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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

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Sunday 20th November 10.00am Holy Communion

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Sunday 27th November 10.00am Service of the Word

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: TBC

Sunday 4th December 10.00am Holy Communion

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The above information is correct on the date published (23/10/2022). 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.

Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.

See our website at www.hfchurch.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Wedding:

George Benjamin Bentley Drew Withers and Amy Victoria Keylock 8th October 2022

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 are: **16th November & 21st December.**

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

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Mondays & Tuesdays 6pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays 9am - Late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

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Letter from our Associate Rector, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear Friends,

When having a moan is a good thing – God’s gift of lament for difficult times

*¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me? ³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give
light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, ⁴ and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
and my foes will rejoice when I fall. ⁵ But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in
your salvation. (Psalm 13:1-5)*

Over the last few years, it would be an understatement to say that we have lived through ‘interesting times’, with BREXIT, COVID, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, high energy prices, the cost-of-living crisis and most recently rising mortgage interest rates. In times of adversity, it is easy to feel that God is a long way off, certainly the author of Psalm 13 thought so. However, the psalmist’s difficulties, whatever they were, did not stop them praying honestly to the Lord. The Bible calls this way of praying lament. It is a gift from God to help us draw close to God during the tough times.

In psalms of lament, we see the psalmist crying out to God in sorrow, sometimes protesting about an injustice, or quite simply being honest about their own struggles. So how does lament work and why does God encourage his people to lament? Below are three reasons why lament is a good thing that can help us during difficult times.

- **Lament remembers there is a God who is real** – Simply by pausing for a moment and telling God how we really feel we are recognising that God is, that he exists, and that he is interested in us.
- **Lament remembers and can ask why?** – Lament does not sweep troubles under the carpet, rather lament allows us to be real, to express our struggles and frustrations honestly to God.
- **Lament moves us from despair to hope** – Somehow by God’s grace, when we are honest with God, God in his grace works in us and our situation. Time and again in the psalms we see the psalmist moving from despair to hope. God has grown bigger, and the challenge being faced smaller.

On a personal note, I have learned to use lament when I pray. Often on long walks around Farmoor reservoir I would tell God what I really thought. During those times, I would gain wisdom, perspective, and sometimes see answers to prayer. But mostly I would be filled with a deep sense of the presence of God as I realised afresh that God was with me. My prayer for all of us is that no matter how tough the times we live in are, that through the gift of lament we would all experience more of God’s presence in our lives.

Rev. Mike

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Dealing with your own affairs and getting them in order can appear daunting. We're here to make life easier. Do pick up the phone or email us and we would be happy to have a free, no-obligation initial chat with you. We can meet on video call or in person when safe to do so.



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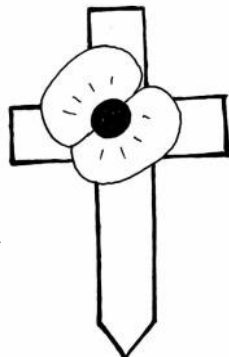


Remembrance Sunday, Freeland

13th November 2022, 10.00am

There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Mary's, Freeland, starting in church at 10.00am, moving to the War Memorial where silence will be held at 11.00am.

All are welcome.



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Light Event at St Mary's, Freeland



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Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 6th November 10.00am Service of the Word

Leader: John Fox

Preacher: John Fox

Sunday 13th November 10.00am Remembrance: Joint service between Christ Church, Ss Peter & Paul and Methodists - to take place at **L. H. Methodist Church followed by I I am gathering at the War Memorial in Long Hanborough**

Sunday 20th November 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 27th November 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: TBC

Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

Sunday 4th December 10.00am Service of the Word

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

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Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Josh Soanes

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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

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Wednesday 16th November.

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The Hanborough and Freeland Bereavement Service will take place at St Mary's, Freeland on **Sunday 20th November 2022 at 3pm**. All are very welcome to come to this service to remember our loved ones who have died.

If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service, please email our Administrator, Leonie at administrator@hfchurch.org.uk or let one of our sidespeople or churchwardens know on a Sunday morning.

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday 6th November 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 13th November 9.30am - 10.00am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 20th November 9.30am - 10.00am
2.30pm - 3.00pm Commemoration of the Departed

On Saturday 8th October, 2 members of the Freeland band joined 18 others on the annual Witney and Woodstock Branch Outing. We rang at Aylesbury, Aston Clinton, Tring, Marswoth, West Turville and finally Hughenden. A very enjoyable day in the autumn sunshine touring parts of Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

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.

Sunday 30th October 10am Richard Bowler (Local Arrangement)

Sunday 6th November 10am Rev. Fred Ireland

Sunday 13th November 10am Rev. Charles Harris - Joint Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th November 10am Mr Bob Forster (Family Service)

Sunday 27th November 10am Mr Andrew Maisey

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Entry is **£3 Per Person**. Food will be available from **6pm - 8.30pm**
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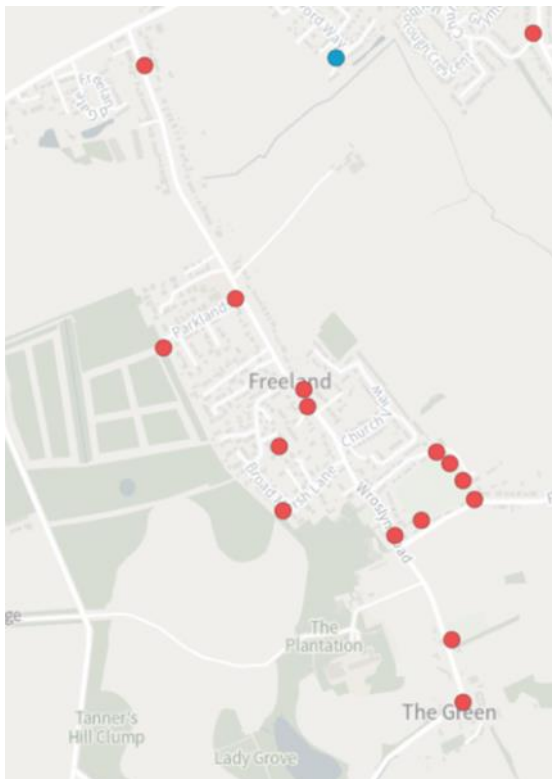
Thanks to Angela Spriggs who cleaned the brass plaques on the Memorial trees and placed the crosses by them in readiness for Remembrance Day this year. Our thanks again to Amy Jackson (and her husband Greg McGlothlen) for putting “Tommy” up on The Green and setting up the lighting around him.

Bins

You may have noticed that the bins in the village have all been replaced with dual purpose bins. We have been working with West Oxfordshire District Council regarding the frequency of their emptying. In future, the one outside the village hall will be emptied twice weekly as it is getting filled very quickly. Please do not put wood, books or any other unwanted objects into any of the bins. The picture right indicates the positioning of our bins around the village.

Hedges

A polite reminder - if you have a boundary hedge that is adjacent to a public footpath would you please ensure that it is kept trimmed. We have received reports that it is getting increasingly difficult for buggy and wheelchair users and they sometimes have to move into the road or cross over, especially along Wroslyn Road.



Save the pub

The Oxfordshire Yeoman is going through a difficult period and really needs your help. Popping in for a drink can make a huge difference. It would be a great shame if we were to lose our much loved pub.

Meeting 14th October

The council held an open meeting about Salt Cross Garden village, many residents from Freeland and surrounding areas attended, both in person and online. The full recorded version can be found on our website **www.freelandpc.org.uk/**

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.

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Applications Received: **None**

Applications Approved:

22/02/188/FUL Freeland House

Construction of temporary accommodation for staff, comprising 9 twin bedroom pods and 1 dining pod. **Applications Withdrawn:** **None**

Applications Refused: **None**

Applications Appealed:

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

Land West of Wroslyn Road (Inspired Villages)

This appeal will be heard in the Council Chamber at the WODC offices in Wood Green **8th - 11th November**. Over **250** objections were submitted by Freeland residents who have also provided many quotes and comments which have been included in the evidence prepared by the Parish Council. To demonstrate the strength of feeling against these proposals we are encouraging as many people as possible to come along to the first morning of the Inquiry – **Tuesday 8th November at 10.00am. To help with this there will be a free bus leaving from the Village Hall at 9.00am returning at 11.00am and 1.00pm.** Contact the Parish Clerk for more details: **01993 880067 or email fayf.fpc@gmail.com**

See pages 21 and 23 for more information

Who are your Parish Councillors?

Amy Jackson

I moved to Freeland 18 years ago and live on The Green with my husband Greg, three (rescue) dogs and five hens. Although I don't come from a farming background, I've worked in the agriculture industry in one way or another since I was 14, starting with stints in a lambing shed then moving on to agricultural college, work on livestock and arable farms in the UK and Canada, for cattle breeding companies and auctioneers, and then for large and small agricultural PR consultancies.

For much of the past 12 years I've worked for myself, specialising in helping UK farming deal with issues and crisis – of which there have been a quite a few! I've been lucky (or unlucky depending on your perspective!) to have been involved in quite a few high profile stories such as the horsemeat scandal, concern over 'megafarms', and antibiotic use.

The great news is my job is easier because we have some really good farmers in the UK, who make use of our natural resources like rain and grass and straw to produce dairy and meat that is far lower impact and higher welfare than many other countries.

We've also done a brilliant job stewarding antibiotic use – farmers and vets really rose to the challenge of antibiotic resistance and halved use of products over five years.



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Back to the parish council, I hope my communications experience and skills will help me be a better councillor, listening to what Freeland residents want and finding ways of making it happen. One of the biggest things we can do is get better at telling people what's happening and giving them opportunities to comment on it and shape the future.

I admit that being a parish councillor is far harder work than I thought it would be, and very time-consuming, but it's also very rewarding to get to know so many people in Freeland, and to hopefully make a difference.

Become a Parish Councillor

Would you like to help shape our village?

Are you interested in the life of your village, the local environment, recreational facilities, planning, housing and transport issues?

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR!

These are some of the areas where we get involved to help make a difference to our community.

Why not join us – The Parish Council is made up of eight parish residents, and we have a vacancy. Will YOU come and join our friendly team?

If yes, or you would like more details, please contact the Parish Clerk, details below.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th November 2022 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**

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UPDATE ON INSPIRED VILLAGE'S APPEAL AGAINST THE RETIREMENT VILLAGE REFUSAL - Come to the Inquiry Opening!

As you will be aware, Inspired Villages have not accepted WODC's unanimous refusal of its application to build 160 retirement homes on land in the grounds of Freeland House, having now lodged an appeal with the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

Freeland Parish Council and Freeland Friends (the group of residents that were so active in campaigning against the original application) have joined forces and are now recognised by PINS as an official 'Rule 6 party'. This means we are formally involved in the inquiry process.

As such, this has meant (so far) an online scoping meeting with the Inspector, and the submission of our evidence on the case against the development to PINS. In turn, we have also received the evidence the appellant has submitted in a bid to have the planning refusal by West Oxfordshire District Council overturned, and the evidence from WODC defending its refusal.

We are being ably helped by planning consultant Mike Gilbert, who lives in the village and is co-ordinating our efforts. Mike will be giving evidence at the Inquiry, as will Amy Jackson, and Roger Faulkner, who will deliver the opening and closing statements.

The case we are building is based on four points: the site is unsustainable; the scale, density and height of the proposed development are inappropriate; the development would harm the character, appearance and landscape of the village; and there are cumulative effects of new developments in the surrounding area. The evidence submitted includes a video which tells the story of what it is like to live in Freeland, and an assessment of light impact conducted. We have also created documents examining the policy issues and local impact. Thanks go out to a number of volunteers from the Parish Council and Freeland Friends who spent many, many hours compiling the rest of the data and other evidence that will help the village fight this.

The inquiry starts at **10am on Tuesday 8th November** at Woodgreen council offices in Witney, and is expected to last until Friday 11th November.

We have one last 'ask' of Freeland residents: come to the opening of the Inquiry! Simply by being there, the Planning Inspector will see the strength of feeling.

To help you get there, we have laid on a 50-seater bus to take residents to the opening of the Inquiry – **meet at Freeland Village Hall at 9am on 8 November** (see full page ad promoting this on **page 23** of this issue). While the Inquiry starts at **10am**, you will have a chance to leave at the morning break or at lunch – the bus will take you back at either time.

We will also keep you posted on progress. Whatever the eventual outcome of this appeal, it's important we feel we've done what we can to fight it.

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More information on the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal can be found on **www.britishlegion.org.uk.**

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

FREELAND WI

At our October meeting we enjoyed a quiz, collated and delivered by Anne, one of our committee members. She really tested our brain power with a range of rounds including general knowledge, food and drink, film and TV and Oxfordshire as well as a variety of picture rounds. Would you recognise Adele or Jeremy Clarkson as a child or the logo of the Royal Bank of Scotland?

The Committee have been busy drawing up suggestions for next year's programme and as always members were given the chance to vote for their preferred speakers and activities at this month's meeting. We will now work out our programme for next year based on those results.

Looking ahead to next month's meeting on **Monday 14th November**, we are delighted to welcome back Amanda Belz, a village resident, who will do a festive cookery demonstration. Amanda is a very popular speaker and her demonstrations are always very well attended. We always enjoy sampling the delicious goodies she makes.

We were pleased to welcome two new members in September and another new member in October.

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. If you want to check out what we have planned for 2022, a copy of our programme was included in January's Grapevine, is displayed on the village noticeboard or is available from our secretary. 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.

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Julie Stuart-Thompson **julie.st@btinternet.com**

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The second concert of Witney Music Society's new season will be a piano recital given by Alexander Soares, a BBC Music Magazine Rising Star. His programme 'A European Odyssey' will include works by Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 11th November**.

For the December concert, the society is pleased to welcome Connaught Brass, a prize-winning and dynamic brass quintet. The concert on **Friday 9th December at 7.30pm** will feature works by several composers, some better known than others.

Both concerts are at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

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What have we been up to lately?

Explorers went camping for a weekend at Youlbury and had a brilliant time.

Scouts had a fantastic visit to Woodstock fire station, where they even had the chance to dress-up in real fire-fighters' gear!

Cubs learned how to repair bikes, including how to fix a puncture and how to be safe when out cycling.

Beavers have explored nature by doing some leaf printing, and had a go at decoding Morse Code!

All our groups (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) do need more volunteers to help us to keep them going. You can be that extra pair of hands that makes all the difference to young people in our villages. Beavers and Cubs meet on Wednesdays, whereas Scouts and Explorers meet on Fridays.

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

This month we started learning about PATCHWORK making some small items such as table mats and trinket bowls. However, Christmas will soon be here, so our next plans will be to make something suitable for that season ??.

We have welcomed two new members this month. We hope they are enjoying their time with us - new members are always welcome.



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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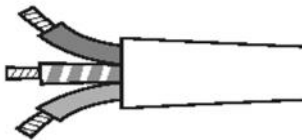
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Eynsham, Church (North side of High St)	09:29	11:29	13:29	18:00

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Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	08:55	10:55	12:55	17:15
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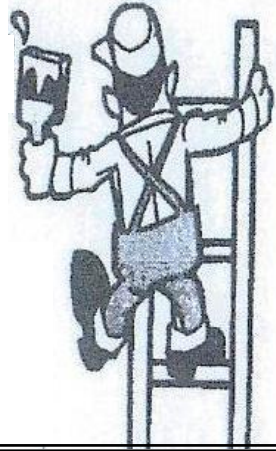
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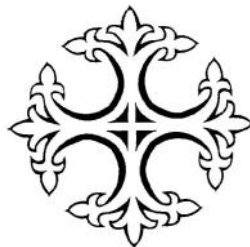
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Due to staff shortages the time taken to gather this information has sometimes led to longer wait times on the telephone. To combat this, we are still actively recruiting to our reception team. Training of new and existing staff is going well.

We ask that while we acknowledge how frustrating the wait can be for some patients that you do not take frustrations out on our staff, who are working extremely hard to serve our patients.


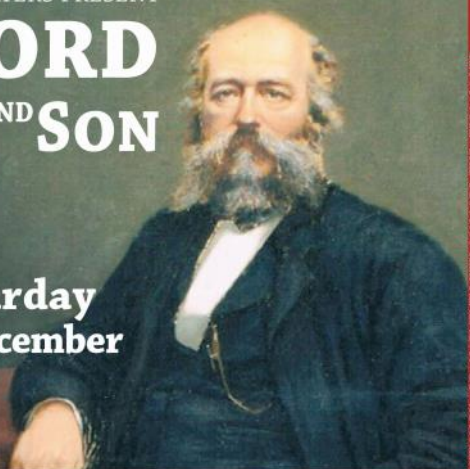
We thank you for your patience while we have been implementing these changes. We really value feedback and would appreciate any thoughts you have about how the new system is working. You can submit these through our website or in writing using the suggestions boxes in our waiting rooms.

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Reminder:

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FREELAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY - VILLAGE HUB PROJECT - UPDATE

As you may have seen in the Flyer recently sent to all households, Spitfire Homes claim that it is no longer possible to re-purpose the Methodist Church for use as a Community shop and cafe as the Oxfordshire Methodist Circuit do not intend to sell it to Freeland CBS. We would like to make it clear that we have had no correspondence with Spitfire



Homes regarding the Church or their proposal for the development of the Chapel Field that includes provision for a shop and cafe. The Circuit has not communicated to FCBS any change to their previously stated intention to obtain the best price for the Church on the open market. Following an application from FCBS in August of this year WODC have renewed the lapsed permission for change of use of the Church for a shop and cafe. The proposal from the Circuit for its development for a single dwelling is currently being considered by WODC. This has received over 70 objections from residents, along with those from FCBS, Freeland PC and WODC's own Business Development Officer.

We continue to think that the Church is the ideal location for a Community Hub and that such a unique building that has served the Methodist and the wider Freeland Community for over 200 years should not be sacrificed for a single dwelling. We believe that we have the support of the Freeland Community in this endeavour.

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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Residents of West Oxfordshire are invited to attend Waterways Day which will take place on **Friday 18 November from 9.30 to 17.30** at West Oxfordshire District Council offices at Woodgreen, Witney.

Cabinet member for Environment, Cllr Lidia Arciszewska said, *"River pollution and flooding issues are close to the hearts of the vast majority of our residents.*

"We are hosting a Waterways Day to bring together major local stakeholders and experts to give the residents of our district an opportunity to hear about the current state of our watercourses and to learn how to restore their broken ecology and how to manage them to prevent flooding."

The talks will be held in two sessions:

Morning:

- Richard Aylard - Thames Water
- Ashley Smith and Prof Peter Hammond– Windrush against Sewage Pollution
- Eoghan Concannon - Evenlode Catchment Partnership/Wild Oxfordshire
- Prof Richard Harding – Campaign to Protect Rural England, Oxfordshire

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Afternoon:

- Nick Mottram - Oxfordshire County Council
- William Wareing - Witney Flood Mitigation Group
- Lisa Lane – Bucks, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
- David Green - Blenheim Estates

There will be ample opportunities for Q&A and discussions.

Participating organisations will also attend stalls to give residents the opportunity for direct interaction with the experts.

Stalls:

- Blenheim Estates
- Berks, Bucks & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
- Campaign to Protect Rural England (Oxfordshire)
- Evenlode Catchment Partnership/Wild Oxfordshire
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Riverside Gardens
- Wychwood project
- Thames Water
- Windrush Catchment Partnership
- WASP, Windrush against Sewage Pollution
- William Wareing - Witney Flood Mitigation Group

To allow the district to estimate the number of attendees, residents are encouraged to register their interest via the Eventbrite page but anyone can turn up on the day as well

Residents are welcome to submit questions prior to the event to allow the speakers to prepare their answers. Questions can be submitted via our online form until

3rd November 2022.

The Environment Agency (EA) is unable to attend the event so residents are invited to submit their questions for them which will be given to the EA in advance and responses provided on the day.

Full information on the event can be found on the council's website at <https://westoxon.gov.uk/WaterwaysDay>. This includes timings for the talks and parking information.

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued support with the aluminium collection. The bags have been piling up! The last lot has just been taken to the recycling place and there were **129kg** of cans which is pretty fantastic, & has netted another **£100** for the Pre-school.

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

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

Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood.

andre_woodward@yahoo.co.uk



HANBOROUGH

MUSICAL FIREWORKS

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

- **BBQ**
- **Baked Potatoes**
- **Mulled Wine**
- **Fairground Rides**

Adults £5

Children £2

(CASH ONLY - All profits go to local charities)

***No on-site car parking.
Please park at the
train station and walk up.**

LONG HANBOROUGH PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILION

Gates: 6pm | Display: 7.15pm

 Hanborough Musical Fireworks 2022
 #HanboroughFireworks2022



QUIZ NIGHT

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

PROCEEDS GO TO FREELAND CRICKET CLUB AND SOBELL HOUSE

Six rounds including a photo round
General knowledge, problem solving & bonus round. CASH PRIZE!
£3.00 per person // Max 6 per team

WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER at 8pm
Watch out for one in December!



FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

It was the 3rd visit of our speaker, Malcolm Moody, to the Club to talk about Orchids. His subject this time was Orchid Hunting in Ecuador but it also turned out to be a bit of a travelogue because the holiday had included a visit to Peru. He showed wonderful photos of the journey into Manchu Pichu as well as other places they had visited first. He had some wonderful pictures of the unusual Orchids they had found, some journeys to find the flowers were climbing through bush, etc. He showed Orchids whose centre had developed into what looked like a bee or insect similar to those insects that pollinated the flower. It was a very interesting talk and he will be booked to come again in 2024 to do his final talk of Looking after Orchids in the Home.

The Club AGM will be held on **Monday 24th October at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall. After the business there will be tea/coffee, cake and cheese and biscuits but no speaker.

On **Monday 28th November** also in Freeland Hall at **7.30pm** a new speaker Mandy Bradshaw is coming to tell us about The Four Seasons - Cotswold Style. Maybe she will give us ideas on places to visit and when is the best time to do so.

Autumn has certainly arrived in our gardens. It is a time of clearing summer bedding and spent perennials. After rain it is a good time to mulch the beds as well. Cut down buddleia flowers by about half. Prune climbing roses and cut bush roses down by half. Take out dead and crossing branches. Feed the lawn, net ponds and water features to prevent leaves falling in. Rake up leaves. Don't put apples with grey mould and brown rot on the compost heap as the spores may affect future crops, put them in your green bin.

Cut down the canes of summer raspberries and keep some new shoots to fruit next year. Harvest celeriac and squashes and beans if they are still not finished. Pick fruit when ripe and comes off the tree with a slight twist. Plant winter salads in a sunny spot or cold greenhouse.

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

BURFORD ORCHESTRA

Lights, camera, action!

An evening of John Williams film music



Star Wars
Harry Potter
Jurassic Park
Hook
Schindler's List
Raiders of the Lost Ark

Conductor: Neil Brownless

7.30pm, Saturday 26 November 2022

Venue: Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford
Tickets: £9, U16s £1, available in advance
from TicketSource via the QR code
Email: info@burfordorchestra.org.uk
Telephone: 01993 883490 for more information



Combined travel and ticket opportunity to see:
OXOPS (Oxford Operatic Society) production of

Evita

Lyrics by **Tim Rice** music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber** including hits like:
Don't Cry for Me Argentina, Oh What a Circus and *Another Suitcase in Another Hall*
on **Wednesday 25 January 2023, 7.30pm, at the Oxford Playhouse**

Price pp for return coach from Freeland to the theatre + theatre ticket: **£35**

Anyone interested should give full details (name, address, phone no., email) and
number of tickets required no later than **Monday 7th November**, to:

Hilary Lamb, 12 Hurst Lane, Freeland

Payment can be made by **BACS** (please email Hilary for OXOPS' BACS details:
lambh54@googlemail.com) or by **cheque** payable to Oxford Operatic Society
(please include cheques with requests for tickets).

(If you have any questions, please phone Hilary on **01993 881125**)

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

The season has finally kicked off, with some mixed results for all teams.

The **First** team started with a great 2-2 draw against reigning champions
Hailey, two losses against a strong Enstone side were followed up with a
convincing win against Spartan.

The **Reserves** have had a tough start to life in division 2, losing their first
two games. Hopefully player availability will now get better and results will improve.

The **Under 16s** have started by winning one of their first three games.

As ever, we would like to thank our hugely generous sponsors; Ian, Trevor and the
team at the Yeoman who have sponsored the new First team kit and Phil Panting for
sponsoring new match balls.

Fixtures:

Saturday 22nd October - Reserves Home to Faringdon

Saturday 29th October - Firsts Away to Milton
Reserves Home to Hatherop

Saturday 5th November - Reserves Home to ESSC

Saturday 12th November - Firsts Away to Hanborough
Reserves Away to Faringdon Reserves

Saturday 19th November - Firsts Home to Aston
Reserves Away to Witney Royals Reserves

Saturday 26th November - First Home to Charlbury
Reserves Away to Hatherop



Ben Symonds

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

Ben Symonds - Secretary: **bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk**

Simon Hole - Chairman: **Si_hole@hotmail.com**

www.pitchero.com/clubs/freelandfc/

Twitter: @freeland_fc

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

As we head into winter things have calmed down a little and we are preparing for next season already.

The cricket pitch has been scarified and reseeded, hopefully the pigeons haven't eaten everything, and we will start to see new growth in the next couple of weeks. The first cricket net has been concreted and the new mat will be added in the spring, we start work on the second net soon.

We are in need of additional coaches to support the growth of our children's teams, and we can support people onto courses and will subsidise their qualification. You will join a team of six coaches, so you won't be on your own, and you don't have to be a good cricketer to be a good coach. Let me know if you are interested.

The Women's Indoor League starts on **Saturday 12th November**. We are in a League with Steventon and E&W Hendred. We play 6 matches over 4 weeks.

We are planning for indoor junior training to start in February, and more details will be shared nearer the time.

We are always looking for new players in all of our teams from 5 year olds to adults in the Women's, and Cherwell League side. Please contact me if you are interested.

The next Pub Quiz is on **Wednesday 9th November** in the Yeoman at **8pm**.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

E: freelandcc.u11@gmail.com

Web: <https://freeland.play-cricket.com>

Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club

A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Government Inspector rejects a Net Zero approach for the Salt Cross development and a Cycling Path for Lower Road .

With two keystrokes, the Government inspector has rejected the zero carbon ambition for the Salt Cross development and a cycle path along Lower Road between Eynsham and Hanborough. West Oxfordshire District Council opened a public consultation on the inspector's 'Main Modifications'. To respond to the consultation please follow the link:

<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/>

Find document **CD7** 'Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications' then look up **MM4**, Policy 2 Net Zero Carbon Development and **MM24**, Policy 14 Active and Healthy Travel. The forms and guidelines how to respond to the consultation are provided.

Alternatively, you can just simply email your views on the inspector's modification to **planning.consultation@westoxon.gov.uk**, please remember to include your name and address.

Dr Lidia Arciszewska - Cabinet Member for Environment
District Councillor for Freeland and Hanborough Ward





THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH - FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER 2022

FREELAND VILLAGE HALL 12.30 - 3.30pm

Following last year's delivery service, we would love you to come in person to this Christmas Lunch and festivities, on Christmas Eve.

Our invitation is for you: if you live alone, or are elderly and would like some company, or could accompany a neighbour/family member, or would find it difficult to provide or cook a traditional Christmas meal.

Please fill in the form below or email one of the team, to come and join us.

Helpers needed:

December 23rd 8pm: To decorate the Hall and lay the tables ready for the meal on Christmas Eve.

December 24th 3.30pm: To take all the decorations down, clear up and put everything away like a team of well-trained Santa's elves.

Please email me on julie.st@btinternet.com if you are willing to sprinkle some Christmas sparkle, wash or sweep up - all very valuable skills !!



Dear Christmas Lunch team,

I/We would love to attend the Christmas Lunch on 24th December

Please could you reserve places.

Name: Address:

Contact Tel: Email:

Please return slips to or contact us for more information:

Julie Stuart-Thompson on 01993 880378 / julie.st@btinternet.com

Jane Linnell on 07437 330285

Ria and Graham Lay 139 Wroslyn Road



LONGER HANBOROUGH

As you may know, an application for outline planning permission to build 150 homes on the field north of the Witney Road (A4095) is scheduled to be determined by the Uplands Area Planning Sub-Committee at its meeting on **14th November** at WODC offices in Witney. You are all welcome to attend to observe or read out statements at the start.

As your elected representative and a member of Uplands, I have a legal obligation to consider every application with an open mind and cast my vote after giving due regard to all the evidence including the applicant's submission, the planning officers' assessment, and comments from statutory consultees, the Parish Council and the many submissions by residents. Since the decision is quasi-judicial and is based on the interpretation and application of various planning policies, it often takes a robust discussion among fellow members to make sure that it is clearly and soundly based on specific policy provisions. Many of you will know the planning history of this parcel of land known as "the North Field" starting with an application in April 2017 for 170 homes which was subsequently revised down to 161 homes. At a meeting of Uplands in December 2017 members resolved to accept the planning officer's recommendation to grant approval subject to the conclusion of some legal agreements. At the time, the District's Local Plan 2031 was "emerging", i.e., going through the process of examination by a planning inspector. The submitted Local Plan did not include the North Field as one of the strategic sites needed to meet the housing supply. On 30 April 2018 Uplands reconsidered the application in light of new archaeological evidence and the increasing legal weight being assigned to the emerging Local Plan and so resolved to refuse permission.

WODC formally adopted the Local Plan 2031 on 27 September 2018 and is now in the process of conducting a statutory review/update. Up until the Council meeting on 20 July 2022 the Council continued to claim it had a deliverable housing land supply in excess of 5 years as required under the Local Plan. Yet, this claim could not be demonstrated at an appeal inquiry held during 27 June – 6 July and the inspector found, in a judgement issued on 10 August, that the land supply was nearer 3.7 years. This has meant that the Local Plan is not up-to-date and so has lost weight in planning decisions and, as a result, a number of previously refused schemes around the district have been resurrected for potential approval under the National Planning Policy Framework with its presumption in favour of sustainable development unless there are clear reasons for refusal under policies in this Framework.

I have submitted more than a dozen written questions and will try to get to the bottom of this. In response to one of my questions at the meeting of the Cabinet of the new Alliance administration on 12 October, I was told: "Whilst I acknowledge that the District Council cannot currently demonstrate a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land, this is not a planning crisis, rather it is a common issue faced by many local authorities and requires a measured and robust plan of action. The Council is currently in the process of finalising a new Housing Land Supply Position Statement and Officers have been seeking additional information from landowners and developers to provide clearer evidence of anticipated delivery. It is anticipated that the updated position statement will be published later this month.

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Alongside this, the review of the Local Plan provides the opportunity to consider future housing needs and identify additional housing sites in a plan-led manner in consultation with local communities and other key stakeholders.”

I hope you found this useful and interesting. To be continued!

Dr Alaa Al-Yousuf – District Councillor

T: 880689 - M: 07768 898914 - E: alaa.alyousuf@westoxon.gov.uk



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING 2022

FREELAND VILLAGE HALL
Friday 2nd December
6.30pm

**Carols and seasonal songs
with Freeland Primary School**

Christmas Stalls including Teddy Girls' Tombola

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served!

Everyone welcome





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INTERESTED IN TABLE GAMES?

Does anyone fancy joining me in creating a small table games group in Freeland? I am thinking of popular games for two to five people, of which I have a considerable number to start us off, to meet monthly in either homes, pub or village hall depending on numbers. We could include Scrabble or Chess although they tend to be slightly specialist interests. If interested please contact me on **grahamwarby@hotmail.co.uk**

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Here we are, hurtling through autumn which can only mean that before you know it, Christmas books will be appearing in the Little Free Library!

Christmas books get donated throughout the year, so we save them up in storage, waiting until we get closer to December. There's a large assortment of cookbooks, children's Christmas picture books, adult fiction and Christmas-themed murder mysteries and romances, all of which will be added to the Little Free Library over the coming weeks. Please take as many as you like.



As always, you don't have to donate any books in order to take any, and you don't have to return them. We're not really a library at all, but more of a free book swap, where you can exchange old books for new.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity, and thank you to our wonderful volunteers who do such a great job keeping it all tidy and well-stocked.

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

01993 359 543 ruddlem@gmail.com

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2/10/2022

Now I'm not one to moan as you all know but what's all this about Mrs Trellis buying up some land east of the pickle factory to build a boating lake....surely it's pitchfork time!!!

This month's ramble took us on a circular route (or maybe a tad oblong) past things and over other stile like things. I remember seeing a tractor at one point and we avoided the cows to our credit but we didn't venture near there...no we never go near there!



As the seasons change you can only marvel at the various tree colours, reds and golds everywhere it's almost as if the change from warm to more damp weather causes the trees to rust....although I have been known to be wrong.

Oh, and there were 8 of us and a dog, in case you were wondering....I was.

Next month's Ramble is to Batsford Arboretum on **Sunday 6th November** leaving the Village Hall car park at **9.30am** **All are welcome to join us.** Don Quixote

FREELAND TEDDY GIRLS

Thank you from the Freeland Teddy Girls to everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on the 17th September in aid of Teams 4U Christmas Shoeboxes. We raised **£300** which will help provide gifts for needy children. This year the boxes are going to Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Kosova.

Special thanks go to Freeland Art Club for their wonderful display of paintings, Mr Tim Webster for his continued support, givers of prizes for our raffle, and the people who came to help us on the day.

FREELAND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Following the article in May's Grapevine by the Allotment Association regarding an opportunity for allotment expansion into the vacant field opposite the school, we also placed notices in the online village community group inviting villagers to sign up for a plot.

Unfortunately the limited interest shown in taking on a new plot was disappointing and meant there was not a business case to safely take the project forward. The main concerns were the substantial financial burden of developing the green field site and maintaining the minimum number of ploholders required to make the facility financially viable. Therefore we must reluctantly forego this particular opportunity.

Meanwhile we were approached by Spitfire Homes, who had been informed of our desire to expand plot numbers. They explained they were looking at a possible development of the neighbouring field to the current allotment site and would be willing to include additional plots as part of their overall submission. To clarify our position regarding the recently published Spitfire brochure, the Allotment Association wish to make it clear that it gave no undertaking to support any housing development as part of this offer.

We will continue to look for alternative sites to support those on the 15 strong waiting list. To get on the waiting list, please contact Jacky Scotney-Jones
scotneyjones00@gmail.com

John Howe - Chairman, Freeland Allotment Association

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our next talk is on **Tuesday 1st November** when Paul Barnett will be telling us about Dunkirk's little ships. Please note that this is a change to our previously advertised talk, which is now scheduled for May.

We meet in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SA**, and all our meetings start at **7.30pm**. 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**. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Talks for the rest of 2022: Tuesday 6th December

'Christmas at Blenheim' - Antonia Keaney



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

9 – 12 NOON, FREELAND VILLAGE HALL

£40 PER PERSON

Includes wreath base, decorations and festive refreshments

Join us for a relaxing, creative session making a beautiful Christmas wreath for your door or table. Learn a skill that you can use year after year!

*To book your place please email: **colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk***

A fundraising event for Freeland Women's Institute

Freeland WI group are organising a Wreath Workshop in Freeland Village Hall on Saturday 26th November from 9.00 - 12.00 noon, as advertised on the poster above. We will provide almost all you require: we do ask you to provide some suitable greenery to add to what we will already have. Instructions will be sent to tell you what type and how to prepare your greenery before the workshop.

We will guide you step-by-step through the creative process to ensure that you leave with a completely individual wreath.

This is the perfect activity for groups of friends, colleagues or individuals.

If you are interested, please send me an email at **colinandrosiejames@hotmail.co.uk** to find out more and book your place

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2022

It's Christmas Shoebox time! Please join us in sending out boxes full of love to needy children. Teams 4U value your help to bring joy to a child who has nothing and is living in one of the poorest and remotest parts of the world. Covered boxes and leaflets are available at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Please bring filled boxes to the Church before **Friday 18th November**. The Celebration Service for the boxes is at **6pm on Monday 14th November** at the High Street Methodist Church. This year the boxes are destined to go to children in Ukraine, Romania, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Kosova.



Thank you

WYCHWOOD FOREST TRUST - GIBBETS HALL CLOSE

We are very excited to finally announce the acquisition of our latest site, Gibbets Close Hill. Located between Witney and Eynsham Hall to the east, Gibbets Close Hill was a legacy gift from the late Michael Smith from whom WFT purchased our wonderful Grimes Mead nature reserve back in 2011.

At 20 hectares, our new reserve is more than twice the size of our popular Foxburrow Wood restoration site and presents us with a wealth of possibilities. The land has been quite benignly treated agricultural grassland for many decades, has a network of intact species-rich hedgerows that connect to the wider landscape, and boasts some amazing mature and veteran trees.

We have plenty of ideas about what we could do with the new site, but haven't yet made any firm decisions. At the moment, Gibbets Close Hill is a closed site and has no public access, but we plan to start taking guided walks around very soon for anyone interested in seeing our latest acquisition and talking about its potential. Keep an eye on the website for more details soon. **www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk**

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at **7.30pm**.

Meetings in **November** will be on **Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 15th**. There will be no meeting in December, with the Group restarting on **Tuesday 17th January**.

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



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<https://www.strava.com/clubs/HanFree-Run>



ADVANCE WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURES



To enable the construction of the new Park and Ride site being built near Eynsham, Oxfordshire County Council will implement a temporary road closure and speed restriction change along Cuckoo Lane from **Monday 24th October**.

A portion of Cuckoo Lane (from A40 heading northwards for 300m to the electricity substation) will be closed overnight (8pm-6am) from Monday 24th October to Saturday 12th November. There will be a speed limit reduction to **30mph** for the period **Monday 24th October to Saturday 31st December** in the same section.

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

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

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 proposed dates of the closure are from:

8am on Monday 24th October to 5pm on Friday 4th November 2022

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

M 24 Oct	Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm - Club AGM
W 26 Oct	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 30 Oct	End of British Summer Time - put your clocks back one hour at 2am
Su 30 Oct	Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm
M 31 Oct	Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
M 31 Oct	Light Event at St Mary's between 5 - 7pm - see page 9
Tu 1 Nov	The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
W 2 Nov	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Su 6 Nov	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - to Batsford Arboretum Leaving VH car park 9.30am
Tu 8 Nov	Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30 - 8.30pm
W 9 Nov	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Sa 12 Nov	Freeland Grapevine - December edition deadline day
M 14 Nov	Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
W 16 Nov	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 16 Nov	Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am
W 23 Nov	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 27 Nov	Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm
M 28 Nov	Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm '4 Seasons - Cotswolds Style'
W 30 Nov	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
M 30 Nov	Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
F 2 Dec	Christmas Tree Lighting Event - Village Hall, 6.30 pm - see p47 for details
Su 4 Dec	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
Su 4 Dec	Combe Mill Christmas Market www.combemill.co.uk
Tu 6 Dec	The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am

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Regular café first Tuesday of the month, **9.00 - 11.30am**, Freeland Hall.

BACON BUTTIES ARE BACK FOR NOVEMBER!

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **December** Grapevine is **Saturday 12th November.** The **December** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** or at **www.freelandpc.org.uk** from **Friday 25th November.**

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

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

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

Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Articles: freelandgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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

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