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Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones  
01993 881936

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

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on 01993 881 001 or email: [print@associatedagencies.co.uk](mailto:print@associatedagencies.co.uk)

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:  
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH>

While the church building is closed, **St Mary's Junior Church** is temporarily suspended. However children - with their parent(s) - are very welcome to join the online benefice service - see **page 9** for details. There is a craft activity every week.

The parents and carers of the '**Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's**' are keeping in touch virtually. Please contact Alice Harden (01993 886833) for more details.

**11+ Hitchhikers** are now meeting on a Sunday evening via Zoom.

Please contact Rev. Sue Spankie ([revsue@gst.org.uk](mailto:revsue@gst.org.uk)) for more information.

The above information is correct at the date published (20/9/2020). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at  
**[www.hanboroughparish.co.uk](http://www.hanboroughparish.co.uk)**

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### **FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

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## **Letter from our Associate Vicar:**

As I write the sun is shining on a lovely Sunday afternoon in September. By the time you read this it will be October, the nights will be drawing in and the days will be cooler. The sun might still be shining but, not carrying the same degree of warmth.

This week we have heard that there has been a re-introduction of restrictions due to the pandemic and that the number of new cases has risen. People are now speaking of preparations for Harvest, Remembrance and indeed Christmas and what these services and events might all look like. Nothing is certain, we are getting used to change, or are we? Change comes with challenges as we constantly assimilate new information and accommodate it into our understanding of the world so that we can continue to live. Living life to the full is a challenge at the best of times! But, learning to live life to the full in these ever-changing circumstances is interesting!

There is something that is certain. As Christians we believe that Jesus is with us, loves us and will stand with us for

‘Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible’. [Hebrews 11:1-3]

The world too is under stress, from pollution in its many different forms. Some of this we can see, however some is less obvious.

There is so much that we can enjoy in our world. To enjoy it we must be good custodians, protecting our environment and wildlife, saving animals from extinction and considering others by thinking about our own carbon footprint.

There is a lot to think about, to reflect on and act on. My prayer is that God will lay on our hearts how he would like us to act both in relation to others in our community but also in our world, so that we might be the custodians that he created us to be.

With Love and Every Blessing

The Reverend Sue Spankie

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## **ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, FREELAND - UPDATES**

- We are scheduled to hold our Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) at which Churchwardens are elected for the next year, immediately followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for other regular business on **11th October**. As you might expect - where, when and how this can take place in the current situation is unclear at present.

- One of our very popular Annual services is the “Commemoration of the Faithful Departed” which is held on a Sunday evening as close to All Souls Day as possible and would normally be held this year on **1st November**. At present the Churchwardens and Clergy are investigating possible ways this might be held remotely, although it cannot be guaranteed.

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## **HANBOROUGH AND FREELAND BENEFICE WORSHIP SERVICES**

As a Benefice, we are now holding some services of worship in person - please see **page 3** for more details, look at our website ([www.hanboroughparish.co.uk](http://www.hanboroughparish.co.uk)) or contact our administrator for up-to-date details of when these are being held, and for further information about joining us for worship in person.

Our 'Zoom' service continues at **10am** on **Sunday** morning. If you would like to join our Zoom service, please email: [administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk](mailto:administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can also join services at **10.00am** every Sunday morning on the **Oxford Diocesan Livestream**. You can also catch up at any time.  
[www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream)

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS**

If you have been out enjoying an early Sunday morning walk, and with the wind in the right direction, you may have heard Combe bells ringing for the permitted 15 minutes before service. Likewise, if you have been undertaking a lap of Blenheim, the bells of Bladon and Woodstock would have caught your ear. This may have had you wondering why you haven't heard St Mary's bells ringing recently?

Each tower in the country had to undertake a risk assessment and maintenance check of the bells before a return to ringing could be contemplated. Whilst St Mary's bells are in fine working order, the proximity of the bells in the very compact ringing room means we do not meet the safe distancing guidelines and hence are unable to return to ringing at this point in time.

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

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

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### **HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Long Hanborough Methodist Church will be open for church services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of this month. The services will be as follows:

**Sunday 4th Oct - 10am** - Rev Charles Harris - at the Methodist Church

**Sunday 11th Oct - 10am** - Rev Fred Ireland - Zoom service

**Sunday 18th Oct - 10am** - Mrs Margaret Broadberry - at the Methodist Church

**Sunday 25th Oct - 10am** - Mr Eddie Fowler - Zoom service

If you wish to join in on a Zoom service, please contact Gill - details as above.

We look forward to welcoming you all - whether in our church or on Zoom!

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### **RIDE & STRIDE - Saturday 12th September 2020**

Thank you everyone who sponsored the StRiders or visited churches. This year has been different because of COVID-19 precautions. Instead of the usual welcome there was only a sheet to sign! The amount raised for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust will be announced when all the money has been received.

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On the Website you can click on Newsletter to see more details of Covid Regulations with a message from Father Mark & also see Father Martin's weekly Homily/Sermon on YouTube

**Our Church is now OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS** but only on **Saturday** night at **5.00pm** and **Sunday** morning at **10.00am**.

Everyone has to be masked and appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures are in place with stewards on duty to make sure everyone keeps to the Regulations.

Capacity is limited so the Church only opens 15 minutes before each Mass and it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you.

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

As expected, there is still no news of when Club meetings can be held again. Jill will keep us informed of any changes and what the Committee plan to do. The Committee will be discussing what form the Annual General Meeting in October will take.

Gardening continues regardless of Covid-19 and many of us have had more time to spend outdoors. We hope many have enjoyed produce from their gardens such as vegetables, apples, pears and plums, and soft fruit such as blackcurrants and blackberries, strawberries and raspberries. After the long dry spell we have had plenty of rain which has helped to swell the fruits. Tomatoes in the greenhouse are also coming to an end. If a ripe tomato is placed with a group of green ones, perhaps on a window sill, the green ones will also ripen.

Autumn has certainly arrived which means it is a good time to take stock of our beds, cut down spent flowers, remove annuals as they finish flowering, and generally see what has worked this year and plan for the future. Bulbs have arrived and most of these can be planted out when purchased. It is often worth planting tulips a bit later to prevent tulip blight. It is quite satisfying to clear the beds ready for next year's planting. When clearing vegetable beds one can plant green manure to cover the bare space. This is dug in when spring comes to fertilise the soil. Home composting is also a good way to turn green waste into useful organic matter to spread round the garden.

For further information about the Freeland Gardening Club please contact Ray and Jill Evans at **jillandray@btinternet.com** Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

## **THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET**

Witney	08.30 - 13.30	Fri 25 September	Fri 23 October
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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – LISA’S NOTES - SEPTEMBER 2020**

As I type these notes our last meeting was held on **20th July** and our next meeting is on **21st September**, so here is a brief update.

### **Parish Council meetings**

Parish Council meetings continue to be held remotely via Zoom so if any members of the public wish to join the meeting, please see the details posted on the village website (under Parish Council/Agendas) and on the village notice boards, or you can contact me at **[lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)** to obtain the details.

### **Coronavirus – an update**

The central phone line **01993 651330** has now been cancelled and will no longer operate.

For anyone who is particularly worried about managing with prescription collections after this time, please speak to the pharmacy on **01993 880351** to see if you can be put on their list for direct deliveries from them.

Following on from my list of ‘thank yous’ last month, I realised that I had forgotten to thank our **District Councillor Merilyn Davies**, (sorry!) who helped to get the Co-op delivery service agreed and up and running, and also liaised with Blenheim to enable the loan of a delivery van. Thank you Merilyn, this service was brilliant and much appreciated by those who were not able to leave the house for their essential shopping.

We have decided to keep the food bank going for the time being, so please continue to donate as and when you can (non-perishable goods only please). My thanks to everyone who has donated items to the food bank, your help has been greatly appreciated.

### **Recycling bins at Riely Close, Long Hanborough**

I have been advised that following a request from Hanborough Parish Council, WODC will be removing the recycling bins from the car park in Riely Close. This is due to an increase in fly tipping that has become out of control, despite them being emptied three times a week, and overflowing bins,

The bins will be collected on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September, after which there will no longer be recycling collections from this point.

Once they are removed, WODC and Hanborough Parish Council will look at ways of improving the car park. Currently there are alternative recycling sites at Sainsbury’s and Woodford Way car park, (behind Marriott’s Walk/Witney Hospital), and also at Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt.

### **Salt Cross Garden Village**

The Council have been advised that when the Garden Village is built, there will be a change in priority at the Cuckoo Lane junction included in the plan to deter vehicles coming through Freeland from the A40. In the plan, it states “*Measures to deter through traffic travelling between the A40 and A4095 via Cuckoo Lane and Freeland Village. A change in priority on Cuckoo Lane to discourage traffic routing through Freeland village must be provided and technologies to support monitoring of the effectiveness of this will be required.*”

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### **Dog's mess around Freeland**

Time for a moan I'm afraid! I've had several residents mention to me recently about dog's mess in the village which has gradually been getting worse over the past few months. Particular areas of concern are the path around the corn field at the back of Broadmarsh Lane, the playing field and the footpaths in the woods. I know it is just a minority of people who don't clear up after their four-legged friends, but it spoils it for the rest of us and it is a health hazard, especially for young children. Please, please use the dog bins provided around the village and scoop the poop! Thanks!

### **Speeding in Freeland**

It is a sad fact that speeding is still very much prevalent in the village, often committed by our own residents! Our Speedwatch Team are hoping to resume their activities soon, but can I please ask everyone to just slow down and watch their speed, in particular around the school area and church and pub/village hall area where there are some nasty blind bends and parked cars. The Parish Council is hoping to have a traffic survey carried out in the near future to try and establish how much traffic is currently coming through the village and to see what other measures can be taken to help reduce traffic and speeding through Freeland. I will keep you updated on any progress.

### **Planning for the future – Government White Paper**

The government has issued a number of planning consultations and a call for evidence. The most important of which is Planning for the Future, a White Paper with radical and far reaching proposals. There are numerous changes being proposed to the current planning system, too many to mention here, but the four main proposals are:

- revisions to the standard method for assessing local housing need, which as well as being a proposal to change guidance in the short term has relevance to proposals for land supply reforms set out in *Planning for the Future*;
- securing of First Homes, sold at a discounted market price for first time buyers, including key workers, through developer contributions in the short term until the transition to a new system. This was consulted on in February and they are now asking about the detail;
- temporarily lifting the small sites threshold below which developers do not need to contribute to affordable housing, to up to 40 or 50 units to support SME builders; in designated rural areas it is proposed to maintain the current threshold;
- extending the current Permission in Principle to major housing-led development so landowners and developers now have a fast route to secure the principle of development for housing on sites without having to work up detailed plans first.

I would urge you to take a look at the proposals at the following link:

**[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future)** and feedback any comments or evidence, or you can email your comments to:

**[planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk](mailto:planningforthefuture@communities.gov.uk)**

The deadline for responses is **11.45pm, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

### **Planning Applications:**

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the

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**Applications Approved:**

**20/01839/HHD 57 BROADMARSH LANE, FREELAND.**

Erection of two storey rear extension for Mr Simon Hole.

**20/01804/HHD 189 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND.**

Construction of front entrance porch for Mr Jason Rowland.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **Monday 19th October at 7.30pm**. Details of how to join the meeting will be available from **Wednesday 14th October** on the village website (under Parish Council/Agendas) and the notice boards or by contacting me at [lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk) . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email [lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com) .

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**FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

**200 Club Draw - 1st August**

1st prize:	£ 20	No. 10	D. Brooker
2nd prize:	£ 10	No. 142	C. McNeil
3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 128	H. Irwin

**200 Club Draw - 29th August**

1st prize:	£ 20	No. 101	M. Sharp
2nd prize:	£ 10	No. 50	D. Kershaw
3rd prize:	£ 5	No. 13	M. O'Hara

Finally we have been able to return to the pitch after the early curtailment of the season in March.

A new look side have now played two games, winning one **2-0** against Charlton and being defeated by Bure Park **4-2** when, with the chances we had, we maybe should have taken something from the game.

Our **Under 14** and **Under 17** sides are also about to start their respective seasons.

Our latest fixtures are (all **14.30 KO**):

**Saturday 26th September** **Away** to Yarnton

**Saturday 10th October** **Home** to Marston

**Saturday 17th October** **Home** to Cropredy

**Saturday 24th October** **Home** to Garsington

**Saturday 31st October** **Away** to Chesterton



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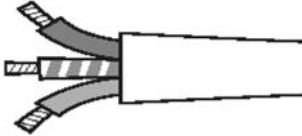
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#### **News**

The children have all settled in well to pre-school and getting used to the routine. We were lucky enough to receive some money from the Councillor priority fund to buy some lovely new resources for pre-school. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone in the village who took part in the Bear Hunt, raising **£185**.

We started our outdoor explorers' sessions in the woods and the children had a great time.



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**Facebook: www.facebook.com/freelandpreschool**

### **TEAMS 4U SHOEBOXES 2020**

Due to the pandemic this year, most things have been disrupted. Hopefully, the Shoebox Appeal will still take place. Therefore, if you are able and willing to help fill a box we would be very grateful. For more information, please contact Helen Molden **882305**.

You will appreciate that this is a changing situation, but we are confident that the children will receive our boxes.

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP**

Thank you for your patience as we navigate the new guidelines for getting our groups back together.

The group leaders and Executive Committee have been working hard behind the scenes to make arrangements for how we can operate moving forward.

All the group leaders from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have written extensive risk assessments to meet the stringent requirements from the national Scouts organisation and to follow the most recent government guidelines. Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make things as safe as possible for our members.

We have contacted all parents and carers of our young people with details of our plans and how we will be operating in the coming months. We are aiming to offer a combination of Zoom virtual meetings and some face-to-face activities in small groups outside.

Next month I will let you know the kinds of activities that we have been doing!

We are expecting to need more volunteers to help us keep going during this challenging time. Please contact Adam, our Group Scout Leader, by email: **[gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk)** to find out how you can get involved with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

Keep yourself informed with news from the national Scouts Association by following them on Twitter **@UKScouting** or on Facebook **@scoutassociation**. You can also visit our website for regular news updates from us: **[www.hfscouting.org.uk](http://www.hfscouting.org.uk)**

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## **FREELAND WI**

Freeland WI continue to keep in touch with our members. As well as our monthly newsletter which we introduced in March, we have also set up a telephone tree, which has enabled committee members to catch up with our members on a regular basis. Sometimes this has been alternated with a keep in touch card. This has been very well received and it has been lovely to catch up with what everyone has been doing. Since March the committee have held two socially distanced meetings in a member's garden and made plans, which unfortunately have had to be put on hold due to changes in what we are allowed to do.

One event which should be able to go ahead, is a 20 mile sponsored walk on **9th October** by two of our members, Marilyn Trigg and Maggie Ridley, to raise extra funds for WI.

With regard to future meetings we will keep reviewing on the basis of guidance from the government and the Oxfordshire and National Federation. Much as we are missing getting together for social activities and hearing our interesting and varied speakers, everyone's safety is our priority.

Members have all been receiving our digital copy of News and Views with information about talks the federation have set up via Zoom which we can sign into. *Continued.....*



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### **WI Climate Advisor Tips from Rosie Smith**

#### **Tip 1: Listen to young activists – talk to them.**

Around the world young people are urging our leaders in government and industry to do more to slow down and eliminate carbon emissions. The most well known of these is Greta Thunberg who is in large part responsible for this youth movement protesting against the inertia in dealing with climate change. Listen to what she says and support her and other youths, including your children and grandchildren, who feel passionately about climate change. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-49918719>

#### **Tip 2: Support Activists**

You may not feel able to go out on the streets and protest about the damage being done to the one planet that sustains us, but do all that you can from home to support young activists such as writing to people with influence, making donations to funds that support activists, follow them on social media and register your support for their actions. <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-02696-0>

There is about to be a documentary film released about Greta Thunberg titled , 'I am Greta', watch it and be moved to support her and take action.

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. You do not have to be a member to come along (although we would love you to join us). We always welcome visitors and new members.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/freelandwi](https://www.facebook.com/freelandwi)

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

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Tea, coffee and breakfast rolls available from The Yeoman from **9.30am**

**Future markets will be held on Sundays 25th October,  
22nd November and 13th December**

## **THE COMET BUS SERVICE IS BACK!**



The Comet bus has resumed it's **Monday** and **Friday** service from Freeland to Witney.

It departs from the Village Hall at **10.00** and drops passengers off at Waitrose. Collection for return journey is at Waitrose at **12.00**.

In accordance with government guidance, only **six** passengers will be allowed on the bus so please book to secure a seat by calling **01993 880653** or **01993 881926**.

For **Monday** buses you must call by midday the previous Friday and for **Friday** buses by midday on Thursday. You will be asked for your name and preferred pick-up and drop off points in Freeland.

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## **OVER 1,000 VISITORS TO THE ROMAN VILLA MOSAICS IN 2020**

The North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers were established last summer, to work with English Heritage to improve access to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD mosaics housed at the Villa. So it is very heartening to report that the third and final Open Weekend of a Covid-truncated summer season saw the 1,000<sup>th</sup> visitor to the mosaics this year. The weather over the weekend of September 12th & 13th was beautiful, as it had been for the two previous open weekends in August. Families with children were much in evidence, exploring the Roman remains and picnicking in the sunshine.

Everything was organised in a safe socially-distanced fashion, with valuable professional input from English Heritage, indeed one visitor remarked: *"This is one of the most safe and well thought out set of procedures I have met since this virus situation began so have every confidence all will go well. Thank you for your hard work on this."*

There was a first at September's open days, as Mary Luckhurst of English Heritage led volunteers, some fortunate Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa, and even a few visiting children, in a thorough cleaning of the mosaics with badger-hair brushes, dabbing with de-ionised water on cotton wool and an awful lot of kneeling. This was probably the first "deep clean" of the mosaics in over a decade. Perhaps the timing is appropriate!

These are the finest Roman mosaics in Oxfordshire still in their original location and were last regularly open to visitors about 30 years ago. Clearly this initiative has been appreciated, as visitor donations at these free events have topped **£700** in 2020. Thank you.

The site is entirely free and large enough for safe social distancing during any visit. It is a pleasant walk from the village to the villa, so please consider leaving your car at home.

It is free to become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa, and allows you to keep up with future developments and events (including cleaning) on the site. To join simply email: **NLRVols@gmail.com**

For more details about the site (including access if you have mobility issues), please visit: **<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>** or **Facebook: @northleighromanvilla** or **Twitter: @villa\_north**







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You can see a copy of the Traffic Regulation Order on the Freeland Village website at **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)** or by clicking on this link:  
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## **Eynsham Medical Group Coronavirus update - changes in GP care We are open and providing advice & care to patients**

**COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** is a new illness that is spreading across the UK.

GP practices are taking actions to protect patients, staff and the wider community by introducing a new telephone triage system for GP appointments. We aim to meet your health needs whilst at the same time limiting the footfall through GP surgeries to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, in line with national guidance.

### **Choose the right service**

If you become unwell or are injured, there are a number of NHS services available to provide the best health care for your needs. Choosing the right NHS service will help get you the best advice quickest and reduces pressure on A&E and GP services, freeing them up to help those who need it most.

The link (**<https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/your-health/choose-the-right-service/choose-the-right-service.htm>**) explains the range of services available, including **[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)** for self-care and **[111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)** for urgent care (or phone **111**).

### **Consulting your GP**

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## **UPDATE ON THE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

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We now have availability to book 2-3 year olds in for the Fluenz vaccination. Please call our dedicated flu booking line **after receiving your invite** on **01993 880786** between **10.00am - 2.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**.

### **Routine over 65 flu vaccinations:**

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### **50-65 Flu vaccinations (following government announcement):**

We still do not have provisions to provide flu vaccinations to 50-65 year olds. We do not expect to be able to provide them any sooner than November or later. Please keep checking our website periodically for updates.

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## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK**

Our new 2020-21 programme is now available! See the Marlborough School website for full details of courses and workshops starting between September 2020 and July 2021 with latest availability as places fill up. Brochures have been delivered to many local homes over summer. If you didn't get one, please download a copy from the website or phone the office and we'll send you one.

We offer daytime, evening and weekend courses during school term time. We have a range of subjects including wellbeing, knitting, sewing, vegan cookery, using natural dyes, holiday Spanish and photography. Our established courses and workshops continue including art, craft and sewing, guitar and singing, cookery and languages, wellbeing courses such as massage and *Mindful Menopause*, and sports and exercise classes in badminton, archery, pilates, tai chi, yoga and more.

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## **THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2020**

The bad news is that we are going to have to cancel the Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall for 2020. The team who have run the event for the last two years, were all ready to go again this year but unfortunately the current conditions make it impossible for us all to gather together.

The good news is that the team still intends to cook Christmas meals for those who would like one. We can deliver you a meal(s) on Christmas Eve, with full instructions on reheating. Let's hope that next year allows more community events to take place.

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## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

We approach autumn and reflect upon the strange cricket season we have had.

In March our final indoor cricket matches were cancelled and our indoor training was cancelled but we were optimistic that the season would start at the end of April.

However it was not to be, and we didn't get the go ahead to start again until the end of June.

We were very fortunate that the Club invested in coaching courses in the winter and we were able to maximise the numbers of children taking part in sessions.

We have delivered a total of 24 coaching sessions and 20 matches for children in the last few weeks.

For adults, we have had 7 League matches, 5 friendlies and 5 T-20s, and for the women 3 hardball matches and 1 softball.

It's been a busy few weeks!

Highlights since the last Grapevine:

We celebrated Marc Buckingham's 30th birthday with an afternoon of cricket, followed by sausages and chips in the pub. It was a fun packed afternoon!

The Women's hardball team beat their rivals Eynsham in their second hardball match.

Finally in a Charity Match against Darke & Taylor we jointly raised over **£1000** for Sobell House Hospice. It was a fantastic evening which was rounded off by a pizza night in the pub.

Our focus now switches to 2021. We have 16 children in the County Cricket pathway. We have entered the indoor Leagues for men and women. We are planning a full renovation of the cricket square and fundraising for a new cricket pitch mower, which will cost over **£1000**. Our current one is older than me, and has died!

Our last matches are on **Saturday 26th September**, the Women's match starts at **10am**, and Club match at **1.30pm** - come on down!

Simon Brown - Chair Freeland CC

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## POPPY APPEAL 29th OCTOBER - 11th NOVEMBER 2020



It is with regret I must inform the supporters of the Poppy Appeal in Freeland that under a directive from the Royal British Legion we are unable to carry out door to door collections this year.

In order for those who wish to donate and collect a poppy we will be setting up a table outside Freeland Village Hall on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 11 am to 2 pm on each day.**

In addition Freeland Garden Centre and the Yeoman Public House have kindly agreed to place a collecting tin and poppies on their premises during the Remembrance period.

As we have a Farmers' Market on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, a collecting tin will be available for anyone wishing to donate. However as this is outside the Remembrance period, poppies will not be available.

A great big thank you to everyone that supports this worthy cause so generously and hopefully we will be back to normal collections next year.

For further information on how to donate or work carried out by the Royal British Legion please go to **[www.rbl.org.uk/poppypeal](http://www.rbl.org.uk/poppypeal)**

Take care everyone & we look forward to seeing some familiar faces on the dates above  
Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

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## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you very much for all the recent donations! Our shelves are well-stocked so please do take as many books as you like. Remember that you don't have to return them; you can keep them or pass them onto someone else if you like.

Just a reminder that there is still the risk of infection from the virus but this can be greatly reduced by washing your hands before and after visiting the Little Free Library and by quarantining for a few days any books that you do take home.

Both Little Free Libraries have boxes next to them where you can leave donated books if the shelves are too full. (The Little Free Library by the village hall has a box located directly behind the wooden bus shelter). Please use these boxes instead of putting too many books on the shelves, to make it easier for the volunteers to keep the Little Free Library looking tidy.

Happy reading!

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers  
**01993 359 543** **[ruddlem@gmail.com](mailto:ruddlem@gmail.com)**

## FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at 7.30pm, for the foreseeable future. Meetings in **October** are on **Tuesday 6th and 20th**.

Please contact Paul Sayer on **[paul.pshmi@googlemail.com](mailto:paul.pshmi@googlemail.com)** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.



# Vicky's After School Club

We are very excited to be opening an After School Club at Freeland Primary School in September 2020.

The club will be open Monday - Friday from 3.15pm - 6.15pm where the children will be able to do a wide range of activities, have a snack and tea, and lots of fun playing games.

We want to recruit staff for our Club.  
Full training will be given including paediatric first aid, safeguarding, playworker courses and much more!  
A full enhanced DBS check is also undertaken on all staff members.



If you are interested in using our Club or would like to find out more about working within a fun environment, please contact Vicky Hickman on 0788 7711454 or email

[vickysafterschoolclubbookings@gmail.com](mailto:vickysafterschoolclubbookings@gmail.com)



## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Sunday 13th December:** We will be launching the **2020 OX29 Story Collection** at the Freeland Farmers' market. More details to follow.

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## **FARMING WITH NATURE - Farm Diary - August 2020**

Early August sees temperatures well into the 30's. Perfect weather to cut and bale the wildflower meadows and, despite the shortage of straw this year, my neighbour kindly sets aside 80 acres of wheat straw for our cattle's winter bedding.

August 31st records one of the lowest temperatures for an August Bank holiday. The air is cool, autumnal and the early morning is wonderfully quiet – no traffic noise at all.

This is my first opportunity to assess the damage the recent strong winds have left behind. Huge limbs have been torn from mature oaks, heavy with the weight of wet leaves and acorns. The withering leaves release a pungent aroma that fills the air. Several large willows have been ripped apart and lay strewn, as if hit by an explosion... it will keep us busy this winter (clearing up) but, the log shed will be full!

The spring oats were not quite fit (ripe) when the weather broke and have now lost their golden colour to a rain stained grey. I fear their milling potential will have also been lost but, they are still standing and will be harvested at the first opportunity of dry weather.

I am drawn to the sound of multiple bird song; flocks of linnet descend from the hedges to feed in the standing crop.

One of life's simple pleasures is the picking and eating of field mushrooms. The heavy rain has triggered the emergence of a multitude of different fungi. It is particularly pleasing to pick my first field mushrooms from the middle of our large field named "Lancashire" (if anyone with local knowledge knows the origin of the name, I would be most interested). Upon taking on the tenancy, I reinstated the fields to their pre-intensive arable status of pasture. Each year has seen the pastures improve and with the help of the cows (some 12 years on) conditions are favourable for mushrooms.

Walking down hill in the direction of Eynsham, I climb over the wooden gate that takes me from my own land to City Farm. Ten years ago, I began the management of this unique 250-acre farm.

Entered into a Higher-Level Stewardship scheme, the main objective has been to lightly manage a mosaic of arable and pasture, encouraging and enhancing flora and fauna...it has been a great success. City Farm has never been farmed intensively, resulting in a time capsule of a bygone rural era. Ten years have passed quickly; I feel fortunate to have been custodian of what I call 'West Oxfordshire's last piece of rainforest'. As the yellow planning notices display the inexorable progression towards the Garden Village development (which will adversely affect City Farm) I reflect on the countless hours spent at Public meetings in an attempt to highlight the ecological value of this entire area.

It will be interesting to see if both promoter and District Council stick to their stated objectives of a net ecological gain for the Garden Village...time will tell.

Meanwhile, September and Autumn beckon.

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## **A TRIKE TAXI FOR FREELAND AND HANBOROUGH**

A recent shared post on the Freeland Covid Facebook page showed Robert Courts had been successful in getting a Trike Taxi for Witney.

Freeland is a long village; one and a quarter miles from the Green to the A4095. There are some older residents who find this distance impossible for them to walk to catch a 233 bus to go shopping or to the Hanborough Surgery. Carrying heavy shopping on the return journey is even more difficult.

Also villagers going into Oxford, Witney or on holiday using public transport to get to Hanborough Station for onward travel, carrying a suitcase have no viable way of getting to the A4095 bus stop. It is too short a ride for a taxi but a Freeland Trike Taxi might fit the bill. Similar benefits could also be available in Hanborough to enable older residents of Church Hanborough to travel to the shops and buses.



In Inverness these trikes are used to take older folk for a breezy outing. It has been very successful. We need a group of enthusiasts to help get a Trike Taxi for Freeland and to run the service.

**If you are interested in joining a volunteer group to get a Trike Taxi for Freeland and Hanborough, please phone 07485 258058 leave your name, phone number and best time for me to call.**

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

Apart from a socially distanced get-together in a member's garden (where we welcomed a new visitor), bringing our own chairs & drinks, there has been little to report for August/September. Inclement weather and the latest government restrictions means that the only contact has been by e-mail. However we are all keeping well and continuing with our own crafts until such time as we can return to "normal"

For further information, please contact: Margaret Wright **01993 881316**  
or **geeandemm@hotmail.co.uk** or Helen Molden **01993 882305**

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## **BEAR & MONKEY**

Bear & Monkey would like to thank all those who joined them for the quiz on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They were a little disappointed not to win again this time – especially as the winning trophy has now returned to London! However the important thing is that the evening raised **£2,805** which is enough to enable their favourite charity, Msizi Africa, to feed 77 orphaned and vulnerable children, every day, for a whole year. Brilliant!

And many thanks too for the 250 calendars that have been ordered. They are currently at the printers and I will be contacting everyone shortly.

Best wishes - John Clark (**john.clark@msiziafrica.org.uk – 01993 882127**)



## **CALLING INTERESTED COMMUNITY LED HOUSING GROUPS**

Would you be interested in helping establish a community led housing group for Salt Cross garden village and the surrounding area?

Following interest from a group of local residents, representatives from Collaborative Housing, working in partnership with the Council, are running a series of training workshops in September.

This will take the form of three sessions to be delivered online. Each session will run over one day. The first one is planned for 3 October and will help participants establish a vision and objectives for the group to build on.

The training is aimed at people who are in the early stages of forming a community led housing group.

Community Led Housing takes many forms with the schemes are set up and run by a local, independent, not-for-profit organisation. The organisation will ensure homes for rent, sale or shared ownership remain affordable for local people.

Backed by Government funding, Collaborative Housing has been set up to support the development of a pipeline of community-led housing projects across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

Cllr Jeff Haine, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, said: *"This is another fantastic opportunity for the local community to have a real say in shaping the look and feel of the garden village and the surrounding area.*

*I look forward to seeing how the group progresses and to listen to the ideas it produces."*

If you are part of a group and interested in being involved please contact **fiona@cohohub.org.uk** or **Deborah.wyatt@publicagroup.uk** for more information.

For further information on the CoHoHub please visit

**<https://collaborativehousing.org.uk/>** or for Community Led Housing in West Oxfordshire see **[www.westoxon.gov.uk/housing/community-led-housing/](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/housing/community-led-housing/)**

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF EYNHAM: SANTA'S TOUR**

The Rotary Club of Eynham is hoping to able to organise some kind of presence for Santa in the villages that we normally visit on our Christmas tour. This may have to take a different form from the usual, for example a static presence at an agreed position within a village or area. As we are unlikely to know exactly what the Covid related restrictions are until much nearer the time, plans will be formalised at the last minute and will be published in Eynham Online **<https://eynham-pc.gov.uk/>** so please check there for details.

We have already been asked to attend an event at a primary school, so if anyone has a Christmas event, at a school, village hall, or other appropriate space, where they think it would be useful and beneficial for Santa to attend, please do get in touch through our general contact email address: **[info@eynshamrotary.org.uk](mailto:info@eynshamrotary.org.uk)**

With best wishes from Eynham Rotary to all of you.



## **ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION TO RESUME!**

Following Graham's decision to stop the aluminium collection in the village I would like to announce its return!

I am collecting aluminium drinks cans **ONLY** and would ask that the cans be crushed as flat as possible in order to reduce handling of the cans for safety reasons.

The cans will be sold to a local scrap company and any funds raised will go to Freeland Pre-school.

Please note the new address for drop offs: **10 The Blowings OX29 8HY.**

Please place all cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood. **andre\_woodward@yahoo.co.uk**

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## **THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM, WOODSTOCK**

**We are open and we can't wait to welcome you back!**

Discover the stories and treasures of Oxfordshire from mysterious Iron Age mirrors to Anglo- Saxon warriors to Victorian toys and games. The dinosaur garden will be open, but sadly the dinosaur gallery must remain closed for the present. Most of our interactives can still be enjoyed, but we'll remind you to use the hand sanitiser provided before and after you play. New trails and quizzes will add to the enjoyment for our family visitors.

Our current art exhibition explores 'Distance', something that has been on everyone's mind of late! Will run throughout October. Specially selected from our collection it features paintings and prints with a theme of perspective, incorporating traditional to modern and slightly abstract works.

The Museum café will be serving sandwiches and light lunches, and offering our usual delicious cakes, scones and other treats. At the moment we aren't able to provide indoor service, but there's plenty of seating outside from which you can enjoy the garden with its colourful summer planting. The shop has new stock, including an excellent range of gifts and greetings cards. For the present we are only able to take card payments. Although your cash is still welcome in our donation boxes!

Look out for the new one-way system that will be in operation around the site. Unfortunately, we are unable to safely open our toilets for use by visitors at the moment, but the public toilets just around the corner in Brown's Lane, are open as normal. Don't forget your 20p.

So that we can give the Museum a thorough sanitizing before we open each day, as well as at intervals during the day, we have revised our opening hours which are now:

**Wednesday – Saturday 11am – 5pm , Sunday 2pm – 5pm**

**Last admission will be 4.30pm**

Our friendly staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer any queries you may have before or during your visit and we all look forward to seeing you soon **01993 184106.**

You can keep up to date with what's happening at the Museum by following **@OxonMuseum on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.**



## **HANBOROUGH & FREELAND RUNNING GROUP**

Hanborough Freeland Running Group is a new endeavour, which started just this July. We are hoping to grow and develop the group as a community for local runners. If you tend to run by yourself (or in a small group) but would be interested in finding some local runners to go for a run with, whether for a social run or to do some more focused training, then this could be for you.



The running groups are peer led - essentially like minded runners meet up and head off to run together.

Group members have an extensive knowledge of local roads and footpaths so there is plenty of opportunity to experience some new routes, or to share some of your favourite routes with others. There are also a number of local runners with extensive experience so there might also be the opportunity to pick up on some new ideas for your runs or training.

Presently we have a weekly evening run each Wednesday and we are looking at some other options including during the daytime which may suit some schedules better.

The groups cover a wide range of abilities and experiences; from those looking to start running or wanting to run more regularly, through to seasoned club runners and former competitive runners who have focused race goals as well as pretty much every other running ability in between.

We hope that over time the number of people involved will increase to create plenty of opportunities to run with other local runners of similar interest and ability.

It is early days for the group, and so the current format is for a regular weekly evening run. Depending on who attends, we split off into groups based on ability and go for a run. Runners take it in turns to come up with different routes. Currently, we run for 30-50 minutes, but we are keen to arrange for other opportunities for anyone who does not feel that they can presently run at that level, or, if there is demand, for longer distance runs. The more runners who come along, the more sub-groups we can split into.

To comply with current English Athletics and Public Health England guidelines, we make sure we stay at a good 2m distance apart and limit our group sizes to a maximum of 6 people per group. This actually works out well, because then folk can ask each other about their pace and choose to run together accordingly.

The current weeknight social run takes place on a **Wednesday**, meeting at field outside the Hanborough Pavilion, near the car park, for a **6.30pm** departure. Please come ready to run and look out for runners.

By the time you read this we expect that a daytime run may also be established. A local runner has kindly volunteered to help put something together and has had positive interest already. We expect that this might become a popular alternative for those who have other commitments during the evening, or others who want to make the most of the children being at school.

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We would like to be able to offer more group opportunities, including for a “**couch to 5K**” group, or similar. Because the groups are peer led, any volunteers to help out with coordinating such a group would be welcomed. We think that such a group would be very popular.

There is also some interest to create some training groups for those who race, with a number of local route options which we know which are great for such training.

Many of you will also run (or wish to continue running) through the dark winter months. The groups group intends to stay active as the autumn and winter approaches, including running in the dark if you want to join night-time runs.

**Information** A social media-group has been created on Strava.

**<https://www.strava.com/clubs/HanFree-Run>**

If you've not come across Strava before, it's a website where runners can register (for free - no need to subscribe to or pay for anything) and post messages about runs they do or plan to do. (Strava does have other features but you don't have to use any of them if you don't want to.)

If the running groups sound like something you'd like to be part of, or if you have any ideas, get in touch. Hope to see you running soon! **HanFree-run@outlook.com**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Su 27 Sep Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**

W 30 Sep Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection

W 7 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

W 14 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection

**M 19 Oct Freeland Parish Council 'Zoom' Virtual Meeting, 7.30pm**

W 21 Oct Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

**Su 25 Oct END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME! Clocks go back an hour**

**Su 25 Oct Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**

W 28 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection

**29 Oct - 11 Nov The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - see page 37**

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## **WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A**



Suspended for the duration of Lockdown, the Branch's programme of monthly speaker meetings, normally held at Woodstock Community Centre, was able to restart on-line - by *Zoom*, - on 1st September, with a talk by Branch member Andy Pedley on 'Magic of the Hive' – the natural history of the honey bee. Further meetings by *Zoom* are planned for later months – check our website, **[www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock)**. And, virtually, further afield, U3A's Thames Valley Network also has a programme of on-line talks and events; their September programme including a talk on the History and Practice of Quizzes and an on-line quiz.

The ban on meetings has of course also hit the work of the Branch's score of individual Interest Groups. Some, however, continue in business determinedly if, sadly, remotely. Among them is the Craft group, whose members practice a wide range of artistic and utilitarian skills. The Group circulates a regular Newsletter among its members. And the newsletter finishes with a recipe for Honey Biscuits (scrumptious). Chris Sladen



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