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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Services for May 2018

27th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)

Services for June 2018

3rd 10.00 Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)

10th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)

17th 10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev. David Tyler)

24th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)

Services for July 2018

1st 10.00 Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)

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

St Mary's Junior Church

St. Mary's Junior Church meets at 10 - 11am on the third Sunday of every term-time month. The leaders and children leave the service during the first hymn and walk through the churchyard to the quiet Convent Chapel. There, using crafts, games, DVD, and drama we explore the same passage as the adult congregation. We have the chance to be slightly noisier in our study!

We then walk back to church to join our families for a blessing or communion.

Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for primary school aged children and their parents and carers. The sessions run once a month during term-time. Join us for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme.

The next BFC is on **Monday 25th June** from **3.15 – 4.15pm** at **Freeland Primary School**.

Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday** mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

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

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

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>

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 3rd June: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 17th June: 9.15am - 10.00am

Sunday 1st July: 9.15am - 10.00am Dedication Festival

Sunday 1st July: 5.00pm - 6.00pm Dedication Festival - Songs of Praise

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

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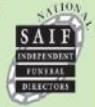
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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

The 24th June will be an important day for our churches, but especially an important day for our Curate Emma Hopegood Jones, for it is the day when she will be priested.

Priesting in the Church of England always causes some confusion - and rightly so. When someone in the C of E takes up their first role after theological college they are ordained a deacon and usually a year later they are ordained priest, which is what is happening to Emma on the 24th.

But when you are ordained deacon in the C of E you get a dog collar and you are called 'Reverend' - when you are ordained priest you don't see so much - she will still wear a collar and will still be called 'Reverend'.

So what's the difference?

When someone is ordained priest in the C of E, the difference is around what the person can do. A priest can lead a Communion Service, a priest can anoint with oil, a priest can pray a blessing to people and there are a few other bits too! So on the 24th June when Emma is ordained priest she won't look any different - she won't be called anything different, but importantly she will be able to lead a Service of Communion.

So Emma will be ordained at Dorchester Abbey in the morning of the 24th at 10.30am and in the evening, at 6pm at St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough, Emma will preside at a Communion Service for the first time. It will be the culmination of years of discerning and preparation for Emma and we will be celebrating. Do come and join us if you can to celebrate with Emma.

Ordination is a strange thing - a strange but important thing - and for Emma a response to the call she heard God place on her life some years ago.

Do join us if you can - and if you pray, do pray for Emma.

With best wishes,

David

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Baptisms:	Finley Litton	15th April 2018
	Brooke Fraemohs	15th April 2018
	Sophie Fraemohs	15th April 2018
	Harper Fraemohs	15th April 2018
Funerals:	Gordon Rendell	17th April 2018
	Michael Lay	27th April 2018
Service of thanksgiving for the life of	Gordon Rendell	19th April 2018
Ashes interment:	Gordon and Beryl Rendell	19th April 2018
Confirmation:	Josh Soanes	29th April 2018

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27th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Dr Richard Armitage)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer	Christ Church

Services in Hanborough for June 2018

3rd	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
10th	10.00	Holy Communion with Baptism (Rev. Sue Spankie)	Ss Peter & Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00	Evening Prayer (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
17th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Worship Together (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)	Manor School
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
24th	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Dr Richard Armitage)	Ss Peter & Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	Holy Communion - Emma's first communion service (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones and Rev. David Tyler)	Ss Peter & Paul

Services in Hanborough for July 2018

1st	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00	Songs of Praise (Rev. David Tyler)	St Mary's, Freeland

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

June	3rd	10.00	Mrs Rachel Prince
	10th	10.00	Rev. Rose Westwood (Holy Communion)
	17th	10.00	Mr Andrew Maisey
	24th	10.00	Local arrangement
July	1st	10.00	Mr Eddie Fowler

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Mass also on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.30am, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10.00am. (Times are changed occasionally and announced on the preceding Sunday.)

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.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI on **Sunday 3rd June** is our annual celebration of the gift that Jesus gave us of himself in the consecrated bread and wine that we call Holy Communion. This will be extra special this year as we are looking forward to a visit from our Archbishop of Birmingham the Most Reverend Bernard Longley on this day, when he will confirm some of our young people.

OUR BIG EVENT in JUNE is our part in the Eynsham Open Gardens Weekend on **Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June**. We lay on Teas in our Tolkien Room which usually means people (weather permitting!) sitting out on the Terrace with great views across towards Wytham Woods. From here, there is the Meadow to explore, partly on the Site of Eynsham Abbey and the big garden with lots of trees and shrubs to walk round with tinkling bells and water features. Children love it! Enter at any time between **2pm** and **4pm** on either day and the Programme you receive gains you entry to all the other Eynsham Gardens open on both days.

MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT @ THE YEOMAN

Wednesday, 30th May 2018, 7.30pm. for 8.00pm start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon **OX29 8AQ**

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

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATE MAY 2018

As I type these notes the last Parish Council meeting was held on 16th April, and the next meeting is not until 21st May after the deadline for the June Grapevine. So, here is a quick update on any planning applications or planning decisions received since the April meeting.

Planning Applications:

Applications can be seen via Freeland Website (www.freelandoxon.co.uk) under Parish Council/Planning Tracker as well as the WODC website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning. You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Received:

18/00904/HHD 14 WALKERS CLOSE, FREELAND.

Erection of first floor front extension and construction of front entrance porch for Mr and Mrs Manning.

18/01272/FUL OAKLANDS, 3A CUCKOO WOOD CARAVAN PARK, EYNSHAM ROAD, FREELAND.

Erection of workshed for Mrs Charmaine Llewellyn.

Applications Approved:

18/00778/HHD 126 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.

Replacement of an existing garage with a single storey side extension for Mr Steve Baker.

18/00386/FUL 59 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.

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

18/00604/HHD 5 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.

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

Applications Refused:

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

Residential development comprising 94 dwellings, including starter homes for Cantay Estates Ltd (original application number **16/03948/OUT**)

(appeal dismissed)

Annual Parish Meeting

What a fantastic turn out at the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 20th April – 100 residents were in attendance! This was absolutely brilliant, especially considering the local pub had a gin tasting event that evening! A huge thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the discussions. A number of different topics were covered this year.

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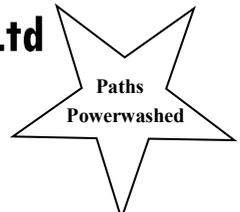


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The Parish Council Chairman, Peter Newell, kicked off the meeting with a report on the many positive things that had been achieved over the year, including the eagerly awaited new mobile mast installation that was set to improve the mobile signal in the village, landscaping and planting work in the Garden of Remembrance, and the news that the Parish Council is due to receive some £106 funds from the 41-house development on Witney Road. He also mentioned some of the challenges facing the village, including increasingly dangerous parking, speeding and the seemingly endless amount of planning applications for larger scale developments in the surrounding area.

Colin Dingwall, District Councillor, and Liam Walker, County Councillor gave updates from the District and County Councils, including details about bus services, improvements to the A40, superfast Broadband and the Local Plan.

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.

Giles Hughes, Head of Planning at WODC gave a brief presentation on the progress made with the West Oxfordshire Local Plan, whereby he explained that it was hopefully going to be formally approved and adopted in the near future.

Angela Spriggs, one of our Speedwatch volunteers, gave a brief presentation about Speedwatch, how it works and the reasons why it is carried out. They were not there to try and catch people out, it was more about educating and serving as a reminder about the speed limit through the village. Over a 6-month period from June to November 2017, 36 Speedwatch sessions had been carried out, each session lasting for an average of 1 hour. 3,095 cars had had their speed checked, and of these, 150 were exceeding the speed limit. This equated to 5% of vehicles. 80% of the vehicles checked during the 36 sessions were travelling between 40-53mph - well above the 30mph limit. Feedback received from the Police was that 50% of the vehicles reported as speeding in Freeland were residents who lived in the village!

Roger Faulkner spoke about the Freeland Village Hub and the progress made to date. A lot of support had been provided by many residents so far, and planning permission had recently been granted for change of use for the Methodist Church to a shop/café/meeting venue (or all three!).

Freeland resident Julie Stuart-Thompson gave a short presentation about some plans to hold a Christmas Day lunch in the Village Hall this year to bring together those residents who may be spending Christmas alone or suffering from social isolation/loneliness. More details about this would follow, but if anyone was available to help with various jobs like decorating the Hall, peeling and chopping vegetables, putting up the tree, setting up the hall, clearing away etc, please contact Julie on **01993 880378** or email julie.st@btinternet.com. More importantly, if residents knew of anyone who would be spending Christmas alone or who would benefit from some social interaction to get in touch with them and invite them along.

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.

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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.

The Big Lunch

Don't forget about the Big Lunch event being held on Sunday 10th June 12 noon till 3pm in the Village Hall. This is basically a community picnic, so just come along and bring a dish of food to share. A great community and family event to bring us all together for some great food and a natter! And it's free!!

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next council meeting will be held on:

Monday 18th June, 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.

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 6th May 2018

The weather was perfect, almost a dozen people turned up to the 6 mile route dictated by our mapping department who never fail to irritate. The wild bluebells and forget-me-nots were lovely, what could possibly go wrong? Where shall I start? Our main sponsor, Trevor Thomson pulled out at the last minute owing to faulty staff. Mr P P Anting, who said he'd been 'grassed up', did turn up but in carpet slippers, then complained when he contracted trench foot and Mott Mapping forgot the tune of the month which was the 70s tune 'Woodstock' by Matthews Southern Comfort (. . . going down to Yasgur's farm, gonna join in a rock and roll band . . .). We like Southern Comfort, it makes us fall over. Sun stroke, dehydration and fainting didn't prevent us from slogging on. It has been said that in Oxfordshire you are never very far away from a dumped rental bike, a wheelie bin or a pothole. We did see three old deers, a vulture and many excellent examples of potholes. Houses had sprung up where there had previously been fields which disorientated us so much that we were forced to buy Sherbet Fizz Bangs from the Swindon Coop!

Mrs Trellis says we could do with some culture so she is buying the Methodist Chapel for us to use as an art gallery and antiques centre (obviously doomed to fail). As our rambles go, this one was almost a success. Anybody know of a quick cure for trench foot/feet?

Next meeting, **The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 9.30am on Sunday 3rd June 2018.**

Any newcomers without a grievance would be very welcome.

El Presidento (still trying to make some sense of it all)

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- Thank you - Tod Fairfield A.C.I.O.B.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

It is with great regret that we have now decided not to run a Holiday Bible Club this year.

Holiday Bible Club requires about 40 volunteers to run and with the unusual holidays and other factors it became increasingly obvious that we will not be able to get the required team in place this Summer.

We anticipate running a Holiday Club in 2019 - and if you think you may be willing to volunteer please do get in touch.
Rev. David Tyler

FREELAND VILLAGE HUB - June 2018

At the time of writing there has been no further indication as to when the Methodist Church will be for sale. We will have to continue to be patient and refine our strategy and paperwork as much as possible given the constraints of the circumstances.

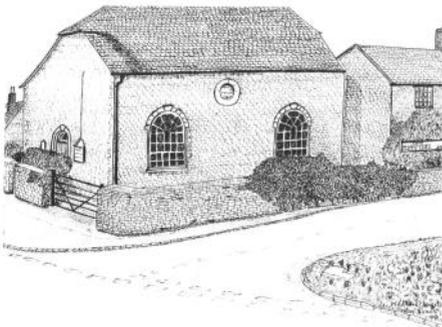


FREELAND VILLAGE HUB

The grant application to West Oxfordshire District Council has been submitted for a potential sum of £50K and we await the outcome in due course.

Freeland Village Hub project has been nominated for The Post Office's Common Unity Competition with the chance of winning £1000 towards the funds. There are 100 prizes to be won – so fingers crossed!

On Friday 27th April we were very pleased to welcome Tim Allen, the Manager of the Ilmington Shop, to Freeland to give a presentation of how the Ilmington Shop and Café came into being. This was a most interesting account of the journey from inception to present day and those present had the opportunity to raise questions and concerns to Tim before more informal discussions took place with cheese and wine. The story of Ilmington is truly inspiring and it would be a wonderful asset for our village if we could replicate this and have a Hub of our own. Notwithstanding this we should not underestimate the dedication and hard work required to bring such a project to fruition and beyond.



Once again thank you to those who have generously donated to our funds. For details of how to donate please email freelandvillagehub@gmail.com or speak to a member of the Steering Group who will be pleased to help, confidentially if required. Cheques should be made payable to Freeland Village Hub Steering Group.

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Our **Explorers** group is in need of extra volunteers and leaders to help keep it going. They meet on Wednesday evenings, from **8 until 9:30pm**. If you are able to help on *some Wednesday evenings* please contact Adam at gls@hfscouting.org.uk to express your interest. Please help our young people develop and have fun.

Scouts have been scuba diving in Banbury, they went camping in May and will go camping again in June. They also spent a day with the army, getting their mechanics badges by tinkering with helicopters and tanks!

Cubs also went scuba diving in Banbury, took part in a swimming gala, have been working on their World badges, visited Combe Mill, and 12 Scouts have achieved their silver awards.

Beavers welcomed a new leader, Keith, who is doing a fantastic job. Recently, Beavers have visited the woods, earned Gardeners badges, and will go camping this month for two nights near Oxford.

Thanks again to all of our leaders, helpers, and committee members for making our group so successful.

See you at our open house on 20th June, 6-8pm at Freeland village hall!

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

Several members enjoyed our April craft, learning how to produce items with macrame work. A colourful hanging basket holder will soon be seen in one of the greenhouses on the allotments, containing some tumbling tomatoes and there were unique bracelets and key-fobs produced too. Our new craft for May was making small coasters decorated with mosaic work - a bit fiddly but quite effective. We also continued with knitting for premature babies and were encouraged by a letter, published by bereaved parents, appreciating the tiny clothes they'd received in which to bury their son, which provided a beautiful lasting memory for them.

Now what will be our craft trial for the next few months?

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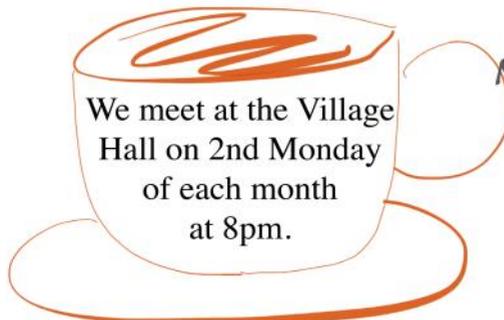
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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club May Draw

1st prize:	£20	No. 185	J. Howe
2nd prize:	£10	No. 7	D. Simlett
3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 200	K. O'Hara



Freeland **First** team finished the season in **2nd** place in the Senior Premier League, after going almost all season unbeaten in the League. They slipped uptwice in a week, which unfortunately resulted in **2nd** place rather than **1st**. However that is not to take away the great successful season they have had! And that massive Cup Final win over local rivals Hanborough.

Since our last report the mid-week games have piled up, injuries kicked in and player availability was limited.

First they saw off Mansfield Road 2-0 with goals from Danny Taylor and Tom Parker. They then beat title contenders Kennington 2-1 with goals from Danny Taylor & Conor Allmond. This was followed by a 2-0 win against Adderbury with goals from Stuart Hole & Tom Parker.

They then had another mid-week fixture beating Yarnton 3-0, goals from Tom McCudden 2 and Stuart Hole 1.

The first game the side lost in the League this season came against Kennington 2-0. It was then quickly followed by a midweek loss to Heyford 3-0 – who went on to win the League.

Last game of the season saw them win 3-2 away to Horspath, goals from Conor Allmond, Tom McCudden & Eddie Parker

The **Reserves** have also found themselves with a fixture pile up due to waterlogged pitches over the last few months.

The Reserve team beat Heyford Reserves 1-0 to book a place in Clarendon Cup Final. They then went on to draw 2-2 with Kennington Reserves, goals from Jamie Collins and Jake Halsey.

The Clarendon Cup Final saw them lose 2-0 to Kennington in a very hard fought game which was followed by a 4-0 win against Yarnton Reserves taking them to top of the League with only 4 games remaining.

I must also note that the **Under 11s** won their Cup Final!

The **Under 14s** won the league with a 6-1 win over Banbury Irish!

A very successful season for the club across all ages! We hope to continue the success and carry on winning next season!

Thank you for all your support!

Paul Salter - Freeland FC Chairman

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FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

.We spent some time at our May meeting thinking about the national W.I. resolution to alleviate loneliness. We were pleased to welcome Jenny Wylie, who shared some of her work and ideas in this area. Jenny helped us to recognise that loneliness is not a visible condition, and it is not unique to any particular age group. We also found out about "Ami" an Oxfordshire web based initiative, which helps to match volunteers with local people in need of companionship and support (www.withami.co.uk). It was an evening of debate and ideas, and we will continue to work with these to see how best we can support lonely people in our community.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 11th June** at **8pm** in the Village Hall. We will be joined by Debi Dyacon, who will be talking about the time she spent working on "This is Your Life."

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. The W.I. provides a great opportunity for women to learn together and enjoy one another's company. If you think we could help you feel less lonely, we would love to see you at one of our meetings. Further information is available on our website <http://freelandwi.wixsite.com/> on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/freelandwi or contact Lorraine Pengilly **01993 881129**.

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Edgar William Merry 9th October 1893 – 29th August 1916

Edgar was born in Freeland on 9/10/1893 and baptised on 5/11/1893. His parents were Walter E Merry, born in Freeland in 1863 (died 29/1/1941 and buried in St Mary's 1/2/1941), and Ellen Elizabeth Wiggins born in Hanborough in 1860. They married in the June Quarter of 1888. The 1891 census showed the family living in one of two cottages close to St Mary's school. Edgar had two older siblings Florence (b 1889) and Herbert (b 1891), who would go on to marry Mabel Edgington in 1926. Walter can be traced in all the census records, living in Freeland and working as an agricultural labourer.

In the 1901 census Edgar was aged 7 but not listed as at school, by the 1911 census he was aged 17 and was described as an under carter on a farm. Private Edgar Merry, service number 19584, enlisted in the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) a regiment that can trace their history back to the 1680's. The 10th (Service) Battalion was formed on September 1st 1914 and on 10th July 1915 was mobilised for war and landed at Boulogne. The battalion engaged in various actions on the Western Front and by 1916 was fighting on the Somme, including at the Battle of Pozieres which took place on 8th August 1916. Edgar Merry was killed in action on 29th August, aged just 23. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial on the Somme, along with 72,346 other soldiers.



Lewis Ernest Merry whose name also appears on the memorial, is Edgar William Merry's cousin.

Lewis Ernest Merry 8th September 1896 – 5th April 1918

Lewis Ernest Merry was born in Freeland on 8th September 1896 and baptised on 29th November 1896. His parents were William born 3rd January 1868 in Freeland and Elizabeth Mary Long who was born in Hanborough in 1870. They married in the December Quarter of 1890 and in 1901 were living 5 dwellings up from Pest House, Keepers Lodge, Freeland. William was an agricultural labourer. Lewis was one of 8 children all born in Freeland, not all of whom survived to adulthood.

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In the 1901 census Lewis was aged 4 and in the 1911 census was aged 14 and living with his now widowed mother and 3 younger siblings. His occupation is listed as Clergyman errand boy. His mother signed the census return with a X, so was obviously illiterate as she was unable to even sign her name.

Lewis enlisted in the Princess Charlotte of Wales's Royal Berkshire Regiment, 5th Battalion, service number 202698. He died on 5th April 1918 aged 23 and is commemorated on Panel 56/7 of the Pozieres Memorial on the Somme, alongside 14,708 other casualties.



The Merry family have had several notable positions in Freeland history – William Merry built the New Inn in the Wroslyn Road in 1842, you can see his initials on the plaque on the wall above the first door as you go through the courtyard. He sold it to the brewery in 1846. In the census of 1881, Richard Lay was the innkeeper of the New Inn, he married Ann Merry in 1867. This is, of course, now The Oxfordshire Yeoman.

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FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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This term the children have taken part in a variety of visits near and far.

FOUNDATION STAGE WENT TO THE WOODS

The Foundation Stage children made the most of the spring sunshine with a 'spring' walk to the woods. 'Some of us were lucky enough (and quiet enough!) to see a deer in the woods. We heard lots of birds singing and enjoyed looking at the bluebells.'

Mrs Keeber

Lots of the children displayed impressive agility skills on the rope swing, and there was a great team effort to build a den.

YEAR ONE AND TWO VISITED THE SEA LIFE CENTRE IN BIRMINGHAM

The children in Year One and Two had the wonderful experience of visiting the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. The trip was organised to enrich the children's experiences following their topic of Pesky Pirates. This is what the children had to say about the trip:

'My favourite animal was the shark because they swam super-fast' Oliver

'My favourite species was the shark because it was long and it glowed in the dark and it had sharp teeth' Digby

'We saw the penguins dive into the water. We watched the jellyfish change colours.

We watched a 4D cinema' Daniel

'We went to Sea Life and we saw a giant turtle and we watched a 4D movie. We saw a hammer head shark, star fish and we saw penguins' Ariella

There are still many visits coming up later in the term. We have been very fortunate that our School Society have paid for many of the trips this year. The children, teachers and parents really appreciate the experiences that the children are having – thank you.

If you would like to see our School Society (FSS) in action please come along to

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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

We started our first adult league season in 6 years on 12th May. This was a tremendous step and we are all looking forward to the season.

We will be playing matches on Saturday afternoons. The fixtures will be on the village notice boards and in the Yeoman.

We have also started our junior matches. We run teams from under 9s to under 15. Training for under 9s is on Saturday morning at **10am**. All older players train on Tuesday evening at **6.30pm**.

Please contact Simon Brown on **880274** or via email freelandcc.u11@gmail.com

Simon Brown
Chairman

Report of the first matches:

Freeland CC won their first League match for 6 years after an impressive performance against Kennington.

Freeland were all out for 134, with Marc Buckingham, scoring the team's first half century, hitting 59, and 16 year old Ben Lloyd scoring 28.

In reply Kennington were storming to victory, in double quick time, with a batsman hitting 61 out of a team score of 71 off 11 overs. However, once he was out, the rest of the batting collapsed, to eventually be all out for 112.

Notable bowling performances were Andy Warren and Simon Brown, with 4 and 3 wickets respectively, and another 16 year old, Ashley Wells, taking a wicket with his first ball.

The **Under 15s** have played two matches, and have lost to both Middleton Cheney and Banbury, two of the best teams in the county.

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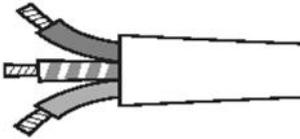
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Against Banbury, we batted first again and scored 98 with Matthew Parker retiring on 50. In reply Banbury's county players eased to victory with three overs to spare.

The **Under 13s** lost their first match to Bletchington and Nondescripts, and the **Under 11s** lost to Shipton.

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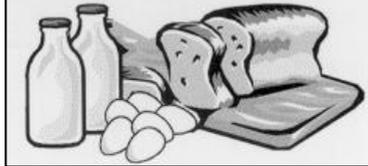
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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

'Climbers and Clematis' was the subject for the meeting on 23rd April given by Marcel Floyd, a new speaker to the Club. He spoke mainly about all aspects of raising Clematis, especially when to prune. He also mentioned the best type of Clematis for various positions in the garden. He brought many plants for sale and these were enthusiastically purchased. His talk was very interesting and informative and he will certainly be on our list of speakers to have a return visit.

The half day visit to Lord Heseltine's Garden on 14th April was very enjoyable, particularly as we had a beautiful sunny day. The Gardens were immaculate with spring flowers in abundance. He has a large walled garden with greenhouses and a large aviary. Many box hedges all beautifully clipped were around the beds. There are a number of lakes and large areas of parklands. There was also a cup of tea and slice of very good cake to finish up with. We were very grateful to the visitors from other clubs who joined us on this excellent outing.

The next meeting is on **Monday 21st May at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall when Philip Aubury is to talk on 'Propagation – new plants from seeds, cuttings and division.' As plants begin to put on new growth now that winter is over, it is a good idea to learn how to increase the stock of particularly perennials, both for our own use and to bring spares for sale at our meetings. Many seeds are so expensive now that it is a bonus to have some for free!

On **Thursday 21st June** we have our next half day outing to Cottesbrooke Hall and Gardens, Northampton. The coach leaves Freeland at **12noon** and will return by about **6pm**. The cost is **£10.50** for the coach and **£8.50** entrance fee making **£19** a ticket. Cottesbrooke is a wonderful Queen Anne House set in an award winning garden. The park and garden include many lovely vistas of the lake, many mature trees and more formal gardens covering 13 acres. There will be guided tours of the House as well.

Please contact Brian Wildblood on **883968** or email brian.wildblood@gmail.com for more information and to book tickets. VISITORS VERY WELCOME.

Also in June on **Monday 25th at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall we are to have a Practical Demonstration by our own Freeland Nurseries. When we had a similar rather wet evening it was very popular and we were able to buy many plants that we had been shown in the demonstration. We hope for a lovely warm evening this time! Thanks to Tim Webster and his team. The Club Raffle of hampers takes place at this meeting.

Members of the Club will be weeding and tidying the Freeland Hall gardens. Many thanks to them for keeping our lovely Hall and garden beautiful.

Plant and Garden Items Sale at all Hall meetings. Visitors very welcome at **£3** a meeting.

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

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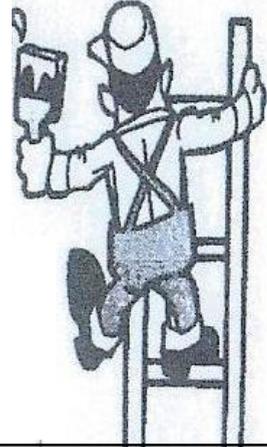
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For more information please contact:-

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

The next meetings are on **Tuesday 5th June and Tuesday 19th June.**

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.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 28 May Hanborough Bowls Club afternoon open session, 2pm
- 30 May Marie Curie Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm for 8pm, £3
- 31 May Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- 3 June Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- 5 June The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am
- 5 June Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 5 June Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £4
- 6 June Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- 9 June Family BBQ hosted by Freeland Preschool at The Yeoman
- 10 June The Big Lunch 2018, Village Hall, Noon - 3pm
- 10 June Bridewell Organic Gardens, Wilcote OX7 3DT, 2pm-5pm, £4
- 11 June Freeland Women’s Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm
- 12 June Last date for insertions in the July Grapevine**
- 13 June Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- 15 June Carers Oxfordshire Roadshow, Eynsham Village Hall, 10.00 - 19.00 FREE
- 18 June Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 19 June Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £4
- 20 June Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- 20 June 1st Hanborough Freeland Scout Group BBQ, Village Hall, 6pm - 8pm
- 21 June Freeland Gardening Club outing to Cottesbrooke Hall & Gardens
- 25 June Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 June Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- 30 June Deadline for the Short Story 2018 edition
- 1 July Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- 3 July The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am
- 3 July Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 4 July Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- 11 July Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
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- 21 July FREEFEST, Freeland School, Noon - 10pm

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

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Monday 4th June: African Children's Fund Quiz 8pm £2.50

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