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Sunday 26th March 10.00am Service of the Word

Leader: Andy and Val Richens

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Sunday 2nd April 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

Friday 7th April 2.00pm GOOD FRIDAY Whole Benefice Meditation

(with Bible Fun Club craft and games available for children in the Freeland Village Hall, so parents and carers can attend the service).

Sunday 9th April 10.00am EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 16th April 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

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Sunday 23rd April 10.00am Service of the Word

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 30th April 10.00am Whole benefice worship at St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 7th May 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

The above information is correct on the date published (19/3/2023). 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

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Curate: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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Hugh Dalton *Emeritus* 01993 881742

Churchwarden:

Colin Griffiths
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Flowers in the Church:

Janet Dalton
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administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: 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.

Babies & Toddlers at Christ Church Hanborough & Freeland Church welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group that meets each **Wednesday** in term time from **10.00 – 11.30am**. We provide the opportunity to play and chat, with a variety of toys and activities for children aged 0-4 years and each session finishes with refreshments, a Bible story and song time.

For more information, please contact Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270** or contact us through the Church website: www.hfchurch.org.uk

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is currently open for both burials and ashes interment. The space for burials 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 or use the QR code.



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I've been reading and studying the Bible for well over 40 years now, and it has enriched my life beyond measure. One of the things I love about the Bible is that, quite simply, it tells us what God is like – and what God likes.

In the years before I picked up my Bible, I assumed a lot of things about God that turned out to be wrong. I thought for example that God was far too busy to be interested in me. I thought God was only there for my emergencies, rather than to prevent most of my emergencies! And I thought God was mostly interested in telling us off and preventing us from having fun. I couldn't have been more wrong.

So, as the saying goes, "imagine my surprise" when I picked up my Bible, began to read, and discovered things like "*God sets the lonely in families*" in Psalm 68:6, "*the LORD your God loves you*" from the book of Deuteronomy, and learning from the book of Revelation that God offers eternal life as a *free gift!* The Bible has got a lot of surprises – and the biggest one of all is perhaps that God loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus Christ, even when you and I were still sinners, to die so that by faith in him we might become God's children in eternity!

The season of Easter in the church is set aside to celebrate this wonderful "good news" as the Bible calls it. And to celebrate Easter, we are delighted to welcome you warmly to any and all of our Easter services:

- **Sun 2 April Palm Sunday 10am - Service of the Word at Christ Church**
- **Sun 2 April Palm Sunday 10am - Communion at St Mary's**
- **Sun 2 April Palm Sunday 10am - Service of the Word at St Peter & St Paul**
- **Thu 6 April Maundy Thursday 8pm - Whole Benefice Communion at
St Peter & St Paul**
- **Fri 7 April Good Friday 2pm - Whole Benefice Meditation at St Mary's
(with Bible Fun Club craft and games available for children in the Freeland
Village Hall, so parents and carers can attend the service).**
- **Sun 9 April Easter Day 10am - Easter Communion at Christ Church**
- **Sun 9 April Easter Day 10am - Easter Communion at St Mary's**
- **Sun 9 April Easter Day 10am - Easter Communion at St Peter & St Paul**

If you have any questions whatsoever about coming to church or exploring the Christian faith, please contact me at rector@hfchurch.org.uk

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Memorial Service for the late Ernest John Richens	25th November 2022
Interment of Ashes: Betty Violet Wolf	7th February 2023
Memorial Service for the late Suzzette Olive Richens	8th March 2023

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ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Friday	24th March	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunday	2nd April	9.30am - 10.00am Palm Sunday
Sunday	9th April	9.30am - 10.00am Easter Sunday
Monday	10th April	11.00am - 12.00pm To mark the Appointment of David Tyler as Archdeacon of Dorchester
Sunday	16th April	9.30am - 10.00am
Saturday	29th April	1.45pm - 2.15pm Wedding of Carol Johns and Suzanne Phelps

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

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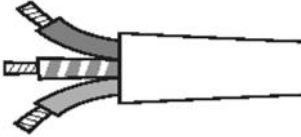
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Sunday 26th March	10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 2nd April	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: TBC
Thursday 6th April	8.00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY Whole Benefice Communion
Sunday 9th April	10.00am EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
Sunday 16th April	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Dr Nick Wood	Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood
Sunday 23rd April	10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 30th April	10.00am Whole benefice worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 7th May	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 26th March	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
Sunday 2nd April	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 9th April	10.00 EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden	Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
Sunday 16th April	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Josh Soanes
Sunday 23rd April	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
Sunday 30th April	10.00am Whole benefice worship at <u>St Peter & St Paul</u>
Sunday 7th May	10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN ELECTORAL ROLL

We are required to revise the Electoral Roll at St Mary the Virgin, Freeland ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) taking place on **Sunday 14th May 2023**. The Electoral Roll is a list of those people who are entitled to vote at elections in the Church of England, which is of particular relevance for the APCM.

The Notice of Revision, together with a copy of the 2022 Electoral Roll, is displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch. If you see that your name is not on the list and you wish to be added, please complete an Electoral Roll application form which can be obtained from myself.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Roger Faulkner, Electoral Roll Officer

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Sunday 26th March	10am Local Arrangement
Sunday 2nd April	10am Rev. Stephen Bywater
Thursday 6th April	7pm Maundy Thursday Service led by Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
Friday 7th April	10am Good Friday Service led by Mr David Sarbutts
Sunday 9th April	10am Easter Sunday Service led by Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
Sunday 16th April	10am Family Service led by Rev. Charles Harris
Sunday 23rd April	10am Mr Richard Bowler
Sunday 30th April	10am Rev. Fred Ireland (Holy Communion)
Sunday 7th May	10am Mr David Sarbutts

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Botley West Solar Farm

As representatives of the Council we need to understand the views of the residents of Freeland. We encourage all residents to make their own personal views heard. Whether you are opposed or supportive of the Solar Farm, please email fayf.fpc@gmail.com



King's Coronation

The Parish Council is completely deluged at the moment with the proposed speculative housing developments in the village among other things. However, we did hold an open meeting on 3rd March, which was advertised in the Grapevine last month and on Facebook, to which a number of residents came to discuss how we improve sustainability and social opportunities in the village. While a number of great ideas were proposed, no one attending felt they had the capacity to help arrange anything for the Coronation. However, we would be very happy if Freeland could celebrate in some way, so have since asked around to see whether a group would be willing to organise a fun run, and have approached the pub to see what their plans are. Please email/contact Fay if you are willing to take these or any other ideas/proposals forward; requests for some funding could certainly be considered. Contact Fay on fayf.fpc@gmail.com or **01993 357851**. All our contact details are also on the Parish Council website www.freelandpc.org.uk - get in touch!

Inspired Villages

We've learned that Inspired Villages has lodged a High Court challenge against the dismissal of its appeal in January by the Planning Inspectorate. This was concerning its proposal to build 160 retirement units on the estate parklands west of Wroslyn Road.

A High Court challenge is a legal challenge to the appeal decision, and not a rerun of the merits of the planning arguments. A challenge must have legal grounds, such as claims that the Planning Inspector misapplied the law or policy, or failed to follow proper procedures. If the challenge is successful, the Planning Inspectorate will have to re-determine the original appeal.

The Planning Inspectorate has explained to us what happens next:

- Inspired Villages' claim will first be considered by the Judge based on written submissions.
- If permission is refused, Inspired Villages has the right to apply for an oral hearing. If permission is again refused, Inspired Villages can take this to the Court of Appeal. If the Court of Appeal also refuses permission for the case to proceed, there is no other route for Inspired Villages to take this forward.
- If permission is granted, the claim will proceed to a hearing, the outcome of which can be challenged by the losing party in the Court of Appeal. Claims can go all the way to the Supreme Court.
- Typically, there are a few months between each stage of the process, sometimes much longer.

Clearly, this is very disappointing news and it looks like this whole process might end up taking some time. We will keep you posted as and when we hear more. *Continued...*

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Annual Parish Meeting

The date is now set for the Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 21st April. Some of the potential topics include: Salt Cross, First and Last Mile, update on the village working groups, Park and Ride, Spitfire Homes, Thames Water and Inspired Villages. All residents are strongly encouraged to attend and so help shape our community. Start time will be **7.30pm** and refreshments will be served.

Playpark

Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

Community and Sustainability working groups

We wish to thank all those who attended the working groups meetings on 3rd March, aimed at improving and promoting **a) Sustainability**, and **b) Community and social opportunities** in Freeland.

Ideas currently being investigated include:

- Using **thermal imaging** to help Freeland householders reduce heat loss and improve energy efficiency
- Given the value placed on biodiversity in Chapel Field, increasing support for other **nature recovery opportunities** in Freeland
- Supporting **First and Last Mile** – how can we help more people benefit from the service?
- An alternating quarterly **Repair café** and **Swap Shop**, which could work in the village hall alongside the Farmers Market
- Reintroducing the **Freeland Cinema**
- Starting up a Freeland **Tuesday Club**, for lunch, board games, or just a chat...
- A **Business Breakfast** for those who run businesses from Freeland, work from home, and just fancy a monthly meet up!

If you like the sound of any of these, and think you could help make them happen, let please email me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** or call **01993 357851**. The Parish Council is willing to dedicate some time and potentially some finances to support these on an ongoing basis, but needs volunteers who are happy to share the load!

Fix My Street

We urge you to continue reporting pot holes on “Fix My Street” (**<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>**). There you can report any issues to the County Council. Additionally, if you would like to become a ‘Super User’, which will help speed up the process of repairs, then email me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** for further details.

New bus route

From **Sunday 5th March**, the new Stagecoach **S7** service began running on the same route as the 233 used on the Witney to Woodstock section, and now on to Kidlington, Banbury Road into Oxford City Centre and the Rail Station. From that date the 233/4 now only goes from Witney to Buford. For more information see **www.stagecoachbus.com**

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Conservation Status

The Parish Council are considering whether to apply for certain areas of our village to be classified as a "Conservation Area". This is a long term project but we will keep you updated with progress.

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 <https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Approved:

23/00085/HHD 102 Wroslyn Road

Remove conservatory & replace single storey side & rear extension.

23/00042/HHD 67 Wroslyn Road

Replacement of detached garage.

Applications Received:

23/00390/HHD 19 Pigeon House Lane

Erection of a detached garage with associated works. Removal of outbuilding

23/00173/HHD Heath Farm Barn, Blenheim Lane

Insertion of additional twin French Window

23/00240/HHD 162 Wroslyn Road Freeland

Installation of two air-source heat pumps at the rear of the property

Applications under consideration:

22/03356/FUL Chapel Field / Land East Of Wroslyn Road

Development of 80 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), community shop/cafe (Use Class E), allotments and site access, plus open space, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering works.

23/00124/HHD Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road

Proposed Garage/store in rear garden for Mr F Creese

Applications refused: None

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd April 2023 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 can be accessed via 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 – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: fayf.fpc@gmail.com**



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It's been another action-packed month here in Hanborough and Freeland.

Beavers soared to new heights by strapping on their harnesses and scaling the climbing walls at Oxford Brookes University. Everyone stepped up to the challenge and did brilliantly, even though those climbing walls look very tall and a bit scary!

Cubs had to postpone their night hikes due to the snow and unfavourable weather conditions in March but had fun with alternative activities in the village hall instead.

Scouts made pancakes during the week of Shrove Tuesday and have been learning about Scouting around the world. They are busy preparing for an indoor camp at Paccar campsite, in Buckinghamshire, for a weekend in late April.

Explorers went on an incredible 18 miles hike around our local area; what an amazing achievement! They also had a boxercise evening, where apparently they were bouncing around like kangaroos with boxing gloves on. Watch out...

A few of our volunteer leaders have decided to step down so we are in need of more help, please. Scouting really is an incredible opportunity for you to get involved in our community and make a real and valuable difference to the young people in Hanborough and Freeland.

The activities that we do stay with these children as they grow into teenagers and young adults; they form new friendships, experience new things that they otherwise would not have access to, and they learn a whole range of new skills that enrich their lives.

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FREELAND WI

At our March meeting we enjoyed a visit from Willow Crossley a renowned florist, author and designer. To quote her “*Flowers are my most favourite thing in the whole wide world.*” She is passionate about living life well, in balance with nature whilst embracing the seasons. Willow is a very busy mum of three boys and yet still manages to amass a client list including The Royal Family, Dior, Chanel, Ralph Lauren and Jo Malone. She originally trained as a fashion journalist but once she started working with flowers, she knew she had found her passion. She was extremely engaging, showing stunning photos of her impressive arrangements Members were keen to ask questions and pick up tips. We now know the secret to reviving wilting tulips!



We were delighted that fellow WI members from Long Hanborough, North Leigh and Eynsham were able to join us for this very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting on **Monday 17th April** will be our Annual Meeting when we look back at this last year and forward to the year ahead. This meeting is a week later than usual, as the second Monday of the month is Easter Monday. As always there will be a social time and activity after the business part of the meeting, probably involving Prosecco!

This year we will continue to support the Witney food bank at our meetings; our donations being delivered by one of our members who volunteers there.

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. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests; it's not all about jam and Jerusalem! One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors.

Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. 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**

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at **freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**

Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI President

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group meetings take place virtually, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at **7.30pm**. Meeting in April will be on **Tuesday 4th and 18th**. Please contact Paul Sayer at **paul.pshml@googlemail.com** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

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We're on Facebook: Freeland Farmers' Market

The next Market will be on Sunday 30th April

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INFORMATION

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We offer a wide variety of activities including indoor and outdoor play. It is all about playing and having FUN!

We also have a Holiday Club at Aston & Cote Primary School which is open during all holidays from 8.30am - 5pm. We offer a variety of activities and the chance to make new friends! The Easter Holiday Club is open from the 3rd to 6th and 11th to 14th April.

If you would like more information about the Breakfast, After School or Holiday Clubs please contact:

Vicky Hickman Tel No: 07887 711454

Email: info@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

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News from the Bakehouse

The bakehouse is taking a pause over Easter. We have enjoyed baking for the past three years and have felt incredibly well supported by the village – thank you!

Friday morning Yeoman Café continues in April, do come along for buns, coffee and a chat.

We are currently considering the next phase for Knead Bakehouse, so please do come and chat to us if you think you might like to be involved in this new phase.

With best regards,

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS **5/3/2023**

In all good fictional literature there are three main sections. A beginning that pulls you in and sets the scene. A middle section that immerses you in the story and characters. And an ending that compels you to read more..... sadly this has none of these things!

We had a letter from a Mrs Miggins, this started very abruptly asking "are you local?" I replied saying, it depends where you live; she then goes on to explain that she used to live in the village near Red City which her family always thought was possibly Swindon-owned on account of all the Robins nesting in an Airbnb nearby.

She also claimed that she read in an old edition of the Oxford Mail about a scuffle that happened outside the Masons Hands which was the original pub in the village and very closely linked to the Masons Arms in Nor Lye. The kerfuffle was over a missing stoat and bucket, now that would be a good name for a pub.

12 people and a dog joined us this month as we discussed French food after our first Ramblers Around The World meal, and stopped to eat some lovely coffee and marmalade cake (thank you Mark & Jo for this) and take in the great local scenery (not you, Dento!).

Next month's local Ramble will be on **Sunday 2nd April at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman. **All are welcome to join us.**



Lary Gineker

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 4th April Marie-Lousie Kerr will be giving a talk on Oxford's Penicillin - the lost story of the development of Penicillin in the Second World War. The use of penicillin transformed survival rates from injuries and sepsis, and we still rely on it today with other anti-biotics to treat life-threatening conditions. Come and find out more about the early days of its discovery and application.

Tuesday 2nd May Easter Island's history Paul Barnett

We meet at **7.30pm** in North Leigh Memorial Hall **OX29 6SA**, members **£18** per year, visitors **£4** per talk. Further details are available from Diana Power **01993 882301** or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com** and **01993 880368**.



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Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland Services for Easter

Palm Sunday (2nd April)

10am	Communion	St Mary's , Freeland
10am	Service of the Word	Christ Church, Long Hanborough
10am	Service of the Word	St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough

Maundy Thursday (6th April)

8pm	Whole Benefice Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough
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Good Friday (7th April)

2pm	Whole Benefice Meditation	St Mary's, Freeland
2pm	Bible Fun Club - Craft and games for children in Freeland Village Hall	

so parents & carers can attend the service at St Mary's. Hot cross buns from 3pm

Easter Day (9th April)

10am	Easter Communion	St Mary's, Freeland
10am	Easter Communion	Christ Church, Long Hanborough
10am	Easter Communion	St Peter & St Paul, Church Hanborough

All are welcome

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Thank you as ever for all of your generous donations; the Little Free Library only exists because of your willingness to give and take books. It is a constant joy to witness the fast turnover of books, and to know that these stories are spreading through our community of bookworms.

As well as books, did you know that we also accept magazines? Various publications appear in the Little Free Library now and then, such as magazines about gardening, baking, fashion, music, films, cars, cycling and crafting, as well as children's comics and magazines such as The Beano, Lego, Storytime and more.

Magazines can be expensive, so if you have some at home that are still in great condition and not too out-of-date, please do donate them in the same way that you donate books, to give someone else the opportunity to enjoy them.

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New Timetable, effective 3rd JANUARY 2023 Services run **Mon-Fri only**
Service 411 Eynsham to Hanborough via Freeland **NOT Bank Holidays**

Eynsham Church	8:45	10:30	12:30	14:30	17:05
Eynsham, Surgery	8:49	10:34	12:34	14:34	17:09
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	8:55	10:40	12:40	14:40	17:15
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:00	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:20
Church Hanborough	9:05	10:50	12:50	↓	17:25
Hanborough Station (arr)	9:10	10:55	12:55	14:50	17:30

Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station (dep)	9:10	11:05	13:05	14:50	17:35
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:15	11:10	13:10	↓	17:40
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	9:19	11:14	13:14	↓	17:44
Bartholomew School				15:15	
Eynsham, Surgery	9:25	11:20	13:20		17:50
Eynsham, Church	9:29	11:29	13:29		18:00

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Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	08.55	10.40	12.40	14.40
Hanborough Station	09.10	10.55	12.55	14.50
Connects to:	∨	∨	∨	∨
Hanborough Station	09.18	11.19	13.20	15.17
Oxford Station	09.30	11.29	13.30	15.27

Oxford Station	10.45	12.46	17.22
Hanborough Station	10.54	12.54	17.32
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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We made a variety of 3-D decoupage greeting cards in March when we also welcomed a new member. She kindly showed us her favourite craft for Easter - making padded felt decorations, such as little rabbits and chicks.

As well as doing our own work, we try to explore different crafts at some of our meetings and have an enjoyable time doing it.

We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Newell Room of the Village Hall and there is usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:
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More information is available on the West Oxfordshire District Council website (www.westoxon.gov.uk), including details of how to apply for the free ID. Anyone not able to visit the Council website, or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, is being encouraged to contact the Council as soon as possible and no later than the **5pm** deadline on **Wednesday 25 April**.

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. If you aren't already registered it only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

The changes do not affect postal votes but do affect proxy voters who will be required to show their own valid ID when voting on behalf of someone else.

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The meeting of the Club at the end of February was a talk entitled 'Medicinal Herbs' given by Caroline Sheldrick and what an interesting talk it was. She divided her talk into three parts.

1) Culinary Herbs.

The herbs can be used green or dried and steeped in oil, alcohol or warm water.

Thyme is anti-bacterial and anti-fungal because it affects tissues. Fennel seeds can soothe the digestion as in gripewater. It also has minerals and vitamins. Hyssop is an expectorant and good to put on bruises. Mint has menthol so is good for colds and flu. It is also anti-bacterial and anti-fungal. Mint oils are good for digestive ulcers and coughing. Lavender is calming and good for burns. Sage is very strong so a little in warm water can be used to gargle.

2) Ornamental Plants.

Lemon Balm is anti viral so rub leaves between hands and put on cold sores. Echinacea stimulates the nervous system and is also anti-bacterial and anti-viral. Good for tonsillitis and to use as a preventative before flying. Pot Marigolds dried flowers use for dry infections and is anti-viral. Elderflower cordial is good for colds and flu and is a mild laxative.

3) Wild Plants.

Dandelion tonic stimulates the liver and insulin production. Stinging Nettle early leaves are a mineral to use against eczema and kidney stones and hayfever. Comfrey knits bones and blood vessels after a break. Whether any of us will be brave enough to try some of these remedies remains to be seen!

The meeting on **Monday 27th March at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is a talk by a new speaker Joff Elphick entitled 'Crayfish on the Lawn'. What it is all about we will have to wait to find out!

The meeting on **Monday 24th April**, same time and place, is a Quiz and Raffle of Hampers. Items for the hampers can be left at Caroline Taylor's house on the corner of Broadmarsh Lane nearest the Church. Well stocked Hampers are raffled in aid of Club funds.

There is a Plant and Gardening Items Sale at all Hall meetings. Visitors and new members very welcome. For any further information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at **davidjones30@talktalk.net**

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

HANBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB

Hanborough Lunch Club meets in Christ Church, Main Road, Long Hanborough between **12.45pm and 2.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month** for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee for **£5**.

It was founded in April 1980 for anyone who would like to eat a meal in pleasant company. Please contact Carol Bower (**881930**) if you would like to join.

Dates for the next few months are: **19th April, 17th May, 21st June.**

FREELAND WINE CLUB

Freeland and other local residents are very welcome.
For details and to register for invites, please email
FreelandWineClub@gmail.com

Wine Club dates for the rest of 2023 are:

Friday 31st March

Friday 19th May

Friday 28th July

Friday 29th September

Friday 24th November



FREELAND WINE CLUB

CYCLING/WALKING PATH ALONG LOWER ROAD IS BACK IN SALT CROSS AREA ACTION PLAN

I am delighted to report that following the recent public consultation, the government inspectors have brought back a requirement for a segregated cycling and walking path between Eynsham roundabout and Hanborough Station.

What does this mean in practice?

The inspector clarified that (verbatim): *“For the part of the cycleway and pedestrian link within the Salt Cross boundary will be delivered directly by the developers of the Salt Cross site.*

For the part of the cycleway and pedestrian link outside of the Salt Cross boundary will be delivered directly by Oxfordshire County Council Highways/Transport, but the developers have to make a financial contribution to this delivery in the Section 106 planning agreement”

The OCC Highways/Transport are working on achieving designs for this section.

This is a great result and we owe it to the many local residents, who responded passionately to the consultation and to all signatories of the petitions asking to improve travel conditions on Lower Road.

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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, it's 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. Dogs Welcome Volunteers always welcome.

Adults **£9.00**, Seniors **£7.50** **Children are now FREE**. Website: **combemill.org**

Open every Wednesday from the **22nd March** to end of October self-guided tours and Tea Room. Adults **£5.00**, Seniors & Children **£4.00**

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Our winter training has started and we've had indoor coaching for the **Under 11s** and **Under 13s**, as well as nets for the **Under 15s** and **adults**.



Following my request in last month's Grapevine I am pleased to announce that Richard Tighe has offered to support us with coaching for the **Under 9s**.

However, because we have fewer coaches this year we will be reducing the number of teams that we enter into the **Under 11** and **Under 13** leagues. This means we will only play in the **Under 11 hardball** and **Under 13 11-a-side** competitions this season. If we get the opportunity and additional support we will be able to offer some **softball Under 11** matches later in the summer.

Outdoor coaching will start on **Monday 17th April at 6pm** for **Under 11s** and **Tuesday 18th at 6pm** for **Under 13s**.

Due to the reduction in coaches we will be restricting the sessions to a maximum of **18** children, and all sessions will be organised via the Club's **Spond** app.

Of course if we have more adults who volunteer to support the coaches we can expand the offer. Please contact me for further information.

This season there will also be a midweek **adult T20 team**, called the **Yeoman**, we are looking forward to seeing this expansion.

The next Cricket Club Quiz in the Yeoman will be held on **Wednesday 12th April at 8pm**.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club
Web: <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>

E: freelandcc.u11@gmail.com
Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

We now have a small manual can crusher next to the galvanised bin, to help you get those cans extra flat (helps me transport them easier!).

As always, please crush all cans as much as possible as it reduces the space needed to store and transport the cans. Drinks cans only please.

Address: **10 The Blowings, OX29 8HY**

Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood. **andre_woodward@yahoo.co.uk**

BRIDEWELL GARDENS OPEN DAYS 2023

Bridewell Gardens provides a mental health recovery service for West Oxfordshire, supporting people who have experienced severe and enduring mental illness. Bridewell is a creative and inspiring walled garden and vineyard where people can find hope in recovery, gardening and working with nature.

We look forward to sharing our beautiful gardens with you this year.



Bridewell's plant sale will be held on Saturday 29th April 10am to 1pm where you can browse a wide variety of perennial plants for sale in our stock bed avenue. Please note – the walled garden will not be open during the plant sale.

The walled garden and vineyard are open to the public for our Open Days: Sundays 21st May, 18th June, 16th July, 10th September 11am-4pm

Pop-up café in the garden for tea and cake. High quality plants for sale, home produced jams and chutneys and our acclaimed organic sparkling wine. Make a day of it, bring a picnic blanket and relax in the vineyard with friends and family. Speak to Bridewell staff about the recovery service and the support provided at the gardens. Dogs on leads are very welcome. Families and children are encouraged to explore the site.

No booking required. Suggested donation **£5** per person. Charity No. **1158456**

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Oxfordshire **OX7 3DT**

NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Volunteers are urgently required on a regular weekly basis for our riding sessions on Mondays, Tuesday lunchtime, Thursday late afternoon and for our pm rota (1/2 hour at 3.30pm 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** and email us at **nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com**

Thank you

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

The **First** team have only had one game due to being well ahead of other teams in their fixtures, suffering a heavy defeat to Stonesfield. The fact that Chairman Simon Hole played in this game is not linked to the heavy defeat at all!



The **Reserves** have had a mixed bag of results, beating Brize Norton 3-1, scoring two fantastic goals in the process, then drawing 1-1 with Spartan and finally suffering a 2-0 defeat to Bampton. Current, they sit mid-table in 9th.

The **Under 16s** have lost two and won one game and currently sit 4th in the table.

Looking forward to next season, we hope to be fielding an **Under 10s** side (current school **year 5**), so if your son/daughter is interested please do get in touch. We will have some sessions running over the next couple of months.

Upcoming fixtures:

Firsts:

Saturday 25th March - Home to Stonesfield
Saturday 8th April - Home to Charlbury **15.30**
Wednesday 12th April - Home to Enstone **18.30**

Reserves:

Saturday 25th March - Home to Milton **15.30**
Saturday 1st April - Away to Hailey
Saturday 8th April - Home to Bampton **13.30**
Tuesday 11th April - Home to Witney Royals **18.30**
Saturday 15th April - Away to Cassington
Tuesday 18th April - Home to Leafield **18.30**
Saturday 22nd April - Home to Kingham
Tuesday 25th April - Away to ESSC **18.30**
Saturday 29th April - Home to Milton

Ben Symonds

The **Under 16s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - stu.mac@aol.com

Ben Symonds - Secretary: bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk

Simon Hole - Chairman: Si_hole@hotmail.com

www.pitchero.com/clubs/freelandfc/

Twitter: [@freeland_fc](https://twitter.com/freeland_fc)

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm/dusk seven days a week.

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Wednesdays 5pm - 11pm, Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays 9am - late; Saturdays Noon - late; 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.

There are copies available in the **Long Hanborough Surgery** waiting room, and the entrance porch of the **Hand & Shears in Church Hanborough**.

FREELAND ORCHESTRA

Conductor - Wendy Marks

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Saturday 20th May

7.30 pm

St Leonard's church, Eynsham

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www.FreelandOrchestra.org

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Join us to hear about our Community Action Plan to reach Zero Carbon Emissions, at an open meeting at Eynsham Village Hall, Wednesday 26 April, 7.30pm.

Join Green TEA and members of Low Carbon Hub Project LEO (Local Energy Oxfordshire) *Smart and Fair Futures* team, to find out about the opportunities, how to get involved and the support available at an open meeting on **Wednesday 26th April 7.30 pm** at Eynsham Village Hall (small hall), Back Lane. Refreshments from **7pm**. Parking and EV chargers nearby.

Climate change, with the linked biodiversity crisis, is the most serious challenge we face. We hear a lot about reducing carbon emissions to 'net zero' by 2050 but we need to take radical action now and over the next few years if we are to keep a habitable planet.

It can seem a bit overwhelming but as part of Project LEO, a team from Low Carbon Hub and Green TEA have been working hard over the last few years on developing a local action plan for a clean, green future with zero carbon emissions and we are ready to tell you what we have found. If we make changes now - from saving energy, changing the way we travel and heat our buildings to producing our share of renewable energy - we can have an energy system that will be fairer to people and to the planet we rely on.

Who is the Community Action Plan for? The *Smart and Fair Futures* project has developed a Community Action Plan for Zero Carbon Energy for the area served by our local electricity substation. This includes all of Freeland parish (you are the only parish entirely in the project area!), most of Eynsham parish and parts of Hanborough, North Leigh, South Leigh, Cassington, Stanton Harcourt and Cumnor parishes. It was developed by the Low Carbon Hub with and GreenTEA, with help from West Oxfordshire District Council and some of our Parish Councillors. It is part of Project LEO (Local Energy Oxfordshire), a national innovation project. It is the first of its kind and will help other areas develop their own plans.

See the *Smart and Fair* video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwaEOyYs2Us>

More on the *Smart and Fair Futures* project:

<https://project-leo.co.uk/case-studies/eynsham-smart-and-fair-futures>

A video about the wider Project LEO: **<https://project-leo.co.uk/about/>**

Contact: GreenTEA energy group **<https://eynsham.org.uk/org.aspx?n=GreenTEA>** and **catherine.ryan@lowcarbonhub.org** or **info@lowcarbonhub.org**

The *Smart and Fair Futures* team

GreenTEA energy group and the Low Carbon Hub

FREELAND WALKING GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be on **Wednesday 19th April** leaving Freeland Hall at **9.30am**. Anyone new wishing to join the group please contact me at **dalton43cv@talktalk.net** so that I can put you in contact with the leader of the walk. New members very welcome.

Janet Dalton



SUNDAY 21st MAY 2023

**Blenheim 7k, 7k + dog
4 miles with buggies and wheelchairs
1-mile junior run for under 15s
Blenheim Palace, Woodstock**

Run, jog or walk the spectacular grounds of World Heritage site Blenheim Palace in Woodstock. For fun and for fundraising for your favourite charity.

Four events to choose from, this is not your standard 5k or 10k run! The 7k route follows the trails and paths through the magnificent Palace including a beautiful lakeside before re-joining the main track which is followed by the 4-mile participants with wheelchairs and buggies.

The 4-mile route follows a similar course, missing out the off-road lakeside section to make it suitable for wheelchair and participants pushing buggies.

There is also a 1 mile run for Under 15s.

Bring the gang! The event is perfect for a group or workplace challenge. Bring a team of friends, family and work colleagues. In 2022 The Audley group brought a team of nearly 100 runners.

Participants can choose to run for fun or nominate the charity they would like to support. Charity partners this year include Oxfordshire Mind, include Oxford Health Charity, Maggie's Oxford, Sobell House, Unicorn, One-eighty, the Mulberry Bush school, Thames Valley Air Ambulance and SSNAP – the specialist unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital for sick newborn babies and their parents.

All events are chip timed. All finishers receive a medal and there will be trophies for the winners as well as for first team and a schools' challenge trophy.

For entry and details please go to the website www.blenheim7k.co.uk

THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE

Witney 08.30 - 13.30 Fri 24 March Fri 28 April

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ANIMALS INJURED ON THE ROAD

I'm sure we've all, at one time or another, come across the consequence of an animal coming into contact with a motor vehicle. Unfortunately, sometimes the animal can be left seriously injured and requiring attention. If you were to come across such a situation, how would you react? Would you know what to do? Who to call?

Well, some friends found themselves in just such a situation recently on Wroslyn Road with a Muntjac in distress and requiring urgent attention. Thoughts turned to what could be done to alleviate the animal of its suffering and they were eventually put in contact with **Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital** in Haddenham (**01844 290494 or 01844 292292**) which is a wildlife hospital dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating all British wild animals. They are available to offer help and where necessary attend to animals in distress **24/7** which they did in this situation. In this particular incident by the time they arrived the Muntjac had succumbed to its injuries.

I'll be the first to admit that I'd never heard of Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital until this incident was brought to my attention, but I've now got their number on speed dial on my phone. Based just outside of Thame they have a Visitor Centre which is open all year round, check the website for exact times. For those of you who want to give a special present to any animal loving family members they also offer Wildlife Keeper Experience Days, virtual gifts and much more. They don't receive government or lottery funding sadly, so they rely on legacies and donations from the public and there are links on the website to various fund-raising schemes from simple donations to sponsoring animals to volunteering.

Thank you for reading.
sttiggywinkles.org.uk

Mark O'Callaghan **markoc.fpc@gmail.com**

FULL CLOSURE OF BOTLEY ROAD, OXFORD AT THE RAILWAY BRIDGE FROM TUESDAY 11th APRIL to end of OCTOBER 2023

As you may have read in the local press, as part of the associated works involved in replacing the railway bridge that goes over the Botley Road, beside Oxford Rail Station, there will be no access for any vehicles under the railway bridge in either direction. Access will only be available for pedestrians, wheelchairs and cyclists.

Eastbound buses on the Botley Road will drop off at the stop beside Osney Island and passengers will then need to walk the rest of the way to the Rail Station concourse or Frideswide Square for onwards transport.

The reverse will happen if you are intending to travel westwards along the Botley Road.

At the time of writing, neither Stagecoach nor Oxford Bus Company have clarified exactly how this will work.

Additionally, Oxford Rail Station will be closed to trains from **Saturday 29th July to Sunday 6th August** for track work and prep work for a new platform.

Further complete closures will be taking place between March and October 2024 for highway work, bridge demolition and replacement.

The next 'You Can Run' course starts on Weds 29th March at 6.45pm, at The Pavilion, Eynsham



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THE NEW STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES

From Sunday 5th March the new S7 service & updates to 233

Route 233 & newly named 234 route

233: Witney – Carterton – Burford

234: Witney - Burford

The old **233** route between **Witney and Woodstock** now runs as route **S7** (see below for details).

The **233** now operates between Witney, Carterton and Burford.

Journeys which run direct to Burford (excluding Carterton) are now numbered **234**.

Buses from Burford will enter Witney town centre via Welch Way and High Street to Market Square, to maintain links to shops, businesses, Witney Hospital, Library and College.

Journeys from Witney will continue to depart from Market Square and run along Corn Street.

View the new **233/234/H2** timetables at www.stagecoachbus.com or via this link:

https://tison-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/Oxford_Timetables/temp/233_234_050323.pdf

Route 7 / S7

S7: Witney – Woodstock - Oxford

Between Witney and Woodstock:

From Witney (going towards Woodstock), the **S7** will now run the old **233** route to Woodstock via North Leigh, the Freeland Trurn, Long Hanborough and station, Bladon and Wodstock.

Between Woodstock to Oxford Rail Station:

The **S7** will run from Woodstock via Kidlington Airport, Kidlington, Oxford Parkway (main road), Banbury Road into the City Centre and Rail Station.

Buses will serve Oxford Rail Station, Park End St, George St, and Magdalen St in both directions. School trips to Woodstock School will still run.

View the new **S7** timetable on www.stagecoachbus.com or via this link:

https://tison-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/Oxford_Timetables/temp/S7_050323.pdf





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WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT u3a (University of the 3rd age)

Emerging from COVID and its restrictions, Woodstock & District u3a looks to be back to business as usual – and with an increased membership. Although, sadly, our meeting of 2 March was hit by a last minute call from guest speaker Nick Brazil who, scheduled to talk about far off Chile and Easter Island, was stranded by transport problems nearer home.



With his talk labelled simply 'Hedgehogs' let's hope that our next guest speaker, Hugh Warwick, is in no danger of similar obstacles. Meeting starts **2pm** prompt, **Thursday 6th April**, St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock.

The following month sees the Branch's Annual General Meeting, **2pm Thursday 4th May**, same venue. Formal business to be transacted of course, but also another opportunity to meet u3a Committee members and others. And on **Thursday 1st June** should find journalist Tim Albert recounting his memories of 'A cub reporter on the Moors'.

As always, much of the work and interest of individual u3a members is tied up with one or more of our Interest Groups – eighteen of them, ranging from 'Art' to 'Walking' and meeting, some weekly, some monthly. Detail of Branch and Group activities at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock>

Chris Sladen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- W 22 Mar Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Su 26 Mar **BRITISH SUMMER TIME STARTS! Put your clocks forward**
Su 26 Mar **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
M 27 Mar Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Crayfish on the Lawn'
W 29 Mar Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 2 Apr Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
M 3 Apr Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
Tu 4 Apr **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
Tu 4 Apr North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall OX29 6SA, 7.30pm
W 5 Apr* Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 7 Apr **Good Friday Bank Holiday**
M 10 Apr **Easter Monday Bank Holiday**
W 12 Apr* Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 12 Apr **Freeland Grapevine - May edition deadline day**
W 12 Apr Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, **8.00pm**
Su 16 Apr Combe Mill in Steam: 'Military Vehicles' www.combemill.co.uk
W 19 Apr* Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 19 Apr Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am**
F 21 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, Freeland Village Hall, **7.30 - 10pm**
M 24 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm Raffle and Quiz

* Please note, at the time of writing (19/3/23) WODC have not released the dustbin collection dates for Freeland beyond the 29th March. Dates shown after that date need to be checked.

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **May** Grapevine is

Wednesday 12th April. The **April** edition should be online at:

www.freelandoxon.co.uk or at **www.freelandpc.org.uk** from **Monday**

24th April, with the print copies in the church porch from **Friday 28th April**.

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**.

The cost of a Small Advertisement is **22p per word**. Please make cheques payable to '**FREELAND GRAPEVINE**'. Contact Kenny Wylie about costs for other adverts.

1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 127mm wide, 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 127mm wide

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Articles: freelandgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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

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