr Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm
 - 10 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
 - 12 Apr Last date for insertions in the May Grapevine**
 - 13 Apr Teddy Girls & the Gardening Club Easter Fayre, Village Hall, 10-12noon
 - 13 Apr Bridewell Gardens Plant Sale, Wilcote OX7 3DT
 - 15 Apr Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
 - 16 Apr Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
 - 17 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
 - 18 Apr Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 38**
 - 20 Apr Combe Mill Easter Market, 11am - 4pm
 - 21 Apr Combe Mill Sunday Steaming with Easter Egg Trail, 10am-5pm, entry fee
 - 25 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
 - 25 Apr Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 38**
 - 26 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 - 27 Apr Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning, High St Methodist Church, 9.30-12.30
 - 27 Apr Family Treasure Hunt, Freeland Primary School, 3pm - 6pm, £2/child
 - 28 Apr Blenheim 7K Fun Run/ 1 mile junior run /4 miles on wheels - **see page 48**
 - 29 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 - 1 May Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
 - 2 May Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 38**
 - 5 May Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
 - 7 May The Cake Café, Freeland Village Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am

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

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.

If submitting electronically please use Word or Publisher, **not PDFs** as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine. Photographs should be JPEGs, again **not PDFs**.

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Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

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Or mail: Kenny Wylie, 1 Blenheim Lane, Freeland, Witney OX29 8AW **01993 883245**

Note Please put your name and telephone number on any submission in case we need to contact you. These will only be printed if requested by you.

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