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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

## **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

## **Sunday 8th October 10.00am Morning Praise**

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

## **Sunday 15th October 10.00am Communion**

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

## **Sunday 22nd October 10.00am Morning Praise**

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy  
Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

## **Sunday 29th October 10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion at Christ Church**

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

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

## **Sunday 5th November TBA**

Leader: TBA  
Preacher: TBA

The above information is correct on the date published (17/9/2023). 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 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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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.

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

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



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

It is an outstanding cultural feature of the West at present that we are encouraged to define ourselves ever more narrowly. The ever-narrowing self-definitions relate to almost every conceivable category of the human condition: skin colour, ethnic background, gender, political allegiance, whether or not we consume certain foods, and more.

Such divisions provide fodder for some individuals or political movements to demonise or dehumanise those who do not fall into our particular self-defined category. We should be wary of this. Debate and disagreement without violence or favour, and especially without dehumanisation is the very bedrock of a civilised society where all have the opportunity to flourish – even those with whom I disagree.

As the American church minister and theologian Tim Keller once said, “*Friends become wiser together through a healthy clash of viewpoints.*”\*

Disagreement is not an opportunity for exploitative division and dehumanisation, but for the building of even stronger relationships. This kind of disagreement is also the way of Christ and his followers. As Peter, one of Jesus apostles and his friend, observes in one of his letters in the Bible:

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”* (1 Pet. 3:15).

For the Christian, difference is to be met with a listening ear not irrational fear! This is not to make us bland and homogenous, but to bring us to a place where we can have that “healthy clash of viewpoints”. As Mahatma Gandhi once put it: “*Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress*”.

But more than all this, it is the way of Jesus Christ not to see dislikeable difference in others, not to define ourselves so narrowly that all but those in our bubble become “the enemy”, but rather to see above all things our common humanity, the very image of God in all:

*“God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them”* (Genesis 1:27).

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](http://hfchurch.org.uk)) or contact me for a chat at [rector@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@hfchurch.org.uk)

\*Timothy Keller. “The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God”, (Penguin, 2011), p72.

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

**Sunday 24th September**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

**10.00am Holy Communion**

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 1st October**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

**10.00am Communion**

Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

**Sunday 8th October**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

**10.00am Communion**

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 15th October**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

**10.00am Communion**

Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

**Sunday 22nd October**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

**10.00am Communion (with dedication of kneelers)**

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 29th October 10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion at Christ Church**

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

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

**Sunday 5th November TBA**

Leader: TBA

Preacher: TBA

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

**Sunday 24th September**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**10.00am Morning Praise**

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**Sunday 1st October**

Leader: Emma Young

**10.00am Morning Praise**

Preacher: Amanda Ford

**Sunday 8th October**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**10.00am Communion**

Preacher: Rev. Gareth Dicks

**Sunday 15th October**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

**10.00am Morning Praise**

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 22nd October**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**10.00am Morning Praise**

Preacher: Benjamin Chamings-Manley

**Sunday 29th October**

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

**10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion**

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

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 5th November TBA**

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

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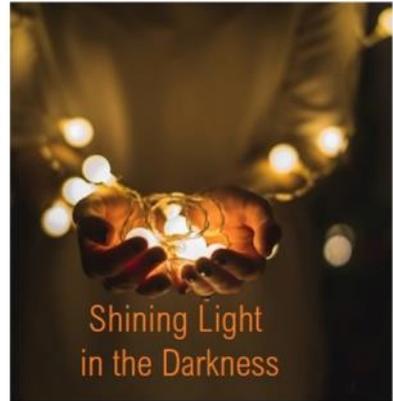
## Two Light Events for Children and Their Families

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 5-7pm

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Hanborough and outside St Mary's,  
Freeland.

Do join us for Hot Chocolate and free party  
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We will also be having activities in the  
Churches.



For more information email:  
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## ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

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

**Sunday 1st October 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 15th 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.

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)



## Ride and Stride - Saturday 9th September 2023

It was the hottest day in my memory for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. Thank you to everyone who welcomed the 6 visitors to St Mary's church or who walked or cycled or sponsored those who took part. **£230** was raised for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust - thank you very much. John Fox



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

**Sunday 24th Sept 10am** Local Arrangement

**Sunday 1st October 10am** Rev. Charles Harris

**Sunday 8th October 10am** Rev. Fred Ireland (Holy Communion)

**Sunday 15th October 10am** Mr Karl Williams

**Sunday 22nd October 10am** Local arrangement

**Sunday 29th October 10am** Rev. James Skinner

**Sunday 5th November 10am** Rev. Andrew Biggs

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### **Councillor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for co-option onto the Council until the elections in May 2024. If you are interested in being part of Parish Council please send me an email to **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

### **WODC Local Plan**

Focused consultation on ideas and objectives (30 August - 25 October 2023) - LIVE

Building on the feedback received to our initial consultation last year, we are running an 8-week focused consultation from 30 August - 25 October 2023 based around three particular elements:

- **Draft local plan objectives** – a series of draft objectives which are intended to guide the future evolution of the plan in terms of its overall approach and anticipated policy content;
- **The future pattern of development in West Oxfordshire** – different scenarios for how and where we might look to focus future growth in the period up to 2041;
- **Call for sites, ideas and opportunities** – an open invitation for stakeholders to put forward their thoughts on how land in the district might be used in the future such as new housing, employment, infrastructure, community use, green space, nature recovery and renewable energy.

To ensure the responses we receive are able to be easily analysed, we are strongly encouraging all stakeholders to respond using our online digital platform CitizenLab, which can be accessed via the following link:

**<https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/>**

Alternatively, if you prefer not to use this platform, written comments can be sent via email to **planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk** or by writing to the Planning Policy Team at West Oxfordshire District Council, Woodgreen Offices, New Yatt Road, Witney, **OX28 1NB**.

### **Fix My Street**

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

### **Bins**

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

### **Applications under consideration or appeal:**

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

### **Applications Received:**

**23/02250/HHD 19 Oakland Close, Freeland**

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

### **New application/amendment:**

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

**21/00961/FUL**

Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans), of permission **21/00961/FUL** to allow minor amendments to include amendments to rooflights, eaves line, roof pitch, garage roof and door and alterations to fenestration.

New build chalet bungalow with detached double garage

### **Applications Approved: None**

### **Applications Refused: None**

### **Playpark**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

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

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the Council website where lots of useful information is held.

The website is [www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk) You can follow us on Facebook ([@freelandpc](https://www.facebook.com/freelandpc)) or Twitter ([@freeland\\_pc](https://twitter.com/freeland_pc)).

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



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At our September meeting, we were delighted to welcome John Liversidge OBE, a retired Thames Valley Police Chief Superintendent. John gave us a very informative insight into his career, right from the beginning when he was a young police constable at St Aldates. His work took a direction he never could have imagined and led him into becoming a recognised expert on critical incident management. Some of his cases included Princess Diana's funeral route to Northampton and a bomb scare at Royal Ascot, following the arrival of the Royal party. When he retired, he envisaged a quieter life but was approached by Vodafone to be involved with their work supporting domestic abuse victims. John demonstrated how mobile technology is playing a vital role in helping people get access to information and help and saving lives. John was a very engaging and informative speaker who clearly loved the paths his career has taken. Passing around his OBE medal at the end seemed a very fitting finale.



At our next meeting on **Monday 9th October**, our speaker will be Jan Warner who will give us a brief overview on how our ancestors raised their infants. Her talk is entitled 'Survival of the Fittest.'

Throughout the year we have continued to support the Witney food bank at our meetings. Our donations are delivered by one of our committee members, Maggie, who volunteers there.

Maggie, and Marilyn, our treasurer, have bravely offered to do another sponsored walk in aid of our WI funds. They intend to do a 26 mile route at the end of September, along the Oxford Canal and would be delighted if any of you would like to sponsor them. Feel free to contact them via our WI email address below.

Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at 7.45pm and finishing around 10pm. Our meetings usually consist of an activity or speaker, a raffle and refreshments. We always look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. We are pleased that our membership continues to grow with six new members joining in the last couple of months. If you have been thinking about joining WI you will receive a very warm welcome. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

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

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at **[freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)**

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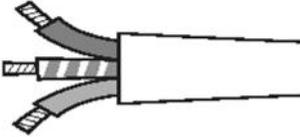
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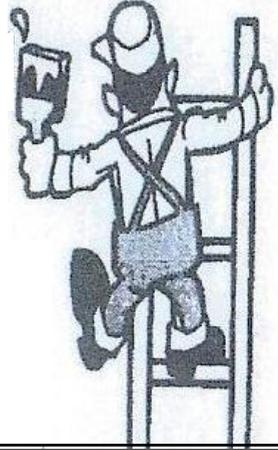
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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Hello bookworms!

As ever, we have seen many, many books come and go recently, so we can only imagine the pleasure that reading is bringing to lots of people in our community.

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.

During September, we asked that you please only donate fiction books. This has helped to reduce the problem, so we would like to continue this in October, too. Hopefully this will solve the issue and give our volunteers a break from removing all those 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, as ever, to our wonderful team of dedicated volunteers who help to maintain the Little Free Library: Sue, Caroline, Jenny and Fi. Without them, it would not always be so tidy and well-stocked!

**Remember: September and October are for donation of fiction books only**  
thank you!

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## **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.

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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# 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP



Our groups have all got off to a cracking start this term, with action-packed sessions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

However, we can't do any of this without your help! 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**

Across divided communities, we help young people gain shared experiences and provide them with a safe place where they can learn from people of different backgrounds, promoting a mutual understanding of one another, and building meaningful friendships which often last a lifetime.

## **We create happy, resilient citizens who are better equipped to handle whatever life throws at them**

We help young people develop the values, self-confidence, and belief in others which will help them go on to become confident, active citizens. We offer children and teens a place to belong, where they can develop the skills to succeed, and feel optimistic about the future.

## **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**

In this age of economic instability, Scouts helps young people develop skills for life; the character, practical and employability skills that young people will carry with them into adulthood, and put their best foot forward, every step of the way.

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!

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

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## **THERMAL IMAGING**

In conjunction with Green Tea & The Low Carbon Hub, it is our intention to carry out a thermal imaging exercise throughout Freeland during the coming winter which will give all residents the opportunity to assess the quality and effectiveness of their insulation. As with all these exercises the more people involved the less of a burden it is on the organisers and the greater number of properties can be assessed.

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](mailto:markoc.fpc@gmail.com) and I'll be in touch regarding the event and with a view to organising transport there (and back).

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Well, we made it and had the most amazing time, despite the press coverage highlighting the issues with the Jamboree site, recent monsoon rains, a heatwave and an incoming typhoon!

We had the opportunity to visit the most astonishing places, by cable car to Namsan Mountain Park, the North Seoul Tower, Gyeongbokgung Palace - wearing Hanbok, Korean traditional dress, the DMZ (demilitarised zone) - experiencing the tunnels which connect to North Korea and tying ribbons to the DMZ fence to pray for reunification and peace, and a steep mountain walk along the old city walls with stunning views of Seoul.

Onto the Jamboree. We were on site for almost 3 days, it was very hot with near 95% humidity. We took part in the most astounding opening ceremony alongside almost all the other participants. And then we enjoyed all the scouting activities, bushcraft, escaping a world maze and met scouts from all over the world - exchanging stories and badges - while the Korean Air Force performed a fly past overhead.

Back to Seoul, and although sad to leave the camp, we then had so many unexpected extra opportunities and also enjoyed the incredible hospitality of the South Korean people. We swam at a stunning pool at the World Cup Park, saw a light and water show in Gangnam, travelled by bullet train (168mph) to Busan, took part in the UK Contingent challenge in the Olympic Park, watched Fly High, a Taekwondo musical and enjoyed a Culture Day hosted by SaRang Church - it was huge, more than 20 floors! And then the most unbelievable closing ceremony, where all 45,000 scouts were back together again in the World Cup Stadium. It was a fantastic night concluding with a K-Pop Super Live concert.

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

On Monday 21st August, the Club Social consisted of a Cheese and Wine Party followed by a Cabaret performance of songs from the 1960s/1970s, many of which were familiar to some of us, given by a member, Bob Buckingham. There was plenty of food to enjoy plus wine and soft drinks followed by coffee. Many thanks to the Committee for organising this enjoyable evening.

On **Monday 25th September at 7.30pm** our meetings return to normal with a talk by Paul Green entitled 'Plants of the Season'.

Our Club Annual General Meeting is on **Monday 23rd October at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall when the past year will be reported on, a new Committee chosen and a report of the speakers and subjects in store for us in the year November 2023 to October 2024. The Programme Secretary has been very busy organising an interesting number of events for us to enjoy and improve our gardening experiences. It would be a good time for anyone new to the village or area to get a taste of this friendly Club and meet some local people.

There was no Plant and Gardening Item Sale in August, but do plant up some spares for sales at the September and October meetings.

For any further information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at

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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

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We have one **Men's** side, two **Under 17** sides and one **Under 10** side. The **Under 10s** play home games on a Saturday morning (**10.30 KO**) and the **Under 17s** play on Sunday afternoons (**2pm ko**)



### **Men's Fixtures:**

**Saturday 23rd September - Home** - Witney Royals Reserves

**Saturday 30th September - Away** - Chadlington Reserves

### **Under 10s Fixtures:**

**Saturday 23rd September - Away** - SWISS

**Saturday 30th September - Home** - Ardley

**Saturday 14th October - Home** - Carterton

### **Under 17s Home fixtures:**

**Sunday 24th September** - Freeland v Halse

- Freeland Village v Banbury Spencer

**Sunday 1st October** - Freeland Village v Bletchington

**Sunday 15th October** - Freeland Village v Tower Hill

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

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The opening concert of the new season will be given by violinist Michael Foyle and pianist Maksim Štšura who'll be performing works by Janáček, Brahms, Joachim and Beethoven. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 13th October**.

The second concert will be a song recital by the tenor Alessandro Fisher with collaborative pianist Ashok Gupta. Their programme will include works by Clara Schumann, Robert Schumann, Schubert and Chausson. The concert is at **7.30 pm on Friday 10th November**.

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

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

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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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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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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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Hanborough Station	<b>11.05</b>	<b>13.05</b>	<b>17.35</b>
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	<b>11.14</b>	<b>13.14</b>	<b>17.44</b>



## **POPPY APPEAL 2023**

This year door to door collections will take place from **Thursday 26th October to Saturday 11th November.**

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

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

Also thank you to the Farmers Market where we will be collecting on **Sunday 29th October.**

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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## **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.**

**Wood Crafts** at Combe Mill  
Sunday 15 October  
10.30 - 17.00 hrs

**Working machinery driven by steam beam engine + blacksmiths' forge**

**Demonstrations of working with wood**

Charlbury Morris in afternoon

Browse amongst our market stalls

Adults £9.00, concessions £7.50, children under 16 free.  
Ask about making a donation and qualifying for a 12 month pass  
See [www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org) or telephone 01993 358694 for full details  
Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, Oxfordshire OX29 8ET

# 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 11th October at 7.30pm for 8pm  
in the Oxfordshire Yeoman**

## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 3/9/2023**

Usual start to this month, Mrs Miggins has kicked off again, she is not a happy bunny making lots of noise and she's found a friend, Ted Barley-mow who lives in Bernard's Barns to the west of the village and used to be a game keeper. He is known for being obsessed with the story of Mrs Colepepper (some of you might know the story) who is said to have lived in a small one roomed house/shack which can still be seen today in Chapel Lane (now called Pigeon House Lane). She was accused of witchcraft and dealt with by the village accordingly.

On a lighter note and going back to why Mrs M. was so cross, she was shouting (writing in capitals) asking why I wouldn't tell her if I was local, or where we've been on the rambles, I just replied (as the great philosopher Jagger said) "You can't always get what you want!"...I think this might ramble on.

This month's fact, believe it or not, the drystone wall reaches you'll see in the Cotswolds are as long as the Great Wall of China. And no, you can't see either of them from space, no matter what anyone tells you!

6 people and two very well behaved dogs strolled around a very pretty route, even if I say so myself, we saw some great vistas, dry stone walling, and the sun....which was nice.

Next month's very possibly local Ramble will be on **Sunday 1st October at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Ramble on! P. Diddy



## **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](http://www.newyattRDA.org.uk) and email us at [nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com](mailto:nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com)

## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**



Well in a blink of an eye the season is over and we are left reviewing the past season and planning for the next.

The Cherwell League team ended up 8th in Tier 7b, which was a little frustrating as we lost 4 matches to bad weather, and we probably would have won at least two of those matches. However, given the injury list: Ian Harris plantar tendon tear, Dom Gurden snapped Achilles tendon, Logan Hunt broken ankle and Simon Brown torn knee cartilage, we played without 4 of our stronger players for the whole season, so the outcomes might have been worse.

This season we celebrated two new players who have scored most runs and taken most wickets. Richard Stephenson scored 233 runs, pipping Rich Borrill by 20. Nick Wyatt took 18 wickets beating Marcus Hall who has taken most wickets for the past 3 years.

This season we had 9 juniors play in the League team, playing a combined 32 matches. Highest praise to James Keeling who scored 141 runs and took 7 league wickets, not bad for a 14 year old!

I'd like to thank Gary Butler who took on the captaincy after the first League match when Ian was injured.

The Women's Hardball team finished the season by beating Dinton by 10 wickets. It was a great way to end the season and sets up the challenge of the winter indoor league, which we won last year.

The Junior section held their awards night on the 8th September.

These are the individual award winners;

### **Under 11s**

Most Runs	Toby Borrill
Most Wickets	Dylan King
Most improved	Dylan King
Player of season	Toby Borrill

### **Under 13s**

Most runs	Ben Stansfield
Most wickets	Sam Robinson
Most improved	Elijah Smith
Player of the season	Eddie Borrill

### **Under 15s**

Most Runs	James Keeling
Most Wickets	James Keeling
Most improved	Ben Davies
Player of season	James Keeling

We will start junior indoor training in March 2024.

The next **Cricket Club Quiz** will be on **Wednesday 11th October, 7.30pm** for an **8pm** start.

Many thanks for all your support during the season.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club  
**Web:** <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>

**E:** [freelandcc.u1@gmail.com](mailto:freelandcc.u1@gmail.com)  
**Facebook:** Freeland Cricket Club

## **WORRIED ABOUT COSTS?**

Are you worrying about how to manage the cost of living? Or do you know a neighbour or relative who lives in the Parishes of Eynsham or **Freeland** (Ancient Parish of Eynsham) who is struggling to make ends meet?

Eynsham Consolidated Charity provides small-medium sized grants to local residents who are in need of financial help.

Please apply in total confidence via the Clerk, Catherine Barton, by emailing [eynshamcharities@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamcharities@gmail.com) or by writing to the Trustees via the Clerk, 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham, **OX29 4EX**

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## **EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATES**

### **Autumn Flu and COVID Vaccinations**

We are expecting to run combined clinics to administer both flu and Covid vaccinations together on **Saturdays from 30th September to 28th October**.

We hope to be in a position to start inviting eligible people from **18th September**.



Eligible people will be those aged 65 and over, and those aged 18-64 and with a specified underlying health issue, such as lung disease, heart disease and diabetes.

Please do not call reception for more information or to make a booking.

Bookings will be available online (our preferred option) but there will be a dedicated phone line for those unable to book online.

Please note that we will not be in a position to offer separate appointments for the 2 vaccinations, and each eligible individual will be offered both flu and Covid vaccinations at the same appointment in line with current NHS recommendations.

### **SURGERY CLOSURE NOTICE**

Eynsham Medical Centre and Long Hanborough Surgery, along with all other surgeries in the area, will be closing on the afternoon of **Thursday 28th September**.

This is to give protected time for training for all our staff.

Urgent care cover will be provided via the **111** service.

The **111** operators will direct you to the correct medical service for your need. If your call is not urgent, please wait to call us the following morning on 29th September.

**Hanborough Pharmacy will remain open as usual.**

### **Support**

We recognise that this is a very difficult time for many people. We can offer foodbank referral vouchers and our social prescriber, Callum Weaver can help advise about other sources of support. You can self-refer to her by emailing your name, GP practice, and a brief outline of your issue to:

[nwprimarycarewellbeing@oxfordshiremind.org.uk](mailto:nwprimarycarewellbeing@oxfordshiremind.org.uk)

### **Our usual GP system**

At EMG we believe in continuity, and research shows this improves patients' health.

When a patient registers with us, they are assigned a 'usual GP' who will deal with any issues for them. You can find out who your usual GP is or request a change by submitting an E-consult online, or contacting reception if this is not possible.

Combined travel and ticket opportunity to see:  
OXOPS (Oxford Operatic Society) production of

## **Oliver!**

**Lionel Bart's** award winning musical based on Charles Dickens' novel  
*Oliver Twist* including hits like:

*Food, Glorious Food, Consider Yourself* and *As Long as He Needs Me*  
on **Wednesday 31 January 2024, 7.30pm**, at **The New Theatre**, Oxford

Price pp for return coach from Freeland to the theatre + theatre ticket: **£35**  
Anyone interested should give full details (name, address, phone no., email) and  
number of tickets required no later than **Monday 13th November**, to:

Hilary Lamb, 12 Hurst Lane, Freeland

Payment can be made by **BACS** (please email Hilary for OXOPS' BACS details:  
[lambh54@googlemail.com](mailto:lambh54@googlemail.com)) or by **cheque** payable to Oxford Operatic  
Society (please include cheques with requests for tickets).

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

## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

Our October talk is by Jamie Williams on **Tuesday 3rd October** and is about recent  
excavations in Stanton Harcourt. On **Tuesday 7th November**, Trevor Jackson will be  
giving a talk on 80 years of the RAF at Brize Norton.

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](mailto:kyterobert@gmail.com) and **01993  
880368**.

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

Some of the knitted animals for the Shoe Box appeal.  
Now that the grandparent duties & our own holidays are  
just about over, we have started a new skill - that of  
Couched (or Laid) embroidery where plain material is  
decorated with colourful embroidered images. The design is  
first covered with long embroidery threads which are then  
"couched" to the material with contrasting stitches, making  
different patterns. The decorated material is then made into  
bags to hold phones, glasses or needles, etc.

Would you like to meet some new people from the village and share a chat and some  
"crafty" time with them? This friendly group meets each Wednesday afternoon from  
**2.00 – 4.00pm** in the Newell Room at the back of Freeland Village Hall. There is  
usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover hire costs.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:  
Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316**  
([margaret.wright160@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.wright160@gmail.com))

Margaret Wright

# Freeland Open Gardens

## June 2024

Dear Fellow Gardeners,

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

Maybe it is a combination of all of these.

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

Please consider taking part.

For more information or to get involved contact:  
Shelagh Kardos 01993 657626 or  
email [shelaghkardos@gmail.com](mailto:shelaghkardos@gmail.com)

All proceeds will go towards ongoing Village projects.

### **FREELAND WALKING GROUP**

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

If you would like to join us on a walk please contact me at [hjdalton43cv@gmail.com](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 walks are on **Wednesdays 20th September and 18th October.**

Janet Dalton

# COFFEE MORNING

to raise funds for  
Christmas Shoeboxes

**SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER**

10am - 12noon

**FREELAND HALL**

Refreshments, cakes, raffle, etc

## CHARITY FILM NIGHT



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday 28th October 2023**

MORE INFORMATION will be available soon on  
EYNHAM ONLINE <https://eynham.org.uk>

# **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION ENDING!**

After something like 3 years I have decided to call it a day at the end of September. With increasing family commitments and now having a smaller car to transport the cans it seems like the right time to stop.

With all of your support we have managed to raise a sizeable amount of money for Freeland Pre-School and latterly Freeland Primary School and were even able to donate money to Save the Children in the spring of last year.

I recently converted some cans for cash totalling **£65**, this will be split equally between the Pre-School and the Primary School.

*Thank You* for all of your support over the years. I will still collect cans up **until the end of September**, so please bring them over before then to **10 The Blowings, OX29 8HY**.

Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood. And, 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.

**If anyone would like to carry the collection on, then please get in touch.**  
**andre\_woodward@yahoo.co.uk**

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# **FREELAND COMMUNITY BUS GROUP (also know as the Thursday Bus!) NOMINATED FOR KING'S AWARD**

The Freeland Community Bus group has been nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service for "Providing a reliable, sustainable and very effective bus service for Freeland". This is a nation-wide award and the successful organisations will be announced on HM the King's birthday in mid-November. To celebrate the achievements of the ten nominees from Oxfordshire, the Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow BEM, invited two representatives from each charity to a networking reception at Ditchley Park on 14 September.



Alaa Al-Yousuf & Sue Hooper with The Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (far left) & guests.



# FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL

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**COUNTRY FISH & CHIPS** Freshly cooked Fish and Chips in Freeland every **Thursday night** from **6.45 - 7.15pm** on Wroslyn Road near the junction with the A4095. Tel: **07791 459 849**

### **THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND**

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

Delicious homemade cakes and scones, and a savoury or two.

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

**janes.cakestudio@gmail.com 01993 881273**

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

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

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 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  
Su 1 Oct Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman  
**Tu 3 Oct The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**  
Tu 3 Oct North Leigh History Society, Memorial Hall, North Leigh, **7.30pm £4**  
W 4 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
M 9 Oct Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
M 9 Oct Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** - Jan Warner - 'Survival of the Fittest'  
W 11 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
W 11 Oct Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, **7.30pm for 8pm**  
**Th 12 Oct Freeland Grapevine - November edition deadline day**  
F 13 Oct Witney Music Society, High St Methodist Church, Witney. Doors **7pm**  
Su 15 Oct Combe Mill in Steam: 'Wood Crafts' **www.combemill.co.uk**  
W 18 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
W 18 Oct Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am**  
S 21 Oct COFFEE MORNING for Christmas Shoeboxes, Freeland Hall, **10-12noon**  
M 23 Oct Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** AGM  
W 25 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**Su 29 Oct CLOCKS CHANGE BACK ONE HOUR - end of British Summer Time**  
**Su 29 Oct Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**

**ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE** are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm/dusk seven days a week. You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Mondays & Tuesdays 5pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thurs Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11.30pm Fridays 9.30am - 11.30pm; Saturdays Noon - 11.30pm; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm. In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door. There are copies available in the **Long Hanborough Surgery** waiting room, and now also in **Freeland House and The Lodge**.

**WOODSTOCK u3a's** next monthly meeting is on **Thursday 5th October** with Chrissie Harper talking about 'Chrissie's Owls and Stonesfield Owl Rescue'. The meeting starts at **2pm** in St Hugh's Church Hall, Hensington Road, Woodstock. <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock> Chris Sladen



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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **November Grapevine** is **Thursday 12th October**. The **November** 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 23rd October** with the print copies in the church porch and elsewhere from **Friday 27th October**.

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

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

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

**Adverts:** [grapevineadverts@gmail.com](mailto:grapevineadverts@gmail.com)

**Articles:** [freelandgrapevine@gmail.com](mailto:freelandgrapevine@gmail.com)

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

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

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*We do not endorse any articles, reports or suggestions in the Grapevine.*

Our new Autumn menu is coming soon, and in preparation, we have revised our opening times:

<b>Pub</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
Mon 5-10.30pm	Mon Closed
Tue 5-10.30pm	Tue Closed
Wed 12-3pm/5-11pm	Wed 12-2.30pm/5.30-8.30pm
Thur 12-3pm/5-11.30pm	Thur 12-2.30pm/5.30-8.30pm
Fri 9.30am - 11.30pm	Fri 12-2.30pm/5.30-8.30pm
Sat 12-11.30pm	Sat 12-2.30pm/5.30-8.30pm
Sun 12-10.30pm	Sun Closed



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## **BLenheim PALACE**

### **Halloween at Blenheim Palace – 20th – 29th October**

As Halloween creeps closer and the days shorten, there's a chill in the air at Blenheim Palace where ghosts, ghouls and witches get ready to deliver a whole host of tricks and treats along a spooktacular trail. Wander from dusk into darkness and through the spooky spider tunnel to be surprised by fantastic fire performers as you watch out for the headless horseman emerging from the mist. Discover scary scarecrows, listen to the werewolves' howl and dare to enter the vampires' crypt but beware, you don't know what fanged monster lurks inside....join in the Halloween madness and don't forget to dress up in case you want to do a little scaring yourself!

Trick or treat yourself to tickets at

[www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/halloween-at-blenheim-palace.html](http://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/halloween-at-blenheim-palace.html)



## **BLenheim ESTATE**

Our social prescribing scheme in partnership with Oxfordshire charity Aspire has now been running for two years and continues to provide support for vulnerable people facing disadvantage, mental health difficulties or long term health conditions. The scheme is a series of six week programmes throughout the year and on the 2 hour sessions participants have the opportunity to not only learn about the history of Blenheim Palace but also share their own thoughts, worries and concerns and connect with one another. The sessions are led by Palace Guide Sylvain Richard who has taken around 160 people on walks around the peaceful Gardens and Parkland and witnessed their progress first hand.

Find out more about our social prescribing scheme with Aspire at

[www.blenheimestate.com/news/blenheim-welcomes-aspire.html](http://www.blenheimestate.com/news/blenheim-welcomes-aspire.html)

## **BLenheim**

The replacement of the Orangery roof project is now almost completed. The 18th century glass ceiling has now been fully removed and replaced with a timber and slate structure in the spirit of John Vanbrugh's original design. This will be a far more effective insulator than glass, saving energy and helping us reach our green goals. The work is due to finish, along with stunning new interior décor, in the middle of October ready to begin serving devilishly decadent Halloween themed afternoon teas. Thank you once again to all of our visitors, without whom this unique conservation project would not have been possible.

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

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