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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

### Services for February 2013

3rd	10.00	Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)
	18.00	<b>Commissioning Service for Rev. Peter Ball</b> <b>Long Hanborough Methodist Church</b>
10th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Ball)
13th	20.00	<b>Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday</b> (Revs Peter Ball & Jackie Gardner)
17th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
24th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
<u>3rd March</u>	10.00	Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)
	18.00	Taizé (Rev. Peter Ball)

There is also a service of Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 9.30am at **the Daltons' house in Church View, Freeland**, led by Rev. Jackie Gardner.

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

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Email: [revdavidtyler@googlemail.com](mailto:revdavidtyler@googlemail.com)

Baptisms and Funerals: contact Rev. David Tyler

Rev. David Tyler normally takes his day off on a Saturday

**Associate Minister:**

**Rev. Peter Ball**  
**01993 882859**

Email: [ptb49@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ptb49@yahoo.co.uk)

**Associate Minister: Rev. Jackie Gardner**  
**01993 866110**

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If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas.

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### **Minister's Letter**

Dear Friends. Thank-you, first of all, for the very warm welcome that has been extended to Kath, myself and our children since our recent move to West Oxfordshire. We are growing increasingly fond of the place and looking forward to meeting many more of you over the next few months and years.

I've been struck recently by the level of press speculation over likely names for the royal baby, due to be born to the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge later this year. Current favourites include: Diana, George, Victoria, Elizabeth and Charles, with various others in close contention. More speculatively, according to Google, Ladbroke's have been offering anything from 200-1 to 250-1 on 'Adele' (after the singer), 'Rylan' (after last year's colourful X-Factor contestant) and even 'Chardonnay'. I'm not aware that anyone has yet started a book on Cabernet Sauvignon!

Whatever the next heir to our royal throne is finally named, two things are surely for certain. First, it will be some time before their names are actually confirmed. Second, they will be mighty relieved not to be saddled with anything like (I kid you not) the 'Russell Sprout' which one poor lad had to endure growing up in Devon with a friend of mine. One of my other favourites comes from Somerset, where an accountant and dentist I knew named their trio of boys 'Tom, Richard and Henry' (think about it); and,

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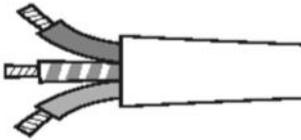
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yes, this was done at least in part to wind up the mother-in-law! Then there was my teacher friend who taught a 'Ms. Kirten' - innocent enough, until you discover that the poor child's unthinking parents had christened her Annette... There really ought to be a crime against naming children like this.

I must confess to being rather ambivalent in respect of my own name, 'Philip'. It means 'lover of horses' and is common enough. But while I don't dislike the name, neither can I say that horses are top of my own life agenda! So it is that I have on rare idle occasions wondered what other names I might have called myself, knowing my own personality and character as I do. What names would we each give ourselves, I wonder?

Whether we love our names or despise them, though, pales into insignificance when we consider the Christian claim of a God who knows each and everyone one of us - individually - by name. Indeed, Psalm 139 tells us that God knows our every waking thought and moment; knowing us, even, before we were born. The gospels also record Jesus' assurance that the very hairs of our head are numbered, demonstrating the unique and utter worth we each have in the eyes and heart of God himself. This is actually mind-blowing if we stop and consider the implications for a moment. Life-changing, in fact, for so many of us who, if we're honest with ourselves, deeply question our worth and value from time to time. If it's true - and there are many who have discovered God in this way - is this really something we can afford to ignore?

Wishing you all the very best,

Phil.

Phil Cooke, Curate.

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**COUNTY ECUMENICAL OFFICER**

On the 3rd February at 6pm, Peter Ball is being commissioned at the Methodist Church in Long Hanborough for his role as County Ecumenical Officer. We will not be having an evening service in the Benefice that evening as all are welcome to attend the service and it would be good to support Peter in his new role. If you are going to go, could you let Peter know (**882859**) as it would help him to have a rough idea of numbers.

Many thanks

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Feb 3rd 10.00 Family Worship at St Mary's

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		Manor School
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 <b>Commissioning Service for Rev. Peter Ball</b>	
		<b>Methodist Church</b>
10th	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Jackie Gardner)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Ball)	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer	Christ Church
13th	20.00 <b>Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday</b>	
	(Revs Peter Ball & Jackie Gardner)	<b>St Mary's, Freeland</b>
17th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 United Celebration Service	Methodist Church
	10.00 United Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	18.00 Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
24th	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
<u>3rd March</u>	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion	Christ Church
	(Revs Phil Cooke & David Tyler)	

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**Letter from the Rector:**

Dear friends,

Several people we know have recently acquired dogs ... in fact we are even thinking about getting a dog ourselves.

As we have been thinking about it, we have been discussing with our children what a big decision it is. I have found myself explaining that to own something alive is very different to owning an inanimate object.

We already have a goldfish and a Guinea Pig, but having a living creature that might have free reign over some of the house, might change holiday plans and other areas of our life significantly and might live 10 years is another thing entirely.

These conversations have prompted me to think about how special life is.

We are surrounded by life so perhaps we can take it for granted, but life is incredibly valuable. The joy surrounding a new life can be greater than we ever otherwise experience, and the sadness surrounding a life lost, can stay with us forever.

Life is incredibly valuable.

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With love and best wishes,

David

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**TUESDAY CLUB**

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**LENT IS OUR SIX WEEK PREPARATION FOR EASTER** It begins on Ash Wednesday which is **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**. There will be a Mass with the Ceremony of Ashing at 9.30 in the morning and 7.30 in the evening. Anyone can be ashed (not just Catholics) but we hope that everyone who comes forward is genuinely sorry for past failings and is asking God for help to be a better person.

**ST PETER'S ANNUAL PANCAKE FEAST** takes place on Saturday 9th February from 10.30am till 1.30pm in the Tolkien Room. Come and enjoy the delicious sweet and savoury waitress served pancakes. This is a fun thing to bring family or friends to for a late breakfast or for lunch so book the date now. There will be the usual Raffle and Cake Stall so contributions for either or both of these will be gratefully received. If you would like to help serve or wash up on the day please contact Helen Cannons on [helencannons@btinternet.com](mailto:helencannons@btinternet.com) or phone **01993 898455**

**OUR LENT COURSE** is on Tuesday Evenings from 8.00pm starting on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. We will be continuing our examination of what the Catholic Catechism teaches using the very popular format from last Autumn with a presentation by a parishioner and then a look at some texts from the Catechism and lots of questions and discussion.

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2. Every Thursday morning at 9.45am Frances Flatman runs a study group for the under 50's. Ask if you would like to join this.
3. Father Martin is always willing to see people individually if you have specific questions on the faith or problems about believing. Please just ask him.

**TEENAGERS (14-18)** are welcome to join our small study group that meets twice a month on a Saturday morning from 9.45 – 11.00am. They must come because they want to, not because their parents want them too! Ask for the dates if you are interested.

**OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY DELEGATE** – Jack Buss-Keating has organised a Dinner at the Harcourt Arms in Stanton Harcourt on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Our thanks to the Landlord (Ruzia Calley's son) for hosting this. This will help raise the money to pay for Jack to go to Brazil with other young people in our Diocese. Please book the date and watch out for more details.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OXFORDSHIRE** has a new Ecumenical Officer who will be commissioned on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm at Long Hanborough Methodist Church. It would be good if some people from St Peter's were there with Father Martin.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD RETURN** is a new volunteer organisation that we can join if we have a Mobile Phone. It is a way people in the local community can help if a person with Dementia goes missing. Leaflets with more details are in Church or on their Website [www.ourturn.org.uk](http://www.ourturn.org.uk)

**A FAREWELL SERVICE** for the Rev. Jean Andrews as she leaves Eynsham Baptist Church will be held at St Peter's on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.30pm**. We hope lots of people from Eynsham will come to thank Jean for all she has done.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP AT SUNDAY MASS?** We need people who would come early and welcome others and hand out the books. Could this be you? We need others to help count the money afterwards. Or what about serving at Mass, or cleaning the Church for Mass? Please think and pray about what you might offer.

**OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES** were very well attended this year and Father Martin would like to thank people for their generous gifts. Midnight Mass, which had been having attendances under 80, saw a rise in attendance to over 120. Perhaps the threat to cancel it had its effect?

**GRASS CUTTING in the Graveyard** will start again in March. Many people admire our tidy and beautiful graveyard but we need new volunteers who will cut the grass on a Rota basis about once every two months, so maybe twice a summer? Please contact Father Martin if you could do this, or are prepared to do any other gardening work.

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **LISA'S NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2013**

#### **CRF Update**

How wonderful it is to be reporting almost every month yet more donations towards our CRF! Three donations for the CRF have been received this month. One was a private donation of £100, one was for £85 from funds raised from the Christmas lights switch on evening, and the third was for £233.40 from the Freeland Teddy Girls who held a Made in Freeland stall at the Christmas lights switch on event. These donations total £418.40. Once again our sincere thanks go to all those involved in raising these much needed funds – every donation we receive is greatly appreciated.

I am also pleased to report that our WREN grant application has been successful for £50,000. As part of the award, and because WREN are very keen on renewable energy production the award is conditional on our installing Solar Photo-voltaic panels on the South-facing roof for which we need to find the funding. The cost of these panels is approximately £11,330 which is the best of 5 quotations we have recently received in terms of quality and value for money. We have had to confirm to WREN that fundraising for these panels will be our next main priority for fundraising and once we have the funding in place they will be installed.

We are now in the process of arranging to sign the ENTRUST agreement with WREN and once this has been signed the building work can start, which we hope will be by the end of January.

The loan from the Public Works Loan Board has also been secured at a fixed rate of 2.06% repayable over ten years, and these funds have now been received.

#### **Parish Council vacancy**

I am pleased to report that as the election was uncontested, our newly elected Parish Councillor is Tony Langley, of 111 Wroslyn Road. Tony was welcomed to the January meeting and we would like to wish him well in his new role.

#### **Litter blitz!**

It was decided at this meeting to have a blitz on litter around the village and to hold a village get together to clear the litter that is visible while foliage has died back for the Winter. This will be held on **Saturday 23rd February at 10.00am**, initially meeting outside of the village hall. Anyone who is willing and able to help please come along and if possible bring a black bin bag and a high visibility jacket (if you have one). Arrangements will be made on the day to collect the bin bags afterwards for disposal. Any help with this would be greatly appreciated to keep our lovely village tidy.

#### **Highway matters**

It has come to our attention that the flashing 30mph signs that we have requested for each end of the village are rather expensive and may not be covered by the County Council's Highways budget. We have put in a bid form to request these signs (asking for Highways to foot the bill) and are waiting to hear if this has been successful. I will keep you updated as and when I hear anything further.

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Erection of rear conservatory for Mr & Mrs Carr.

**Applications Granted:**

**12/1636/P/FP      13 CHURCH VIEW, FREELAND**  
Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension and erection of front porch for Mrs Jodie Gaul (amended plans).

**12/1651/P/FP      ROWAN, WITNEY ROAD, FREELAND**  
Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to existing dwelling plus rear extension to garage for Mr & Mrs Young.

**12/1690/P/FP      FREELAND HOUSE NURSING HOME, WROSLYN RD**  
Erection of new single, first floor and two storey extension to replace existing glazed link for Minster Care Group Ltd.

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

Next council meeting will be on **Monday 4th February 2013 at 8.00pm** in the **Village Hall**.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via [www.freelandoxon.com](http://www.freelandoxon.com).

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](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)

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**WOODSTOCK U3A**

We meet at 2pm on the first Tuesday of each month in the Enterprise Centre, Marlborough School, Woodstock. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact the Chairman - John Turvey on **(01993) 812806**

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

**5th February:**      Curiosities in the Cotswolds - Alan Copeland

**5th March:**      Musical Theatre of Gilbert & Sullivan - Bernard Lockett

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# Freeland Community Led Plan



## First community consultation – informal gatherings

To start to get opinions from village residents with an interest in the following groups, you are invited to two informal gatherings to be held at Mary Ann Canning’s house at 2 Blenheim Lane.

- **Young families with children - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 8.00 - 9.30pm, wine and refreshments provided**
- **Retired people - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.00 - 5.00pm, drop in for afternoon tea , cakes and scones**

Please drop in for a fun and informal get together, the eventual aim is to develop a questionnaire geared to the interests and concerns of residents and to be delivered to the whole village as part of a community consultation.

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

There was no Gardening Club Meeting in December so we start the New Year with a return visit, weather permitting, of Janet Cropley. She has been a popular speaker in the past and we had an evening Club visit to her garden a few years ago. Her subject this time is ‘Plants Which Should be Better Known’. The meeting will be in Freeland Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Members and Visitors at £3 a meeting are very welcome.

A foretaste of holidays to come, maybe, on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm when Howard Drury will show slides and talk about ‘Madeira the Islands, it’s Gardens and People’. Many will already have been to these lovely Islands with their exotic gardens, but for those who haven’t maybe it will be somewhere to put on your ‘must do’ list!

Spring will soon be around the corner and some of the early flowers are already poking through the sodden ground. Every year we look forward to the spectacular display around the Village. We only hope that the wet weather has not spoilt some of the bulbs.

Although there are not too many plants on the Plant Bring and Buy table at this time of year anything to do with gardening is also welcome. Thanks to the new team organising the sales table.

For further information about Freeland Gardening Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans at 99 Wroslyn Rd or ring **881420**. Janet Dalton

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## **MADE IN FREELAND**

Our stall at the Christmas Tree lights switch-on raised **£233.40** for the CRF.  
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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**



### **200 Club Winners - January 2013**

1st Prize	£25	No. 158	L. Fathers
2nd Prize	£15	No. 149	A. Wheelan
3rd Prize	£10	No. 26	R. Pengilly
4th Prize	£ 5	No. 8	J. Claridge

Due to the rain, and now the snow, there has not been a whole lot of action since last writing, but the turn of the year seems to have brought with it some better results.

The **FIRSTS** picked up a valuable three points with a scintillating performance and 5-1 win against relegation rivals Horspath, a win which brings them back in touch with a number of teams in the bottom half. A few more performances like that and all the relegation worries will disappear. The **RESERVES** also put in a fine performance when they travelled to Bletchingdon and ended their 100% start to the season with a 4-1 victory. They could not follow that win up though and lost the following match to another high flying team in Garsington.

The **A TEAM** still hunt for their first league win of the season, but they have started the year undefeated with two draws – one against local rivals and the other against Brize Norton where a Scott Greening wonder goal got them a share of the spoils. The **B TEAM** have not enjoyed the same start though, losing out to Chippy by the odd goal in seven and then being on the wrong end of a 6-1 score line against an impressive Carteton Rangers.

Finally **FREELAND YEOMAN** picked up a point away at Abingdon Exiles in a dull goalless draw and then finally put their Zubry hoodoo to bed by thumping the old enemy 6-3 in the Devenney Cup.

Certainly some signs of improvement just in time for the business end of the season.

For all the club news, fixtures, results and much more don't forget you can log on and find it all at **WWW.FREELANDFC.CO.UK**.

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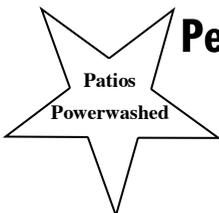
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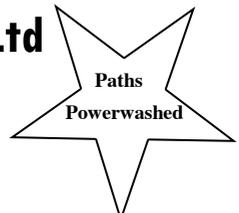


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The theme of “All around the world” continues this month. The children will explore different types of clothing, music, animals and food from around the world. We are all very excited to be getting a new out-door canopy in the garden. This will allow the children to explore many more activities in the outdoor environment in addition to planting some vegetables.

Forest School is ever popular and is currently full, if you would like your child to attend from September please contact us on the number below.

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

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## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY GROUP**

**Tuesday 5th February:** Lord Nuffield and the History of Cars. A talk by Robert Harris

**Tuesday 5th March:** Richard the Third. A talk by Arthur Kincaid

Meetings are at North Leigh Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £2.50, Members free. All welcome. Contact Diana Power **01993 882301** for details

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

Already this year we have had a number of visitors join us on Sunday mornings. We always look forward to having other ringers join us. After introducing ourselves and asking what they can ring, the next question is always where do you come from! One of our ringers rang at the church on the island of St Mary's on the Isles of Scilly to be told their ringer friend had just moved to Cassington! It is a very small "Ringing World".

Congratulations to Jessica, Andrew and Jane who rang for the first time at the Christmas services at St Mary's.

Excellent news. Ann from Combe has answered our appeal and very kindly donated a vacuum cleaner. Thank you Ann.

The bells will be rung for the following Sunday services:

**3rd February - 9.15am to 10am**

**17th February - 9.15am to 10am**

**3rd March - 9.15am to 10am**

From the 11th January there will be junior ringing each Friday from 6pm to 7pm.

Just a reminder Neil Ephgrave is our new Tower Captain and can be contacted on **883850** (please leave a message if no reply). Please contact Neil or myself should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Special Interests" section on the village website **[www.freelandoxon.com](http://www.freelandoxon.com)**

Margaret Hewitt - Tower Correspondent Tel **882992**

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## **FREELAND KNIT & NATTER CLUB**

We were pleased to welcome four new members within the past few months and hope that they will continue to enjoy the friendship within our group. The autumn months of 2012 were spent making items for the Shoe Box appeal, but we also managed to make some items for ourselves - "furry" scarves being very popular presents in many colours, - white, black, blue, pink, fawn & even striped ones!

We also found time to have a "taster" trial of different crafts. Various greetings cards were made using the *quilling* technique. Pin cushions and bags were made in *patchwork*. We even learned how to fold paper napkins in some easy but unusual ways - just in time for Lucy's engagement party!

This friendly group meets each Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00pm in Freeland Chapel. If you are interested in hand crafts and would like to join this pleasant group, you will be warmly welcomed. It costs £1 per session to cover heating, lighting and refreshments. None of us can come every week, but come, when we can, to enjoy a time of friendship whilst crafting.

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**Saturday 9th March, 10am - 12noon at Freeland Methodist Chapel - Coffee, cake and more!**

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## **Freeland Baby and Toddler Group**



The Group continues to meet in the village hall every Monday morning during term-time 10am until 11.30am. A wide variety of toys and play equipment is available every week along with a drink and snack and story/singing session. Parents/carers are offered tea/coffee and a piece of cake.

We provide a craft table each week and the themes for the month ahead will be:

**4th February – craft with a Valentine’s Day theme**

**18th February – snake decorating (to celebrate that 2013 is the year of the snake in the Chinese Calendar)**

**25th February – counting craft, a great way to help children with their counting**

**There will be no session on Monday 11th February due to the half-term break.**

**We look forward to seeing you all and wish you and your families all the very best for 2013.**

For more information please contact Victoria on **883242** or Helen on **880469**

## **WEST OXFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY PATH**

'BikeSafe' are campaigning for a Community Path alongside the B4044 between Eynsham and Botley. You can help by coming to a **Barn Dance** on **Sat Feb 2nd**, 7pm at Eynsham Village Hall. The highly acclaimed 'Mouse and Trousers Band' will be playing and a bar will be available. Tickets, (price £10 incl supper), will be sold at Evenlode DIY from Sat 5th Jan. Contact: Richard on **01865 880307** or preferably at [richard.sonley1@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.sonley1@btinternet.com)

### **“DROP IN”**

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## **EXERCISE GROUP**

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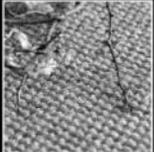
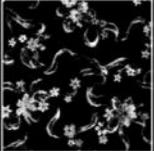
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25 Jan Burns Night Dinner - Freeland Hall, 7 for 7.30pm  
28 Jan Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm  
30 Jan "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection  
4 Feb Freeland Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm, Village Hall  
5 Feb Tuesday Club meeting  
5 Feb North Leigh History Group, Memorial Hall, North Leigh 7.30pm  
5 Feb Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Woodstock, 2pm  
5 Feb Community Led Plan meeting, 8pm - 9.30pm, 2 Blenheim Lane, Freeland  
6 Feb "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection  
7 Feb Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)  
8 Feb 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, Methodist Church 10.45 - 11.45am  
8 Feb Witney Music Society Concert, Wood Green School, 7.30pm  
**12 Feb Last date for insertions in the March Grapevine**  
12 Feb Community Led Plan meeting, 3pm - 5pm, 2 Blenheim Lane, Freeland  
13 Feb "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection  
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8 Mar 'Drop In' Coffee Morning, Methodist Church 10.45 - 11.45am  
8 Mar Witney Music Society Concert, Witney High St Methodist Church, 7.30pm  
9 Mar Coffee, Cake & More! Freeland Methodist Chapel, 10am - 12noon

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## **FREELAND HALL TREE-LIGHTING - DECEMBER 2012**

There was a good turn out to see the lights on the Christmas tree being turned on despite the pouring rain!

A big thank you for the children of Freeland Primary School who once again sang for us and made the evening.

We would also like to thank Reverend Tyler for turning on the lights, and the Teddy Girls and Bible Fun Club for their contributions. A big thank you to Dorothy Sharpe for the delicious mince pies. Thanks to Freeland Nurseries for the donation of the tree and to Robert Crocker for assembling it.

And thank you all for joining us.

Please visit our website at [www.freelandhall.moonfruit.com](http://www.freelandhall.moonfruit.com) to see the summary of bookings for 2012.

Best wishes, and Happy New Year.

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The cost of a Small Advertisement is **18p per word**. Please make cheques payable to '**FREELAND GRAPEVINE**'. Contact Kenny Wylie about costs for other adverts. 1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 120mm wide, and 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 120mm wide.

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