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Services for December 2015

20th	10.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev. David Tyler)
	18.00	Benefice Carol Service, St Peter and St Paul, (Rev. David Tyler) Church Hanborough
24th		Christmas Eve
	17.00	Christingle Service (Rev. David Tyler)
	23.15	Midnight Mass (Rev. Peter Ball)
25th		Christmas Day
	10.00	Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)
27th	10.00	Holy Communion with children's activities, (Rev. Peter Ball) Ss Peter & Paul, Church Hanborough

Services for January 2016

3rd	10.00	Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)
	18.00	Taizé (Rev. Peter Ball)
10th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
17th	10.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church (Rev. David Tyler)
24th	08.00	Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
31st	10.00	Holy Communion with children's activities (Rev David Tyler) Manor School

Services for February 2016

7th	10.00	Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)
	18.00	Taizé (Rev. Peter Ball)

Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday** mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

There are toys, a craft linked to the story and of course snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation. The group runs weekly during term time and on a slightly more ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact either Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or check out our Facebook page to find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/958595840860028/>

In January we will be meeting on every Wednesday: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

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Funerals: Shirley Bowden 25th November 2015

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Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for parents, carers and primary school aged children who meet once a month for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme. We meet on a Wednesday during term time, at the Village Hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm. Forthcoming dates: Wednesday 3rd February, Wed 2nd March & Wed 27th April.

11+ Hitchhikers meeting in Hanborough at 7pm on Sunday evening.
For further information on all these groups or services phone David on 881270 or visit www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland or www.hanboroughparish.org.uk

Some useful contact details:

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If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on **01993 882866** or email: print@associatedagencies.co.uk

You can now see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
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NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

There is no meeting in January

Tuesday 2nd February: 'Drunk and Riotous - Oxfordshire Friendly Societies.'
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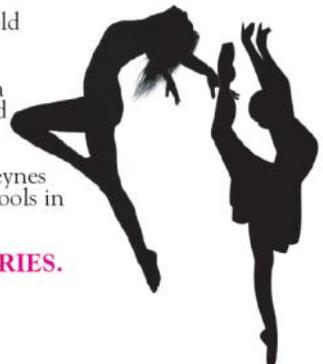
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Letter from our Rector:

Dear friends,

I wonder at the start of another New Year whether sometimes we strive too hard for the new at the expense of what we already have.

It can be good to pause and ponder our lives and set a new direction but I wonder whether some times we strive for the new without recognising what is good that we already have and don't always value.

The expressions 'throwing the baby out with the bath water' and 'if it ain't broke don't fix it' spring to mind - do we risk what we have that is good sometimes by always looking for the thrill of the new?

We perhaps look to having a new job, start a new diet, join a gym, seeking to work less, seeking to be a better father/mother/husband before we recognise what we have that is already good. Perhaps our job has it's frustrations - but perhaps if we think about it there are still bits about our job we enjoy. Or perhaps if we join a gym maybe we won't have time to do some of the other things we might enjoy - or we might actually just feel frustrated that we never go and the only pounds we loose are from the direct debit every month!

So this New Year I invite you to look at your life - do it before God - but value what you have, before you look to the new.

Wishing you a blessed New Year.

David

LIVING WELL IN THE END TIMES

We are fortunate as members of the congregations in the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland to have the opportunity of hearing the Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt present her booklet 'Living Well In The End Times: A Christian Resource to support people in making peace with the prospect of death', on **Monday 22nd February 2016** at Christ Church **7.30pm** for **8pm**. Coffee & Tea will be served at the start of the meeting which is expected to end at 9.30pm.

Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt works three days a week for Ripon College, Cuddesdon. The rest of the week she works as Oxford Diocesan Advisor for Spiritual Care for Older People. She studied experimental psychology and theology at Oxford University, and clinical psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, University of London. She is a chartered clinical psychologist and specialist neuropsychologist, registered as a practitioner with the Health Professions Council. After many years working in the health service, Joanna moved into the field of psychology of religion and was director of the MA programme in psychology of religion at Heythrop College, University of London until 2010 when she joined the staff at Cuddesdon.

Her interests are wide ranging, reflected in publications on cognitive behaviour therapy, brain and behaviour, natural theology, psychological approaches to the Bible, psychological trauma, the spirituality of children and people with special needs, and

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medical ethics. She currently has two books in press: one on psychology and spiritual formation (SCM), and one edited volume on neurology and religion (CUP). She has been a trustee of Godly Play UK, and Chair of the British Association of Christians in Psychology. She is an associate priest in a West Oxfordshire parish.

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20th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Worship Together (Rev. Sue Spankie)	Manor School
	10.00 United Morning Prayer	Christ Church
	18.00 Benefice Carol Service (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
24th	Christmas Eve	
	15.00 Crib Service (Revs David Tyler and Sue Spankie)	St Peter & St Paul
	23.15 Midnight Mass (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
25th	Christmas Day	
	10.00 Methodist Service with Holy Communion (Rev. Paul Weir)	Christ Church
	10.00 Family Worship with Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
27th	10.00 Holy Communion with children's activities (Rev Peter Ball)	St Peter & St Paul

Services in Hanborough for January 2016

3rd	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
10th	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
17th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Worship Together (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Manor School
	10.00 United Morning Prayer (Rev. Sue Spankie)	Christ Church
	18.00 Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
24th	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
31st	10.00 Holy Communion with children's activities (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School

Services in Hanborough for February 2016

7th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Manor School
	18.00 Healing Service (Revs Sue Spankie & David Tyler)	Christ Church

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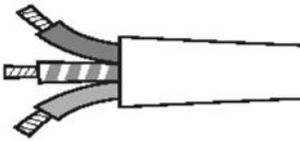
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CHRISTMAS at ST PETER'S begins on Christmas Eve because before that it is still Advent. Our main Christmas Services are as follows :-

Christmas Eve : Thursday 24th December:

CAROLS & FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 6.00pm

It is a good idea to get to church early for this one as the Church is usually packed. It is not much use for those who want a quiet prayerful time, as there are always lots of children. The Christmas story is shared with them as they bring candles to surround the Christmas Crib.

OUR MIDNIGHT MASS starts at 11.30pm

Do not make the mistake of coming at Midnight! This is a Solemn Mass with traditional Carols and Incense, so sit at the back if it makes you cough. Incense symbolizes the presence of God, which is why it is one of the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas Day : Friday 25th December:

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.00am

This is very similar to our normal Sunday Morning Mass, but it ends with the children gathering round the Crib to sing Away in a Manger. It tends to bring tears to the eyes of some, but they love it!

WE PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS by encouraging people to make their Confession and times follow, but this year we are also hosting **AN ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION** on **Saturday 12th December**. It begins with Mass at **10.30am** with a Talk on Prayer and various devotions including time for Confessions. People bring their own lunch but drinks will be provided. It finishes at 3.30pm. *Continued.....*

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CONFESSIONS JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS are on **Saturday 19th December at 7.00pm, Sunday 20th December** after Sunday Mass, **Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30am** and **Christmas Eve at 10.30am**

OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS continue with a Mass every day after Christmas Day, as happens all year, but **please look at our Website or Weekly Sheet for the times which are different.**

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY is the day when we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men which, strictly speaking, is a separate Festival from Christmas. We will be celebrating it on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd January** and throughout the week that follows. The Shepherds disappear from our Crib and it becomes a house, not a stable, with the 3 Wise Men visiting with their Gifts.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on the **18th January** and in Eynsham and Cassington the different churches will host a lunch time of prayer during that week. Our day is **Tuesday 19th January from 12 Noon** for an hour.

OUR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST COMMUNION meet next on **Saturday 23rd January at 4.30pm** when they will learn about Baptism and look at the Church Baptism Register where some of them will find their names. The following Day they will come forward with their parents to commit themselves fully to the process which will end with a very happy day on **3rd July!**

SURVIVE-MIVA is a great charity that provides various forms of transport – cars, motorbikes, bikes and even boats – to poor Catholic parishes all over the world. We are looking forward to a speaker telling us more about this on **Sunday 31st January** at our 10am Mass

OUR PANCAKE FEAST is always a very happy event on the Saturday before Lent starts which is **Saturday 6th February** this year. Open from 10am till 1.00pm with lots of lovely fillings and lovely people to meet! Why not book the date now?

WE HAVE NOW BEGUN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY so look out for a Booklet describing the different things we can do to mark this Year. Pope Francis hopes we will all make our Confession at some time possibly associated with visiting and passing through a Holy Door. One of these will be at the Oratory Church of St Aloysius in Oxford so we do not have far to go. We are also asked to think of one thing we can do to offer mercy and support to others.

FREELAND METHODIST CHURCH CANDLELIGHT CAROLS 2015

Have you ever wondered who looked after the sheep when the shepherds rushed off to Bethlehem? Or what the Three Wise Men were really looking for?

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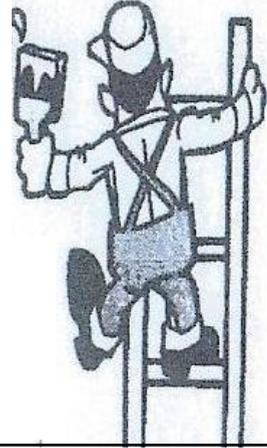
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- Dec 19th 18.00 **CANDLELIGHT CAROLS** (see page 13 for more details)
20th No service
27th No service
- Jan 3rd 10.00 Family Worship at St Mary's
10th 10.30 Rev. Michael Langley
17th 10.30 Do-it-ourselves
24th 10.30 Rev. Paul Weir - Covenant Service at L. Hanborough with Sutton
31st 10.30 Andrew Maisey
- Feb 7th 10.00 Family Worship at St Mary's

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 20th December: 9.15am to 10.00am

Christmas Programme:

Christmas Eve

24th December Christingle Service 4.15pm to 5.00pm

24th December Midnight Mass 10.30pm to 11.15pm

Christmas Day

25th December 9.15am to 10.00pm

Sunday 3rd January: 9.15am to 10.00am

Sunday 17th January: 9.15am to 10.00am

Sunday 7th February: 9.15am to 10.00am

Congratulations to Jane Morrison for accomplishing her first quarter peal on the treble bell.

Usual practice every Monday from 7.30pm until 9pm.

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

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING UPDATE

As the next Parish Council meeting will be held on 21st December, and the following meeting is not until 18th January 2016, here is a quick update on any planning applications or planning decisions received since the last meeting.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can now be viewed online from the Village Website at www.freelandoxon.co.uk (under Planning Applications) or via the WODC website at 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: None.

Applications Approved:

15/03521/HHD 50 BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND.

Single storey front extension and garage conversion for Mrs C Smith.

15/03580/HHD 5 HURST LANE, FREELAND.

Convert part of garage to enlarge utility for Mr & Mrs Tom & Vero McCoy.

15/03447/HHD 33 CHURCH VIEW, FREELAND.

Erection of single storey rear and first floor side extensions for Mr & Mrs Lonsdale.

Design of Garden of Remembrance

At the Council's meeting on **18th January 2016**, Mary Ann Canning will be presenting possible layouts for the Garden of Remembrance for the Council to discuss. Some plans will be on display and residents are invited to comment. This meeting will be held in the Hall rather than the more usual Newell Room so that more residents can attend and will start at the slightly later time of **8.00pm** and, as always, all are welcome.

Contacting the Council & Dates of Next Meetings:

The next council meeting will be held on **Monday 21st December 2015 at 7.30pm** in the **Newell Room**. The January meeting will on **Monday 18th January 2016 at 8.00pm** in the **Village Hall**. **Please note the time and venue are 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

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On **Tuesday 22nd December 2015, 7.30pm** for **8.00pm** start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, our Christmas Quiz, suitable for all ages and abilities and guaranteed to be fun! Don't worry if there are only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night! Please remember to wear your Christmas Fancy Dress or come in your Chrimbo Jumper or Santa Hat (optional)! Entry is just £3 per person with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Bar snacks available. Raffle prizes on the night will be very much appreciated.

More information: Nicky Clargo oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com or **07754 271 831**

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

We would like to wish all our members and readers of the Grapevine a Very Happy and peaceful New Year and hope that 2016 proves to be an excellent year in the garden.

There was no meeting in December as everyone was busy with Christmas. A new year for the Club started with a visit in November from Steve Moll to talk and show slides about 'The Incredible World of the Honeybee'. Although we had a talk about bees a few years ago, Steve had many new and fascinating facts about these remarkable insects. He took us through a complete year in their life story, starting when a friend helped him to harvest his first swarm into a hive he was given. He told us about the astounding distances they flew and the waggle dance directing where a source of nectar and pollen was to be found.

He brought some of his own honey, beeswax candles and beeswax furniture polish along for us to purchase.

On **Monday 25th January** at **7.30pm** in Freeland Hall Timothy Walker, a great favourite with the Club is returning to give us Part 2 of his Plant Hunting in Australia talk and slide show. His Australia Part 1 lecture was one of the best we have had. He mentioned climate, weather and many other aspects of the areas he visited and the unusual plants he found sometimes in peculiar places. We are sure his Part 2 talk will be equally interesting and amusing!

Subs for 2016 were due from the November meeting. Anyone joining the Club pays the annual sub of £12 plus a joining fee of £5. Visitors pay £3 a meeting. We welcome anyone from Freeland or surrounding villages who are interested in becoming a member. A 10% discount at most local Garden Centres is given for some items when you show your programme card, given to you on payment of subs.

The thousands of daffodils planted throughout the village will soon be poking their heads out of the ground. What a fantastic sight they are thanks to the band of members who have planted them over the last few years. If you are new to Freeland you have a treat in store!

There is a Bring and Buy Plant and Gardening Items Sale at each meeting in the hall. For any further information about the Gardening Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans at 99 Wroslyn Road or ring **881420**.

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Happy New Year!

I am writing this report early this month to meet the early print deadlines, but what a year it's been for our Scout Group!

I have seen so many comments from young people and parents alike, from all sections, about how much fun they have had with packed programmes this year.

As we haven't had the end-of-year review at the time of this going to print, I've not got all the detail to go through what we've been up to in 2015, but I will report back on the highlights and what is planned for 2016 next month.

On behalf of all the young people, and their parents, I want to convey a huge thank you to all the leaders who develop and deliver packed programmes for our young people to experience.

Scouting depends on its adult volunteers and we would welcome your involvement.

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- Help prepare refreshments for a section or Group event.
- Help to transport some to any event away from the hall.
- Support the Scout Group at social evenings.
- Support the Group's fundraising activities.
- Join the Executive committee and help manage the Scout Group.

If you want to get involved, there is a job you can help with in scouting! However much time you can offer, however frequently or whatever skills you have, we can make great use of them. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Adam, our Group Section Leader, on gsl@hfscouting.org.uk , or speak to a leader at one of the meetings. No previous experience is necessary as training will be provided.

Thank you.

Steve Mellin, Publicity representative

EYNSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Would you like to sing Bach's magnificent *St John Passion* with Eynsham Choral Society?

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24th Christmas Eve

5pm Christingle Service St Mary's

11.15pm Holy Communion St Mary's

25th Christmas Day

10am Holy Communion St Mary's
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Enjoy the rest of the festive season, and have a Happy New Year!

Find us on [facebook.com/FreelandLittleFreeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/FreelandLittleFreeLibrary) or <https://freelandlittlefreelibrary.wordpress.com>



Matthew Ruddle 01993 359 543 ruddlem@gmail.com

Freeland Baby and Toddler Group



This friendly group continues to meet in the village hall every Monday morning during term-time **10.00am** until **11.30am**. A wide variety of toys and play equipment is available every week along with a drink and snack for the children. Tea, coffee and biscuits/cake are available for parents/grandparents/carers.

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

11th January - snowmen pictures

18th January - pizza making

25th January - Play doh

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

For more information please contact Helen on **(01993) 880469**.

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

This month has been devoted to making Christmassy things. Some items, such as foil "twizzlers" and baubles made from last year's cards, were made to decorate the tree and home. Several intricate Temari balls were decorated with threads and ribbons to hang on the tree and string art designs were worked on Christmas cards.

Make a New Year's resolution and come and meet us - we are a friendly group where you'll find a warm welcome whether you wish to craft and natter or just natter!

NEXT MEETINGS: Freeland Methodist Chapel - 2pm to 4pm

Wednesdays: December 30th; our party on January 6th; January 13th, 20th, 27th; February 3rd & 10th

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The Programme for our 2016 meetings is as follows:

11th January

Star Cakes - Sugarcraft Demonstration & Have a Go

8th February

A Craft Evening. Come and have a go at a variety of crafts on an Easter theme

14th March

AGM & Social

Sunday 20th March

Easter Market - Provisional

11th April

It's a Girl's Life in the Army - A talk about the lighter side of a woman's life in the Army

9th May

Have a Go at Making a Tub or Hanging Basket at Freeland Garden Centre

13th June

Pamper Evening with Renaissance Beauty. Come and be pampered for half the price in the salon.

11th July

Have a Go at Croquet and enjoy a Social Evening at Eynsham Croquet Club.

8th August

Outing to Bampton and Cogges Farm to follow the Downton Trail. This will be an afternoon event.

12th September

The History of Witney Blankets - a talk

10th October

A Demonstration and Tasting of Indian Cookery

14th November

A Craft Evening - get started on making your Christmas cards.

12th December

Christmas Party - Bring and Share

Freeland WI meet on the second Monday of the month at **8pm** in Freeland Village Hall. Visitors are always made welcome at our meetings, so come and join us for an evening.

For more information about how to join, what we do and contact details for the committee take a look at our website at <http://freelandwi.weebly.com/> or phone Lorraine Pengilly on **01993 881129**



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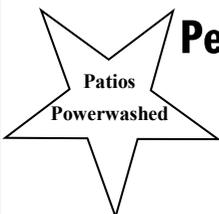
Entrance fee is only £1 per session. We have a tuck shop selling drinks, sweets, crisps and chocolate on each session. We have a wide range of activities and games for the children to do. We recently ran a girly session with glitter tattoos, face masks and a beautician doing nails - it was a great success, so a boys only session will be next to be planned.

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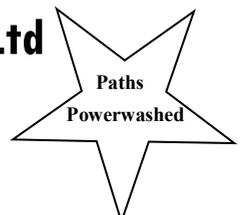


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We will then be **closed** from **Friday 25th to Monday 28th December** inclusive.

Open from **Tuesday 29th to Thursday 31st December** inclusive

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Hanborough surgery: **01993 881330**

Eynsham Medical Centre: **01865 881206**

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The next Football Club fundraiser is on **Tuesday 29th December** when we have another Golf Society Day. This time we will be braving a no doubt cold Chipping Norton Golf Club. The cost for 18 holes is £35 and this includes food afterwards. The usual longest drive, closest the pin competitions will also be in play. If you are interested please give me a call on **07917 631 742** to enter your four ball.



Merry Christmas to everyone and have a great 2016 from all at Freeland Football Club.

Matthew Hardy - Freeland Football Club Chairman

TUESDAY CLUB UPDATE

Members from the Tuesday Club are now meeting informally at The Yeoman on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Noon for lunch and a chat.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 5th January**.

Beryl Dawes Tel: **01993 883770**

Request for Warmth for Calais

Following redundancy in Jan 2016 I will be self-funding a trip to 'the Jungle' in Calais.

To date I have raised £2,500 and will use these funds to provide shelters for those in need to help see them through the winter. These will be fully equipped with a stove and cooking pots to ensure a few of the most vulnerable can stay warm and dry.

If you can donate any of the following items for me to take I would be most grateful:

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For more info: Ann Applegate (01993) 881782 www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock

Tuesday 5th Jan: Michael Bull: 'Antiques'

Tuesday 2nd Feb: Barry Oxley: 'RSPB'

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Tickets will be available at the door from 7pm: £12, concessions - over 60s £11, under 18 £1. For more information, please call **01993 702296** or visit our website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

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FREELAND TEDDY GIRLS

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

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If you would like to be involved please contact brucehammersley@gmail.com. This is to be a 'hands-on' workshop, so bring your camera, tripod if you have one and some warm clothes!

The date of this is to be **Saturday 9th January**. Dawn on that day is at **08.00** so the start will be at **07.15**.

Our monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 26th January** in the Newell Room at **19:30**, details of which are:

- Creative landscapes - key concepts, using examples from the Blenheim master class - Doug
- Technical spot - Depth of field. What is it, why does it happen, how to control it - Martin - 20 mins
- Images to share, what have you taken that you would like to share and receive critical feedback upon
- AOB - Coming up, next meeting, homework.

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Our new term of courses will be starting in **January** along with Saturday workshops from **Saturday 30th January** - see website or brochure for details.

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Healthwatch Oxfordshire hears what children, young people and adults have to say about health and social care services, whether that is praise, criticism or ideas for improvement. We strengthen the collective voice of patients and the public, so that service providers and commissioners listen to what they have to say. We then hold them to account on how they use the information we provide to shape, inform and influence service delivery and design.

In order to ensure that we have the best possible evidence and the widest possible views to influence the delivery and design of health and social care services, we need as many people as possible to speak out about their experiences, so that we can speak up on their behalf.

Healthwatch is independent, and we are accountable to the people of Oxfordshire, so please tell us how you would like to be treated and cared for, and what is important to you when using health and social care services, and we can make a difference together.

To find out more about Healthwatch Oxfordshire, please visit our website, www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk

Contact us on **01865 520 520** or email hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk
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- set the targets for achieving those aims and objectives
- monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making towards achievement of its aims and objectives
- be a source of challenge and support to the head teacher (a critical friend).

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS December 2015

9 brave souls and a dog set out on a surprisingly mild December morning with grey skies to conquer the wild winter countryside. Most returned exhausted but cheerful. With another year almost at an end, we are left with some unanswered questions, for example, when's big Phil coming back? Who signed off last years accounts? Where are last years accounts? Why have we only held 16 AGMs in the last 12 months? The list of failed ventures continues, namely the much publicised firework display, such a tragic farce! Mrs. Trellis still blames us for her distorted red hot poker.

Even Trevor is not without blame. Despite all of this we'll boldly ramble on into 2016 with our heads buried firmly in the sand.

A Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year to everybody involved.

We look forward to meeting up again at the next exciting event;

The Oxfordshire Yeoman, **9.30am, Sunday 3rd January 2016**

From your Rambling Presidento and keeper of a compass

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 21 Dec Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 22 Dec Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11.35am - 12.15pm)
- 22 Dec Marie Curie Christmas Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm for 8pm
- 23 Dec "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
- 2 Jan "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 3 Jan Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- 5 Jan The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00-11.30am
- 5 Jan Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11.35am - 12.15pm)
- 5 Jan Former Tuesday Club members meeting at The Yeoman, Noon
- 5 Jan Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 5 Jan Eynsham Choral Society rehearsal, Eynsham Primary School, Eynsham
- 8 Jan Recycling + food waste collection only (NO garden waste collection)
- 8 Jan Witney Music Society, Wood Green School, Witney, 7.30pm
- 11 Jan Freeland Women's Institute meeting, Freeland Hall, 8pm
- 12 Jan Last date for insertions in the February Grapevine**
- 14 Jan "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 15 Jan Freeland Cinema, Freeland Village Hall, 7.30pm 'Mr Holmes' (PG)
- 18 Jan Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 19 Jan Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11.35am - 12.15pm)
- 20 Jan "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection + XMAS TREES!
- 25 Jan Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Jan Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 27 Jan "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 2 Feb The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00-11.30am
- 2 Feb Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11.35am - 12.15pm)
- 2 Feb Former Tuesday Club members meeting at The Yeoman, Noon
- 2 Feb Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 2 Feb North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Feb "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection

MOBILE LIBRARY

The West Mobile Library provides a library service to the people of West Oxfordshire - a complete list of mobile stops and online library services can be found on the Oxfordshire Library Website (www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk). With over 2500 books on board there is a comprehensive range of adult and children's titles, both fiction and non-fiction including large print as well as audio books. Any valid Oxfordshire Library Card can be used on the Mobile Library and any book borrowed from another Oxfordshire Library can be returned to the Mobile.

We visit **Freeland** every alternate **Tuesday** and the van stops at the junction of Wroslyn Road and Parklands:

Pre-school storytime **11.00 – 11.30**

Public **11.35 – 12.15**

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Oxfordshire Yeoman



Sunday 20th Dec

Acousticana

Tues 22nd Dec Marie Curie Quiz Night £3ea

Christmas Eve

Food: Noon - 2.30pm, Bar: Noon - Close

Christmas Day

No food, Bar: Noon - 2pm

Boxing Day

Food: Noon - 2.30pm, Bar: Noon - Close

Sunday 27th Dec

Food: Noon - 3pm, Bar: Noon - Close

Monday 28th Dec

Food: Noon - 2pm, Bar: Noon - Close

Tues 29th & Wed 30th

Food: Noon-2pm & 6-9pm, Bar: Noon - Close

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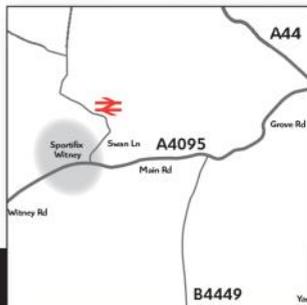
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