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OPENING CHURCHES IN THE HANBOROUGH
AND FREELAND BENEFICE

The guidance on worship in church buildings is changing, and we are now in a position where it is possible to open our churches and hold some limited services. However, there are strict rules about such services and limitations on how they can be conducted.

After careful consideration, we were pleased to open **St Mary the Virgin** for private prayer from **Saturday 4th July**. The church is open from **9.00am to 6.00pm** on **Tuesdays and Saturdays only** with some restricted access. There are notices on the notice boards and in church detailing hygiene precautions and rules regarding social distancing. Please observe these notices to help keep us all safe. We will continue to monitor the situation and may change these plans as the situation develops.

In addition, the wardens and clergy would also like to explore the level of interest in a monthly benefice communion service at Peter & Paul. It would be held at Peter & Paul as it is our largest church and the one best suited to allow for internal social distancing and separate entry and exit points. This would be a simple service, without music, and there would be strict limits on the number of people who could attend. It would be necessary to book in advance to attend the service. We expect, if there is interest, that the first service would be held on **Sunday 2nd August at 6.00pm**.

If you would value this ministry and be interested in attending the service on **Sunday 2nd August**, could you please email Louise: **administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk** to express your interest.

Please rest assured we will keep you informed of any changes or developments on our website **www.hanboroughparish.co.uk** and on the St Mary's Church noticeboard.

On the **www.hanboroughparish.co.uk** website you will also find 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 below 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 (19/7/2020). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at **www.hanboroughparish.co.uk**

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All sorts of interesting information about St Mary's can be seen on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland

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 **'ZOOM' SERVICES**

Public worship has been suspended in our Church buildings across the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland until further notice. However, our life as a Christian community continues, and we would like to share some of our activities with you. Please contact a member of our clergy team if you are interested.

Should you wish to join our 'Zoom' Service at **10am** on Sunday morning for worship and our email circulation list, please email:
administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk

Alternatively, you can also join services at **10.00am** every Sunday morning on the **Oxford Diocesan Livestream**. You can also catch up at any time.
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Letter from our Curate:

Dear friends,

Today I want to briefly explore what it means to love your neighbour as yourself. In the gospel of Matthew when Jesus was asked a tricky question by the Pharisees, who wanted to know what the greatest commandment was, Jesus said the following:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind’. This is the first and great commandment. And there is a second like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’. The whole of the Law and the Prophets depends on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Over the last few months, as we all begun to adjust to the ‘new normal’ of living, working, studying and shopping during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of us have been learning what it means to both love our neighbours as well receive love from our neighbours through numerous acts of kindness. We have discovered that our neighbours are everyone we encounter in our everyday lives not just the people next door! It has been wonderful to watch as a variety of people moved by a fundamental concern for ‘their neighbours’ have set up neighbourhood WhatsApp groups, delivered shopping, helped out with ZOOM technology, worn facemasks and provided others with some, or simply asked after people’s wellbeing as they crossed paths in the street.

When humanity follows Jesus’ simple encouragement to love our neighbours we see humanity at its best. My prayer for us as a community is simply this, that when the COVID-19 pandemic crisis is finally declared over and our lives begin to return to some semblance of normal, that we shall continue to grow in both loving our neighbours and receiving love from our neighbours as our daily experience. If, as a community, we can grow in this simple principle that Jesus expressed, then we shall be rich indeed.

Blessings,

The Reverend Mike Madden

ST MARY’S CHURCH BELLS

Neil Ephgrave, our Tower Captain for the past 7 years, is standing down as he and his wife Amanda, will be moving in the autumn. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil for his excellent work whilst being Tower Captain.

We owe a massive debt of gratitude to Neil for his superb leadership as Tower Captain during the past 7 years. The progress our band has made in that time has been immense. He has devoted many hours into driving our band onwards and upwards. The improved striking for service performances and our ability to ring an extended repertoire of methods are evidence of the guidance and support Neil has given to our tower.

Neil has taken numerous ringers from the first stages of bell handling, to service ringing and on to ringing their first Quarter Peal. Neil has been responsible for conducting so many of our successful Quarter Peals. He is indeed going to be a very hard act to follow and we are going to miss him greatly. Whilst it’s a little way off before their departure, we send Neil and Amanda all our very best wishes for life in their new home.

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

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: **gillbreakspear@btinternet.com**

Every Sunday at **10am** we are holding a Zoom service to which you are all invited.

Please contact Gill who will be able to give you easy instructions on how to join with us.

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 JULY 2020

As I type these notes our last meeting was held on 15th June and our next meeting is on 20th July which is after the Grapevine deadline, so here is a brief update.

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 – now open!

The play areas on the field officially re-opened on **4th July**. Two new timber benches (kindly funded by Patrick and Celia Dawson) and an additional trampoline have now been installed with some extra safety surfacing around them. Two new picnic tables by the Newell Room for residents’ use (kindly provided by the Teddy Girls) have also been installed and are ready for use, and the new storage building to replace the old (now demolished) shed has finally been ordered.

Please note that the Parish Council is following the Government guidelines with regards to use of the equipment, and therefore we encourage

- **cleaning of equipment before and after use** by users, parents, guardians and carers, particularly where there are clear touch points
- **parents to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes** to clean their children’s hands;
- parents, guardians or carers should **dispose of all litter** properly in litter bins, or take it home.

Government guidelines are that

- users, parents, guardians and carers **maintain social distancing**
- those using the play area are to only have **1 family member accompanying** a child
- **consumption of food or drink on play equipment or in the playground area is banned.**

We advise

- users (or parents of users) **not to touch their faces**, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue or arm when a tissue is not available
- adults and children **not to put their mouths on equipment or their hands in their mouths.**

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 lockdown restrictions are now easing even more, we have decided to run the prescription service until the end of August, and then it will come to an end. We will keep the service under review until that time in case of any spikes in the virus, but it is likely the service will finish at the end of August. This means that the central phone line **01993 651330** will no longer operate from the **31st August**.

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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.

My thanks once again to all of our volunteers who have helped during this time, your help has been invaluable and made the service offered possible and I know it has been very much appreciated by those who have made use of it.

Face Masks

Following on from the details last month, I am including this again for anyone who may need a face mask. A local resident, Elaine Hardy, is making masks for Freeland villagers – please help if you can and support this fantastic initiative. Her stall is set up outside of the Village Hall on Wednesday mornings from **10.00am – 12.00noon**. She writes: *“As a member of The UK Crafters Group - Oxfordshire, I have been part of an army of volunteers over the past few weeks, sewing scrub bags and scrubs for the NHS & keyworkers. The Big Community Sew (www.bigcommunitysew.co.uk) has recently launched a campaign, to help ensure every person in every community has access to a face covering. I have volunteered to co-ordinate and get sewing for Freeland! I will be setting up a "pop-up table" at various spots in the village over the next few weeks. If anyone wants to get in touch and volunteer their sewing skills, please contact me at: loishardy15@yahoo.co.uk. In the meantime, keep a look out for the Sewing Free-Bees table! Many Thanks, Elaine Hardy.”*

Hedges

There are a number of overgrown hedges, trees and shrubs around the village that are overhanging pavements and/or covering road nameplates. With all the recent rain and then lovely sunshine, everything grows at a rapid rate and quickly becomes overgrown. If you have a hedge or shrub adjacent to a pavement, would you please check whether they are overhanging too much and would make it difficult for pedestrians, pushchairs or wheelchair users to pass, and, if so, please cut them back. Please also consider the paths leading up to your property to enable our post ladies and milkman, etc to access them safely and easily. Thank you very much.

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 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:

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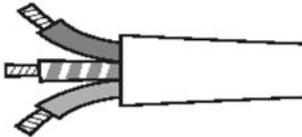
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Applications Approved: None

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** .

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Our best wishes to all the members of the Gardening Club and to Freeland villagers. We cannot as yet welcome you back to any of our meetings, but as the lockdown is gradually unlocked we will update members with any opening conditions, and when we have permission to have a meeting in the Hall.

Thanks to Pat and Maggie Ridley for caring for the planter at Red City and to Tim Webster and his team for planting the one near The Green. They are both a welcome colourful sight as one enters the village. Thanks also to John and Margaret Hewitt who keep the pump at The Green colourful. Members of the Gardening Club keep an eye on the gardens at Freeland Hall and tidy and weed them when necessary.

The gardens have been dry again this month as so much of the rain seems to pass us by. It is worth noticing which plants are surviving the dry weather, and concentrating on these in future. Try to save as much rain water as possible when it does rain, maybe even installing another water butt. Water from the kitchen and bathroom can be put on vegetables and some plants. Many vegetables are now nearly ready for picking and some such as beans, peas and courgettes need to be watered regularly. I have found that Acers and Blueberries prefer rain water.

Many thanks go to Trevor and Stacey and the team at The Yeoman. The produce at their shop has saved many a trip to a supermarket. Their ready meals and weekly specialist country meals have been very popular, as have their fish and chips on a Friday.

The Farmers' Market was also a great success and we look forward to the next one. The Hall car park was an ideal venue for this.

Thanks to Jill Evans for her monthly newsletter which gives members the update on village matters concerning the Gardening Club. For any further information about the Club please contact her on **jillandray@btinternet.com**

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Freeland Photo Group usually meets in the Newell Room on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at **7.30pm**.

In-person meetings of the group remain cancelled for the moment, and meetings are taking place virtually, also at **7.30pm** on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

In June we had the green light to start coaching and rapidly in early July we got the OK to start matches so from nothing we have hit 100 mph!

We are coaching the **Juniors** on **Monday** and **Tuesday** evenings. We have 70 juniors taking part, the most we have ever had! We start our Junior matches soon and the county board are arranging fixtures.

The **Adult** team has played 3 matches already and have entered a mini League Cup which will be played through August.

The coaching for the women starts on **Saturday 25th July**. The **softball** team will be at **10am** and the **hardball** team at **11am**. If anyone is interested in playing please contact me.

It looks like being the busiest August cricket has ever seen, with the possibility of playing into September and October.

Simon Brown - Chair Freeland CC

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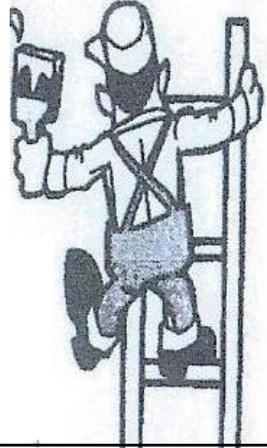
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FARMING WITH NATURE - Farm Diary - June 2020

June started as hot and dry as May ended, the spring flush of grass did not materialise. As the ground gave up its last drop of moisture, large cracks appeared on the heavy land...whilst on the lighter fields both grass and cereals are dying back. I make the decision to cut our modest crop of red clover and ryegrass, along with the sainfoin. There is so little moisture in the crop that rather than leaving it to wilt for a day or two (as would be the norm) it is baled and wrapped the following morning. If the weather does not break soon, these bales (destined to be winter feed) may have to be fed back to the cows imminently, in order to supplement the lack of grass.

Wrapping the bales in plastic (recycled after use) allows anaerobic fermentation to take place, after a few weeks the bales, when opened, smell sweet and appetising. Red clover and sainfoin are rotated around the arable acreage. Both are legumes, absorbing atmospheric nitrogen and fixing it by means of root nodules...thus making free nitrogen fertiliser, the companion grasses utilise the nitrogen. Red clover likes the heavier land, whilst the deep rooting sainfoin draws moisture, minerals and trace elements from the lighter soils. Despite the drought, the sainfoin is still waist height.

Sainfoin was once a popular crop across the Cotswolds (pre ammonium nitrate) It is now the wonder crop for Organic farmers. You may have seen it growing as you walk along the coffin path between Church Hanborough and Long Hanborough, past Pinsley Wood. This tall pink flowering plant attracts many insects, particularly bumble bees. Made into hay or haylage, it is a high protein feed with the added bonus of having anthelmintic properties (a natural wormer) Since growing the crop, I have used no synthetic wormers, supplementary minerals, nor do I need to feed cereals to the cows or calves. When ploughed up after three or four years, the subsequent crop of cereals benefits from the improved soil structure and fertility.

After only one week with the cows, one of the bulls is lame, almost certainly due to the rock-hard ground conditions. He takes himself off to a shaded part of the field to recuperate.

In the tythe barn, the swallow fledglings practice their flying between the beams, there are too many to count and there will be other clutches to come.

The weather has changed from the searing heat but, still no real rain, just the odd shower. On June 17th at 3pm, it started raining and rained all of the next day, at least an inch in total! The smell of rain on the parched ground is wonderful. The swallows fly low, under the bellies of the cows, as they feast on insects. It is too late for the fortunes of the cereal crops but, if the temperature stays moderate, the grass will start to re-grow and perhaps, we can make hay in July.

The blackbird wakes at just after 4am and serenades us with his last song at almost 10pm, just as the Evening Primrose unfurls its nocturnal flowers. Philadelphus scent fills the air and a calf calls to it's mum. The emergence of the pipistrelle bats mark the end of a long, perfect, June day.

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HELLO FROM FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL

It has been great to be back at Freeland Pre-school – we were able to open from the 1st June. We are so lucky to have such a large outdoor space and the children have been spending most of the time in the garden.

It has been wonderful to be able to spend time with our oldest children before they continue their learning journey on to school. We have worked very closely with Freeland Primary School, and the other schools that our children

will be attending, to help the children with the transition to the next stage in their education. Sadly, we weren't able to do our normal graduation, however, this year we were able to do it online - it was lovely to see so many children.

We would like to wish all our children going on to school in September the very best, you will be great. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and we will miss you very much.

Have a lovely summer everyone.

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The Oxfordshire Scouts have been issuing new guidelines following government advice about the pandemic. They will be conducting risk assessments before any local Scouts groups will be allowed to meet, and no face-to-face gatherings will be allowed without permission from the District Commissioner. We will keep our members updated as we receive new information about what Scouting will look like moving forward.

Meanwhile, to keep yourself informed with news from the national Scouts association follow them on **Twitter @UKScouting** and **Facebook @scoutassociation**

Please also visit our website for regular news updates from us, too!

www.hfscouting.org.uk

All activities have now stopped for the summer holidays, but we are hoping that our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be able to resume at least some kind of group participation as soon as it is safe to do so.

This continues to be a challenging time for all of us. Thank you as always for your support and understanding. This has not been the year that we were expecting, but we have been impressed by the resilience shown by our young people and our volunteers.

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REVEALED: THE NAME OF THE GARDEN VILLAGE AND THE DRAFT AREA ACTION PLAN

Papers for the forthcoming meeting of the Cabinet of West Oxfordshire District Council to be held on **Wednesday 22nd July** have just been published on WODC's website and reveal that "**Salt Cross**" is the proposed name for the Garden Village. Please see the attached image for an explanation of this name.

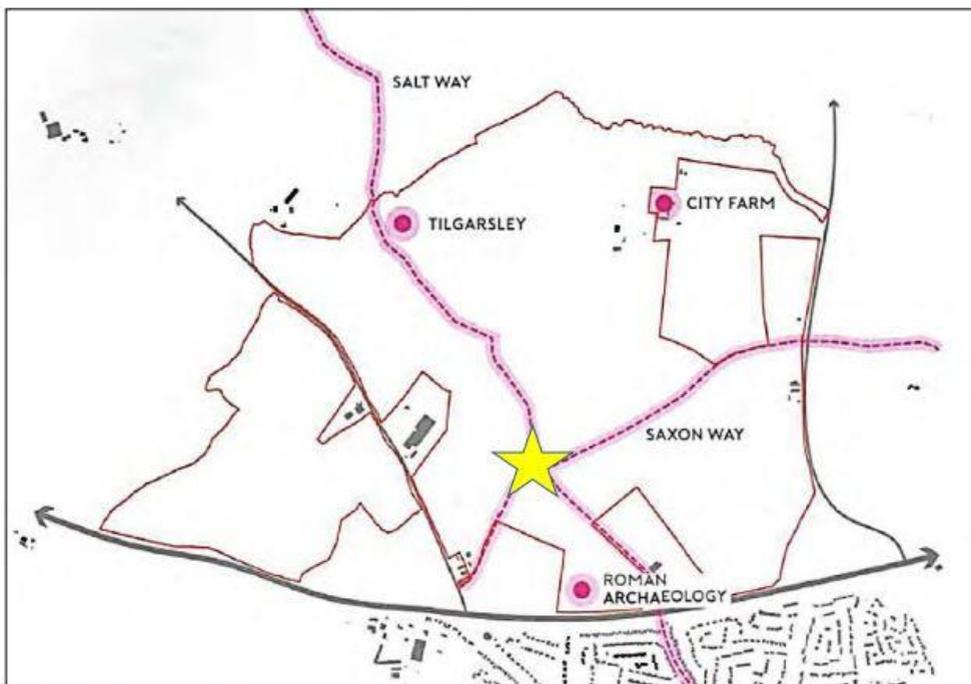
The Cabinet meeting will be streamed live on West Oxfordshire District Council Facebook page starting at **2pm**. If, as expected, the name Salt Cross is approved, it will be put before the meeting of the Full Council on **Wednesday 29th July**. That meeting will also be streamed live on Facebook.

In addition to the name, a statutory planning document for Salt Cross, the Area Action Plan, will also be considered by both meetings. The AAP is currently in "Pre-submission Draft" form and will be the subject of a six-week public consultation before being submitted for examination by a Government Inspector. The AAP is expected to be approved and adopted by the end of this year.

For more information, please visit:

<https://cmis.westoxon.gov.uk/cmis/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/3478/Committee/13/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

2.7 The name Salt Cross meets all the identified criteria outlined above and has a strong local connection which is unique to the site, in that the historic Salt Way (running north to south) and Saxon Way (running east to west) cross within the site (see below). The crossing points of these historic routes forms a cross fairly central to the site.



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BEFSA UPDATE

Many Freeland villagers came to the BEFSA quiz in January and many would also have attended the curry evening held at Ready Steady Spice in April, but unfortunately, we had to cancel that particular fundraiser. I thought I would take this opportunity to update you with the work that BEFSA is carrying out in the Eastern Cape which

is suffering greatly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

BEFSA had been working in South Africa since 2004 and sadly the latest group of UK teachers have had to cancel their South African school visits. Our link schools are mostly in the Adelaide, Bedford and Fort Beaufort area and most of the children we work with get their only hot meal at school. As the schools are shut, this has left many children going hungry, especially as the areas already have such a high rate of unemployment. We are currently providing 1800 meals a day, 7 days a week, across 8 feeding stations. This is being overseen by the BEFSA trustees who live in South Africa.

We also have a group of women – “Masambe” – who have been given BEFSA grants to start small businesses, including purchasing sewing machines. This group of women and the advisor that BEFSA employs have been very busy making masks. So far, they have made over 400, which have been distributed in the care homes in the same areas and in the hospital in Alice.

We took the decision to open a Virgin Money page to fund these two initiatives, knowing that our supporters would want to aid this vital work, even if we did not offer some form of entertainment in return. BEFSA now has enough money from this appeal to keep the feeding stations open until the end of July and if you have already donated – I thank you on behalf of the Board of Trustees. You can see photos and videos of the work going on the BEFSA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/befsa.org I have packs of 10 Flamingo cards on sale for **£10** (half price), all monies raised will be going to the feeding programme. If you would like to buy cards please just contact me or you could make a donation to the Virgin Money Giving page:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/befsaCovid>

Over the last few months, I think we have all definitely learnt the importance of helping the more vulnerable members of our society and have valued the local secure food chains. I donated just under **£100** after the card sale in the pub garden last month. I have been amazed by the generosity and support given by villagers to the fundraisers supporting communities and children half way round the globe.

BEFSA hopes to renew our normal business in 2021, check out our website on **www.BEFSA.org**

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Breakfast rolls, tea & coffee will be available from The Yeoman from **9.30am**

There will be **no toilet** facilities

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

As with other sedentary groups of less than 14 members in Freeland, the Craft Club was invited back to use the Village Hall again - under strict Covid conditions. However, after contacting all members of the group, we decided to wait a bit longer - until September perhaps, before resuming our weekly activities. In the mean time, we have planned a small get-together in our garden at the end of the month for any that would like to come (weather permitting!) since we are all missing out on the companionship of the Craft Club. We can easily keep our social distancing there and members have been asked to bring 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.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

200 Club Draw

1st prize: £ 20 No. 6 Mrs Molden
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3rd prize: £ 5 No. 3 Mr Walker



At the present time we are waiting to hear the FA guidelines on the restart of football. It now seems there may be some light at the end of the tunnel!

Some of the scheduled improvements to the Playing Field are now timetabled. The old shed is being dismantled to be replaced by a new bigger shed and we have booked the specialists to seed and fertilise the pitch, which has been paid for with a grant we obtained from the Football Foundation.

Due to the current Covid issues we will be pausing the collection of the new season's 200 Club money. We will complete this year's draws and everyone who is paid up will be in the draw. Once it is safe to do so we will begin collecting the money for the new season and will restart the draws. If you have any questions please get in contact with Jon Langford.

The Club would like to thank Brad and Gary for their running of our **Under 17s** which will not be continuing this season, and to Sam Walker for his running of the **Reserves** for the last couple of years.

A huge thanks also goes to Club legend Matty Longford who is taking a 'side ways' step after being at the helm of the **First** team for one of the Club's most successful spells.

We would also like to say a big congratulations to Freeland's very own Posh and Becks, Jess and Adam Lonsdale on the birth of Noah.

Ben Symonds - Secretary Freeland FC

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BEAR & MONKEY

Bear & Monkey would like to thank everyone who's ordered a calendar and visited their website <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bear-and-monkey>

As promised last month, they will soon be taking part in another online "Zoom" quiz in aid of their favourite charity, Msizi Africa.

The quiz will be on **Thursday 13th August (early evening)** and everyone is welcome to join in.

All you need is an e-mail address (to register and receive your online invite) and access to the internet (in order to play via Zoom).

The entry fee is **£10** per person and for that you'll have a fun quiz evening and 10 orphaned children in Lesotho will receive a nutritious meal.

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The mosaics were last regularly open to visitors almost 30 years ago, and the lockdown restrictions earlier this year have delayed re-opening until now.

A new team of local volunteers, working with English Heritage who manage the site, will make it possible to see the 3rd century AD mosaics once more. As the mosaics are housed in an enclosed space, access will only be by timed ticket, available on the day, at the site.

Safety is a paramount concern, and at busy times it may not be possible for everyone who wishes to see the mosaics to do so. Please be understanding. Afternoons tend to be more popular times with visitors.

The site is entirely free and large enough for safe social distancing during your visit. There is room to picnic (please take your litter home) but currently there are NO toilets on site. It is a pleasant walk from Freeland to the villa, so please consider leaving your car at home.

Donations to the work of restoring and enhancing the North Leigh site are most welcome. To become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa, which is free and allows you to keep up with future developments and events on the site, please contact: **NLRVols@gmail.com**.

For more details about the openings please visit:
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We would be grateful if you could provide your own. If you are unable to, then please speak to a Patient Care Advisor upon your arrival.

We are also asking for volunteers to make face masks that we can donate to patients who do not already have their own. If you are able to help us then please contact Tracy Girvan, Practice Manager (Long Hanborough) or Chloe Appleton, Deputy Practice Manager (Eynsham) at the surgeries.

Thank you for continuing to support and protect the teams at both Eynsham and Long Hanborough Surgeries.

Chronic disease monitoring

Our practice nurse team have until recently been targeting our higher risk patients with chronic disease problems. We are now looking to extend our chronic disease monitoring/long term conditions work to catch up and hopefully get ahead in case of a second spike of Covid-19 infections in the autumn. This work will be done through a mix of face to face appointments with health care assistants for blood test and other physical monitoring checks, telephone and video appointments, and texting of health questionnaire forms the details from which are reviewed by the practice nurse team and incorporated into the patient notes system.

OXFORD DIABETIC EYE SCREENING PROGRAMME (ODESP)

is not currently in operation and ODESP say that they do not have any projected date as to when it will re-start. Patients on this programme and already have annual tests will be contacted when it has re-started.

ODESP suggest that if any diabetic patient (or anyone else) has any concerns at all concerning their eyesight they should visit their own optician. If the optician picks up anything that requires further checks or investigations they should be able to refer that patient to the Oxford Eye Hospital.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS - VISITING PATIENTS

From Monday 29th June, our hospitals (John Radcliffe, Churchill, Nuffield Orthopaedic, Horton) have been following the 'rule of one' – **one visitor** per patient, for **one hour per day**. This was initially in place between Monday and Friday.

Since Saturday 18th July we opened this up to include weekends – meaning that visiting at our hospitals will be seven days a week.

The same rules apply as during the week - one hour slots will be booked in advance by staff on the ward, who will contact patients' next of kin to arrange the appointment.

Some areas will operate a little differently to this rule – please see below:

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Vicky's After School Club

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

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

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



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

vickysafterschoolclubbookings@gmail.com

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- For women who are in giving birth, the guidance has not changed. They can still have one birth partner only. Other areas in maternity should follow the one hour rule.
- For child patients (up to and including the age of 17 years old) – one parent or guardian for as long as required, but no siblings as previously
- Patients with learning disabilities are allowed, as previously, to have a carer who is able to support them
- Patients at the end of their life (arrangements need to be agreed with the ward manager or nurse)
- Intensive care units (arrangements as agreed with the nurse in charge)

Visiting is not allowed in the following areas:

- Outpatient departments
- Wards where we are treating patients with COVID-19
- Our Emergency Departments and Emergency Assessment Units

There are obviously exceptional circumstances that will require case-by-case assessment, including child patients, patients with learning disabilities, designated carers, and people who can't make decisions for themselves. These will be considered on an individual basis.

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.

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.

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

Tip 1) Collect rain water

As global warming kicks in, the water cycle will inevitably be affected with more droughts and more floods. It seems prudent and also good for the environment to harvest rain water. The simplest way to do this is to put a water barrel under a down pipe from the gutter of your house.

Tip 2) Join a Climate Change Campaign Group

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part of the lobbying group '**The Climate Coalition**' - this movement purports to be the largest group of people dedicated to action on climate change bringing together 100 reputable organisations with more than 22 million members. They organise various events such as the recent virtual lobby of MPs held on Wednesday 30th June during which over 14,000 people signed up to talk to their MPs asking them to put people, climate & nature at the heart of our nation's recovery www.theclimatecoalition.org

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

Further information is available on our website: <https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/freelandwi 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**.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for continuing to use the Little Free Libraries - it is your support that makes this such a successful project in our community.

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



If you are shielding and therefore unable to visit the Little Free Library in person but would still like some books to read, please get in touch with me and I can deliver some books to you.

Finally, a big thank you for all the books that have been donated recently. Your generosity is amazing!

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers **01993 359 543** ruddlem@gmail.com

STAGECOACH 233 TIMETABLE UPDATE

Stagecoach are revising the **233** timetable with effect from **Monday 20th July**. The service is going back to the pre-Covid timetable of two buses per hour in each direction. You can see the revised timetable at:

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Please go to your front entrance and to make sure that you have your number on it very clearly in numbers at least four inches / ten centimetres high.

The numbers must be clear to see; white numbers on a white background or bronze numbers on a brown background just do not work.

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W 5 Aug Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 12 Aug Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 13 Aug **Msizi Africa/Bear & Monkey online Zoom quiz - see page 29**
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