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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

**Sunday 27th August 10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at Christ Church**

**Sunday 3rd September 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**Sunday 10th September 10.00am Celebration Sunday Whole Benefice Communion Service at Freeland Village Hall**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden + Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 17th September 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 24th September 10.00am Morning Praise**

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

**Sunday 1st October 10.00am All Age Family Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

The above information is correct on the date published (20/8/2023). 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](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 3rd September 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 17th September 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Saturday 23rd September 10.00am - 11.00am Quarter Peal Attempt**

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

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

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

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**Associate Rector:** Rev. Mike Madden  
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**Curate:** Rev. Heather McCulloch  
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#### Licensed Lay Ministers:

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**Hugh Dalton** *Emeritus* 01993 881742

#### Churchwarden:

**Colin Griffiths**  
01993 357336

Contact via website [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)

#### Flowers in the Church:

**Janet Dalton**  
01993 881742

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

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

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

**Babies & Toddlers at Christ Church** Hanborough & Freeland Church welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group that meets each **Wednesday** in term time from **10.00 – 11.30am**. We provide the opportunity to play and chat, with a variety of toys and activities for children aged 0-4 years and each session finishes with refreshments, a Bible story and song time.

For more information, please contact us through the Church: website:  
[www.hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps)

**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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### **THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE**

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| Witney    | 08.30 - 13.30 | Fri 25 August        | Fri 22 September   |
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## Letter from our Curate, Rev. Heather McCulloch:

### What does your boat look like?

Letting go of anything requires both courage and faith. Perhaps you don't consider yourself a 'person of faith', nevertheless every new beginning requires the courage to let go of something and the faith that in letting go we will not sink.

As we all let go of another summer, we leave our hands empty to receive the blessing of autumn. Changing seasons are not something we choose, but we are compelled to embrace them. As we do so, we learn that change does not spell an end of all that is good but offers the opportunity for newness. Letting go of something or someone we love, requires a more active letting go. It challenges our instinct to protect ourselves from pain and loss, and we can respond by holding on more tightly, when we really need to relinquish. It can feel like this when we drop off our precious infant for the first day at pre-school or our beloved teenager for the first day at university!

Sometimes the letting go can mean that we are the ones who are leaving, letting go of security, familiarity, and comfort. We recently left our family home of 15 years, the home in which our children have done their growing-up. In a few weeks our eldest will be leaving home. It has felt as though the glorious halcyon days of all being together are abruptly over. Certainly, there is much aching sadness in all the goodbyes. However, I can see hope, and not just hope that children return with heavy laundry bags in tow! But hope that they will, one by one, become all that they were meant to be. Hope that our newly re-shaped lives will still overflow with joy and laughter. We need not be anxious, because we have faith in a generous God who loves us deeply and promises to be tangibly present to us in every walk of life. The promise is not for an easy life, but certainly life in all its fullness, abundant in opportunity, and richly fruitful in people to love. We need to have the courage to let go and the faith that we will not sink.

For Peter, in the Bible, letting go required leaving the safety of his familiar space in a fishing boat and testing his faith by stepping out onto the water to meet with Jesus. Sometimes we need to let go of the security of all that is familiar, to strengthen our faith by testing it in real life. *'If you want to walk on water – you've got to get out of the boat'* (to quote John Ortberg).



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Perhaps you have felt unceremoniously tipped out of your boat by an unexpected life event, or a bereavement. God's words in Isaiah 41:10 might give you hope: **'Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you.'** (The Message). And when Peter's faith wavered, Jesus kept a firm grip on him and lifted him up.

I wonder what your boat looks like. I wonder if you dare to screw up your courage and step out of that boat, trusting your full weight to the God who knows and loves you completely.

I wonder what adventure awaits you...

Rev. Heather McCulloch - Curate Hanborough and Freeland

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## The Breakfast & After School Club is now open at Freeland Primary School!

We are open Monday - Friday: Breakfast Club 7.30 - 8.45am and  
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We offer a wide variety of activities including indoor and outdoor play. It is all about playing and having FUN!

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](mailto:info@vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk)**

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

Please see our website for current job opportunities across the Clubs





# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

## Ride and Stride - Saturday 9th September 2023

Freeland's church of St Mary the Virgin has received grants in the past from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

If you enjoy walking, cycling or meeting people and want to raise money for the church and for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, please note this year's event in your diary and begin thinking about taking part, either visiting churches, welcoming visitors or sponsoring StRiders.

(You may ride or stride on a different day but not all churches may be open.)

For further information ask me or go to [www.ohct.org.uk](http://www.ohct.org.uk) and click on Ride & Stride  
John Fox **01993 881384**

## 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](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk) or use the QR code.



Freeland Parochial Church Council

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## HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: [gillbreakspear@btinternet.com](mailto:gillbreakspear@btinternet.com)

All services are in the chapel. A warm welcome awaits you all.

- Sunday 27th August 10am** Rev. Jason Cooke
- Sunday 3rd Sept 10am** Mr Andrew Maisey
- Sunday 10th Sept 10am** Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 17th Sept 10am** Mr and Mrs Sladden (Harvest Family Service)
- Sunday 24th Sept 10am** Local Arrangement
- Sunday 1st October 10am** Rev. Charles Harris

Please see [www.westoxfordshiremethodists.org.uk](http://www.westoxfordshiremethodists.org.uk) for all the latest information.

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## FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

**Wedding Blessing:** Charl Van Der Merwe and Victoria Emma Baker 29th July 2023

**Thanksgiving for a Child:** Samuel Noah Terence Van Der Merwe 29th July 2023



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## **BIBLE FUN CLUB AND FEEDING THE 5000**

Thank you to everyone who came along to this event at the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the school summer holidays. We hope you enjoyed all the crafts, activities and story. We were pleased we'd planned for the giant picnic to be inside as once it started to rain, it then didn't stop!

We plan to host a **Light Party in St. Mary's Church** on the evening of **Tuesday 31st October**. Further details will be in next October's Grapevine.

St Mary's Bible Fun Club Team

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## **SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH**

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| <b>Sunday 27th August</b>                                       | <b>10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at <u>Christ Church</u></b>                                    |
| <b>Sunday 3rd September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Mike Madden         | <b>10.00am Holy Communion</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden                                        |
| <b>Sunday 10th September</b>                                    | <b>10.00am Celebration Sunday Whole Benefice Communion Service at <u>Freeland Village Hall</u></b> |
| <b>Sunday 17th September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Dr Nick Wood       | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood                                       |
| <b>Sunday 24th September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart      | <b>10.00am Holy Communion</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart                                      |
| <b>Sunday 1st October</b><br>Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson | <b>10.00am Holy Communion</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson                              |

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

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 27th August</b>                                         | <b>10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at <u>Christ Church</u></b>                                    |
| Leader: Andy and Val Richens + Rev. Heather McCulloch             | Preacher: Rev. Gareth Dicks                                                                        |
| <b>Sunday 3rd September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b><br>Preacher: Josh Soanes                                             |
| <b>Sunday 10th September</b>                                      | <b>10.00am Celebration Sunday Whole Benefice Communion Service at <u>Freeland Village Hall</u></b> |
| <b>Sunday 17th September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch    | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson                              |
| <b>Sunday 24th September</b><br>Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch    | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b><br>Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch                                  |
| <b>Sunday 1st October</b><br>Leader: Emma Young                   | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b><br>Preacher: Amanda Ford                                             |

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**THE CHURCH IS OPEN** for Public Masses on **Saturday at 5pm** and **Sunday at 10am**. For any Weekday Masses, please see the webpage.

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## FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

We hosted an **Under 9s** festival and welcomed four teams from Witney Mills and Oxford Downs. The teams each played three matches and then went and had chicken and chips in the pub. Sorry if you were having a quiet drink when 36 young, excited cricketers turned up!

In the match of the two Freeland teams, a quickly scampered run by Ollie Hole resulted in the match being tied. Many thanks to Simon Hole for helping on the night.

The **Under 11 softball** team finished their season with a 10-a-side match at Kidlington. We fielded a very young team and produced some great cricket.

The **Under 11 hardball** team are still top of the league, Charlbury still have 2 games to play, we are hoping they forget and we are the champions!

The Under 11s last match was against the **Under 13s**. Great batting from Toby Borrill, who has not been out in his last 2 innings and has scored 73 runs.

Thanks to Toby and Adam Davies the Under 11s beat the Under 13s.

The **Under 13s** final match was against their parents. The Oldies, as they were called, scored 151-4 with three parents retiring 25 not out, Phill Stansfeld, Paul Rose and James Smith. Matt Jolley and Trevor Robinson also scored some handy runs. The Under 13s were all out for 74, with Eddie Borrill top scoring with 19.

A few of the Under 13s have helped out Witney Mills in the longer 35 over matches, with Ben Stansfeld top scoring in one match with 43 runs.

The **Women's hardball team** have 3 matches left to play and are getting better with each match. Claire Moss is making a big difference with her bowling.

The **Adult league** team have had two matches rained off and we go into our last three matches needing one win to remain in Tier 7 next season.

Congratulations to Rich Borrill and Richard Stephenson on being selected to represent the Cherwell League against the Thames Valley League.

The Junior End of Season Awards Night will be on **Friday 8th September** in the Yeoman at **7pm**.

The next **Cricket Club Quiz** will be on **Wednesday 13th September, 7.30pm** for an **8pm** start.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES**

### **Working Groups**

We wish to thank all those who attended the working group meetings 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](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)

You can contact the Social group on [www.facebook.com/FreelandSocialGroup](https://www.facebook.com/FreelandSocialGroup)

Your help would be really appreciated if you can assist in any way, however small.



### **Councillor Vacancy**

We currently have two vacancies open for co-option onto the council until the elections in May 2024. This is a great opportunity to try being part of the Parish Council for just 6 months, please send me an email to [fayf.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:fayf.fpc@gmail.com)

### **Update from Thames Valley Police**

There is a rise in burglaries across West Oxfordshire. Please let this be a reminder to not leave anything valuable visible in the car; this includes food shopping. Thames Valley Police reports of an incident where someone's shopping was stolen from their locked car in the middle of the day while visiting a friend. Keep cars locked & keys securely away.

### **Bins**

Just a little reminder to bring waste, recycling and green bins back in as soon as possible, to help keep pavements clear, and accessible for all.

### **This Month's Green Tip**

In the last month the devastating effects of the climate crisis have been only too apparent. Whilst the United Kingdom has escaped the summer heat waves that affected us last year, the rest of the world has not been so fortunate. The record for the hottest average 24-hour period over the whole planet was broken three times in July within a single week, and July has been declared the hottest months on planet Earth since 1850.

Food production and transport accounts for approximately 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions. Given this large proportion it is a fertile area for reduction measures. If a consumer wishes to reduce the negative impact of the food they eat, what are the best ways of achieving this? Firstly, sourcing food locally greatly reduces the carbon emissions of transportation. We are lucky enough to live in a farming community where locally produced food is plentiful. The Market Garden in Eynsham and the Veg Shed in Church Hanborough both do a wide range of locally grown vegetables, the advantage of the latter being the nice walk down Pigeon House Lane and across the fields. A great byproduct of using local retailers is we're supporting the local economy. Even if you prefer to stick with the supermarket, eating British produce and eating what's in season can significantly reduce emissions.

Another way of reducing the environmental impact of what you eat is to start growing your own vegetables. This can range from an allotment to a simple window box full of herbs and tomatoes. Not only does this reduce environmental impact, but it also helps reduce the financial burden caused by soaring food inflation – and can be a great boost to mental health!

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### **Planning Applications**

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

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

**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 and we await the outcome. More details on the Parish Council website.

### **Applications Received: None**

#### **Applications under consideration:**

##### **23/01794/HHD 87 Wroslyn Road**

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.

#### **Applications Approved:**

##### **23/01553/HHD 31 Walkers Close, Freeland**

Conversion of existing garage to create additional living space and erection of first floor extension above

#### **Applications Refused:**

##### **23/01077/HHD 4 Parklands, Freeland**

Conversion of garage and erection of a single storey rear/side extension

##### **23/01700/HHD Harlyn, 145 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Erection of rear and side single storey extensions with rooflights

### **Playpark**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 11th September 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.*

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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**

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## **FREELAND WI**

August has been a busy month for WI as it is the month when we have our summer outing. This year's trip was very local, to the Botanic Gardens in Oxford. Our members were guided around the gardens, in two groups, by two very knowledgeable guides. We have a tradition of enjoying beautiful weather on our summer outings and luckily this year was no exception. As well as learning about the history of the gardens, we learnt about the different plants grown and their uses.

After our tours finished, we were able to sit by the river, enjoying a drink, whilst watching the punts passing by. A super way to spend a relaxing day.

At our August meeting we were delighted to welcome Lucy Wiltshire who took us through some Resilience Pilates exercises. Lucy guided us in doing a variety of exercises both seated and standing, using items we have at home such as a belt and a tennis ball. It was a very enjoyable session and no doubt some of us will be following up, by trying these exercises at home.

At our next meeting on **Monday 11th September**, we will be welcoming John Liversidge OBE a retired Thames Valley Police Chief Superintendent, who will tell us about his work supporting victims of domestic abuse, working for a charity called Thames Valley Partnership.

We continue to support the Witney food bank at our meetings; our donations being delivered by one of our 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. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love you to join us.

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](http://www.facebook.com/freelandwi)

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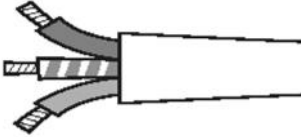
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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

I would like to start by saying thank you for all of your support this summer. We have seen lots of books fly off the shelves, ready to be enjoyed by new readers. Children's books have been especially popular, which hopefully means that lots of children enjoyed reading during the summer holidays!



Last month, we wrote about a consistent problem that we are having with some people leaving unsuitable books at the Little Free Library. These are often out-of-date non-fiction, very heavy, and on specialist subjects which do not appeal to the general public.

The result of this, is that our volunteers have to go out of their way to take these books to the Oxfam bookshop in Witney, which is really inconvenient. The problem still persists, so during September we are asking that you please only donate fiction books. Hopefully this will solve the issue and give our volunteers a break from removing all these books.

The majority of books that get donated are in great condition, though, and we do really appreciate your generosity. If your books are out-of-date or in poor condition, please do consider recycling them, as they are unlikely to appeal to anyone else to want to read them.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

**Remember: September is for donation of fiction books only – thank you!**

Matthew & The Little Free Library team (Fi, Sue, Caroline, and Jenny)

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

With a good crop of lavender this year, we have been making some lavender gifts, weaving wool through the stalks round the beautifully scented heads (the subsequent hirers of the Newell Room must have wondered what had been happening!)



We always give a warm welcome to new members, and encourage them to share their experiences, learn new skills or just enjoy a chat, so come along & join us.

We meet in the Newell Room of the Freeland Village Hall each **Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** and there is usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:  
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So, if you'd like to be involved in this there is a **FREE** training session on **Wednesday 18th October** at County Hall, Oxford between **6 & 8.30pm**. Please see the link below to register. If you are interested and register for the training then drop me a line at **markoc.fpc@gmail.com** and I'll be in touch regarding the event and with a view to organising transport there (and back).

**<https://shorturl.at/cisZ7>**

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP**



September is a busy time for us, as we welcome new Beavers, and the older children move up to the next respective groups, in Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

Our focus now, however, is working with new volunteers, because the fact is, we need more helpers and leaders to keep our groups going. Here are reasons why there's never been a better time to volunteer with Scouts:

### **We bring people together**

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### **We help communities engage with each other**

Where there's a lack of community engagement, Scouts gives young people the opportunity to improve the lives of those around them, taking positive social action in their local, national and international communities.

### **We improve social mobility in a time of increased anxiety and competition**

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Scouting is such a richly rewarding organisation to be a part of, so to get involved, contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via **email [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk)** for more information. We are a very friendly bunch and always welcome new faces!

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 6/8/2023**

Now as you know I'm not one to complain...so I won't.

Four people and one dog made their way around a meticulously well planned route (of course this cannot be divulged), taking in the colour and splendour of August in the Frith, the big question of the day was where were the rest of the group? Was it holidays... had there been a fall out... was there a mystery illness? Well there was talk that there was a special Sunday morning deal at Hanborough tea shop, but that is just rumour and hearsay, pure and simple.

The weather was warm and sunny, the company was great and the conversation was topical. But where is your usual monthly fact I hear you say... alright how about this, a person walks around 65,000 miles in their lifetime - this is equivalent to walking three times around the earth!



Next month's somewhat local Ramble will be on **Sunday 3rd September at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Many thanks, Cozy Powell

## **FREELAND WINE CLUB**

On **Friday 29th September** we welcome Oli from our local independent wine shop: Eynsham Cellars! Oli has spent 20 years in the wine trade (13 of these running Eynsham Cellars). He is always on the lookout for something exciting that he can bring into the shop and tell people about... Some recent examples which have gone down a storm are: Uruguayan Albariño, Chilean Sangiovese and Austrian Roter Veltliner.



**FREELAND WINE CLUB**

Oli will guide us through a tasting of several wines from lesser known regions and/or grapes which he believes deserve to be better known and could be the next big thing!

Members, their guests, and interested guests from all local villages are welcome. Please email **freelandwineclub@gmail.com** to be invited to book and included in the mailing list for future events. The following event is the AGM and members social on **Friday 24th November**.

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If you would like to get involved in any of the **Men** and **Youth** sides, please get in contact, as they are both looking for players.

The **Under 10s** Coach is Emma Wylie - [emmawylie54@hotmail.com](mailto:emmawylie54@hotmail.com)

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

The meeting on 24th July, entitled 'Potatoes, Peppers, Petunias and Poisons' was given by Paul Williams, a new speaker to the Club. The reason all these items in the title were grouped together is because they all belong to the Solanaceae family. This family includes many different and varied plants. The poisonous one mentioned was Deadly Nightshade. Perhaps many of us didn't know how connected these plants were and this made for an interesting and informative evening.

The Club hold their annual social event on **Monday 21st August** when there will be Cheese and Wine and some games to test our gardening knowledge.

In **September on Monday 25th at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall Paul Green will suggest some 'Plants of the Season'. With autumn and winter approaching it will be helpful to get some ideas of what to plants to add interest to our gardens in those seasons. There is a Plant and Gardening Items Sale at all hall meetings. New members and visitors very welcome.

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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| Eynsham, Surgery            | 8:49 | 10:34 | 12:34 | 14:34 | 17:09 |
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane * | 8:55 | 10:40 | 12:40 | 14:40 | 17:15 |
| Long Hanborough, New Road   | 9:00 | 10:45 | 12:45 | 14:45 | 17:20 |
| Church Hanborough           | 9:05 | 10:50 | 12:50 | ↓     | 17:25 |
| Hanborough Station (arr)    | 9:10 | 10:55 | 12:55 | 14:50 | 17:30 |

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| Long Hanborough, New Road   | 9:15 | 11:10 | 13:10 | ↓     | 17:40 |
| Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane * | 9:19 | 11:14 | 13:14 | ↓     | 17:44 |
| Bartholomew School          | 9:24 | 11:19 | 13:19 | 15:15 | 17:49 |
| Eynsham, Surgery            | 9:25 | 11:20 | 13:20 | ↓     | 17:50 |
| Eynsham, Church             | 9:29 | 11:29 | 13:29 | 15:20 | 18:00 |

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|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
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| Hanborough Station         | <b>09.10</b> | <b>10.55</b> | <b>12.55</b> | <b>14.50</b> |
| Connects to:               | ↓            | ↓            | ↓            | ↓            |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>09.18</b> | <b>11.19</b> | <b>13.20</b> | <b>15.18</b> |
| Oxford Station             | <b>09.30</b> | <b>11.29</b> | <b>13.30</b> | <b>15.28</b> |

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| Oxford Station             | <b>10.46</b> | <b>12.45</b> | <b>17.23</b> |
| Hanborough Station         | <b>10.55</b> | <b>12.54</b> | <b>17.33</b> |
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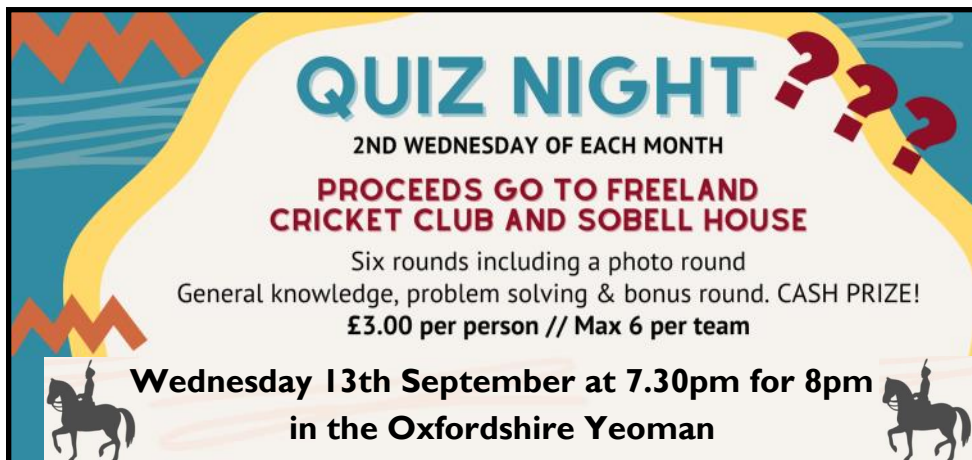


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# QUIZ NIGHT

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**PROCEEDS GO TO FREELAND CRICKET CLUB AND SOBELL HOUSE**

Six rounds including a photo round  
General knowledge, problem solving & bonus round. CASH PRIZE!  
**£3.00 per person // Max 6 per team**

**Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm for 8pm  
in the Oxfordshire Yeoman**

## **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: **20th September, 18th October, 15th November, and 20th December.**



# CRAFTS & SKILLS

at Combe Mill  
Sunday 17 September  
10.30 - 17.00 hrs

| EXHIBITORS                                                   | STALL HOLDERS                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Oxford Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers - spinning demos | The Potty Scot                       |
| Finstock Crafting Club - knitting, crochet and sewing        | Craft Boaters                        |
| Rag Rugging                                                  | Liz Corley Art                       |
| Block Printing                                               | Jackie Sharp handmade baby clothes   |
| Painting on Glass                                            | Sue Foster hand craft items          |
|                                                              | Julie Stuart-Thompson Flamingo Cards |
|                                                              | Gemstone Jewellery                   |
|                                                              | Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust |

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4-7 years



7-10 years



10-14 years



14-18 years

August is usually a quiet time for the units as it's the school holidays. At the end of last term, Emily one of our assistant guiders was presented with her 5 years long service award by Denise, our president. Emily is going on a break for maternity leave. A ranger received her Gold award and is going off to University in September. We wish them and the other rangers well.

In August, North Leigh Guides went to the Guiding festival 'Wellies and Wristbands'. Headlining were a band called 'Sweet Love'. In September we have a District afternoon at Youlbury with adventurous activities. We are also going to be running a refreshment tent at Party at the Pav on **Saturday 2nd September**, so do come down and see us.

Nationally, Girl Guiding is partnering with Dove on their campaign to make social media safer for young people. Girlguiding is raising awareness of the toxic beauty content affecting young people's mental health. Girl Guiding carried out a Girls' attitude survey which showed that 2 in 5 girls and young women aged 11-21 feel more insecure and less confident about themselves after seeing images on online, and 8 in 10 have considered changing how they look.

If your daughter would like to join us on a Tuesday night in Long Hanborough or North Leigh Guides on a Monday evening, you can register them for all sections here (it's never too early)

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

We never say no to a spare pair of hands, please consider volunteering on whatever basis you can manage – you don't need any particular skills. If you can help in any way email [freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com](mailto:freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com) It's really rewarding and good fun.

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## **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](mailto: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 20th September**.

Janet Dalton

## **UPDATES FROM THE OUH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

**(John Radcliffe, Churchill, Horton Hospitals, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre)**

### **Changes to parking charges at Oxford University Hospitals**

The Trust introduced new parking charges for patients and visitors at its three Oxford hospital sites from **Tuesday 1st August**.

This is the first time the Trust has increased parking charges since 2017. The changes will see a reduction for those spending less time on the sites and increases for longer stayers in the visitor car parks at the JR, Churchill, and NOC to bring the all-day rate in line with local Headington car parks to prevent misuse of hospital facilities.

Charges at the Horton remain unchanged as they are similar to nearby public car parks.

Concessionary arrangements for patients and visitors who regularly attend the hospitals remain the same. Free parking for Blue Badge holders is also unchanged with **253** spaces on the four sites.

### **John Radcliffe among top UK hospitals for organ donation**

Nearly 100 lives were saved or improved thanks to patients who donated their organs at the John Radcliffe Hospital, last year.

New figures published in July reveal there were 36 patients – including adults and children – who donated their organs at the Oxford hospital in the 2022/23 financial year, helping 97 people of all ages desperately in need of a transplant.

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) released the figures to mark the publication of the annual Organ Donation and Transplantation Activity Report, which shows that the John Radcliffe facilitated the joint fifth most organ donations in the UK last year.

### **New home for OUH service to improve patient experience**

Patients who need tests for lung cancer and other conditions are set to benefit from the relocation of the Respiratory Early Diagnostic Service (REDS) at OUH.

Formerly located in the Churchill Hospital, the service has now moved to Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre in Cowley Business Park.

By relocating the service to the Diagnostic Centre, patients who are referred to the team with suspected lung cancer can get their scan, bloods, and lung function carried out in one appointment. This means early diagnosis can happen quickly - and if cancer treatment is required, early diagnosis is a vital part of successful and effective treatment.

### **New Critical Care building and Education Centre officially opened**

Oxford Critical Care, Oxford University Hospitals' new critical care building, was officially opened on **Thursday 22 June**.

Based on the John Radcliffe Hospital site in Oxford, the £29m building is supported by Department of Health and Social Care financing and is part of a regional approach for managing critical care demand, as well as supportive and alleviating future seasonal or pandemic-related pressures.

The building, which opened to patients last year, helps OUH staff to provide specialist and critical care by:

- Providing an improved clinical care environment for both patients and staff
- Providing critical care capacity for both the Trust and the South East
- Reducing pre-operative waits
- Improving infection prevention and control.

## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our new season gets underway on **Tuesday 5th September** when Antonia Kearney will be talking about 'The Unknown Churchill'. 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**.

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## **FINAL BRIDEWELL GARDENS OPEN DAY FOR 2023**

The final Open Day for this year is on **Sunday 10th September 11am to 4pm**.

Families of all ages are very welcome, including four legged friends (please keep dogs on a lead!). Feel free to bring your own picnic and find out what makes this small part of West Oxfordshire so special. We can't wait to share the gardens with you.

No booking required. Suggested donation **£5** per person.

If you're visiting the gardens, do explore the little orchard at the top of the vineyard and our beautiful shepherd's hut, on loan from Red Sky Shepherd's Huts. This is the place where gardeners can sit and share their experiences of Bridewell, capturing stories of recovery and reflections of the impact of working in the gardens. You can also read these stories on our website **www.bridewellgardens.org**



While Open Days are essential for helping to raise funds, these days are also a vital way of raising awareness of the recovery service. The team often meet professionals who go on to refer to Bridewell as well as families who are looking for support for a loved one.

Speak to Bridewell staff about the recovery service and the support provided at the gardens.

If you've enjoyed visiting Bridewell do share details of our events with your friends and family and your neighbours – we love meeting new people and sharing the gardens with others.

To talk to someone at Bridewell about making a donation or leaving a gift in your will, get in touch with Rachel at: **rachel@bridewellgardens.org** or phone: **01993 259058**. Charity No. **1158456**

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Oxfordshire **OX7 3DT**

### **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 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](mailto:shelaghkardos@gmail.com)

All proceed will go towards ongoing Village projects.



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**Did you know? We could soon lose almost every field for miles around us...**

- If the Botley West solar farm is constructed, up to 3,400 acres of our precious local countryside will be covered with 1.5 million solar panels for up to 40 years.
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- Forever Fields 2023 is asking local people to record their experience of these beautiful fields now, because they may soon be lost for decades.
- The experience can be paintings, drawings, photographs, sound recordings, video and creative writing.

**What will Forever Fields 2023 achieve?**

1. A Forever Fields Art Exhibition later in 2023 where the paintings, drawings, photographs, sound recordings and video can be seen and heard by the general public.
2. A Digital Art Archive of our precious local landscape in case it is needed as an important reference point in returning the land to green space and countryside in the future.

Go to [www.foreverfields.co.uk](http://www.foreverfields.co.uk) or use the QR code below:

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### **THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND**

Regular café first Tuesday of the month, 9.00-11.30am, Freeland Hall. Next event 5th Sept.

**CREAM TEAS with Prosecco! - SUNDAY 27th AUGUST FROM 2.30 - 5.00PM - FREELAND HALL.**

**NEW!** Friday Bakes at the Yeoman. Coffee, savouries, and cake from **9.30am**  
**jane.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.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

M 21 Aug Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm Social Evening  
W 23 Aug Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Su 27 Aug **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
Su 27 Aug **Cream Teas with Prosecco, Village Hall, 2.30pm - 5pm**  
W 30 Aug Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
M 28 Aug **BANK HOLIDAY**  
Su 3 Sept Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - 10am from opposite the Yeoman  
Tu 5 Sept **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**  
W 6 Sept Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Su 10 Sept Bridewell Gardens Open Day, OX7 3DT, 11am - 4pm  
M 11 Sept Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
M 11 Sept Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm - John Liversidge OBE - see page 19  
Tu 12 Sept **Freeland Grapevine - October edition deadline day**  
W 13 Sept Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
W 13 Sept Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, **7.30pm for 8pm**  
Su 17 Sept Combe Mill in Steam: 'Crafts & Skills' **www.combemill.co.uk**  
W 20 Sept Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
W 20 Sept Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am**  
Su 24 Sept **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
M 25 Sept Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Plants of the Season'  
W 27 Sept Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
F 29 Sept Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm Oli from Eynsham Cellars  
Tu 3 Oct **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**

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

Our July meeting welcomed David Hughes who entertained and educated us in the mysteries of wine growing, and drinking, and how we can all buy wine that is both pleasant to drink (always with food, David stressed), and doesn't break the bank. Perhaps, the best value for money can be got from New World vineyards, but worldwide mass-market producers offer uniform, predictable, highly drinkable wine – often with 'mouth watering flavours' As to wine tourism, however, David was less enthusiastic, suggesting that most European vineyards offered a poor 'visitor experience',



The Branch's next speaker meeting is on **Thursday 7th September** when our guest speaker will be Steven Tonkin; his subject: 'Right Light at Night' - your guess is as good as mine: come along to be enlightened - **2pm**, St. Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock.

Most of the Branch's subject groups have continued to meet through the summer, the recorder players in the conservatory of a hospitable member in Kidlington, the play readers in a Woodstock garden. The recently formed Historic Churches group has ticked off another interesting local example - St. Bartholomew's in Yarnton: plenty more to come yet! <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock> Chris Sladen

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **October Grapevine** is **Tuesday 12th September**. The **October** edition should be online at: [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk) or at [www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk) from **Monday 18th September** with the print copies in the church porch and elsewhere from **Friday 22nd September**.

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

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

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

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Sat 26th - Uggy's Pizzas from 5pm  
(kitchen closed)

Fri 1st - Live Music (tbc)

Mon 4th - Masons Aprons Clog  
Morris

Sat 9th - Live band: Double Parked

Wed 13th - Quiz night in aid of  
Sobell house & Freeland CC

New Autumn menu coming soon!!

For opening times,  
please see website

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**Autumn Fest at Blenheim Palace**

**Saturday 30th September - Sunday 1st October**

Autumn Fest is back at Blenheim Palace with a bounty of activities, workshops and speakers to engage all in nature, sustainability and community. This year we are delighted to work alongside Humanimal Trust, the amazing charity founded by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick.

As well as highlighting our connection with nature, sustainable food and craftsmanship, the architects of Autumn Fest will be looking to Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, the event's headline speaker, to learn how our relationship with animals is a bond that benefits everyone.



## **BLenheim ESTATE**

We are pleased to share that our Lake Dredge restoration project has now been completed! Having not been dredged in over 100 years, the Land & Water team have worked tirelessly around the clock alongside the Blenheim team at Queen Pool collecting over 300,000 cubic metres of silt and restoring it back to its original depth.

You may notice our hoppers around for the next few months as we initiate the cleaning process. Following the conclusion of this phase the lake walk loop will re-open in upcoming months. We are delighted that the Finest View has now been restored to its full beauty and can continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

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