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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Services for January 2018

28th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)

Services for February 2018

4th 10.00 Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)

11th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)

14th 20.00 **Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at Ss Peter & Paul, Church Hanborough** (Rev. Sue Spankie)

18th 10.00 Holy Communion with children's talk and activities
(Rev. David Tyler)

25th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)

Services for March 2018

4th 10.00 Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)

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

Forthcoming dates: **Monday 29th January, Monday 26th February and Monday 26th March**

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-school children are very welcome.

There are toys, a craft or activity linked to the story and of course snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation.

The group runs weekly during term time and on 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/>

31st January: Moses meets God

7th February: A Valentine Thought*

14th February: No group (half term)

21st February: A place to worship God - a story about Moses

28th February: God's love goes on and on - a story about Moses

* Instead of the usual bible story for children, someone will share the impact of their faith in God on a particular aspect of their life.

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

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

Some useful contact details:

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01993 881270

The Rectory, Swan Lane
Long Hanborough OX29 8BT

Email: revdavidtyler@googlemail.com

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01993 706469

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Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones

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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>

WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The next concert in Witney Music Society's 2017-18 season is to be given by oboist James Turnbull and pianist Libby Burgess who will present 'An Oboe's Journey - travelling across Europe through oboe repertoire' featuring works by composers including Nielsen, Vaughan Williams and Saint-Saens. The concert will be at 7.30pm on Friday 9th February.

In March, the final concert of this season will be given by the renowned Leonore Piano Trio who will be playing works by Haydn, Ravel and Taneyev. The concert will be at 7.30pm on Friday 9th March.

Both concerts are at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (full price £12, senior concessions £11, under 18 £1) will be available at the door from 7pm.

For more information, please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

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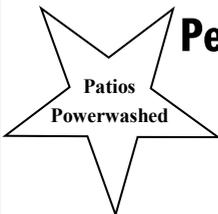
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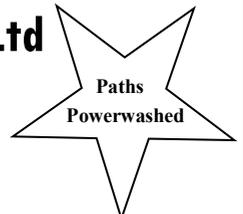


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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

'Hope springs eternal' - what does that mean? I guess it means that whatever we face however gloomy it looks that hope can always bubble up, and so often does.

At this time of year the days are lengthening and from time to time we are starting to feel a bit warmer - hope is in the air.

Hope can mean a variety of things. We can hope to win the lottery or we can hope that the sea is still there when we next visit the seaside. Hope can be a longing for something very unlikely or a hope for something that is certain.

Christians use the word hope to mean something that is certain. The Christian hope, Christians believe, is certain because God has already defeated evil. We still see the effects of evil in the world today - but Christians believe that through Jesus' death on the cross evil has been ultimately defeated - that is a message of hope! And Christians hope for heaven - a place where death and pain and suffering no longer exist - now that is a message of hope too.

So as we approach Spring I hope that your life may be filled with hope. Hope that Spring is coming - that the days are getting longer - that things can be better - and I pray that you may know the hope found in God.

Hope springs eternal.

May you live in that hope!

With best wishes,

David

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 4th February: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 18th February: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 4th March: 9.15am - 10.00am

Freeland Tower is hosting the Witney and Woodstock Branch Quiz on **Saturday 10th February**. The tower will be open for ringing from **6.30pm** for an hour

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

FF6 takes place on **Fridays** from **6pm** to **7pm**, except where a practice falls immediately before a Saturday practice.

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

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11th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones and Rev. Sue Spankie)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson)	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	Christ Church

14th 20.00 Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday Ss Peter & Paul
(Rev. Sue Spankie)

18th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Worship Together	Manor School
	10.00	Morning Prayer (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church

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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

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: gillbreakspear@btinternet.com

Jan	28th	10.00	Rev. Michael Langley
Feb	4th	10.00	Mr Bob Foster
	11th	10.00	Rev. Rose Westwood - Holy Communion
	18th	10.00	Mr Graham Faulkner
	25th	10.00	Mrs Dawn Haley

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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**

BIBLE STUDY after Mass on Wednesdays

ADORATION after Mass on Fridays.

THE HALL (The Tolkien Room) is available for hire with a lovely outside area where people can sit or walk, and children can play. To book contact the Parish Priest as above.

ST PETER'S PANCAKE FEAST is an ever popular event for all sorts of people who do not necessarily attend St Peter's. It is on **Saturday 10th February** from **10.30am – 1.00pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY is on the **14th February** this year. This is the first day of the 40 Days of Lent in which Christians prepare for Easter. On Ash Wednesday anyone can come forward to be marked with ash as a sign to God of their admission of past failings and a determination to try to serve God and others more faithfully in the future. Mass on this day is at **10.00am** and **7.00pm**

LENT IS KEPT IN MANY WAYS so Christians may choose to give something up, to eat less or watch TV less or be on the Internet less, but they may also choose to take on something extra, like going to a weekday Mass or adding a time of prayer in some other way.

THE BIBLE SHARE every Wednesday at **10.45am** for an hour in the Tolkien Room might be an idea for those who choose to take on something extra in Lent

THE LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE with time for individual Confessions is on **Tuesday 27th February at 7.00pm**. A number of priests will be present. This is yet another way of keeping Lent

TIMES OF WEEKDAY MASSES sometimes change. They are shown on the weekly newsletter available in Church every weekend or on the Website. See the Tab Newsletter at **www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk**



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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 18th DECEMBER 2017 & 15th JANUARY 2018

Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 20th April – 7.30pm

This is just a preliminary note to let you know that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Friday 20th April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Please make a note of the date and further details will follow next month.

Daffodils

With Spring (hopefully) just around the corner the lovely daffodil bulbs will be starting to push through ready to 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. 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.

Thank you!

Two thank you's to make this month. The first thank you is to the Teddy Girls for a donation of £121 for the Garden of Remembrance from funds raised at the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Tree lighting event in December. This is always a popular activity and our thanks go to all involved in raising these funds. The other thank you is to David Footitt, who has paid for the huge laurel hedge to be cut by the terraced houses in Broadmarsh Lane. This has been something we have tried many times, unsuccessfully, to get Highways to cut, so this is very much appreciated.

Methodist Church

The third attempt at nominating the Methodist Church as an Asset of Community Value has been submitted to WODC and we are awaiting a response. As soon as I hear anything further I will of course update you.

Wheelie bin stickers – 20's plenty!

A reminder to all residents on Wroslyn Road to collect their wheelie bin stickers from the two open style notice boards (one by the school and one by the village hall). Please do make use of them as they have looked very effective on bin collection days. There are still plenty left so do help yourself – it would be great if all houses along Wroslyn Road could display them!

Fix my Street!

Just a reminder that potholes 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 Parish Council have been in contact with CTIL to explore possible options to install a new mobile mast in the village to improve mobile phone reception. At the moment CTIL's preferred option is on land by Whitehouse Farm in Pigeon House Lane.

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Other options considered have had to be ruled out due to numerous problems including site access. A planning application has just recently been submitted for this and is shown below. Due to limited alternative options the Parish Council will not be raising any objections to this application.

S106 Funding

With the two Pye Homes planning applications having both being granted Planning Permission on the A4095, the Parish Council have been informed that they are eligible to apply for S106 funding from these developments as they will ultimately impact on Freeland as well as Long Hanborough. So, an application has been made for a number of items that Councillors feel will benefit the village – these include double yellow lines and a zebra crossing to be installed by the Primary School, improved sports facilities/equipment on the playing field, funding for a new VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) sign to help with speeding, hedge cutting around the village (areas not covered by Highways), a new mini roundabout at the northern end of Wroslyn Road (junction with A4095), traffic redirection from Eynsham Road junction with Cuckoo Lane (by Bowles Farm) to direct traffic via North Leigh to Witney rather than through Freeland, and improvements to the Primary School site. Obviously nothing is guaranteed and at this stage we don't know what we will get, but it is worth at least trying to get some benefit to the village from these unwanted developments.

RAF Brize Norton Consultation – changes to controlled air space

RAF Brize Norton & Oxford Airport are currently consulting on changes to their controlled air space. The Brize Norton consultation will bring Freeland within controlled airspace and potentially increase the number of aircraft we see over the village. The consultation itself is not particularly clear, but details for those interested can be found at the link below:

https://www.raf.mod.uk/rafbrizenorton/rafcms/mediafiles/8259A688_E36F_447D_7382737670965DA4.pdf

The **Oxford Airport consultation** can be found at the link below, and shouldn't have an adverse affect on Freeland:

<http://www.oxfordairport.co.uk/business-aviation-3-4-5/public-consultation/>

Planning Applications:

Currently there is a problem with updating of the automatic Planning Application Tracker on the Village Website at www.freelandoxon.co.uk which is taking some time for the website application hosts (HugoFox) to resolve. However, applications can be seen via the WODC website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Received:

APP/D3125/W/17/3184056 LAND WEST OF CHURCH RD, LONG HANBOROUGH

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**18/00019/PNT LAND SOUTH OF PIGEON HOUSE LANE, CHURCH
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Installation of 1 x 15m lattice tower, 3 antennas, 2 x 0.6m dishes, 3 equipment cabinets and ancillary developments within a secure 6m x 6m compound for CTIL.

Applications Approved:

17/03787/HHD 189 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.

Insertion of two dormer windows and a porch to front elevation and a single storey rear extension (with rooms in roof space) for Mr Jason Rowland.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting: The next council meeting will be held on: **Monday 19th February 2018, 7.30pm in the Newell Room.**

Please note this time and venue is subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via www.freelandoxon.co.uk

Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email lisa.fpc@gmail.com

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

A new speaker, Michael Poultney, will be introduced on **Monday 26th February at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall with the subject 'Raised Beds and no Dig'. So many people now have raised beds for easy access and simple rotation of crops so it will be good to know how to make the most of them, and the 'no dig' sounds interesting. This meeting may interest Allotment holders.

Bulbs are popping up in so many places, it really makes it seem as though spring is on the way. Our first daffodil was out on 19th December, is this a record! Some seeds can now be planted in propagators ready for a summer display.

New members and visitors are always welcome, do introduce yourself to one of the present members or to our Chairperson Jill Evans. For regular members subs are due if you haven't already paid. On paying your subs you receive a programme card. This gives you a discount at the Garden Centres mentioned on the back of the card.

There is a Bring and Buy Plant and Gardening Item Sale at all our meetings. Please take any unsold items you brought home.

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If you need help, or know someone who needs help, or want more information, write to the Charity's Clerk, Robin Mitchell, at 20 High Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HB or e-mail robinmitchell255@gmail.com, if possible, during the month before the next meeting. Urgent applications will be dealt with quickly between meetings. Further details are given on the Eynsham On-line website:

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

With only two meetings to report on this time, the coverage is rather slim! Sadly due to various illnesses, only 60% of our members were able to attend the New Year Party and some are still trying to get better - we hope that by the time this edition is published, all will be back to normal health & strength, ready to attack a new year of crafting.

**NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:
Wednesdays: Back to normal: Feb 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; March 7th & 14th**

We are a very friendly group and welcome new members to join us, to share their experience or to learn something new

Costs: £1 per session to cover hire of room, heating & lighting and refreshments.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:

Helen Molden: **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright: **01993 881316**

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We have a new venue for our monthly meetings:

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Visitors are welcome to our Speaker Meeting which start at **2pm (£2.00)**

Tuesday 6th February: Brian Lowe: Stained Glass in Oxford

Tuesday 6th March: Nick Gill: Cole Porter and His Music

More information can be found on our website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock or phone **01865 580688**

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 7th January 2018

Mr P P Anting broke down in tears when we were informed that we were not allowed to visit the escarpment with its panoramic views this month because of 'technical reasons', however our happy smiling group skipped joyfully on for the first ramble of the year of over 7 miles.

I was well prepared with my 1930's duffle coat (with polished toggles, or is it woggles?) and a hot water bottle which was probably a mistake as it froze immediately.

The route, which I'm sure you'll be interested to hear, included some of the busiest main roads in Oxfordshire that were very frosty, as was our relationship with our 'Motts Maps representative' by the time we returned.

People have often asked me (*no they haven't, Ed*) how we limit the vast numbers of new applicants to our rambles and yes, it can be difficult. I've just been informed that more new ramblers are desperately needed to replenish the petty cash funds that has been depleted by our over-indulgence during the Christmas period. Deidre, who I'm certain is locked in a cellar somewhere, has promised to attend at a later date once the snow has cleared. The next over-optimistic ramble is from The Oxfordshire Yeoman, **9.30am on Sunday 4th February 2018.** Newcomers are always very welcome.

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Studies show that the memory improves when playing bridge over an extended period and also that it fosters powers of concentration and problem solving at any age. Most importantly if you enjoy playing other games you are likely to find playing Bridge fun and rewarding.

Bridge clubs cater for singles as well as for couples or groups of friends and whilst some club sessions are competitive others are deliberately structured

to be social: so all standards of players can gain enjoyment. Often players will enjoy playing with friends at home as well as playing in a club .

Freeland Bridge Club is going to establish Social ('chicago' style) bridge played in the village as well as competitive (duplicate) bridge – where you can assess your playing performance against other pairs playing the same cards.



As the club grows there will be daytime and evening sessions. In the start-up phase the focus will be on providing bridge lessons for those wanting to learn the game or for players from the past 'shaking-off' the rust.



Please do make contact if you are :

- An existing player interested in involvement in the club or playing on a Tuesday or Thursday.
- A total beginner interested in learning to play – you do not need a partner to attend lessons.
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Sunday 10th June, at the Village Hall

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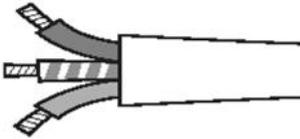
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Thank you once again to everyone that has given or taken books recently; I am always amazed at how quickly the books change over.

Thanks to the Little Free Library, like most people, I have been reading a wider variety of books than I otherwise would have done. Here are some that I recommend:

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein
The Winter Ghosts by Kate Mosse
Snow by Orhan Pamuk
East, West by Salman Rushdie
The Affinity Bridge by George Mann
Fatherland by Robert Harris

There are always lots of children's books available, too, please do take as many as you like!

Matthew Ruddle

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

The next meetings of the Photo Group will be on **Tuesday 6th** and **Tuesday 20th February**.

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.pshm1@googlemail.com

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 6th February: Crime and Punishment in Victorian England - Dr Simon Wenham

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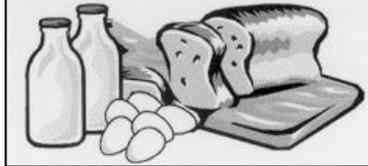
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ALAN BESWICK'S BENCH

It has been 20 years on 4th February 2018 that we lost my husband Alan, and Dad to Susan and Neil. We all still miss him, he was a wonderful husband, and Dad to Susan and Neil, and a great character to everyone in Freeland, Freeland Under 13 Football Club won the League in 2017. My son-in-law Bradley Woodbridge and Gary Williams run the team and my grandson Ben plays in the team. Team photo beside Alan's bench was taken by my granddaughter, Ella Woodbridge. Alan would have been so proud of them, as I am. Good luck to the team in 2018.

Pauline Beswick



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If you know someone who has recently got an iPad or iPhone and would like to feel more confident using it, we are also running iPad/iPhone beginner and improver classes on **10th March**.

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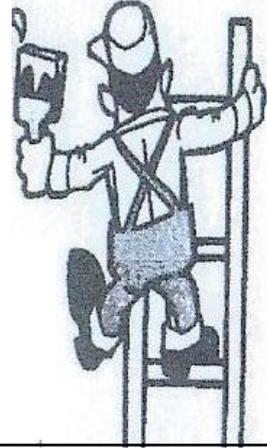
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As indicated in the last update in the January issue of the Grapevine the newly formed Steering Group held their first, inaugural meeting on the 12th December 2017.

The meeting began with the appointment of Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, Secretary and Treasurer.



In order to make the work of the Steering Group more effective a division into sub groups and leaders has been established to cover the main aspects of the preparatory work.

A further constructive meeting was held on 3rd January to follow up the various proposals and actions.

The following actions have been taken and work groups have started drafting key documents:-

- Terms of Reference developed to set out the responsibilities and objectives of the 'Group to the point of handover of the facility.
- Overall Strategic Plan - to provide a vision and direction to the project.
- Outline Business Plan - to ascertain the viability of the project.
- Project Plan - to provide a framework for the tasks involved and also to set out a stakeholder register and communication strategy.
- Risk Register and Inter-dependencies Matrix.
- Planning application submitted to WODC for a change of use of the building to 'flexible use' to permit a café, shop and meeting place.
- Bank account established.
- Meeting arranged with the Plunkett Foundation Advisor, to be held in February.
- Initial contact made with the Methodist Church representatives to indicate our interest in purchasing the building.

Further key arrangements / activities planned:

- Submit an application to join the Plunkett Foundation.
- Negotiate the acquisition of the Methodist Church, subject to survey, as our preferred choice or search for other options if the Church is not a viable proposition.
- Set up an incorporated Community Benefit Society to own the building and run the Hub.
- Raise the necessary funds from a community-share issue, grants and other sources.
- Form a Management Committee to establish and operate the business.

In order to progress the project at this preliminary stage we need to collect a Fighting Fund to cover the cost of incorporation, structural survey, planning application, legal fees and other sundry costs. A conservative estimate for this is between £2000 and £3000. This is money that is mostly required immediately and is needed regardless of the outcome of any potential purchase.

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The Steering Group, on behalf of the village of Freeland, are committed to providing a Social Hub for the village in the Methodist Church - being the much preferred option. However we will seek an alternative site and review other options should we be unsuccessful in purchasing the Methodist Church.

Over the coming weeks please look out for a Social Media campaign, further posts on the Freeland Village Website and a new Facebook page. We also plan to send a letter to each household in the Village as part of the fund-raising campaign asking for support to back this community effort. If you would like to contribute to the 'Fighting Fund' you will find donation boxes in The Yeoman and The Garden Centre. We will soon be able to receive online donations too, details of which will be available on www.freelandoxon.co.uk, on Facebook (Freeland Village Hub) and in the letter to all households. Please note, if we are unsuccessful in our efforts and money remains within the account it will be donated to other worthwhile causes within the village.

The fourteen members of the Steering Group are working hard to support this venture with considerable time and effort so as to be in a position to negotiate with the Methodist Church when the building is placed on the market. Please help them by giving as generously as you are able.

Jane Duff, Communications Sub group leader / Andy Murray, Secretary and Joint Project Coordinator. freelandvillagehub@gmail.com

THE 70 PLUS PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT

Those who have been involved with the project to date are no doubt wondering how it is proceeding, I am very pleased to say that it proceeds well; I have photographed almost all the people needed for the project.

People so far have been very generous with their time and also have been able to give me suitable information to add to the proposed book, I would just add that if you are in the process of putting such notes together, I would really appreciate your email as soon as possible. My address is brucehammersley@gmail.com

Further updates to follow.

Bruce Hammersley **01993 880227**

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Holiday Bible Club will be over 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.

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club January Draw

1st prize:	£20	No. 29	D. Paton
2nd prize:	£10	No. 26	R. Pengilly
3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 200	K. O'Hara

Since the last publication, many games have been postponed and there were fewer fixtures due to the Christmas break however **Freeland First Team** managed a great 3-1 win over Watlington in the Semi Final of the Charity Cup with goals from Simon Calley 1 and Danny Taylor 2. In their latest game, the Firsts won away against Chalgrove 2-1 with both goals from Danny Taylor.



Freeland will now face a massive game in the Final against long standing local rivals Long Hanborough. Date and time to be confirmed (we will keep you updated once we know)

There's only been two games for the **Reserves**. The first one saw them draw 2-2 away against Chinnor Reserves, goals coming from Ethan Simlett and Jamie Collins. In the second game, Launton Reserves were beaten 1-0 in the League Cup with the goal coming from Sonio Gomez.

Happy New Year from all at Freeland Football Club - we hope to see you out supporting your local teams over the coming months.

Paul Salter - Freeland FC Chairman

FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We were joined at our January meeting by Daisy from the Pottery Place in Witney. Daisy guided us through a practical decopatch session. Decopatch is the art of decorating an object by gluing on coloured paper. We quickly got the hang of it, and managed to produce an impressive array of decorative boxes, trays, photo frames, mirrors and animals. We went home with our creations and sticky fingers, after a fun evening trying out a new craft.

We will be holding our AGM on **Monday 12th February 2018**. This meeting always provides a good opportunity to review the last year, and think about the future direction of our W.I.

SAVE THE DATE - our popular Easter Market will be held in Freeland Village Hall on the afternoon of **Sunday 18th March 2018**. Further information to follow.

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.

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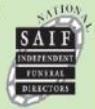
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Alistair passed away on Tuesday 9th January 2018. Aged 70 years. Beloved husband of Barbara. Much loved younger brother to Anthony, who shared his passion for football and Chelsea especially. Funeral service will be held at Christ Church, Long Hanborough on **Thursday 15th February at 12 noon**. Followed by burial at Long Hanborough cemetery. There will be a reception for anyone who knew Al, and would like to celebrate his life. The reception will be in Freeland Village Hall and the Yeoman pub.

1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP



In January the **Beavers** worked towards earning Animal Friend badges, enjoyed a Building Challenge and playing games together. In February they will be making pancakes, modeling bread and visiting a police station; hopefully no-one will get arrested!

Last month some of our **Cubs** were lucky enough to have the opportunity to try scuba diving. Beth, James, Thomas, Elliot and Leonard travelled to Bloxham for an amazing under water adventure. They were all very brave and had a brilliant time; thank you to everyone that made this possible.

Scouts and **Explorer Scouts** are invited to apply for the opportunity to take part in a Winter activity break in Bosnia next year, during half-term in February 2019. The Oxfordshire Scouts Winter Expedition will be a full week of skiing, with the Scouts working to earn their Snowsports Activity badge. Please ask your Scout leader for more details if you are interested in applying.

We are still working hard behind the scenes to get our 1st Hanborough Freeland Scout Group website up and running...hopefully it will be visible very soon!

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

FREELAND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Freeland Charitable Foundation was set up in March 2011 to improve the community amenities in Freeland.

The current trustees will be standing down from 5th April 2018, having served the Foundation since its inception. Although the workload is not onerous, we feel the charity is worth maintaining as a valuable asset for the village. A small amount of funds remain and the Charity is able to claim gift aid on any future donations.

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HANBOROUGH SHOW 2018

A number of people from Freeland enter the Show and also support it by coming along. Some of you may know that in the lead up to last years' Show we said that it would be our last year as Chair and Secretary, having been on the committee for 14 years and in our roles for 11 years. We made it clear that we would be happy to work alongside new people for the 2018 Show and this is still the case. More committee members, including a treasurer, are also needed.

Unfortunately we haven't had enough interest to call an initial meeting. Organisation of the Show needs to start early in the year to ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day.

Please do consider whether you can help with the Show in any way: the more people on the committee the less each person will need to do. If you are interested in helping with the Show this year and joining the friendly committee can you please email us to let us know by the end of February.

If we don't hear from enough people by that date then the Show will not take place this year. It would be a shame as we would like this village event to continue.

Richard & Liz Bowler

(Outgoing) Chair and Secretary - Hanborough Show **r.bowler219@btinternet.com**

FORTHCOMING EVENT

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| 31 Jan | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| 31 Jan | Marie Curie Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm for 8pm, £3 |
| 2 Feb | Freeland School Society Race Night, Village Hall, 7pm, £10ea/£15 couples |
| 3 Feb | Church Hanborough Beer Festival, Ss Peter & Paul Church, Noon - 10pm |
| 4 Feb | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am |
| 6 Feb | The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am (Bacon rolls 9.00-10.00am) |
| 6 Feb | Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm |
| 6 Feb | North Leigh History Society, Turner Hall, Church Road, NL, 7.30pm, £4 |
| 6 Feb | Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £4 |
| 7 Feb | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| 9 Feb | Witney Music Society Concert, High Street Methodist Church, 7.30pm |
| 12 Feb | Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm |
| 12 Feb | Last date for insertions in the March Grapevine |
| 14 Feb | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| 17/18 Feb | Fast Track Bridge learn & play classes, 9am - 6pm, see page 24 |
| 19 Feb | Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm |
| 20 Feb | Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £4 |
| 21 Feb | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| 26 Feb | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm |
| 28 Feb | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| 3 Mar | Teddy Girls Spring Fayre & Photo Group Exhibition, Village Hall, 10am |
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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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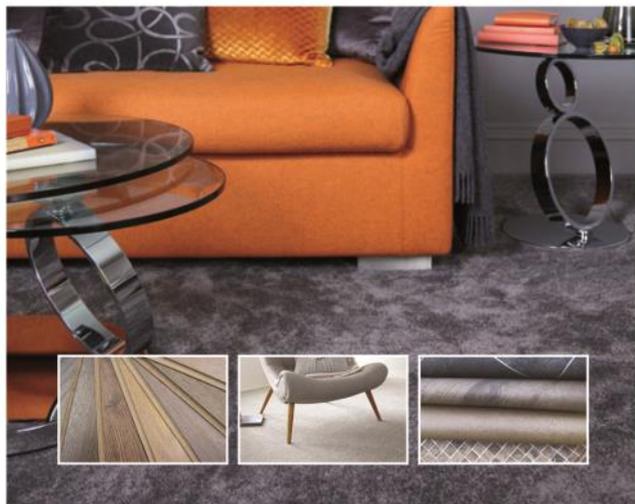
- Wed 31st Jan: Marie Curie Quiz 7.30pm for 8pm £3
- Fri 2nd Feb: Freeland School Race Night in Village Hall
- Sat 3rd Feb: Bottomless Brunch 11am - 1pm £19.95 inc unlimited prosecco, sourdough loaf stuffed Breakfast. Booking essential
- Sun 4th Feb: England v Italy Six Nations 3pm
- Sat 10th Feb: England v Wales Six Nations 4.45pm
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