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Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 5th February 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**
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- Sunday 12th February 10.00am Service of the Word**
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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- Sunday 19th February 10.00am Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden
Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
- Sunday 26th February 10.00am Service of the Word**
Leader: Matt Cripps
Preacher: Jonathan Ford
- Sunday 5th March 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

The above information is correct on the date published (22/1/2023). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our website below.

**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm/dusk.
Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.**

See our website at www.hfchurch.org.uk

Christingle Service

What a wonderful start to Christmas! Thank you to everyone who took part and to everyone who came to St. Mary's Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to your generous giving we have been able to send **£209** to the Children's Society - a national charity who work to transform the hopes and happiness of children and young people who live in challenging situations.

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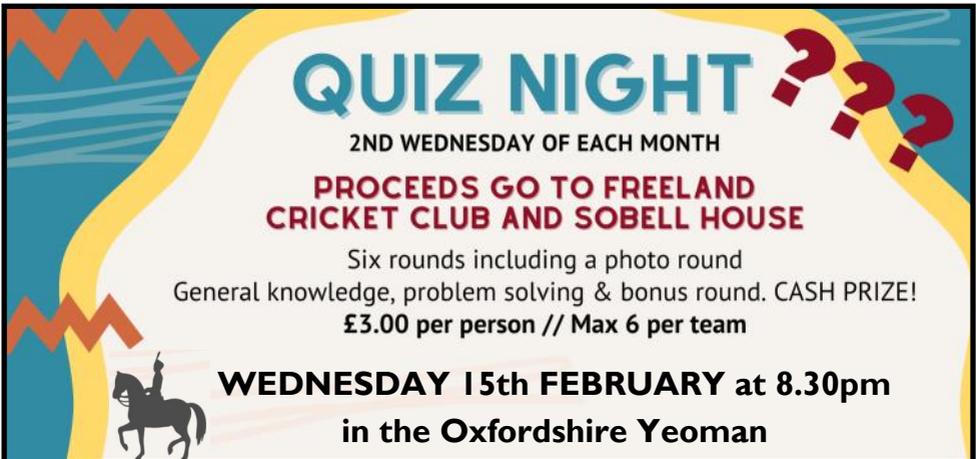
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You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/5863

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

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

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

For more information, please contact Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270** or contact us through the Church website: www.hfchurch.org.uk

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ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is currently open for both burials and ashes interment. The space for burials is limited. We will provide notification on our website and in the Grapevine when the graveyard reaches its capacity.

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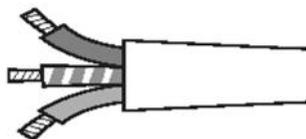
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Letter from our Associate Rector, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear Friends,

A simple reminder – God loves you

¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

It is easy to forget in the busyness of life that quite simply God loves us. God loves our family, God loves our parents, and God loves our children. He loves our friends; he loves our neighbours; he loves our boss, and he even loves our enemies too!

In John 3:16, quoted above, we are reminded that God loves the whole world. So much so that he gave his one and only Son to die on the cross. This gospel, which literally means ‘good news’, restores our relationship with God, the environment, ourselves, and each other. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, (called the atonement by theologians), allow access to God for every man, women, boy and girl on the planet. In truth the gospel is quite simply amazing. Throughout history we see men and women who were so captivated by the love of God for them personally, that God’s love overflowed from them to others through acts of service. For some this involved giving up creature comforts, status, even riches to serve God in quite dangerous places sometimes a long way from home. (If you have five minutes Google Eric Liddle, C. T. Studd, Catherine Booth, and Corrie Ten Boom.)

This gospel, that can and should transform us, is so incredible, so wonderful so mind blowing that I suspect that many of us (myself included) have only scratched the surface of what Jesus really did on the cross. It is an act of cosmic and historical significance, that resides both in time and outside time reaching back to the beginning of time forwards to the end of time itself.

The challenge for Christians throughout the generations has never been the message, the gospel message continues to be radical, relevant and life changing. The challenge for Christians throughout the generations has always been the desire to settle rather than to pioneer and explore.

It is no mistake that one of the final things Jesus said to his disciples in Acts 1:8 as he prepared his disciples for his ascension was, “*You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” With the benefit of hindsight, we can see that the scriptures are full of God’s plan to spread the good news about Jesus from Jerusalem to the whole world. The good news of Jesus might have started in Jerusalem, but the plan was for it to go from **Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the ends of the earth (which includes a village or town near you!)**

So, in conclusion, a good ambition for each one of us might simply be ‘to know the love of God and give it away’. So if you know deep down that God loves you, pass on the good news of Jesus. If you have never known God’s love, pick up a bible and read the gospels, come to one of our church services in Freeland, Church Hanborough, or Long Hanborough that are conveniently all at **10.00am**, or attend our Alpha course that meets on Monday evenings in the Rectory, and let God reveal his love for you.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

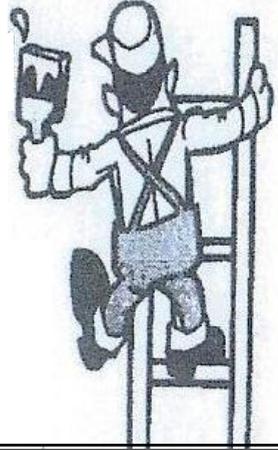
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Sunday 5th February 10.00am NO Service
All welcome at St Mary's or Christ Church

Sunday 12th February 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 19th February 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: tbc Preacher: tbc

Sunday 26th February 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 5th March 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 29th January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at St Peter & St Paul
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 5th February 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev Mike Madden Preacher: Rev Mike Madden

Sunday 12th February 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 19th February 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 26th February 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Simon Tustin from
Anglican International Development

Sunday 5th March 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Steven and Emma Young Preacher: Benjamin Chamings-Manley

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HANBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB

Hanborough Lunch Club meets in Christ Church, Main Road, Long Hanborough between **12.45pm and 2.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of every month** for a two course meal followed by tea or coffee for **£5**.

It was founded in April 1980 for anyone who would like to eat a meal in pleasant company. Please contact Carol Bower (**881930**) if you would like to join.

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ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday 5th February 9.30am - 10.00am

Friday 10th February 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Sunday 19th February 9.30am - 10.00am

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

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

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website **www.freelandoxon.co.uk**

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Sunday 5th February 10am Local Arrangement

Sunday 12th February 10am Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Correction

We would like to make it clear that a sentence in the Parish Council notes in the December 2022 edition was incorrect.

The proposed area for the Inspired Villages retirement homes is NOT in the grounds of Freeland House. Freeland House have no connection with Inspired Villages' proposed development.

New Parish Councillor - Mark O'Callaghan

I moved to Freeland last November from Colchester with my wife Jo after she was successful in securing a position as a CNS at The Churchill Hospital in Oxford and with three grown up sons dotted around the country it made sense to move more centrally.

As I retired a few years ago, and after taking a few months to settle into the area, I've now taken on several volunteer roles providing help and support in the local community with joining the Freeland Parish Council last month being the most recent.

We both enjoy running, music, theatre, long country walks and socialising with good food and drink and Freeland is proving to be the perfect place to do all these things.

I've always enjoyed meeting and chatting with people and I'm looking forward as a Parish Councillor to working with everyone and helping to ensure Freeland remains a great place to live.



Follow up to the village survey 2022

You might remember that the Parish Council discussed the results of last year's village survey at its July meeting, and agreed a number of 'next steps', most of which have unfortunately been pushed back due to the retirement village planning appeal, which soaked up considerable Parish Council time between August and December 2022.

However, the Parish Council was able to set up a public meeting in October to discuss Salt Cross and the proposed 20mph zone and another update on these will be planned for the **Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 21st April 2023**.

Regarding other 'next steps', over 30 people expressed interest in helping with the survey follow up. We're still planning to approach these people throughout January and early February, with a view to setting up a meeting on **Friday 3rd March** to discuss launching working groups focusing on **1) social opportunities/community/ inclusion, and 2) sustainability/green issues**. There was also an intent to set up further groups on village amenities, and transport/traffic, but we will wait to see how we get on with the first two!

More information will be circulated nearer the time, but in the meantime, anyone interested in being part of a village working group on these issues, please get in touch with Fay the clerk on **01993 357851 or fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

A summary of the village survey results are on the Freeland Parish Council website **www.freelandpc.org.uk** under 'Reports'.

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For acceptable forms of ID please visit www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a-voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id

More information can be found on **page 19** of this Grapevine.

Time to get walking

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Botley West Solar Farm

Freeland is not directly impacted as the development does not border our parish and we have not had any feedback from residents other than one representation at the last meeting. As representatives of the village we need to understand the views of the residents of Freeland. We have publicised the consultation events and have encouraged all residents to make their views known to the developers. At this later stage, we now ask you to make your personal views known to District and County Councillors. In addition if you are either opposed or supportive of the Solar Farm please email fayf.fpc@gmail.com. Freeland Parish Council will then reconsider whether to engage further depending on feedback from residents.

Planning Applications

All planning applications can be viewed on line on the Parish Council website at www.freelandpc.org.uk (under Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning. You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Received:

22/03356/FUL Land East Of Wroslyn Road (opposite the Methodist Chapel)
Development of 80 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), community shop/cafe (Use Class E), allotments and site access, plus open space, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering works. See **page 27** for details of a **Public Meeting with Spitfire Homes**

22/03287/HHD 21 Parklands, Freeland

Erection of single, first floor and two storey extensions for Mrs S. Cooper

Applications refused: None

APP/D3125/W/22/3301202 LPA Application ref 21/02627/OUT

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Annual Parish Meeting

We are hosting our Annual Parish Meeting in Freeland Hall on **Friday 21st April**. More information will be in the next Grapevine.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

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

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via www.freelandpc.org.uk You can follow us on Facebook ([@freelandpc](https://www.facebook.com/freelandpc)) or Twitter ([@freeland_pc](https://twitter.com/freeland_pc)). Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk - email: fayf.fpc@gmail.com or call 01993 357851**

PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR ELECTIONS FROM 4th MAY

Residents in West Oxfordshire District will need to show photographic ID to vote in person at this year's local elections which are being held on **Thursday 4th May**.

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Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or by completing a paper form which is available from West Oxfordshire District Council at the Woodgreen office. If you need any help with applying for the free ID, or want to request an application form, contact the electoral services team on **01993 861410**.

More information is available on the West Oxfordshire District Council website (www.westoxon.gov.uk), including details of how to apply for the free ID. Anyone not able to visit the Council website, or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, is being encouraged to contact the Council as soon as possible and no later than the **5pm** deadline on **Wednesday 25 April**.

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. If you aren't already registered it only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

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(THERE IS NO IS NO MARKET IN JANUARY)



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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP

Here's a message from our Scouts' leader, Paul:

I would like to ask for your help. At our last Scouts' session we looked back at all of the things that the Scouts were able to achieve, experience and enjoy in 2022.

Some of the most memorable were being let loose with saws in Wytham Woods, paddle boarding on Blenheim lake (I think we are the only people who have ever done this) gliding, camping, and giving the Scouts the opportunity to play silly games that allow them to have fun, interact with their peers away from digital devices, and just be themselves. (It's hard to feel grumpy when you're balancing a spoon climbing through hoops, or being a human hungry hippo.)

If you volunteer in Scouts with your child, you will see first-hand as they develop and grow, overcome challenges, face fears, laugh, be silly, and yes, probably be a bit naughty. But they are young people and by sharing these experiences with them you will develop a unique relationship and see your child in a new way.

As a volunteer you will be able to shape the programme for activities that your child enjoys, or more likely what you enjoy doing. If you have a passion for Science, Astronomy, Crafts, DIY, or Sports, then you can build them into the programme!

The Scout Association will teach you all sorts of skills, and the more sessions you attend the easier it becomes. Really, each session is just like a child's party, but mostly without the food, with a few activities thrown in. We don't even really have to think about the activities that much as the Scout programme guides this, and there are lots of resources available to us. Basically, if you can run a children's party then you can easily help us in Scouts!

Although this is from a Scout Leader, I know that all our groups are struggling for volunteers. Through the amazing support of Sam and Ali, Scouts have been able to offer a great programme, but I also know what we have not done: the camps we did not do or attend, the activities that were just a bit too hard to staff or organise. These are the missed opportunities for the young people. The missed events that make a memory, or kindles a interest or a passion in the years to come.

As a group we really have been running on the absolute minimum of volunteers and being able to have a viable Scout troop, so please, if you have any time available, when any of our groups meet, consider volunteering. Working together as volunteers, we can achieve amazing things. – Paul (1st Hanborough Freeland Scout Leader).

Contact Steve, our Group Scout Leader, via email gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to start a conversation about how you can get involved.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB



We start the New Year with good news. Our Women's cricket team have won the Indoor Cricket League, after beating Steventon in their last match by over 100 runs. Congratulations to Becky Edwards, Emma Owen, Beth Soanes, Rachel Morris, Claire Moss and our team mates from Eynsham CC.

The fixture list for the Adult leagues have been published, and it looks like being a really busy summer, with 18 Cherwell League matches and 16 women's matches.

The highlights for the Cherwell League are home matches against other local teams:

Saturday 20th May at home to Hanborough CC

Saturday 3rd June at home to Stanton Harcourt CC

Saturday 10th June at home to Witney Mills CC

Saturday 29th July at home to Stonesfield CC

For the Junior players we have entered teams in the following competitions:

Under 11 softball

Under 11 hardball

Under 13 super 8s

Under 13 11-a-side

Under 15 11-a-side (with Witney Mills)

Girls' Under 11 hardball super 8s.

There will be festivals for under 9s, which will be organised locally.

The fixtures for the women's softball team will be known in April.

We are trying to secure a site for our winter training, and hope to offer sessions for the **Under 11s** and **Under 13s** in March. The **Under 15s** will train with the adult league team.

We are still looking for additional coaches/support adults for the Junior teams and for the Women's softball team. We are also looking for someone to take on the role of treasurer.

If anyone would like to help us run the Cricket Club, please contact me.

The next Pub Quiz is on **Wednesday 15th February** in the Yeoman at **8.30pm**.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

E: freelandcc.u11@gmail.com

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

No report this month as the weather has put paid to all fixtures since before Christmas and into the first half of January. Fixtures have yet to be published for February.

Ben Symonds

The **Under 16s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - **stu.mac@aol.com**

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RETIREMENT VILLAGE APPEAL DISMISSED!

The proposal by Inspired Villages to build 160 retirement units on land to the west of Wroslyn Road, adjacent to Freeland House, was unanimously rejected by West Oxfordshire District Council but the developers appealed this decision.

The Planning Inspectorate appointed Hannah Porter to hear the appeal which took place over six days in November and December 2022. The Inspector delivered her decision on 18th January which was to **dismiss the appeal**.

In her 18 page statement she stated "I have judged the adverse impacts of granting planning permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits".

The full text of the Appeal decision can be found on the Freeland Parish Council website **www.freelandpc.org.uk**, under the 'Reports' tab.

An awful lot of hard work was undertaken in fighting the appeal, both by West Oxfordshire District Council and by Freeland Parish Council and Freeland Friends who were jointly given what is known as Rule 6 Party status that enabled us to take a full, active and equal part in the Inquiry. Grateful thanks are therefore given to all those who helped, in any way, and who contributed in making such an effective and winning team.

Roger Faulkner
Chair, Freeland Parish Council

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INFORMATION

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SPITFIRE HOMES

The Spitfire Homes planning application for 80 homes on the corner of Pigeon House Lane is now online to view on the WODC website <https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/> application no. **22/03356/FUL**

This is a major development for our small village so we have arranged an urgent public meeting with Spitfire Homes. This will take place **6.00 - 8.00pm on Wednesday 15th February** in the Village Hall - **everyone is welcome.**

You can also comment directly to WODC. They have imposed a deadline of **16th February** but the Parish Council has applied for the consultation period to be extended.

Roger Faulkner, Chair, Freeland Parish Council

FREELAND WI

There was an excellent turnout for our first meeting of the year and we were delighted to welcome three new members. Our speaker was Stephanie Walklett who introduced us to the skill of British Sign Language. She and her husband who are based in Bicester, run BSL courses through their business Sign Together. Richard, her husband, is deaf whilst Stephanie has perfect hearing. Stephanie was an excellent speaker and very encouraging as we attempted learning the alphabet and signing out our names. She also gave us an informative insight into the challenges facing deaf people and tips on developing deaf awareness knowledge.



At next month's meeting on **Monday 13th February** we will be discussing and voting on the four resolutions which have been put forward for the national Annual Meeting later in the year. The second part of our evening will see us deploying our artistic skills to make new individual name badges, as the current ones have been in use for 8 years.

This year we will continue to support the Witney food bank at our meetings; our donations are delivered by one of our members who volunteers there.

Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **10pm**. Our meetings usually consist of an activity or speaker, a raffle and refreshments. We always look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests; it's not all about jam and Jerusalem! One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love you to join us.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> whilst current information is on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/freelandwi

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI President



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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 1/1/2023

It's a New Year so!

"We love to go a wandering"

"Down Coffin Path track"

"And as we go we love to sing"

"My knapsack on my back"

"Val-deri, Val-dera"...Well you get the idea, and no we won't be singing it on next month's Ramble.



To be honest, this month's ramble was similar to the last, only without the Market, but with the addition of a lovely couple from Reading who joined the other seven of us for the 5+ mile ramble, and I'm sure they would agree when I say they had a great time... honest.

Now I don't know about you, but as I have grown older I have noticed something odd... it's a need to do a full report (giving marks out of 10) on the quality of food on offer and the cleanliness of the toilet facilities of anywhere I've visited.

Am I the only one who does this...cheerio!

Next month's local Ramble will be on **Sunday 5th February at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman. **All are welcome to join us.**

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Here's a riddle for you: what's the connection between Bill Gates, Tim Gallwey and Freeland?

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On his website, Bill Gates explains: "*There are few things I love more than discovering a new book to read. And in communities around the world, one of the best ways to find a new book is through a Little Free Library.*"

For those who aren't familiar, the concept is simple: People place small bookcases that are protected from the elements in front of their homes or in other public spaces. The idea is that anyone can take or leave a book at any time, effectively creating a new book exchange that everyone can participate in. It's an amazing way to encourage reading and make books accessible to more people. A lot of Little Free Libraries are highly decorated, so they make neighborhoods more beautiful, too. (The first one, which was created in 2009, looked like a little red schoolhouse.)

As part of the release of my new holiday books reading list, I arranged for copies of the books I'm recommending to be placed in more than 100 Little Free Libraries all around the world...Happy reading!"

According to his website, **www.gatesnotes.com** a copy was placed in a Little Free Library in Oxford, which then somehow made its way to Freeland. I wonder where it will go next?

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Caroline and Jenny).

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We held our belated New Year party in January in the Newell Room & welcomed current & previous members for an afternoon of chew & chatter with no crafts in sight! Our next project is learning & making things using "decoupage" ... a craft, covering objects such as plain boxes or book covers or papier mâché figures with colourful paper to improve their appearance.



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

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:
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Eynsham, Surgery	8:49	10:34	12:34	14:34	17:09
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	8:55	10:40	12:40	14:40	17:15
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:00	10:45	12:45	14:45	17:20
Church Hanborough	9:05	10:50	12:50	↓	17:25
Hanborough Station (arr)	9:10	10:55	12:55	14:50	17:30

Service 411 Hanborough - Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station (dep)	9:10	11:05	13:05	14:50	17:35
Long Hanborough, New Road	9:15	11:10	13:10	↓	17:40
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	9:19	11:14	13:14	↓	17:44
Bartholomew School				15:15	
Eynsham, Surgery	9:25	11:20	13:20		17:50
Eynsham, Church	9:29	11:29	13:29		18:00

RAIL CONNECTION TIMINGS

FREELAND / HANBOROUGH / OXFORD & return

Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	08.55	10.40	12.40	14.40
Hanborough Station	09.10	10.55	12.55	14.50
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Hanborough Station	09.18	11.19	13.20	15.17
Oxford Station	09.30	11.29	13.30	15.27

Oxford Station	10.45	12.46	17.22
Hanborough Station	10.54	12.54	17.32
Connects to:	∨	∨	∨
Hanborough Station	11.05	13.05	17.35
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CHRISTMAS LUNCH 24th December 2022

Anyone who organises events will always say the latest one was the best, but I can honestly say this 5th Christmas Lunch matched that descriptor. Kenny continues to find me space each month in the lead up to the event and reminds me what we did when last year - extremely helpful hints. The list of thanks could fill the Grapevine as each group of helpers played their part yet again. Big thanks to the decorating team, mostly Wine Club friends, who made the collection of decorations look as though they had been ordered especially for the space, and the Blenheim-donated tree looked lovely.

Many kilos of vegetables were peeled and prepared and the important component parts cooked to perfection, particular thanks go to those parts of the team who have now cooked/peeled for all five of the lunches. Lead chef Mark took in: Turkey from Pat and Maggie, pigs and stuffing balls from Ria and Graham, potatoes from Ita, David, Eleanor and Rebecca, parsnips from Jane, carrots from Anna, cauli broccoli and beans from Sue, leeks and pots of gravy and cranberry from Janet and her extended family. Thanks to Tim at the Garden Centre who kindly donated the bag of potatoes again.

Five tables of guests were served by a group of volunteers who ran a table each - Sue, Ken, Catherine, Victoria and David, some of whom had never helped before, I hope to see them return in future years. It is gratifying that so many villagers continue to want to be part of such a lovely event. We also had three of our Ukranian families join us this year who really enjoyed the British festivities and explained how they would have been celebrating at home under different circumstances.

A full Christmas dinner was served followed by Christmas pudding and custard, tea and coffee. Wine Club kindly paid for the red and white wine to accompany the meal. Guests on the day then went home with another full dinner and a bag of Christmas goodies. Thanks to Annette for wrapping gifts, Lisa and Jess for wrapping and packing the gift bags. A fresh cake box came together with help from Nicki and Clover who made up the sweetie selection, Dorothy who made a mountain of mince pies again, Irene and Rachel from Long Hanborough Bakes who made me gluten free cakes, Carole who made another handmade Christmas cake, Chris who sourced some whiskey cakes and Jess who cut and wrapped Christmas cake. Several bags were delivered to guests in Freeland, Long Hanborough and North Leigh, some of whom had attended the meals in previous years but sadly were too poorly to attend this one. Thanks to Councillor Liam, Penelope and members of the Long Hanborough Council and Dawn and Alan, who gave lifts and delivered bags. My lovely friends at Ready Steady Spice in Eynsham helped me out this year by obtaining some excellent packaging for meals, gravy and cranberry sauce, and then asking me to donate the money to BEFSA as they have supported that charitable endeavour as well. I also received helpful support from our very own Yeoman and the Hand & Shears.

Several people came to help clear up at the end, including Gerry, Martin, Nigel, and Margaret even though the team on the ground had already done so much of the sorting, please do offer to do that job again! Jenny and Catherine, thanks for folding those big decorations up back in to the smallest triangles - you have that job for life as no one else has managed that in previous years.

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Thanks to Marks and Spencer for their continued support, but I did resist collecting more decorations from them this year! Thanks to Arthur who put up lights, assisted the clearing up operation and opened the gate to help with the loading. Lastly, none of this would be possible without the financing. Councillor Liam offered a further payment from his fund, Long Hanborough Parish Council also committed funds this year, and, of course, Waitrose. Even though it is no longer a vote with green discs, the Waitrose community officer in Witney continues to support the meal and because of this, next year's event is secured.

I receive thanks from many people but want to make sure these thanks are shared properly with the people who actually prepare and cook the meal - something I definitely couldn't do! I need to pass on to all those involved the thanks from the guests, they really enjoyed their time this year, having had 2 Covid years away and possibly alone at Christmas time. The event itself and the delight of company enjoyed cannot be underestimated and Dorothy has already put the date in the calendar for 2023, if I have forgotten to thank anyone - apologies. I put a request out for odd crackers to go in the delivery bags for next year and this has resulted in a large box full, joining the decorations in my loft. It is definitely a matter of many hands making light work and reminds us all again, what a fantastic village we live in, where a strong community spirit is alive and well.

Julie Stuart-Thompson, on behalf of the Christmas Lunch team

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

Woodstock & District u3a's 2023 season of monthly speaker meetings got off to a brisk start on 5 January, with Neil Nixon rattling through 'Myths & Legends of the Beatles' to an audience of around 50 in the hall, plus no doubt a good many on-line.



The next three meetings illustrate the variety of subject covered each month, ranging geographically from 'The Ridgeway – the oldest road explored' (**Thursday 2nd February**) to 'Chile and Easter Island' (**Thursday 2nd March**) and then back home for Nick Warwick on 'Hedgehogs' (**Thursday 6th April**). All these meetings begin at **2pm** at St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock. Visitors always welcome and are encouraged to stay for tea or coffee afterwards and learn a bit more about the Branch and its' programme.

Full details, as always, on the branch website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock>

Chris Sladen

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group meetings take place virtually, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at **7.30pm**. Meeting in February will be on **Tuesday 7th and 21st**. Please contact Paul Sayer at paul.pshml@googlemail.com for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

There hasn't been much incentive to get out in the garden recently due to so much rain but it is very encouraging to see all the spring bulbs beginning to pop up. We even had our first daffodils out at the end of December.

There was no meeting in December due to Christmas so we begin the New Year with 2 new speakers. Firstly on **Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall, Caroline Sheldrick will talk to us about 'Medicinal Herbs'.

On **Monday 27th February**, also at **7.30pm**, in Freeland Hall, Jan Lambourn has an interesting talk on 'A Gardening Year at the Cotswold Wildlife Park'. The gardens at the Park are always spectacular so it will be good to hear about how they achieve this.

There is a Plant and Garden Items Sale at every meeting.

The subs for the year are **£20** (a bargain!). New members and visitors, at **£5** a meeting, are very welcome.

Planning for both the flower and vegetable gardens are a good idea at this time of year. The Club has a discount from Dobies which any Committee member can give to you if you want to order their seeds, plants or gardening items. Gardening Club members get a discount at some Garden Centres and Freeland Nurseries.

Tidy and clean the greenhouse ready for the new season. Sometimes it is an idea to gently fork or hoe around the emerging bulbs and weed where necessary.

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

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB PROGRAMME 2023

Monday 23rd January	Richard Harvey	Madeiran Mountain Gardens
Monday 27th February	Caroline Sheldrick	Medicinal Herbs
Monday 27th March	Joff Elphick	Crayfish on the Lawn
Monday 24th April	Raffle and Quiz	
Monday 22nd May	Freeland Nurseries	Plant your own Hanging Basket
Monday 26th June	Mandy Bradshaw	Beyond the Garden Gate (Cotswold Gardens)
Monday 24th July	Paul Williams	Potatoes, Peppers, Poisons and Petunias
Monday 21st August	Social Evening	
Monday 25th September	Paul Green	Plants of the Season
Monday 23rd October	AGM	
Monday 27th November	Malcolm Moodie	Orchids of Borneo

No meeting in December

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 7th February 2023 Angela Kyte will be giving a talk about Eynsham Hall. Come and find out how this property has changed and continues to change over the centuries.

We meet at **7.30pm** in North Leigh Memorial Hall **OX29 6SA**, members **£18** per year, visitors **£4** per talk. Further details are available from Diana **Power (01993 882301)** or Robert Kyte at **kyterobert@gmail.com and 01993 880368**.

The programme up to May is as follows:

Tuesday 7th March	A history of Minster Lovell	Graheme Kew
Tuesday 4th April	Oxford's Penicillin: the lost story of the development of Penicillin	Marie-Lousie Kerr
Tuesday 2nd May	Easter Island's history	Paul Barnett

St Peter and St Paul's Church Hanborough in association with ChurchHanbrewery presents

Church Hanborough Beer Festival



Fine ales from Oxfordshire breweries

**Saturday 4th February 2023 12 noon-10pm,
St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough**

A festival of local beers from Hanborough, Freeland and Oxfordshire at Church Hanborough Church (opposite the Hand and Shears) + Live Music 🎵

Other drinks also available

Easy walking distance from Long Hanborough and Freeland

£10 for 3 beer tokens and a commemorative glass, which can be pre-ordered from Steve on 01993 881270 or Email rector@hfchurch.org.uk



Any surplus from the event will go towards the work of the churches of the Parishes of Hanborough and Freeland

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB BOWLING MACHINE AND SIGHTSCREEN PROJECT

I have started a Crowdfunding Project for which I am aiming to raise **£6000**. I would love it if you could donate using the link below to access my Project page. Any contribution large or small will be hugely appreciated.

Thank you, Simon Brown

Freeland CC Bowling Machine and Sightscreen Project

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/freeland-cc-bowling-machine-project>



Freeland District Girlguiding covers the villages of Freeland, Long Hanborough & North Leigh.

Rainbows and Brownies over the next two terms are looking at obtaining their First Aid badges – stage 2 for Rainbows and stage 3 for Brownies, along with celebrating Thinking Day in February and ending with a Promise Night & Easter party celebration at the end of March. Brownies have a new leader to the team, we welcome Emily and look forward to what she brings to the team.

Guides (age 10-14) and **Rangers** (age 14-18) are continuing to grow and are excited to be welcoming new members this term. We spent last term camping, crafting, learning and campaigning about period poverty, spreading positive thoughts and many other exciting things. We are excited to be growing members and offer opportunities for girls and young women to develop new skills and have fun in a positive environment.

There are currently waiting lists for Rainbows and Brownies. We have recently contacted those on the list to update you on whether we have space for your daughter this term, or if not, a date in the future. If you have not seen an email please check your spam.

If you are interested in registering your daughter to join guiding for the first time, to go on our waiting lists, then please visit <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Finally, we cannot run our units without adult volunteers so if you are interested in helping in any of our units again please do contact us at:

freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm/dusk seven days a week.

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Wednesdays 5pm - 11pm, Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays 9am - late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door.

There are copies available in the **Long Hanborough Surgery** waiting room, and the entrance porch of the **Hand & Shears in Church Hanborough**.

WODC WORKS TO REDUCE POLLUTION OF OUR WATERWAYS WITH UNTREATED SEWAGE

Thames Water discharge raw sewage into West Oxfordshire rivers for fifteen thousand hours every year. West Oxfordshire District Council has no obligation, nor legal power to radically change this dire situation, but we felt that it was our responsibility as an elected local authority to address this issue. The Council committed to work closely with Thames Water, the Environment Agency, other key local organisations such as Windrush Against Sewage Pollution, and community groups. We organised a 'Waterways Day' to strengthen these collaborations and provide a platform for the engagement with the public. It was a great success!

Our team, which includes myself, Cllr Charlie Maynard, Cllr Alaric Smith and the council officers have met with Thames Water team monthly since early autumn. We keep asking questions about the capacities of Thames Water sewage networks and treatment work stations in West Oxfordshire. We ask how Thames Water determine and update the population numbers they are using to estimate their infrastructure capacity needs. Every meeting brings some progress. So far, Thames Water have acknowledged that they currently do not have sufficient sewage treatment capacity at the six Sewage Treatment Works in West Oxfordshire. This conversation is ongoing.

We have encouraged Thames Water to work with us at the planning level. In mid-November Thames Water updated their statement towards the planning application for 150 homes at North Field in Long Hanborough. They asked for a condition of no occupancy at the development until all sewage works upgrades required are in place. Thames Water are prepared to place requests for such conditions towards major housing developments planning applications in other areas, where there is no sufficient capacity within sewage network infrastructure.

Obviously, this strategy may lead to delays in the necessary growth of housing in West Oxfordshire. However, it is not sustainable to pump into our rivers an additional 30 tonnes (roughly equivalent in volume to a standard size shipping container) of raw sewage per day for each 100 new houses.

The team will continue to work closely with Thames Water at the planning level to make sure that any new TW infrastructure capacity investments planned are aligned with the locations of housing projects in the currently being developed WO District Local Plan 2041.

Along with other pressure groups the Council had been asking that Thames Water develop an alert system accessible online, that would monitor real-time raw sewage spills from their storm overflow tanks.

This system is now live at <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>.

While this is a step forward, it is really disappointing to see that at least at the time of this article writing all Sewage Treatment Works along the river Evenlode are or have been discharging raw sewage into the river within the last 48hours; some for more than 100 hours already.

Our work is in progress!

Dr Lidia Arciszewska - Cabinet Member for Environment

District Councillor for Freeland & Hanborough lidia.arciszewska@westoxon.gov.uk

BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

I wonder if you are aware of the proposal called the Botley West Solar Farm?
It's a plan to cover an area of 3,500 acres of local agricultural land with approximately 500,000 solar panels.

If the plans are accepted by Government, the panels will be installed in three areas and the middle section, the biggest, will fill nearly every field between the local villages of Bladon, Cassington, Long Hanborough, Church Hanborough and Yarnton, covering agricultural land.

Of course, making use of solar power is a sensible objective for this country, but there are alternative renewable sources. Solar panels are least effective in winter when more electricity is needed, compared wind turbines which operate when the sun doesn't shine, and more effective in winter.

If built, this could be the biggest site in Europe and one of the largest in the world. ALL other sites of comparable size are in arid/desert regions with high sunlight and very low population density. e.g. Caceres, Spain - 20 people/Km² versus Hanborough 409 people/Km² (and growing) with approximately half the sunshine hours.

You can read about the plans for Botley West Solar Farm at <https://botleywest.co.uk/>

In opposition to those plans, please see <https://stopbotleywest.com>

Or to register your opposition, sign the petition at <https://chng.it/ZV6jkZyDtp>

It is also useful to let Freeland Parish Council know your views.

Tom Lewis, The Stables, Church Hanborough OX29 8AB T: **07732 002 552**

FREELAND WALKING GROUP

The February walk will be on **Wednesday 15th February** starting from Freeland Hall at **9.30am**. More information about this walk will be sent to members nearer the time. If you are new to Freeland or would like to join this very friendly group please contact me at dalton43cv@talktalk.net

The March walk will be on **Wednesday 15th March**, and the leader will contact people nearer the time.

Janet Dalton **01993 881742**



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WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

There are just two more concerts to come in Witney Music Society's 2022-23 season. The concert on **Friday 10th February** will be given by Ensemble Molière, a five-piece Baroque ensemble playing works from the 17th and 18th centuries on historical instruments.

The concert on **Friday 10th March** - the final one of the season - will be given by Ensemble Mirage, a sextet comprising string quartet plus clarinet and piano. The programme features works by Prokofiev, Mozart, Copland and Fibich.

Both concerts are at **7.30pm** at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (**£15, £1 for under 19s**) are available in advance online or at the door from **7pm**. For more information, please telephone **01993 898020** or visit the Witney Music Society website **www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk**



Freeland Pre-school

Freeland Partnership Foundation Stage Unit,
Freeland CE Primary School, Parklands,
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Tel: **01993 882945**

Email: **freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk**

Web site: **www.freelandpreschool.org**

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They will need sound knowledge of the EYFS and child development.

Please contact Jess on freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk for more details and an application form.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and will have to attend safeguarding training.

Pay dependent on qualifications and experience, this will be discussed at interview.



Limelight Drama Group presents The Wizard of Oz
Sunday 29th January at 4pm, at St Mary's, Freeland

On **Sunday 29th January at 4pm**, at St Mary's, Freeland, **Limelight Drama Group** - directed by Beth Soanes and Ila Biggin - presents its performance of **'The Wizard of Oz'**

Over the last 6 months, a small group of primary school age children have been meeting and rehearsing weekly in the church.

Everyone is welcome to this performance. Tickets are **£2 (children free)**, payable on the door.

For further information, contact **clairesoanes@hotmail.com**



ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

UPDATE: The latest trip to the scrapyard has generated another **£100** for Freeland Pre-school which is a great start for 2023.

Going forward in 2023 we are adding Freeland School Society, aka FSS, to the recipients of funds raised from the cans. They raise money to support resources and outings for the children at the school. Having my own children at the school I have become aware of how much good work they do for the community.

We will still, of course, be supporting the Pre-school and will be dividing the money 50/50.

Hopefully by having FSS on board, it will raise the profile a bit and encourage the younger generation to recycle and benefit from it too. Thank you for your continued support with the aluminium collection.

As always, please crush all cans as much as possible as it reduces the space needed to store and transport the cans. Drinks cans only please.

Address: **10 The Blowings, OX29 8HY**

Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood.
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To enable the construction of the new Park and Ride site being built near Eynsham, Oxfordshire County Council are implementing a speed limit reduction to **30mph** for the period **Monday 24th October to Saturday 31st December 2023** in the portion of **Cuckoo Lane (from A40 heading northwards for 300m to the electricity substation).**

The County Council estimates that the Park and Ride construction project will be completed in early 2024, and opening in late 2025.

The Green, Freeland between Heritage Cottage and Orchard House in both directions for sewer repairs to the carriageway - REVISED DATES....

The effect of the traffic order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding along that section of The Green. There are exemptions for emergency services, for the works, and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of the road. The revised dates for the closure are from:

Monday 30th January to Friday 10th February 2023

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| M 23 Jan | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Medicinal Herbs' |
| W 25 Jan | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| S 29 Jan | Limelight Drama Group 'The Wizard of Oz', St Mary's Church, 4pm |
| W 1 Feb | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| Su 5 Feb | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman |
| Tu 7 Feb | The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am |
| W 8 Feb | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| Su 12 Feb | Freeland Grapevine - March edition deadline day |
| M 13 Feb | Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm |
| W 15 Feb | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| W 15 Feb | Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am |
| W 15 Feb | Public Meeting about Spitfire Homes planning application, page 27 |
| W 15 Feb | Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8.30pm |
| W 22 Feb | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| Su 26 Feb | Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm |
| W 27 Feb | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'A Gardening Year at the Cotswold Wildlife Park' |
| W 1 Mar | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| Su 5 Mar | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman |
| W 8 Mar | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
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| W 15 Mar | Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am |
| W 15 Mar | Freeland Cricket Club Quiz at the Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm |
| Su 19 Mar | Combe Mill S.T.E.M. www.combemill.co.uk |
| W 22 Mar | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **March** Grapevine is **Sunday 12th February**. The **March** edition should be online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** or at **www.freelandpc.org.uk** from **Monday 20th February**, with the print copies in the church porch from **Friday 24th February**.

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

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

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

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

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

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

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Yeoman Café

Every Friday morning from 9am. Join us for a hot drink and a cinnamon bun from Freeland's own, Knead Bakehouse.

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Each month we'll be heading to a new place in the world, serving traditional cuisine and delving into their culture.

- Wednesday 25th January
- Wednesday 22nd February
- Wednesday 29th March

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