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Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 19th November 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Sunday 26th November 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Val and Andy Richens

Preacher: Andy Richens

Sunday 3rd December 10.00am All Age Communion

Leader: Matt Cripps/Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Matt Cripps/Mandy Cripps

The above information is correct on the date published (22/10/2023). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our website below.

**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm/dusk.
Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.**

See our website at www.hfchurch.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Funeral and Burial: Arthur Ralph Mitchell 18th October 2023

ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is currently open for both burials and ashes interment. The space for burials is limited. We will provide notification on our website and in the Grapevine when the graveyard reaches its capacity.

For further information or to contact the church, please see our website www.hfchurch.org.uk or use the QR code.



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Colin Griffiths
01993 357336

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01993 881742

Contact via website www.hfchurch.org.uk

Weddings: Rev. Steve Stewart 01993 881270 rector@hfchurch.org.uk
administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

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

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

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

Hitchhikers If you have children at secondary school (or are one yourself!), you are welcome to join us every other week between **5.30pm and 7pm on Sundays** to have snacks and hot chocolate, catch up with friends, play some board games, and share a short thought from the Bible. It is usually held in our home, so do phone us for dates and more information if interested. Sarah and Nigel Knights Johnson (**01993 359 572**) on behalf of the Youth Team.

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 <p>First Steps</p>	<p>Baby and Toddler Group</p> <p>Wednesday (term time only), 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Christ Church, Long Hanborough</p> <p>£2 per family</p>
<p>We welcome all under 5s and their parent/carer.</p> <p>Join us to meet others and enjoy free play and fun activities together.</p> <p>Each session finishes with refreshments, a Bible story and song time.</p> <p>For more information: hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps</p> 	



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Letter from our Associate Rector, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear friends.

“When I pray, coincidences happen. When I don't, they don't.” Archbishop William Temple

A few years ago, I was working in Seoul in South Korea when I had the opportunity to visit a prayer retreat centre called Prayer Mountain, which was run by one of the large churches there. The Prayer Mountain campus was close to the border between South and North Korea. In fact, after a short drive, one could see the border with its lines of barbed wire separating the two Koreas, which was quite a sobering experience.

In truth, I think I was more a tourist than a pilgrim, only staying at Prayer Mountain for a day. Whereas many so called 'normal' South Korean Christians would come to pray for anything from a couple of days to forty days, often fasting as well as praying. While these apparently very ordinary, yet quite extraordinary believers prayed for a variety of things including personal needs for themselves, family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues, they prayed most often and most passionately for their nation. As I wandered around the Prayer Mountain campus with my interpreter, we heard people crying out to God for their nation, particularly praying for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

Just hearing those cries echoing around the complex was incredibly moving, but what really surprised me was when my interpreter informed me that a section of the evening prayer meeting in the main auditorium would be given over to praying for the UK. Here I was 5,500 miles away from home amid a group of Christians who were praying passionately for the UK. It was humbling, challenging, and inspiring that these believers, many of whom would never step foot in the UK, were praying for my nation.

So why I am telling this story, well the Bible encourages all believers to pray for our nations.

- **In 1 Timothy 2:1-2 it says,** *“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

- **And then in 2 Chronicles 7:14 it says,** *“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

Quite simply, God has always called his people to pray for their nation, just as he is calling us as his people in this generation to pray for our nation today. My encouragement then is to pray for our villages, our towns, and our nation. So that, in the wise words of Archbishop William Temple, coincidences happen!

Blessings,

Rev. Mike Madden

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Sunday 12th November 10.00am Remembrance Sunday combined service with Christ Church and the Methodist church at St Peter and St Paul

Leader: Rev Steve Stewart Preacher: TBA

Sunday 19th November 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 26th November 10.00am Communion

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

Sunday 3rd December 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev Mike Madden

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 29th October 10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion

(with Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child: Nancy Chamings-Manley)

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 5th November 10.00am Morning Praise

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

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Sunday 19th November 10.00am Morning Praise

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

Sunday 26th November 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Amanda Ford Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 3rd December 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Josh Soanes

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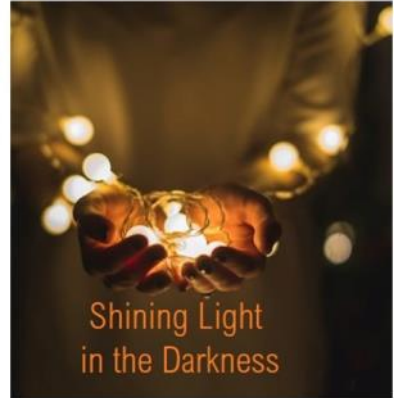
Two Light Events for Children and Their Families

Tuesday 31st October 2023 5-7pm

outside Christ Church, Long
Hanborough and outside St Mary's,
Freeland.

Do join us for Hot Chocolate and free party
bags.

We will also be having activities in the
Churches.



For more information email:
rector@hfchurch.org.uk

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday 5th November 9.30am - 10.00am
Sunday 12th November 9.30am - 10.00am Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 19th November 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

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: gillbreakspear@btinternet.com

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Sunday 29th October 10am Rev. James Skinner

Sunday 5th November 10am Rev. Andrew Biggs

Sunday 12th November No service here. Remembrance Service at
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Sunday 19th November 10am Mr Bob Forster - Family Service

Sunday 26th November 10am Rev. Fred Ireland

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

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

website: www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk

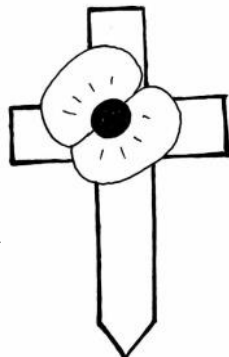
Please see our website for current job opportunities across the Clubs

Remembrance Sunday, Freeland

12th November 2022, 10.00am

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Mary's, Freeland, starting in church at 10.00am, moving to the War Memorial where silence will be held at 11.00am.

All are welcome.



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

- Friday 1st December from 6pm for 6.30pm - Freeland Christmas Tree Lighting at Freeland Village Hall
- Sunday 10th December at 6pm - "Christmas Unwrapped" Carols at Christ Church
- Friday 15th December at 6pm - Carols on the Green at Hurdeswell Green in Long Hanborough
- Sunday 17th December at 6pm - Nine Lessons & Nine Carols at St Peter and St Paul followed by mulled wine in church
- Sunday 24th December at 5pm - Christingle at Christ Church
- Sunday 24th December at 5pm - Christingle at St Mary's
- Sunday 24th December at 11:15pm - Midnight Communion at St Peter & St Paul
- Monday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day All Age Family Communion & Carols at St Mary's
- Monday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Family Service at Christ Church
- Monday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Communion & Carols at St Peter & St Paul



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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Working Groups

We wish to thank all those who attended the working groups recently. Anyone else wishing to help support the future of Freeland and join either the Community (Social) or Sustainability Group should email **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**. Or do you run a local business and wish to have a stall or sponsor the event, please let us know.



**Freeland
Parish
Council**

Full Council

We are happy to announce we are back to a full council again, with the new additions of **Victoria Baker** and **Stewart Ainsley**. Welcome to the team.

Thanks

We would like to give a personal thank you to Graham Lay for restoring the wooden street sign up on The Green. Thank you for your work - it is very much appreciated. Additionally thanks to Robert Crocker for restoring The Green from damage caused by lorries over the year.

New white gates

You may have noticed that the 4 Parish boundary gates on the A4095 have been replaced for us by Estelle Manor, and we are grateful for their support. There are two at the westbound end of the village heading towards North Leigh and two at the eastbound end leading into Hanborough.

Noticeboards

Thank you to Freeland Fencing who have installed two new noticeboards, one located next to the bus stop on the A4095 westbound, we hope that it connects our very long and unique village together. We've also replaced the one outside of the Primary School.

Tommy and Remembrance Day

The 'Tommy' metal sculpture is due to be erected on The Green ready to commemorate Remembrance Day and pay tribute to all those who fought in the two World Wars to defend this country.

Fix My Street

We urge you to continue reporting potholes, damaged kerbstones, or other matters such as grass cutting on the A4095, on "Fix My Street" (**fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk**), where you can report any issues to the County Council. Additionally, if you would like to become a 'Super User', which will help speed up the process of repairs, then email **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** for further details.

Playpark

After our yearly inspection, we have sadly had to close the toddler park swings. The replacement swings have now been ordered and will take approximately 8 weeks to be delivered and installed.

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Green Tip

It seems that every month a new record is broken when it comes to the climate crisis. September has just been declared as globally the hottest month on record, and not by a small margin! Now we are experiencing an unseasonably warm mid-October in the south of England, whilst Scotland experiences unseasonably heavy rain and flooding.

With the continuing climate crisis, we need to remember that as individuals we do have agency, we can make a difference. Previously we have focused on how simple changes to our purchase and consumption of food can reduce our carbon footprint substantially. This month we will turn our attention to the clothes we wear. It is not generally known that our apparel has a significant carbon footprint, for example a pair of cotton jeans has roughly the same carbon impact (approx. 80kg CO₂ eq) as driving a petrol or diesel car 200 miles, whilst an eye-watering quantity of water is used in the manufacture (12,000 litres). In the UK we purchase more clothes per person than any other country in Europe, 75% of which end up in landfill. By reducing the number of new clothes we buy we can significantly reduce the damage our lifestyle does on the planet, whilst at the same time saving money. There are several ways to do this. We can wear clothes for longer and repair them when necessary. When we need additional clothes buying second-hand is a great option as it reduces the pollution associated with making new. There are several apps available such as Vinted and eBay where you can buy pre-loved clothes. We are also very lucky in that Eynsham and Witney both have a great selection of charity shops selling pre-loved clothes. Buying from charity shops has multiple advantages; it reduces pollution, saves money for the consumer, and provides support for a good cause. It has recently been stated that enough clothes have been manufactured to furnish the next six generations. For the sake of the planet, we need to think about moderating the demand for new clothes.

Planning Applications

All planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website at www.freelandpc.org.uk (under Planning Tracker) or on the WODC website at publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/

You can also contact the Planning Team at the WODC Wood Green Council Offices on **01993 861420**.

Applications under consideration or appeal:

22/02377/FUL Conversion of Methodist Church to form a single dwelling is currently subject to an Appeal Hearing. Representations to this closed on 17th August.

Applications Received: None

Applications Approved:

23/02250/HHD 19 Oakland Close, Freeland

Demolition of existing ancillary outbuilding and replacement ancillary outbuilding providing home office and home cinema

23/02026/S73 Land South of Shaston, The Green, Freeland

21/00961/FUL

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Construction of part two-storey and part single-storey extension to dwelling, involving demolition of existing single-storey detached garage, with associated alterations to existing dwelling.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

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

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website is **www.freelandpc.org.uk** You can follow us on Facebook (@freelandpc) or Twitter (@freeland_pc).

Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

The season is over and we have finished the end of season renovation of the cricket pitch, with 50kg of seed and 2 tonnes of Surrey loam being spread across the square.

We are now starting the preparation for the Annual General Meeting which will be on **Tuesday 5th December** in the Yeoman at **7pm**.

The **Women's Hardball** team had their presentation night on Friday 13th October in Ready Steady Spice.

The award winners were;

Most Runs - Martine Summers (117)

Most Wickets - Claire Phillips (9)

Best Batting Performance - Martine Summers 31 not out

Best Bowling Performance - Ella Bishop 5 wickets for 16 runs

The next cricket will be the **Women's Indoor League** which starts on **Saturday 4th November**.

The next **Cricket Club Quizzes** will be on **Wednesday 8th November and Wednesday 13th December, 7.30pm** for an **8pm** start, in the Yeoman. At that point we will pause the quiz until further notice.

As ever, if people are interested in playing, coaching or their children would like to play please contact me via the email address below:

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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The **First** team have had a couple of games, winning one and losing one.

Our **Under 10's** have had a superb start to the season, winning all their games so far.

Our two **Under 17s** sides are both doing well, playing in the same league. Freeland Village currently sit top and Freeland sit 4th.

We have a couple of events coming up. A **family Halloween Disco** on **Sunday 29th October** from **5pm - 7pm** in the Village Hall - see **page 38** for more information, all are welcome. On **Thursday 28th December** we have our **Christmas Golf Day** at Chipping Norton Golf Club. If anyone would like to enter a 4 ball please get in contact.

Men's Fixtures:

Saturday 28th October - Away - Milton

Saturday 4th November - Away - Ducklington (1.30pm KO)

Under 10s Fixtures:

Saturday 28th October - Away - Faringdon

Saturday 4th November - Home - Faringdon

Under 17s Home fixtures:

Sunday 5th November - Freeland v Freeland Village

Sunday 12th November - Freeland Village v Banbury Spencer

Sunday 19th November - Freeland v Banbury Spencer

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WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The second concert of Witney Music Society's new season will be a song recital by the tenor Alessandro Fisher with collaborative pianist Ashok Gupta. Their programme will include works by Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, Schubert and Reynaldo Hahn. The concert is at **7.30 pm on Friday 10th November**.

In December, the Rossetti Ensemble will be performing works for piano quartet by Mozart, David Matthews and Dvořák. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 8th December**.

Both concerts will be at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (**£15, £1 for under 19s**) will be available at the door from **7pm** or in advance online.

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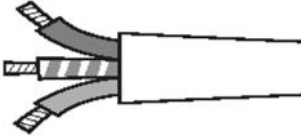
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THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2023

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I am delighted to say that the lunch team at the Church have kindly offered to host the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20th December.

As in previous years, this will be a fully funded Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, desserts and a goodie bag, but will not include a second meal to take home, as the kitchen area at the church is much smaller than in Freeland Hall.

All those living in Freeland who have attended the lunch over the last 5 years are welcome.

If you normally attend the church lunch, you will be given an invitation. If you do not attend the church lunches, you just need to contact me to receive your invitation.

Please email me on julie.st@btinternet.com if you would like to attend.

I would again just like to thank all the Freeland residents and family members who have helped me to host the lunch over the last 5 years and I am sure we all send our best wishes to the Long Hanborough organisers for this year.

Julie Stuart-Thompson

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for following our guidelines to mostly only donate fiction books during September and October; it is really helping us to manage the flow of books that we receive, and it makes it much easier for us to keep the Little Free Libraries tidy and well-stocked.

As a gentle reminder, please consider donating any older, heavier, more specialised non-fiction books to charity shops, where they can be used to raise money, and are far more likely to find new readers. If they are out of date or now irrelevant, recycling them is another way to make more space on your bookshelves at home.

We have a large collection of Christmas books that we've been saving throughout the year, and they will soon be released into the Little Free Libraries as we get closer to December. As always, please take as many as you like, and there is no need to return them if you would like to keep them!

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We have now held our last Farmers' Market and would like to thank The Oxfordshire Yeoman, Freeland School and the Village Hall for acting as hosts; Ian Paxton for organising the events; Arthur Treherne and James Bugg for their support. Thanks also go to Becs Higgins and Wayne Griffiths.

The motivation was to raise money for a range of charities and more than **£5000** has been raised.

We would like to thank all those who have supported the event over the years.

The Heart Unit at the JR has received just under **£3000**, cancer charities **£200**,

The Royal British Legion **£310**, Freeland School Society **£335** and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund **£120**. In addition individual stallholders have raised more than **£950** for the Witney Trefoil, just under **£250** for the Scout Jamboree expenses, and several hundred pounds for other charities, including

Julie Stuart-Thompson fund raising for BEFSA, and the Mott brothers for Crohn's & Colitis UK, Diabetes UK & the JR Heart Unit with a jigsaw puzzle sale.

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INFORMATION

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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP

Wow – what a great time we’ve all been having!

Thank you to our amazing volunteers Sam, Anna, Tom and Ali, who all led an intrepid group of our older Scouts on a local weekend camp to New Yatt in late-September, to help them achieve badges that will go towards them getting their Gold Chief Scouts Awards. Well done to everyone involved!

Our Explorers had a joint event with some of our Scouts, while the others were busy camping. They enjoyed an evening of playing games out in the dark at Freeland. Fortunately, no-one got lost...

Beavers have had loads of fun activities recently, including playing laser tag, sharing their favourite books, tracking bats with bat detectors, and learning about safety skills.

A massive shout out to all of our volunteers who help to plan and implement all these amazing activities every month; the work you do is invaluable.

There are always opportunities for you to get involved in our local Scouting groups. We work with young people in both Hanborough and Freeland and welcome new volunteers from anywhere in the local area, including the new housing estates and beyond.

If you are looking for a way to meet new people, to support our community, or to learn new skills, please do contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email gsl@hfscouting.org.uk for more information. We are a very friendly bunch and always welcome new faces!

This is your time to make a real difference and to get involved in your local community.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

THERMAL IMAGING

With the colder weather fast approaching a small team of Freeland residents attended a training session in Thermal Imaging. As the title suggests, it instructed us in how to take pictures which display the variation in temperature across a house.

After this training we can offer residents living within Freeland the opportunity to have their house assessed to determine how efficient it is in keeping the valuable warmth inside and not allowing it to escape.

To get the best results for this exercise we need to carry it out when the weather is at it's coldest and darkest (ie January & February). Unfortunately our work might not have much impact on your energy costs this winter, but will certainly help you prepare for next winter.

As the work required to assess the thermal properties of our homes is not difficult, we can easily train additional volunteers who might want to join us in mapping the village. So, if you'd like to have your home assessed, become a camera wielding thermal imaging Freeland or both please drop me a line at markoc.fpc@gmail.com and I will be in contact. We will carry out the imaging on a first come first served basis and will endeavour to meet every request but as this exercise is very much dependant on the weather this may not be possible.

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KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

By the time you read this, my marathon walk from the John Radcliffe to the hospice in Adderbury will have happened (22nd October). Thanks to all those who have supported me and donated to this worthy cause. If anyone still wishes to make a donation it's not too late. Just use the camera on your



phone on the QR code to the right or, if you prefer cash, this can be given to me or dropped off at 140 Wroslyn Road.



Thanks again on behalf of all those who are receiving palliative care and, together with their loved ones, benefit from the specialist care that is provided by the hospice who do such a tremendous job in meeting their physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual or social needs.

Roger Faulkner

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The meeting of the Club on 25th September was a talk by Paul Green from Green Leaves Nursery in Gloucestershire entitled 'Plants of the Season'. He brought along a great number of interesting and unusual plants which he informed us about. All his plants were for sale and many members went home with a variety of new plants suitable for the Autumn Garden.

The Annual General Meeting on **Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is open to anyone interested in joining our friendly Club as well as present members, of course. The new programme for 2023/24 will be presented as well as information about the previous year. Our Committee will be chosen and financial information given by the Treasurer.

On **27th November**, also at **7.30pm** in Freeland Hall, our first meeting of the new Club year is a talk and pictures about 'Orchids of Borneo' by Malcolm Moodie. He has been to the Club before with stories and pictures of Orchids in many parts of the world and is an interesting speaker.

Bring and Buy Plants and Gardening Items Sale at every Hall meeting. Visitors at **£4** a meeting and new members always welcome.

For any further information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at davidjones30@talktalk.net Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all those who came and helped at our fundraising event on Saturday 21st October. We managed to raise **£283.50** which will make so many poor and deprived children happy when they receive a Christmas shoebox.

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Freeland, Village Hall*	08.50	10.25	12.25	14.25	17.25
Long Hanborough, New Road	08.53	10.30	12.30	14.30	17.30
Church Hanborough	08.56	10.33	12.33	14.33	17.33
Hanborough Station	08.59	10.38	12.38	14.38	17.38

Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station	09.00	11.00	13.00	14.43	17.43
Church Hanborough	09.03	11.03	13.03	14.49	17.46
Long Hanborough, New Road	09.06	11.06	13.06	14.52	17.49
Freeland, Village Hall*	09.10	11.10	13.10	14.56	17.53
Eynsham Surgery	09.16	11.16	13.16	15.02	17.59
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Hanborough Station	08.59	10.38	12.38	14.38
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Hanborough Station	09.18	11.19	13.20	15.18
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Oxford Station	10.46	12.45	13.44	17.23
Hanborough Station	10.55	12.54	13.54	17.33
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You can also name a race for **£10**, a perfect opportunity for local businesses to get their name out, or just for a racer to bring a little laugh to the room with a funny name.

Buy horse and race names from The Oxfordshire Yeoman when you purchase your tickets, or on the night if there are any unnamed!

TICKETS

Tickets are available from The Oxfordshire Yeoman for **£10** - which includes entrance to the event and a meal of either chicken or vegetable curry. This ticket will also be entered into a lucky number giveaway to win a prize on the night!

BAR

There will be drinks available on the night for an extra cost, from a bar kindly run by The Oxfordshire Yeoman.

We hope to see you there!

Freeland Social Group

FREELAND SPEEDWATCH

During the last year 71 sessions have been held during which 5228 vehicles have been monitored at various locations in the village. 512 of these were reported to Thames Valley Police. This means that almost **10%** of vehicles were travelling at excessive speeds. At one location the number of offenders was over 19% and the highest recorded speeds were **66mph and 70mph!**



Thankfully Freeland has not experienced a serious accident to date but we need to keep it that way. A big "thank you" to our team of volunteers who do a tremendous job in making sure our village remains a safe place. We could always do with more volunteers so if you could spare just an hour a week and would like to join our team, or if you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact me on **rogfner@aol.com**

Roger Faulkner - Speedwatch Co-ordinator

FREELAND SOCIAL GROUP

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We meet at **7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall in North Leigh, **OX29 6SA**. All welcome. 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**

EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATES

Clinical Trial

We will be recruiting to a clinical trial to monitor episodes of flu-like symptoms over the 2023/24 flu season. Participants will take swabs and record flu-like symptoms through the season. If you are 65-year-old or over and interested in participating, please email **bobicb-ox.research.eynshammg@nhs.net** or call **01865 881206** and ask to speak to research nurse Victoria Mills.



We are running the recruitment clinics on **Tuesday 31st October and Tuesday 7th November**. Participants health needs to be stable. Suitable mobile phones will be available from the trial team if needed. There is a modest payment for the inconvenience of trial visits and travel.

Many thanks for considering.

Dr Ian Binnian

Autumn Flu and COVID Vaccinations

All under 65 years of age will have started to receive their invitations. For all school aged children please ask your child's school when they will be vaccinating your child.

When you arrive for your booked appointment, please wear clothes that would allow you to receive your vaccines easily, and if you know your NHS number, please do bring this with you.

You may email **bobicb-ox.emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net** for any vaccine queries or bookings.

New draft health and wellbeing strategy

Oxfordshire County Council are asking residents to comment on the new draft health and wellbeing strategy which is open for comment until **12th November**.

As a county, we're facing challenges with an ageing population, increased demand for services, mental health and wellbeing concerns in young people and significant inequality in our health.

A partnership across the county have been working to develop a strategy that gives power to our communities to help deliver what is needed to support people to make healthy choices, live independently and stay happier and healthier for longer.

Oxfordshire County Council are now asking whether it makes sense for you in your community?

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 1/10/2023

Yes, yes, yes, I know, I heard you the first time, can you pipe down now I'm trying to write....where was I?

Ten people and a beautifully well behaved dog set off, left, on an overcast (looked like rain) but wonderful map-less 5.49291964 mile ramble around our beautiful local villages.

It soon became apparent some of us had made a school boy error and overdressed, we could have had a coat sale half way round. Our route planner had what seemed like a slight lapse in his usual impeccable directional compass when we craftily covered the full circumference of a field, although he was adamant nobody noticed.

Incidentally when the Romans arrived in AD47 they built many straight roads. The most evident still today is the Fosse Way. Supposedly they made them straight to avoid ambush on corners!

Next month's resplendent local Ramble will be on **Sunday 5th November at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Ramble on! Tinchy Stryder



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 5pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thurs Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11.30pm; Fridays 9.30am - 11.30pm; Saturdays Noon - 11.30pm; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door.

There are copies available in the **Long Hanborough Surgery** waiting room, and now also in **Freeland House and The Lodge**.



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The Freeland Craft Group are kindly placing their beautiful handmade wreaths on the 15 memorial trees throughout the village during the period of remembrance.

Thank you in advance to everyone who donate so generously and of course to the collectors who give their time and support every year regardless of weather.

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

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

FREELAND ENERGY GROUP

After a couple of meetings – time to go public. The Freeland Energy Group is a small group of concerned residents with big intentions – cut carbon usage in this area.

At the meetings we have thrown the subject around, it is heavy and complicated and one that can get more than a little technical. The key question for us is how can we locally contribute to removing carbon – that is stop relying on using fossil fuels – gas, oil, coal? Can we here in Freeland find ways to make these changes?

What the Freeland Energy Group want to share now is that our aim is to break down this enormous task to help identify recognisable steps anyone can use for themselves. Added together the small steps and actions will definitely count.

First up is – take up our offer of getting a thermal image of your house .. see where heat (and your money) is escaping from your home - see page 29 for details.

In the meantime, we are building links with the CAPZero project and others in Oxfordshire so we can tap into their experience. If you want more information about the detail of our meetings, what the main targets are or want to know when the next meeting will be, contact Colin Smith **01993 881704** csmithprivate@hotmail.com

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lambh54@googlemail.com) or by **cheque** payable to Oxford Operatic
Society (please include cheques with requests for tickets).

(If you have any questions, please phone Hilary on **01993 881125**)

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB



An example of Couched (or Laid) embroidery where plain material is decorated with colourful embroidered images. The design is first covered with long embroidery threads which are then "couched" to the material with contrasting stitches, making different patterns. The decorated material is made into bags to hold phones or glasses or needles, etc.

This month we have been asked to decorate the memorial trees in the village with poppy wreaths, as we did in 2018, so we are busy knitting extra poppies to replace some of the old ones.

New members are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you some time

This friendly group meets each Wednesday afternoon from **2.00 – 4.00pm** in the Newell Room at the back of Freeland

Village Hall. There is usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover hire costs.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:

Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316**

(margaret.wright160@gmail.com)

Margaret Wright

NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Volunteers are urgently required on a regular weekly basis for our morning or afternoon riding sessions and for our pm rota (1/2 hour at 4.30pm on a sign up basis).

If you are able to spare a few hours once a week to help provide therapeutic riding to children and adults, please check out our website www.newyattRDA.org.uk and email us at nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com

Freeland Open Gardens

June 2024

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

Your garden may be an immaculate example of your artistic talents, a productive source of food, a tranquil space in which to gather your thoughts or a lightly managed haven for wildlife.

Maybe it is a combination of all of these.

"Open Gardens" is a wonderful opportunity to share your passion with like-minded people.

Please consider taking part.

For more information or to get involved contact:
Shelagh Kardos 01993 657626 or
email shelaghkardos@gmail.com

All proceeds will go towards ongoing Village projects.

FREELAND WALKING GROUP

The group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for a walk of about 5 miles followed by lunch at the place, usually a Pub, where the walk begins. Sometimes the walks, led by a club member, are local but at other times we travel by car to the Pub from which the walk begins and where we have a meal together afterwards,

If you would like to join us on a walk please contact me at hjdalton43cv@gmail.com so that I can put you in touch with the person leading the walk that month and they can send you details of the walk, when to meet and a menu so that you can preorder your lunch. New members very welcome.

The next walk is on **Wednesday 15th November.**

Janet Dalton

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Sunday 3 December

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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 rest of the year are: **15th November and 20th December**.

FREELAND WI

At our meeting on October 9th, we were joined by our speaker Jan Warner. Her talk had the intriguing title of 'Survival of the Fittest.' Jan was a very engaging speaker, who had us reflecting on how babies were cared for throughout history. Sadly, mortality rates were high due to lack of hygiene and knowledge. Jan told us how she had started collecting historical items related to rearing infants over 50 years ago, when she was offered a coach-built pram for free. She also set up a very interesting display of some of her items for us to browse and reminisce about.

As usual, at our October meeting, members were able to vote for the activities they would like to see in next year's programme. Watch this space to see which were the most popular and keep an eye out for our new programme in January.

At our next meeting on **Monday 13th November**, we will be joined by Mariella Bliss who is making a return visit, having previously demonstrated bread making. This time, Mariella will be demonstrating the art of authentic Italian confectionery. No doubt there will be some delicious samples to taste!

Throughout the year we have continued to support the Witney food bank at our meetings, having a collection box where members very generously leave their donations. These are then delivered by one of our committee members, Maggie, 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. We are pleased that our membership continues to grow with six new members joining in the last couple of months. If you have been thinking about joining WI you will receive a very warm welcome. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> whilst current information is on our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/freelandwi**

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



Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI



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SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

9.30AM - 12 NOON, FREELAND VILLAGE HALL

£40 PER PERSON (£35 FOR WI MEMBERS)

Includes wreath base, decorations and festive refreshments

Join us for a relaxing, creative session making a beautiful Christmas wreath for your door or table.

Learn a skill that you can use year after year!

To book your place please email: colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk

A fundraising event for Freeland Women's Institute

FREELAND WI are holding a Christmas Wreath Workshop

What better way to get in to the Christmas spirit than by joining a Christmas Wreath Workshop and creating your very own stunning handmade door wreath. We will guide you step-by-step with assembling the foliage and provide you with the things you need to make your own design. This is the perfect activity for groups of friends, colleagues and individuals alike.

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7.30pm, Saturday 25 November 2023

Venue: Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford

Tickets: £9, U16s £1, available in advance

from TicketSource via the QR code

Email: info@burfordorchestra.org.uk

Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information





This month, the Brownies and Rainbows have been working on their 'lead' badges.

The Rainbows have used conkers to make animals and characters, made their own coat of arms shields and have played shops, learning about coins and trying new fruits.

The Brownies learnt about what makes a good leader and have also had to make a smiley face on a potato using hammer and nails, screws and screwdriver.

The Guides have been continuing with their investigation and upcycling badge and the rangers have been doing animation work.

Can you help? North Leigh Guides is in need of a second leader. If you could spare time on a Monday night to help out at North Leigh Guides, it would be really appreciated. Please get in touch freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com



The Arts Society West Oxfordshire is a long established society with about 120 members.

www.taswox.org.uk

We offer:

- 9 monthly lectures a year from September to June, and visits to places of interest and exhibitions
- at least 2 study days and a tour, either to Europe or UK
- A New Year buffet lunch with a social get together in January

All lecturers are experts in their subject and accredited by The Arts Society UK.

Lectures are held at the **Corn Exchange** in Witney.

This September and October saw talks on Banksy and the Canadian "Group of Seven".

Upcoming:

Thursday 9th November, 2.30pm: "Post Impressionists: Cezanne, Gauguin and Van Gogh"

Thursday 7th December, 2.30pm: "The Magic of Pantomime".

Thursday 11th January, 11.30am: Lecture (TBA) followed by lunch.

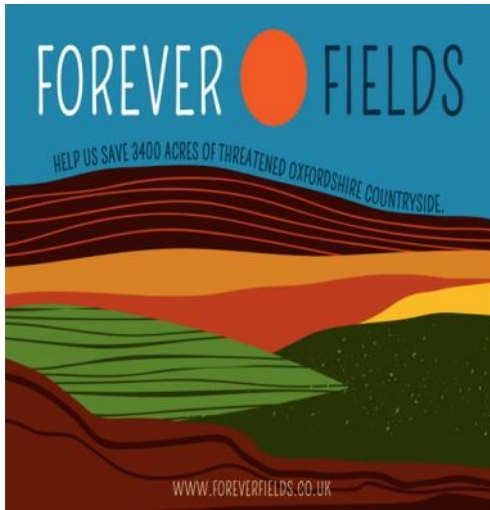
Find more details about these lectures and our programme at www.taswox.org.uk

STRANGE REQUEST??

Could you share with me any little sayings, predictions, superstitions you may have grown up knowing? Things such as 'red sky at night, shepherds delight' 'see a pin, pick it up, all the day have good luck', 'don't walk under a ladder,' ! If you know what you know is particular to a certain part of the country, that would be a lovely additional detail.

Many, many thanks.

Email your sayings to me at jennydwylie@aol.com



FOREVER FIELDS OPEN ART EXHIBITION AND ARCHIVE

**Worton Hall, Worton Park,
near Cassington, OX29 4SU**

Launch Event:

**6pm – 8pm, Friday 24th November
2023**

All Welcome

Exhibition open:

10.30am – 7pm Saturday 25th,

**10.30am – 4pm Sunday 26th
November 2023**

Entrance free

Go to www.foreverfields.co.uk.

Contact us on foreverfieldsproject@gmail.com

The Forever Fields Project Team is very excited to announce the Open Art Exhibition. Showcasing people's creative response to our countryside, we are celebrating the beauty, productivity and bio-diversity of the fields and settlements that will be lost for 42 years under solar panels if Botley West Solar Power Station is built. We are delighted that many people are interested in taking part and can't wait to see what they make.

We know that our communities are full of ideas, and we want to show them off! This exhibition is an opportunity for you to share your creative skills. Taking the fields of the Botley West patch as your inspiration, what work will you, or have you, created that conveys the sights, sounds, feelings, knowledge you have about this landscape?

Forever Fields plans to create an Archive of all the work exhibited, which will stand as a record for future generations of the nature of the landscape and how people responded and celebrated it today. Our countryside is valuable to us in myriad ways and we want this to be known and not forgotten.

The exhibition is free to enter, open to anyone, adult, child or young person. Your work does not need to have been specifically created for this exhibition, but it must fulfil the theme of 'Forever Fields'. Your work will be included in a stunning and eclectic exhibition at beautiful Worton Hall which is located centrally, facing on to the area affected by Botley West. Worton Park is an estate committed to true sustainability, balancing renewable energy, recycling and organic food and flower production as well as protecting wildlife. The cafe at Worton Kitchen Garden will be open throughout the exhibition. Worton Park has kindly donated the hosting of the exhibition within Worton Hall. It's the perfect location!

So whether you are taking part by contributing your creative work, or by visiting the exhibition, we look forward to seeing you there.

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THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND

Regular café first Tuesday of the month, **9.00 - 11.30am**, Freeland Hall

Friday Bakes at the Yeoman from **9.30am**

janes.cakestudio@gmail.com 01993 881273

CATKINS Genuine Cat Lover available for home visits whilst you are out or on holiday. References available. **Debbie: 07805 583 419 or Janice: 07896 990 801.**

FREELAND PIANO TEACHER has vacancies for Piano/Flute/Recorder Tuition. Beginners welcome, both Adults and Children. Email **jane.duff17@gmx.com** for more details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- M 23 Oct Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** AGM
- W 25 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Sa 28 Oct Charity Film Night “The Duke”, Eynsham Village Hall **eynsham.org.uk**
- Su 29 Oct Halloween Disco, Freeland Village Hall, **5 - 7pm, £10** family ticket
- Su 29 Oct CLOCKS CHANGE BACK ONE HOUR - end of British Summer Time**
- W 1 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Su 5 Nov Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
- Tu 7 Nov The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
- Tu 7 Nov North Leigh History Society, Memorial Hall, North Leigh, **7.30pm, £4**
- W 8 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 8 Nov Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, **7.30pm for 8pm**
- F 10 Nov Witney Music Society, High St Methodist Church, Witney Doors **7pm**
- Su 12 Nov Freeland Grapevine - December edition deadline day**
- M 13 Nov Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- M 13 Nov Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** - ‘Art of Authentic Italian Confectionery’
- W 15 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- W 15 Nov Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at **9.15am**
- W 22 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- F 24 Nov Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** AGM and Members’ Social
- M 27 Nov Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** ‘Orchids of Borneo’
- W 29 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- F 1 Dec Christmas Tree Lighting event, Village Hall, 6pm for 6.30pm**
- Sa 2 Dec Race Night , Village Hall, Doors 6.30, 1st Race 7pm, £10 inc meal**
- Su 3 Dec Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman

WOODSTOCK u3a

October saw a virtually full house to give a warm welcome to guest speaker, Chrissie Harper, accompanied by feathered friends – two out of the many owls & birds of prey with whom she has worked for more than 27 years. We learned a little about the hazards and triumphs of saving damaged birds, and the occasional sadness of losing one; altogether. Chrissie calculated, she had been responsible for saving 68 of these handsome birds. Their eventual & inevitable release back into the wild 'not as easy as it sounds'. 'Owls are not pets – they are a lifetime commitment', she said and you have to take care to remember this.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the meeting was the appearance of the owls themselves, introduced to the audience one after the other, secured to Chrissie's arm and gazing at us with what could perhaps best be described as cool interest: 'been here before' they appeared to be thinking: 'not impressed.'

The Branch's next monthly meeting on **Tuesday 2nd November at 2pm** features a talk by David Grylls on the subject of 'Love, Sex & Victorian Fiction', St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock. Guests, as always, most welcome.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock>

Chris Sladen

The deadline for articles or adverts for the **December** Grapevine is **Sunday 12th November**. The **December** edition should be online at: www.freelandoxon.co.uk or at www.freelandpc.org.uk from **Monday 20th November** with the print copies in the church porch and elsewhere from **Friday 24th November**.

We welcome handwritten or typed articles and adverts. However, if at all possible, please send by email, formatted to fit an A5 magazine - it will certainly help to reduce the number of our mistakes! The font we use is **Gill Sans MT** at 10 point.

If submitting electronically please use Word or Publisher, **not PDFs** as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine.

Photographs should be JPGs or PNGs, again **not PDFs**.

The cost of a Small Advertisement is **22p per word**. Please make cheques payable to '**FREELAND GRAPEVINE**'. Contact Kenny Wylie about costs for other adverts. 1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 127mm wide, 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 127mm wide

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Articles: freelandgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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

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COMING UP

Fri 27th Oct - Gareth Gwyn of "Vents Duo" Live

Sat 4th Nov - Celebrating 10yrs of Trevor at the Yeoman!

Sat 25th Nov - The B List covers band



Uggy's Pizza dates for your diary (from 5pm, kitchen closed):

Sat 28th Oct

Sat 11th Nov

Sat 25th Nov



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Sat 12pm - 11.30pm

Sun 12pm - 10.30pm

Kitchen hours

Wed-Sat 12pm-2.30pm/5.30pm-8.30pm

SUNDAY ROASTS

For the next few months, we will once again be serving up Sunday roasts.

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Explore Sleeping Beauty in the Palace, where each room tells a different chapter in Sleeping Beauty's story. Wander through the Evil Fairy's spooky wooded lair, into the castle frozen in time and on to Aurora's candle-lit bed chamber, and of course there's plenty of festive decorations including our gigantic Christmas Tree in The Great Hall.

Find out more at www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/christmas/



BLENHEIM ESTATE

Take a piece of Blenheim Estate home with you this Christmas

Christmas is just around the corner and our fabulous Forestry team will once again be selling Estate-grown Christmas trees, including Norway Spruces and Nordman Firs, in a range of sizes alongside stands as well. Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis from our sales hut located in the Estate Office car park in Woodstock, OX20 1PP from 1st - 17th December every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 4pm.

No pre-booking is required and our team will be accepting contactless payments only.

Once you're finished with your tree, you can bring it back to the Estate Office where it will be used for chipping in projects across the Estate.

BLENHEIM

If you have visited us in the past few weeks you may have noticed that the Duke of Marlborough's standard flag is once again flying from the rooftop at Flagstaff Gate. The original 200 year old flagpole was taken down back in January by Oxfordshire Fire Service due to conservation works taking place. The new flagpole is 15 metres long, weighs 350kg and incorporates a lightening conductor as an added safety level. It is also topped with a 24 carat gilded coronet. A big thank you to Savvy Construction Ltd who carefully installed the new flagpole and have been carrying out the works on Flagstaff Gate and the Orangery roof as well as Apex Composites, an industry leader in carbon fibre composite products, who built it.

Keep up-to-date with our news and latest events by signing up to our newsletter at

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