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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

## **Sunday 25th September 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Matt Cripps  
Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

## **Sunday 2nd October 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion**

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

## **Sunday 9th October 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Andy Richens  
Preacher: Andy Richens

## **Sunday 16th October 10.00am Holy Communion - Harvest**

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

## **Sunday 23rd October 10.00am Service of the Word**

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

## **Sunday 30th October 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at Ss Peter & Paul**

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

## **Sunday 6th November 10.00am Family Service with Holy Communion**

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

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**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.**

**Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.**

**See our website at [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)**

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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**.

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Please contact Carol Bower (**881930**) if you would like to join.

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

The bells will be rung at the following times:

**Sunday 2nd October 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 16th October 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.

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

In what strange days we live. For the last seven decades, Queen Elizabeth has been the constitutional head of state, beneath whom all politicians of whatever party hue have enjoyed office, responsibility and privilege. Her Majesty has been the lens through which the world has both seen and measured what it means to be British. If there is such a thing as “British values”, they will be a consequence in large measure of the Queen’s commitment to service in fulfilment of a vow she made when she was a very young woman and kept into grand old age.

But the Queen was much more than just a political-constitutional figure. Through her diligence, conduct and kindness, she came to occupy a place more than of just Royal family but of our own families. From beautiful young Queen in her “salad days” winning the hearts of the world, to elderly stateswoman becoming grandmother to nation and Commonwealth, she was the great constant through the unimaginable political and technological changes that stretched over the 70 years of 1952 to 2022.

Queen Elizabeth’s exit from this earthly life to the next brings with it great questions of how the world will come to see the UK, and will have a material effect on our global standing – and in an unstable global political climate.

Yet, when things are changing, it is not only possible, but absolutely necessary for those who believe in Christ to know and understand that He is the only, eternally-stable, never-changing, always-present King and Lord of all. Queen Elizabeth was a woman who knew this and understood it, perhaps more than most, for throughout her reign He was the only one to whom she bowed the knee – and not just once or twice, but Sunday by Sunday publicly and daily privately. It was most noticeable that as our new Monarch and Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Charles III, in his first speech as King, attested to his own Christian faith.

May I commend to you two prayers from the Church of England:

This one intended for adults:

*God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may find comfort and  
  hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

And this beautifully simple prayer to pray  
with our children:

*Loving God,  
our Queen has died and people are sad.  
Thank you for her long life  
and her care for her people.  
We pray for our new King.  
Bless and guide him as his reign begins.  
Amen.*

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart  
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

If you would like to learn more about church and what it means to be a Christian, simply join us at any of our churches on a Sunday morning (see [hfchurch.org.uk](https://www.hfchurch.org.uk)) or contact me for a chat at [rector@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@hfchurch.org.uk)



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## **RIDE+STRIDE - Saturday 10th September 2022**

Thank you to those who welcomed the 6 visitors to St Mary the Virgin Church in Freeland. Thank you to everyone who took part or who sponsored the people who did. The amount of money raised will be printed in the next issue of the Grapevine.

John Fox

**ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE** are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm 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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### **Sunday 25th September 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson      Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

### **Sunday 2nd October 10.00am Service of the Word**

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

### **Sunday 9th October 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart      Preacher: Rev. Nick Wood

### **Sunday 16th October 10.00am Holy Communion - Harvest**

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

### **Sunday 23rd October 10.00am Service details TBC**

Leader: TBC      Preacher: TBC

### **Sunday 30th October 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship**

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

### **Sunday 6th November 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: John Fox      Preacher: John Fox

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

### **Sunday 25th September 10.00am Service of the Word**

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

### **Sunday 2nd October 10.00am Service of the Word**

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

### **Sunday 9th October 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson      Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

### **Sunday 16th October 10.00am Service of the Word - Harvest**

Leader: Amanda Ford      Preacher: Jonathan Ford

### **Sunday 23rd October 10.00am Service of the Word - Holiday time service**

Led by Wendy and Simon Gundry

### **Sunday 30th October 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at Ss Peter & Paul**

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

### **Sunday 6th November 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson      Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

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- Sunday 25th Sept** 10am Jude Levermore  
**Sunday 2nd October** 10am Rev. Hedley Feast  
**Sunday 9th October** 10am Mrs Mary Blow  
**Sunday 16th October** 10am Richard Bowler  
**Sunday 23rd October** 10am Rev. Fred Ireland (Holy Communion)  
**Sunday 30th October** 10am Richard Bowler (Local Arrangement)  
**Sunday 6th November** 10am Rev. Fred Ireland

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# **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES**

## **Her Majesty the Queen**

Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September a service of thanksgiving was held at the church of St Peter & St Paul in Church Hanborough on Monday 12th September in which the Chairs of both Hanborough and Freeland Parish Councils took part. Our uniformed organisations were also well represented among the congregation of 182 people from across the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland. Her Majesty was a truly inspirational monarch and was loved and respected the world over. She will be greatly missed but we now look forward to a new era with King Charles III. God save the King.

## **Public meeting: Salt Cross Garden Village and Speed Limits in Freeland**

On **Friday 14th of October** in Freeland Village Hall from **7.30pm** we are hosting an open public meeting to update all Freeland Residents on the Salt Cross housing development and the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit in parts of Freeland. There will be a number of experts present who will help answer any questions. We do ask that questions be sent in advance to the Parish Clerk, Fay Friend, at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** so that they can be collated and possibly answered during the presentation but there will still be a question and answer session at the end. Additionally, if you cannot make the meeting in person we are going to host via Zoom. There is a limit of 100 participants. Details as follows:

**Salt Cross Village meeting: 7.30pm - 8.35pm approx**

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**20mph Speed Reduction meeting: 8.45pm - 9.30pm approx.**

**Meeting ID: 754 2011 0789**

**Password: FPC**

## **Planning Applications**

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at **www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning** . You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

## **Applications Received:**

**22/02188/FUL Freeland House**

Construction of temporary accommodation for staff, comprising 9 twin bedroom pods and 1 dining pod.

**22/02224/HHD 50 Broadmarsh Lane**

Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension to form ground floor disabled persons bedroom for Mrs Smith.

**22/02378/LBC Freeland Methodist Church**

Internal and external alterations to convert Methodist Church (F1), to form a single dwelling (C3), with associated works to include the insertion of roof lights and the construction of a new boundary wall.

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**22/02377/FUL Freeland Methodist Church**

Conversion of Methodist Church (F1), to form a single dwelling (C3), with associated works to include the construction of a boundary wall.

**Applications Approved:**

**22/01590/HHD 8 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Erection of replacement single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Brasey

**22/01680/HHD 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Whole house renovation to raise roof, front and rear extensions

**22/01713/HHD 23 Oaklands Close, Freeland**

Proposed single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Clark amended version of 22/00848/HHD

**22/01459/FUL Elm Farm, The Green Freeland**

Conversion of existing field shelter to create home office for domestic use for Mr and Mrs H Whitbread

**22/01047/FUL 34 Freeland Gate, Freeland**

Change of use of land to extend private garden of both Plot 34 and Plot 35 for Mears New Homes With Sovereign Housing Associates

**Applications Withdrawn: None**

**Applications Refused: None**

**Parish Council response to retirement village appeal**

Please see the centre pages of this edition (**pages 28 & 29**) for more information.

**Who are your Parish Councillors?**

**Bill Phillips**

Valerie and I moved to Freeland in 1977. Our 3 children all attended Bartholomew School, have grown up and left the village. We have 4 adult granddaughters and a 7 year-old grandson.

Before retiring, I worked for Oxford University Computing Service having first used a KDF9 computer in 1964.

I was first elected to Parish Council in 1984 and will be standing down at the next election in 2024 having completed 40 years. Over the years I have seen many changes, the main successes being the new Village Hall, Changing Rooms and Newell Room. Usually things are more mundane and move very slowly but now we have large developments around Freeland which may have a large impact on the village.

Freeland is a great place to live and I hope that through the efforts of the Council, it will get even better. We have a vacancy at the moment, so why not get involved in the life of the village and contribute to its future?



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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room. This was delayed from the 12th September because of the death of HM The Queen.

The October meeting will be on **Monday 10th October 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.*

Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the **SECOND** Monday of each month in the Newell Room. There is no meeting in August. The Annual Parish Meeting is held in March or April on a date agreed by the Parish Council. The Annual Meeting of the Council is held at the ordinary meeting in May.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandpc.org.uk** You can follow us on Facebook (**@freelandpc**) or Twitter (**@freeland\_pc**). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk - email fayf.fpc@gmail.com or call 01993 357851**

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It is now 5 years since the formation of our local Speedwatch Team during which time thousands of vehicles have been monitored and hundreds reported to the police for travelling at excessive speeds, the highest of which was 63mph!!

There has been a change in the protocol adopted by Thames Valley Police in that we now need to operate with three people at each session rather than two. This means that the number of sessions that we can arrange will be considerably reduced unless we enlarge our team of volunteers.

If you would like our village to remain a peaceful and safe place to live and could offer just one or two hours a week to join our team it would make a tremendous difference. To join our happy band, or for further information, please contact me on **rogfner@aol.com**



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# Salt Cross Garden Village

You are invited by Freeland Parish Council to an **open information meeting** to update Freeland residents

Friday 14 October at 7.30pm  
at Freeland Village Hall



If possible please submit any questions in advance to Parish Clerk Fay Friend, so that as many points can be addressed as possible during the presentation.

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**Friday 14 October, following the Salt Cross meeting, which starts 7.30pm in Freeland Village Hall**

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## **ADVANCE WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURES**



To enable the construction of the new Park and Ride site being built near Eynsham, Oxfordshire County Council will implement a temporary road closure and speed restriction change along Cuckoo Lane from **Monday 19th September**.

**A portion of Cuckoo Lane (from A40 heading northwards for 300m) will be closed overnight (8pm-6am) as required**, while during the day the road (up to the entrance for SSE electrical substation) will have a speed limit reduction from 60mph to **30mph**. From the substation until the entrance for Cuckoo Wood Farm, the speed limit will be reduced from 60mph to **50mph**.

The County Council estimates that the Park and Ride construction project will be completed by the end **December 2023**.

The above information is from Eynsham Parish Council's website.

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

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 proposed dates of the closure are from:

**8am on Monday 24th October to 5pm on Friday 4th November 2022**

## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

This month's report has been written by Sue, one of our wonderful volunteers!

*Sue says: "I have been a volunteer for the library for about three years. It's a bit like opening presents, you never know what you're going to find.*

*I'm always amazed at the quality and quantity of books donated, not to mention the enormous variety. At any one time there is usually a good selection of children's, young adult, thrillers, historical, family sagas, biographies and lots of non-fiction too.*

*Usually, when I'm sorting out, a prospective reader will come along and we'll have a pleasant comparison of what we've read and can suggest to each other what to try next. If you've never visited, I can heartily recommend it. Books can be passed on to other people or returned, and please take as many as you want."*

You may have noticed that we have replaced the two boxes behind the bus shelter with new sturdier ones. Many thanks to the Parish Council for providing the funds for this and thank you also to the Parish clerk for donating a couple of paving slabs to stand them on.

Many thanks from Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Caroline and Jenny).

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Please pop down to show your support for the stallholders and to check out their products.

**Sausage, veggie sausage & bacon baps will be available from the Oxfordshire Yeoman**



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

**The next market will be on Sunday 30th October**

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### **INFORMATION**

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

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# Help Freeland fight the Retirement Village

Please Act Now!

In May, West Oxfordshire District Council **rejected** Inspired Village's (IV) proposal to build **160** retirement homes on parkland in Freeland. IV have now **appealed** that decision. So now we need YOUR HELP supporting WODC to make a clear case that this proposal is not appropriate, sustainable or wanted.

We have very little time. As before, this action has been taken in the middle of the summer when many of us are away. Help us build a case fast! A coalition of Freeland Parish Council and the action group Freeland Friends will be making representations at the appeal, starting November 8. **Here's how to help...**

## What to do RIGHT NOW (deadline 30 September):

### 1 Confirm your opposition

Over 260 local residents and official consultees objected to the proposal. Help confirm this opposition remains.

**ACTION 1:** whether or not you had the chance to object before, if you still oppose it, just **write 4 simple words:**

**"I still oppose this"** alongside your name and the road you live on.

Email: parish clerk [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)  
Deliver: Hopedene (opposite Websters Close) on Broadmarsh Lane.

**If you've changed your mind** and either don't oppose or now support the development, please drop us a few lines to say so and explain why.

We will compile a list of these responses and submit them as evidence. *Please note that – as with comments on the WODC portal – your name and street will be shared.*

### 2 Add to our evidence

We are making our case against this development on **four key aspects**, listed overleaf.

Sharing your experiences of the village in these four aspects gives us evidence to **build our case**. Stories can be compelling and persuasive, and will add another dimension to the hard data we are also collecting.

**ACTION 2:** tell us your experiences of life in the village that will help prove why the development is inappropriate

Email: parish clerk [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)  
Deliver: Hopedene (opposite Websters Close) on Broadmarsh Lane.

Turn over the page to find some examples of the types of stories that will help us build evidence for each of the four critical aspects of our case.



## How else you can have a BIG IMPACT:

### 3 Give practical help

We stand a better chance of making a strong case if we have an **advocate** helping us. Unfortunately, we are all volunteers, and legal representation is expensive. Can you help?

**ACTION 3:** if you have legal experience, and any time to support our volunteers over the next couple of months in fighting this, please email Fay Friend [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com).

### 4 Be at the public inquiry!

The inquiry is expected to last 4 days and will be held in Witney at WODC's New Yatt offices from 8-11 November.

**ACTION 4: Come on 8 November** for the first day and show the strength of your feeling against this proposal.

Please book it in now – let's show how much Freeland cares about this.

Need help getting there? Contact Fay 01993 357851, or [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)

## 8 November

## We are building our case on 4 key aspects of policy:

### 1. The proposed site is not in an accessible or sustainable location

Freeland has few amenities and no viable public transport.

### 2. The proposal is an inappropriate scale

This proposal is unprecedented in terms of scale, height and density in Freeland.

### 3. The proposal harms the character and appearance of the village

Freeland is a linear, open-knit village with abundant green space. Buildings, lighting & hardstanding would lead to harmful loss of open space and amenity.

### 4. Freeland is already suffering the effects of cumulative local development

This is evident through the merging of villages, and increase in traffic.

### Add to our evidence – what are your stories? Examples:

- If you experience particular **difficulties getting from A to B**, or have to always rely on using your car, please let us know more about your challenges.
- Or if you've regularly used the area around the site for leisure, like walking your dog, and **appreciate its amenity value**, please let us know in what way.
- Or if you feel cumulative development across this area is **reducing quality of life** for you or those you know, please tell us.
- Or if the **darkness of the village at night** has impacted you, tell us how.

**Please provide support for this case or in any or all of our four policy aspects ASAP (latest 30 September). The clock is ticking.**

# Development should be sustainable & appropriate

**Notes:** 1. Fay Friend is Clerk of Freeland Parish Council

2. Need more information? See Parish Council news <https://tinyurl.com/InspiredVillagesAppeal> or contact Freeland Friends: [Freeland.Friends@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Freeland.Friends@yahoo.co.uk)

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

## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

At the time of writing we still haven't played our first games, with the first week being postponed due to the death of Her Majesty.

The Football Club have been successful in recent weeks – wining the T10 Cricket Tournament against a plethora of talent. The real winners of the day were the 4th place Bombers select XI, who by far played the best cricket of the day!



We wish to thank the Oxfordshire Yeoman for their sponsorship of the new **First** team kit for this season.

We would also like to say a big congratulations to Matt and Charly - the new Mr & Mrs Hardy – on their recent wedding.

**Saturday 1st October – Firsts** Away to Enstone  
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**Saturday 8th October – Firsts** Home to Spartan  
**Reserves** Away to Minster Lovell

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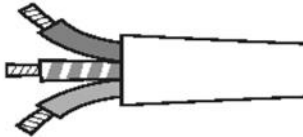
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Long Hanborough, New Road	09:15	11:15	13:15	17:40
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane	09:19	11:19	13:19	17:44
Eynsham, Surgery	09:25	11:25	13:25	17:50
Eynsham, Church (North side of High St)	09:29	11:29	13:29	18:00

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

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Hanborough Station	<b>09.18</b>	<b>11.19</b>	<b>13.20</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>
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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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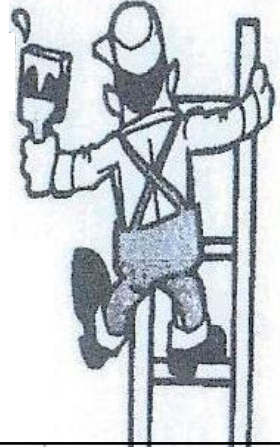
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## **FREELAND WI**

At our September meeting we very much enjoyed a talk by Julie Stuart-Thompson, one of our WI members, on how to trace our family ancestry. As well as tracing her own family history, Julie has also researched the history of some of the names on the War Memorial in our village Church, which have been published in previous Grapevine magazines.

She gave us lots of tips on how to trace back our family history.

Some simple advice was to write information down as it provides a useful record for the next generation, no matter how trivial it seems and to label photos. A task to do during the Autumn evenings. We were also advised to make use of the free resources first before signing up to subscription services.

In the week before our meeting, we were saddened to hear the news of Queen Elizabeth's death, and in her memory a minute's silence was held. The Queen was a strong supporter of the WI, having been a WI member since 1943 and memories of meeting her were shared by some of our members.

Looking ahead to next month, members will be participating in a selection of light hearted quizzes so we had better get swotting!

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. If you want to check out what we have planned for 2022, a copy of our programme was included in January's Grapevine, is displayed on the village noticeboard or is available from our secretary. 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:

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## **IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS?**

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You can apply, either for yourself or for someone else who may be in need of help. Write to the Clerk, Catherine Barton, at 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham, OX29 4EX, or email **eynshamcharities@gmail.com**.

All enquiries are dealt with in absolute confidence.

For more information visit Eynsham Online:  
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## **COMBE MILL STEAMING SUNDAY 16th October - “WOOD CRAFTS”**

The last steaming Sunday of the year will be a great one - with a fantastic deal..... **"Kids go Free"**

There will be many wood specialists on hand to show you a range of skills, wood carving, Elizabethan bowl turning, pole lathes, spoon carving, green woodworking.

Additionally there will be the normal range of refreshments on offer - hot and cold, gift shop, tombola and a selection of market stalls. Dogs welcome as usual.

Save the date in your diary for the **Christmas Market - Sunday 4th December** - our last fundraiser of the year - we would love to see you there.

Keep up to date with events by visiting our website: **combemill.org**

Julie Stuart-Thompson **julie.st@btinternet.com**

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## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY**

The 2022-23 series of Witney Music Society concerts starts in October. Details of all the concerts are on the Witney Music Society website and in its new brochure, copies may be obtained via the website or from Witney library and other locations locally.

The opening concert of the new season will be given by the award-winning Consone Quartet who'll be performing works for string quartet by Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 14th October**.

The season's second concert will be a piano recital given by Alexander Soares, a BBC Music Magazine Rising Star. His programme 'A European Odyssey' will include works by Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 11th November**.

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**





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This year door to door collections will take place from **Saturday 29th October to Saturday 12th November.**

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More information on the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal can be found on **[www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk)**.

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

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## **THE METHODIST CHURCH IS TRYING AGAIN** **URGENT COMMUNITY ACTION NEEDED**

The Methodist Circuit has submitted a request to WODC for planning permission to develop the Methodist Church into a single dwelling. For those Freeland residents who are not familiar with the issue, a brief re-cap:

The Methodist Church has stood at the heart of the Village for over 200 years and during this time has served both the Methodist Community and the wider Village. It is an iconic Grade 2 listed building.



In 2017 the Church closed for worship and the expectation was that it would be quickly put up for sale. A Steering Group was formed to look at the feasibility of purchasing the building and opening a community convenience store. Freeland had a flourishing shop and Post Office in Parklands, built in the 1960s and run successfully by different owners until the late 1990s when it was purchased by a property developer, run down and finally closed in 2001. Several attempts were subsequently made to open a community owned shop in the Village, but these all failed as a suitable location could not be found. The Steering Group concluded that the Church is an ideal location for a shop and with the help of the Plunkett Foundation undertook a feasibility study and a survey of residents. This demonstrated significant support for a convenience store incorporating a cafe, which would provide much needed services and a community social "hub". The Freeland Community Benefit Society (FCBS) was incorporated as a legal entity that could take forward the purchase of the Church and on-going management of the enterprise.

Five years on and the Church has still not been offered for sale. During this time FCBS prepared a detailed Business Plan, raised over **£5000** for a "fighting fund" and secured pledges of share purchases of over **£70,000** from Residents. We were successful in obtaining planning permission for change of use of the Church for a shop and cafe (this has been recently renewed) and objections to the Methodist Church's proposal in 2018 for its conversion to a house were sustained by WODC. *Continued.....*

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In spite of its public pronouncements, during all this time the Methodist Church has refused to enter into a dialogue with us and they have now submitted another proposal to WODC for conversion of the Church into house. FCBS Management Team will be objecting to this proposal. We continue to believe that the Church is an important and unique community asset that should not be sacrificed for a single dwelling, but should be re-purposed as a Community Hub. The Freeland Parish Council, which recently surveyed opinion on what Residents wanted in the Village, will also be objecting.

**However the views of individual residents are even more important. Please help ensure this building is saved for the Community by sending in your own objections.**

**You can comment online at:**

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

where there are details of the application **22/02377/FUL** or in writing to:

**Planning Department, WODC, New Yatt Road, Witney OX21 1PB**

The deadline for comments is **TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

If you would like more information please email: **freelandvillagehub@gmail.com**

Colin Smith - Chairman FCBS Management team

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## **LIBRARY BOOKS TO YOUR DOOR**

If you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help!

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Service on **01865 810259** or email **homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk**

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## **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

Freeland Photo Group meetings will start again in September, meeting virtually on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at **7.30pm**.

Meetings in **October** will be on **Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th**.

Please contact Paul Sayer at **paul.pshml@googlemail.com** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.





## 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP

On 12th September, many of our members participated in a memorial service in Church Hanborough to commemorate the life of the Queen, who was patron of the Scouts organisation. Children who now join our groups will pledge to do their duty to the King; a change that will take some getting used to.

In mid-September our **Scouts** and **Explorers** went camping for a weekend at Youlbury, just outside Oxford. Running a camp like this takes a lot of planning and we rely on the goodwill and enthusiasm of our volunteers to make these kinds of events happen. Saying “thank you” to our volunteers often feels inadequate, because really, without them there would be no Scouts groups in Freeland or Hanborough. There has been much reflection upon the service that the Queen performed for our country, and I would like to take inspiration from that to draw attention to the service that our volunteers provide for us in our community.

It isn't only about giving up their time, but it is also about sharing their knowledge, experiences and skills with our young people. I know that my own children have gained so much from their time as Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, trying new activities and learning new skills that they otherwise would not have done. Similarly, our volunteers also learn new skills, try new activities and take real pleasure in creating fun and memorable experiences for their groups.

I serve on our Executive Committee, which works hard behind the scenes to ensure that our groups are run appropriately and with the full support they need in order to be the best that they can be. Compared to other Scouts groups in the area, ours are extraordinarily active, with exciting and varied programmes of activities always planned for every term.

This doesn't just happen by magic, of course. Our volunteer leaders and helpers work together to provide wonderful experiences for our young people; experiences that stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk) to start a conversation about how you can get involved. All our groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) need more volunteers. You can be that extra pair of hands that makes all the difference.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## FREELAND WALKING GROUP

For those who love the country and walking, you can join the Freeland Walking Group. The Group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month for a morning walk concluding at a pub for lunch. The walks are typically 3 or so miles long. We meet at the Village Hall, share transport and are usually back in Freeland by **2.30pm**.

If you would like to join us, drop an email to [dalton43cv@talktalk.net](mailto:dalton43cv@talktalk.net) for more information.

## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

The long dry spell has ended and water butts are again filling up. It has been worthwhile noting which plants and flowers survived during the hot dry spell and plan to include these in our gardens other years.

The Club didn't have a speaker in August, but this year we had an evening visit to Bridewell Organic Garden in Wilcote. A member of staff was at hand to tell us about the wonderful work they do by helping people with mental health problems find peace and healing through gardening. The garden is mostly run by volunteers with a few permanent staff to guide them and help the clients. They grow a large number of vegetables, most of which are used to feed volunteers and staff at lunchtime, as well as make into products which they sell at their open days. There is also a large amount of fruit grown which is used to make into jams, chutneys, apple, and pear juice, etc. Outside the walled garden there is a large vineyard. Grapes are picked about October time and made into sparkling wine elsewhere, to be sold on open days. There are also many flower beds and a pond. We wandered around the garden before having refreshments.

On Monday 26th September, we have a talk by Malcolm Moody on 'Orchid Hunting in Ecuador'. This and the Annual General Meeting on Monday 24th October are held in Freeland Hall at 7.30pm. Sometimes a speaker is also invited to conclude the AGM evening, but nothing has been planned yet. A new committee will be elected so if you are interested contact Terry Jones at the email below. The AGM would be good opportunity to come and find out what has been happening over the past year and what is planned for the next year at our meetings. We are a very friendly and welcoming Club, so do come and join us for our interesting talks even if you are not yet into gardening. Gardening is a wonderful way to spend time in the fresh air and enjoy the wonders of nature. There is a Plant and Garden Items sale at all meetings.

What lovely displays of wildflowers there were at The Green and elsewhere in the village this year. Thanks to those who prepared the ground and planted these displays. We look forward to seeing them again in the future. If you are thinking of growing wildflowers at home, the time to prepare the ground and grow the seed is October/ November. Wildflowers are a good way of helping wildlife.

Suggestions of what to do at this time of year include dead heading any remaining summer annuals. Sow hardy annual seeds so they have a good start before winter, ready to flower later on next year. Order spring bulbs and plan spring displays. Clear weeds and mulch the bare soil with an improver. Trim hedges and topiary. Lawncare includes killing moss, topdress with three parts of sharp sand to one part bought compost, or use an autumn lawn feed.

Prune hebe, penstemon, jasmine and lavender. Plant green manure in empty veg beds, start harvesting leeks, encourage tomatoes to ripen by removing many of the leaves. Salads, spinach, chard, etc can be grown under cover. Keep weeding and cover some beds with compost mulch.

For any further information about the Gardening Club please contact Terry Jones at [davidjones30@talktalk.net](mailto:davidjones30@talktalk.net)

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)



**THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**  
**FREELAND VILLAGE HALL**  
**12.30 - 3.30pm**

Following last year's delivery service, we would love you to come in person to this Christmas Lunch and festivities, on Christmas Eve.

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.

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help so far.



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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:

: Julie Stuart-Thompson on 01993 880378 / [julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.st@btinternet.com)

: Jane Linnell on 07437 330285

: Ria and Graham Lay 139 Wroslyn Road

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**Following is the final article from Julie Stuart-Thompson on the service personnel listed on the War Memorial in St Mary's church yard.**

### **William Charles Berry - died 14th January 1944**

Over the last couple of years, I have written up the family stories of all the men whose names appear on the St Mary's war memorial. This is the last story and unfortunately not a complete one, although the link with Freeland was discovered by working with a local historian in Long Hanborough, Janet Whitcomb. She was given a document containing hand written notes about the men who were going to be commemorated, that lived in the Freeland and Long Hanborough area – this included William C Berry. The document clearly states that he was residing in Freeland at the time he was called up, has his unit details and the fact that he died on the 14th January 1944.



Unfortunately, no personal family details are recorded other than listing his next of kin as Mrs Berry of New Yatt, Witney. Eventually both Freeland and Long Hanborough had their own memorials. Most importantly Janet's document gave us a middle name beginning with C, which differentiated this William Berry from the many others on the Commonwealth War Graves website and led to many documents on the internet that paint a picture of his service.

William's Commonwealth Graves' record gives us his service number as 1600195. He was a Flight Sergeant, an Air Bomber with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve and was serving with 115 Squadron when he died on 14th January 1944. He is buried alongside the rest of his crew in the Hanover War Cemetery Coll Grave 3 G 4 11 in Germany. No extra words appear alongside the cross on his headstone. He flew in a Lancaster 11 aircraft – serial number DS270 – which was based in Witchford, Cambs. The aircraft was shot down at Halchter nr Wolfenbuttel, 6 miles south of the target that night, a raid on Brunswick. The crew were originally buried in Limmer and then moved to the collective grave in the Hanover cemetery along with many other casualties – 2455 in total from World War II.

William's job as Air Bomber was to be seated when operating the front gun turret but taking up a laying position when directing the pilot on to the aiming point, prior to releasing the bomb load. His pilot that night was Frank Sylvester Blackwell, from New Zealand who at age 22 was on his 25th operation. The crew was made up of another 6 men, a wireless operator Charles Woldrom age 22 from New Zealand on his 24th operation, Ronal Manfold age 20 from Australia, Douglass McGhee age 25 second pilot, Thomas Soulsby Flight Engineer age 20, Kenneth Dickens the navigator age 23 and Reginald Harris age 19, the rear gunner. William's age or date of birth are not given by these records. The list reaffirms just how young the crews were and the diverse nature of those fighting.

I wrote to someone who maintains a website about Bomber Command and was sent the details about the squadron's operations on 14th January 1944 when these young men all died - it is marked "SECRET" A second Lancaster with all its crew was also lost that night. The role Bomber Command played in the two World Wars hastened the end of the war but was only fully recognised with a public statue unveiling decades later.

## **INTERESTED IN TABLE GAMES?**

Does anyone fancy joining me in creating a small table games group in Freeland? I am thinking of popular games for two to five people, of which I have a considerable number to start us off, to meet monthly in either homes, pub or village hall depending on numbers. We could include Scrabble or Chess although they tend to be slightly specialist interests. If interested please contact me on [grahamwarby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grahamwarby@hotmail.co.uk)

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

We have been continuing with our own projects during the summer holidays, including premature baby clothes (blanket, matinee coat, bootees, & hat) mittens, hats and woolly balls for the Shoebox appeal, wedding rosettes etc. but next we hope to start learning about PATCHWORK, making some small items such as table mats or vanity bags.



Would you like to meet some new friends from the village and share a chat and some “crafty” time with them?.

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))

Margaret Wright

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## **EMG LATEST VACCINATION UPDATES**

Eynsham Medical Group are now planning our FLU and COVID vaccination programme for the Autumn. In line with Government guidelines, all patients over 50 and those with specific health conditions are eligible for both the FLU and COVID vaccines.

### **FLU Vaccinations:**

This year we are running **walk-in** clinics for the flu vaccine for adults only, this should make things more convenient and does not require patients to book an appointment. They can simply attend at one of the following clinic dates.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO VACCINE AVAILABILITY, IF YOU ATTEND THE WRONG CLINIC DATE, UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL BE UNABLE TO UNDERTAKE YOUR VACCINATION.**

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**Patients over 65** can attend either Eynsham or Long Hanborough Surgery on the following dates:

**Saturday 24th September 2022**

**Saturday 15th October 2022**

**Patients under 65 with an underlying health condition** who have been advised they are eligible for the flu vaccine can attend either Eynsham or Long Hanborough Surgery on the following dates:

**1st October 2022**

**22nd October 2022**

**Patients aged between 50-64 who do not have an underlying health condition**, are being recommended to only be vaccinated from mid-October onwards. Therefore they should only attend either Eynsham or Long Hanborough Surgery on the following date:

**Saturday 22nd October 2022**

Please note children should not attend these clinics but can arrange an appointment by calling the Surgery.

Please note housebound patients will be contacted directly to arrange both their flu and COVID vaccinations.

### **COVID Vaccinations:**

In line with Government guidelines, the following patients are eligible for an Autumn COVID Vaccination Booster:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Persons aged 18 to 49 years in a clinical risk group
- Persons aged 18 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Persons aged 16 to 49 years who are carers

Patients should have received their last vaccination, at least 3 months prior to their Autumn Booster. Unfortunately, the Government guidelines prevent us giving a booster sooner than this.

Due to vaccine and staffing restrictions, the COVID vaccination clinics will need to be pre-booked appointments. We recommend patients book this online. For vulnerable patients who do not have online access, they can book by calling **01993 880786** between **11.30 - 13.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday** only.

**FOR ALL VACCINE RELATED ENQUIRIES, WE ASK YOU TO AVOID CALLING THE SURGERY AT THIS BUSY TIME, PLEASE EMAIL ANY QUERIES TO [emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net)**

### **Patient Information Evening:**

To help answer your questions, we will be holding a patient information evening on **Wednesday 21st September from 1800-1900** via MS Teams. To register your interest please email **[emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net)**

## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

At our meeting on **Tuesday 4th October**, Tom Crook will be giving a talk entitled 'The history of political corruption.' Politicians have always held a great deal of power and influence, and as such have always been attractive targets for those seeking to influence and manipulate society, and some have used this to their own advantage themselves. Tom Crook will be showing us how this has played out throughout the history of modern Britain. Do come along and explore this fascinating and relevant topic with us.

We meet in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SA**, and all our meetings start at **7.30pm**. Members free, visitors **£4** per talk. Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### **Talks for the rest of 2022:**

#### **Tuesday 1st November**

'The History of Easter Island' - Paul Barnett

#### **Tuesday 6th December**

'Christmas at Blenheim' - Antonia Keaney

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 4/9/2022**

Near a tree by a river, there's a hole in the ground, where an old man of Aran goes around and around. For those of you who were around in 1984 this might ring a bell, but of course it has no link to our latest Ramble....or does it??

8 people and 2 dogs (one on loan) went on an absolutely splendid walk through gates, over stiles picking blackberries and taking in the wonders of nature. Near the Evenlode river we found the water had dropped so low from the recent heatwave that we found four shopping trolleys, a mountain bike and a two bedroom bungalow.

I phoned the local Ramblers' Society today and the bloke just went on and on.

Next month's Ramble is on **Sunday 2nd October at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Oxfordshire Yeoman. **All are welcome to join us.**

John Rambo



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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.

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

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**FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

Wow, and just like that the season is over.

We have just experienced a cricket season with the most ever matches being played by Freeland cricket teams. In excess of 90 matches were played in 4 months. Many thanks must go to the coaches of all the teams, the parents of our junior players and of course all the players who ranged in age from 4 to 67, who committed to play in matches and attend training sessions, which for some started in February.



**Junior Cricket**

This season, we have provided 320 hours of junior coaching and 60 junior matches. We have introduced a lot of children to cricket for the first time and four of our juniors have been selected for the county squads.

**Under 9**

We had a lovely group of Under 9s this year, many of whom were new to cricket. They had 13 training sessions and showed great enthusiasm, and the improvement in the group across that period was really visible. We took part in two tournaments, the first at Oxford Downs and the second at Witney Mills, which gave the children some valuable match experience and we ended with two wins to our name. All in all, a very successful season for a group who were a pleasure to work with.

**Under 11**

We had a large group of Under 11s which included some children who had not played cricket before. We ran a softball team and a hardball team which both played in the Oxfordshire competitions. The softball team won two of their six games and finished in a very respectable third place out of the five teams in their group. Two of the games we lost were by less than 10 runs, so a very creditable season for the squad.

The hardball team was our most successful squad this season. They had a couple of friendlies in addition to their competition games and their record across all the matches was six wins out of ten games. In our competition games we came agonisingly close to winning our group, narrowly losing our last game to Oxford, who finished one point ahead of us.

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### **Under 13**

We ran two Under 13 teams - an eight-a-side pairs team and an eleven-a-side team. The pairs team included some young players and had five matches in all. Although we did not manage to win any of our games, the side showed considerable promise. The 11-a-side team fared better. We had a couple of friendlies in addition to our competition games and the overall record was four wins from eight matches. The season got off to a great start with Ben Stansfeld taking a hat trick in the opening win over Minster Lovell. We finished in fifth place in our group, but we were one of three teams who were level on points and the others had a better run rate than us; otherwise we could have ended up third.

To give some of our players a bit of experience at the longer format of cricket, we entered a joint side with Witney Mills into the 35 overs league. However, this competition never really got off the ground and we ended up only playing two games, both of which we lost.

There was also a Hundred competition organised for Under 13s this year and we entered a joint team with Witney Mills. The team had three matches and won them all, but we narrowly missed out on the semi-final by having a lower run rate, a difference of 0.02 runs!

### **Under 15**

We ran a girls Under 15 team for the first time for nine years. The competition proved very challenging as there were some very strong sides in it, but we did manage one win. This was against Steventon and was a fine performance. We bowled them out for just 41, thanks mainly to a spell of 4 for 11 by Ila Biggin.

We also ran a joint Under 15 side with Witney Mills, but again we found this competition very tough as we came up against some really strong sides, only managing one win during the season. However, the single win we had was an amazingly exciting match, the winning runs coming off the final ball.

### **Women's Cricket**

Our women's section had over 40 hours of coaching this year and we had a very enthusiastic group, including a good number of new players. We ran a hardball and a softball team.

### **Hardball**

We entered a joint team with Eynsham in the Home Counties Women's League, playing in both the Super-8s competition and in Division 3 South of the eleven-a-side league. The Super-8s competition took place in May and saw us playing in four tournaments involving five other teams. This provided us with seven matches in all and we had two wins and a tie to our credit.

The eleven-a-side league was a stiffer challenge and we lost all our games. However, this does not really reflect how well the team did. Everyone we played against seemed to have a couple of really good players who scored enough runs to beat us.

### **Softball**

The softball team took part in four festivals at Abingdon Vale, Oxenford, Horspath and Eynsham.

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This provided us with 16 games of which we won five. We also had two evening friendlies against Steventon, both of which Steventon won. Several of the Under 15 squad have played for the softball and hardball teams during the summer and have acquitted themselves very well.

### **Cherwell League**

The Cherwell League side played in Division 7B and had a season of mixed fortunes, finishing with seven wins, two draws and eight losses, with one match abandoned due to rain (yes, we had one weekend this year when it rained!). We finished fifth out of ten teams. It was good to see most of our Under 15s playing some games for the League side.

Rich Borrill was the team's top run scorer for the season with 447 runs, followed by Simon Brown with 419.

Marcus Hall was the leading wicket taker with 20 and Simon was close behind on 19.

### **Representative Cricket**

We are very proud of our players who have been selected for the county age group squads this year. Gabriella Owen and Evie Hunt were selected for the girls Under 11s, Alex McGardy for the Under 13s.

Carys Owen for the girls Under 15s. Carys has had an excellent season, opening the bowling for Oxfordshire Girls Under 15s and playing several games for the Under 18s as well. She has also been playing for Charlbury who are in Division 1 of the Home Counties Women's League, where she has been entrusted with opening the bowling. She has had her first five-for and has helped them to finish top of the division.

Oxfordshire nominated her for the Southern Vipers Observation Days and she spent three very intensive days at Winchester College where she was coached by ex-England players. Over 500 girls from six different counties were nominated and Carys made it through to the last 45, but she didn't quite make the final selection. However, they will be monitoring her progress over the next year, so it is definitely not the end of her involvement.

Carys and Ila Biggin were selected for the Oxfordshire Falcons, a representative side of girls from state schools, for a match against St Helen's and St Katherine's School. They both performed very well, Ila taking three wickets and Carys making 25 not out.

Slightly further up the age scale, Simon Brown was selected for Oxfordshire Over 50s B team. Simon has played eleven matches and took part in the squad's tour to Barbados. John McGrady has also played three times. Simon and John will both be playing in the Final against Wales on Thursday 15th September at Aston Rowant CC.

There will be cricket over the winter, firstly with the women taking part in the county's indoor competition, then coaching for Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s will start indoors in February.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, the Village Hall committee, the Parish Council, and Zoe, with all of the team at The Yeoman, for their untiring support.

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# *Charity Race Night*



**Saturday 8th October, 2022**

**Eynsham Village Hall**

Back Lane, Eynsham OX29 4QW

First Race 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm

7 Video Races with Tote Betting,

**Licensed Bar**

**Ticket Price £12** (includes 2 course meal - veggie option available)

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Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917, Phil Spencer 01865 881025.

Alan Longford 01865 464179

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

Next on Woodstock & District u3a Branch's programme of monthly meetings is James Taylor's illustrated talk about 'Highlights of the Russell-Cotes Museum' (Bournemouth) on **Thursday 6th October**. On **Thursday 3rd November**, Neil Sadler offers the intriguing title '(Almost) Death in Paradise'. Finally on **Thursday 1st December**, Neil Nixon will then take us down memory lane with 'The Beatles, Myths and Legends'. Meetings all scheduled to start at **2pm** at St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock (car parking available on site). Non-members always welcome and there is opportunity following the talk to find out more about the benefits of u3a Membership.

The Branch's score of Interest Group continue to steam ahead. Several new groups have emerged. There are now two Groups each for Board Game players, Needleworkers and Recorder players, - one of the latter for 'beginners and improvers' - plus a new Group identified tersely as 'Singing'; which, like the recorder players, meets in Hensington Road car park's Guide hut. Rumours of bumper sales of double glazing to homes facing this hut across narrow Union Street may be dismissed as malicious gossip.

Detail of Branch and Group activities at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock>

Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- M 19 Sep** Bank Holiday for HM Queen Elizabeth II funeral  
**Th 22 Sep** Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**W 21 Sep** Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am  
**Su 25 Sep** **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
**M 26 Sep** Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm** (postponed from 12th)  
**M 26 Sep** Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm - 'Orchid Hunting in Ecuador'  
**W 28 Sep** Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**W 28 Sep** Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3  
**Su 2 Oct** Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman  
**W 5 Oct** Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**M 12 Oct** Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
**Tu 11 Oct** Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm  
**W 12 Oct** Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**W 12 Oct** **Freeland Grapevine - November edition deadline day**  
**F 14 Oct** **Public Meeting about Salt Cross & 20mph limit, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm**  
**Su 16 Oct** Combe Mill in STEAM! [www.combemill.co.uk](http://www.combemill.co.uk)  
**W 19 Oct** Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**W 19 Oct** Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am  
**M 24 Oct** Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm - AGM  
**W 26 Oct** Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**Su 30 Oct** **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
**M 31 Oct** Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3  
**M 31 Oct** Light Event at St Mary's between 5 - 7pm - see page 9  
**Tu 1 Nov** **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**  
**W 2 Nov** Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**Su 6 Nov** Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman

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SEP 28	MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT
SEP 29	'FISH SPECIAL' NIGHT
OCT 7	FISH AND CHIP FRIDAY
OCT 14	FISH AND CHIP FRIDAY
OCT 18	PIE NIGHT
OCT 21-23	OKTOBERFEST
OCT 29	HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCT 31	MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT
NOV 9	CRICKET QUIZ NIGHT



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