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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

OPENING CHURCHES IN THE HANBOROUGH AND FREELAND BENEFICE

The guidance on worship in church buildings has changed, and we are now in a position where it is possible to open our churches and hold some limited services.

St Mary the Virgin is now open for private prayer between **9.00am and 6.00pm** on **Tuesdays and Saturdays only,** with some restricted areas. There are notices detailing hygiene precautions and rules regarding social distancing, including a requirement for face coverings to be worn inside the Church. Please observe these notices to help keep us all safe. We will continue to monitor the situation and may change these plans as things develop.

We are pleased to say that we were able to hold a service of Benefice Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd August at 6.00pm at Ss. Peter and Paul, Church Hanborough, which is our largest church and the one best suited to allow for social distancing. Further 'in person' worship services for the whole benefice are planned - for up to date information please see church noticeboards, St Mary the Virgin website: **www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5863** or contact **administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk** for more details.

On the **www.hanboroughparish.co.uk** website there are resources to support home based prayer, bible readings and worship.

Please see page 5 for "Zoom" online live benefice services

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

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

11+ Hitchhikers are now meeting on a Sunday evening via Zoom.
Please contact Rev. Sue Spankie (**revsue@gst.org.uk**) for more information.

The above information is correct at the date published (23/8/2020). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at **www.hanboroughparish.co.uk**

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FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

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01993 881936
Email: **curate_emma@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

HANBOROUGH AND FREELAND BENEFICE WORSHIP SERVICES

As a benefice, we are now holding some services of worship in person - please see our website (**www.hanboroughparish.co.uk**) or contact our administrator for up-to-date details of when these are being held, and for further information about joining us for worship in person.

Our **'Zoom'** service continues at **10am** on **Sunday** morning.
If you would like to join our Zoom service, please email:
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Alternatively, you can also join services at **10.00am** every Sunday morning on the **Oxford Diocesan Livestream**. You can also catch up at any time.
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Letter from our Curate:

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I know that many of us are feeling pretty fed up of living with COVID-19 in our midst. Some of us are tired, frustrated, fed-up and weary. Some of us are angry - and others are grieving - grieving the loss of loved ones, grieving the way things used to be, grieving a myriad of other losses.

One of my favourite Bible stories is one about Elijah - he's feeling like the last righteous person on earth. He feels so awful that he says to God '*God, I'm so angry! I want to die!*' And God says: '*Here's some food, why don't you have a nap?*' So Elijah slept and ate, and slept and ate, and rehydrated, and decided things weren't so bad, and then spent 40 days on Horeb, the mount of God (Never underestimate the spiritual power of a snack and a nap).

When it feels like you're the only one left, when you're tired and hungry, When we want to say, like Elijah '*It is enough now, O Lord - I can't go on.*' God comes to us and says '*Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid.*'

Time and time again in the bible, when people are feeling at their most human, God shows up. Same story: different places, different ways. God provides bread for our hunger, healing for our sickness, reassurance for our anxiety, comfort for our fear, God brings us snacks and naps and hot baths and tells us to take time out, and just be with God.

God says to us: Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid.

May God's comfort and loving presence be with you, now and always.

Emma

The Reverend Emma Hopegood Jones

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ST MARY'S TOWER CLOCK

We are aware that the church clock is reading and striking 2 hours fast. During lockdown we were unable to access the tower. We have spoken to Smiths of Derby, the clock manufacturer and installer. They are sending an engineer in early September. Hopefully the number of chimes will soon correspond with the time!

The Churchwardens

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS

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

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In the meantime, following Methodist Church guidelines, we have cancelled all services at our Church. This means there will be **NO** Sunday worship in the Church for the foreseeable future.

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

Our Church is now OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS but only on **Saturday** night at **5.00pm** and **Sunday** morning at **10.00am**.
Everyone has to be masked and appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures are in place with stewards on duty to make sure everyone keeps to the Regulations. Capacity is limited so the Church only opens 15 minutes before each Mass and it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you.

Father Mark, the Parish Priest, still says Mass privately every weekday inside the Church, and Father Martin, the retired Priest, also says Mass every day in his home in Eynsham. This means that you can always contact one or other of them by email or phone to ask for special prayers. Just remember that you are being prayed for.

You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online. **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 **www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz** is that instead of seeing a single priest you see the whole religious community taking part and you can either view this live or view it when it suits you as they are all recorded.

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – LISA'S NOTES FROM THE JULY 2020 MEETING

Speeding/traffic issues

Two residents were in attendance at the July meeting to raise concerns about speeding traffic in Freeland and what could be done about it. Sadly this is an ongoing issue, and not one that is solved easily. However, it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a traffic monitoring system at 3 different points in the village as a starting point to survey the amount of traffic coming through the village. It is not clear when this will be done but it should be done shortly.

Parish Council meeting

Just a brief reminder that there is no Parish Council meeting in August, so our next 'virtual' meeting will be on **Monday 21st September**. If any members of the public wish to join the meeting, details will be posted on the village website (under Parish Council/Agendas) and on the village notice boards, or you can contact me at **lisa.fpc@gmail.com** to obtain the details.

Play equipment on playing field

The play areas on the field are being well used but can I please remind everyone about the safe usage of the equipment. Many people are choosing to ignore the limits set on the numbers of children allowed per item of equipment, and are not adhering to social distancing. These regulations are there to keep everyone safe, so please abide by them! The hand sanitizer is running out regularly (which is good as it shows it is being used), and we are checking this weekly, but please do also bring some along yourselves as I cannot always guarantee it will have been refilled in time for your visit!

Freeland Parish Council reminds parents that allowing children to use the playground equipment is done at their own risk where appropriate.

Coronavirus – an update

As mentioned last month, the volunteer prescription service will cease at the end of August. This means that the central phone line **01993 651330** will no longer operate from the **31st August**.

For anyone who is particularly worried about managing after this time, please speak to the pharmacy on **01993 880351** to see if you can be put on their list for direct deliveries from them. Alternatively get in touch with me directly and I will see if I can help.

Since the beginning of lockdown in March, we were literally inundated with offers of help, and I cannot thank everyone enough for all the support offered. In particular I would like to thank our **Street Champions: Allie Egginton, Claire Ebbs, Claire Hooper, Ian Gilders, Simon Brown, Claire Soanes, Jane Linnell, Alaa al Yousuf, Matthew Ruddle, Emma Admans, Becky Edwards and Michelle Hunt** who were all particularly helpful and brilliant in the early days of setting up the service and getting help to those who needed it. Without their initial help we couldn't have got the service off the ground so a huge thank you! I would also like to thank our pharmacy volunteers (some of whom were also Street Champions), and who, again, were always willing and able to help with sometimes urgent requests and who rose to

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A massive thank you to each and every one of our amazing volunteers. I would also like to pass on my personal thanks to **Vero McCoy**, our Parish Councillor who worked with me in getting the service set up and has helped tirelessly with the organising and running of it all. Thank you Vero – you have also been brilliant!

Fly tipping

And now for something not quite so pleasant. There have been some instances recently of fly tipping on grass verges, where it appears someone is leaving stuff offered for free by a property on Wroslyn Road for collection. The owners of the property have raised concerns that it is not them leaving the items on the verge and were worried about who would then have to remove it. If anyone sees anything being fly tipped please report it directly to WODC. Thanks.

Bike racks

You may have noticed that we now have some new bike racks in the village! The old bike racks in Blenheim Lane have been relocated to by the boot wash near the Newell Room, and a set has also been installed at the front of the village hall on the left hand side. Our thanks to Arthur Treherne and Robert Crocker for arranging this.

Garden Village

As noted last month, the outline planning application for the new Garden Village is currently out for consultation and I would encourage all residents to take a look and feedback any comments to WODC as this will have a huge impact on Freeland. I have included the details again this month so you can review the documents – there are a lot of them. Do also read the draft Area Action Plan (AAP) in conjunction with the application as this contains key considerations such as travel impact, environmental factors, design implications etc. The AAP can also be found on the WODC website under **https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/oxfordshire-cotswolds-garden-village/**

Planning Applications:

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

20/01734/OUT Land North of A40, A40 Section from Barnard Gate to Eynsham Roundabout, Eynsham (Neighbouring parish)

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Applications Approved: None

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:
The next Parish Council meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **Monday 21st September at 7.30pm**. Details of how to join the meeting will be available from **Wednesday 16th September** on the village website (under Parish Council/Agendas) and notice boards or by contacting me at **lisa.fpc@gmail.com**

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** . 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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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Unfortunately there is still no news of when we will be able to hold Gardening Club meetings with a speaker. Although the Hall can now be used by small group it is not practicable to plan a meeting with limited numbers and maybe many members would not feel happy about coming anyway. The Committee will be meeting in a month or two to plan for the future.

Gardening at present involves coping with the very hot days we have had recently, watering where needed in the evenings so that plants have a night to absorb the moisture before the sun dries it all up during the day. At the time of writing, very little rain has fallen in Freeland even though Witney and Woodstock have had some! Hopefully all the families holidaying in Scotland have had some dry days.

July in our garden is the picking month with blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, blackcurrants ripening, as well as apples, plums and pears, and of course beans, tomatoes, etc. Some of us are so lucky to have this bounty to share with friends.

If you have any gardening tips to share, do contact Ray and Jill Evans on **jillandray@btinternet.com** and we will add them to next month's report. They would also be glad of any enquiries about the Club when we get back to 'normal.'

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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TEAMS 4U SHOEBOXES 2020

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

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

It's hard to believe that 5th September marks the five year anniversary since we first opened the Little Free Library. Special thanks goes to West Oxfordshire District Council who provided a grant to get it set up. Thank you also to Freeland Parish Council for their continued support for the project, and of course, to The Teddy Girls who raised funds for our second Little Free Library. Who knew that sharing a few used books would have had such an impact in our village?

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

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

We currently have a shortage of children's picture books, so if you have some that you're happy to part with any donations will be greatly received!

Thank you once again for your continued support during these challenging times. It is great to see both Little Free Libraries being used pretty much as normal.

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers
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Unfortunately, the exhibits at Combe Mill remain closed at the moment to visitors. The Mill is run entirely by volunteers and they continue to carry out routine maintenance on the buildings and caring for the garden areas. If you have an annual pass, it will continue to be valid when the Mill does reopen fully, we will really need visitors to support our reopening when it does happen.

We have good news though for any budding blacksmiths. We are happy to announce that if you have a voucher for a blacksmith experience, you will be able to book in with the team of blacksmiths, please contact the Mill to make the arrangements needed. This is one of the unique experiences you can enjoy at the Mill, it includes instruction from our blacksmiths, refreshments and personal access to the Mill. Please see the website for more details: **www.combemill.co.uk**

Hopefully I might have better news next month.

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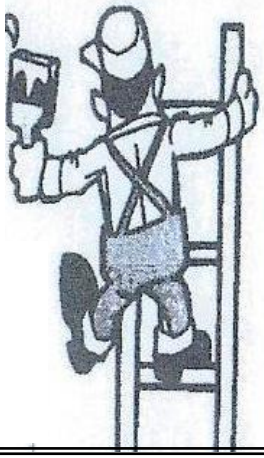

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Good luck also to the children who are starting Primary School.

What we are doing this term

Our topic will be "Me, myself and I". The children will be doing self-portraits, talking about their family, pets and their likes and dislikes. It's a great way to get to know the new children really well. The children will also be learning about different festivals.
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Anyone who uses Pigeon House Lane cannot fail to have noticed a new home-made 'signpost' installed outside Number 7.

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Jane explains: *"As the Crow Flies" is a folk art installation which measures the distance to places that are significant to me. I had the idea years ago to make my own signpost, but it was lockdown that gave me the time and impetus to crack on with it. Suddenly travel anywhere was impossible, and all our worlds became smaller. But I like to take a global view. The signpost allows you to orientate yourself and understand (quite literally) where you stand in the world, your place on Mother Earth, and encourages you to take a wider view of the planet.*
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The Executive Committee will be meeting remotely during the first week of September to discuss how we will operate moving forward.

All the group leaders from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have met in August to talk about the possible options for how we can continue to run these groups during this pandemic, and these options will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.

Parents and guardians of our young people will be contacted in due course with details for the term ahead.

We are expecting to need more volunteers to help us to keep going during this challenging time. Specifically, we will be looking for more people to fill the following positions:

- Beavers assistant leader
- Cubs assistant leader
- Scouts assistant leader
- Explorers assistant leader

To talk about how you could help us in one of these roles please contact Adam (our Group Scout Leader) by email: **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk**

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

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We are all missing the companionship of our weekly craft meetings, so in the mean time, we have planned a couple of small "get-togethers" in our garden for any members that would like to come (weather permitting!). We can easily keep our social distancing there, with members bringing their own chair and a soft drink, as well as any craft work they would like to do. We believe that it is something we can do safely – our health is obviously our main concern. Hopefully by September, we might feel comfortable in resuming our weekly activities at the Village Hall.

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

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The above works are taking place on the A40 between Park Road (opposite the entrance to Eynsham Hall) and Nursery Road. The closure of the road will operate nightly between **7.30pm and 6am from Monday 5th October for 5 nights**.

You can see a copy of the Traffic Regulation Order on the Freeland Village website at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** or by clicking on this link: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk/notice-board/roadclosurenorthleigh.html**

THE COMET BUS SERVICE IS BACK!

The Comet bus has resumed service from Freeland to Witney on **Mondays** and **Fridays**.

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

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

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NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA MOSAICS FINAL OPENING OF 2020: STILL FREE!

The mosaic house of North Leigh Roman Villa will be open for the final time this year: **11am to 4:30pm, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September.**
Our first opening in August attracted over 300 visitors, in a safe socially-distanced fashion, under blue skies and a hot summer sun.

Safety is a paramount concern, **face masks must be worn inside the mosaic house.** Free timed tickets for the mosaics are only issued on site, on the day. There was no crowding on our first August weekend, but if you would prefer a quieter time consider **1.30pm – 2.30pm** on **Saturday**.

These are the finest Roman mosaics in Oxfordshire still in their original location and were last regularly open to visitors about 30 years ago. A new team of local volunteers, working with English Heritage who run the site, are making it possible to enjoy the 3rd century AD mosaics once more.

The site is entirely free and large enough for safe social distancing during your visit. (However our generous visitors typically donate about £1 each, to help us achieve planned site improvements.)
There is room to picnic (please take your litter home) but currently there is no WC on site. It is a pleasant walk from the village to the villa, so please consider leaving your car at home.

It is free to become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa, and allows you to keep up with future developments and events on the site, just email **NLRVvols@gmail.com**

For more details about the opening and access to the site (which can be arduous if you have mobility issues), please visit:
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If you have an appointment at either of the surgeries, we advise that you remain outside of the building wherever possible, and wait to be contacted by your clinician who will escort you to your appointment. You are still able to drop your samples at reception. For all other non-urgent enquiries we ask that you do not come to reception but do please contact us via phone or eConsult in the first instance.

eConsult is an online enquiry form you can submit from our website. Your query, regardless of whether it is medical or not, will be responded to by the end of the next business day.

Flu vaccinations

We have been working hard to arrange a safe and convenient way for our patients who are at risk and/or over 65 to get their flu vaccinations this year.

We will be inviting all **'at risk' patients who are UNDER 65** to a dedicated clinic on **Saturday 19th September**. **Please note** these appointments are **not pre-bookable**. Eligible patients will be sent a text or letter (if they do not have a mobile number). You will be required to bring the text or letter with you to your appointment. Anyone who attends the clinic who has not been invited and is not eligible will be refused the vaccination. If you are not invited to this initial clinic, we will be putting on further clinics for this group and inviting individuals in the same way.

Initial clinics for **all OVER 65 year old** patients will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 17th September at Long Hanborough** and on **Saturday 26th September at Eynsham**. Please note that patients living in the Long Hanborough area are very welcome to attend an appointment at the Eynsham Saturday clinic. These clinics **MUST be pre-booked**. Please contact reception to book your appointment.
Long Hanborough: 01993 881330, Eynsham: 01865 881206

With Flu vaccinations being delivered in the near future we are going to be introducing a dedicated booking line to save queueing on our very busy phone lines. Please check our website for more details in the coming weeks:
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PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE APPOINTMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS: HIGH TEMPERATURE, LOSS OF TASTE AND SMELL, A NEW, CONTINUOUS COUGH.
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At Eynsham: please arrive at the front door wearing a facemask. There will be queue markings in the surgery car park. When you have reached the front door please wait in the designated area and wait to be called by a nurse for your vaccination. Following your vaccination please follow the arrows to the exit which will be via the door in what is usually the waiting area.

For those of you **over 65** with pre-booked appointments, please arrive **AT** your appointment time to prevent build-up in the queue.
We would like to thank you all in anticipation of your co-operation and patience, while we navigate the current situation we all find ourselves in.
We will be sending out further communication about the **over 50s** who are eligible to be vaccinated following the Government's announcement.

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BEAR & MONKEY SAY "GOODBYE"

The saying 'all good things must come to an end' finally echoed around the village in early August as Bear & Monkey came to the end of their four month holiday.

It was time for them to return to the jungle and, with suitcases by their side, they waved goodbye to everyone who had come to see them off. There was much sadness and even one or two of the children looked a little disappointed!

Bear & Monkey thoroughly enjoyed their stay and made many friends along the way. It is for this reason that they've asked us to send their thanks to everyone they met.

Of course, all those of you who have ordered calendars will see them again shortly – more details in next month's Grapevine.

In the meantime you can still see all of Bear & Monkey's exploits on their JustGiving page: **https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bear-and-monkey**.
Please feel free to copy as many of the pictures as you wish and send them on to family and friends if that's what you'd like to do. Thanks from Bear & Monkey and all at No 18

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 **September** are on **Tuesday 1st and 15th**.

Please contact Paul Sayer on **paul.pshm1@googlemail.com** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

Vicky's After School Club

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

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

We want to recruit staff for our Club.
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If you are interested in using our Club or would like to find out more about working within a fun environment, please contact Vicky Hickman on 0788 7711454 or email vickysafterschoolclubbookings@gmail.com

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Wow, what a busy July and August we have had. This is a summary of the matches we have played.

The **Adult** League team is playing in a shortened League season, and we are playing teams that are actually in the Division above the one we were supposed to play in. So far we have won 1 and lost 3. We are only just losing, and considering our opponents, this is really positive. We have also given a debut to young Dan Cartwright, aged 13, who played against Broughton & North Newington, putting on some useful runs with his older brother Owain, a couple of stars for the future. In the friendly matches we have seen some exciting bowling from Charlie Todd, who took 4 wickets in one match, but he needs to work on his long barrier!

The **Women's** team has played their first ever hardball match, and beat local rivals Eynsham by 20 runs. Their bowling is much improved, and will do well in the League next year.

The **Under 13s** have played 3 matches, winning 2 and losing 1. Notable mentions to Matthew McGrady and Dan Cartwright who have both managed to get to 30 and retire, with some excellent batting. Pick of the bowlers have been Sam Wraith, Kit James, Max Gaul, Ben Hills and Carys Owen. In the match against Eynsham, Carys took 3 wickets for 5 runs.

The **Under 11s** have also played 3 matches, winning 2 and losing 1. Pick of the batters has been Alex McGrady and Toby Borrill, Alex has retired twice after scoring 25. The bowlers to watch have been Eddie Borrill and Ila Biggin. Ila is the fastest bowler in the team, and she terrifies the opposition!

The **Girls'** team has played Oxford twice, and we have seen great performances from all the girls, as well as Carys and Ila, Daisy Edwards has excelled. Notably we have three Under 9s playing in this team, Gabby Owen, Evie Hunt and Maia MacCreedy, these young women are going to be excellent prospects. There is a special mention to Beth Soanes, who is the wicket keeper for the Under 11s and Girls' team.

The **Under 9s** have played one festival, against Oxford. On a hot Friday night we played 4 matches. We had players aged 6 taking on county 9 year olds! Special mention to brothers Huw and Ellis who are the first brothers to kick the ball over for boundaries!

We have a busy month ahead. The **Adult** League team have 3 more matches, there is a Sunday friendly away to Swinbrook, the **Under 13s** have at least 1, the **Under 11s** have at least 2 and we might get another **Under 9s** festival in. There is a **Women's** softball tournament on **Sunday 6th September**.

There will also be a match on **Friday 11th September**, which will be a fundraiser for Sobell House: **Freeland v Darke & Taylor**. Come along, join in the fun, get a beer from the pub!

Many thanks to Trevor, Stacey and Vicky from the Yeoman, who have been stars with managing the after match festivities at the most difficult of times.

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Usually we would be well under way with our pre-season plans, but with lockdown and the FA rules we have only just started our pre-season training and friendlies.
We have been given a start date of **Sept 5th** for the first League games, all being well. Guidance from the FA will initially see us unable to use changing rooms, so this will mean we will be travelling to games ready kitted up to play.
We hope to have the first fixtures sent through to us shortly.

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NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our History Society was due to meet once again in the Turner Hall in September to start the new series of talks. However, continuing levels of infection and possible local lockdowns, and the uncertainty as to what the next few months will bring have meant that we have decided to change our plans. **The committee of the North Leigh History Group has reluctantly decided to cancel all face to face meetings for the forthcoming year.** We are sorry to have to announce this and hope that we will be able to resume meetings again in September 2021.

There are various reasons for our taking this decision. We do not know yet whether the Turner Hall will be available for meetings, and even if it is, it is far too small to be able to maintain the necessary social distancing with the number of people who normally attend. The Memorial Hall is a larger venue but again we do not know whether it will be available and it is currently closed. The other reason is that our meetings are held over the winter months which means that we need to keep windows and doors closed to keep the heat in. Holding talks in the winter also means that we will be unable to meet outside because of the weather, and people may well be suffering from other common winter ailments such as flu and the common cold, which add to the risk of infection with Covid 19.

We are sorry to have to inform you of this decision and hope you will understand our reasons. We know how much you value the NL History Group and how loyal you have been in the past. Diana Power is contacting the speakers who were due to speak this coming year and we hope that they will be able to come and talk to us, in the corresponding month, in a year's time.

We will be investigating other ways we could meet over the next year, possibly online using Zoom or similar software. We hope to be back in business as soon as we can and will keep you informed in the meantime. If you have any ideas yourselves of ways in which we could keep in touch over the next year and any activities we could arrange during the pandemic please contact us either by email, **kyterobert@gmail.com**, or by phone to Diana Power, **01993 882301**.

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FARMING WITH NATURE - Farm Diary - July 2020

With the exception of the last day of the month, when the temperature briefly hit 35.5degrees, July has seen the return to normal, English, summer weather. A good rain once a week, pleasant temperatures and intermittent cloudy skies, have restored the parched pastures to lush green.

July is traditionally the month for making hay. Most of the wildflowers have set seed and ground nesting birds have reared their first clutch of chicks. Young deer (fawns) and young hare (leverets) no longer sit tight and fall prey to the mower; but move at the first close encounter. Nevertheless, as the pastures are a seething mass of life, great care is needed.

The mower is set to leave sufficient stubble, allowing the blades to pass over the 'runs' of small mammals. As the grass lays down behind the mower, a multitude of tiny frogs and grasshoppers adjust to their changed habitat. For those creatures not small enough to pass under or over the mower blades, their fate is down to the vigilance of the tractor driver. Speed is of the essence; but mowing is a job that needs to be done slowly.
Regular halts are needed to allow the occupants of the meadow to move to safety.
A hen pheasant follows her instinct and leads her chicks away from the passing mower but, into the remaining standing grass. As she finally pops out, ten chicks follow…my eyes genuinely ache after several hours of peering into the crop for signs of wildlife.
I leave islands of uncut grass, picking out patches of late flowering bird's-foot trefoil, clover, wild carrot or devil's-bit scabious. This allows the pollinating insects an oasis, whilst giving cover to hares and young chicks.

A buzzard, a pair of kites and a lone kestrel position themselves at strategic points around the field…looking for a meal.

Once cut, the grass is left to wilt for a day before spreading it out (tedding) to allow the sun and wind to dry it from grass to hay, the sweet aromatic smell is a delight and, in winter, when the bales are opened, it is an evocative reminder of summer.
A large, male fox saunters along the hedgerow, stopping to delicately pick blackberries.
The cows reach over the electric fence with their long tongues, to feed on crab apples and sloes (which are in abundance this year)
Organic farming creates tantalising habitat for wildlife…Modern machinery, however, continues to become bigger and faster, removing or disturbing habitat in the blink of an eye so, field margins, large hedgerows and unharvested areas are essential, to keep the balance. Many of our boundary hedges are ten feet tall and at least as wide.

The spring oats are ripening, and the cows are milking well. Their calves tuck into the garlic licks, which are intended to make the cattle less appealing to flies. I am not convinced it works, but the cattle enjoy the taste!

Brian, the lame bull, has been out of action for five weeks but, is clearly feeling better. The introduction of six maiden heifers (young cows yet to bear their first calf) attracts his attention.

At this moment in time, all is well on the farm as August beckons.

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FREELAND VILLAGE WEBSITE

Have you looked at the village website recently? You can find it at:

www.freelandoxon.co.uk

There's lots to see on the website, such as information about Clubs and Groups, Local Services, items of Special Interest, the geography and history of Freeland, Freeland footpaths and circular walks, links to train and bus timetables, links to the BBC Weather site, Houses for Sale or Rent. You can also read about Freeland Parish Council, it's meetings and objectives, and minutes from meetings.
There are links to both local and national newspapers, and to current and back copies of the Grapevine dating back to 2013. And that's just for starters!!

FACE COVERINGS FOR FREELAND POP-UP TABLE

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support my Face Coverings for Freeland pop-up table over the past few weeks. I estimate that I made around 500 face coverings and am very pleased to say that, thanks to your generous donations (and also a kind donation of lovely fabrics!), I raised a total of **£1020.81** which will be donated to Marie Curie And MacMillan Cancer Care.

If anyone is still in need of a face covering, please email me at **loishardy15@yahoo.co.uk** or message me on **07837 392341**

Elaine Hardy

FREELAND WI

Freeland WI continue to look at ways to keep in touch with our members. As well as our monthly newsletter which we introduced in March, we have also set up a telephone tree through which committee members will keep in touch with our members on a regular basis. Sometimes this has been alternated with a keep in touch card. This has been very well received and it has been lovely to catch up with what everyone has been doing.
We had hoped that we would be able to have a social get together in August, but after receiving guidance from the NFWI decided that this was not feasible.

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

Sadly, last month we received news that Denman, the WI college at Marcham, is to close as it is no longer financially viable. This must have been a very difficult decision for the trustees, as many WI members plus non-members both locally and nationally, enjoyed visiting to learn new skills or improve existing ones.
Members have all been receiving our digital copy of News and Views with information about talks the federation have set up via Zoom which we can sign into. If you go to the website given and click the book now button you will be sent the details you need.

WI Climate Advisor Tips from Rosie Smith

These are a reiteration of earlier tips but are so important that they are worth repeating. They are taken from the BBC website:
www.bbc.com/future/article/20181102-what-can-i-do-about-climate-change

Tip 1:

Our number one goal as a nation should be to limit the use of fossil fuels such as oil, carbon and natural gas and to be **replacing them with renewable and cleaner sources of energy**, all the while increasing energy efficiency. You can help in this mission by buying your household fuel from a company where power is generated from 100% renewable sources including sun, wind and water, eg Good Energy: **www.goodenergy.co.uk c**hoosing clean power is one of the biggest things you can do to tackle the climate crisis.

Tip 2:

The meat and dairy sector – is one of the most important contributors to climate change. If cattle were their own nation, they would be **the world's third largest emitter of greenhouse gases**, after China and the US. By reducing your consumption of animal protein by half, you can **cut your diet's carbon footprint by more than 40%.**

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

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Further information is available on our website: **https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi** or on our Facebook page **www.facebook.com/freelandwi**
Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or email **freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**
Our President Aileen Tattam can be contacted on **atattam@outlook.com** or on **01993 881526.**

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See the new timetable here: **https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/853web.pdf**

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A REMINDER THAT LARGER RECYCLING WHEELIE BINS ARE AVAILABLE

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To order a bigger recycling bin or any additional recycling containers, call WODC on **01993 861000** or email **enquiries@westoxon.gov.uk** or online at **www.westoxon.gov.uk**

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M 31 Aug	**BANK HOLIDAY**
Th 3 Sep	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Tu 8 Sep	**The VIRTUAL CAKE CAFÉ!** Please visit **www.janescakestudio.co.uk**
W 9 Sep	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 16 Sep	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
M 21 Sep	**Freeland Parish Council 'Zoom' Virtual Meeting, 7.30pm**
W 23 Sep	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 30 Sep	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **October** Grapevine is
Saturday 12th September

The **October** edition should be in the church porch (if it is open) or in a plastic crate at the church gate, and online at **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from about
Friday 25th September.

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.
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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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