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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

**Sunday 23rd July 10.00am Service of the Word**

Leader: Matt Cripps tbc

Preacher: Josh Soanes tbc

**Sunday 30th July 10.00am Whole Benefice Service at Ss Peter & Paul**

**Sunday 6th August 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 13th August 10.00am Joint Service with Christ Church at**

**Christ Church**

**Sunday 20th August 10.00am Joint Service with Christ Church at St Mary's**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: TBA

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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

The above information is correct on the date published (19/7/2023). 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**

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**Saturday 29th July 2.30pm - 3.00pm Wedding blessing of Charl and**

**Victoria Van Der Merwe**

**Sunday 6th August 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 20th August 9.30am - 10.00am**

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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 Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270** or contact us through the Church website: [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)

**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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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)**

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Please see our website for current job opportunities across the Clubs

## **Letter from our Associate Rector, Rev. Mike Madden:**

Dear Friends,

I have been thinking a great deal lately about the love of God and how his love for us should influence the way we interact and handle others. In particular, I have been meditating on Isaiah 42:1-4, which is quoted below.

*42 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight, I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.'* (Isaiah 42:1-4)

'A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out.' These beautiful words taken from Isaiah 42, capture the heart and the compassion of God. Even though God is all powerful, Isaiah reminds us about God's compassion, love, and gentleness. Isaiah highlights that he looks after the vulnerable and delicate not causing them damage or hurt.

God often speaks to his people through pictures as he does in this beautiful text in Isaiah 42:1-4, so sometimes it is useful to take a longer deeper look at the imagery used. For example, the image of the bruised reed used by Isaiah implies something acted upon this reed to cause it to be bruised, it may have been a storm, it may have been trampled on, we don't know, but we do know that it has been damaged and needs careful handling.

These words in Isaiah are often used to describe how Jesus handles each of us, with care and sensitivity. We may have been bruised through the rough and tumble of life; We may have experienced hardship or adversity; We may have been damaged by what people have said to us or done to us. Whatever has caused bruising in our lives, whatever has damaged us, these verses in Isaiah 42:1-4 point to Jesus the servant of the Lord, who will not break a bruised reed. Rather Jesus handles us carefully, lovingly protecting us from the external forces that have previously left us bruised.

In the light of this passage, I have two prayers.

- Firstly, for those of us who feel bruised, that we would know the gentleness and love of God in our lives.
- Secondly, for those of us who encounter people who are bruised that we would overflow with love, sensitivity, and wisdom.

Have a great summer.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike



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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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## **HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH**

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|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 23rd July</b>   | <b>10am</b> | Mr Richard Bowler                  |
| <b>Sunday 30th July</b>   | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Charles Harris                |
| <b>Sunday 6th August</b>  | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Fred Ireland (Holy Communion) |
| <b>Sunday 13th August</b> | <b>9am</b>  | Church Family Breakfast            |
|                           | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Charles Harris                |
|                           | <b>3pm</b>  | Circuit Service - Davenport Road   |
| <b>Sunday 20th August</b> | <b>10am</b> | Mrs Stella Bristow                 |
| <b>Sunday 27th August</b> | <b>10am</b> | Rev. Jason Cooke                   |

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- Sunday 30th July**                      **10.00am Whole Benefice Service at Ss Peter & Paul**  
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden            Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
- Sunday 6th August**                      **10.00am Holy Communion**  
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart            Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 13th August**                      **10.00am Holy Communion**  
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson    Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
- Sunday 20th August**                      **10.00am Holy Communion**  
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch    Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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**Christ Church**
- Sunday 3rd September**                      **10.00am Holy Communion**  
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden            Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
- Sunday 10th September**                      **10.00am Celebration Sunday Whole Benefice**  
**Communion Service at Freeland Village Hall**

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

- Sunday 23rd July**                      **10.00am Service of the Word**  
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson    Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
- Sunday 30th July**                      **10.00am Whole Benefice Service at Ss Peter & Paul**
- Sunday 6th August**                      **10.00am Service of the Word**  
Leader: TBA                                  Preacher: Jonathan Ford
- Sunday 13th August**                      **10.00am Joint Service with St Mary's at**  
**Christ Church**  
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart            Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 20th August**                      **10.00am Joint Service with St Mary's at**  
**St Mary's**
- Sunday 27th August**                      **10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at**  
**Christ Church**  
Leader: Andy and Val Richens + Rev. Heather McCulloch    Preacher: Rev. Gareth Dicks
- Sunday 3rd September**                      **10.00am Service of the Word**  
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson    Preacher: Josh Soanes
- Sunday 10th September**                      **10.00am Celebration Sunday Whole Benefice**  
**Communion Service at Freeland Village Hall**

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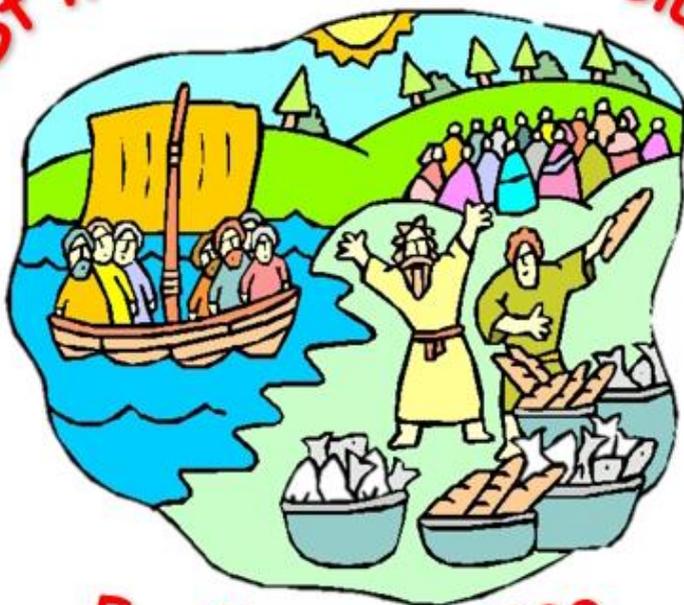


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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES**

### **Botley West Solar Farm**

The Developer has now published their Scoping Report and distributed their summary on Phase I of the Community Consultation Report, which you may remember happened just before Christmas.

In response to this, the Parish Council have submitted a letter of objection to WODC, who will represent the district's findings on whether the developer has produced a fit and proper scoping analysis. WODC will have submitted their response to the Planning Inspectorate on 13th July.

We would like to thank everyone who sent us their thoughts and opinions to allow the decision to be made. Once we have more information we will update you all accordingly – the next stage will be a further public consultation in the Autumn.

### **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**. The social group lead's email address is **kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com**. Your help would be really appreciated if you can assist in any way, however small.

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

Despite the climate crisis being one of the biggest challenges facing us all, it's still frequently sidelined in conversations and the news. Day-to-day pressures such as the cost-of-living crisis are one reason it doesn't get discussed as much as it should – but another reason is that the enormity of the task can feel quite overwhelming.

***It's important to remember that we don't need to become 'zero carbon' overnight!***

To hit the targets the climate scientists have set, we just need to reduce our emissions by 10% per year. That's still a big step, but it's much better than saying we need to do everything in one leap...

Also, given the comparative lack of conversation both in the media and from the government, it's encouraging that public awareness about the crisis is only growing. Last year, a survey by the Office for National Statistics revealed that 74% of adults surveyed were either 'somewhat' or 'very' worried about the crisis. So, while it can feel quite an isolated place being worried about what the future might bring us and our children, we are obviously not alone.

The question is: how do we turn that worry into action? Certainly, a lot of the required action on the climate crisis needs to come at a policy level, and I hope to talk about how we put political pressure on governments later. But what can we do personally in our own lives to make a difference?

I must admit I sometimes feel I need to make substantial lifestyle changes to become net zero, but we can make more difference than we sometimes realise with modest changes.



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One quick way to reduce wastage is to organise your fridge such that food that will go out of date soonest is put to the front. Then, when deciding what to cook, base your meal selection on 'use by' date. Many items can also be popped in the freezer if they're going out of date soon and won't have a chance to eat them now. You can find more tips at [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com). It's multiple simple changes like this that, if we all do them, can add up to big effects.

### **Pigeon House Lane**

Our County Councillor, Liam Walker, met with residents to discuss how Pigeon House Lane could be made safer for everyone. Following from this, a plan for the entrance from Wroslyn Road was circulated to the Parish Council and Pigeon House Lane residents present at the July PC meeting. This simple scheme, which reduces the apparent width of the entrance from Wroslyn Road, was agreed at July's PC meeting and will likely be funded by OCC.

### **Inspired Villages update**

The application for Inspired Villages as we already know had been refused in their written application for a High Court hearing challenging the Appeal Decision.

They have asked to re-apply at an oral hearing, where they will provide their evidence verbally this time, in front of a judge, as to why the case should proceed to a High Court hearing. We are still waiting for notification of the date.

If refused in the oral hearing, the only option left is to appeal those refusals at the Appeal Court.

We will keep you posted as we hear more.

### **Resignations**

Sadly we have recently lost two councillors. One is our Chairman, **Roger Faulkner**, who stepped into the role when he joined the council in May 2021. He has expertly guided us through momentous national occasions – a Platinum Jubilee celebration, the death of the late Queen Elizabeth II, and the Coronation of Charles III, as well as significant village issues over the last 2 years. He played a key role in the Inspired Villages Appeal hearing – giving opening and closing speeches on our behalf, as well as reading a statement objecting to the Spitfire Homes proposal on Chapel Field to WODC Uplands Committee in April, which, as we have reported before, was refused permission.

Additionally, **Mark O'Callaghan**, who joined us just before Christmas, has resigned. He has played an active role in that time, bringing a fresh view to meetings and helping with both the Sustainability and Nature Recovery Groups.

We would like to thank Roger and Mark for their huge efforts to make Freeland a better place for everyone. They are both involved in many other aspects of village life, which they will be continuing.

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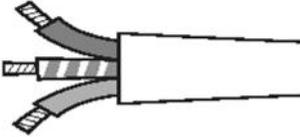
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If **you** would like to join us and see how the Parish is run, now is a good chance to give it a try for 6 months until the next elections. Please email **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** for details.

### **Noticeboards**

Over the next few weeks we have two new noticeboards arriving: one to replace the old board near Freeland Primary School and one on the A4095 next to the bus stop. We recognise that the Parish extends a long way from north to south and want all residents to feel part of the village by being kept up to date with activities.

### **Fix My Street**

We urge you to continue reporting potholes 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.

### **Planning Applications**

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

You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

### **Applications Received:**

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

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

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

Erection of rear and side single storey extensions with rooflights

### **Applications under consideration:**

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

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

### **Applications Approved:**

#### **23/01514/CLP 3 Woodlands, Freeland**

Certificate of Lawfulness (single storey extension)

#### **23/00579/HHD Taunton Cottage, Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Removal of conservatory, erection of single-story rear and side extension, garage conversion internal works

#### **23/01041/S73 Land between Wychwood House and Malvern Villas, Witney Road Freeland.**

Variation of conditions 12 and 13 of permission **16/01353/OUT** to allow changes to ensure surface water drained to SUDS facility/pond and a pathway around SUDS facility (Retrospective).

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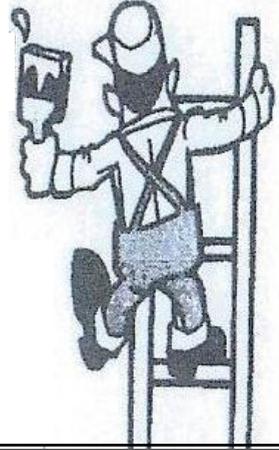
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Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

### **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.*

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandpc.org.uk** You can follow us on Facebook (**@freelandpc**) or Twitter (**@freeland\_pc**). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: fayf.fpc@gmail.com**



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Waitrose car park, Witney----- 12.40 pm

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### INFORMATION

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

This month's update was contributed by one of our volunteers: Sue.

The longest day has passed but there's still plenty of time for lazy days in the garden, on the beach, and around the pool.

What better addition to this scenario than to have a gripping or relaxing free book in your hands! Not to mention the great selection of children's books we get. As one of the helpers at the Little Free Library, I'm always amazed at the quality and variety of the books that are donated. Most seem to fly off the shelves to be quickly replaced by others.

The ones that seem to stick around, though, are the specialist, academic, or very old and heavy books that have limited appeal.

Space is limited, so to make room for more popular books, we usually take them to Oxfam where they are more likely to attract the right kinds of readers (and they sometimes advertise them online.)

If you need to de-clutter your bookshelves of these kinds of books, we kindly request that you take them to Oxfam or similar charity shops directly yourself, so save us the additional journey and effort. Thank you for your understanding.

Matthew & The Little Free Library team (Fi, Sue, Caroline, Jenny & Matthew)  
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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

On 26th June, Mandy Bradshaw returned with an excellent talk entitled 'Beyond the Garden Gate (Cotswold Gardens)' She showed very good photos of many gardens in various seasons. She also brought many cards with beautiful pictures of individual flowers. Nine members went to visit Moorwood Gardens at Woodmancote, one of the gardens she mentioned in her previous talk, and very much enjoyed the garden which has many rambling roses.

The talk on **Monday 24th July at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is by a new speaker to the Club, Paul Williams. The subjects of his talk is 'Potatoes, Peppers, Poisons and Petunias', so it sounds as if it will be an interesting and varied evening.

On **Monday 21st August** we will have our usual Social evening, its yet to be decided what this will involve. Members will be informed well before the evening.

New members and visitors are very welcome at all our meetings. There is a Plant and Garden Items Sale at all our meetings.

For any further information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at **davidjones30@talktalk.net**



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# FREELAND VILLAGE FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024

On the village playing field and Village Hall

The planning for the Village Festival is already underway by the volunteers of the Freeland Social Group. We are planning a fun filled day with lots of activities, stalls, live music and food which will be suitable for all ages.

To make it a real community event, we are looking for groups or organisations from the village to run and organise an activity on the day. It could be anything from a tug of a war, welly wanging, a three-legged race or a dog show to providing afternoon tea, cake stall, etc. Own ideas are welcome.

We would also like to hear from anyone local who would be interested in having a stall at the festival as well as any musical groups, bands or budding musicians who would be interested in doing a live performance. This is your moment to shine.

We want to provide a day to remember for everyone in the village but know we will need extra help to make this happen, so if you can contribute in some way either in the planning of an event or by volunteering some of your time please get in contact with Kathy Liddell on [kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.freelandsocialgroup@gmail.com) or call 07786 731634.

### **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?

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2/7/2023**

This month's post box was positively brimming with letters, with questions like... ummm, one definitely stood out from a Mr E Dento (which will ring a bell for any long standing UF Ramblers), his question was: How much wood would a wood chuck chuck if a wood chuck could chuck wood? Well Mr Dento thanks for the question and I can tell you the industrious little animal could chuck around 700 pounds worth (look it up).

Nine people and one dog trekked around our small shire this month, and whilst wishing one of our party a very Happy Eleventytwelfth Birthday (yes, we did sing, and the cake was lovely, thank you, J) another question popped up. while photographing a group of Ladybirds/Ladybugs, someone asked... what is the collective noun for these little bundles of loveliness? I will leave you to find out, although I will say the answer could be in this very write up.....or maybe not.



Next month's local Ramble will be on **Sunday 6th August at 10am** from the bus shelter across the road from the Yeoman pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Many thanks, Samwise Gamgee

### **COMBE MILL 'In Steam', SUNDAY 20th AUGUST, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe OX29 8ET**

We have invited Exhibitors to bring along a variety of models they have made, Fair Ground, Diamond 'T', Train Set, collections of Miniature Buses, dye cast models, Millennium Wheels, Model Steam Engines, also Miniature Working Steam Engines with much more of interest. Exhibitors will be from Local Clubs.



Also invited are the Kencot Ukulele Group in the afternoon, with a small collection of Classic Cars.

Combe Mill is a late 19th Century Restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. All machinery running 'In Steam' with volunteers on hand with lots of interesting information. Come along and see the blacksmiths in the forge - you might just be able to make a poker.

Tea room will be open, BBQ, Gift Shop and Tombola.

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Planning for the new season is well under way. We have two **Under 17** sides and an **Under 10s**, giving us **3 Youth** sides and **2 Adult** sides.

The **Under 10s** still have a few spaces left in the squad, so if your child is interested, please contact Emma Wylie, details below.

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)

The **Under 17s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - [stu.mac@aol.com](mailto:stu.mac@aol.com)

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Ben Symonds

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

As the summer progresses, our members are concentrating on their own work for a bit. From patchwork, toy knitting, cardigans for adults & premature babies. It is a great chance to see what other people have made, to find some new patterns and along the way, any visitors can make some new acquaintances.



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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## **FREELAND WINE CLUB**

### **Save the dates**

By the time you read this, most of you (but maybe not quite all) will have missed our meeting on **Friday 21st July** but hopefully you are all in time to make a note of our September meeting on **Friday 29th September**.

(Full details in the September Grapevine, available late August) and our AGM and members' social on Friday 24th November.

To book or to register to get invites to all meetings please email [FreelandWineClub@gmail.com](mailto:FreelandWineClub@gmail.com)



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## FIRST AND LAST MILE

Approval has now been received from Oxfordshire County Council for First and Last Mile to lower its single fares to **£2** to match the level of the fare cap. This will be from **Tuesday 1st August**. These lower fares will be available on the 411 and 418 service from the above date.



**Bus passes also accepted. [www.firstandlastmile.org.uk](http://www.firstandlastmile.org.uk)**

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### **Timetable, effective 3rd JANUARY 2023**

**Services run Mon-Fri only**

#### **Service 411 Eynsham to Hanborough via Freeland**

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Eynsham Church	8:45	10:30	12:30	14:30	17:05
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

#### **Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland**

Hanborough Station (dep)	9:10	11:05	13:05	14:50	17:35
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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## **RAIL CONNECTION TIMINGS**

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

Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	<b>08.55</b>	<b>10.40</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>14.40</b>
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>
Connects to:	↓	↓	↓
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>



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## **FREELAND WI**



At our July meeting we were delighted to welcome John Caldicott who told us about being brought up in a Foundling Hospital. The hospital was set up by Thomas Coram first in Bloomsbury London, before moving to Redhill and finally to Berkhamsted. John was a superb and very interesting speaker who spoke with honesty and good humour. In spite of his difficult start in life, or maybe because of, John went on to enjoy a successful and fulfilled life as did many of his fellow pupils. He now spends a lot of his time researching and giving talks for the Thomas Coram Foundation. He told us about being given a hospital name when he was taken in and about tracing his mother and five half-brothers many years later. His talk and PowerPoint reminded us just how much society has changed in our lifetime.

There was an excellent turnout for this meeting and we were also pleased to welcome three new members. We extend a very warm welcome to them.

At our next meeting on **Monday 14th August**, we look forward to welcoming Lucy Wiltshire who will take us through some Resilience Pilates exercises which she assures us will take account of all ability levels, with the option to participate seated or on mats.

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; it's not all about jam and Jerusalem! 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:

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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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## **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: **16th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November, and 20th December.**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**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**



4-7 years



7-10 years



10-14 years



14-18 years

**July has been an exciting and busy time**

The Rainbows and Brownies have been doing outdoor cooking making bananas and chocolate, pitta pizzas and hot dogs. They have been to the woods where they made shelters for toy animals and also did some ephemeral art.

To celebrate American Independence Day, Brownies and Rainbows did some line dancing.

The Long Hanborough guides and rangers have completed a camp at Jubilee House, our Oxfordshire Guiding HQ, with other units and have been making boats out of natural materials to float on the stream at Stonesfield Common, have played wide games and experienced bushcraft. North Leigh guides have joined with other units to enjoy a fantastic weekend at PGL.

All girls finished the term with a party where some made their promise and we said farewell to those moving onto the next section. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us this year and look forward to seeing you in September for more adventures.

If your daughter would like to join us on a Tuesday night in Long Hanborough 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.

## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

As we approach the end of July the children's cricket season is coming to an end, but adult cricket has another 6 weeks remaining.

### **Under 9s**

The Under 9s took part in a softball festival at Oxford Downs and we entered two teams.

We had a very young squad - our youngest player was five - but they certainly weren't overawed. The two teams played five games between them and ended with two wins. We bowled well and played some good shots when batting, and the fielding and running between the wickets was particularly impressive.

We will be hosting an **Under 9 festival on Friday 28th July from 6pm.**

### **Under 11s**

The Under 11s played two back-to-back matches against Langford and Oxford Downs on two successive Sundays and both games were won all four matches.

That completes the Under 11s league matches and we are now top of our group, 3 points ahead of second-placed Charlbury. However, Charlbury have one game still to play and there are 5 points for a win, so they could overtake us.

### **Oxfordshire Under 11 League Pool 2**

Pos'n	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	TIED	LOST	RAINED OFF	NET RUN RATE	POINTS
1	Freeland	8	6	0	2	0	0.78	34
2	Charlbury	7	6	0	0	1	3.09	31
3	M. Lovell	8	2	0	6	0	-0.99	22
4	Oxf Downs	5	2	0	3	0	-0.57	16
5	Langford	6						11

The **Under 11s** have had a great season with Toby Borrill hitting the highest score ever for an Under 11 of 41 not out, and he has scored most runs with 158 from 8 matches. Dylan King, in his first season, has the best bowling figures in a match 3 wickets for 2 runs, and Nathan Bean has the best economy rate of 1.5 runs per over.

### **Under 13s**

We finished the season with 13 points after a season where we tied 1 match and lost 5, in a very competitive league which saw us play some of the best teams in Oxfordshire.

### **Under 15s**

The Under 15s have two matches remaining, which are against Eynsham and Farrington, which were called off because of rain. These matches are both winnable and we hope to complete them before the end of the summer.

### **Women's cricket**

The **Softball** team has taken part in two festivals, the first one was at Horspath CC. Freeland got off to a great start beating Steventon, scoring 234 for the loss of 3 wickets. Kim Brown and Claire Soanes were highest scorers with 19 off their 2 overs.

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Steventon replied with 216, losing 6 wickets. Claire took 3 wickets for 5 runs, Kim 2 wickets for 5 runs and Alison Smith 1 wicket also for 5 runs.

Next up were Horspath. They batted first, scoring an impressive 260, losing only 1 wicket – a quick stumping from Catherine Bean. Despite the high score Freeland's bowling was accurate, giving away only 3 extras in the 6 overs. In reply, we lost 5 wickets, but Helen Scragg hit her first four. We finished on 207.

We had a closer game against Abingdon Vale. Freeland batted first, hitting a number of fours (Lisa Smith 4, Kim 2 & Catherine 1) but losing 5 wickets, finishing on 231. Again, Freeland's bowling was accurate, conceding just 2 extras, but only one wicket. Abingdon won having scored 258.

We played our final game against Steventon again in the 5th/6th place play-off. We won convincingly with 270 with no loss of wickets – Beth Soanes and Jess Smith making 31 runs off 2 overs, Lisa and Catherine 24 runs and Alison and Chloe Davies 15 runs. In reply, Steventon scored 240 losing 1 wicket.

On Sunday 16th July, 3 players helped form an All Stars team in the Banbury festival.

The **Women's Hardball** team played two matches against Crowthorne and Beaconsfield in the Home Counties Women's League. They worried the League leaders Beaconsfield by reducing them to 38-8, however a 9th wicket partnership of 50 rescued them and set up a win. There was excellent bowling from Claire Moss, who bowled their captain out with the first ball of the match.

### **Cherwell League**

The **Adult League** team has had a good run since the last Grapevine, with 2 wins and a tied match.

So far our leading run scorer is Rich Borrill who scored his first 100 for the club in an innings of 120 not out. Rich has scored 175 runs and is averaging 58.

Our most successful bowler has been Nick Wyatt, who has taken 12 wickets including 6-32 against Swinbrook.

The most emotional moment of the season was seeing 13 year old Ben Davies, keep wicket, take two catches, be involved in a run out and score the winning runs against Swinbrook. Ben has been playing with the club since he was 7, and he is a wonderful young cricketer.

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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**Web: <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>**

**Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club**

### **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)**

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**SUMMER OPENINGS**

**PUB**

**KITCHEN**

**Monday & Tuesday**

**5pm - 10.30pm**

**Closed**

**Wednesday**

**12pm - 11.30pm**

**5pm - 8.30pm**

**Thursday**

**12pm - 11.30pm**

**12pm - 2.30pm**

**5pm - 8.30pm**

**Friday**

**9.30am - Late**

**12pm - 2.30pm**

**5pm - 8.30pm**

**Saturday**

**12pm - Late**

**12pm - 2.30pm**

**5pm - 8.30pm**

**Sunday**

**12pm - 10.30pm**

**Closed**

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 For menus and events, please visit [www.oxfordshireyeoman.com](http://www.oxfordshireyeoman.com)

**UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR ZERO CARBON ENERGY**

As noted in previous issues of Grapevine, this initiative is the first of the local energy plans in the UK which are part of the Government's strategy to achieve its 2050 Net Zero commitment. It focusses on the energy consumed and generated within the area served by the Cuckoo Lane primary electricity sub-station that includes a number of local Parishes, although Freeland is the only one of these that lies completely within the area.

Members of Resilient Freeland's Sustainable Energy Group met with members of Eynsham GreenTEA who have been leading in the first phase of the Project, a scoping study that has involved a wide range of parties including Oxford University and energy companies. The resulting Action Plan will be published in September and the Steering Group will be re-constituted to take this forward.

CAPZero Oxfordshire will act as an exemplar of how community action can contribute to the challenge of stabilising the World's climate by de-carbonising energy usage within a local area. This will require the involvement of Freeland households and business and if you would like to help towards this vital effort or would like more information, please contact:

Colin Smith: tel: **01993 881704**, email: [csmithprivate@hotmail.com](mailto:csmithprivate@hotmail.com)

More information on sustainability initiatives in Oxfordshire at:

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## 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP

After a busy year of Scouting we are currently on a summer break, but here's a round-up of what we have been getting up to recently!

A group of **Cubs** and **Scouts** had a fun day fishing at Linear Fisheries, near Stanton Harcourt. Not many fish were caught, but everyone enjoyed themselves, relaxing by the water.

Scouts ended their action-packed term with a super-soaking water fight in Long Hanborough: no-one stayed dry!

**Beavers** had a great session learning about the RAF, have been doing creative activities, learned phonetic spelling, and ended their term by having a sports evening.

The **Explorers** group continues to go from strength to strength, with these young people helping to plan and facilitate their own program of events and activities.

In mid-July, some of our **Cubs** and **Scouts** spent a weekend camping at the West Oxfordshire District camp, which this year took place in Northmoor. 700 children took part from across the district! Big thanks to all the volunteers and leaders who were able to attend.

Looking towards September, we are in need of more helpers and volunteers. Scouting is such a richly rewarding organisation to be a part of, so if you are curious about getting involved, please do contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email [gsl@hpscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hpscouting.org.uk) for more information. We are a very friendly bunch and always welcome new faces!

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

## 25th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

We're on our way! After 16 months of busy fundraising – car parking, event marshalling, litter picking, dog walking, pet sitting, gardening, elderflower cordial making, car washing and quiz nights – and 6 amazing training camps we're off with Unit 67 Crocs and Soxfordshire to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea to join 40,000 other Scouts and Explorers.

The Jamboree site in the province of SaeManGeum is huge; bigger than any previous Jamboree. We'll be walking more than 20,000 steps each day as we try something new, eat different foods and meet people from all over the world to forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

Beth, Will & Gabe – 1st Hanborough Freeland Explorers

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## FREELAND WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group is always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The August walk is on **Wednesday 16th August**, meeting at the Village Hall at **9.30am**. If you'd like to join the Walking Group please contact me on [hjdalton43cv@gmail.com](mailto:hjdalton43cv@gmail.com) so I can put you in contact with the group leader for that month.

Janet Dalton

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

As the shadow of COVID fades (fingers crossed) u3a activities get back to normal. Woodstock & District's all-important Interest Groups, indeed, found ways of continuing their work throughout the lock-down. What it would be polite to call a hard core of the Play Reading Group, for example, seized on a



fine afternoon to meet in a member's garden and rattle through Howard Brenton's 1960s West End hit 'Bloody Poetry', which reconstructs dialogue between the poets Shelley and Byron and their wives. Indeed, the number of Groups has actually increased, with the creation of one devoted to the study of local church architecture, starting with the parish church of St. Mary in Woodstock.

By a happy coincidence, our June speaker meeting featured local historian Liz Woolley on 'Local history – how to do it'. Liz emphasised the importance of casting your net widely to encompass the variety of sources available to the local historian: local newspapers and magazines, parish registers, census returns local press, local history societies and – perhaps the 'bible' of local history – the Victoria County History. And don't ignore hints given by, for example, names of streets, buildings, fields – Western Road in south Oxford provides a clue to the existence of the original Great Western Railway station, before it migrated across the river.

Our next meeting, **Thursday 3rd August at 2pm**, St Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock, will feature David Hughes on 'Vineyards and Wine Tasting': do we bring our own glasses, I wonder?  
Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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| W 19 July         | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection   |
| W 19 July         | Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at <b>9.30am</b>                                |
| <b>F 21 July</b>  | Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, <b>7.30pm</b> <b>**Note changed date**</b>                               |
| M 24 July         | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Potatoes, Peppers, Poisons & Petunias'                     |
| W 26 July         | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection   |
| <b>Su 30 July</b> | <b>Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm</b>   |
| <b>Tu 1 Aug</b>   | <b>The Cake Café, Village Hall - <u>CANCELLED</u></b>  |
| W 2 Aug           | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection   |
| Su 6 Aug          | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from opposite the Yeoman                                    |
| M 7 Aug           | Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm - Lucy Wiltshire - Resilience Pilates                                    |
| W 9 Aug           | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection   |
| <b>Sa 12 Aug</b>  | <b>Freeland Grapevine - September edition deadline day</b>   |
| M 14 Aug          | Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm 'Resilience Pilates with Lucy Wiltshire'                                 |
| W 16 Aug          | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection   |
| W 16 Aug          | Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at <b>9.30am</b>                                |
| Su 20 Aug         | Combe Mill in Steam: 'Models and Collections' <a href="http://www.combemill.co.uk">www.combemill.co.uk</a> |
| M 21 Aug          | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm Social Evening  |
| W 23 Aug          | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection   |
| <b>Su 27 Aug</b>  | <b>Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm</b>   |
| <b>Su 27 Aug</b>  | <b>Cream Teas with Prosecco, Village Hall, 2.30pm - 5pm</b>  |
| W 30 Aug          | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection   |

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## **THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND**

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

**\*\*\*Apologies - 1st August Café cancelled\*\*\***

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

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

**CREAM TEAS with Prosecco! - SUNDAY 27th AUGUST FROM 2.30 - 5.00PM - FREELAND HALL. [www.janecakestudio.co.uk](http://www.janecakestudio.co.uk) 01993 881273**

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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.

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## COMING UP

Kids meal deals starting for the Summer - pop in for more info

SAT 29th - Poker Night!

FRI 4th - Tapas & live music in the garden with Tom Martin

SAT 12th - Live music in the garden with Laura Jones. Summer sharing platters being served

Kitchen open  
Wed 5.30-8.30pm  
Thur- Sat 12-2.30pm  
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## BLenheim

Back in June we held our annual Start-up Competition at Blenheim Palace, which launched in 2018 to support and mentor local businesses. We are thrilled to share that the winner was Sally Dear, founder of children's clothing brand Ducky Zebra. Her bespoke designs, which are vibrant and eco-friendly, aim to inspire confidence, kindness and break gender stereotypes for babies and children up to 6 years old.

Keep an eye out for Sally's extraordinary collection, soon to be available in our Blenheim Palace shop.



## BLenheim ESTATE

Our Gardening Team have been working hard restoring the Secret Garden, which has always been a cherished part of our visitors' experience. It was established in 1954 and was originally the 10th Duke's secret sanctuary, showcasing various woodland species alongside flowing water and winding pathways. Over time, the space had become overgrown, and nature had begun to take its course. A fence has now been erected around the perimeter to keep wildlife out and ensure the plants in the Secret Garden can thrive. Why not take a peaceful walk there on your next visit to see the changes for yourself?

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