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8.30am said Communion services.**

**There is an explanation of all the services in the
Benefice at: www.hanboroughparish.co.uk
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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

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

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

Children and youth work will be resuming in the church as we come out of lockdown.

Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's meet at 10.00 - 11.30am every Wednesday during term time. Please contact Alice Harden (01993 886833) for more details.

11+ Hitchhikers - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (20/06/2021). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at www.hanboroughparish.co.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Interment of Ashes: Marie Thompson 18th June 2021



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Letter from our Curate:

Dear friends,

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? (Psalm 8:3-4)

Over the last few weeks I have been pondering the beauty of creation and how God can speak to us through creation. The above quotation taken from Psalm 8:3-4, describes the musings of King David who looked up at the night sky and was so amazed at the vastness of the heavens, of the moon, and the stars that he wrote down his praise to God as poetry and song. Around three thousand years later in the 21st century with our increased knowledge of space, we now know a little more. If anything the passage of time has taught us that the heavens are considerably bigger than King David could have ever imagined, indeed they are vast. Our planet, earth, resides in one of several thousand solar systems (so far discovered) in a galaxy called the Milky Way which has over 200 billion stars, which it is now estimated to be one of several hundred billion galaxies, (based on what we can see with the Hubble telescope) which is a very big number indeed, and is cause for even greater praise.

So as we look up at the night sky, and try to comprehend the vastness of the universe just like King David did, one could feel almost insignificant, sitting on a small rock spinning round a ball of gas in a huge expanding universe. And yet the Bible teaches the opposite, it teaches us that the God of the universe, the creator of the heavens and earth is indeed interested in each of us as individuals, Luke 12:7 tells us that God numbers the hairs on our heads, Psalm 139:1-2 reminds us that God knows all about us, and Jesus in the gospels called people to follow him by name.

So as we approach the summer months, when hopefully for most of us the pace of life will slow down slightly, and give us the opportunity to ponder the beauty and the vastness of creation. As we do so my prayer is that not only will we ponder the greatness of creation, and consider the greatness of the creator, but in those moments of peace we might hear God whisper in our hearts and minds his love for us.

Blessings.

Rev. Mike

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS

We are currently exploring the possibility of a return to ringing at St Mary's, hopefully before the **10.00am** services on **Sunday 4th and 18th July**. In order to adhere to current guidelines we will be unable to ring all 6 bells and will need to ring for a shorter time.

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

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You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online: www.churchservices.tv is a platform that connects communities and provides churches with a space to broadcast – particularly Mass, Adoration and prayer. <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/> is another platform that does the same and includes Corpus Christi, Headington in Oxford.

Blackfriars, Oxford is the Catholic House of Dominican Friars in Oxford and the advantage of going to this site <https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz> is that instead of seeing a single priest you see the whole religious community taking part & you can either view this live or view it when it suits you as they are all recorded.

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

No real change from last month's report - we, with the rest of the country, are still waiting for restrictions to be lifted - and that date seems to be receding for another four weeks as I write this. However the weather seems to be returning to summer now, rather than showery April, which will mean that at least we can meet up occasionally for a chat in the garden before returning to the Village Hall for a proper meeting on **Wednesday 4th August**.

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



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As I type these notes the last meeting was held on the 17th May, and the next meeting is not until 21st June, so here is a brief update.

New to the village?

For anyone that is new to the village, welcome! You have joined a wonderful village with a fantastic community spirit!

We have a village website with lots of useful information on there, take a look at www.freelandoxon.co.uk

We also have a number of social media pages that are worth considering joining:

Facebook pages:

Freeland Community Group (general village page for everyone, this was the Covid-19 support page but has now been renamed and will continue as a general village page)

Mums and Dads in Freeland (often aimed at mums, dads, grandparents etc, but still open to all)

Freeland Buy/Sell/Swap (the main buying and selling page in the village)

Spotted Freeland (another general village page)

Freeland Naturehood (a page for those with a keen interest in nature).

There are also many other pages for specific groups such as Cubs and Scouts, Cricket Club etc.

If anyone knows of new residents joining the village please let me know their address so I can deliver a welcome letter with some useful information to them!

Memorial Trees in grass verge

It has been brought to my attention that within the grass verge between Pigeon House Lane and The Green that the Council decided to leave uncut to help wildlife, are a couple of memorial trees that will become very overgrown with plants. I have therefore arranged for the trees to be strimmed around to ensure their brass plaques are visible and that they are kept tidy. Our apologies to anyone who found this to be offensive, I can assure you this was purely an oversight and not a deliberate act to disrespect those who are being commemorated by the trees.

Gigaclear works in Freeland - update

These works will be continuing in the village for another month and the latest information I have is below:

Start	End	Address	Traffic Management
23/02/21	05/07/21	WROSLYN ROAD	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS
31/03/21	18/06/21	PARKLANDS	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION
17/05/21	28/06/21	WITNEY ROAD	MULTI-WAY SIGNALS
02/06/21	28/06/21	PIGEON HOUSE LANE	ROAD CLOSURE
07/06/21	16/07/21	BROADMARSH LANE	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION
10/06/21	23/06/21	BLenheim LANE	SOME CARRIAGEWAY INCURSION

As and when I receive more information, I will of course keep you all updated. As I have said before, this will entail some disruption with the roads/pavements being dug up, so may I ask for patience and tolerance whilst this work is completed. Thank you.

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

Applications Received:

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Side extension for Mrs Emma Stoppani.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30pm**, hopefully in the Village Hall.

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 village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **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**

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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 be added for you to enjoy.

We have adjusted our gallery experience to help family groups stay together and keep their distance from other groups. Look out for new signage to help you navigate your way around and wear a mask inside our galleries (children under the age of 11 are not expected to wear a mask).

The dinosaur garden will be open, but sadly the dinosaur gallery must remain closed for the present. The café is open!

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Well after the wettest May we've had a lovely June, with sun, sun and more sun, which means lots of cricket!

In the Cherwell League the **Adult** team have won their last two matches against Cropredy and Deddington, with great performances and an early arrival at the Yeoman. We are now 3rd, and are aiming for promotion. Marcus Hall and Owain Cartwright have been stars with the ball, and have taken a lot of wickets for very few runs. With the bat Simon Brown is the leading run scorer, with a top score of 74.

The **Women's hardball** team finished 2nd in their group in the Home Counties Women's League, and narrowly missed out on finals day by 1 point. In the second last match young Carys Owen took a hat-trick of wickets with her first three deliveries, fantastic for an Under 13 playing adult cricket.

The **Women's softball** team entered their first competition in Banbury, and won their first two matches, including



beating the eventual competition winners in their first match. They ended up finishing 4th of 8 teams, and it was great fun. Jess Smith top scored with 48 runs and Beth Soanes ran out 7 batters, all from direct throws.

The **Under 15s** team have now played 3 matches and have lost all 3, however, they are starting to find their form and have scored 95 and 93 in their last two matches. Matt McGrady, Dan Cartwright and Jameson Blackmore have starred with the bat, but we need to take more wickets when bowling.

The **Under 13s 11-a-side** team have started to improve with strong performances from Logan Hunt, Carys Owen, Ben Hills, Alex McGrady and Jameson Blackmore.

The **Under 13s 8-a-side team** are starting to play well, with great performances from James Keeling with bat and ball, Ila Biggin who took 4 wickets in 4 balls and Beth Soanes who had 4 stumpings in 1 match.

The **Under 11s hardball** team are unbeaten, with great performances from the Borrill boys, Eddie and Toby, and from Ben Stansfield.

The **Under 11s softball** team are almost all under 9 years of age and are performing brilliantly.

The **Under 9s** have started their coaching and are making the coaches feel young again, they are so enthusiastic, and make cricket fun.

Many thanks to Anna and Paul at the Yeoman, who have had to feed so many children each week, and to the Parish Council who have provided me with the most fantastic cricket shed, I love it.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club
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An archivist at Blenheim Palace has re-discovered a 200-year-old guide revealing the lost treasures of one of Britain's largest and most luxurious Roman villas.

In its heyday, North Leigh Roman Villa had a total of 60 rooms; including three bath suites, 16 rooms with mosaics and 11 containing under-floor heating.

The villa remained buried for almost 1,500 years until 1813 when it was excavated by architect Henry Hakewill on land owned by the Blenheim Estate.

Hakewill worked on the site for four years (1813-16) just as the Napoleonic Wars were ending and wrote a guide to his excavations shortly after the dig was completed.

Among the most spectacular finds was a near-complete mosaic floor, which was almost entirely carried away by sightseers within a week of having been dug up.

The destruction was so complete that only the detailed drawing of the mosaic in Hakewill's guidebook survived.

Writing in the guide he commented: *"When first discovered in September 1815, the pavement was entire, except a small part in the south-east corner, and a circular compartment in the middle of the room but such was the eager curiosity of the country people who, on the Sunday following the discovery, flocked in crowds to the spot, that before any precautions could be adopted the pavement was much injured."*

In addition to the mosaic floor, many other historic features, described in the guidebook, have been entirely lost in the two centuries since the dig took place.

It was only when a fragile copy of Hakewill's original publication was discovered by Dr Alexa Frost, Blenheim Archivist among miscellaneous rent books dating from the 1950s that the true extent and detail of the magnificent villa's decoration and layout was rediscovered.

"We received an enquiry from the North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers about Hakewill's guide but it was really only by chance that I came across it while going through a collection of uncatalogued papers," said Alexa.

"It's in a relatively fragile state, however it's complete and it tells a fascinating story of what the site looked like at the time it was first excavated."

"While there are copies of the guide at places like the Bodleian Library and later guides do incorporate many of the drawings from the dig, it's still quite a significant event to discover an original version here at Blenheim."

"You can faintly make out the words 'His Grace the Duke of Marlborough' on the front of the guide so it's probably his original copy, which may well have been presented to him by Hakewill himself," she added.



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Matthew Lee who helps to organise North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers described the guidebook's re-discovery as "tremendously exciting"

"Hakewill's guide provides details of colours, patterns on walls, floors and ceilings, that were one and a half thousand years old when he found them, and many of which have been entirely lost in the subsequent 200 years," he said.



"This slim volume will help unlock visitors' and our imaginations when it comes to visualising just how splendid the Roman Villa was" he added.

Sadly lock-down has seen further damage occur to the site in the present day. Although the mosaic is safe, exposed stonework, especially in rooms with stone piers for underfloor heating, is in a fragile state and needs repair.

More than a tonne of loose and broken masonry has had to be removed from part of the site pending restoration work and visitors are being urged to respect the barriers and signs indicating where it is currently unsafe to go, in order to help protect the site for generations to come.

For more details of North Leigh Roman Villa:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>

To find out about how to become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa email:

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Well the books have been flying off the shelves as usual which must mean that everyone is busy reading! Thrillers are as popular as ever, but there's always a wide selection of other genres available.

We are getting low on our supply of children's books, however, so if you have any that you're willing to part with please leave them in one of the drop boxes. Thank you very much for your support.



During the dry and sunny weather I will occasionally put boxes of books outside **138 Wroslyn Road**, so look out for those, as always please do take as many as you like.

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If you would like to bring a group of people, please contact us to arrange in advance and reserve your date.



Sunday 27th June - our first steaming event will be **for members and anyone who is interested in volunteering**, in any area of Mill work. Please do drop in and see what the various groups of volunteers get up to on a **Steaming Sunday**. We would love more volunteers to sign up and contribute to the work for the remainder of 2021.

Sunday 18th July - Steaming Day

Come to the Mill to see all our engines in steam, talk to all our volunteers about what they do to keep the Mill open and the artefacts in good order. Visit our tea room for some lovely refreshments and sit by the river and chill. Please see the website for booking times.

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FREELAND WI

We are continuing to hold our monthly meetings over Zoom until we are able to meet again. At our June meeting we will be welcoming Alice May who will be telling us about the day she returned home to find her house was falling down. As she drove into her drive, she watched as another section of her home collapsed. We will learn how this busy GP practice manager and mother of four coped with the difficulties of rebuilding her home, finding a strength she didn't know she had within her.

Later in the month we are also planning to hold an afternoon cream tea in a member's garden.

We will keep reviewing future meetings on the basis of guidance from the Government and the Oxfordshire and National Federation. We are very hopeful that we may be able to meet again in September, regulations permitting. We will still continue to keep in touch through our monthly newsletter, telephone calls or a keep in touch card.

Members have all been receiving their copy of Oxfordshire Inspires and also information about talks the Federation have set up via Zoom. The talks have covered a wide range of subjects so hopefully there has been something for everyone.

WI Climate Advisor Tip from Rosie Smith: 'Avoid Food Waste'

When we waste food, we also waste all the energy it takes to grow, harvest, transport, and package it. And if food goes to the landfill and rots, it produces methane - a greenhouse gas even more potent than carbon dioxide.

Whilst the G7 leaders currently discuss how they, as world leaders, can make policies at a national level to address Climate Change, we as individuals, can make many changes to our own habits and behaviours to address Climate Change.

The suggestion listed here is the 30th tip published in The Grapevine since we started including these hints and tips as part of the WI report. The full list is available to read on the Freeland WI Facebook site along with information of what the WI is doing at Federation level to get members involved in Climate Change.

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Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page:

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Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997**

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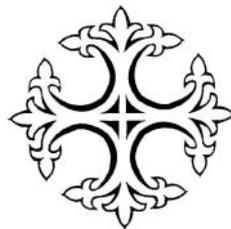
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EYNHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATES

How best to access our GP services whilst the Covid-19 Pandemic continues



We are fully open but social distancing means we have to operate in a different way to before the Pandemic.

We have a 'phone first' service for GP appointments. Doctor appointments can be initiated via our website

<https://www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk> on an eConsult or Medlink form, or by phoning our front desk team on **01865 881206** or **01993 881330**. Your eConsult or telephone bookings will be directed towards your usual GP wherever possible.

As much as possible we deal fully with any issue over the phone, or by video. If a face-to-face appointment is necessary after a phone call the doctor will arrange it directly with you at the time of the phone call.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer as many face-to-face appointments as we did before the pandemic because social distancing requirements mean a reduced number of people can be in our waiting rooms at any one time.

Face to face nurse appointments can be booked directly through phoning our front desk (e.g., for smears, blood tests and routine immunisations).

Healthcare assistant appointments for blood tests can be booked on-line (via the NHS app) or via phoning the front desk team.

We always have "on the day" availability for urgent matters.

Unfortunately, the combined effects of significantly increased demand for routine matters as the Pandemic recedes, the need to accommodate social distancing, our involvement in the covid vaccination programme and a very large number of queries relating to the Covid vaccinations, means that our phone lines remain very busy. We are very sorry about this and our doing all we can to try and improve the situation, through additional recruitment and phone IT solutions.

If possible, please consider if you can manage your problem with help from other sources such as **111**, the NHS website (which has comprehensive health and self-care information), local pharmacies, opticians and specialised health clinics.

In common with many Practices, we have sadly noticed there has been an increase in unacceptable behaviour towards our reception team and patient care advisors. We are very grateful to the vast majority of our patients who treat them with respect and courtesy, and we kindly ask that everyone keeps in mind that they are doing their best to help you in very difficult circumstances.

Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics

Our clinics are coming to an end and anyone still needing their second dose will now need to book via **119**. We have been contacting all of our patients affected by this and there are not many unaccounted for.

NHS Data Sharing Proposals

A number of patients are concerned and confused about the NHS data sharing proposals.

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You may already know that the deadline for opting out has been extended until September to allow time for the proposals to be reviewed. It is a complex issue which is of concern.

The EMG Patient Participation Group is working closely with the other local Patient Groups with a view to obtaining clearer information and guidance for us all. Up-to-date information will be added to the local Freeland and Hanborough Facebook pages as it arises. Eventually, patients will be able to Opt-out of whatever the NHS finally decides the system will be.

An Opt-out form can be downloaded from this link:

<https://www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Opt-out-type-1-letter.pdf>

For those without access to the internet or a printer, Care Advisors at the Surgeries will print the Opt-out form and the privacy notice for any patients who are unable to do this themselves.

You might like to read the following item published in the Oxford Mail (in which our Dr Latif is interviewed) before deciding whether to Opt-out or not.

<https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/19358037.oxford-gp-warns-rushed-plans-share-patients-records/> Please note that the Oxford Mail mentions an earlier start date and not the delayed one in September.

Long Hanborough Surgery Alarm

We've had some issues with the intruder alarm which has been over-sensitive. The supplier, Executive Alarms should be automatically notified and attend when the alarm is triggered but unfortunately this has not been happening every time. They are working to correct this problem as soon as possible.

We know how irritating and disturbing this can be, especially for those who live close to the surgery, and sincerely apologise for this disruption which we hope will be solved shortly.

Career Opportunities

The vacancy for a Support Assistant is now filled, but that for a Deputy Practice Manager (DPM) is still open for applications. If that position is of interest, please email **print@associatedagencies.co.uk** for details of the Advert, Job Description and Person Description. You can then apply to the Practice Manager Tracy Girvan at **tracy.girvan@nhs.net**

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Opening hours will be **7am-7pm on weekdays and 9am-5pm at weekends**.

Early bird and group discounts will be available along with special promotions such as 'Kids for £1' in some sessions.

Prices will be frozen at 2019 levels to encourage more residents and visitors to come along and take the plunge as part of WODC's wider ambitions to help improve health and well-being across communities.

All bookings will be managed through the online ticketing platform which will enable tickets to be pre-sold to avoid congestion at the reception counter. Customers who cannot book online will be able to make advance bookings, secured with a payment, at reception.

The pool has been closed since 2019 due to the impact of Covid-19 but work is now under way to ensure it reopens in time for the start of the school summer holidays, allowing local families to use the facility.



The facility will fully comply with Covid-19 national and local guidelines at the time of opening.

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Thank you for continuing to support the aluminium collection. It is raising some much appreciated funds for Freeland Pre-School.

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We are very happy to report that all our groups are continuing to meet face-to-face regularly and doing lots of fun activities. It really is fantastic to see everyone enjoying being together again.

We even have a camping weekend planned for mid-July at Youlbury, near Oxford, for our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. The trip is, of course, subject to government lockdown rules changing, but we are hopeful that it will still go ahead.

Our AGM and barbecue is planned for **Wednesday 21st July from 6pm**, at Freeland Village Hall. We're looking forward to seeing our members and their families there!

Did you know that volunteering is good for you? It helps you connect with your local community, boosts your skills and improves your mental health.

You do not need any previous experience of Scouting, but enthusiasm and a sense of adventure are vital! You will receive full training, help and support, and in return you'll form new friendships and enjoy a wealth of new experiences.

Our team really needs you to help keep our groups going. Please send an email to gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to find out how you can get involved as a volunteer.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

WOODSTOCK AND DISTRICT u3a

The June meeting (still courtesy of Zoom) turned to man's best friend, the dog. Ken McIver, from the Banbury-based charity 'Dogs for Good', spoke about their work, providing and supporting dogs for the old, infirm or otherwise disadvantaged who can benefit – as Ken illustrated – from canine companionship and assistance with all manner of tasks.



Moving on, 8th June will have seen the Branch's AGM (a Zooming certainty) followed by a couple more Speaker Meetings, which, pending further relaxations from the newly-wed in No. 10, may or may not turn out also to be Zoomed. On **Tuesday 13th July**, the meeting will feature art historian Lizzie Rowe on the "Art of World War II" – a time when Henry Moore, Paul Nash, Eric Ravilious and others all came to the fore. And on **Tuesday 10th August**, Jeff Rozzelaer's "A ticket to yesterday' promises, an alternative view of the 60s by a non-swingler'. Did we not used to be told: 'if you say you can remember the Sixties, you can't have been there'?

Meanwhile, our score of individual Interest Groups press on, lock-in or not, some by Zoom others – including our doughty Walkers – in person. The Play Reading Group, having braved the weather to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday (23 April) with an outdoor reading of his work, hope shortly to resume regular readings indoors – sociably distanced, of course.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Committee and some of the members met on the Playing Field on 26th May to unveil the plaque on one of the Hornbeam trees to commemorate, belatedly, our 10th Anniversary. It was lovely to welcome Ray and Jill Evans, our recent Chairperson and Programme Secretary, back to undertake the ceremony. Peter Newell took photos of the group present.

Summer is now in full swing. Annuals should be flowering well. Water them well, in the evening, when the weather is dry. Give plants a good drenching rather than a little and often. Deadhead frequently to keep the display going for as long as possible. Biennials such as wallflowers, Honesty and Sweet Rocket should



be planted as soon as possible for flowering next year. Stake Dahlias and Delphiniums and any other plants that need staking. Feed and water roses if particularly dry and deadhead regularly. Pick Sweetpeas regularly.

Most pots can be moved outside preferably to a shady spot. Watch out for the little red beetles on lilies and remove by hand or spray.

In the vegetable garden keep planting little and often. Hoe weeds as soon as they appear both in the flower and vegetable garden. Lift early potatoes after feeling underground to see how big they are. In the greenhouse remove tomato side shoots. Ventilate well on hot days. Paint shading on the roof or cover with suitable netting. No need to mention mowing lawns and cutting edges as these are frequent jobs in the summer.

We hope to recommence our meeting in the Village Hall in the Autumn if this is allowed. The Speakers are all booked for restarting which we look forward to very much.

For more information about the Club, please contact Terry Jones on

davidjones30@talktalk.net

Janet Dalton (Secretary)

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 **July** will be on **Tuesday 6th and 20th**.

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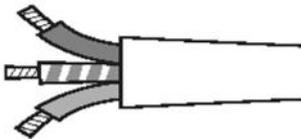
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GOVERNMENT GRANT BACKING FOR SALT CROSS HOUSING PLANS

Salt Cross garden village has been awarded **£250,000** in Government funding to help with housing development.

West Oxfordshire District Council was successful with a funding bid through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Garden Communities Programme.

Cllr Jeff Haine, Cabinet Member for Planning, said: *"We are looking at building state-of-the-art zero carbon housing on what will be an exemplar development for the United Kingdom fitting with many of our key priorities including meeting housing need and building strong local communities. It is good news that our efforts are being recognised and supported by central government as the planning process continues."*

Announcing the funding, Housing Minister Christopher Pincher highlighted the work being done to support the delivery of 2,200 homes at Salt Cross, noting the key role of local authorities in delivering 300,000 new homes a year nationally.

Cllr Haine added: *"The Minister has commended the ambition shown by West Oxfordshire and is delighted that this funding will help deliver our ambitious plans."*

Meanwhile, the Area Action Plan, which sets out the planning policy for delivery of Salt Cross, is proceeding to the next key stage.

WODC has responded to Planning Inspector Darren McCreery's questions in preparation for the hearings due to be held virtually from **28 June - 9 July**.

Mr McCreery's guidance note and a list of matters, issues and questions can be seen at: **<https://westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/salt-cross-area-action-plan-examination>**

The Inspector will report his findings to the Council later this summer.

To facilitate the examination, Rosemary Morton has been appointed as an independent Programme Officer. You can contact her by calling **01628 672181** or email **Rosemary.morton@publicagroup.uk**

WITNEY TALKING NEWS

Do you know someone who is blind, or visually impaired?

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If you know someone who could benefit from this service, or would like to join us for reading, admin or packing sticks for despatch, we would be delighted to hear from you. We record every Thursday evening at High Street Methodist Church in Witney.

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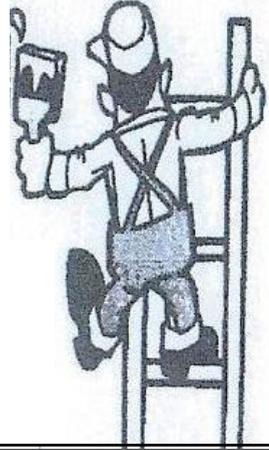
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**FREELAND WI QUIZ
Friday 3rd September, Freeland Village Hall**

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More details to follow, but mark up your diaries in the hope that 2021 is not another year when the bins go out more than we do!

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There is a possibility that some of our staff will be staying close-by and will continue to offer the services that we have been proud of, so watch this space for further information.

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WYCHWOOD FOREST FAIR SUNDAY 22nd AUGUST

The Wychwood Project is excited to announce that this year's Forest Fair will take place on **Sunday 22nd August** at Foxburrow Wood, Witney from **11am – 5pm**.

With heaps of entertainment including rural crafts, ferret racing, falconry, art and crafts stalls, food stalls and more, the fair is a fun way to enjoy a summer Sunday while supporting the Wychwood Project, a local conservation charity dedicated to restoring habitats across the historic Wychwood Forest area - which today comprises most of West Oxfordshire.

To keep things safe this year's Fair will be largely open-air and use more space than previous years. Advanced bookings are encouraged to help monitor numbers: tickets purchased in advance cost **£8**, while tickets on the door cost **£10**. **Under 16s** can enter for **free**.

The Fair supports the Wychwood Project, a conservation charity that uses the focus of the Royal hunting Forest of Wychwood to encourage local people to understand, conserve and restore its rich mosaic of landscapes and wildlife habitats.

The Wychwood Project would welcome donations of second-hand books in good condition for the Fair's thriving second-hand bookstall, or offers to volunteer for a few hours at the Fair. Please email miranda@wychwoodproject.org.uk or call the Wychwood Project's office on **07584 262437**.

An historic event

The Wychwood Forest Fair was founded in 1796 by three Wesleyan Methodists living in Finstock as a calmer counterpart to the annual Witney Feast. More of a picnic than a fair, the original event saw locals coming together to enjoy the Wychwood Forest.

As the Fair grew in reputation and scale it started to change. The 19th century Fair operated outside parish jurisdiction, and many seized it as a chance to settle scores in skirmishes and fights. Non-locals travelling miles to visit the Fair were blamed for contributing to its increasingly riotous atmosphere.

The Forest Fair's future became uncertain following a spate of rowdy incidents in the 1830s that led to its widespread condemnation and occasional prohibition. After the 1853 Parliamentary Act of Disafforestation placed the historic Wychwood Forest under private ownership, the Fair was banned for good.

The Wychwood Project revived the Forest Fair in 2000 to celebrate the area's rural traditions, arts and crafts, and conservation work. Today's family-friendly, peaceful Fair looks back to its 18th-century origins.

Join the Fair

You can book tickets for the Fair directly at:

<http://wychwood-project.mitingu.com/wychwood-forest-fair-2021> or by visiting the Wychwood Project's website at **wychwoodproject.org**.

If you would prefer to contact the Wychwood Project directly to book tickets, or would like to apply to host a stall at the Fair, please email:

info@wychwoodproject.org.uk or call **07584 262437**.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- W 23 June Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 23 June **Combe Mill open on Wednesdays.** See www.combemill.co.uk
Su 27 June Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
Su 27 June Combe Mill in Steam - open for members. See www.combemill.co.uk
W 30 June Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 7 July Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 14 July Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Su 18 July **Combe Mill in Steam** See www.combemill.co.uk
M 19 July Freeland Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm
W 21 July Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 25 July Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
W 28 July Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 4 Aug Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Tu 10 Aug The Cake Café - Grand Re-opening! Village Hall 9am - 11.30am

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Freeland Naturehood Photography Competition

Every month entries will be judged by a panel from the Freeland Photo Group alongside wildlife experts from Earthwatch Naturehood. It is completely free to enter for any age.

Entries must: be no bigger than 25mb; have a resolution of at least 3 mega pixels; include an element of nature or wildlife; be taken in or around Freeland. Only one entry to be sent each month. You may enter more than once under your name in the year.

There will be a small prize each month. All winning photos will be included in the 2021 Freeland Naturehood Calendar.

Don't forget to adhere to current government restrictions and please do not trespass without permission.

Send your entry to: nature_instead@outlook.com by the end of the month.

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **August Grapevine** is **Monday 12th July**. The **August** edition should be in the church porch and online at: www.freelandoxon.co.uk from **Friday 23rd July**.

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

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

The cost of a Small Advertisement is **20p per word**. Please make cheques payable to '**FREELAND GRAPEVINE**'. Contact Kenny Wylie about costs for other adverts. 1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 127mm wide, 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 127mm wide

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Articles: freelandgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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

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COMING UP THIS MONTH...

1st - Tikka and Tadka Pop Up
2nd - Lorencini Arancini Pop Up
/ EUROs Quarter Finals
3rd - White HorseBox Pizza Pop Up
/ EUROs Quarter Finals
6th - BURGER NIGHT / EUROs Semi Finals
7th - EUROs Semi Finals
8th - The Edge Pop Up
9th - BBQ!
10th - Cranston Pickles Pop Up
11th - EUROs Final
15th, 16th & 17th - Street Food Pop Ups
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28th - QUIZ NIGHT



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