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Services for September 2013

29th 10.00 Holy Communion with children's activity (Rev. David Tyler)

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6th	10.00 (18.00)	Harvest Festival and Family Service (Rev. David Tyler) No Taizé service - there is a service at Christ Church, Long Hanborough)
13th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler & Sister Helen Julian)
20th	10.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev. David Tyler)
27th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Ball)

Services for November 2013

3rd	10.00 18.00	Family Service (Revs Peter Ball and David Tyler) Commemoration of the Departed (Revs David Tyler and Phil Cooke)
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Toddlers at St Mary's All families with pre-school aged children are welcome to join in the fun at our toddler group in St Mary's, Freeland.

There are many toys, a craft table and we have a Christian themed story every week. The singing section is brought to life using puppets, props and musical instruments. We provide snacks, drinks, home baked cakes, fresh coffee and tea while we have a chat and share time together, all for a small donation of 50p. The group runs during term time on **Thursdays** from **10am to 11.30am** and everyone is very welcome. If you would like to know more then please contact Helen on **882044** or David on **881270**.

Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for parents, carers and young children who meet once a month for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme. We meet on a Thursday during term time, at the Village Hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm (3 Oct, 28 Nov)

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

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

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

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Janet Dalton 01993 881742

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.

Letter from the Rector:

Dear friends,

I have been thinking about how different people may have similar lives but yet will have very different experiences of life. There are some people in life who choose to moan about everything and are tiresome to be around; there are some who's love of life is infectious. They are people who you want to spend time with.

I think to some extent we have a choice over how we react to what life throws at us.

In Luke's Gospel we are told that Jesus healed 10 lepers and only one came back to say thank you. Luke records how Jesus said to the leper: 'Get up and go on your way, your faith has made you well'.

I thought about this sentence because Jesus cured all 10 from leprosy, and yet he said to this one 'your faith has made you well'. I don't think that when he said 'your faith has made you well' he was talking about leprosy - I think he was saying that because this man had recognised God in Jesus that it was this that had 'made [him] well'.

The man had the right attitude. He had a thankful heart. I think in this story there is the suggestion that if we thank others we not only bless

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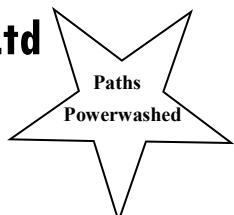


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them but we may also bless ourselves.

If we approach life with a thankful heart I think we will probably have a better life than if we approach life with a moan-y heart and also of course knowing Jesus helps too!

So I invite you to seek to be more thankful and I pray that you may bless others through this and also may yourself be blessed.

With all best wishes,

David

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We meet at 2pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Marlborough School, Woodstock. New and potential members are most welcome.

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mary.hawken@talktalk.net or Patrick Fitz-Gibbon on **(01869) 347238**
patrick@fitz-gibbonassociates.co.uk **OR** www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock

1st October: Solving the Energy Puzzle Dr Derek Pooley

5th November: Hidden Secrets of British Art Robert Edwards/Samuel Cooper

TUESDAY CLUB - 3rd September

We held the Club's Harvest Festival in the Methodist Church. The Service was led by the Rev. Andrew Maisey. We also welcomed Margaret Stringer who played the organ, which was much appreciated.

Members brought many and varied produce which were sold for funds. Then we enjoyed our usual good tea.

Our next meeting is on October 1st, which will be back in the Village Hall. Henry Westbury is coming to talk to us about printing a book, which he has recently done. We look forward to that with interest.

We would welcome new members, so why don't you come and join us?

Katie Shelton **881037**

Harvest Thanksgiving

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Service for the Commemoration of the Departed for Hanborough and Freeland

A service for the commemoration of the departed will take place at St Mary's, Freeland on Sunday 3rd November at 6pm. All are welcome.



If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service, please add their name to the list at the back of either St Mary's, or Ss Peter and Paul, Church Hanborough, or Christ Church.

For further details, contact David Tyler on **881270**.

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	10.00	Morning Worship (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00	BCP Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
13th	10.00	Holy Communion and service to say thank you for the ministry of Rev Jackie Garner (Revs Jackie Gardner & David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Manor School
	18.00	Covenant Renewal Service (Revs David Tyler and Paul Weir)	Methodist Church

20th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00	Worship Together	Manor School
	10.00	United Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	18.00	Compline (Sister Helen Julian)	Christ Church

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	10.00	Morning Worship	Manor School
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October 6th **10.30 Harvest Festival** with Grahame Faulkner

13th 10.30 Owen Carney

20th 10.30 Ian Prince

27th 10.30 TBC, probably North Leigh with Keith Crawford

Nov 3rd 10.00 Family Worship at St Mary's

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SUNDAY MASS is at 10.00am with a Childrens' Liturgy during Mass (& SATURDAY for Sunday 7.30pm)

Mass also Mondays & Tuesdays 5.30pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9.30am, Fridays 7.00am

ALL SAINTS DAY is the **MAIN EVENT** coming up at this time of the year. It is on **Friday November 1st** with Mass at 9.30am and 7.30pm. This is the day when we celebrate that we are part of a great community of Christian people who have served God down through the centuries following Our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we are assured of their support and prayers as we try our best to do the same. This is a day when all Catholics try to get to Mass somewhere at some time. We call it a Holy Day of Obligation.

ALL SOULS DAY follows on **Saturday 2nd November** when we pray for the dead. There will be a Mass at 10.00am on that day. If the weather is OK we will process outside to pray for those buried in our Graveyard, as we shall also do after Sunday Mass the following day.

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING are available at any time but twice a year we have a special time after Sunday Mass. People then come forward and ask for prayers for themselves or a loved one. This will take place on Sunday 13th October. The Sacrament of Anointing is also always available for those who are seriously ill or facing an operation. This can happen privately at home or in hospital, or in Church, a Mass surrounded by the prayers of the people of the Church. Just ask.

OUR WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES this October. The Tuesday Mass is now 5.30pm and the Thursday Mass 9.30am. The Friday Mass is 7.00am. Other times remain the same. It says in the Bible that the first Christians met daily for the breaking of bread and prayers, and this is what most Catholic Churches continue to do.

OUR NEW HEATING AND OIL TANK will be installed this month. They will cost about £11,000. So far we have raised from the BIBLE MARATHON £735 – from the BBQ & FETE £1320 – from the COFFEE MORNING £250 – from the CAR BOOT SALE £ 520 Making a TOTAL of £2785 Thanks for all you have done to support this so far. If you can think of any event you could run to raise some money please do so. Catherine Barton is running the Oxford Half-Marathon in October and is looking for sponsors. Moira Deane and Margaret Edwards are running an AFTERNOON TEA EVENT in November. A Date will be announced later and it will include a chance to SINGALONG with Father Martin and friends!

Freeland Baby and Toddler Group



This friendly group continues to meet in the village hall every Monday morning during term-time 10am until 11.30am. A wide variety of toys and play equipment is available every week along with a drink and snack for the children.

Tea and coffee is available for parents / grandparents / carers.

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

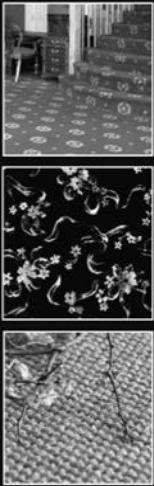
7th October - making paper plate faces

14th October - making sparkly bottle shakers

21st October - biscuit decorating (and eating!)

(28th October - half-term so there will not be a session)

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LISA'S NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPT 2013

CRF Update

At the time of writing the CRF Project is nearing completion and is due to be opened on 21st September by Mr David Mason at the Freeland Fun Day. The Parish Council are planning the final landscaping works which will hopefully be completed shortly.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the village raised an outstanding amount of over £17,000 for the CRF Project. Without these funds we would not have been able to apply for the major grants that helped pay for the building of the CRF.

So, the Parish Council would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped to organise events, raised funds by doing some sort of activity and for those who have come along and supported the various fund raising occasions. It really is such a great example of a village coming together to achieve something wonderful for future generations to come. A heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you!

Extra fund-raising is still needed though as the one of the grant conditions is that photo voltaic panels (costing £11,500) are to be installed on the roof at some point, for which the Parish Council does not have sufficient funds. Any help with funding for these panels would be greatly appreciated.

Change of venue for Parish Council meetings

It has been decided to change the venue of all future Parish Council meetings from the Village Hall to the new CRF meeting room. This change will take effect from **Monday 7th October 2013**. The CRF meeting room is cheaper to hire and more appropriate for our needs, but if there is a time when it is likely that a lot of residents will be attending a meeting then the venue may be changed back to the village hall to accommodate larger numbers. In this instance residents will be notified via the notice boards and website.

Transport Needs Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned a survey. 53 surveys were returned to me at my home address, with more being returned electronically directly to ORCC. We are now awaiting the results which should hopefully be available towards the end of September.

Best Kept Garden Competition – results

The winners for this year's Best Kept (front) Garden are as follows:

Small Garden 1st: Mr Gradwell & Mr Putt, 149A Wroslyn Road
 2nd: Mr & Mrs Seyer, 22 Church View.
 3rd: Mr & Mrs Foote, 8 Walkers Close.

Large Garden 1st: Mr & Mrs McNamara, 166 Wroslyn Road
 2nd: Mr & Mrs Evans, 99 Wroslyn Road.
 3rd: Mr Tyrell and Ms Sharp, 23 Hurst Lane.

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Winter preparation

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Hedges

With all this recent lovely sunshine and a few odd showers, our gardens and hedges have grown like wild fire. Could I therefore take this opportunity to remind residents with trees/hedges/bushes against pavements and footpaths to please cut back any growth that might be obstructive or likely to scratch/sting passers by? Thank you very much.

Oxfordshire Community Network

Oxfordshire County Council are investing in a new county-wide service called **The Oxfordshire Community Network** which will be launched in the autumn of 2013. The aim of the networks is to make it simpler for people to access existing information and advice. They will also identify unmet needs within communities and create and support new social activities. This service will begin by focusing on those who are older, frail and vulnerable, providing them with easy access to a wide range of information and support services. It will then extend to improved information and advice about social care and enable people to define their own needs and purchase their own services in the future.

The community networks will include trained staff in each locality, supported by volunteers. They will link with parish councils, police community support officers, social group organisers, church groups and others who will be able to refer people needing information or support to the networkers.

They are asking for support from local Councils by helping to recruit Community Networkers in the parish. As well as the above, the Community Networker will give progress updates to Parish Council meetings and write articles for their parish newsletter/website. If you would like to become involved with this or for further information please contact me at lisa.fpc@gmail.com or ring me on **01993 880067**.

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed on line at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning or by contacting the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420**.

Applications Received:

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Erection of 40 bed nursing home (extension to time limit) for Mrs Alka Patel.

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Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

Next council meeting will be held on **Monday 7th October 2013 at 8.00pm** in the **CRF Meeting Room.**

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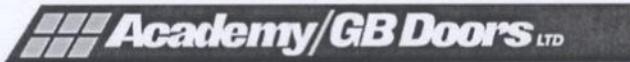
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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Club is drawing to the end of another successful year. We never visualised when the Club started in 1998 what a wonderful Club it would grow into. Our membership is nearly at 100 which is fantastic for a relatively small village, although the numbers are swelled by people from nearby villages and Witney. Thanks to Ray and Jill Evans who have been the main organisers and have put so much time and effort into making it so successful.

The Club Social in August is always a happy, fun evening and this year was no exception. The theme of the evening was 'Masks' and what an array we had (even 2 Prince Philips), a few original home made ones and some which had even come from the famous Venice carnival and were very splendid. Well done to everyone for giving us such a laugh! There were a few games to get our brains working before an excellent Buffet Supper. Thanks to the Committee for such a good evening.

Unfortunately our proposed September speaker, Tony Russell, has suddenly moved to North Wales, which is rather far for him to come for an evening, so Ray had to pull out all the stops to organise another, therefore on Monday 23rd September Nick Motram, the Project Manager of the Wychwood Project, is coming to fill us in on what they are planning in Wychwood Forest. As the Wychwood Fair was only recently held in Crawley and is of local interest, it should be an interesting evening.

On **28th October at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall the Club Annual General Meeting will take place. After the usual business it is hoped to have a local speaker. The new programme of speakers and Club visits for next year will be presented and programme cards will be ready at the November meeting. New members and visitors are very welcome.

The St Mary's Churchyard is not really a Gardening Club matter but somewhat related because we have planted bulbs there in the past. A big thank you to the group who worked hard on Saturday 7th September to tidy up the whole Churchyard and improve it no end. Many do not attend Church, but it and the Churchyard are valuable Village assets available in many ways to everyone, so if you are passing do go in and enjoy this peaceful area of our lovely village.

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

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By the time you read this, the photography competition will have been judged, prizes presented and the Fun Day will hopefully have been a roaring success!

Members of The Community Led Plan Group would like to thank everyone who attended the day, those who submitted photographs for the photography competition and the three judges whose final decisions helped to create the Freeland Calendar (there are more available from Freeland Nurseries for those who did not manage to buy one).

We would also like to offer a huge thank you to the volunteers who generously helped with tasks ranging from marquee assembly, cake baking, serving teas and coffees, clearing up and a host of other jobs. Thank you also to the community groups and private businesses (both Freeland based and wider Oxfordshire), for your great displays, stalls and activities. Finally, a big thank you to David Mason for his official opening of the new Community Recreation Facility (CRF) - a much needed resource.

In October, a questionnaire will be delivered to every household in Freeland. This is for the purpose of creating a Community Led Plan based on community consultation. The plan will:

- Identify what could help Freeland be a better place to live
- Produce written evidence of local needs to help community groups with funding bids
- Focus on actions to be achieved and who is responsible
- Provide decision makers at Parish, District and County level with local information produced by local people, will assist in the drawing up of Community Strategies and Plans.

Please be encouraged to complete the forms as an opportunity to have your say and provide a strong voice for the community and its future. Information will be collated on return of the forms and presented as a report to the whole village and local Councils.

For further information or queries please contact Tony Langley:
tonylangley8@gmail.com or 07580 682367

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Rotary Club of Eynsham present a Charity Race Night on **Friday 11th October 2013** - Doors at 7pm with the first race at 7.30pm, at Bartholomew School Hall, Eynsham.

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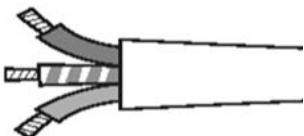
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In general, the Governing Body

- Sets aims and objectives for the school
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- Acts as a 'critical friend' for the Headteacher (supporting and challenging).

We have six meetings a year of the full Governing Body, on weekday evenings in term time, with three extra meetings for our different committees. You do not have to have experience, just enthusiasm and the commitment to take on this rewarding and challenging role.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Donna Keeber at Freeland School:
office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

High Street Methodist Church in Witney has been actively involved in the above Appeal for many years.

The campaign is focussed on the filling of shoeboxes with small toys and gifts, which are then distributed to orphanages and villages around Eastern Europe, where regrettably the children receive very little support or attention. Through the generosity of very many people in and around the Witney area we have been able to bring much needed happiness to countless children.

Once again we are asking for your help in collecting the following for this year's campaign.

Any of the following gifts or a full shoebox will be gratefully received and help to bring the joy of Christmas to a child, a family, and a community:

small cuddly toy, ball, car, crayons, felt tips, pencils, pens
drawing book, note pad, rubber, pencil sharpener, doll,
hat, scarf, gloves or mitts,
comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, face cloth,

Please take your donations to:

High Street Methodist Church, Witney Tel: **01993 709874**

A box will be provided in the coffee shop area which is open 10am - 3pm weekdays and 9.30am - 1pm on Saturdays.

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- Kidlington & Water Eaton Park & Ride to Headington and Hospitals: £2.20 single, £3.50 return.

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If you would like to go, please let me have your cheques for **£22** made payable to 'Oxford Operatic Society' by Wednesday 9th October. The minimum order from the village will be 5 tickets.

With your cheque, please enclose an envelope with your name and address on it so that I can deliver the tickets to you.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club Winners - September 2013

1st Prize	£25	No.	89	D. Tyrrell	2nd Prize	£15	No. 118	Sally Hole
3rd Prize	£10	No.	162	W. Murray	4th Prize	£ 5	No. 25	R. Trigg

It's raining, so it has to be the football season!!

Our new First team management duo of Sadler and Lambert have got the Firsts under way, playing a watchable brand of total football. They had losses at Stonesfield and Mansfield Road, but they picked up a very handy point away at last season's Premier Division champions Riverside, and kicked on from there with a 2-0 win at Bletchingdon, finally getting the reward that their good start to the season deserved.

The Reserves lost out in their first game 2-1 at Mansfield Road, and the A's lost 3-1 to FC Nomads despite the best efforts of The Cat in goal. The Yeoman have made a fine start to life under Lord Simlett, banging in 12 goals as they defeat both Northway and Sporting Headington.

When you have this in your hands we will have celebrated the opening of the CRF at the Fun Day. I hope that everyone will have enjoyed the day – a big thank you to Tony and co. for organising the event. I would also like to thank, once again, everyone who made the CRF possible, Peter Newell for all his hard work, to everyone who made kind donations, the Teddy Girls for their tireless work and the many other people who helped.

The season will be in full swing next month, we will be in a new home, and I am sure I will have plenty more to report from on and off the pitch.

Don't forget you can keep up with all the goings on at the club (including the fixtures for the new season) on our website – www.freelandfc.co.uk Matthew Hardy

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We also have an evening clinic on **Tuesday 5th November** at Eynsham Medical Centre.

New for this year are clinics at Freeland Village Hall on Friday 11th and Thursday 17th October (by appointment only).

Please make an appointment if you fall into any of the following categories:

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Have heart disease

Are diabetic

Have a kidney problem

Have a liver problem

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More information on the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal can be found on www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Angela Spriggs 01993 881555





Our new children have all settled in well now and staff are enjoying getting to know them and their families better. The children have been decorating the pre-school with their work and created some lovely wall displays to complement our theme. We continue to explore 'me myself and I' and will also be looking at autumn in more detail and some of the celebrations during the autumn months. In addition to this we will be transforming the outdoor role-play area into a shop where the children can explore a range of learning

opportunities such as math's, communication, literacy, and creativity.

The pre-school aims to end the term with a trip to the church, looking out for signs of autumn on the way and having a few songs and a story with the Rev David Tyler.

The children have been using the outdoor area and have enjoyed the shelter of the new canopy which has allowed the pre-school to provide the children with an even wider range of outdoor activities. We would like to say a huge thank you to **Freeland garden nurseries** who kindly donated bark chipping for our outdoor kitchen and vegetable area turning this part of the garden into a much more inviting learning environment for the children.

Forest school continues on a Friday with the children enjoying a range of activities in the local woods.

The Pre-school committee would welcome new members to join their team and help support the running of Freeland village pre-school. If you are interested please contact the pre-school for more details on joining our committee.

If you would like your child to attend in the future, please ring us (between 8.45am and 3.15pm) or email to give us your details and help us to plan ahead. Our admissions policy sets out the criteria by which places are allocated and is available to read on our website: www.freelandpreschool.org

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The bells will be rung for the following Sunday services:

29th September: 9.15am

6th October: 9.15am

20th October: 9.15am

3rd November: 9.15am

Congratulations to Sue Hall for ringing her first quarter peal.

Usual practices every Monday from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Foundation Practice takes place on Fridays from 6pm to 7pm.

Double and minor practices take place on the third Saturday of each month. These practices are generally held at Freeland from 4pm until 6pm .

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

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Special Interests" section on the village website www.freelandoxon.com

Margaret Hewitt - Tower Correspondent Tel **882992**

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Oxfordshire Trading Standards Service, in partnership with the Fire and Rescue Service, Age UK and West Oxfordshire District Council, are organising two weeks of electric blanket testing. We have sponsorship from Green Square in Oxford. We aim to test 1000 blankets over the two weeks. The testing is offered free of charge on an appointment basis,

We will be testing in **Witney** on **Friday 11th October** and in **Chipping Norton** on **Wednesday 23rd October**.

If you or someone you know, would like to have an electric blanket tested please contact **01993 861060** or email communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk to make an appointment.

ST MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER at 10.00am

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- 25 Sept "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
27 Sept MacMillan Coffee Morning, Freeland Hall, 9.30 - 11.30am
1 Oct Tuesday Club meeting, Freeland Hall
1 Oct Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Woodstock, 2pm
1 Oct North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
2 Oct "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
3 Oct Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
7 Oct Freeland Churches Harvest Supper, Freeland Hall, 7pm
7 Oct Freeland Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm, CRF Meeting Room, Village Hall
9 Oct "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
11 Oct "Drop In" Coffee Morning, Methodist Church, 10.45 - 11.45am
11 Oct Seasonal Flu Clinic, Freeland Hall, see page 31 for details
11 Oct Charity Race Night, Bartholomew School, 7.30pm start. See p23
12 Oct **Last date for insertions in the November Grapevine**
16 Oct "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
17 Oct Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
17 Oct Seasonal Flu Clinic, Freeland Hall, see page 31 for details
23 Oct "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
28 Oct Freeland Gardening Club AGM, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
30 Oct "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
31 Oct Mobile Library at Village Hall (09.20-09.40am) & School (09.45-10.30am)
3 Nov Tea Party & Craft sale, 15 Blenheim Lane. 2pm - 5pm
5 Nov Tuesday Club meeting
5 Nov Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Woodstock, 2pm
5 Nov North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
6 Nov "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

- Tuesday 1st October:** Mediaeval Monasteries - A talk by Roger Rosewall
Tuesday 5th November: Winston Churchill's involvement with the Oxfordshire Yeomanry during the First World War - A talk by Tim May

Meetings are at North Leigh Memorial Hall at **7.30pm**. Members free, Visitors £2.50, under 18s £1. All welcome. Further details Diana Power **01993 882301**

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