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# ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

**Sunday 28th April 10.00am Morning Praise**

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

**Sunday 5th May 10.00am All Age Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 12th May 10.00am Morning Praise**

Leader: Val Richens/Andy Richens

Preacher: Andy Richens

**Sunday 19th May 10.00am Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

**Sunday 26th May 10.00am Morning Praise**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 2nd June 10.00am All Age Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

The above information is correct on the date published (**21/04/2024**). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our website below.

**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm/dusk.  
Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.**

**See our website at [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)**

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## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD**

**The churchyard is still currently open for burials, and for ashes interment.**

The space for burials and interments of ashes is limited.

We will provide notification on our website and in the Grapevine when the graveyard reaches its capacity.

For further information or to contact the church, please see our website **[www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)** or use the QR code.



Freeland Parochial Church Council

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

**Burial: Pauline Lesley Baker 26th March 2024**

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You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/5863](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/5863)

**You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:**  
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH> Thank you to Nikhilesh Haval for allowing the use of the images.

**Children and Youth Work** - families are really welcome at all our services. At St Mary's the first Sunday of the month is a Family Service where everyone stays in church together. At the other **10am** services the young people have the opportunity to take part in youth friendly activities at the back of church.

**Hitchhikers** If you have children at secondary school (or are one yourself!), you are welcome to join us every other week between **5.30pm and 7pm on Sundays** to have snacks and hot chocolate, catch up with friends, play some board games, and share a short thought from the Bible. It is usually held in our home, so do phone us for dates and more information if interested. Sarah and Nigel Knights Johnson (**01993 359 572**) on behalf of the Youth Team.

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 <p><b>First Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Baby and Toddler Group</b></p> <p>Wednesday (term time only), 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Christ Church, Long Hanborough</p> <p>£2 per family (under 1s free)</p>	
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## Letter from our Associate Rector, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear Friends,

*<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" (John 20:19)*

I am writing this letter after Easter and before Pentecost, which puts us roughly where the disciples were after they found the empty tomb. Despite the rumours and first-hand accounts of Jesus rising from the dead the disciples were still very fearful. Indeed, they had experienced quite a rollercoaster ride of emotions. Over the last few days, the disciples had seen and experienced many things; Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to cries of Hosanna! A mock trial; Feet washing; The last supper, and then Jesus' death on a cross at the hands of the Romans. They were jumpy, they were scared, they were wondering if the next knock at the door would herald their arrest, even their death. Jesus their leader had been crucified, his body was missing, some disciples thought Jesus had risen from the dead others were not so sure. Judas was also dead, and Thomas was missing.

At one level the disciples fear was reasonable based on the facts as they knew them, but they did not have the whole picture. They did not know for sure that Jesus had risen from the dead and they had very little idea of the cosmic victory that Jesus had won on the cross, defeating sin and death. So, they locked the doors and hid!

So, it is against this atmosphere of fear that Jesus literally stepped in. In John 20:19 it says... *<sup>19</sup> Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"* So, here we have a room full of fearful disciples who had locked the doors when suddenly Jesus came and stood among them. The first thing Jesus says is shalom, "peace". In one sense it is the everyday greeting of Jewish people. It means "good health, harmony, happiness, everything you wish for yourself and everything God wants for you." It is a normal wish, a traditional greeting, but when Jesus says it, it carries more gravitas, in fact a lot more gravitas. This is Jesus, the Son of God, who spoke the word and the universe was created, so it means so much more. To quote from the lyrics of the song 'So will I' by Hillsong Worship.

*'And as You speak a hundred billion galaxies are born, in the vapor of your breathe the planets form'*

So yes, when Jesus appears in our midst and says "Shalom" it carries weight, because Jesus is the Prince of peace. The second thing Jesus did was breathe on the disciples saying, *'Receive the Holy Spirit,'* which would ultimately empower the disciples changing them from fearful men hiding behind locked doors to fearless men preaching the gospel with boldness, quite a transformation.

We currently live in a world where there is a lack of peace, it is easy to get anxious and stressed especially with the 24-hour live news feeds we get. My encouragement to us all is to try and find a few minutes each day, away from the background noise of life, away from our busy lives to sit quietly and draw near to Jesus the Prince of peace, to receive '...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding' and allow him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

Blessings,  
Rev. Mike

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## **ST MARY'S BIBLE FUN CLUB CHILDREN'S EASTER CRAFTS and ACTIVITIES EVENT**

Thank you to everyone - 45 children plus adults - who joined us on Good Friday at the Village Hall for Easter Crafts and Activities. We had a fantastic time, exploring the Easter Story in so many different ways. The Rocky Road and Hot Cross Buns were delicious, and it was lovely to share them with the congregation from St. Mary's, who joined us after the Service of Meditation and Reflection.

St. Mary's Bible Fun Club Team

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## **SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH**

<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>
Leader: Rev. Dr Nick Wood	Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood
<b>Sunday 5th May</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
<b>Sunday 12th May</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
<b>Sunday 19th May</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
<b>Sunday 26th May</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
<b>Sunday 2nd June</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

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## **SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH**

<b>Sunday 28th April</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Jonathan Ford
<b>Sunday 5th May</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden	Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
<b>Sunday 12th May</b>	<b>10.00am Communion</b>
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
<b>Sunday 19th May</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>
Leader: Nelli Chamings-Manley	Preacher: Benjamin Chamings-Manley
<b>Sunday 26th May</b>	<b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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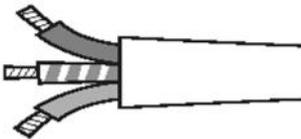
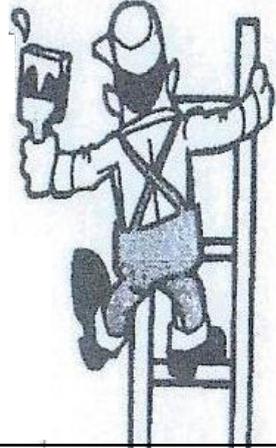
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### **How to donate**

Online: through our Freeland village e-envelope at <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/freeland-oxon>



or this QR code:

*Cash or cheque:* envelopes will be available in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week, and filled envelopes should be returned to Fiona McGrady (phone **880007** for details).

Thank you for considering making a donation.

Fiona McGrady  
Freeland Christian Aid Group Organiser

*Christian Aid works with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.*

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### **ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT**

The bells will be rung at the following times:

**Sunday 5th May 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 19th May 9.30am - 10.00am**

Practices are held on **Monday** nights from **7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Please contact the Tower Secretary, 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](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)

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| <b>Sunday 5th May</b>    | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Fred Ireland (AGM)               |
| <b>Sunday 12th May</b>   | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Charles Harris                   |
| <b>Sunday 19th May</b>   | <b>10am</b> | Mrs Kathleen Skinner (Family Service) |
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## **TO ALL OUR FRIENDS.....**

### **A WARM INVITATION**

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Farewell to departing Councillors**

There will be no election for Parish Councillors in May, as only 6 nominations have been received.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to 3 retiring councillors, who have all used their unique skills to work hard for the benefit of the village community:

Bill Phillips has been a Parish Councillor for an incredible 40 years - he has seen many changes, and has been a steady balancing force ensuring continuity as councillors came and went over the years. Andrew Bird has been a committed Parish Councillor since May 2021, Stewart Ainsley kindly stepped into the breach last year when we were 2 councillors down. We would like to thank you all for your commitment and efforts on behalf of the village and wish you all the very best.



### **New Parish Council**

As of the 7th May the new Parish Council will take over. Five councillors are continuing to serve and we would like to welcome our new councillor, Moth Clark. Thank you so much for joining us.

Now is your opportunity to come along and join us - we need 2 more councillors ideally - this is a chance to learn more about how the village is run and take part in its future. Maybe come to one of our meetings to help you decide – or email

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### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting is coming up on **Friday 10th May, 7.30pm start** - we hope that as many of you as possible can be there. We are trialling a new set up, starting with a few short presentations including the launch of the Freeland Village Design Statement, which will be your chance to have a say over the future of Freeland, and a briefing on the local Low Carbon Hub. Then the main part of the evening will be more informal with time to explore displays by village groups and organisations.

### **Pigeon House Lane**

Pigeon House Lane entrance works have been completed and we would like to thank Councillor Liam Walker for his support, including OCC funding, to enable the works to go ahead. This will hopefully ease some of the issues along Pigeon House Lane.

### **20mph Scheme**

The public consultation on this has been delayed, as we want to incorporate the potential 40 to 30mph reduction along the A4095. Oxfordshire County Council will need to carry out traffic surveys along the A4095 before this can be included.

### **Bins**

We have changed over waste bin collections, moving across to The Shield Group, instead of WODC, for all the Parish council owned bins. This will represent a saving on costs by up to 70% per bin. During the changeover there may be some issues with who is responsible for which bin, but this will get easier over the next few weeks. If there are any issues with bin collections at the play park, Garden of Remembrance or around the Village Hall please let us know.

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### **Play Park**

As a council we are looking into ways to develop our play facilities - If you have any ideas of things you'd really like to see then please drop me an email. Please report any issues or incidents (should unfortunately occur) to **faif.fpc@gmail.com**

### **Defibrillators**

We are very lucky to have 2 defibrillators in our village. One is located by Freeland Primary School in the old telephone box. The other is located on the left hand side of the Freeland Village Hall entrance porch. If these are used for an emergency please let me know as soon as possible on **faif.fpc@gmail.com**, so the pads can be replaced. We do hope that they aren't needed, but it is good to know they are there just in case. **www.defibfinder.uk/**

### **Green tip**

The world-leading study, State of Nature, recently found no let-up in the decline of our wildlife, with one in six species at risk of being lost from Great Britain. This is in part caused by loss of habitat across the country. For example, we've lost approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930's, and with them gone so is the vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies. Despite the UK government continuing to miss its own targets for protecting nature, all is not lost. As a community we can help protect our precious wildlife, or rather your lawn can help! A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities, and the climate.

This month's green tip is not something that needs to be done, but rather something that we need not do! For the month of May don't cut some, or better still all, of your lawn (sign up for No Mow May at [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk)). May is precious when it comes to wildflowers such as daisies and dandelions. By leaving them to grow in the lawn, we can ensure that insects have fresh nectar to feed on as they wake from their winter slumbers. And perhaps on the Sundays when you would normally start the mower, instead take some time to sit with your favourite beverage watching your garden, and the insects and avian visitors that come to feast.

### **Planning Applications**

All planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website at **www.freelandpc.org.uk** (under Planning Tracker) or on the WODC website at **publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/**

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**Applications Received:**

**24/00726/HHD 59 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland**

Erection of single storey side extension.

**Applications under consideration or appeal:**

**22/02377/FUL & 23/00015/APEAL Conversion of Methodist Church** to form a single dwelling is subject to a current Appeal Hearing. Additional Information has been made available by the Appellant in the form of a Viability Report. A representation against the contents of this report has been submitted by Freeland Community Benefit Society, supported by the Parish Council.

Appeals Casework Portal reference no. **APP/D3125/W/23/3315925**

**<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>**

**24/00292/HHD 181 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of rear extension to create additional living space over two floors.

**24/00215/S73 Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of Planning Permission **22/02862/HHD** to allow design and material changes (**retrospective**).

**24/00216/S73 Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission **23/00124/HHD** to allow design changes (**retrospective**).

**24/00576/HHD Harlyn, 145 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey rear extension

**Applications Approved: None**

**Applications Refused: None**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th May 2024 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 Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website is **[www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk)** You can follow us on Facebook (**@freelandpc**) or Twitter (**@freeland\_pc**).

Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)**

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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

The weather and player availability have played havoc with the fixtures this month. Only one game has been played, losing **2-0** to Witney Royals.

Both **Under 17s** sides are now drawing to a close in their respective leagues. They now both move onto the League's Spring Cup competitions.

The **Under 10s** go into their new Spring League still unbeaten this year and will hope to once again finish top of their league.

We are actively looking to expand to include more youth age groups at the Club, so if you have a son or daughter and may be interested in helping run a side please get in touch. Full support will be given for all the admin and coaching courses needed.

### **Scheduled fixtures (weather/availability permitting)**

24th April Away to Siege

4th May Home to Milton

27th April Away to Leafield

7th May Away to Faringdon

30th April Home to Chadlington

11th May Away to Wooton

15th May Home to Yarnton

The **Under 10s** Coach is Emma Wylie - [emmawylie54@hotmail.com](mailto:emmawylie54@hotmail.com)

The **Under 17s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - [stu.mac@aol.com](mailto:stu.mac@aol.com)

Ben Symonds - Secretary: [bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

This group of cuddly toys was made by one of our members who is sadly no longer with us. We will miss her expertise in all sorts of craft work as well as her words of wisdom.

Now that grandparent duties are over for another few weeks, we will start on another learning project - what will it be? Perhaps you would like to learn to knit or crochet? Have you tried paper work like quilling or origami? Making you own hand-made cards can add a personal touch to those you send.

We meet in the Newell Room at the back of the Freeland Village Hall each Wednesday afternoon from **2pm – 4pm**.

There is usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover hire costs.

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

Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316**  
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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

Graham Walker from Church View gave an excellent talk on 'The History of Notcutts Garden Centres' at our March meeting. Notcutts was started by one man and has been directed by a family member ever since, and now has now got many branches throughout the country. Graham started there many years ago and has risen through the ranks to now be one of the Directors. He has made many improvements over the years. It was a very informative talk which we all enjoyed. Well done Graham. We also had the raffle of hampers of food donated by members which raised much needed money for the Club.

On **Monday 22nd April at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall Mandy Bradshaw's talk is entitled 'Find the Angle at Chelsea - a Journalist's View of the World Famous Flower Show'.

On **Monday 20th May**, same time and place, Caroline Sheldrick will be telling us about 'A Year in the Cutting Garden'. It is such a pleasure to go out in the garden and pick fresh flowers for the house or to give to friends. May will be a good time to plant these annuals or perennials.

Bring and Buy Plants and Garden Items Sale at all Hall meetings.

For more information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at [davidjones30@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjones30@talktalk.net) Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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**NEW EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE FREELAND GRAPEVINE -  
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After many years of doing a brilliant job as editor of the Freeland Grapevine magazine, Kenny Wylie is "hanging up his keyboard". This magazine is an important part of church and village life in Freeland, and it would be great to find a new editor as soon as possible. Whoever comes into the role will be given full and extensive training by Kenny.

Kenny writes:

*"The Freeland Grapevine is a printed monthly production. It is also submitted online to the Freeland village website and the Freeland Parish Council website. The printed Grapevine is, apart from the colour cover pages, in black and white. The online versions are in colour.*

*Currently the monthly print run is 800 copies, with an additional 50 copies in November and January to cover the copies that are sent out to all the advertisers at those times of the year.*

*I am very happy to spend time with the new editor(s) (**the job could be split up between a number of people**), to show them how I put an edition together and to go through the whole routine."*

If this is something you might be interested in exploring, then please do contact Kenny at [freelandgrapevine@gmail.com](mailto:freelandgrapevine@gmail.com)

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## **FREELAND WI**

There was a change of speaker for our April meeting. We were looking forward to welcoming Peter Tickler, an author whose talk is entitled Blood on the Keyboard! However, he was unable to attend and instead we were very pleased to welcome Lucy Gasson from the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford.

Her talk was entitled 'Every object tells a story'. In spite of having a broken arm and fractured collarbone as a result of a bicycle accident, Lucy explained about the history of the Pitt Rivers Museum which was founded in 1884 and now houses more than 500,000 exhibits. She explained how it differs from other museums in that the displays are exhibited in themes. It was interesting to hear that the Museum accepts donations from the public.

Through the use of PowerPoint, Lucy showed us some of her favourite objects covering the themes of lights, magic, clothing and concluded her talk with Sir David Attenborough's favourite object in the museum, a flea catcher! Lucy's very knowledgeable talk has inspired some members to plan a visit to Pitt Rivers.

As usual, donations were received for the Witney Food Bank.

At our next meeting on **Monday 13th May** our speaker will be Cheryl Harrison who will be talking about Trading Standards and Scams. A useful topic for all of us!

Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **10pm**. Our meetings usually consist of an activity or speaker, a raffle and refreshments. We always look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. You will receive a very warm welcome. A copy of this year's programme was included in the January Grapevine. If you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member, please contact our secretary, Rosie James. We would love you to join us.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> whilst current information is on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/freelandwi](http://www.facebook.com/freelandwi)

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at [freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

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You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Mondays & Tuesdays 5pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thurs Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11.30pm Fridays 9.30am - 11.30pm; Saturdays Noon - 11.30pm; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door.

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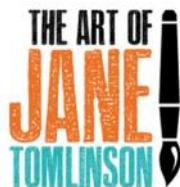
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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 7/4/2024**

Now, if I was a betting man, my money would be on rain!

It's April and as we all know it used to be the second month in the early Roman calendar, and of course then it became the fourth when they started using January as the first month, January wasn't happy about this because it was a little shy and initially happy to be down the pecking order. April is named after the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite, and the two flowers of April are the daisy and sweet pea – the birthstone is the diamond. Famous April people include, Charlie Chaplin, Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Charlotte Brontë and Adolf Hitler.



Thirteen people and one four legged non-person made a very tarmac heavy way around an incredibly complex, but not muddy, route this month. Half way food was Easter themed in the form of a very nice Simnel cake which went down a storm (thank you Alison).

Thanks also go to the constant rain (Mrs Miggins had complained to the skies about this and didn't get a reply) the past few walks have been on tarmac (crushed stone and tar) which incidentally was first produced by Scotsman John McAdam back in 1820. Tarmac/asphalt has been around since 625BC - this was then improved upon by Englishman Edgar Purcell-Hooley in 1901, now, you would think it would keep improving over the years but believe it or not the latest mixture approved by Oxfordshire County Council consists of cornflakes, coca cola, cuckoo spit and slug trail....what can go wrong.

Our next Ramble will be on **Sunday 5th May**, starting at **10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Ramble on! - William Wordsworth (7th April 1770)

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## **UPDATE ON BARNARD GATE JUNCTION**

I am pleased to report that the County Council has now finished installing new signage on the approach to the Barnard Gate junction on the A40. The Council has also started to explore options for improving this junction. This follows a motion I presented at West Oxfordshire District Council last year and a petition that was signed by hundreds of residents calling for the junction to finally be improved.

I am now working with County Council officers on options for making the junction left turn only onto the A40 from South Leigh and left turn only from Barnard Gate. These new signs are I hope the first step into improving this notoriously bad junction for motorists. Thank you to everyone who took the time to support my petition.

There were plans to improve this junction with the A40 upgrade plan but sadly this part of the A40 improvement scheme has now been put on hold by the County Council. It is unclear at this stage when the dual carriage way section from Witney to Eynsham is likely to go ahead.

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Bartholomew School	↓	10.25	12.25	14.30	16.00	17.30
Freeland, Village Hall*	08.05	10.30	12.30	14.35	16.06	17.35
Long Hanborough, New Road	08.10	10.35	12.35	14.40	16.10	17.40
Church Hanborough, Hand & Shears	08.14	10.38	12.38	14.43	16.14	↓
Hanborough Station	↓	10.43	12.43	14.48	Not in Service	17.45
Bartholomew School	08.25	↓	↓	↓	Not in Service	↓

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Hanborough Station	09.00	11.00	13.00	14.50		17.50
Church Hanborough, Hand & Shears	09.05	11.05	13.05	↓		↓
Long Hanborough, New Road	09.08	11.08	13.08	14.53		17.55
Freeland, Village Hall*	09.12	11.12	13.12	14.57		18.00
Eynsham Surgery	09.18	11.18	13.18	↓		18.10
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Train	Hanborough Station	11.19	13.19	15.17	18.14
Train	Oxford Station	11.29	13.29	15.27	18.32
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Train	Oxford Station	08.44	10.46	12.45	13.44
Train	Hanborough Station	08.53	10.55	12.54	13.54
411 Bus	Hanborough Station	09.00	11.00	13.00	14.50
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More details to follow.

All proceeds will go towards village projects.

**Please consider taking part.**

For more information or to get involved contact:

Shelagh Kardos **01993 657626** or  
email **shelaghkardos@gmail.com**



4-7 years



7-10 years



10-14 years



14-18 years

### Rainbows

Rainbows have completed their Influence stage badge and their Helper badge. As part of these, the Rainbows mimed a story to show how pictures are important, they imagined what qualities they would want if they were princesses and guessed the story from newspaper pictures. They also have done a litter pick around Hurdeswell and made an unusual find – a fishing rod. They made chocolate nests for Easter. We said goodbye to 3 Rainbows who are going to be Brownies, and 2 Rainbows made their promise.



### Brownies

The Brownies also worked on their Influence badge, thinking about role models, became TV presenters for a night, had a Brownie takeover night with popcorn, pyjama and music night, made Easter baskets, welcomed new Brownies and said goodbye to older Brownies.



### Guides and Rangers

The Guides and Rangers have been working towards their natural remedies badge and Feel Good stage 5 badge. They have been looking at essential oils, making face masks and trying yoga. Eleanor, one of the leaders made her promise to complete her leadership qualification. We are planning lots of outdoor activities and adventures for the summer term, so if you see us, do say hello.

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### **Help Needed Please**

Did you used to be in Guiding and would like to return, or would you like to join us for the first time? Could you spare a couple of hours a week to show girls new things? Our units are looking for new leaders and helpers, especially the Guide units. Please get in touch if you can spare any time, it is very rewarding, just ask one of the leaders [freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com](mailto:freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com)



**You are warmly invited to join  
Freeland WI  
on  
Monday 10th June at 7.45pm  
in  
Freeland Village Hall  
for a talk by**



**Antonia Keaney  
Social Historian and Researcher for Blenheim.**

Come along to Freeland WI on Monday 10th June in Freeland Village Hall to hear Antonia Keaney talk on A Passion for Fashion. This is an Open Meeting for anyone wanting to come along and listen to this fascinating talk.

**Freeland WI members - free**

**Non-WI members - £5.00 - refreshments included**

**Payment on the door**

**Raffle tickets will be on sale**

Freeland WI decided to invite Antonia Keaney to talk about Passion for Fashion at Blenheim, whilst they have their exhibition of Icons of British Fashion, which runs from March until June this year.

Antonia is an experienced public speaker and has delivered a talk at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor (an educational charity) and participated in the Cheltenham and Oxford Literary Festival. She has been a guest on Radio 4, appeared on BBC's Country File and Phil Spencer's Stately Homes.

Antonia will take a look at how the Marlboroughs and their friends embraced some of the outlandish 18th Century fashions and quickly adapted to the exciting changes in outerwear, underwear and make-up which first had become popular in the French Court.

Antonia will also provide an insight into more unusual accessories used by family members - false eyebrows made from mouse skin, fans, wigs, and scalp scratchers. We will also learn about King Louis XIV's obsession with shoes and how his style has been adopted by the fashionistas of today. This captivating talk will include clothing worn by Victorian children and by young Winston Churchill.

Combined travel and ticket opportunity to see:  
OXOPS (Oxford Operatic Society) production of

### **Funny Girl**

The musical theatre classic and **Tony awards winner**, which includes the songs  
*People* and *Don't Rain on My Parade*

on **Wednesday 10th July 2024, 7.30pm, at the Oxford Playhouse**

Price pp for return coach from Freeland to the theatre + theatre ticket: **£35**

Anyone interested should give full details (name, address, phone no., email) and  
number of tickets required no later than **Thursday 9th May**, to:

Hilary Lamb, 12 Hurst Lane, Freeland

Payment can preferably be made by **BACS** (please email Hilary for BACS details:  
**[lambh54@googlemail.com](mailto:lambh54@googlemail.com)**) or by **cheque** payable to Oxford Operatic Society

(if paying by cheque, please include cheque with request for tickets).

If you have any questions, please phone Hilary on **01993 881125**

## **FREELAND ENERGY GROUP**

Notice the blank area? →→→

**We are a group in search of a logo. And we need your help.**

**We would like to invite the young people of Freeland to put  
their creativity to the test and come up with a logo for us.**

Anyone under 18, living or attending a club, group or school in Freeland is very  
welcome to join in and send in their designs. Parents please contact Colin, on the email  
below for an information sheet or pick up one at the Annual Parish Meeting. We will  
also post details on the village notice boards and send to other community  
groups. Please send in your children's design before **30th June**.

And a further request - last month the group made a call-out for people to be on a  
contact list. We are delighted to say that we had a good response and a list is taking  
shape. But the more contacts on the list the better informed we can all be. Please  
consider putting your name forward if you have had recent experience of installation of  
solar or thermal panels, heat pumps or electric car charging.

As a reminder this is a way to cut through the sales talk and to help others consider all  
aspects of a significant change that these types of installation will involve. Contact Colin  
on **[csmithprivate@hotmail.com](mailto:csmithprivate@hotmail.com)** or **01993 881704** if you would like to join our  
contact list. And in advance **Thank You**.

**Friday 10th May - 7.30pm** - Visit our stand at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Colin Smith

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## **FREELAND WALKING GROUP**

The group meet on the third Wednesday of the month for a walk of about 5 miles  
followed by lunch, usually at a pub. The next walk will be on **Wednesday 15th May**.

Information will be sent to our regular walkers but if there is anyone new who would  
like to join us please contact me at **[hjdalton43cv@gmail](mailto:hjdalton43cv@gmail.com)** so that I can put you in  
touch with whoever is leading the walk.

Janet Dalton **881742**

# FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

54% of children  
come from outside  
of Freeland



Wrap around care  
available 7.30-5.15  
from 3 years old

## NEW NURSERY CLASS

**WE ARE EXTENDING OUR AGE  
RANGE FROM APRIL 1ST**

**FUNDED PLACES AVAILABLE  
FOR 2-4 YEARS OLDS**

Come and join us for a stay and play session

9th May 1.15-2.15pm

26th June 10-11am

for more information or to arrange a visit please contact us

*"Know your roots, Branch out, Fly High"*

### CONTACT US



01933 881707

office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk



## **FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL JOINS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We are very excited that Freeland Pre-school have now joined the Primary School and will continue to offer an excellent educational experience in our nursery class. Our Early Years leader, Kate Pritchard, will be leading the team through this period of transition. Pre-school staff remain working in the nursery class, which we have called Wrens class. All of our classes are named after Oxfordshire birds and Wrens seemed fitting as they are such small birds! We are looking forward to continuing to develop the provision for our youngest children (from 2 years) up to 5 in our newly refurbished Early Years unit.

Please get in touch if you would like to visit us for one of our 'Stay and Play' sessions or would like to register your child for a place. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

Penny McCarthy  
Headteacher

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

**Friday 10th May** is the Annual Parish Meeting at Freeland Village Hall. Representatives from the Little Free Library will have a table there, so please do come and stop by for a chat: we'd love to see you! The meeting starts at **7.30pm**, and we'll be available **8 - 9pm**. Please do not bring book donations to this event, but we will have some books available for you to take home.



Thank you for all the recent book donations. The vast majority of them are in great condition and soon get snapped up. We are running a bit low on high quality children's books, so please do consider donating a few if you have some you no longer read.

We do still sometimes get given books that are unsuitable for the Little Free Library. These include highly specialised non-fiction books, foreign language books, very old and out-of-date books, or books that are literally falling apart. If you have books that fall into this category, please recycle the damaged ones and donate others to local charity shops. Thank you for your understanding. It really helps us to keep the Little Free Library so well-stocked and tidy for you to use.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Jenny and Caroline)

**01993 359 543    ruddlem@gmail.com**

## **NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

Volunteers are urgently required on a regular weekly basis for our morning or afternoon riding sessions and for our pm rota (1/2 hour at 4.30pm on a sign up basis).

If you are able to spare a few hours once a week to help provide therapeutic riding to children and adults, please check out our website [www.newyattRDA.org.uk](http://www.newyattRDA.org.uk) and email us at [nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com](mailto:nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com)

## FREELAND ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Wendy Marks

### MENDELSSOHN

Symphony No 4 in A major 'Italian'



### RIMSKY-KORSAKOV

The Tsar's Bride

### NICOLAI

Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor

**2pm, Saturday 11 May 2024**

St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

**TICKETS £5 ON THE DOOR · UNDER 18s FREE**



## MARIE CURIE



# QUIZ NIGHT

## The Oxfordshire Yeoman

172 Wrolysyn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon OX29 8AQ

Wednesday, 22nd May 2024

Wednesday, 25th September 2024

Wednesday, 27th November 2024



7.30 For 8pm Start

QUIZ, BAR, CHARITY RAFFLE

Quiz Entry £3 Teams of up to 6 people.



Please don't worry if there's only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night! It's a great way to socialise and make new friends!

For more information please contact

Nicky Clargo 07754 271831 Email: [oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com)

[www.meetup.com/oxfordshire-stars-walks-socials-and-charitable-events](http://www.meetup.com/oxfordshire-stars-walks-socials-and-charitable-events)

[www.facebook.com/oxfordshirestars.gigsevents](http://www.facebook.com/oxfordshirestars.gigsevents)

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP**

Here's a date for your diary: our AGM will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 3rd July**, at Freeland Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, especially as we will be implementing important changes during the meeting, which are explained below.

Until now, we have had committee members who oversee the running of our Scouts groups, but we are changing to create a Trustees Board instead.

### **What is a Trustees Board?**

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers to deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

### **Who do we need on the Trustees Board?**

A Chair, a Treasurer, and Trustees.

### **What do Trustees do?**

- Trustees work together to make sure that the 1st Hanborough Freeland Scouts manage money well.
- Follow Scouts policies and legislation.
- Look after insurance and property.
- Manage risks.
- Help the group to operate well now and in the future.
- Maintain appropriate records.
- Run an open selection process for appointing trustees.
- Seek expert advice when needed.

### **Why should you become a Trustee?**

Being a trustee is very rewarding. As a trustee you have the chance to support and shape the work and strategic direction of our local Scouts group, and you can make a significant difference our community.

Being a trustee offers the opportunity for professional development. It can let you gain experience of strategy and leadership, and boost your CV. It will give you experience of being a non-executive director, such as setting a strategic vision, influencing and negotiation, and managing risk. If you already have significant experience in these areas, it can be stimulating to use it in a different and potentially challenging context. Trustees often say that being a board member has been one the richest sources of learning in their professional lives.

As a trustee, you will be part of a team and will have the opportunity to apply your unique skills and experience while learning from others. Working closely with a passionate team of people who have different perspectives is often one of the most enjoyable aspects of the role.

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### **How do I become a Trustee?**

Nominate yourself, or someone that you recommend, by sending us an email to this address: [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk) You can also contact us at the same email address with any questions that you may have. Trustees will be appointed during our AGM on **Wednesday 3rd July**.

We are also recruiting more volunteer leaders for our groups: contact us at the same email address above to get in touch. We really do need you to help us to keep our groups running: don't assume that someone else will step up!

Volunteer with us today and make a real difference to local young people's lives.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)



## *Hanborough Forget-Me-Nots*



# **Memory / Friendship Café**

**Every first Tuesday in the Month**

**10am – 12noon**

*Starting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May*

**Long Hanborough Methodist Church**

**For people with memory loss and their carers**

**Contact: Judy Haynes**

**Email: [jandg@cahaynes.plus.com](mailto:jandg@cahaynes.plus.com)**

**or Tel: 01993 882379**



# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Friday 10th May  
7.30pm-9pm  
Freeland Village Hall

Refreshments served

New format for 2024!

7.30-8.00pm short presentations

8.00-9.00pm a chance to  
circulate, view village group  
displays, and meet Councillors



# WIND CONCERT

7.30 pm

Sat 11th May

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH  
Eynsham

## FEATURING

WOW WOC WOL WOCI  
West Oxfordshire Wind Groups  
Conductor - Wendy Marks

Tickets: £5 on the door  
Under 18s FREE  
[www.OxfordWoodwind.co.uk](http://www.OxfordWoodwind.co.uk)

## **COMBE MILL 'In Steam', SUNDAY 19th MAY,** **Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe OX29 8ET** **The theme is 'Mercedes-Benz' Day**



Combe Mill will be welcoming the Mercedes-Benz Car Club for this event. If you have an interest in cars this is the event for you. Bring the children along to the re-vamped 'Tinkering Area' lots to do and see.

Combe Mill will be open 'In Steam' with all machinery working and being demonstrated by our lovely volunteers, a Late 19th Century Grade II Listed Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, in its day the workshop for Blenheim Palace estate, not to be missed.

The Tea Room will be open for refreshments to enjoy in the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. Browse our *Mini Market* too. Tombola, Raffle and BBQ,

Dogs on Leads most welcome. Parking free.

Adults **£9.00**, Seniors **£7.50** **Accompanied children FREE**. Open 10.30am to 5pm  
**[combemill.org](http://combemill.org)** *Combe Mill cannot be held responsible for attractions that do not appear.*

**Also open every Wednesday** to end of October 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around, and Tea Room open. Adults **£5.00**, Seniors **£4.00** and accompanied children are **free**.

**There is no admission charge for only visiting the tearoom on a Wednesday** it's open for refreshments, Cream Teas, Cakes, Ham rolls, coffee and soft drinks.

## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

The rain keeps falling, but we are still preparing for the beginning of the new season.

We have started outdoor training for the **Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s** and the **Cherwell League** team.

A small group of volunteers gathered on the 14th April to do some pre-season work, and the nets, sight screens and covers are now ready.



Our first matches will be the **Women's Hardball** team in the Home Counties Super 8s competition on **Sunday 28th April**, followed by the **Under 13 Super 8s** on the **2nd May**.

We have been lucky to secure new sponsors for the upcoming season, and we are extremely grateful for their support.

The sponsors are;

**Ian Lewis & Minster Lovell Spar** - Junior Match Ball Sponsor

**Ian Woollard & Academy Partnership** - Cherwell League Match Ball sponsor

**Dan King & MD Ridgeline Roofing** - New Scoreboard Sponsor

**Simon Newton, Sam Walker from Darke & Taylor** - New Scoreboard Sponsor

**Jon Langford & Oxford Welding Supplies** - Bowling machine balls

**Lou Edwards and the Yeoman** - After match refreshments

If other companies would like to sponsor the club there are more opportunities including a 3 year deal to support our **Women's Softball** team.

If you would like to discuss this or interested in playing cricket or volunteering in any way please contact me.

Simon Brown - Chair

**Web:** <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>

**E:** [freelandccul1@gmail.com](mailto:freelandccul1@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Freeland Cricket Club

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## **MAKING MODEST MUSIC**

Do you like to play an instrument (of any sort) but never practice enough?

Did you play at school and fancy getting back into it?

Would getting together once a month with a few others be just the encouragement you need?

The village now has a place for you to go and share your interest with likeminded people.

As well as sharing a few individual pieces we work on a couple of simple ensembles (currently piano, sax, Irish flute and ukulele) between meetings.

Interested? Email [kenjedfish@gmail.com](mailto:kenjedfish@gmail.com) (preferred) or text **07982 134991**, or call that number if you don't do either of those things.



Ken J-F

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## THE ARTS SOCIETY OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE

Lectures in May and June start at 7.30pm in Witney Corn Exchange. Visitors £7.

The hall opens at 6.45pm so members can meet and have a chat before the meeting, with wine and juice on sale. Information at [www.taswox.org.uk](http://www.taswox.org.uk)



THE ARTS SOCIETY  
WEST  
OXFORDSHIRE

### **Thursday 9th May: “The classical re-invented: the brilliant legacy of Sir Christopher Wren” - Ian Swankie**

In this talk, Ian winds the clock back to the seventeenth century with an armchair tour of some of Wren’s magnificent structures including City Churches, the Old Royal Naval College at Greenwich and, of course, his greatest masterpiece St Paul’s Cathedral. Wren was primarily a mathematician and astronomer and Ian will show how these disciplines are harnessed in Wren’s work. Ian will also look at the origins of the classical orders of architecture and discover how Wren’s love of this ancient system is everywhere to be seen in his legacy.

### **Thursday 13th June: “Imperial purple to purple denim: the colourful history of textiles” - Susan Kay Williams**

This lecture explores the fascinating story of how dyes were discovered, made and used, focusing on some of the social implications of colour at different times in history. It takes us from pre-historic man to the middle of the 19th century and geographically from Europe to the Middle East, India, Turkey, north America, Mexico and Peru: a story of exploration, invention, war, the church, money, power and sex.

# **EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATES**

## **SPRING COVID VACCINATIONS**

Eligible people for this round of vaccinations are:

- **Adults aged 75 years or older on 30th June 2024**
- **Residents in care homes for older adults**
- **Individuals aged 6 months or older who are immunosuppressed**

If you belong to any of the above groups you should have received a text, an email or a letter inviting you to book into one of our clinics in:

<b>Long Hanborough:</b>	<b>Saturday 27th April</b>	<b>08.30am - 12.30pm</b>
	<b>Saturday 11th May</b>	<b>08.30am - 12.30pm</b>
<b>Eynsham:</b>	<b>Saturday 4th May</b>	<b>08.30am - 12.30pm</b>
	<b>Saturday 18th May</b>	<b>08.30am - 12.30pm</b>

**These are NOT walk in clinics, but must have been previously booked.**

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## **FREELAND WINE CLUB - Friday 31st May 7.30pm**

Discover unique Czech wines with Freeland Wine Club!

Wines of Bohemia brings to us hidden gems from South Moravia, carefully chosen for their exceptional quality. They've impressed international judges and local wine lovers alike, being featured in Club Oenologique magazine and as a finalist at the International Wine Challenge Industry Awards 2023. Join us to taste a selection, probably including Palava, a white grape native to the region, and André, a delicious red blend. This is your chance to explore something truly special!



**FREELAND WINE CLUB**

Wine Club dates for the rest of 2024 are: **Fridays 31st May, 26th July, 27th September and 29th November.** To book a place (Guests **£15**) or to register as a member (**£10**) to get invites and reduced rates for all meetings please email **FreelandWineClub@gmail.com**

**The weekly Seated Exercises**, or standing if you prefer, restarted on the 1st March at **Freeland Village Hall at 11am**, every Friday (not Good Friday)



These fun and gentle exercises are designed to boost and improve flexibility, mobility, coordination and balance, making everyday tasks easier.

The 45-minute exercise sessions are **FREE** and followed by a well-earned drink. You can be sure of a warm welcome so why not come and join in?

If you have questions contact Dot Sharpe **01993 882182** or Jane at **firmfizzique@btinternet.com**

**PS** You won't need any special equipment - just your comfortable clothing.

u3a is aimed at those no longer in full time employment with daytime hours available to participate in community based activity or interest groups. This branch is based in Woodstock but also welcomes members from the surrounding area. The monthly speaker meetings offer a professional talk; the subject matter is varied and will offer insights into other worlds for many. Also part of the u3a membership are the interest groups which are run by the members. Groups develop around demand and members' willingness to share their expertise and learning with the idea to pass on skills and spend time with others who have the same interests. Several new groups are establishing, ie photography, and a theatre group, augmenting those that have been established for some time.

**u3a** Woodstock & District

Our next quiz is on **Thursday 24th May 2 - 4pm** at the Scout/Guide Hut in Union Street, Woodstock; please turn up with a bit of loose change and enjoy a fun couple of hours. The monthly coffee morning in Woodstock offers a social gathering - the next is on **Saturday 4th May** at The Crown and our host is Pat.

As a taster, visitors are welcome to the members' speaker meetings charged at **£2** to include tea and biscuits; Doors open at **1.45 for 2pm** at St Hugh's Church Hall, Hensington Road, Woodstock. Our May meeting is on **Thursday 2nd** (local election day) and we have The Woodland Trust – standing up for trees – followed at **3pm** by the AGM – do join us if you can.

More information at [www.woodstocku3a.uk](http://www.woodstocku3a.uk)  
Sue Blackshaw – Chair Woodstock & District u3a

**Rotary**   
Club of Eynsham

**Present a fundraising**  
**Murder Mystery**  
**Save the Date**  
**for an evening of sleuthing**  
**Saturday 11th May**  
**At 7.30pm**  
**Eynsham Village Hall**  
**SUPPER - BAR & RAFFLE**

## SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

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**COUNTRY FISH & CHIPS** Freshly cooked Fish and Chips in Freeland every **Thursday night from 6.45 - 7.15pm** on Wroslyn Road near the junction with the A4095. Tel: **07791 459 849**

### **THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND**

Regular café first Tuesday of the month, **9.00 - 11.30am**, Freeland Hall  
Friday Bakes at the Yeoman from **9.30am**  
**jane.cakestudio@gmail.com**

**CATKINS** Genuine Cat Lover available for home visits whilst you are out or on holiday. References available. **Debbie: 07805 583 419 or Janice: 07896 990 801.**

**FREELAND PIANO TEACHER** has vacancies for Piano/Flute/Recorder Tuition. Beginners welcome, both Adults and Children. Email **jane.duff17@gmx.com** for more details.

**GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND DESIGN** - planting, pruning, weeding - advice for free. Michelle Turkie **michelleturkie@gmail.com 07531 717 991**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

W 24 Apr **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
Th 2 May **Local Council & Police Commissioner Elections,** Freeland Village Hall  
W 1 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Sa 4/Su 5 May Artweeks Exhibition, 7 Pigeon House Lane, 12noon - 5.30pm  
Su 5 May Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman  
**Tu 7 May The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**  
Tu 7 May North Leigh History Society, Memorial Hall, North Leigh, **7.30pm £4**  
W 8 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
**Fr 10 May Annual Parish Meeting, Freeland Hall, 7.30 - 9pm**  
Sa 11 May Freeland Teddy Girls' SPRING FAYRE, Freeland Village Hall, 10am - 12noon  
Sa 11/Su 12 May Artweeks Exhibition, 7 Pigeon House Lane, 12noon - 5.30pm  
Sa 11 May Wind Concert, St Leonard's Church, Eynsham 7.30pm  
Sa 11 May Freeland Orchestra Concert, St Leonard's Church, Eynsham 2pm  
M 13 May Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
M 13 May Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** - Cheryl Harrison "Trading Standards & Scams"  
**Tu 14 May Freeland Grapevine - June edition deadline day**  
W 15 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
W 15 May Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at **9.15am**  
Su 19 May Combe Mill 'In Steam' - 'Mercedes-Benz Day', **10.30 - 5pm OX29 8ET**  
M 20 May Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** 'A Year in the Cutting Garden'  
W 22 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
W 22 May Marie Curie Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30 for 8pm start, **£3 each**  
W 29 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **June Grapevine** is **Tuesday 14th May**. The **May** edition should be online at: [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk) or at [www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk) from **Monday 20th May** with the print copies in the church porch and elsewhere from **Friday 24th May**.

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 JPGs or PNGs, again **not PDFs**.

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### May

Mon 6th - Bank Holiday - open all day  
Wed 15th - Wine tasting evening. Limited places £10pp

Sat 18th - Uggy's Pizzas

Wed 22nd - Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie

Fri 24th - Jasper Storey Live

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