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4th 10.00 Family Service with Baptism (Rev. David Tyler)

11th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)

18th 10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church and Baptism
(Revs David Tyler and Sue Spankie)

25th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)

Services for July 2017

2nd 10.00 Family Service (Revs Sue Spankie and David Tyler)

18.00 **Songs of Praise** (Rev. David Tyler)

Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday**

mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

There are toys, a craft 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 a slightly more ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact either Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or check out our Facebook page to find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/958595840860028/>

A big thank you to Anne Taylor, who has now stepped down from the group. She has been tremendously helpful over the last few years; getting there early to turn on the heating, setting up the church and making and clearing up refreshments. She has also provided witty conversation during the sessions. We will miss her.

This month: **Wednesdays: 7th June, 14th June, 21st June and 28th June.**

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 26th June**

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

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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>

Freeland Baby and Toddler Group



This friendly group meets in the village hall every Monday morning during term-time **10.00am until 11.30am**. A wide variety of toys and play equipment is available every week along with a drink and snack for the children. We provide a craft table each week.

Tea, coffee and biscuits/cake are available for parents/grandparents/carers.

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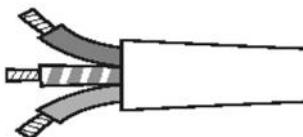
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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

We have seasons in life don't we? Sometimes in life everything seems to be going really well and sometimes everything seems to go wrong.

The writer of Ecclesiastes, part of the wisdom literature in the Old Testament, recognises this phenomenon. He writes in a beautiful passage:

- 1 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

As he writes I don't think he is being fatalistic about life - I think he is just being realistic. Stuff happens (to use the more polite version of this saying).

We often can't do anything about thin or bad times in our lives - but perhaps it is good to recognise that they will happen and to look forward during these dark times to the sunshine which so often follows.

Wishing you all good times rather than bad, but also hoping that in those bad times you have the strength to look forward to the dawn.

With best wishes,

David

FREELAND METHODIST CHURCH

We finally closed on the weekend 22nd/23rd April 2017 after 212 years of continuous worship here. We held a special service on the Saturday with Ministers, Local Preachers and past members - great singing.

On the Sunday afternoon many friends, some from years ago, including the (very grown up) children of past members, came to say good bye.

It has been good to share this lovely, old building with so many village groups over the years, especially those who started here - Wendy's Freeland Orchestra, the Craft Group, The Freeland Art Group and the very successful Teddy Girls. We hope you soon settle in new homes.

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for all the positive feedback about the Little Free Library recently. People often tell me how much they enjoy using it, and how they have read a greater variety of books than they otherwise would have done.

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- If you have any books you'd like to donate, please put them inside the Little Free Library if there's space, or leave them by the front door at 138 Wroslyn Road.
- For regular updates on what's happening, please visit our Facebook page:
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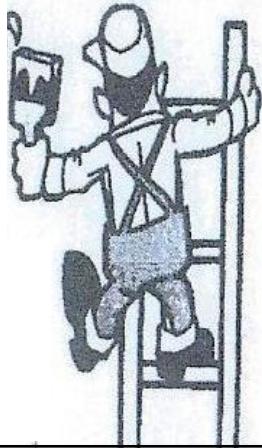
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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST on **Sunday 4th June** marks the end of Eastertide. In England it used to be called Whitsunday. It is the day when Christians remember how the still fearful apostles received the courage to go out from their hidden life and begin to preach about Jesus. It is God as Holy Spirit who gives this courage, and all the other things we need as humans to fulfill our potential.

TWO SUNDAYS later the Catholic Church here in England celebrates the other great way in which God comes to us. This is in and through the bread and wine taken and blessed and broken as Jesus taught us. We call this the Feast of Corpus Christi which is simply Latin for The Body of Christ. Jesus said of the bread "This is my Body" and so we Catholics follow that teaching and believe he comes to us in this special way to strengthen and support our work of spreading God's love and mercy.

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Weddings: Jacob Wastie-Brett and Nathalie Niden 6th May 2017

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 4th June: 9.15am - 10am

Sunday 18th June: 9.15am - 10am

The bells being rung at the Sunday service on the **18th June** will also be rung to celebrate the christening of Eli John Cox, son of Emma (nee Hewitt) and Neil Cox.

The bells will be rung to celebrate the wedding of Faye Bunting and Samuel Symonds at **1.30pm on Saturday 10th June**.

On **Thursday 15th June** at **2.15pm** ringers from the Four Shires Guild will be visiting St Mary's and ringing for 45 minutes.

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.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website www.freelandoxon.co.uk

Margaret Hewitt - Tel **882992**

RESTORATION OF FREELAND WAR MEMORIAL - UPDATE

The Grant Contract, Contractor Declaration and Method Statement have been signed and returned to the War Memorials Trust, and the quotation from the preferred stonemasonry contractor accepted. Notice will be given to the War Memorials Trust two weeks before commencement of the work. It is anticipated, subject to weather conditions, to complete the enhancement of lettering and numerals by the middle of June.

If you wish to make a donation towards this restoration work, this can be sent to **John Hewitt, 121 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland OX29 8QP**. Please make cheques payable to **St Mary the Virgin Freeland PCC**. Gift Aid forms are available from John Hewitt. All donations will be processed through the PCC and will be placed in a restricted fund to only be used for the War Memorial. Any monies received, over and above the amount needed, will be placed in a contingency fund for future use towards the upkeep of the memorial.

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

LISA'S NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 20th APRIL 2017

What a marvellous turn out at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 20th April – over 100 residents were in attendance! This was fantastic, especially considering one of our neighbouring parishes (with a larger population than Freeland), only had 4 residents attend their recent APM! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the discussions. A number of different topics were covered this year.

The Parish Council Chairman, Peter Newell, kicked off the meeting with a report on the many positive things that had been achieved over the year, including improvements to the play park, landscaping work in the Garden of Remembrance, new benches being installed in the village, fantastic donations being given to the Parish Council, a new path across the field and the hugely successful Big Lunch event that was being organised again this year. He also mentioned some of the challenges facing the village, including increasingly dangerous parking, a worsening bus service and encroachment by housing developments.

A brief update was given on the Garden of Remembrance by Mary Ann Canning with photographs showing the progress made over the year with the landscaping work.

The Freeland Primary School Headteacher Sarah Nickelson, gave a brief presentation on some plans to develop the school site over the next 5 years. The school had an ultimate vision which was to remove the temporary classrooms, construct a new Foundation Stage classroom, a new multipurpose hall and a new entrance/reception, and to create a library and intervention/nurture area. The school hoped to form a building committee to support the project with design ideas, fundraising, and grant applications. A great deal of the school's funding had already been cut so fundraising and grants would be key to its success. If anyone is interested in joining the building committee please contact the school on **01993 881707** or email office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk

A brief talk was also given by Robert Crocker about the areas being put forward for a new Garden Village in the local vicinity. The development would provide up to 2,200 homes initially, plus a park and ride site and a science park, with scope for significantly more homes by 2030. The areas being put forward were felt to be very rich and diverse in wildlife and the Parish Council had logged its objection to the proposals.

It was a very positive meeting and it was brilliant to see our residents taking an interest in what goes on in their village. Our thanks also go to the clubs and organisations that sent in annual reports. These are very much appreciated and are always very interesting to read – they also help keep the Parish Council and residents aware of activities going on throughout the village. The reports have now been placed on the village website, so if you didn't get chance to read them, do take a look at www.freelandoxon.co.uk and click on Parish Council.

LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 18TH APRIL & 15TH MAY

The meeting on 15th May included the Parish Council's

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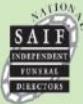
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Annual Meeting at which Peter Newell was re-elected as Chairman and Robert Crocker was re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

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Vandalism

I'm extremely sad to report that the Parish Council have received a report of vandalism this month. A resident on Broadmarsh Lane reported that their car, whilst parked in their driveway, was damaged at some point in the early hours of Sunday 7th May. A large plant pot containing a bay tree was thrown at the car, smashing the pot and badly scratching the paintwork on the bonnet. It has been reported to the local police who have put the incident on file. If anyone saw anything or has any information about this, please contact the police.

Witney-Eynsham Shuttle Bus

Since meeting with the MD of Stagecoach in February, we have not heard anything back from them regarding the possibility we raised with them of a Witney-Eynsham shuttle bus. This is being chased up and I will update you as and when I hear anything further.

Broken glass

I'm also sad to report that broken glass has been found on the playing field by the games wall, and inside the toddler play area. It has been cleared, but please be vigilant and do not take glass bottles to the park. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Thank you and thank you!

I have two thank yous to make this month. Firstly, a big thank you to Freeland Teddy Girls for their very generous donation of £434 from their coffee morning and sale held on 25th March. And the second big thank you goes to members of the Freeland WI for their very generous donation of £400 from funds raised at their Easter Market. These donations are very much appreciated and will be put towards the trees and shrubs in the Garden of Remembrance. The Parish Council wishes to pass on their thanks to all those involved in the fundraising, and to all those who supported these two brilliant events – what a fantastic achievement!

Hedges

A quick reminder about hedges as it's that time of year again when they are becoming overgrown. If you have a hedge or shrubs adjacent to a pavement, would you please check whether they are overhanging too much and would make it difficult for pedestrians, pushchairs or wheelchair users to pass, and, if so, please cut them back. Thank you very much.

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17/01040/FUL TAUNTON HOUSE, WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

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Applications Approved:

17/01123/HHD 165 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Erection of detached outbuilding for Mrs Joan Hudson.

17/00473/HHD 53 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND

Construction of detached garage with loft room above for Mr Gary Findlay.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

Next council meeting will be held on: **Monday 19th June, at 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

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When? from 11.30am until 3pm on Sunday 4th June

Where? the Village Hall

The idea is simple: come along to the village hall with some food to share, and enjoy lunch with members of our community. Everyone is welcome!

Whatever you'd like to bring will be fine; it could be sausage rolls, pizza, a plate of sandwiches, a quiche, a bowl of salad, or a cake. Hopefully the weather will be dry and sunny so we'll be able to spread out into the garden behind the village hall. There will be tea, coffee and squash provided.

If you would like to come along to the Big Lunch but think you can't walk all the way to the hall, please do contact me and we'll arrange for someone to give you a lift in their car.

Any help setting things up beforehand would be much appreciated; just come along to the hall about an hour earlier to lend a hand.

Thank you very much, and see you on **Sunday 4th June!**

Matthew Ruddle

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May 2017



**The School's Christian value this term is
'Service'.**

This term we welcomed some new arrivals to our school community. On May 2nd ten eggs were delivered in an incubator for us to observe, hatch and care for the chicks for the first few weeks of their lives. Over the first few days eight chicks came into the world chirping away. The children (and staff) have truly benefitted from this valuable experience and the chicks have all now been rehomed. Please see our website for photos of the chicks in their various developments. (www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk)

This term our value is service. There are already plans in place for the children to 'serve' the community during June, but if there are any other organisations in the village that the children could help with, please do let me know.

Best wishes, Sarah Nickelson
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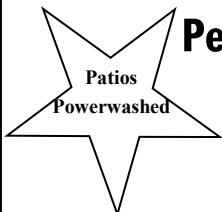
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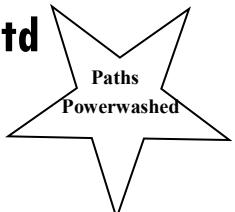


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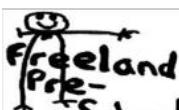
THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 7th May 2017

It was probably my own fault, I foolishly expressed the opinion that the bluebells deserved a visit. The next thing was, we were whisked off by our leader at an alarming rate and visited every bluebell wood in the vicinity, identifying and listing every bluebell available. I personally won't be too upset if I never see another bluebell again until next year! Everyone present agreed it was the best weather we'd had this year and as it turned out to be one of our longer rambles, over 8 miles were covered in excellent conditions and as far afield (see what I did there?) as Cogges Wood to Bowles Spinney where we may have gone a little astray but I rescued the situation and led the mutinous ramblers back to the Yeoman for opening time and a little light refreshment.

Incidentally, Mrs Trellis has complained about the reference to penguins last month, the committee would like to point out the only penguins attacked were those of the chocolate variety.

The next adventure will be from The Oxfordshire Yeoman, **9.30am prompt, Sunday 4th June, 2017**. Newcomers are very welcome.

From your El Presidento, who again is in need of therapy



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We urgently need to raise £1000 to install a safe, efficient lighting system. As a small charity this is a daunting task but we belong to a big-hearted community! Could you help by donating £10?

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To ensure this great village tradition continues, please consider becoming one of a hundred whose £10 will - quite literally - keep the lights on for the 26 children who bounce through our doors week after week.

Cheques can be made payable to Freeland Pre-School, or you can make your donation at <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/freelandpreschoollightingappeal/440066>

All monies received will be used to fund the new lighting system with anything received over and above the amount required going where it's needed most.

The children would love to send you their own thank you, so please do include your name, address and/or email should you like to receive one - **your details won't be stored or used again without your prior permission**.

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

The group decide that “finger knitting” would be our next “taster” craft - now all we have to do is source some suitable material to use!!

NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:
Wednesdays: June 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th; July 5th & 12th

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

Come along and try this new craft yourself - you will be very welcome.

For further information (or for someone to go with) please contact:
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EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP - NEW PRIMARY CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

What on earth is a Patient Participation Group (PPG)? Well, briefly, it's 11 patients who have volunteered to act as an independent "bridge" between the surgeries and their patients. The PPG task, which is underpinned by NHS policy, involves:

- regular communication with patients
- advising the Practice on patients' perspectives concerning the quality of its services
- being a critical friend of the Practice
- encouraging patients to take greater responsibility for their own and their family's health
- carrying out research into the views of those who use the practice
- organising health promotion events

So, who are we and how do we intend helping to ensure that the Primary Care service we receive is as good as it reasonably can be.

The Practice has long offered an online group, called the Virtual Patient Reference Group (VPRG), which is open to any patient who cares to "sign up" (see the Practice website) and the new PPG has been drawn from members of this group. We are presently creating a programme of work for 2017 and will soon be issuing a questionnaire about key aspects of the Eynsham Medical Group's (EMG) service as a start point for deciding what we should really be considering.

In due course, this document will be available from the surgeries and other regularly visited establishments around the villages served by the Practice, so keep your eyes peeled and, once it appears, please help us help you by filling it in and returning it to us.

In the meantime, here is a "taster" of the kind of things we will be asking:

What is your opinion about?

The ease in which you can register with the surgeries?

Your ability to contact the surgeries?

The appointments system?

The services provided by the surgeries?

The facilities at the surgeries?

You will see that our questions are very broad and, we hope, very open because we are looking to you to find out what, in your opinion, is great about the EMG and what isn't! We think that we are lucky to live in such wonderful villages and to have a Practice that tries to reflect this but things can always be improved and, with your help, that is what we want to do!

If you want to join the debate before the questionnaire appears then please feel free to email: eynshamppg@gmail.com

You can see the Practice website at: www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk or see the Patient Groups at: www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk/our-community/patient-group/

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Another excellent evening at the Gardening Club on 24th April, certainly one of the most outstanding talks. The speaker Rosie Hardy and her husband Rob who run a specialist nursery called The Priory Lane Nursery, Whitchurch, North Hampshire came to talk on 'Spring Flowering Perennials' They have won numerous gold awards, 21 at Chelsea, and at many other shows. Rosie's talk had a great deal of useful information covering these plants which return year after year. Their plants are all grown outside in 100% peat free media on their 13 acre site. A visit to the Nursery, which is just beyond Newbury off the A34, would be very worthwhile and not take too long from Freeland.

We have another new speaker on Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall. Avril Hughes who lives at Bletchingdon is coming to tell us about 'My Garden throughout the Year'. We may all find help with how she gardens in all seasons, which we can use in our own gardens. This speaker is a change from the one originally printed in the 2016/17 programme card. We also have the annual club raffle at this meeting. The prizes are all hampers with goods provided by members. Due to the generosity of all, there are many hampers and almost everyone goes home with one filled with an interesting assortment of goodies!

On **Wednesday 14th June** the Club has the first day trip of the year to Mottisfont Gardens in Hampshire to see the roses, hopefully in full bloom. The coach is already fully booked for this popular outing, but should you want to go, you could go separately by car.

There is also a meeting in Freeland Hall on **26th June at 7.30pm** with another new speaker, Andrew Mikolasjksi who has the unusual subject of 'Pin me to the wall and do what you like with me'! There is sure to be information on climbers and how to cope with them, particularly when and if to prune. He may suggest climbers which give interest at different times of the year.

The Plant and Gardening Item Sales table at the Hall meetings should be filled with many plants etc. as it is a productive time of the year. It is a Bring and Buy sale so we do ask that any unsold items should be taken home by the provider.

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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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club Draw - April 29th

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Freeland **First** team had a big task ahead of them with the number of games they had left to play until the end of the season, unfortunately with defeats coming in crucial games to end what could have been an extremely successful season.

Freeland started off with a great away win against a very young Garsington side, walking away with an 8-0 victory, goals from Danny Taylor 3, Tom McCudden 3 & Lee Keyes 2. They then lost 2-0 at home to Adderbury in the Semi Final of the Cup, Following that disappointing result they managed to beat Launton 8-1 in the League, Goals from Craig Mays 2, Tom McCudden 2, Lee Keyes 2, Danny Taylor and Dean Mays with 1 each.

We were then onto the Cup Final, a very cold evening over at Ardley under the lights saw Freeland again losing to rivals Adderbury, this time with a 1-0 scoreline.

Next up was an away trip to Mansfield Road on a Thursday evening with a 3-6 victory, Goals from Tom McCudden 3, Danny Taylor, Luke Coles & Tom Weedon with 1 each. Their final two League games of the season ended in defeat to Adderbury 2-3 and Horspath 3-4.

It was a disappointing end to what was a fantastic effort by all the players involved and we hope to keep a good squad of players to challenge on all fronts again next season.

We would just like to say a massive well done to the following players on winning the awards at the end of season presentation evening:

First Team:

Manager's Player of the Year – Simon Calley

Players' Player of the Year – Danny Taylor (aka Adam Taylor)

Reserve Team:

Manager's Player of the Year – Aiden Chester

Players' Player of the Year – Jamie Collins

Club Awards:

Supporters' Player of the Year – Dean Mays

Clubman of the Year – Matt Longford (Manager)

We would like to thank everyone within the village who has supported the club throughout the season and we hope you see many of you down watching the sides next season.

Paul Salter - Chairman

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Our own Group are spending more and more time outdoors, now that the days are longer and warmer. **Beavers** welcomed new starter Daniel Smith with some fun team games and have enjoyed making rockets and hiking around the bluebell wood. They are currently working towards their sports badges and looking forward to their imminent PACCAR Camp with Cubs.

4 Cubs marched in the St George's Day Parade on Sunday 23rd April in Witney; well done Beth, Leonard, Henry and Alex for representing our Group so impressively, with Beth reading out the Cub Law in front of everyone and Leonard leading the colour party. Congratulations also go to Cub Leader Steve Page, on receiving his Wood Badge, awarded to leaders on completion of their 19 module training programme. (Interestingly, the name originates from wooden beads taken from the sacred necklace of a Zulu Chief found by Baden Powell in 1888, a badge conferred on royalty and outstanding warriors!) 3 Cubs took part in the District Incident Hike and finished in a very respectful 3rd place, given that they were the smallest team competing. Well done Hayden, Lawrence and Harry! As a unit, Cubs have been learning about Mount Vesuvius, including the evacuation plan to move 700,000 people the moment it starts to grumble again! A few Cubs brought in their Segway hover boards for one fun meeting, showing amazing team work in teaching the rest of the pack how to manoeuvre them.

Scouts and **Explorers** are now busily preparing for the County Camp OXONJAM at Blenheim 26-29th May, packed full of thrilling activities and entertainment, with Scouts then running their own 3 day camp at PACCAR at the end of the half term break. Explorers are also planning to camp at Wychwood Festival 2nd-4th June, where they will be helping out with litter picking, a joint event with Standlake Explorers. Sam Cherry (Explorer Scout Leader) and Mark Gardiner (Asst Scout Leader) will be receiving their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Buckingham Palace on 24th May, which is a huge achievement and honour. We hope they enjoy a well deserved day of celebration in such palatial surroundings.

Looking ahead, don't forget that it's our Group **AGM** on **Sunday 25th June**, from 2pm onwards in Freeland Village Hall, so please come and join us for a fun family afternoon. We are still looking for a replacement Treasurer, now that Nigel is stepping down, so PLEASE contact Adam Griffiths at gsl@hfscouting.org.uk if you are interested in taking on this role, as soon as possible. If anyone would like to volunteer to be our second hand uniform representative for Freeland and/or Long Hanborough, could you also please contact Adam or any one of our unit leaders, as this will help parents make substantial savings on costly clothing and walking boots! *Continued.....*

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Ali Beaver, Publicity Representative

WERE YOU BORN IN 1947 OR BEFORE?

If so you may be interested in a photographic project I would like to undertake.

Let me explain, my name is Bruce Hammersley and I am the person that has provided a number of photographs for the front cover of the Grapevine over the last year or two. As this year means that I will have one of those birthdays that adds a nought to my age, I, also, was born in 1947, I thought that it would be a good use of the camera to photograph those other members of our community that are 70 or above. I would like to take portraits of as many of that community that are happy to have their photo taken and produce a self-published book of the resulting images.

How many people are 70 or above and are happy to be photographed I don't know, but, having spoken to number of possible 'candidates' I can say that so far the response has been positive, something that tells me that this could be good and interesting thing to do.

If you would like to know more please feel free to call me on **01993 880 227** or mail on brucehammersley@gmail.com

WYCHWOOD EXHIBITION AT THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM

A new free exhibition explains the origins of Wychwood Forest as a hunting ground for Norman royalty and illustrates the way of life of local people in the 19th century, whether shepherds, woodsmen or gloveresses. It also covers the dramatic change to West Oxfordshire in the 1850's when much of the forest was enclosed, trees were felled, the land was turned over to farming, people were turned off common lands and many lost their livelihoods.

The Wychwood Project, a local conservation charity, is mounting this exhibition at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and West Oxfordshire District Council.

The exhibition opens on **June 10th** with rural craft demonstrations, wild food tasting, and arts and crafts for all the family to try. It runs until **19th September** with additional wood craft events on **8th July, 29th July & 19th August**.

When you visit the exhibition you may be surprised to find that where you live today was once part of a Royal Forest, and all that entailed for its local inhabitants.

For more details about the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock
visit: oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY PROGRAMME IN ASSOCIATION WITH DEMENTIA OXFORDSHIRE AND GUIDEPOSTS TRUST

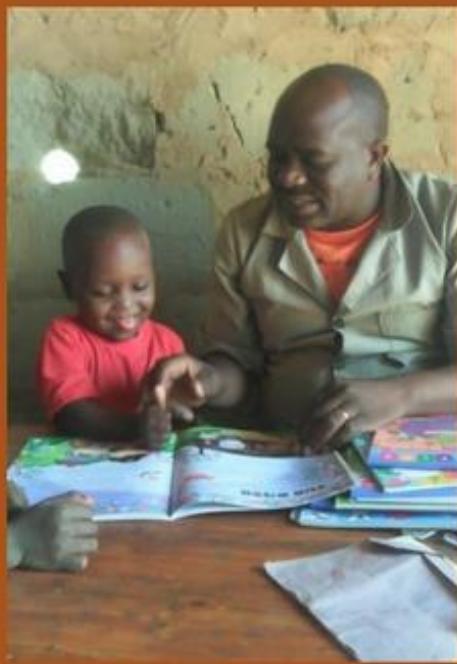
There will be an Open Meeting by the Dementia Oxfordshire Charity on
WEDNESDAY 21 June 2017 at Freeland Village Hall from 2-5pm.

Refreshments will be served in the afternoon break.

This is a follow-on event from the DEMENTIA FRIENDS talk that was held in January of this year by Claire Ward at Freeland W.I

The Dementia Friendly Community Programme is an initiative to change our perception of this disease, learning more about it and finding ways to offer help and support in our community. A similar event was held in Stonesfield last year and was very successful.

If you would like to come then **please book your place by sending an email to jane.duff17@gmx.com or Telephone 01993 880623.** There is no charge for attending but there will be a collection plate for those wishing to donate to the charity. **PLACES SHOULD BE RESERVED BY FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2017.**



Quiz Night at The Oxfordshire Yeoman

African Children's Fund invites you
to our charity Quiz Nights on:
Monday 3rd July
(No June quiz due to holidays)

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REMEMBERING PETER BALL

On **Sunday 11th June**, Nicola, Catherine and I are organising a photo exhibition with tea, coffee and cakes, ending with a short act of worship, to commemorate the 1st anniversary of Peter's death. The exhibition will be set up at the back of St Mary's Freeland and can be viewed at any time on the 11th June. We will be there from **3pm** on that day serving refreshments and to chat to people and share memories of Peter. At **4.30pm** there will be a short act of worship to conclude our time together. Please feel free to come at any time during the day to view the photos or join us for part or all of the afternoon.

Denise Ball

NORTH LEIGH SCOUT GROUP - DUCK RACE

On **Sunday 11th June** North Leigh Scout group will be holding their annual Duck Race on the Evenlode at Combe. We will have all of our usual stalls and entertainment throughout the day including a barbecue and bar.

Ducks will be for sale on the day, but if you would like to purchase some beforehand please get in touch with Joy : m6joy123@gmail.com

For more information please contact Joy on the email address mentioned above or visit www.northleighscouts.org.uk

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

The next meeting of the Group is on **Tuesday 27th June at 7.30pm** in the Newell Room. We will continue our series of talks/demonstrations on processing digital photographs. Plus the usual consideration of photos by members. Refreshments provided.

Details as usual on our Flickr site <https://www.flickr.com/groups/freelandgroup/> or contact Bruce Hammersley on **01993 880227** or email brucehammersley@gmail.com

£2 on the door and all welcome.

FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL FUND RAISING EVENT 12th MAY

A big, big thank you to all who supported the Pamper and Shopping Evening on the 12th May. Whether you bought a ticket, donated or had a stall, you helped us to raise a fantastic **£500**. Without your help we simply couldn't hold our events and raise all important funds for the Pre-school, we really do appreciate all your support.

Thank you.

Pre-School Committee

MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT @ THE YEOMAN

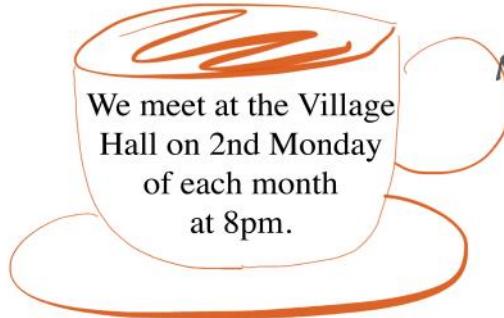
Marie Curie Quiz Night on **Wednesday 28th June, 7.30pm for 8.00pm** start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, Wroslyn Road, Freeland.

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

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

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Social Community Tea Events
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Social Community Friendship Fun



We meet at the Village Hall on 2nd Monday of each month at 8pm.

Meetings **FREELAND WI**

For more information see
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FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our May meeting proved to be an entertaining evening in the company of Judith Holder, who is best known as the comedy writer / producer of the BBC TV series Grumpy Old Women. Judith enlightened us on how baby boomers are championing "Grey Pride" to reinvent older age (think "adolescents with liver spots!"). We enjoyed her light hearted take on growing old, and the opportunity to share our tales of grumpiness and middle aged disapproval.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 12th June at 8pm** in Freeland Village Hall. We will be joined by Owen Jenkins, who is going to talk about and demonstrate Tai Chi. This will be a practical session, so come along in comfortable clothes ready for some gentle exercise. If you have always wanted to find out about Tai Chi, do come and join us – you don't need to be a member.

Freeland WI meets on the second Monday of the month in Freeland Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finish around **10pm**. We welcome visitors and new members. More information at <http://freelandwi.weebly.com> or contact Lorraine Pengilley **01993 881129**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 30 May | Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2 |
| 1 June | "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection |
| 4 June | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am |
| 4 June | The Big Lunch, Village Hall, 11.30am - 3pm |
| 6 June | The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.30-11.30am |
| 6 June | Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm |
| 7 June | "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged) |
| 11 June | North Leigh Scout Group Duck Race, Evenlode River, Combe |
| 12 June | Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm |
| 12 June | Last date for insertions in the July Grapevine |
| 14 June | "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection |
| 14 June | Freeland Gardening Club coach trip to Mottisfont Gardens, Hampshire |
| 18 June | Bridewell Open Gardens, The Walled Garden, OX7 3DT, 2 - 5pm |
| 19 June | Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm |
| 21 June | "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged) |
| 24 June | Freeland Orchestra, St Leonard's Church, Eynsham, 7.30pm, £5, U18s free |
| 25 June | Scout Group AGM, 2pm onwards |
| 26 June | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm |
| 27 June | Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2 |
| 28 June | "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection |
| 28 June | Marie Curie Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30 for 8pm, £3 each |
| 2 July | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am |
| 3 July | African Children's Fund Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £2.50 each |
| 4 July | The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.30-11.30am |
| 4 July | Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm |
| 5 July | "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection (now charged) |
| 8 July | Freeland School & Preschool FreeFest 2017, Primary School, Noon-10pm |

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **July** Grapevine is **Monday 12th June.**

The **July** edition should be in the church porch and online at
www.freelandoxon.co.uk from about **Friday 23rd June.**

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.

The cost of a Small Advertisement is **20p 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, 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 120mm wide

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Articles: freelandgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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

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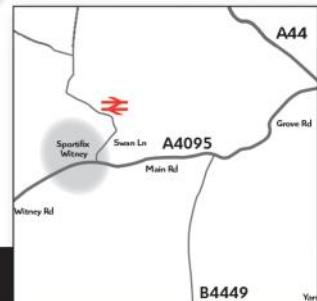


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