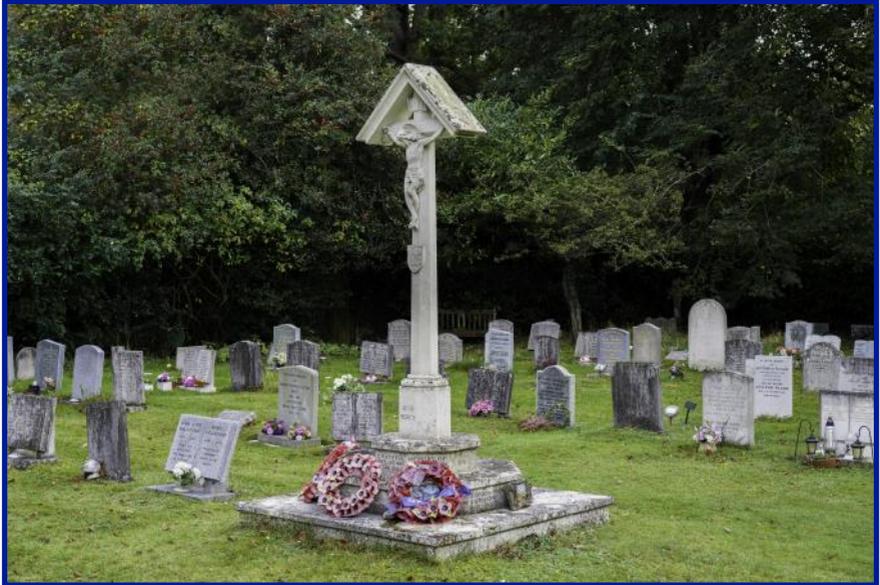




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#### Curates:

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01993 881936  
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Rev. Mike Madden  
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#### Weddings:

Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones  
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All sorts of interesting information about St Mary's can be seen on the "A Church Near You" website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/5863](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/5863)

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on 01993 881 001 or email: [print@associatedagencies.co.uk](mailto:print@associatedagencies.co.uk)

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at: <http://goo.gl/g53NJH>

While the church building is closed, St Mary's Junior Church is temporarily suspended. However children - with their parent(s) - are very welcome to join the online benefice service - see **page 7** for details. There is a craft activity every week.

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

11+ Hitchhikers are now meeting on a Sunday afternoon.

Please contact Rev. Sue Spankie ([revsue@gst.org.uk](mailto:revsue@gst.org.uk)) for more information.

The above information is correct at the date published (18/10/2020). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found at

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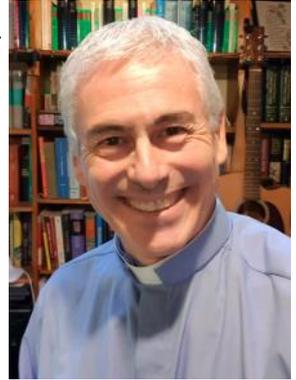
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## **APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR FOR THE BENEFICE OF HANBOROUGH AND FREELAND**

Following interviews in September we are really pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Steve Stewart to be the new Rector for the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland. Steve and Amanda and their daughters Hetty & Shona – will be moving from Cove Parish, where Steve is currently Associate Rector, to the Benefice in January 2021.

Steve's formal Institution and Induction Service will be held on **Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm.**



Claire Soanes, Louise Parker, Matt Andrews & Clive Berry – Parish Representatives

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## **ST MARY'S TOWER CLOCK**

The clock was working! After the engineer's visit at the beginning of September the clock kept perfect time for 4 weeks. However at the end of September it suddenly slowed and was striking and chiming, the hour (and half-hour), 23 minutes late. While we investigate the reason we have taken the strike hammer off.

The Churchwardens

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## **ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS**

Ringers at St Mary's and their friends would like to wish Lucy McGregor, a Freeland ringer, many congratulations on her marriage to Simon Moxon. The wedding took place at St Mary's on Saturday 10th October.

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](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)

## **HANBOROUGH AND FREELAND BENEFICE WORSHIP SERVICES**

As a Benefice, we are now holding some services of worship in person - please see **page 3** for more details, look at our website ([www.hanboroughparish.co.uk](http://www.hanboroughparish.co.uk)) or contact our administrator for up-to-date details of when these are being held, and for further information about joining us for worship in person.

Our 'Zoom' service continues at **10am** on **Sunday** morning. If you would like to join our Zoom service, please email: [administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk](mailto:administrator@hanboroughparish.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can also join services at **10.00am** every Sunday morning on the **Oxford Diocesan Livestream**. You can also catch up at any time.  
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# **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE at ST MARY'S**

There will be an outdoor Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's, Freeland on **Sunday 8th November at 10.45am** in the Churchyard.

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## **Letter from our Curate:**

Dear friends,

This month I want to return to the theme of what it means to 'love our neighbours' that I initially began to explore in August earlier this year.

In Luke Chapter 10, when Jesus was asked by a lawyer "Who is my neighbour?" he answers by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). In telling this story, Jesus describes how a traveller was beaten, robbed and left for dead along the road. While the injured traveller was lying on the ground, a priest came by, but deliberately avoided the injured man. Later, a lawyer also came by, but he too avoided the wounded man by crossing to the other side of the road. Finally, a Samaritan came by who helped the injured man, in an act of mercy and compassion, despite the fact that the Samaritans were known as foreigners and long-term enemies of the injured man. So, when Jesus asked, "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?", it was probably through gritted teeth that the lawyer mumbled, "The one who had mercy on him." To which Jesus replied, "Go and do likewise."

There is a great deal that we could learn from this parable told by Jesus, but three quick points are:

- ***We should love needy strangers, even foreigners*** - The neighbour we are required to love is often not one we choose, but one that life and circumstances choose for us. The injured man and the Samaritan wouldn't have chosen each other as neighbours. Indeed, they became neighbours when one of them randomly experienced adversity, and the other decided to show compassion, even though it cost them time and money.
- ***We should show love to our actual next-door neighbours*** - As G.K. Chesterton said, "We make our friends; we make our enemies, but God makes our next-door neighbours."
- ***Loving our neighbour in our families*** – Just like our next-door neighbours, we did not choose our families, loving our neighbour in the context of our families can sometimes be challenging. Perhaps now is to time to rise to that challenge.

As we head towards the winter with growing Covid-19 infection rates and potentially stricter lockdowns, it would be easy to think we are powerless in the face of our current adversity. Whereas in reality, this simple but radical teaching of Jesus to love our neighbour, empowers us to change the circumstances of people's lives. These practical expressions of neighbourly kindness could be anything such as a donations to local food banks, going shopping on behalf of our next-door neighbours, ringing isolated members of our families, or simply wearing a facemask to protect others. Perhaps now more than ever is the time to show love and compassion to needy strangers and foreigners, next-door neighbours and our families.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

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## **RIDE & STRIDE - Saturday 12th September 2020**

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the StRiders, visited churches or helped to make visitors welcome to St Mary the Virgin, Freeland; Christchurch and the Methodist Chapel, Long Hanborough and SS Peter & Paul, Church Hanborough. The amount raised for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust from the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland was **£543.00**. There were 7 visitors and 3 Striders.

John Fox



## **HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH**

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: [gillbreakspear@btinternet.com](mailto:gillbreakspear@btinternet.com)

Long Hanborough Methodist Church will be open for some church services as follows:

**Sunday 1st Nov - 10am** - Rev. Jason Cooke - at the Methodist Church

**Sunday 8th Nov - 10.45am at the Long Hanborough War Memorial - Remembrance Day Service** - service will be streamed online

**Sunday 15th Nov - 10am** - Andrew Maisey - at the Methodist Church

**Sunday 22nd Nov - 10am** - Mrs Penny Fowler - Zoom service

**Sunday 29th Nov - 10am** - Rev. Fred Ireland - at the Methodist Church

If you wish to join in on a Zoom service, please contact Gill - details as above.

We look forward to welcoming you all - whether in our Church or on Zoom!

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

As with many other village organisations, we are still not able to meet as we used to, so keep in touch with e-mails & the occasional visits to member's homes. I know many are continuing to make items for the annual Shoebox appeal, which is still going forward in November and we are all just waiting for Covid to go away!

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**Our Church is now OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS** but only on **Saturday** night at **5.00pm** and **Sunday** morning at **10.00am**.

Everyone has to be masked and appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures are in place with stewards on duty to make sure everyone keeps to the Regulations.

Capacity is limited so the Church only opens 15 minutes before each Mass and it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you. So far there has always been room for everyone.

**Father Mark, the Parish Priest,** still says Mass privately every weekday inside the Church. This means that you can always contact him to ask for special prayers. Just remember that you are being prayed for.

You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online.

**Churchservices.tv** is a platform that connects communities and provides churches with a space to broadcast – particularly Mass, Adoration and prayer.

**https://www.mcnmedia.tv/** is another platform that does the same and includes Corpus Christi, Headington in Oxford

Blackfriars, Oxford is the Catholic House of Dominican Friars in Oxford and the advantage of going to this site **https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz** is that instead of seeing a single priest you see the whole religious community taking part and you can either view this live or view it when it suits you as they are all recorded.

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – LISA’S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **New storage building on field**

Many of you may have noticed the work taking place on the playing field in the far corner. This work is to erect a new metal storage building which can then be used to house the tractor and mower that were purchased last year, together with other sports equipment that are used by the Football and Cricket Clubs. This building is being funded by S106 money that was obtained from the 41-house development on the A4095. It is anticipated that by the time you read this it will be completed. Work will then be carried out to slightly relocate the current footpath by Blenheim Lane so maintain access to the field in this corner.

Some shockwave treatment will also be carried out on the playing field shortly to help to improve the drainage. Every year the field floods quite badly in places and this then prevents the football club from using the field for their matches. Some verti-draining work was carried out earlier this year, and it is hoped that the shockwave treatment will also help to alleviate the flooding problems usually experienced.

### **New salt bin**

A new winter salt bin has been ordered which will be placed by the village hall car park so that it can be used as required if we get a hard winter. It should hopefully be arriving in the next month.

### **Coronavirus – an update**

As reported last month the central phone line **01993 651330** has now been cancelled and will no longer operate.

For anyone who is particularly worried about managing with prescription collections, please speak to the pharmacy on **01993 880351** to see if you can be put on their list for direct deliveries from them.

We have decided to keep the food bank going for the time being, so please continue to donate as and when you can (non-perishable goods only please).

Whilst we have no immediate plans to re-introduce the helpline, we are keeping things under constant review in line with Government advice and restrictions. Things are changing all the time so if restrictions get tighter and we feel the need to set up the helpline again, I will of course keep you informed.

### **Planning Applications:**

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at **[www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning](http://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 Approved: None.**

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**20/02311/LBC Pipers, 163 Wroslyn Road, Freeland.**

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**Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on

**Monday 16th November at 7.30pm.** Details of how to join the meeting will be available from **Wednesday 11th November** on the village website (under Parish Council/Agendas) and the notice boards or by contacting me at **[lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)**

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **[www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)** . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email **[lisa.fpc@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.fpc@gmail.com)** .

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**BEAR & MONKEY**

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Meanwhile they want to tell you about a very special event that is coming up shortly – to which you are all invited. Bear & Monkey’s

favourite charity (**<https://msiziafrica.org.uk/>**) is holding a fun-filled, festive family Quiz on **Wednesday 25th November at 7pm.**

It will be held on Zoom but you don’t need to download anything – you will be sent a link to join. You can play on your own, with family, friends or colleagues and you can have any number of people in your team. Bear & Monkey will be playing with family and friends from Freeland, Oxford, Barry and Cardiff and they will all be linking up using their own WhatsApp group.

As an extra bonus, a very supportive corporate donor has said that they will double-match each person’s entry price of **£10**. So this means that for every person that plays (and pays their **£10**) Msizi Africa will receive **£30** - which is enough to feed a child, every day, for a whole month. So if you play, you have fun and feed a child for a month – brilliant! Please contact Bear & Monkey’s Quiz Master (John Clark) if you’d like to play or wish to know more.



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#### **News**

We did a sponsored dance to raise money for a new climbing frame for the garden that we share with the foundation stage class at Freeland Primary School. The children all came in fancy dress.

This month we will be learning all about different festivals that are celebrated around the world.

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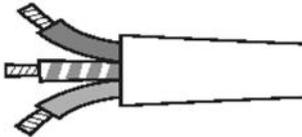
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## 1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

Date for your diary! We will be having our delayed AGM on **Friday 27th November at 7pm**, via Zoom, where we will outline our plans for the coming year, look at our finances and fill positions on our committee. Zoom details will be sent to parents and carers nearer the time. Please do join us online if you can.

The group leaders have been busy writing extensive risk assessments to meet the stringent requirements from the national Scouts organisation and to follow the most recent government guidelines.

Following all that hard work, we have now started to engage with our young people once again! All parents and carers of our young people have been contacted with details of how we are currently operating.

**Explorers** are aiming to meet up every two weeks, usually on Saturdays and always outside, undertaking different activities such as hikes.

**Cubs** are meeting virtually every Wednesday on Zoom to join in fun activities at home such as cooking, quizzes and working on their fire safety badges. Cubs are also hoping to meet up outside twice a month for night hikes or orienteering, weather permitting.

**Beavers** are currently earning badges by taking part in activities at home and then sending photos to the leaders to show their hard work. So far they have been achieving their explorer badges and cooking badges. A big thank you to Ian for taking on the leadership role for Beavers, he's doing a great job!

We are expecting to need more volunteers to help us keep going during this challenging time. Please contact Adam, our Group Scout Leader, by email:

**[gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk)** to find out how you can get involved with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Autumn has definitely arrived and the spectacular variety of colours are wonderful. The beech trees in Blenheim should be in full colour soon.

In the garden it is a time for clearing beds of summer bedding and spent perennials and taking stock of any plants that have spread too far or that you no longer want. This leaves space to plant bulbs and spring bedding such as wallflowers. Planting while the soil is still relatively warm is a good time to give them a start before the winter. If planting tulips as well leave them till November to plant to prevent tulip blight.

The frequent rain has filled the water butts ready for the drier times. All soft fruit is now over and it might be a good time to look up how and when to prune them. There has been a good harvest of apples from most trees. Before the winter put sticky tape or special sticky gel round the trunks of the trees to prevent moths from climbing up the tree to lay eggs in the developing fruit.

The Club Annual General Meeting and speaker meetings have been postponed until the situation allows them to restart. We hope that time won't be too long in coming!

Best wishes to all our members and keep gardening.

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)



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## CONNECT FOR CHRISTMAS

We are unable to hold our usual tree lighting event this year because of the uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 virus.

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Tea, coffee and breakfast rolls available from The Yeoman from **9.30am**

**Money raised this month will go to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**Next markets will be held on Sundays 22nd November & 13th December**

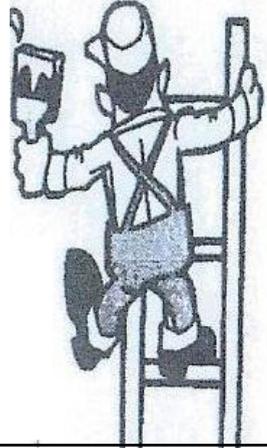
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All funds raised from the cans will be donated to Freeland Pre-School.

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**Mondays and Tuesdays closed. Last admission will be 4.30pm**

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## THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2020

The bad news is that we are going to have to cancel the Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall for 2020. The team who have run the event for the last two years, were all ready to go again this year but unfortunately the current conditions make it impossible for us all to gather together.

The good news is that the team still intends to cook Christmas meals for those who would like one. We can deliver you a meal(s) on Christmas Eve, with full instructions on reheating. Let's hope that next year allows more community events to take place.

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## FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

The season finally ended at the end of September with 2 matches on a very cold Saturday. Firstly the Women's team beat their Eynsham rivals by 50 runs to complete a hat-trick of hardball cricket wins this season. Secondly the Under 13s took on All Comers in a pairs cricket match. This pitched children against siblings and parents. The All Comers won, but only just, if we repeat the match next year the Under 13s will get closer. Afterwards we retired to the pub, where we hand made 56 pizzas for cold and hungry players and their families.

At the beginning of October, we winterised the cricket square, which basically means removing the top half inch of the cricket square, approximately 480 square metres, and then reseeding it. Many thanks to Simon Hole for his expert advice and support.

You will have seen that the new garage has been erected and we cannot wait to be able to use this fantastic new village asset. We would like to thank the Parish Council for the funding and building of this.

Further good news has come from the English Cricket Board, under their emergency funding we have been awarded a grant for **£1500** which will go towards a new cricket pitch mower, which will likely cost around **£2500**. We are very grateful to the Oxfordshire Cricket Board and the Parish Council for their support in gaining this award.

As we head into winter, our Junior County players are going through their county assessments, and we hope to enter the Indoor Leagues again, but these will be linked to National Rules associated with Covid-19.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in November. We will decide how this will be held, given the current restrictions, and more info will be available on our Facebook page.

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## **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANGY PICKETT**

Mike would like to thank all friends and neighbours for cards and words of support he has received after the passing of his dear wife Angy. They have been residents of Freeland for over 44 years.

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## **EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP**

We are pleased to announce that Eynsham Medical Group has been selected to be a recruitment site to a large scale Covid vaccine trial. The trial will be starting in mid-November and we will be seeking about 170 volunteers from our adult population from Eynsham Medical Centre and Long Hanborough Surgery to participate.

Like all of the other Covid vaccine studies it is what is called a “double blinded” trial, meaning that half of the group will get the vaccination and half will get a placebo injection of saline. The vaccination visits will take place at Eynsham Medical Centre. Some follow up visits will be required but any travel expenses will be paid for. Follow up of volunteers is for 2 years and with any Covid like illness in that timescale you would see one of the medical team to be assessed.

We look forward to the community’s involvement in this important trial and the surgery’s research team will make contact in due course.

Dr Ian Binnian  
Research Lead GP,  
Eynsham Medical Group

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## **UPDATE FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - Getting ready for Winter 2020/21**

Staff from OUH will be working with colleagues from hospitals, GP practices, social services, ambulance services, mental health and community services, and charities as a Winter Team to provide safe, effective and sustainable care for people across Oxfordshire.

This Team Oxfordshire approach has proved successful for the last two winters and will be particularly important this year as the county’s health and care system prepares for Winter 2020/21 while also doing everything possible to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Sam Foster, our Chief Nursing Officer says: "Now more than ever, the Winter team's priority is to ensure that people who need medical treatment are able to access services to get the care they need. We are still focused on our 'home first' approach, making sure that people who really need hospital care can be seen, and can also be treated closer to home when its safe and appropriate. COVID-19 means that this year looks very different - it's even more important that people have a winter plan to look after themselves and stay healthy, and if they do need help, to use healthcare services in the most effective and appropriate way."



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## **YVONNE BALFOUR**

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## **FREELAND WI**

We are delighted to start this month's report with an event that did take place and it wasn't a virtual one! Two of our members, Maggie Ridley and Marilyn Trigg completed a sponsored walk, in aid of WI, on Friday 9th October. Their 20 mile route started at Thrupp, walking and then returning along the canal path. Thankfully the weather was kind to them. Thank you to their sponsors; if you still wish to contribute it's not too late. Please drop off any sponsorship donations can at 16 Walkers Close or 31 Wroslyn Road.

We continue to make every effort to keep in touch with our members. As well as our monthly newsletter which we introduced in March, we have also set up a telephone tree, which has enabled committee members to catch up with our members on a regular basis. Sometimes this has been alternated with a keep in touch card. Since March the committee have held two socially distanced meetings in a member's garden and made plans, which unfortunately have had to be put on hold due to changes in what we are allowed to do.

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

Members have all been receiving our digital copy of News and Views with information about talks the federation have set up via Zoom which we can sign into. If you go to the website given and click the book now button you will be sent the details you need to log in.

### **WI Climate Advisor Tip from Rosie Smith**

#### **Be prepared to accept a change in your way of life:**

The Covid-19 crisis has shown us that the world can pull together and change its habits in order to tackle a worldwide crisis. Our government has passed a law obliging the country to cut carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. An upheaval in our lifestyles and a change in our habits is the only way to meet this and other targets.

**<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-49997755>**

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

Further information is available on our website:

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Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or email **[freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)** Our President Aileen Tattam can be contacted on **[atattam@outlook.com](mailto:atattam@outlook.com)** or on **01993 881526**

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# **POPPY APPEAL 29th OCTOBER - 11th NOVEMBER 2020**



Regretfully I must inform the supporters of the Poppy Appeal in Freeland that under a directive from The Royal British Legion we are unable to carry out door to door collections this year.

In order for those who wish to donate and collect a poppy we will be setting up a table outside Freeland Village Hall on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 11 am to 2 pm on each day.**

In addition Freeland Garden Centre and the Yeoman Public House have kindly agreed to place a collecting tin and poppies on their premises during the Remembrance period.

As we have a Farmers' Market on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, a collecting tin will be available for anyone wishing to donate and poppies **will** be available.

A great big thank you to everyone who supports this worthy cause so generously and hopefully we will be back to normal collections next year.

For further information on how to donate or about the work carried out by The Royal British Legion please go to **[www.rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal](http://www.rbl.org.uk/poppyp appeal)**

Take care everyone & we look forward to seeing some familiar faces on the dates above.

Angela Spriggs **01993 881555**

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Both Little Free Libraries have boxes next to them where you can leave donated books if the shelves are too full. (The Little Free Library by the village hall has a box located directly behind the wooden bus shelter). Please use these boxes instead of putting too many books on the shelves or leaving bags of books on the floor.

Our volunteers do a great job of maintaining the Little Free Library; they sort out donated books, re-stock the shelves and tidy every thing up regularly so that you can always find good quality books. A big thank you to Sue, Jenny, Fi and Caroline for all that they do!

Thank you also for all the recent donations! Our shelves are always well-stocked so please do take as many books as you like. Remember that you don't have to return them; you can keep them or pass them onto someone else if you like.

Young children's picture books are particularly popular and they seem to fly off the shelves so any donations of those are always appreciated!

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

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However, we have decided to offer ready-made wreaths. For more information please contact us on either of the emails below and we will send you pictures & further details.

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As previously mentioned, this is the last draw for the time being due to the current situation, we will hopefully start up again when it is safe to do so! I would just like to say a massive thank you to all who have been members of the FFC 200 Club, it has been greatly appreciated, and your contribution has helped to the success of both the Youth and Men's Teams over the many years that it's been running, Thank you once again.



Jon Langford (FFC President)

Due to fixture schedules, the **First** team have only played one game this month, going down 4-0 to a strong Marston side.

The **U17s** have played two, beating Kidlington 5-0 and being defeated by a strong Banbury Irish side.

The **U14s** have played 3 League games, winning one, and won their first Cup game comfortably, beating Carterton 5-0.

Our latest fixtures are:

<b>Saturday 24th October</b>	<b>Home</b> to Garsington
<b>Saturday 31st October</b>	<b>Away</b> to Chesterton
<b>Saturday 14th November</b>	<b>Home</b> to Hanborough
<b>Saturday 21st November</b>	<b>Away</b> to Summertown

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## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

**Sunday 13th December:** We will be launching the **2020 OX29 Story Collection** at the Freeland Farmers' market. More details to follow.

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## **NEWS FROM COMBE MILL**

The River Evenlode decided to steal the show on our first open Wednesday - please check the website ([www.combemill.org](http://www.combemill.org)) to see whether daily conditions allow visitors to come.



By the time this edition is out, pumpkin carving will have happened and our normal closure for winter plans will have begun. It has been a really difficult year for the volunteers, missing their colleagues who were shielding and seeing the beloved Mill closed to visitors.

We hope to see you back in 2021.

Julie Stuart-Thompson  
Trustee of Combe Mill

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## **NEXT STEPS FOR SALT CROSS GARDEN VILLAGE**

The consultation on the Area Action Plan (AAP) for Salt Cross garden village has closed.

The next steps will see the plan submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and a Planning Inspector appointed to examine whether it is sound and legally compliant.

The examination hearings are likely to take place in January 2021, after which the inspector will produce a report. Depending on the outcome of the report, the District Council hopes to be in a position to adopt the AAP in spring 2021.

Cllr Jeff Haine, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, said: "The AAP that has been submitted is the culmination of two years' work which has involved extensive public consultation.

"It establishes an ambitious vision for Salt Cross garden village, underpinned by a series of key objectives and policies that will be used alongside the Local Plan and Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan to determine future development proposals. The aim is to ensure the garden village is an exemplar model of sustainable living in the 21st century."

The AAP will provide the next level of detail in the legislative framework against which the recently submitted outline planning application will be measured.

Grosvenor Britain & Ireland last month lodged an outline planning application for the Salt Cross site.

The masterplan sets out provision for 2,200 homes, new primary and secondary schools, sports facilities, parks, allotments and 57,000 sq metres of employment space. The new employment park is designed in particular to attract advanced manufacturing businesses.

## **THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET**

Witney      08.30 - 13.30      Fri 23 October      Fri 27 November  
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Details of other Farmers' Markets at [www.tvfm.org.uk](http://www.tvfm.org.uk)



## **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at 7.30pm, for the foreseeable future. Meetings in **November** are on **Tuesday 3rd and 17th**.

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

## **WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT U3A**

Although Covid-19 continues to bedevil U3A's programme, plenty goes on in the Branch. Members can access a series of



on-line events organised by U3A's Thames Valley Network (TVN). Coming up on **Wednesday 11th November** is an illustrated talk on 'Portraits of Elizabeth I'; while in October TVN offered a 'Ukelele Beginners Day', for those 'dipping a toe into this musical genre'. Worth taking a look at TVN's website ([u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk)).

The work of our individual interest groups remains central to the Branch's health, and much has continued throughout lock-down. Sadly, no Scrabble, Bridge or Board Games, but the Walking Group have been out and about – sociably distanced, no doubt. The Craft group circulates a monthly newsletter showing how its members beaver away at their specialisms. The Book group, too, meet monthly by Zoom to discuss books and poetry and those doughty Recorder players, featured here before, also meet on Zoom each week and 'play muted from an onscreen score'. Less energetically, perhaps, members of our two Play Reading groups have kept in touch by mail and email, with the occasional on-line quiz.

September saw the return – perforce on-line - of our monthly Speaker Meeting with Andy Pedley, a Woodstock Branch member, providing a talk on “The Spirit of the Hive”, a look at the life-cycle of the honeybee, while. October's talk was provided by Katrina Van Grouw on “From Art to Zoology: A story of Evolution”.

That Battle of Britain spirit, one feels, lives on here in U3A.

Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- Su 25 Oct** **END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME! Clocks go back an hour**  
**Su 25 Oct** **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
W 28 Oct Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**29 Oct - 11 Nov** **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - see page 35**  
W 4 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
W 11 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
**M 16 Nov** **Freeland Parish Council 'Zoom' Virtual Meeting, 7.30pm**  
W 18 Nov Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**Su 22 Nov** **Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm**  
W 25 Nov Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection  
W 2 Dec Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection

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