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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

- Wednesday 14th December 10.00am Freeland Pre-school Advent Service**
- Saturday 17th December 5.00pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church**
- Sunday 18th December 10.00am Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden
Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
- Sunday 18th December 6.00pm Nine Lessons & Nine Carols**
followed by mulled wine in church
- Tuesday 20th December 10.00am Freeland School Carols**
- Saturday 24th December 5.00pm Benefice Christingle Service**
- Saturday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion**
- Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart with Carols
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 1st January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship**
Leader: Andy Richens at Christ Church
Preacher: Andy Richens
- Sunday 8th January 10.00am Service of the Word**
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch
Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
- Sunday 15th January 10.00am Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 22nd January 10.00am Service of the Word**
Leader: Andy Richens
Preacher: Andy Richens
- Sunday 29th January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart at Ss Peter & Paul
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 5th February 10.00am All Age Family Holy Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart
Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

The above information is correct on the date published (11/12/2022). 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.
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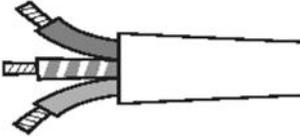
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You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/5863

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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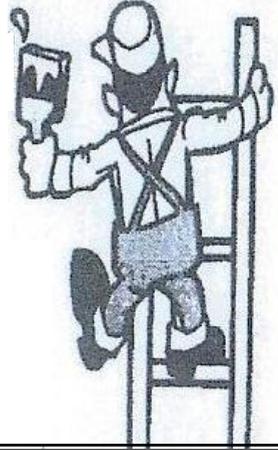
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Letter from our Curate, Rev. Heather McCulloch:

Holiday booked – but will it be a *real* adventure?

As we teeter on the brink of a New Year – drawing a deep breath and wondering what lies in store before we plunge down the slope into our busy lives again – I want to prolong that pause just for a moment more. Like the prayer at the top of a black run – will this year bring all we hope it will, will we dodge the ice and make the leap? What if our hopeful dreams didn't have to end in quiet despair. Suppose there really is a reason for joy rather than cynicism this year.

There's something about the start of a new year that causes us to pause – that moment might come as we shove the last of the tinsel and baubles into the loft with a relieved heave or run the Hoover round for the last time after the rellies have finally left. We survived 'it', the crazy Christmas season when we may have felt completely overwhelmed by people and consumption.

Or we may have felt more alone than ever, trying to keep jolly for other people whilst pretending to ourselves that we don't really mind being on our own. Perhaps the pause comes as we take a deep breath and face the cold stark month of January with a few extra pounds around the waist and rather too few pounds in the bank. At least part of us hopes for something more from this year – I wonder if you do?

I want to invite you to consider making time for a *real* adventure. This isn't a short-term holiday thrill, this is a life-long expedition but with genuine excitement and growing joyful hope. Would you come and share the journey with me? I don't know what lies ahead for you or for me this year – but I know that Jesus walks beside me in it and that tangible encounter gives me irrepressible hope and determined joy. If you want time to consider what life is really about, or perhaps you've thought about spirituality but you're not sure what it means for you – come and join me. I'll be having tea and cake and watching the Alpha film series on **Monday evenings at 7.30pm** every week from the **16th January** through till the middle of March. Bring your questions and ideas, challenges and disappointments and let's talk about the adventure of life together.

(Please join me at The Rectory, Swan Lane, Long Hanborough, **OX29 8BT**)

Rev. Heather McCulloch

(New) Curate, Hanborough and Freeland

RSVP: heather.mcculloch@hfchurch.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Funeral: David George Treble-Parker 30th November 2022

Wedding: Charl Van Der Merwe and Victoria Emma Baker 3rd December 2022

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SERVICES AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH

Saturday 17th December 5.00pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church

Sunday 18th December 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Tuesday 20th December 10.00am Manor School Carols

Saturday 24th December 11.15pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 1st January 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship at Christ Church
Leader: Andy Richens Preacher: Andy Richens

Sunday 8th January 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Dr Richard Armitage Preacher: Rev. Dr Richard Armitage

Sunday 15th January 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 22nd January 10.00am Holy Communion
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

Sunday 29th January 10.00am Whole Benefice Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 5th February 10.00am Service of the Word
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Saturday 17th December 5.00pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough with Nativity – shared with the Methodist Church

Sunday 18th December 10.00am **Service of the Word**
 Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Benjamin Chamings-Manley

Sunday 25th December 10.00am **Christmas Day All Age Family Service**
 Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 1st January 10.00am **Whole Benefice Worship**
 Leader: Andy Richens Preacher: Andy Richens

Sunday 8th January 10.00am **Holy Communion**
 Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

Sunday 15th January 10.00am **Service of the Word**
 Leader: Alison Feast Preacher: Josh Soanes

Sunday 22nd January 10.00am **Service of the Word**
 Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

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

Sunday 5th February 10.00am **Holy Communion**
 Leader: Rev Mike Madden Preacher: Rev Mike Madden

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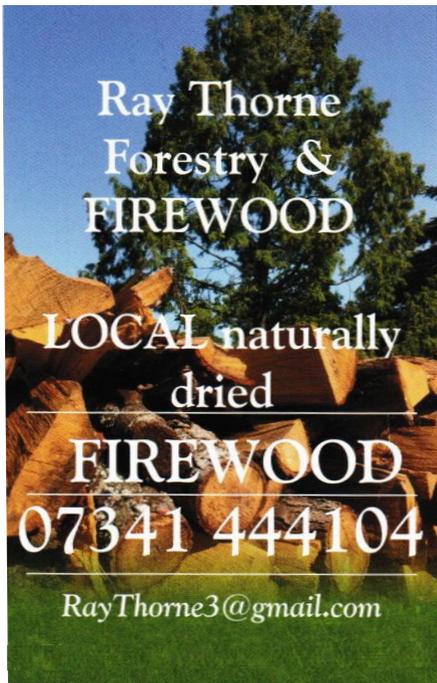
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Saturday 24th December	4.30pm - 5.00pm 11.00pm - 11.30pm
Sunday 25th December	9.30am - 10.00am
Sunday 15th January	9.30am - 10.00am
Sunday 5th February	9.30am - 10.00am

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**

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

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

All services are in the chapel. A warm welcome awaits you all.

Saturday 17th December 5pm Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green, Long Hanborough, with Nativity – shared with St Peter & St Paul

Sunday 18th December 10am No Service
6pm Carol Service - Rev. Charles Harris

Sunday 25th December 10am Christmas Day Family Service - Rev. Fred Ireland

Sunday 1st January 10am No Service

Sunday 8th January 10am Rev. Charles Harris (Covenant Service)

Sunday 15th January 10am Mr David Sarbutts (Family Service)

Sunday 22nd January 10am Mr Andrew Maisey

Sunday 29th January 10am Mr Edde Fowler

Please see **www.westoxfordshiremethodists.org.uk** for all the latest information.

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.

Dates for the remainder of this year and early next year are: **21st December, 18th January, 15th February, 15th March, 19th April 17th May, 21st June.**



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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve 5pm Mass & 8pm Mass

Christmas Day 10am Mass

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Owing to the deadline for this month's Grapevine, this is being written ahead of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 12th December.

Happy New Year (yes, even though this gets released in December!) welcome to 2023 and all that a new year brings - including the King's Coronation to celebrate. Reflecting on 2022, and as a newcomer to the village, it has been a pleasure to assist you, and work towards making Freeland an amazing place to live. If issues that affect your day to day life are not reported we cannot act on them, so please keep contacting us. Share the success stories with us too as we would love to hear them.

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:

22/03226/HHD 3 Parklands, Freeland

Erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of an open sided car port to front elevation.

22/03328/HHD 20 Church View, Freeland

Proposed rear extension, external modernisation and internal alterations.

22/03374/HHD 14 Church View, Freeland

Single storey front and rear extension.

Spitfire Homes

We have been notified by Spitfire Homes that they have now submitted their planning application for Chapel Field, off Wroslyn Road. However, we do not have any more details at present, and we understand that it could take WODC up to 8 weeks to check, validate and upload the application to their portal. We will keep monitoring the situation, as we are aware of the desire among residents that a public meeting is set up so the application can be discussed directly with Spitfire. Presently, we would anticipate this potentially being in February. Please check next month's Grapevine for an update.

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Applications refused:

22/02378/LBC and **22/02377/FUL**

The **Freeland Methodist Church** planning applications to convert the building into a residential dwelling have been refused but we are waiting to see if the Methodist Circuit will appeal. The permission that has been gained for community use stands.

Applications Under Appeal:

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

Land West of Wroslyn Road (Inspired Villages)

Thank you to all who were involved in the fight for the village against the Inspired Villages appeal. The inquiry is now over and there is nothing more that we can do at present. The Inspector aims to give her decision before Christmas and we will get the news out as soon as we can. If the appeal is granted then we will have to re-engage over how the plan is brought forward - but we are sincerely hoping this won't be necessary.

Applications Approved: None

Playpark

Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to me at **fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th January 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**) or Twitter (**@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**

WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

Witney Music Society's 2022-23 season of winter concerts continues in the New Year.

In January, we'll welcome cellist Leo Popplewell and pianist Antonina Suhanova, who'll be playing works by Bach, Shostakovich, Janáček and Brahms. The concert is on **Friday 13th January**.

The February concert will be given by Ensemble Molière, a five-piece Baroque ensemble playing works from the 17th and 18th centuries on historical instruments. The concert is on **Friday 10th February**.

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

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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Merry Christmas Everyone from Freeland Cricket Club.

On Monday 5th December the club held its Annual General Meeting, which enabled us to review the last year and to set the committee for 2023.



In review we delivered the following:

- 320 hours of junior coaching
- 36 hours of women's coaching
- 60 junior matches
- 2 under 9 softball festivals
- 18 women's hardball matches
- 4 women's softball festivals
- 2 women's softball 10-a-side matches
- 1 taster session for all ages during the Queen's Jubilee Day

We estimated that the coaches volunteered a total of 820 hours in 20 weeks, which is an unbelievable amount of time and reflects the dedication they have to ensure cricket remains important in Freeland.

The future is about increasing our pool of volunteers, mainly to reduce the demand on our current coaches and to ensure we can offer higher quality coaching and develop our young players into good adult cricketers.

The Cricket Club would like to thank all our players, their families for their commitment during the year. More specifically I would personally like to thank Rich Borrill, Dave Owen, John McGrady, Emma Owen and Megan Lovick for their commitment to coaching and developing our juniors. I would also like to thank Phil Stansfeld for supporting Rich with the Under 13s, and especially doing the match scoring.

I would also like to thank Billy Rendell, who after 4 seasons has decided to step down from being captain, to focus more upon his batting and bowling. Billy was our captain when we won the Steve Dixon Cup in 2019. From 2023 Ian Harris will be the new captain.

Many thanks also to Paul Salway and Linda Day, who are our league umpires, to the Club committee for their continued support, energy and guidance, to our sponsors for their generous donations, to the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee for their support, and to Ian, Zoe and Trevor and all the staff at the Yeoman.

2023 will be a big season for the Freeland CC, we will need more support to deliver the club's development plan and ensure cricket remains a vital part of Freeland village life.

I see 2023 as a tipping point, without support the Club will start to decline, so we need your help. Any offer of help will be gratefully accepted.

The next Pub Quiz is on **Wednesday 18th January** in the Yeoman at **8pm**.

Merry Christmas!

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Year 5!

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FREELAND VILLAGE HALL 12.30 - 3.30pm

SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER 2022

And it's not too late to help set up/serve and eat/clear up after the Christmas Lunch

Decorating and setting up on Friday 23rd December at 8pm, Prep and serving and taking everything down on Christmas Eve.

Many thanks to all those who have offered to help so far - a great core team helping for the 5th year and some new names too.

Email me on julie.st@btinternet.com or ring 01993 880378

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

This month the **First** team have completed two games, losing 3-1 to Aston and drawing 1-1 with Milton.

The **Reserves** have also played two games drawing 2-2 with Witney Royals and narrowly losing to Hatherop 1-0.

The **Under 16s** have lost one, 4-0 to Kingston and comfortably beaten Chadlington 7-1.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters this year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

We hope to be playing our **Annual Boxing Day Match**, weather permitting, with a **10.30am kick off**.

Keep an eye out for a spectacular quiz held to be held jointly with the Freeland Primary School in the New Year – details to follow.



Ben Symonds

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

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We're on Facebook: Freeland Farmers' Market

There will be no Market in January

The February Market will be on Sunday 26th February

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Freeland WI Programme for 2023 Part 1

(part 2 on next page)

Monday 9 January

Sign Together UK with Richard Walklett with members learning the alphabet

Wednesday 25 January

Theatre trip to the Musical Evita by Oxford Operatic Society

Monday 13 February

Discuss the Resolutions
Decorating members' new name badges

Monday 13 March

"A life in Flowers" talk by Willow Crossley. A world-renowned florist, author and designer who arranged flowers for Harry & Megan's wedding

Monday 17 April

AGM followed by a food tasting quiz

Monday 15 May

Beaded Jewellery with Lorraine Pengilley and Lesley Jenkins

Monday 12 June

Pets as Therapy with Sarah who will bring along her trained dog Jack

Monthly meetings are held in Freeland Village hall on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.45pm.

Women over 18 are welcome. Why don't you come along to one of our meetings and maybe bring a friend, to meet our friendly members ?

Freeland WI Programme for 2023 Part 2

(part 1 on previous page)



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| Monday 10 July | Reflections of life in a Foundling Hospital with John Caldicott |
| Monday 7 August | Summer Outing to Oxford Botanic Gardens with a guided tour |
| Monday 14 August | Resilience Pilates with Lucy Wiltshire both seated and on mats |
| Monday 11 September | Supporting victims of Domestic Abuse with John Liversage OBE, a retired Police Superintendent from Thames Valley, now working with a charity |
| Monday 9 October | Ghostly Stories with Bill Richie
Carved Pumpkin Competition
Windrush WI groups invited |
| Monday 13 November | Authentic Italian Cookery with Mariella Bliss |
| Monday 11 December | Christmas Wreath workshop / table decoration with a candle |

Contact our Secretary: Rosie James 07968 242208
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June	18	Wheels past and present
July	16	Wildlife by the Evenlode
August	20	Models and Collections
September	17	Crafts and Skills
October	15	Wood Crafts
December	03	Christmas Fayre (not in steam)



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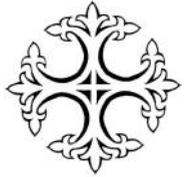
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Steaming events 10.30 - 17.00 hrs

See website for admission prices

The Mill is also open but not in steam (10.30-16.30 hrs)
every Wednesday from 22 March until the end of October

EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE



Covid Booster Clinics

Our practice has worked continuously during the summer to vaccinate those eligible for covid vaccines and our fabulous team of Volunteers have worked so well in organising the queues, keeping everyone safe and reducing the queues swiftly.

We started our Covid Booster campaign a little earlier than most of the local surgeries to make sure we keep patients safe this Autumn through to the Winter season.

We continued with our Friday Covid Clinics then as demand grew, we were grateful to have a strong team who worked additional hours at weekends to assist in keeping up with the demand for vaccination.

We added a Covid booking line to help reduce the calls for our hard-working Patient Care Advisor (PCA) team, as their phone lines are constantly busy. This helped those who were not able to book online to receive their Covid Booster appointment. After 3 months the calls coming through to this phonenumber reduced to only a few calls within the hour. We therefore decided to close the booking line for this year and pass all enquiries back to the reception team.

Saturday 26th November was our last Saturday clinic. Our Friday Clinics will continue until the **16th December 2022**. At time of going to press we do not have information to advise of any further Covid Clinics.

Flu Clinics

We have now completed all our walk in Clinics for Flu Vaccinations.

We decided to trial walk in clinics this Autumn. There was, we understood patient concern in case of long queues.

We had a very strong team of both vaccinators and volunteers, so in the event the queues reduced very quickly. The only time the queues became long was first thing in the morning as lots of patients had the same idea, to come early to miss the queues. From 9.30am the queues reduced again, so patients arriving were being called straight in for their vaccinations.

Unfortunately, demand for our second walk in clinic for the under 65-year-olds, was much higher than anticipated. Within an hour and a half, we had vaccinated over 700 patients which was great going but unfortunately exhausted our vaccine supply before demand stopped. We unfortunately had no choice but to turn away the remaining queue for which we are very sorry.

Despite replenishing our stock, we have now again exhausted our supply of vaccine for the under 65 years of age group. Hanborough Pharmacy have also exhausted their supply of vaccines for under 65-year-olds and are unfortunately unable to get any more vaccine from their suppliers.

At time of going to press we do have supplies of vaccine for those aged 65 or over. You can continue to contact our Vaccination Team for enquiries on **bobicb-ox.emg.vaccine.enquiries@nhs.net**

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Please apply in total confidence via the Clerk, Catherine Barton, by emailing **eynshamcharities@gmail.com** or by writing to the Trustees via the Clerk, 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham, **OX29 4EX**

1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP



The start of a new year is a time of anticipation and fresh beginnings, as we look forward to discovering new opportunities and experiences.

Well, what better way to start a new year than by seeking out new challenges with a community that is already here, right on your doorstep?

All our groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) need people like you to keep them running. You can be that extra pair of hands that makes all the difference to young people in our villages.

We are one of the most active Scouting groups around. During 2022 alone we tried paddle-boarding, hiking, camping, swimming, axe-throwing, gliding and forestry, as well as countless other activities that enrich the lives of young people in Hanborough and Freeland.

Beavers and Cubs meet on **Wednesdays**, whereas **Scouts and Explorers** meet on **Fridays**. Why not start off the new year by getting involved with something new?

Here is an opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, share your hobbies and interests, and to have a positive impact on groups of young people in Hanborough and Freeland.

We provide all the training you need and you will have full support from our amazing team of leaders and the Executive Committee, every step of the way.

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The team of volunteers and I are very grateful to everyone that uses the Little Free Library; without you all engaging with it, it would cease to exist.



Here is a reminder of how to use the Little Free Library:

You are welcome to take as many books as you like, without the need to return them or to donate any books in exchange.

If you would like to donate books, please leave them in the donation boxes, which are located behind the bus shelter by the village hall, as well as next to the small Little Free Library outside **138 Wroslyn Rd**. You can also place your books directly on the shelves if there's enough room.

Please **do not** leave your books on the floor; if the donation boxes are full, take your books home with you and try again a different day. Our team of volunteers do sort out and tidy the books multiple times each week, to ensure that there is usually enough space for books to be donated.

It is always wonderful to hear comments from people in the village who often remark how much they enjoy using the Little Free Library. In particular, it is great to hear how children in the village have become little bookworms, devouring books at every opportunity.

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

01993 359 543 **ruddlem@gmail.com**

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We did some unusual Christmas Craft in December - easy enough for grandchildren to try at home! Instead of a Christmas Party this year we will be welcoming in 2023 in January instead of one of our usual weekly meetings in the Newell Room.



Perhaps, for one of your New Year's Resolutions, you have been thinking of joining a group in the village ? Now could be the time to give us a try- be assured, a warm welcome awaits you.

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 Church	8:45	10:30	12:30	14:30	17:05
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
Connects to:	∨	∨	∨	∨
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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FREELAND TEDDY GIRLS

A big thank you to all those who took part in our Chocolate Tombola when the Christmas Tree lights were switched on. It was great fun. Thanks to the generosity of the participants we are able to give £113 to the Shipton Hub as they undertake to deliver supplies to some of the people tragically affected by the war in Ukraine.

FREELAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY - VILLAGE HUB PROJECT

Planning Application Refused

As you may have seen from postings elsewhere, WODC have refused the Methodist Circuit's planning application to convert the Methodist Church into a single dwelling. WODC have agreed with the many objections submitted by FCBS, Freeland residents and others, one in particular from their own Business Development Officer, and consider that the building is unsuitable as a private dwelling and should be used by the Community as a shop and cafe, in line with the existing planning permission.



The full text of the reason for the refusal as well as all of the other associated documents can be found by searching for **22/02377FUL** on the WODC public access forum: <https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/>

While as always, planning decisions are made on the basis of relevant regulations, we are sure that the views of the Community are taken into account and Freeland CBS management team would like to thank all those resident who submitted their objections to this proposal. We are hoping the the Circuit will not follow the lengthy and expensive appeals procedure, but will finally enter into discussions with FCBS about how this building can be used for its true purpose as a centre for community engagement. Should they decide to go to appeal we are sure that you will again make your views known.

Shops are only one of the many ventures that communities own and run as social enterprises – these include pubs, recreational facilities, power generation and even community housing. If you would like more information about the Hub project or have ideas for community initiatives that Freeland CBS might help with, please contact one of the Management Committee members (below) or email freelandvillagehub@gmail.com

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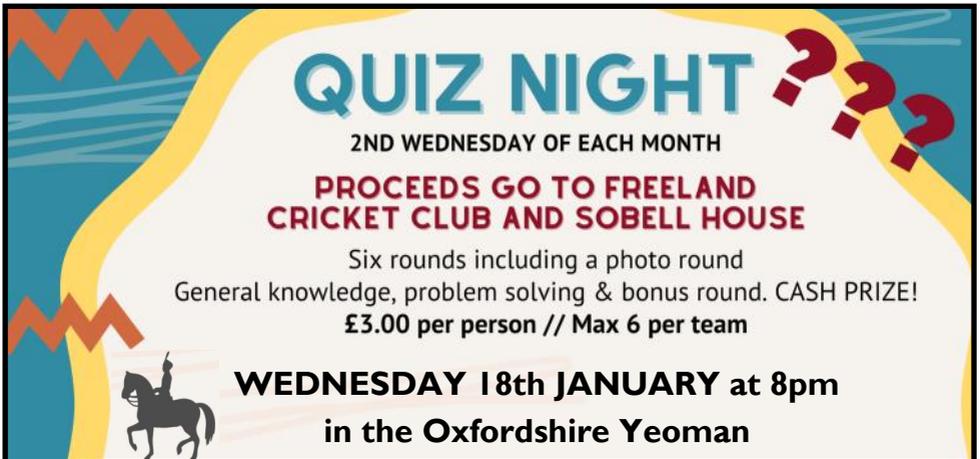
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Last year many Eynsham and Freeland residents generously donated their unwanted Winter Fuel payments either to the Eynsham Consolidated Charity to be 'recycled' to needy villagers to help meet their winter heating costs, or to the Bartholomew Educational Foundation, another village charity which supports villagers under the age of 25 with their educational needs and, in which, the requests for grants currently exceed the amount of money available to help.

So please do consider passing on your Winter Fuel Payment to either the Consolidated Charity or the Educational Foundation.

Payments may be made directly to the Charities' accounts:

Eynsham Consolidated Charity sort code **09-01-51**, a/c **25159404**

Bartholomew Educational Foundation sort code **09-01-51**, a/c **53159405**

The trustees thank all last year's donors, most of whom remain anonymous, having made their donations by bank transfer.

IMPORTANT. If you know of anyone in the villages of Eynsham and **Freeland** who may benefit from support with their winter heating costs, do please let the Clerk, Catherine Barton, know by emailing eynshamcharities@gmail.com. See **page 29** for more details.

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 4/12/2022

After the excitement of last month we thought everything would go back to normal (if there is such a thing). Then someone mentioned a Christmas market and all hell broke loose, "when are we going?" "how will we get there?", "will they have one of those flipping monkeys that hang between two sticks from the German markets?"....(the ones that break soon after getting them home), and, and, and, "they must have bacon baps!!"



The Market was at Combe Mill with a demonstration from the blacksmith, many crafting stalls and of course bacon baps. What was not to like as we also managed our usual 5 mile walk?

In other news, way back in December 1974 they said "it'll be lonely this Christmas" well what a load of old Mud (if you are of a certain age you'll see what I did there).

On that note, all that remains is for me to say a big thank you to all who have joined us over the past year and wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New year.

The first new year Ramble will be on **Sunday 1st January 2023 at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman, where some of us might still be from the night before. **All are welcome to join us.**

John McClane



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Thank you

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Mandy Bradshaw gave one of the best talks we have had at the Club on 28th November. Her subject was 'The Four Seasons - Cotswold Style'. Her pictures which she ran through fairly quickly were excellent, covering each season. Winter (or rather late Winter) was all about snowdrops and aconites. There were swathes of daffodils and tulips for Spring, and Summer involved roses and herbaceous borders and Autumn obviously was all about Acers. Other flowers were also shown in the gardens she depicted. Some of the gardens are open to the public and we hope to get a list of these from her.

Subs of **£20** a year were also collected at this meeting and we enjoyed mince pies! The meeting was well attended by members and visitors.

We start the New Year with a talk by Richard Harvey on 'Madeiran Mountain Gardens' on **Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall. This will give us a taste of the exotic on this interesting island.

Jobs for the New Year include continuing to rake up fallen leaves, order plants and seeds for the coming year, (the Club gets a discount from Dobies, contact me at **dalton43cv@talktalk.net** for the code) prepare beds for both vegetables and summer bedding. Continue with cutting down last year's spent herbaceous plants and elevate outdoor plants against frost. Lastly reduce watering indoor plants.

Visitors very welcome at a cost of **£5** a meeting. Plant and Gardening Item Sale when appropriate.

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

COMBE MILL OX29 8ET

Happy New Year to you all.

Our Christmas market on the 4th December was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came along, a very successful event raising funds for Combe Mill, the children just loved Santa in his Grotto.

A big thank you to the many visitors, exhibitors and enthusiastic volunteers for making our 2022 'In Steam' themed events so successful, it has been a fantastic season. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back again in 2023.

Our Riverside Tea Room will be open **EVERY Wednesday from 10.30am until 3.00pm**. Come along give us a visit, enjoy Bacon Rolls, Soup, Baguettes, and Cream Teas in addition to Hot and Cold Drinks, all freshly prepared by Wendy and Steve.

The Mill is now closed for Winter Maintenance. Our first 'In Steam' themed event of the year is S.T.E.M (Science, Technology Engineering & Maths). **Sunday 19th March 2023**, a date for your diary. All machinery will be running, come on take a look you will be surprised at what's in Combe Mill: Blacksmiths in the forge (you might just be able to make a poker) Local Stallholders, Exhibitors, Gift Shop and Tombola all waiting to welcome you.



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Just retired? Ever thought of volunteering, continue using your skills, Combe Mill welcomes you for a look round our late 19th Century Steam & Water Mill, once the workshop of Blenheim Palace Estate, by the River Evenlode, and join our knowledgeable team of volunteers. We look forward to welcoming you.

You can see the list of all the upcoming events for 2023 on **page 26** of this edition.

Margaret Gruber - Volunteer

combemill.org

BEFSA News

Many Freelanders have been kind enough to support the work of this small charity of which I am one of the UK Trustees, including buying cards from me at the monthly Freeland Markets. We will be planning some new 2023 fundraising events in the coming months. Post-covid we are still financing 4 soup kitchens in Adelaide, offering hot food to hundreds of children in this district.



Last year our long-time patron Archbishop Desmond Tutu sadly died and we have taken time to both celebrate his work and look for a new patron. I am delighted to report that Nomatamba “Thembi” Tambo has generously agreed to take up this role. There is no doubt that her background and beliefs will continue to inspire the work that BEFSA has endeavoured to carry out in some of the poorest communities in the Eastern Cape, South Africa, especially in the areas of supporting women in business creation and our work surrounding domestic violence. Here is her, very condensed, biography.

Nomatamba “Thembi” Tambo is the daughter of legendary anti-apartheid politician Oliver Reginald Tambo. She has previously served as the South African ambassador in Rome. She has also served as the head of the Tambo Foundation.

Ms Tambo received her BA in History and English at Roehampton Institute in London. This was followed by her LLB Post Grad Law at University of Witwatersrand in 2002. In 2007, she completed her diplomatic training.

She is the Director of both Women in Capital Growth (a black empowerment company) and Webnet Solutions. She is also the CEO of Evening Star Manufacturing. Since 2008 she has been involved in diplomatic work, between 2008 and 2012 she was the South African Consul General in Hong Kong.

She is also the Co-Founder of the South African Women’s Chamber of Commerce as well as a member of the International Women’s Forum.

Julie Stuart-Thompson - Trustee BEFSA

www.BEFSA.org

THAMES VALLEY FARMERS’ MARKET CO-OPERATIVE			
Witney	08.30 - 13.30	Fri 16 Dec	Fri 27 Jan (TBC)
Woodstock	08.30 - 13.00	Sat 17 Dec	Sat 7 & 21 Jan (TBC)
Details of other Farmers’ Markets at www.tvfm.org.uk 01235 227266			



FREELAND WI

Christmas was definitely in the air at our December meeting. It was party time! The evening began with a Christmas themed quiz. This was followed by a hilarious game of left and right, a version of pass the parcel except there were ten presents going round at the same time. You can imagine the chaos! We then quietened things down just a little, with our version of Pictionary based on pub names.



After that members were asked to sing for their supper. We were delighted to welcome Hilary from Oxford Operatic who led us in a WI adaptation of the 12 Days of Christmas. No offence taken about WI President's prattling! We certainly deserved our shared supper after that. It was then time to distribute our Secret Santa gifts and a Christmas sweet treat, before wishing everyone a joyous festive season. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our first meeting of the year on 9th January when we will welcome Richard Walklett from Sign Together UK.

The Committee have collated our programme for next year based on feedback from our members. A copy is included in the centre of this month's Grapevine. Also keep an eye out for our posters on the village notice boards.

We continue to support the Witney food bank; 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. 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.

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 at **freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk** Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI President



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



Our December meeting, which had promised to enlighten us on 'Myths & Legends of the Beatles', suffered a last minute set-back when our external speaker telephoned to say his transport had failed him and he would not be able to keep the appointment.

In best u3a fashion, however, those members who had already arrived at the meeting buckled to, arranged chairs and tables, put the kettle on, and, led by Chairman David Duthie, enjoyed a wide-ranging, amicable and useful examination of the upcoming programme of the Branch and its core of Working Groups.

There are now eighteen such Groups, their interests and activities ranging from 'Art' to 'Walking'; the former meet weekly, the latter twice monthly. Reflecting the growth in membership, there are now two Groups each for 'Board Games', 'Needlework', 'Recorders' (one specifically for Beginners and Improvers) and 'Discussion': one of the latter promises monthly Zoomed examination of 'Everyday Dilemmas'.

The programme of Speaker Meetings for 2023 is in print (try local libraries) and on the Group website (see below). Our first scheduled speaker is Terry Adams on 'Glass Blowing' (**Thursday 5th January**) and following months' topics range from 'Hedgehogs' (**Thursday 6th April**) to 'Vineyards & Wine Tasting' (**Thursday 3rd August**). Guests are most welcome at each speaker meeting.

Detail of Branch and Group activities at: <https://u3asites.org.uk/woodstock>

Chris Sladen

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at **7.30pm**. There was no meeting in December, and the Group will restart on **Tuesday 17th January**.

Please contact Paul Sayer at paul.pshml@gmail.com for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.

FREELAND WALKING GROUP

We are a group of mainly retired people who enjoy walking and visiting new places. We also welcome anyone of any age who would like to join us for a walk of about five miles every third Wednesday of the month. We meet at Freeland Hall and usually drive, sharing cars, to a pub. From the pub we do a circular walk returning to the pub for lunch together.

The walks are led by group members who also contact the pub for a menu so that we can pre-order. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact me at dalton43cv@talktalk.net so that we can notify you about the next walk. There is no walk in December. We will walk in Blenheim on **Wednesday 18th January**.

Janet Dalton **01993 881742**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all the Grapevine readers! Thank you to all the distributors who go out every month to deliver the Grapevines to you. Thank you to all the contributors, keep your village stories coming.

There would be no Grapevines without the financial help of all the advertisers, so a big thank you to them as well.

Sadly 10% of the advertisers have dropped out, for various reasons for 2023, from the December edition. If you or your company would like to advertise in the Grapevine do drop me an email for the rates:

grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Kenny Wylie - Editor

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Please note that we don't meet in January, so the first meeting of the New Year will be on **Tuesday 7th February**.

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**.

STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

You can see full details of all Stagecoach and Oxford Tube services over the period at: <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/oxfordshire/christmas-timetables-oxfordshire-and-oxford-tube-2022>

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL - TEAMS4U

As promised in the December Grapevine, we are delighted to report that **1,657** boxes have been sent to needy children in Romania and Ukraine. By the time you read this the boxes should have arrived at their final destination and there will be some very happy recipients.



Thank you so much.

The Witney Shoebox team

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 Mondays 5pm - 10.30pm; Tuesdays to Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays and 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**.



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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

- M 12 Dec Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- Tu 13 Dec Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm
- W 14 Dec Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- W 14 Dec Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
- Su 18 Dec Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**
- W 21 Dec Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th29 Dec Green Week: recycling + food waste, **NO garden waste collection****
- Su 1 Jan Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
- W 4 Jan Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- M 9 Jan Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
- Tu 10 Jan Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm
- W 11 Jan Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th12 Jan Freeland Grapevine - February edition deadline day**
- W 18 Jan Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- W 18 Jan Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am
- W 18 Jan Freeland Cricket Club Quiz Night, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8.00pm, £3
- M 23 Jan Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Madeiran Mountain Gardens'
- W 25 Jan Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- 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 22 Feb Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

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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.**

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

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

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Coming Up
Sun 18th - World Cup Final, showing Live at 3pm

Sun 25th - Christmas Day!
 Join us in a toast to Christmas, 12-2:30pm

Mon 26th - Boxing Day!
 Food served 6-8:30pm

Sat 31st - Celebrate **New Year's Eve** at the Yeoman!

> Keep an eye out in January for the return of **DOUBLEPARKED** at the Yeoman

> We're holding a **Poker Tournament** in January. Check out our Website for more details!

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