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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

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on **01993 881 001** or email: print@associatedagencies.co.uk

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
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Children and Youth Work - families are really welcome at all our services, but especially at the weekly **10am** service where youth friendly activities are held at the back of church.

Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's The church of St Mary the Virgin welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group with a Christian theme that meets each Wednesday in term time. We meet on an ad-hoc basis during school holidays so do ask us for details.

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11+ Hitchhikers - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (21/11/2021). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at www.hanboroughparish.co.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

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7th November 2021



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Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:



It is exciting to be looking forward to my first Christmas in Hanborough and Freeland – and the first Christmas in a couple of years when hopefully we will be able to celebrate in our churches in a far more normal way than in 2020.

In our home, we will be counting down with our *Advent Calendar*, excitedly opening the little doors throughout each day of December through to Christmas Day. “Advent” means “coming”, and Christians not only look back to the birth of Jesus into the world, but also to Jesus coming *again*. Indeed, without the *second* coming of Jesus, the *first* coming of Jesus into the world would lose its significance! Advent and Christmas represents a time of anticipation, not just of Christmas morning presents, but of something far greater, far more global, far more incredible: the coming again of Jesus Christ in glory!

To celebrate Advent and Christmas this year, we are delighted to welcome you warmly to a range of additional, special Christmas services:

- **Sunday, December 12 at 5pm - “Christmas Unwrapped 1” Carols at Christ Church, Long Hanborough (aimed particularly at families with children)**
- **Sunday, December 12 at 7pm - “Christmas Unwrapped 2” Carols at Christ Church, Long Hanborough (aimed more at adults)**
- **Friday, December 17 at 6pm - Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough**
- **Sunday, December 19 at 6pm - Nine Lessons & Nine Carols at St Peter and St Paul, followed by mulled wine at the Hand and Shears, Church Hanborough**
- **Friday, December 24 at 11am - ‘Crib Service’ at St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough**
- **Friday, December 24 at 5pm - Christingle Service at St Mary, Freeland**
- **Friday, December 24 at 11:30pm - Midnight Communion Service at St Mary, Freeland**
- **Saturday, December 25 at 10am - Christmas Day Service at Christ Church, Long Hanborough**

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

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,
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This is a global ministry (working in over 70 countries) serving the needs of persecuted Christians by supplying Bibles, leadership training, livelihood support, food and medical aid and advocacy services. As well as learning something about this amazing ministry there will be the opportunity to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters and to support them financially. Everyone is warmly invited.

A festive poster for a Christmas Carol Service. The background is a warm orange and red gradient with white snowflake patterns. The title 'Christmas Unwrapped' is written in a large, white, slightly curved font at the top. Below it, 'Carol Service' is written in a smaller, white, slightly curved font. The central image is a silhouette of the Nativity scene, showing Mary kneeling, Joseph standing with a staff, and the infant Jesus in a manger. A cow and donkey are also present. In the background, there is a silhouette of a city on a hill. To the right of the Nativity scene, there is a white box with a list of activities. At the bottom, the date and time '12th Dec. 5pm & 7pm' are written in a large, white, slightly curved font, followed by the location 'Christ Church, Long Hanborough' in a similar font.

Christmas Unwrapped
Carol Service

Lasting approximately an hour it will include:

- * Favourite carols by candlelight
- * Short talk by a guest speaker
- * Music group performance
- * Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards

12th Dec. 5pm & 7pm
Christ Church, Long Hanborough

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 5th December 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 19th December 9.30am - 10.00am

Friday 24th December 4.30pm - 5.00pm Christingle Service

Friday 24th December 11.00pm - 11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

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.

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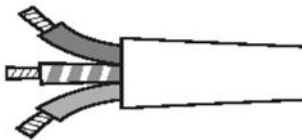
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Sun 28th Nov 10am Rev. Charles Harris

Sun 5th Dec 10am Rev. Nigel Knights-Johnson

Sun 12th Dec 10am Rev. Richard Donoghue

Sun 19th Dec 10am No Service

6pm 'All Age' Candlelit Carol Service - Rev. Fred Ireland

Sat 25th Dec 10am Family Service - Rev. Charles Harris

Sun 26th Dec 10am No Service

Sun 2nd Jan 10am Covenant Service - Rev. Fred Ireland

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https://www.mcnmedia.tv/ is another platform that does the same and includes Corpus Christi, Headington in Oxford; and Blackfriars, Oxford

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WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The next concert of Witney Music Society's 2021-22 season will be at **7.30pm** on **Friday 10th** December when prize-winning violinist Mathilde Milwidsky and pianist Joseph Havlat will be giving a recital of works by Beethoven, Fauré, Pärt and Strauss.

In January, the Leonore Piano Trio will make a welcome return visit to Witney with a concert of works by Mozart, Dvořák and Schubert. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 14th January**.

Provided that new Covid-19 restrictions are not imposed, the concerts will take place at **High Street Methodist Church, Witney**. Because of current restrictions, there'll be limited ticket availability at the door; tickets should instead be purchased in advance - please see our website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk for payment details and for more information about the concerts.

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – Lisa’s notes from the meeting held on 15th November 2021

Vacancy on the Parish Council

Councillors were extremely sorry to learn of Tony Tomkys’ decision to resign from the Parish Council. Tony joined the Council back in June this year but has decided to step down for personal reasons. We are very grateful to him for putting himself forward and for the valuable contribution he has made. On behalf of everyone at the Council we would all like to wish him well for the future and thank him most sincerely for his efforts.

Following this resignation, we now have a vacancy on the Council. If no election is asked for now, then the Councillors can co-opt a new member.

Please do consider joining the Council and being a part of our friendly team. It’s a great way to get to know what goes on in our village, how things get done, and what the Parish Council does for the residents, as well as getting to know some friendly faces! If anyone in the village is interested in joining the Council, please contact me on **01993 880067** or email **lisa.fpc@gmail.com**.

Come and join the Council and make a real difference to your village!

Parish Council December meeting – change of venue again!

It has been decided that the Parish Council meeting due to be held in December will now be held in the Newell Room rather than the Village Hall. It is likely that from the New Year all Parish Council meetings will revert back to the Newell Room.

Inspired Villages Planning Application

Still no news on this at the moment, we are still awaiting a decision from the planning officer.

Bench on The Green

The replacement bench has arrived and will be installed shortly. Our thanks to Parish Councillor Andy Bain for disposing of the old bench and installing the new one, and thanks again also to the Teddy Girls for raising the funds to enable this to be purchased.

Bins!

Many of you will have noticed the bins around the village being upgraded from separate litter and dog waste bins to new dual bins which can be used for both. This is a project being rolled out across the District by WODC.

However, for the past 2 weeks the new style litter bin at the entrance to the village hall car park has been overflowing with litter, way before it is due to be emptied.

When I reported it to WODC they informed me that on both occasions, it has contained a blockage due to folders, hard backed books and a large piece of wood being placed in the bin, therefore restricting its capacity. This week there was a large piece of cardboard, again, restricting the bin’s capacity and which could have been recycled! It’s not clear if the books have come from the little library nearby, but please can I ask that any large items such as wood, books, files, folders, cardboard etc are not placed in these bins but taken home for recycling or if books please donate them to the library! Thanks!

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Tree cutting in Broadmarsh Lane Amenity Area

It's very disappointing to have it reported to me this month that someone has had some of the trees trimmed in the Broadmarsh Lane amenity area without notifying the Parish Council AND has left all the branches dumped around the site which now looks a mess and is going to be additional work for our contractor to clear. This area is managed and maintained by the parish council so permission should be sought before any tree work is carried out in this area, and please note it is NOT to be used as a dumping ground. Thank you.

Memorial Trees and our new Tommy Soldier

I would like to pass on our thanks to Angela Spriggs who cleaned the brass plaques on the memorial trees and placed the crosses by them in readiness for Remembrance Day this year. Did any of you also manage to spot our new "Tommy" Soldier silhouette statue at The Green? This is a new addition purchased this year from the Royal British Legion to commemorate all those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Tommy will be placed on The Green in the build up to Remembrance Day each year and I must admit I thought he looked great and was a fitting tribute. Our thanks to Amy Jackson (and her husband Greg McGlothlen) for placing the statue and for setting up the lovely lighting around him.



New bus service coming to Freeland!

I am pleased to report that at its November meeting Freeland Parish Council agreed to act as a conduit to enable the transfer of S106 developer funds from Oxfordshire County Council to First and Last Mile (CIC) who have done a huge amount of work over the past year to set up a community transport service to replace some of the crucial missing links in the local public bus network. First and Last Mile are a Community Interest Company run entirely by volunteers and they hope to launch their service on **4th January 2022**. The bus service will serve villages between Long Hanborough Station and Standlake via Eynsham, and will run every 2 hrs Mon – Fri, and will offer connections at Eynsham Church to the S1. It will also include a service to Bartholomew School. The routes can be viewed at <http://firstandlastmile.org.uk>. They are also looking for volunteers to help with driving their minibuses, if you can help please phone **07584 927050** or email info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com

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Traffic Calming in Freeland – possible 20mph limit

As reported last month, Oxfordshire County Council are now changing their approach and acceptance of 20mph restrictions and simplifying the process for 20mph roads for those areas that want them. Freeland Parish Council would like to apply for a 20mph speed limit but firstly needs our County Councillor's support.

In order to consider providing this support, Liam Walker (our County Councillor) has therefore launched a consultation for residents living within his division to gain their feedback. This will remain open until **31st January** and he will then report back to the Parish Council to discuss the consultation results to ultimately decide whether to give his support to the 20mph application.

The consultation can be viewed at **<https://www.liam-walker.com/have-your-say>** and will literally take less than 1 minute to complete, or you can write to him at Liam Walker, County Councillor, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road Oxford, **OX1 1ND**. Please do complete the survey or give him your views so we can gain a good insight into what residents' thoughts are about this initiative.

Village Hall Christmas Lunch

The Village Hall Christmas Lunch will be held on Christmas Eve this year and the team of volunteers are busy getting everything ready. Their invitation this year is for those of you living alone, or are elderly and would like some company, or who could accompany a neighbour/family member, or would find it difficult to provide or cook a traditional Christmas meal. If this is you then please do go along and join them. There is a form in the Grapevine to fill in (**page 37**) or you can email Julie Stuart-Thompson at **julie.st@btinternet.com** or ring her on **01993 880378**. A huge thanks to all those who have offered to help so far.

Thank you & Merry Christmas!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a little thank you! Christmas (yes I know it's not quite Christmas yet) is often the time for reflection and I would like to thank the Parish Councillors for all their support, especially this past year when we have welcomed some new faces to the Council. I am fortunate enough to work with a fantastic group of people, all of whom voluntarily give up their time and efforts for the good of our wonderful village.

I would also like to offer a word of thanks to you, our residents, for the support you give to our Councillors and parish as a whole. The past 18 months or so has really shown what an amazing village we live in with so many people giving their time and efforts so generously to help those in need and support one another.

As we look forward to 2022, I sincerely hope that the brighter times are ahead and so on behalf of Freeland Parish Council, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year! Stay safe everyone!

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at **www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning**.

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21/03680/HHD Rowan, Witney Road, Freeland.

Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions for Mrs Penny Young.

Applications Approved:

21/02359/HHD 8 Parklands, Freeland.

Single and two storey rear extensions, extension over garage for Mr E. Tweedie and Mrs A. Tweedie-Wood.

21/03106/HHD 1 Church View, Freeland.

Erection of rear and side storey extensions for Ms Maria Admans.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 20th December 2021** at **7.30pm, in the Newell Room.**

Please note this time and venue is subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk**. Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email **lisa.fpc@gmail.com**

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

At present both sides are sitting top of the leagues. The **First** team have had 2 league and two Cup games. The Cup games both resulted in losses. Firstly loosing 6-5 after extra time to Hook Norton and then 4-1 at Milton. It was good however to see newly committed vegetarian Adam Lonsdale make his return after a nasty injury. The League fixtures proved more fruitful winning both games, 2-1 against Hailey Reserves and 4-3 against Chadlington.

The **Reserves** continue their unbeaten League form beating Sherborne, Spartan and Aston and drawing with Leafield.

We are holding our Winter Golf Day in December, with a provisional date of **28th**. If you want to take part please contact Ethan Simlett (**eth_simlett@hotmail.co.uk**), everyone is welcome no matter the ability!

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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Freeland Cricket Club.

As we approach the end of the year we have been presenting awards to our women members, preparing the wicket for next season, booking indoor training and planning for the Annual General Meeting.



The Women's teams held their end of season awards and the following players were presented with trophies;

Women's Softball:

Most Runs - Claire Soanes

Most Wickets - Beth Soanes

Most Enthusiastic Player - Julie Stuart-Thompson

Player of the Season - Claire Soanes

Women's Hardball:

Most Runs - Megan Lovick

Most Wickets - Megan Lovick

Most Improved Players - Claire Moss and Becky Edwards

Player of the Season - Naomi Allen

Billy Rendell has finished the end of season work on the wicket. This has included removing 5mm of thatch, levelling, reseeding and aeration. The wicket is looking better than this time last year, so we are hopeful of having a good wicket for 2022.

We have been able to book Cokethorpe School for winter training for the junior teams, and this will start in February 2022 and run for 8 weeks. We have also booked adult indoor nets to be held at Charlbury, and we are trying to get a Wednesday night slot for the women's training.

The AGM took place on the 15th November. The committee was re-elected and we announced two new Vice-Presidents, Clare Buckingham and Graham Walker. We have a continuing development plan, which, thanks to a major sponsorship deal with Ian Woollard and the Academy Partnership, now includes investing in updating the nets. There will be more news in January.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and let's hope 2022 is a great year, both personally and for the Cricket Club.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at **7.30pm**. In December we will have only one meeting, however, on **Tuesday 7th**.

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However, if all the boxes are full please take your books back home to donate at a later date instead, as we don't have the capacity to store so many books at once. Thank you.

There have been reports of books being put into the litter bin by the village hall. If you have books you want to get rid of that are perhaps a bit old and worn please recycle them in your recycle bin at home instead.

Thanks again for all your support this year and a special thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who keep the Little Free Library clean, tidy and well-stocked. I'm sure you'll agree that they do a brilliant job!

Merry Christmas from Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers.

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The school will be selling hot drinks and breakfast rolls.

The October Market raised **£110** for the Royal British Legion and a generous donation to the school for their charity.

The next Market will be on Sunday 19th December at Freeland CE Primary School



1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

Breaking News: we now have a Twitter account! If you are a Twitter user please follow us. Our Twitter handle is: **@1stHFScouting**

Beavers have been making bird feeders and had a science evening as well as trying some origami! They would like to thank Tom and Alice from Knead Bakehouse for helping them to bake bread last month.

Cubs went for a night hike and enjoyed s'mores at the end of it. They had a visit from Shelter Box to learn all about how the charity provides tents and other items to help people survive in areas hit by disasters. Cubs will be fundraising to support Shelter Box over the coming months.

Scouts have been busy working towards their Environmental Conservation, Creative, Sports Enthusiast and Chef badges. Well done everyone!

Explorers are looking to meet up with other Explorers from local groups to play sports together. They are also going to collaborate with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to help some members achieve their Silver and Gold awards.

These activities are all thanks to our wonderful team of volunteer leaders and assistant leaders, without whom we could not offer such a variety of experiences.

We have recently recruited some great volunteers to help us run our groups but we are always in need of a few more! If you can spare a few hours a week to help us provide wonderful experiences for young people in Long Hanborough and Freeland please do get in touch. Send an email to Steve: **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk** to find out how you can get involved!

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Our **December 7th** meeting is taking place in **St Mary's Church**, in Church Road, **North Leigh OX29 6TX**. We have invited the Launton Handbell Ringers to get us into the Christmas spirit, and we hope you will join us to get the season off to a joyful start. We meet at **7.30pm** as usual. Members free, visitors **£4**.

We do not meet in January and our first meeting in 2022 will be on **February 1st** at the **Memorial Hall, North Leigh** when Liz Woolley will be talking about Beer, Bangers and Marmalade.

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This period of time is about Remembrance, and even if you were unable to donate and obtain a poppy this year, the most important thing is we have remembered those who have made sacrifices for us all.

I would really like to thank the dedicated volunteers for their ongoing support. It was wonderful to be back out collecting again, seeing both familiar faces and welcoming new supporters in the village.

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We have had fun making bonfires on biscuits, helped out on the stall at Hanborough Fireworks selling out of all the light swords, wands etc , we have been baking, painting Remembrance stones and pictures as well taking part in Remembrance Services in Long Hanborough & North Leigh.

One of our Rainbows, Florence, painted this wonderful picture of a field of poppies with soldiers all standing in a line. "Lest we Forget"

For Christmas one week we are mixing ingredients for our Christmas Cake and then the following week decorating them, wrapping them in cellophane and ribbon as a gift for someone special all whilst listening to Christmas songs and playing party games.

If you are interested in registering your daughter to join guiding for the first time, to go on our waiting lists, then please visit:

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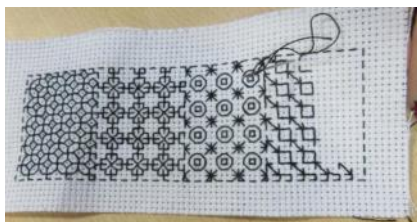
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We looked at Blackwork stitching in November. The intricate patterns used the "little grey cells" a bit but were eventually mastered & used to produce bookmarks and bunting! This month we will be making some "Christmassy" things - cards and decorations. Then we look forward to our New Year Party on **5th January 2022**.



We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Newell Room of the Village Hall. There is a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover heating/lighting & booking fees. We hope that you will be able to join us some time - we are a friendly group and love to welcome new members, even if you can't come every week.

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Margaret Wright

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

A very Happy New Year to all gardeners. We hope it will be an enjoyable and colourful one for all. The autumn colour this year has been spectacular. The trees seem to change in a short time to their wonderful oranges, yellows, rusts, etc. The next step of course is that all the leaves have to come down! It is best not to leave them on a lawn too long, so sweep them up fairly often and pack them into bags to rot down in about 2 years time. These can then be used as a mulch. It is also possible to mow over leaves which will break them up so that they rot quicker.

The first frosts have left many annuals looking very sad so pull them up and put them on the compost heap. It is rather nice to have a general tidy up of the garden before the winter. It is not too late to put in some more bulbs for spring colour. If you have one, it is a good time to clean the greenhouse inside and out.

The large Amaryllis bulbs are in the shops now. They are very easy to grow, just leave half the bulb above the soil in a pot and water well. Children love seeing how fast they grow.

The Club will have it's first hall meeting on 22nd November with a talk by Roger Umpleby on 'The Wonders of Wildflowers'. A report of this will be in the next Grapevine.

There is no meeting in December.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on **Monday 31st January 2022 at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall. A new speaker Stuart Mabbutt will talk on 'Wildlife in the Garden'. If you are new to the village do come along to our friendly Club. There is always a Plant and Gardening Items Sale table where the prices are very reasonable. After the speaker there are refreshments and a time to mingle and get to know one another. Come as a visitor first or join the Club straight away. The cost of membership will be explained to you then.

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During the first three weeks of September, 5 vehicles were recorded doing more than 50 mph (one at 63!!) but since 24th September the highest speed recorded has been 48mph. Thank you for slowing down and a big thank you to each member of the team who are doing such a tremendous job.

For the **440** people caught in the last couple of months, and for all our local residents, the message is clear - keep to the 30mph limit or you are likely to be caught!

Roger Faulkner, Freeland Speedwatch Co-Ordinator **rogfner@aol.com 01993 622413**



BEAR & MONKEY

Bear & Monkey know that all those of you who kindly bought their Lockdown calendar will soon be turning over to the last page. So they wanted to take this opportunity of thanking you once again for your generosity. The calendar raised **£3,458** which provided more than 100 children with a nutritious meal, every day, for a month. Thank you.

As we approach Christmas, Bear & Monkey are also pleased to announce that they will be taking part in this year's Msizi Africa Christmas Quiz. This is a fun quiz, suitable for the whole family, and it will be on **Wednesday 8th December from 6.30 - 8.30pm**. It's all done via Zoom but you don't need to download any software or anything – you just need to click on a link that you will be sent via e-mail.

It's a team quiz – so no individual questions – and you can have as many people in your team as you like. Most teams have 2-6 people and quite a few Freeland residents already play. And, if you'd like to link up with family or friends elsewhere in the country that maybe you haven't seen for a while, this is easily done by forming your own WhatsApp group for the evening.



The donation that is asked for is **£10** per person and this amount will feed a child for 10 days over Christmas. If you would like to play – or if you would just like to know more – then please contact me at: **john.clark@msiziafrica.org.uk** (or by telephone on **882127**).

Meanwhile may I join Bear & Monkey in wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas. Thank you.

John Clark

OXFORDSHIRE TREESCAPES PROJECT

The Oxfordshire Treescaping Project has launched! Our maps are now available to the public, and our reporting service will be available in the next few weeks. Visit our website at **www.oxtrees.uk** to see the full range of services we offer to farmers, landowners, community groups and policy makers.

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Now we are making our maps available to you

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BEFSA UPDATE

Quiz Night in the Freeland Hall - 29th January 2022

Many thanks to all who have supported my fundraising by buying cards at the Freeland Market - see you at the next markets **28th November and 19th December**.



Although we are unable to complete all our normal work programme with schools in Oxfordshire and their partners in the Eastern Cape, we are continuing to improve the lives of the school children in Adelaide by financing a daily meal/feeding programme.

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Pre-school activities

We have celebrated many festivals this term: Diwali, Bonfire night and Remembrance.

The children made diva lamps, did a splatter painting fireworks picture and made a poppy.

Of course we will also be celebrating Christmas this month, we have two upcoming Christmas parties, with parents. We will be visiting the church for a Christmas service.

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Freeland Nurseries and Freeland Pre-school Christmas Tree Charity Partnership



This year, Freeland Nurseries have again kindly offered to donate to Freeland Pre-school for *every* freshly cut *Christmas tree* sold.

Please shop local and help Freeland Nurseries to support our village pre-school!

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ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the **Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 4pm seven days a week.

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Monday 5 - 11pm; Wednesdays - Fridays Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm/late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 7pm.

Also inside, just to the left of the front door of the **Long Hanborough Co-op**, on the bottom of the alternative newspaper stand rack.

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Thank you for continuing to support the aluminium collection. It is raising some much appreciated funds for Freeland Pre-School.

Please crush all cans as much as possible. It reduces the amount of contact needed with the cans (Covid Safety) and saves a massive amount of space which makes each trip more profitable too. **Drinks cans only please.**

Address for drop offs: **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. The galvanised bin does have a lid, so I advise bringing some hand sanitiser to further reduce any risks.

andre_woodward@yahoo.co.uk

OUT-OF-HOURS HIGHWAYS SERVICE IS UP & RUNNING

A new telephone number (**01223 849731**) has been launched for Oxfordshire residents to call for urgent out of hours highways related issues.

People can now report a highways matter to Oxfordshire County Council outside normal office hours – including evenings, weekends and bank holidays – if there are concerns about it causing an accident or damaging property. The call adviser will discuss the urgency of the issue and take appropriate action as required.

Councillor Glynis Phillips, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, said: *"It is so important that people can access help with urgent matters whenever they need it, and this new out-of-hours telephone number will mean help is available at all times of the day."*

During normal working hours, people should continue to call the council's customer service centre on **0345 310 1111**.

If the situation is potentially life threatening, people should call emergency services on **999**.

Councillor Tim Bearder, OCC's Cabinet Member for Highways Management, said: *"In my division we recently had a large tree fall down in the middle of the night completely blocking the road. These things can happen at any time, so it is great news that there is now an emergency number for people to call when they need to report an issue urgently."*

For highways issues that do not require immediate action, residents are encouraged to use the Fix My Street app (<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>) or complete an online form (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/contactus/contact-highways-team>).

FIRST AND LAST MILE CIC



The new community minibus service linking Freeland with Hanborough and Eynsham will be running from **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Every 2 hours Monday to Friday offering connections at Eynsham Church with the Stagecoach S1 and a direct service to Hanborough Station. It will include a service to and from Bartholomew School.

We will be at the Farmers' Market at Freeland CE Primary School on **Sunday 28th November** if you have questions or comments on the new service.

Our buses are low floor and driven by volunteers. We are looking for more volunteers for a range of roles such as driving, publicity and cleaning.

If you would like to join us please phone **0758 492 7050** and ask for David Miles or contact us on: **info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com**

For more information and timetables **www.firstandlastmile.org.uk**

COMBE MILL - CHRISTMAS MARKET

Please don't forget to come and support us at the Mill!!

Saturday 11th December, 11am to 4pm

It is nearly that time of year again so why not come & share in the Christmas atmosphere, at the last fundraiser of the year for Combe Mill.



There will be a range of stalls selling a whole selection of items to fill Christmas stockings - or tummies! Hot and cold food on offer from our BBQ and tea room, along with Mulled Wine, hot chestnuts and never ending supply of tea/coffee/cake/mince pies. Our very own gift shop will be selling some items made by our blacksmiths - unique presents made with love and a bit of hard work on the anvils in our forge.

The raffle will have lovely prizes giving you something to look forward to in 2022.

A 4-ball Golfing day, a meal and pud at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, a family day out at Blenheim, a family day out at the Bus Museum, a gin tour at TOAD, Beer from Little Ox Brewery and other prizes. We will of course add a family pass for our very own Mill and a Blacksmith Experience - who could want to win more for just a **£1** a ticket gamble. Please let us know if you would like some tickets.

For a very small charge, Santa and his elf friends will have set up a story telling grotto in the Foreman's office, we are pretty sure the children/grandchildren will enjoy this thoroughly - Santa's sack of gifts has been kindly sponsored by our Mill neighbours at Burnside Partnership, for which we are really grateful.

We would like to put some magic back in to a traditional Christmas experience, for visitors of all ages and make some valuable income for the Mill.

See you there!! **www.combemill.org**

Julie Stuart-Thompson - Director

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IN ADVANCE £14 from The Woodstock Bookshop, 23 Oxford St. 01993 812760

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 7/11/2021

Well after last month's Ramble, the post box was bursting with letters asking how we do what we do in all weathers and always with big smiles!

Quotes we've had, include Noel Coward quipping 'I like long walks'.....'especially when they're taken by people I dislike.'

And I'm sure Dento once said: "A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles", wise words indeed from our esteemed ex-leader!



How many friends (old and new) will come along on our next Ramble? Find out by joining us on **Sunday 5th December at 10am** outside the Yeoman.

All Welcome.

Your friendly field marshal

FREELAND WI

Our November meeting was a fun filled evening with three different activities for members to enjoy. We were delighted to welcome Rachael and Lily from Renaissance in Long Hanborough who were kept busy providing mini beauty treatments. Members could choose from a variety of treatments ranging from a nail shape and polish to a neck and shoulder massage.

Our other two activities focused on Christmas. Members enjoyed making Christmas crackers and also taste tested a range of mince pies. There were some surprises in the results; according to our members most expensive is not always best!

One of our members showed the shoeboxes which she had assembled for the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal. These included items donated by our members.

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We 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. 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 as a visitor or to become a member. We would love to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/freelandwi

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

THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE

Witney	08.30 - 13.30	Fri 26 Nov	Fri 17 Dec	Fri 28 Jan
Woodstock	08.30 - 13.00	Sat 4 & 18 Dec		Sat 1 & 16 Jan
Details of other Farmers' Markets at www.tvfm.org.uk				



CPRE Oxfordshire Flooding and Pollution Report – a survey of Oxfordshire’s Town & Parish Councils, 2021

Findings show that at least 17% of towns & parishes in Oxfordshire experience flooding problems and at least 20% of towns & parishes experience issues with sewage/sewerage infrastructure.

CPRE Oxfordshire wants to see:

- Thames Water setting out clear measures to address the issues raised in this report, including targets and investment commitments.
- Local MPs supporting the Sewage (Inland Waters) Bill and the Environment Bill to ensure water companies are legally bound to stop discharging raw sewage into the ocean and rivers.
- Oxfordshire Plan 2050 to ensure all new developments demonstrate that their associated infrastructure will either maintain or improve water quality, not add to the risk of flooding, and be in place before the site is occupied.
- The river Thames to achieve Bathing Water designation.

CPRE Oxfordshire has produced an interactive map highlighting where the issues are, view the map and download the report from our website: **www.cpreoxon.org.uk**
Did your Town or Parish Council respond? If not, you can let us know what flooding and/or sewage issues your neighbourhood is facing.

Contact **campaign@cpreoxon.org.uk**

Vacancy: CPRE Oxfordshire Planning Coordinator

Could you help strengthen countryside voices in planning?

Countryside charity CPRE Oxfordshire is looking for a part-time Planning

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For more info see our website: **www.cpreoxon.org.uk**

Rotary Club of Eynsham - Christmas Santa

Due to the continuing situation with Covid, we have decided not to take Santa on tour around the streets of local villages, but we have not abandoned him completely.

Santa and his sleigh will be attending the Eynsham Primary School Christmas event on 26th November and Lighting Up Eynsham on **3 December**. We hope to attend various other school events and are planning to escort Santa to various strategic locations in and around Eynsham and villages where he will be happy to see as many children (of all ages!) as possible.

Details of when and where you can find him will be published in Eynsham Online (**<https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/>**) nearer the time. We will be collecting for international and local charities such as Yellow Submarine, the Day Centre and our local schools.

P.S. – Santa is looking for new quarters for his sleigh and reindeer. If anyone has, or knows of a space about the size of a small caravan, preferably under cover, in or around the Eynsham area that could be made available please do get in touch with

Terry Glossop: **terryglossop@hotmail.co.uk**

DO YOU THINK YOUR VILLAGE SHOULD HAVE A 20mph LIMIT?

Oxfordshire County Council are now exploring ways we can reduce speeds in our communities & simplifying the process for 20mph roads for those areas that want them.

For this reason, I have now launched a consultation for residents living within one of the 8 villages in my division (Minster Lovell, Crawley, Leafield, Hailey, Ramsden, North Leigh, **Freeland** or Long Hanborough) to get your feedback. This will remain open until **Monday 31st January 2022** and I will then report back to Parish Councils to discuss the consultation results.



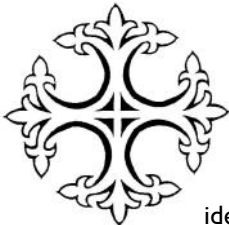
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let me know here:

<https://www.liam-walker.com/have-your-say>
or write to me at: Liam Walker, County Councillor,
Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall,
New Road Oxford, **OX1 1ND**.





EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE

Long Hanborough Surgery have been adding Covid booster vaccination clinics on Fridays and Saturdays up to the end of November.

All vaccination appointments available to book will be on line (the ideal and quickest way) or by contacting reception on **01993 881330**

PLEASE NOTE that the separate special vaccination phone line is no longer operating.

If booking via Patient Access (**<https://www.patientaccess.com/>**) or the NHS App or website (**<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/nhs-log-in/>**) these services may not show dates for the Long Hanborough Surgery but alternatives at other locations. It does not mean that the Surgery has stopped vaccinations but that there are no appointments available at that time. These are added when it is known when vaccines will be delivered to the surgery, so check back regularly until appointments are showing and you will be able to make one then.

YES, YOU CAN!

“You can Run” is our **“Couch to 5k”** programme designed especially for new and returning runners.

In a small, friendly group with the help of our qualified England Athletics Leaders in Running Fitness, we'll take you through a fun and confidence-building ten-week course to prove you can run five kilometres.

The next course starts on **Saturday 8 January 2022 at 9am** at The Pavilion in Eynsham. The booking page will go live on 1 November 2021.

For more details and to reserve your place now, please visit our website: **eynshamroadrunners.org.uk** or email us at **eynsham.err@gmail.com**

Every Elf Needs a Shelf



Eddie the Elf has lost his friends, can you help to find them?

On a route around Hanborough, there will be elves in windows for you to find along with a letter

Copy the letter down to create a Christmas word!

Prizes to be won

Purchase your trail maps at Hanborough Co-op between the 11th December - 31st December



All proceeds go towards Hanborough Pre-School

If travelling from outside of Hanborough, please use the car park at Hanborough Pre-School

WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT u3a

Mid-November saw our first so-called 'hybrid' meeting, based on Woodstock Community Centre but also available on-line. A score of members attended in person, keeping socially distant and, sadly, foregoing the usual post-talk refreshments.



Under the title 'Wheelpower', Chris Rattenbury, a former Paralympian and powerlifter, provided an enlightening and cheering look at how sporting activities for the disabled have been opened up, thanks to the introduction of mobility aids. Highlight of his presentation was undoubtedly the passing round the audience of the speaker's own Olympic torch

Our final speaker this year, on **Tuesday 7th December** will be Lizzie Rowe, talking on 'Art as Therapy'.

After a seasonal break, monthly meetings resume on **Tuesday 7th February**, the speaker Alan Jones with another intriguing title – 'Some Body Like You'. As always, check the Branch's website for details of time and venue of these monthly meetings and other events already scheduled for 2022.

A reminder that whatever obstacles Covid and new technology may throw in the way of our speaker meetings, the score of Interest Groups thrive. Many, including those doughty Recorder Players, who previously met in the Ryegrass common room, have migrated to the Guide & Scout hut in Woodstock's central car park.

More detail at **www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock**.

Chris Sladen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

W 24 Nov	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 25 Nov	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31
Su 28 Nov	Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
W 1 Dec	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 2 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31
F 3 Dec	Christmas Tree Lighting Event - Village Hall - 6.30pm
Su 5 Dec	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
Tu 7 Dec	The Cake Café + Knead Bakehouse, Village Hall 9am - 11.30am
W 8 Dec	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 9 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31
Th 9 Dec	Freeland Grapevine - January edition deadline day
Sa 11 Dec	Combe Mill Christmas Market 11am - 4pm combemill.co.uk
W 15 Dec	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 16 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31
Su 19 Dec	Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
M 20 Dec	Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
W 22 Dec	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 23 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31
W 23 Dec	Green Week: recycling + food waste NO garden waste collection today
Th 30 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 31

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MUSIC TEACHER has vacancies for Piano, Flute and Recorder lessons, 7 years upwards, Adults welcome. Contact **jane.duff17@gmx.com** **01993 880623**

The deadline for articles or adverts for the **January Grapevine** is **Thursday 9th December**. The **January** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 17th December**.

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 **20p per word**. Please make cheques payable to '**FREELAND GRAPEVINE**'. Contact Kenny Wylie about costs for other adverts. 1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 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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