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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

**Sunday 27th November 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch  
Preacher: TBC

**Sunday 4th December 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden  
Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 11th December 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Matt Cripps  
Preacher: Matt Cripps

**Wednesday 14th December 10.00am Freeland Pre-school Advent Service**

**Sunday 18th December 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden  
Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 18th December 6.00pm Nine Lessons & Nine Carols**

followed by mulled wine in church

**Tuesday 20th December 10.00am Freeland School Carols**

**Saturday 24th December 5.00pm Benefice Christingle**

**Saturday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion**

**Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion with  
Carols**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart  
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 1st January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at Christ Church**

Leader: Andy Richens  
Preacher: Andy Richens

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

**Funeral and Burial:** Richard Nugent Linaker 16th November 2022

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

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

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

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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](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)

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**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 Mondays & Tuesdays 6pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays 9am - Late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

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## Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:



Having just marked Remembrance Sunday in the churches of Hanborough and Freeland, we now look forward to the season of Advent, beginning on **Advent Sunday 27 November**. Advent is the period in the church calendar during which we mark not only the birth of Jesus Christ into the world, but anticipate his coming again – just as he promised time and again to his disciples.

2022 has been a turbulent year, from the war in Ukraine to rising energy bills, and from environmental issues to worries over food prices and mortgages. For many the dilemma as to whether to “heat or eat” has never been sharper.

But as Christians we believe and have experienced that into this turmoil of life, Jesus brings peace. Indeed, this is one of the great titles given to Jesus through the prophet Isaiah in a passage read so commonly at Christmas: “Prince of peace”. But he also bears the title “King of kings and Lord of lords”, and when he comes again and restores his order to creation, if we turn to him we will see great promise fulfilled, that *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”* (Revelation 21:4). I pray God’s blessing of peace upon our whole community this Advent and Christmas.

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

- **Sunday 11th December at 6pm - “Christmas Unwrapped” Carols at Christ Church**
- **Saturday 17th December at 5pm - Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church**
- **Sunday 18th December at 6pm - Nine Lessons & Nine Carols at St Mary’s, followed by mulled wine in church**
- **Tuesday 20th December at 10am - Freeland School Carols at St Mary’s**
- **Saturday 24th December at 5pm - Benefice Christingle at St Mary’s**
- **Saturday 24th December at 11:15pm - Midnight Communion at St Peter & St Paul**
- **Saturday 24th December at 11:30pm - Midnight Communion at St Mary’s**
- **Sunday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Communion with Carols at St Mary’s**
- **Sunday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Family Service at Christ Church**
- **Sunday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Communion with Carols at St Peter & St Paul**

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With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,  
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

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

The bells will be rung at the following times:

**Sunday 4th December 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 18th December 9.30am - 10.00am**  
**5.30pm - 6.00pm**

**Sunday 24th December 4.30pm - 5.00pm**  
**11.00pm - 11.30pm**

**Sunday 25th December 9.30am - 10.00am**

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

Please contact the Tower Secretary, Michael Probert (**882687**) should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)

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**Sunday 27th November 10am** Mr Andrew Maisey

**Sunday 4th December 10am** Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)

**Sunday 11th December 10am** Mrs Dawn Haley

**Saturday 17th December 5pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough, with Nativity – shared with St Peter & St Paul**

**Sunday 18th December 10am** No Service  
**6pm** Carol Service - Rev. Charles Harris

**Sunday 25th December 10am** Christmas Day Family Service - Rev. Fred Ireland

**Sunday 1st January 2023 10am** No Service

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**Sunday 27th November 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

**Sunday 4th December 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**Sunday 11th December 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

**Saturday 17th December 5.00pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church**

**Sunday 18th December 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Tuesday 20th December 10.00am Manor School Carols**

**Saturday 24th December 11.15pm Midnight Communion**

**Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

**Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

**Sunday 1st January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at Christ Church**

Leader: Andy Richens

Preacher: Andy Richens

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

**Sunday 27th November 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 4th December 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Josh Soanes

**Sunday 11th December 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 11th December 6.00pm “Christmas Unwrapped” Carols**

**Saturday 17th December 5.00pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church**

**Sunday 18th December 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Benjamin Chamings-Manley

**Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day All Age Family Service**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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**Sunday 1st January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship**

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**Christmas Day 10am Mass**

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## **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 remainder of this year and early next year are: **21st December, 18th January, 15th February, 15th March, 19th April 17th May, 21st June**.

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## **FREELAND WALKING GROUP**

We are a group of mainly retired people who enjoy walking and visiting new places. We also welcome anyone of any age who would like to join us for a walk of about five miles every third Wednesday of the month. We meet at Freeland Hall and usually drive, sharing cars, to a pub. From the pub we do a circular walk returning to the pub for lunch together.

The walks are led by group members who also contact the pub for a menu so that we can pre-order. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact me at

**[dalton43cv@talktalk.net](mailto:dalton43cv@talktalk.net)** so that we can notify you about the next walk which is on **Wednesday 16th November**. Janet Dalton **01993 881742**



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## **Inspired Villages update**

The planning inquiry into West Oxfordshire District Council's refusal of a proposal to build 160 retirement homes on land in the grounds of Freeland House started on the 8th November. Although it was supposed to conclude on Friday 11th November, an extra two days have been scheduled as proceedings are taking longer than intended. Part of the reason for this is the amount of evidence being presented by both appellant (Inspired Villages) and the Council.

Freeland Parish Council and Freeland Friends have joined the process as what is known as a Rule 6 party, which means we are also giving evidence against the proposal and supporting the refusal, although our participation is far more limited in scope than either of the main parties. Nonetheless, it has been made clear that local views are important, hence - given the strength of feeling within the village against this development - we are presenting our case on grounds of Landscape, Design, Heritage, Need, Viability and Planning considerations.

The proceedings have been in person in the Council offices at Woodgreen in Witney, although there was a site visit on the Friday morning, where the proposed location for the development was toured by the inspector and representatives from each party. The inspector also visited the site on her own earlier in the week, and walked through the permissive access routes and around the village so she could get an idea of the context of the setting and the village.

The two extra days that have been scheduled will be virtual (online), and are on Friday 18th November and Monday 28th November. It is unknown when the inspector will rule, but as she originally planned to release her decision in the second week of December, we hope there may be a decision before the end of the year.

The efforts of Freeland to fight what almost all villagers seem to view as a wholly inappropriate proposal, and have the appeal dismissed, are being managed by planning consultant Mike Gilbert, who lives in the village and is co-ordinating our efforts as well as giving most of the evidence. Amy Jackson is also giving evidence, and Roger Faulkner is delivering the opening and closing statements. A number of different people have been of enormous help in the village, whether carrying out research, inputting ideas, turning up to the inquiry, or just being generally encouraging and supportive!

We will keep you posted on progress. Whatever the eventual outcome of this appeal, it's important we feel we've done what we can to fight it.

On the first day of the Inquiry a scarf was left on one of the seats. If this belongs to you please get in contact with me.

## **New constituency boundary**

Changes to the boundary constituency have been made for the next general election. Freeland will have a new MP and be part of the Bicester and Woodstock constituency.

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Thanks to all those who attended, whether in person or virtually. We hope it was helpful and you gained some more knowledge of the major construction currently happening around Freeland. If you couldn't be there you can find it online on our website [www.freelandpc.org.uk/](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk/) under the 'News' headline.

### **Planning Applications**

All planning applications can be viewed on line on the Parish Council website at [www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk) (under Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning) . You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

### **Applications Received:**

**22/02862/HHD Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Whole house renovation to raise roof, front and rear extensions for Mr F. Creese.

### **Applications Approved:**

**22/01330/OUT 'North Field' - Land North Of Witney Road, Long Hanborough**

Outline application for the construction of up to 150 dwellings with access from Witney Road, open space and associated work.

**Applications Refused: None**

### **Applications Under Appeal:**

**APP/D3125/W/22/3301202 LPA Application ref 21/02627/OUT  
Land West of Wroslyn Road (Inspired Villages)**

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM?**

The proposals to create a solar farm across more than 2,500 acres of countryside east of Freeland has created much discussion since the leaflet fell through our doors earlier in November. The developer – Botley West Solar Farm – has stated its desire to consult at length and depth with local residents. They have set up the following information events in November/early December:

Remaining dates are:

**Wednesday 23rd November - 12.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Hanborough Pavilion and Village Hall, Roosevelt Road, OX29 8JG**

**Friday 25th November - 1pm to 6pm**

**Cassington Village Hall, The Green, OX29 4AX**

**Saturday 26th November - 11am to 3pm**

**Tackley Village Hall, Medcroft Road, OX5 3AH**

**Monday 28th November - 5pm to 7.30pm**

**St. Leonard's Church Hall, Thames Street, Eynsham, OX29 4HF**

**Wednesday 30th November - 1:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, OX2 9QF**

**Thursday 1st December - 5pm to 7.30pm**

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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](mailto:info@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk)**  
**website: [www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk](http://www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk)**

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There is also an online webinar that you can access on **Monday 5th December** from **5.30pm to 7pm**. Go to <https://botleywest.co.uk/Consultation> to register for this.

You can contact Botley West by email, phone or post as well:

Email: [info@botleywest.co.uk](mailto:info@botleywest.co.uk) Freephone: **0808 175 3085** **FREEPOST BWSF**

Apparently, the developers very much need to understand **ALL** the concerns and reservations of local residents, as they must to show they have made significant efforts to consult and have done what they can to address material concerns. This includes **ANY concerns at all** over specific areas of visual impact affecting the character of the countryside and so on. They say any comment made via the online feedback form or through the post, on a feedback form at events or via [info@botleywest.co.uk](mailto:info@botleywest.co.uk), will be recorded by the communications team and will be read by the planning and design team.

It's also worth knowing the process is different for this project from, say, housing developments. West Oxfordshire DC, Vale of White Horse DC, Cherwell DC and Oxfordshire CC are consultees in this, not decision-makers. When ready, the 'Development Consent Order' (DCO) application for it to go ahead will be submitted direct to the Government's Planning Inspectorate (PINS). After conducting public hearings, PINS will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for BEIS, which is currently the Rt Hon. Grant Shapps. The final decision rests with the Secretary of State. His decision can only be appealed on a point of law. If you have recorded an interest in this, you should be informed about the public hearings.

So please use this opportunity to understand what this project might mean for you and what the pros and cons might be, and make your voice heard if you want a say.

### **Thank you & Merry Christmas!**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a personal thank you. 2022 has been a busy year with lots of challenges. I am fortunate enough to work with a fantastic group of people, all of whom voluntarily give up their time and work hard for the good of our wonderful village and have made my start at this job a lot easier.

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.

As we look forward to 2023, I sincerely hope that 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!

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th December 2022 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](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk) You can follow us on Facebook ([@freelandpc](https://www.facebook.com/freelandpc)) or Twitter ([@freeland\\_pc](https://twitter.com/freeland_pc)). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - **Fay Friend, Parish Clerk** - email [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com) or call **01993 357851**

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Our invitation is for you: if you live alone, or are elderly and would like some company, or could accompany a neighbour/family member, or would find it difficult to provide or cook a traditional Christmas meal.

Please fill in the form below or email one of the team, to come and join us.

### Helpers needed:

**Friday 23rd December 8pm:** To decorate the Hall and lay the tables ready for the meal on Christmas Eve.

**Saturday 24th December 3.30pm:** To take all the decorations down, clear up and put everything away like a team of well-trained Santa's elves.

Please email me on [julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.st@btinternet.com) if you are willing to sprinkle some Christmas sparkle, wash or sweep up - all very valuable skills !!



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: Dear Christmas Lunch team,

: I/We would love to attend the Christmas Lunch on 24<sup>th</sup> December

: Please could you reserve ..... places.

: Name: ..... Address: .....

: Contact Tel: ..... Email: .....

: Please return slips to or contact us for more information:

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## **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Thank you to all those who have gone to the trouble of doing shoeboxes this year and all those who have kindly donated items.

The Witney Shoebox Team and volunteers have been working hard to get the boxes ready to go on their journey. A journey that will take them to Romania and the border with Ukraine.

We will put more in the January Grapevine.



The Witney Shoebox Team



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**We're on Facebook: Freeland Farmers' Market**

**The next market will be on Sunday 18th December**

**There will be no Market in January**

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Waitrose car park, Witney----- **12.40 pm**

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### **INFORMATION**

For more information or to volunteer as a driver or helper please contact:

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## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

As winter approaches we both reflect on the season which has just ended and start planning for 2023, but we are also still playing indoor cricket.

The Junior section has named the award winners for the past season:

### **Under 11 Softball**

Most Runs - Zach Furse

Most Wickets - Zach Furse

Most Improved - Joel Edwards

Player of the Season - Zach Furse

### **Under 13 Super 8s**

Most Runs - Adam Davies

Most Wickets - Zach Wilkinson

Most Improved - Elijah Smith

Player of the Season- Zach Wilkinson

### **Under 15 Girls' Team**

Most Runs - Jess Warren

Most Wickets - Carys Owen

Most Improved - Ila Biggin

Player of the Season - Carys Owen

### **Women's Hardball Team**

#### **Super 8s**

Most Runs - Becky Edwards

Most Wickets - Carys Owen

Most Improved Player - Jane Bishop

### **Under 11 Hardball**

Most Runs - Toby Borrill

Most Wickets - Oliver Hemmings-Frendo

Most Improved - Huw Wilmott

Player of the Season - Daniel Smith

### **Under 13 11-a-side**

Most Runs - Ben Davies

Most Wickets - Eddie Borrill

Most Improved Player - Zeb Wild

Player of the Season - William Wyatt

### **11-a-side**

Most Runs - Rachel Morris

Most Wickets - Sarah Stallwood

Player of the Season - Claire Phillips



The Women's indoor team started their winter campaign with two emphatic wins against Steventon, winning the first match by 100 runs and the second by 84.

The Annual General Meeting is being held on **Monday 5th December at 7.30pm** and will be held in the Yeoman. The committee will be reduced to key roles only for the next year as we have found it difficult to get all members to meetings. All are welcome and we would be grateful for any outside assistance to help us deliver cricket to the village.

The Club is looking to fund raise for a professional bowling machine and new sightscreens. We will be starting a Crowdfunding page to raise the **£5,000** we need.

Further details will be in the December issue. For any more details please contact me.

The next Pub Quiz is on **Wednesday 7th December** in the Yeoman at **8pm**.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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

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## 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP



As the end of 2022 approaches, let's look back over all the amazing things we have done this year...

Ready?

We have been camping, hiking, climbing, gliding, orienteering, and fishing. We've baked bread and cooked meals; lit fires and toasted marshmallows; tasted new foods; celebrated different cultural traditions; learned first aid, morse code, how to tie knots, and how to fix bike punctures. We've visited fire stations, police stations, synagogues, churches, Combe Mill and the local woods. We've tried forestry, astronomy, gardening, upcycling, badminton, swimming, pond-dipping, axe-throwing, and paddleboarding!

None of this would have been possible without our dedicated team of volunteers; we owe a massive Thank You to all of them.

All our groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) need more volunteers to keep them running. You can be that extra pair of hands that makes all the difference to young people in our villages. **Beavers and Cubs** meet on **Wednesdays**, whereas **Scouts and Explorers** meet on **Fridays**. Why not start off the new year by getting involved with something new?

Contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk** to start a conversation about how you can get involved. This is an amazing opportunity to contribute to our wonderful community.

We're going to end by paying tribute to one of our longest-serving volunteers ever, who is stepping back after an incredible thirty-six years with the group. Sue (also known as Eagle) has devoted countless hours to helping Beavers over the years and has seen generations of children become teenagers and adults. It is a truly remarkable achievement to have served Scouting for so long and she will be greatly missed. We love you Sue and our simple Thank You seems wholly inadequate for all that you have contributed. We'll miss you, and on behalf of every single Beaver that has ever been lucky enough to have experienced your kindness, encouragement, and support, we thank you.

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## **Covid and Flu booking phone line**

Our dedicated Covid and Flu booking line closed on Monday 14th November 2022.

The Covid and Flu line had reduced to between 2 and 6 calls per day and so is no longer required. The phone lines were extremely busy to start with and it relieved the Reception staff from higher than usual calls.

We encourage you to book online if you have online access using the NHS app to book Covid and Flu appointments. If you have any queries you may email the Vaccine team on **[bobicb-ox.emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:bobicb-ox.emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net)** where we can continue to help book appointments and deal with your enquiries.

If you do not have online access, then please call Reception on **01993 881330** (Hanborough) or **01865 881206** (Eynsham). **[www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk](http://www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk)**

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

Having finished our items for the annual Shoebox appeal, we have been making more with patchwork, and also knitting some special Chocolate Orange covers for Christmas presents.

We hope 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.



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: Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316** (**[margaret.wright160@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.wright160@gmail.com)**)

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### **New Timetable, effective 7th March 2022 Services run Monday - Friday only**

#### **Service 411 Hanborough - Eynsham**

**Not Bank Holidays**

|   |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Church Hanborough                       | 09:05 | 11:05 | 13:05 | 17:25 |
| Hanborough Station                      | 09:10 | 11:10 | 13:10 | 17:35 |
| Long Hanborough, New Road               | 09:15 | 11:15 | 13:15 | 17:40 |
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*              | 09:19 | 11:19 | 13:19 | 17:44 |
| Eynsham, Surgery                        | 09:25 | 11:25 | 13:25 | 17:50 |
| Eynsham, Church (North side of High St) | 09:29 | 11:29 | 13:29 | 18:00 |

#### **Service 411 Eynsham - Hanborough**

|   |       |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Eynsham, Church (South side of High St) | 08:45 | 10:45 | 12:45 | 17:05 |
| Eynsham, Surgery                        | 08:49 | 10:49 | 12:49 | 17:09 |
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*              | 08:55 | 10:55 | 12:55 | 17:15 |
| Long Hanborough, New Road               | 09:00 | 11:00 | 13:00 | 17:20 |
| Church Hanborough                       | 09:05 | 11:05 | 13:05 | 17:25 |
| Hanborough Station                      | 09:10 | 11:10 | 13:10 | 17:30 |

## **RAIL CONNECTION TIMINGS**

### **FREELAND / HANBOROUGH / OXFORD & return**

|                            |              |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane* | <b>08.55</b> | <b>10.55</b> | <b>12.55</b> |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>09.10</b> | <b>11.10</b> | <b>13.10</b> |
| Connects to:               | ∨            | ∨            | ∨            |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>09.18</b> | <b>11.19</b> | <b>13.20</b> |
| Oxford Station             | <b>09.30</b> | <b>11.29</b> | <b>13.30</b> |

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Oxford Station             | <b>10.44</b> | <b>12.45</b> | <b>17.22</b> |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>10.54</b> | <b>12.54</b> | <b>17.32</b> |
| Connects to:               | ∨            | ∨            | ∨            |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>11.10</b> | <b>13.10</b> | <b>17.35</b> |
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane* | <b>11.19</b> | <b>13.19</b> | <b>17.44</b> |

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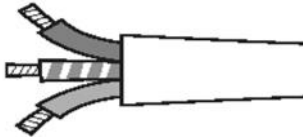
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## **POPPY APPEAL 2022**

Thank you so much to all residents of Freeland who donated to this worthy cause, together we managed to raise a fantastic **£1894.99** for the RBL Poppy Appeal. A special thank you to the organisers of the Farmers' Market for their support, Freeland Garden Centre for allowing a very popular static collection point, The Yeoman, Freeland House, and Freeland School for donations made by the children and staff.

I would also like to thank all the dedicated volunteers for their ongoing support, but this year three of our volunteers, Mavis and Ian Hale, and Julie Hurst completed their 35th year of collecting so deserve a very special mention.

On behalf of the volunteers, we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

## **FREELAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY - VILLAGE HUB PROJECT - UPDATE**

All progress on the Hub Project is halted while we wait for WODC to rule on the Oxfordshire Methodist Circuit's application for permission to develop the Church as a dwelling. If permission is granted this will mean that it will be unlikely that we would be able to acquire it for Community use and will have to continue our search for suitable premises for the shop and cafe. If permission is not granted then we will seek to enter into negotiations with the Circuit regarding the future of the building.



Shops are only one of the many ventures that communities own and run as social enterprises – these include pubs, recreational facilities, power generation and even community housing. If you would like more information about the Hub project or have ideas for community initiatives that Freeland CBS might help with, please contact one of the Management Committee members (below) or email **freelandvillagehub@gmail.com**

Colin Smith, Chairman Freeland CBS Management Committee, **01993 881704**

Roger Faulkner, Vice Chairman, **01993 622413**

Andy Murray, Secretary, **01993 880310**

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## **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION**

Thank you for your continued support with the aluminium collection.

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.

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## **SHARING WINTER WARMTH**

### **How about recycling your Winter Fuel Payment if you don't need it?**

The Government Winter Fuel Payment, which everyone who is eligible receives automatically in December, is not means-tested. Not everyone feels that they should receive it; but the payment could help someone else in real need.

Last year many Eynsham and Freeland residents generously donated their unwanted Winter Fuel payments either to the Eynsham Consolidated Charity to be 'recycled' to needy villagers to help meet their winter heating costs, or to the Bartholomew Educational Foundation, another village charity which supports villagers under the age of 25 with their educational needs and, in which, the requests for grants currently exceed the amount of money available to help.

So please do consider passing on your Winter Fuel Payment to either the Consolidated Charity or the Educational Foundation.

Payments may be made directly to the Charities' accounts:

**Eynsham Consolidated Charity** sort code **09-01-51**, a/c **25159404**

**Bartholomew Educational Foundation** sort code **09-01-51**, a/c **53159405**

The trustees thank all last year's donors, most of whom remain anonymous, having made their donations by bank transfer.

**IMPORTANT.** If you know of anyone in the villages of Eynsham and **Freeland** who may benefit from support with their winter heating costs, do please let the Clerk, Catherine Barton, know by emailing [eynshamcharities@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamcharities@gmail.com). See **page 29** for more details.

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 6/11/2022**

Eight years we have rambled,  
Over stiles and up the hill,  
Having laughs and putting our world to rights,  
There is no standing still,  
Today we've had a change of tack,  
We've gone a bit off piste,  
With thanks to our Transporter, for getting us there safe.....

Ok enough of the bad rhymes. Yes you've guessed correctly, we have left the Shire, like Bilbo and the other three, we were on an adventure, and the only rings we saw were on a felled tree.

Twelve of us abandoned the relative comfort of our village to embark (see what I did there...bark....em....) on a trip to Batsford Arboretum, so today we saw acers, maples, cherries and liquidambar trees awash in red, gold, yellow and of course green. Timing was impeccable, just as we all arrived in the café for sustenance the heavens opened, after which we saw many a drowned rat appear, giving us a small crumb of smugness. Thank you to all who came along and stayed dry. What lies a-forth us now (ie what happens next)?

Next month's circuitous Ramble is to the Combe Mill Christmas Market on **Sunday 4th December** from the bus shelter opposite the **Yeoman at 10am**. **All are welcome to join us, but it might be muddy!**

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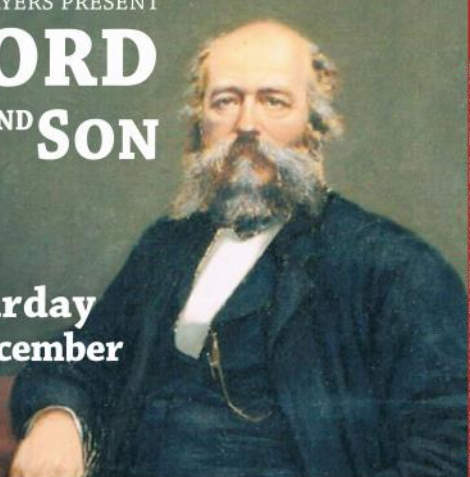
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and Wednesday 11th January at 8pm**




## FREELAND DISTRICT GUIDING

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides have had a very exciting few months. We had a district camp at Jubilee House, the Oxfordshire guiding centre. The girls enjoyed an assault course, crafts, Zumba, den building and camouflage as well as singing round the campfire, toasting marshmallows, ice cream from an ice cream van and very little sleep!

In meetings, the Rainbows and Brownies have been working on the camp badge, learning what to pack, lighting fires and keeping warm and communicate badge and also had a walk and quiz finishing with chips from the chip shop. We are off to see Matilda at the cinema in December via a trip on the Park and Ride bus.



The Guides have learnt to light fires and put up tents, explored our local environment and planted wild flowers.

This term they are taking action to tackle period poverty and mental health as well as looking at science and engineering careers. North Leigh Guides are going to see Mamma Mia early December.

We welcome new girls to all of our units and there is something for every girl to enjoy. All of units are accessible to everyone no matter what your abilities or needs are. To register your daughter, please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

We always welcome new helpers and it is rewarding and good fun. If you can spare an hour or two a week, to help girls grow and have amazing experiences, please email [freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com](mailto:freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com)

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

There is no meeting of the Club in December, but as the Grapevine comes out before the end of the month, it's worth mentioning our meeting on **Monday 28th November at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall again!

Mandy Bradshaw, who is new to the Club, is coming to tell us about 'The Four Seasons - Cotswold Style'. Maybe she will give us some suggestions of places worth visiting next summer. Subs at the increased rate of £20 a year will be due at this meeting and a programme card of the new year's events given on payment. Thanks to our programme Secretary June Counsell who took over the daunting task of organising a programme when Ray Evans moved to Witney. Plant and Garden Items Sale as usual.

Jobs for the end of the year include mulching beds to improve the soil, sweeping up leaves, particularly from areas where they may get slippery, and saving them pressed down in a container to make leaf mould in about 2 years time.

Continue feeding birds and giving them fresh water, clean the greenhouse and insulate it with bubble wrap if storing tender plants there over the winter. Check the greenhouse heater, if using it, but many plants can be grown safely in a cold greenhouse. Ventilate it on warmer days. Insulate outdoor taps and hoses. Clean tools and store any not used during winter.

Lift root vegetables and store in sand in a cool dry place. Cover brassicas to keep birds off. Mulch veg beds not in use. Divide rhubarb, chop the crown into pieces and replant pieces each with a bud and planted the same way up as before. Sew winter salads. Broad beans can be planted now for an earlier crop, preferably in modules in the greenhouse.

Visitors and new members very welcome at all meetings.

For further information about the Gardening Club, please contact Terry Jones at **davidjones30@talktalk.net**

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)





## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY**

The next concert in Witney Music Society's season of winter concerts will be given by Connaught Brass, a prize-winning and dynamic brass quintet. Their programme comprises original works and arrangements both well known and less so.

The concert is on **Friday 9th December at 7.30pm.**

In January, we'll welcome cellist Leo Popplewell and pianist Antonina Suhanova, who'll be playing works by Bach, Shostakovich, Janáček and Brahms. The concert is on **Friday 13th January at 7.30pm.**

Both concerts are at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (**£15, £1 for under 19s**) are available in advance online or at the door from **7pm**. For more information, please telephone **01993 898020** or visit the Witney Music Society website **[www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)**

## **FREELAND WI**

At our November meeting we were delighted to welcome back Amanda Belz, one of our most popular speakers. Amanda was head chef trainer on the hospitality course at Oxford Brookes and is also a village resident. Amanda and her daughter Hannah presented a wonderful festive cookery demonstration. They are a super double act, adding in extra little nuggets of information about foods, restaurants and their own cooking experiences.

They showed us how to prepare different types of 'sausage rolls' including vegetarian and game ones, red cabbage and the 'piece de resistance' a martini shot ice cream. Members and visitors were delighted that we were able to sample all the dishes and they were much enjoyed.

The Committee have now collated our programme for next year based on feedback from our members. We have an excellent range of activities and speakers planned so keep an eye out for our posters on the village notice boards. These will go up next month.

We continue to support the Witney food bank; our donations are 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. 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.

Further information is available on our website:

**<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi>** or

on our Facebook page: **[www.facebook.com/freelandwi](http://www.facebook.com/freelandwi)**

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997**

or at **[freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)**

Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI President



## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 6th December.** Antonia Keaney will be talking to us about Christmas at Blenheim. Come and find out how Christmas has been celebrated at the Palace over the years. 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**.

Please note that we don't meet in January, so the first meeting of the New Year will be on **Tuesday 7th February**.

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## **COMBE MILL CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Sunday 4th 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 being run by local small business people, 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 a 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. You can always make a poker yourself - the perfect, hand forged present.

The raffle will have lovely prizes giving you something to look forward to in 2023 including a cash prize; tickets for Birdland, Hook Norton Brewery, Cotswold Motor Museum, Fairytail Farm; Blenheim Annual Pass; gifts from Little Ox Brewery, chocolates, wine and other goodies too numerous to list.

This year to get to Santa's grotto, our younger visitors can walk through Santa's workshop, listen to a seasonal story and receive a gift. The cost for this magical and unique experience is just **£5** and you will need to go on to Combe Mill website to book a slot. **combemill.org**

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Julie Stuart-Thompson



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### Pre-school activities

The children will be taking part in some great Christmas activities. Colonel Custard will come for a magic show, and we will again be able to go to the church for the first time in a long time for a Nativity Service.

December is one of our favourite times of year at Freeland Pre-school. The children are always so excited.



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## **WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURES etc.**



To enable the construction of the new Park and Ride site being built near Eynsham, Oxfordshire County Council are implementing a speed limit reduction to **30mph** for the period **Monday 24th October to Saturday 31st December** in the portion of **Cuckoo Lane (from A40 heading northwards for 300m to the electricity substation).**

The County Council estimates that the Park and Ride construction project will be completed in early 2024, and opening, with other improvements, in late 2025.

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### **The Green, Freeland between Heritage Cottage and Orchard House in both directions for sewer repairs to the carriageway - REVISED DATES....**

The effect of the traffic order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding along that section of The Green. There are exemptions for emergency services, for the works, and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of the road. The revised dates for the closure are from:

**Monday 30th January to Friday 10th February 2023**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- W 23 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Su 27 Nov Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
- W 28 Nov Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm '4 Seasons - Cotswolds Style'
- W 30 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- M 30 Nov Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
- F 2 Dec Christmas Tree Lighting Event - Village Hall, 6.30 pm - see p23 for details
- Su 4 Dec Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
- Su 4 Dec Combe Mill Christmas Market [www.combemill.co.uk](http://www.combemill.co.uk)
- Tu 6 Dec The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
- W 7 Dec Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 8 Dec Freeland Grapevine - January edition earlier deadline day**
- M 12 Dec Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- Tu 13 Dec Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm
- W 14 Dec Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- W 14 Dec Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
- Su 18 Dec Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
- W 21 Dec Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 21 Dec Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am
- Th 29 Dec Green Week: recycling + food waste, NO garden waste collection**
- Su 1 Jan Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
- W 4 Jan Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- M 9 Jan Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- Tu 10 Jan Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm
- W 11 Jan Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 12 Jan Freeland Grapevine - February edition earlier deadline day**
- W 18 Jan Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 18 Jan Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am

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**www.freelandoxon.co.uk** or at **www.freelandpc.org.uk** from **Monday 12th**

**December**, with the print copies in the church porch from **Friday 16th 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.

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Or mail: Kenny Wylie, I 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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**Sat 10th** - Live Music at 8pm  
**Wed 14th** - Marie Curie Quiz  
**TBC** - Christmas Bingo  
**Sun 25th** - Open for Drinks,  
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