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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:
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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

The above information is correct at the date published (20/03/2022). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our new website at: www.hfchurch.org.uk

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The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 3rd April 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 17th April 9.30am - 10.00am

Practices are held on **Monday** nights from **7.30pm to 9.00pm**

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

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Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:

The last time I wrote an article for this magazine, for the February edition, Covid restrictions were due to be lifted, and we hoped to get back to a sense of something a little bit more like normality. Little did we know that as I now write, the Russians would be waging war in the Ukraine. With our TV screens and social media inundated with images of fleeing refugees and the destruction of everything from airports to children and maternity hospitals, bringing the spectre of escalation to full out war in Europe, our current anxiety levels may well be exceeding those felt during the heights of the pandemic.

The question is, how do we cope with this emotionally? In the utterly destabilising and disturbing times in which we live, I turn to the certainties of Jesus Christ and the love of God. And I thank God that faith in Jesus Christ is not something (contrary to popular myth) rooted in a desperate wish for something better, but in the phenomenally well-attested historical certainties of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The documentary, archaeological and other forensic evidence supporting the account of Jesus in the Gospels is overwhelming. It is these certainties, and not our emotions, which are the root of the Christian faith.

In each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, what they are explicit about presenting is *eyewitness testimony* to the things which they saw, touched and heard regarding Jesus. And what the Bible reveals to us above all things is that God loves us and longs for us to enter into a relationship with us – a relationship made possible through the cross of Jesus Christ.

And in these most disturbing days of lies, we can find great comfort, certain hope, and *concrete truth* in Christ Jesus. If you would like to learn more about these things, simply join us at any of our churches on a Sunday morning (see hfchurch.org.uk) or contact me for a chat at rector@hfchurch.org.uk

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,
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Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday 10am - Communion at St Mary's

Friday 15th April Good Friday 2pm - Whole Benefice Meditation at St Mary's (crafts will be available for children - more details & location at hfchurch.org.uk).

Sunday 17th April Easter Day 10am - Easter Communion at St Mary's

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| Sunday 27th March | 10am Jeanne Taylor |
| Sunday 3rd April | 10am Rev. Fred Ireland |
| Sunday 10th April | 10am Rev. Hedley Feast |
| Thurs 14th April | 7pm Maundy Thursday service led by Rev. Charles Harris |
| Friday 15th April | 10am Good Friday service led by Mr David Sarbutts |
| Sunday 17th April | 10am Easter Sunday service led by Rev. Fred Ireland (HC) |
| Sunday 24th April | 10am Rev. Charles Harris |
| Sunday 1st May | 10am Mr Chris Stratton |

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – LISA’S NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2022

Inspired Villages Planning Application

Still no news on this at the moment, we are still awaiting a decision from the planning officer.

Parish Clerk vacancy

As I type these notes, interviews are taking place for my replacement and I will of course update you all as soon as possible with who will be the new Clerk.

Traffic Calming in Freeland – possible 20mph limit

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Our County Councillor, Liam Walker, reported the results at the February meeting. The village was very split, with 124 responses being received. Of the 124, 52 were in support of a 20mph limit, and 63 were against. However, the comments were important to note, because many of the residents who didn't support the 20mph limit through the whole village were in support of a 20mph limit in certain zones in the village such as by the school and pub. After reading through the results and comments, Liam advised that he felt there was a strong case to support a 20mph limit in certain zoned areas of the village and he would be happy to support this. The Parish Council have therefore decided to apply for a 20mph limit in zoned areas of the village, to include the school area and village hall area. As this may take a while to implement (possibly a few years), the Parish Council will also continue to investigate and implement other ways to try and calm the traffic through the village.

Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 22nd April 2022

As previously advised, the Parish Council are going GREEN this year with an environmental theme for the APM!

The topics for discussion have now been agreed and will be:

Freeland 2030 – A Vision – What do you think Freeland will look like in 10 or 20 years' time? How would you like it to look? How will the Garden Village impact on development in Freeland? Come along and have your say and see if a Neighbourhood Plan is the way forward.

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Sustainability in Freeland – A local resident, Christian Silk, will give a talk on how we can all do more to improve sustainability in the village so that a lasting legacy is left for future generations.

Do come along and listen to the discussions and join in. We look forward to welcoming you!

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“Plant a tree for the Jubilee” - tree saplings

You may have noticed that some tree saplings have been planted at various locations around the village. These locations were identified by the Freeland Naturehood group and approved by the Parish Council. The 15 tree saplings were donated to the Parish Council by the Woodland Trust on behalf of the Queen’s Green Canopy project that is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee by encouraging individuals and community groups from across the UK to “plant a tree for the jubilee” in celebration of the Queen’s 70 years of service.

The tree saplings that have been planted are a mixture of hazel, hawthorn and crab apple and it would be really lovely if the residents whose properties are next to the trees could nurture the trees by keeping them well watered and just generally tended. The saplings are 20-60cm tall, and saplings this size establish very quickly and can reach an adult’s head height in around 8 years. The saplings are also self-supporting so they don’t need large stakes to keep them secure. If there are any queries about where the trees have been planted please do get in touch.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Please, please can we have some willing volunteers to step forward and offer some help to make this event a success! We really want this day to be a fabulous community day that everyone can enjoy, but we can’t do this on our own!

We just need some willing volunteers who are good at organising to help co-ordinate the day and make it a roaring success! The last one we had 10 years ago for the Diamond Jubilee was a brilliant fun filled community day, and we’d love to do the same again!

The date of the event is **Sunday 5th June 2022** which is during the extended bank holiday weekend. Please encourage your club members to come along and bring a picnic lunch, and we hope to have some stalls and activities available for residents to enjoy on the field.

Bus shelter on A4095

You may well have noticed that work on the new bus shelter by the Mears Homes development on the A4095 has finally started and the base for the shelter has been prepared, together with a new bus stop sign. We now await the shelter itself to be installed, hopefully in the not too distant future!

First and Last Mile

Talking of buses, First and Last Mile are up and running and doing a great job in providing a bus service to Freelanders. They are in desperate need of more volunteer drivers, so if you have a standard driving licence obtained before 1997 and can spare a few hours they would love to hear from you! Please support this service where possible, if we don’t use it, we risk losing it!, which would be a real shame after all their hard work in getting the service up & running. See **page 33** for more information.

Speedwatch

Two new locations had now been approved for Speedwatch activities, one by the entrance to Freeland House Nursing Home, and the other was by the bench opposite 146 Wrosly Road.

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It has already been noted that their activities are having an impact with average speeds having definitely reduced due to the presence of the Speedwatch team. The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks to the Speedwatch team for carrying out this valuable work.

Help for Ukraine refugees

The Parish Council is aware of multiple residents in Freeland willing to house refugees and we are looking at ways to coordinate Ukrainian families known to one another. If anyone has any information or is willing to help, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you and Cheerio!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the residents for your friendliness and courtesy during my time as Clerk. It has been my absolute pleasure serving the village for the past 13 years and as I look forward to my new challenges ahead, I will think back fondly on my time on the Parish Council. I would also like to wish the current Councillors well going forward and thank each and every one of them for their support to me in my role, as well as the previous Councillors and Chairmen. This will probably be my last set of notes, although I will probably be around for a bit longer to help with a handover to the new Clerk. I know you will all give them a warm welcome and treat them with the courtesy and respect they deserve. I'm sure I will still see many of you around the village, but for now thank you and cheerio!

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed on line from the Village Website at www.freelandoxon.co.uk (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or via the WODC website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning . You can also contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420** and view the documents at Woodgreen Council Offices.

Applications Received: None

Applications Approved: None

Applications Withdrawn:

22/00137/HHD 21 Parklands, Freeland.

Two storey and single storey side and front extensions for Mrs S Cooper.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Friday 22nd April 2022, at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

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 village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via www.freelandoxon.co.uk . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on 01993 880067 or email lisa.fpc@gmail.com**

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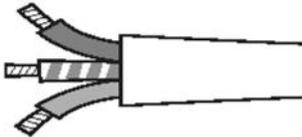
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Friday 22nd April 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This year we are going **green!** Come along and hear what your Parish Council has been up to over the past year, and also listen to some speakers on environmental themes:

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- **Sustainability in Freeland** – A local resident, Christian Silk, will give a talk on how we can all do more to improve sustainability in the village so that a lasting legacy is left for future generations.
- **WODC/OCC going green!** - Come and listen to your local Councillors discuss what the County and District Councils are doing to reduce their carbon footprints and become greener Councils.

Plus hear reports from your Parish Council Chairman and your local Police.

This is an informal meeting and all residents are invited.

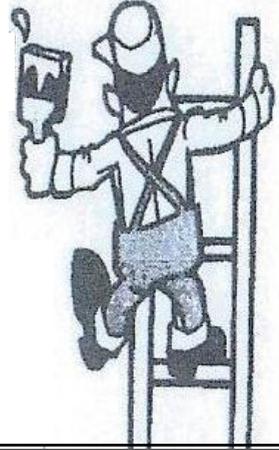
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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

We are preparing for the new season to start at the beginning of May.

The children's hard ball cricket training has been running at Cokethorpe School and this has been great fun, with almost 40 children attending each week. The adult league team nets has been held after coaching so by the time we get to May we should be warmed up enough! The women's softball team have joined Eynsham women for training on Friday evenings.



We have purchased the new matting for the net, and we will be laying this in the next few weeks. Many thanks once again to Ian Wollard's Academy Partnership for their sponsorship donation which has enabled the club to buy the matting. The matting was originally laid over 18 years ago, and has been used by hundreds of Freelanders, so is in desperate need of upgrading. The recent storms have also damaged the netting, so we are looking into replacing this too.

We hope to have the children's fixtures in the next few weeks, and all fixtures will be on the Cricket Club's website.

Paul Salway, our secretary will be sending out membership forms to players and their families in the next few weeks.

Also, in the next few weeks, the tarpaulins will be put over the covers and we would appreciate parents reminding their children not to climb on these, as they are fragile and very expensive to replace. There will be more work on the cricket square, with lots more cutting and rolling.

If anyone wants to play cricket or if their children are interested please contact me on the details below.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

E: freelandcc.ul1@gmail.com

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

Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

The aluminium storage area has now been cleared and this time the cans have raised a grand total of **£185**. This is a great total, and improved, sadly, by the recent increase in metal prices on the back of the terrible conflict in Ukraine.

To my great delight the Pre-School have asked me to donate the **£185** to the well known charity Save the Children towards their Ukraine appeal. This is a lovely gesture and will hopefully help in a small way towards supporting children affected by the awful scenes we are all seeing at the moment.

Thank you for your continued support with the aluminium collection.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



The **First** team this month have played two games, they beat Bampton in a thrilling 3-2 win and were awarded a walk over against Bletchingdon. This leaves them top of the League with 4 games left to play.

The **Reserves** have played four; winning three and losing one. The best of the wins coming against Stonesfield Reserves when Freeland won 7-0. They currently sit 2nd and have a good chance of promotion. They also have a semi-final to look forward to, coming up on **Tuesday 29th March** at Clanfield FC against Hailey Reserves.

The **Under 15s** are currently sitting mid table in their Spring League, having won 2 and lost 1 this month.

Everyone at the Football Club would like to wish former Chairman, Wing Weasel and MBC Matt Hardy huge congratulations on his engagement to Charly!

The **Under 15s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - stu.mac@aol.com

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A gentle reminder: please don't leave bags or boxes of books on the floor; they can easily get damaged by the weather, and if the drop-boxes are already full then we have nowhere else to store them.

Also, please consider donating specialist non-fiction books to charity shops, where they are more likely to have an audience. Books that have limited appeal tend to not get taken from the Little Free Library and our volunteers have to take them to charity shops instead.

It's been two years now since we opened the "big" Little Free Library opposite the pub. A huge thank you goes to our amazing team of volunteers who do an outstanding job looking after it. Thank you Sue, Fi, Jenny and Caroline for all that you do!

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Neil Kenny, and his wife, from Larchfield Trees near Coventry came on 28th February and gave an excellent talk on 'Acers - myth busting'. Their Nursery has over 30 varieties of Acers, mostly grown from grafting onto the root stock they grow from seeds. The first myth he busted - Acers are not acid loving plants. What they need is any open free draining soil because their roots need to breathe. He said Acers in pots need to be fed with something like Miraclegrow every 3 weeks and need to be repotted sometimes yearly.

When potting all they need is a plastic pot one size up from the one they are in. Put some soil in the bottom of the pot then cover this with a layer of grit, put the plant in on top of the grit and fill around with soil. Roots can be trimmed if they are dangly. The potted Acer should then be placed in a larger ceramic pot with a layer of grit at the bottom and grit filling the larger pot. When repotting, water with a diluted sugar solution but not at other times. When planting in the ground add a layer of grit to the hole and a good quantity of composted bark works well. They do not thrive in clay soil. Do not over water them. The green varieties prefer a shady site, other varieties can be in full sun. The Nursery does not sell by mail order, only at gardening shows.

There has been a change of speaker, from the programme cards, at the meeting on **Monday 28th March at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall. Andrew Mikolaski will now give a talk on 'Practical Pots'. Mary Fenton will now come on **Monday 23rd May** instead. Howard Drury, a favourite speaker, is coming on **Monday 25th April at 7.30pm**, in Freeland Hall, to test our horticultural knowledge with 'A Musical Garden Quiz', which should be fun! A Hamper Raffle will take place at the April meeting. Items for the hampers can be left at Caroline Taylor's house, Old Upper Farm on the corner of Broadmarsh Lane, nearest to the Church.

Don't forget to take your current Gardening Club programme card when buying plants to get a 10% discount.

There is a sale of Plants and Gardening Items at every Hall meeting.

Jobs to be done presently involve weeding, planting veg and flower seeds, lawn mowing and generally preparing beds for summer bedding and produce. Apple and pear trees should be pruned and planting of bare root plants.

At the Committee meeting on 16th March we shall be discussing whether to restart the Day Coach Outings again.

Visitors and new members very welcome at all meetings.

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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 **April** will be on **Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th**.

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We started on the basics of Crochet in March, learning to do chain stitch; single crochet; double & treble crochet stitches with which we made these simple book marks. We found out the difference between American and UK crochet terms and will soon progress onto various patterns of “Granny” squares.

We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Newell Room of the Village Hall.

There is a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover heating/lighting & booking fees.

We are a friendly group and would love to welcome new members.

For further information, please contact: Helen Molden **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright **01993 881316** (margaret.wright160@gmail.com)

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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

In Summer 2023, more than 40,000 Scouts from all over the world will gather in South Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree. The World Scout Jamboree is a World Organisation of the Scout Movement event; it happens every four years, each time hosted by a different country.

We are delighted to tell you that Will Blackmore and Beth Soanes, both from our Hanborough Freeland Explorer Scouts, were selected, along with 34 others from 180 applicants in Oxfordshire, to go to South Korea.

The selection process included written applications and a weekend of team building activities, where they were rigorously assessed for their suitability before being selected for the Jamboree.

Will and Beth will need to raise a minimum of £3,000 each towards this event. Please look out for the local events and activities to help support these young people on this amazing adventure!

Meanwhile, our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have been doing all kinds of fun activities such as making Welsh cakes, learning about food banks, trying orienteering, making Warhammer figures, flipping pancakes, trying an egg drop challenge and playing games!

Are you a parent or carer to a toddler or preschool-age child? Now is the time to sign them up on our waiting list! Children are eligible to join Beavers when they reach their sixth birthday.

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The following members were elected to the Committee.

Aileen Tattam
Rosie James
Marilyn Trigg
Anne Marvin
Maggie Ridley
Veronica Riley
Di Roberts



Aileen Tattam was re-elected as President for the third year. The Committee look forward to an enjoyable and successful year, working alongside all our wonderfully supportive members.

After we had all enjoyed refreshments, we played a hilarious game of Handbag Bingo which was called by Rosie our secretary. It's amazing what Freeland WI members carry in their handbags!

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 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 are pleased to say that in spite of lockdown and Covid we have managed to grow our membership slightly. We currently have 34 members. There's always room for more; we would love you to join us.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or

on our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/freelandwi**

Alternatively please contact our secretary Rosie James on **01993 881997** or at **freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk**

Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI President

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Along with parents of children wanting to attend, we are also looking for engaging, reliable, caring and enthusiastic members of the community who would love to be part of our team and bring their own ideas and vision to our new club in Freeland. You don't have to be qualified as we train our staff to a high level and give you all the support you need to do the best job you can do.

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Eynsham, Surgery	09:25	11:25	13:25	17:50
Eynsham, Church (North side of High St)	09:29	11:29	13:29	18:00

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Alongside our well loved Millie the Cat trail, there will be also be an "eggstraspecial" trail Keep a look out for the Easter eggs!

The tea room will be open with its range of lovely food and drink, including cream teas, and our tempting BBQ offerings. Enjoy the lovely riverside site and dogs are welcome as part of your family group.

We are also open on a Wednesday, not in steam, you can just come to the tea room or pay for a Mill visit and have a longer chat with our volunteers as they go about their work. They will be happy to tell you what they have been up to over the Winter to keep the Mill in tiptop condition.

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We will be holding our plant sale on **Saturday 30th April** where you can browse a wide variety of perennial plants for sale in our stock bed avenue. Plants for sale in the vineyard – the walled garden will not be open during the plant sale.

The entire site will be open **11am - 4pm** to the public during our **Open Days** on: **Sunday 15th May, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th June, Sunday 11th September**

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MY VILLAGE IN WARTIME by Mrs Barbara Bunyan

Signs of war became even more evident as convoys of army lorries full of soldiers hanging at the back of them, hurtled down through the village roads to and from the camps.

I remember riding my bicycle along the village road to collect stamps from Mrs. Timms at the Post Office in her house, passing through long columns of soldiers marching in single file on both sides of the road. Not an experience I enjoyed for I was a very shy child and did not feel safe even in the daylight.

Another sign of war in the village was the appearance of large stacks of thousand pounder bombs placed at intervals on the grass verges from the village green all the way to the A40 main road near the Evenlode pub. They were there throughout the war years, and we did not see any army personnel at any time loading up these bombs for active use.

Overnight a group of evacuees, mainly women and children, arrived and were housed in the old black wooden hut next to our school. The hut served the village as a community hub, for all kinds of events, meetings, plays and social groups.

Miss Hill who lived in the Rectory by the church was, I believe, 'Rehabilitation Officer' for the village and was often seen riding her bicycle around dressed distinctly in masculine attire – breeches, tweed jacket, trilby hat and long woollen socks to the knee - odd for a woman; très formidable!

Word soon spread that the newcomers had arrived from the blitzed dockland zones of East London and needed clothes, cooking utensils, blankets and food items - all kinds of help for everyday living. I cannot remember how long they stayed as the hut was unsuitable as accommodation and for day to day living. The children were very young, and I do remember two little girls, twins possibly, joining our class in school and playing with them in our playground.

Airplanes were overhead daily and with my father, I got very enthusiastic in learning to identify any craft flying over the farm. Like cars, aircraft were very distinctive in style and design. Today (2019), cars mainly look the same to me, except possibly in colour.

Talking of aircraft, there were some 'dogfights' over our local area and incendiary bombs were dropped near Kidlington. We were quite excited to find small pieces of shrapnel from time to time lying in our fields.

One notable, local, pilot known as 'Cookie,' lived opposite Freeland Church. On many occasions he flew Spitfires over our farmland. Flying quite low and having two thousand free range hens on the farm, his flights sent them all scattering over the fields and into the hedges. My father was not pleased but tolerated 'Cookie' since he was a friend and involved in the war effort. Another Spitfire pilot, called Andy, also flew frequently over our land – again low and noisy. He was based at Brize Norton. Sadly, we learned that just before the end of the war, he was killed when the wing of his Spitfire caught the end of the hangar at Brize Norton. It was tragic news and such a sad end for a very talented pilot, with years of experience and war service behind him. *Continued.....*

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My parents worked hard by day farming keeping a dairy herd fed, watered and milked twice a day, the milk being delivered daily in churns to dairies in Oxford. By night, my parents liked to be sociable and often gave hospitality to local service personnel billeted in the village.



One of their closest friends was the Commandant of Brize Norton – Peter Taylor - who was, in peacetime, a farmer in Norfolk. Peter often came to the farm when off duty and went to the local pub with my parents for a few drinks, leaving his driver / batman in charge of his vehicle parked in front of our house and at the same time, keeping an eye on us children in the house. The batman used to stand as if on guard outside and we, as children, sat on the windowsill chatting away with him until the parents came back. How different this would seem today. Sometimes Peter's wife, Brenda, would visit for she lived with her family in a neighbouring village. At Christmas time my parents would deliver one of their biggest turkeys to Brize Norton at the request of Peter and his fellow officers.

Other service personnel who were regular visitors in the village were the rehabilitated army officers who were billeted in the Stables at Eynsham Hall. They were recovering from wounds and trauma sustained during their service campaigns in North Africa. They were often seen in and around the village in the uniform jackets and distinctive bright blue trousers. My parents always welcomed them to the farmhouse, mostly on Sundays when my mother made sponge cakes and delicious creamy trifles.

One special visitor, as far as I, as a young schoolgirl, was concerned, was Captain Gerry Gray, a former headmaster from the North of England. He was a very accomplished pianist and would come and play for hours, mostly classical pieces and without the sheet music at our very nice 'rescued' baby grand piano.

(The baby grand came to us after restoration, by way of Russell Acott Music shop in Oxford, where it had been sent for repair after damage incurred during the blitz at a London hotel. The piano stayed in our sitting room until the farm changed hands in the 1970's)

I was learning to play piano at the time, so I usually sat at his feet, listening to the glorious sounds and admiring his skill and ability. His close colleague, Lieutenant Oliver Bateman, visited with him, but he liked to settle down on the sofa and gossip with my mother until it was time to get tea on the table.

Much to my sorrow, Captain Gray did not keep in touch, but Oliver Bateman who worked at the Stock Exchange in London came frequently to visit, have a meal and a gossip long after the war was over.

We had a good relationship with Freeland House during the war. The house was formerly the home of the Mason family, who moved to another house on the estate and Freeland House became a maternity hospital for the military personnel. Dr Timothy Flew, from Wimbledon, became the surgeon in charge and another frequent visitor to the farm. I always remember that his sister, Joan Pemberton, was a well-known national golfer.

The next instalment of Mrs Bunyan's memoir describes some effects of war on her family's farm

IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS?

The **EYNHAM CONSOLIDATED CHARITY** can make money grants, help to provide items, services, heating costs or back up help from other quarters, for people in **Eynsham or Freeland**.

You can apply, either for yourself or for someone else who may be in need of help. Write to the Clerk, Catherine Barton, at 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham, OX29 4EX, or email **eynshamcharities@gmail.com**.

All enquiries are dealt with in absolute confidence.

For more information visit Eynsham Online:

www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk/Eynsham-Consolidated-Charity



Freeland Pre-School provide high quality pre-school education for 2 to 5-year-olds.

We are a small, friendly and welcoming pre-school, with a large outdoor space. Our pre-school is situated within the grounds of Freeland Primary School and enjoys strong links with the school, which in turn aids a smooth transition for children into the foundation stage class, with whom we share a garden.

Freeland Pre-School is committed to safeguarding.

We can take children for half day sessions or full days from **8.45am - 3.15pm**, term time only. We offer funding for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds for 15 hours or 30 hours.

Pricing: am or pm sessions £15, Full day £30

Early bird session starting at 8.45am £2.50.

Price change from September: Early bird £2.75; am or pm session £16.50.

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The children have been celebrating Shrove Tuesday, where they were 'making pancakes', they got all dressed up for World Book Day.

We also had a Maths themed woods session.

This month we will be celebrating Easter with our annual Easter Bonnet Parade.

We are raising money at the moment for a smart board for our classroom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nearly New Sale: Sunday 24th April at 10am at Freeland Primary School

Pre-school Photos: Saturday 2nd April

T: 01993 882945 E: freelandpg@hotmail.co.uk www.freelandpreschool.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/freelandpreschool



Join us at the annual BEFSA curry night to raise funds for schools and young people impacted by poverty in the Eastern Cape.

On: Friday 29th April 2022
 At: Ready Steady Spice, Eynsham
 Time: 7pm

You can buy tickets via our donation page at:
<https://befsa.org/donate/>

THE EYNSHAM CHARITIES – A VERY SHORT HISTORY

In the 16th Century wealthy people all over the country began to set up charities to provide help for the poor and education for the young. Before the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII this had mainly been provided by the Church.

In Eynsham, the first mention of a local education charity is in 1654, and by 1658 the St Thomas's Bread Charity was already an amalgamation of several pre-existing small charities for the relief of the poor.

By his Will (proved in 1701) John Bartholomew of Eynsham, a wealthy merchant, left money for the education of ten poor boys. The then Lord of the Manor gave land in the market place for the erection of a school house, and the Bartholomew Room was built there, funded by public subscription. The upper chamber of the Bartholomew Room, which was the original schoolroom, has on its walls plaques commemorating the donors of those funds, several of the names of donors being of families still living in the village.

The St Thomas's Charity also benefited from donations from time to time, some of these being for specific purposes – for example 'for ten poor widows', or in cash 'to the poor on Good Friday', but the main purpose of the Charity was to distribute bread to the poor 'each week from Christmas until Lady Day'. Other small bread or coal charities, and educational charities (some a mixture of the two functions) were also established from time to time.

The administration of the Eynsham charities has a colourful history – in 1865 Vicar Bricknell refused to submit accounts for the previous six years and 'came to blows' at a trustees' meeting. His opponents went to Court and made him render accounts under threat of imprisonment.

In about the middle of the nineteenth century the Charity Commission was set up to oversee the functions of the many charities which by then had arisen all over the country.

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The disorganised state of the various charities which by then existed in the Eynsham area was addressed by the Charity Commission at the beginning of the last century, when the various educational functions of the different local charities were hived off into one charity, named the Bartholomew Educational Foundation. The remaining charities, for the relief of need, hardship and distress, were amalgamated into the Eynsham Consolidated Charity. These two charities have continued to function ever since.

The Educational Foundation is authorised to make grants to anyone living in the Parish of Eynsham who is under the age of 25 and who is in education. The Consolidated Charity is authorised to make grants to anyone in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the 'Ancient Parish' of Eynsham – **this includes most of Freeland**, which was originally part of Eynsham Parish before it was constituted as a separate parish in the nineteenth century.

Today, the trustees of both the charities meet four times a year to consider grant applications, but there are also arrangements to enable any urgent applications to be considered between meetings. Anyone wishing to apply for a grant should contact the new Clerk to the Charities, Catherine Barton, at eynshamcharities@gmail.com, or to 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham **OX29 4EX**.

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

On **Tuesday 5th April** Steve Parrinder will be giving a talk to North Leigh History Society about Eynsham Abbey. The Abbey has more than a thousand years of history as it was founded in 1005. Although the Abbey buildings have long since disappeared, the effect of the Abbey on the modern village can still be seen. Do come and find out more about its long history.

Our **Tuesday 3rd May** talk will be by Anthony Wragg, who will be telling us about the Wars of the Roses.

We are meet in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SA** at **7.30pm**. Members free, visitors **£4**. Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at kyterobert@gmail.com or **01993 880368**

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of MARIE CURIE

Wednesdays 30th March & 27th April, 7.30pm for 8pm start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland.

Entry is **£3 Per Person**. Food will be available from **6pm - 8.30pm**

The menu can be found at www.oxfordshireyeoman.com/menus

WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU BOOK TABLES IN ADVANCE SO THEY CAN BE RESERVED FOR YOUR TEAM.

Tel: (01993) 881003 or email: hello@oxfordshireyeoman.com

Charity Raffle (raffle prizes will be very much appreciated). For more information contact Nicky Clargo at oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com or call **07754 271831**

A further article from Julie Stuart-Thompson on the service personnel listed on the War Memorial in St Mary's Church Yard

Algy John Walker June 1922 – 2nd February 1940

Algy John Walker's birth was registered in June of 1922 in the Witney district which would have included areas around Freeland. He was known to his peers as John.

His parents were William (1892 - 1934) and Lydia Walker (nee Wilkins) (28 May 1899 - 1984).

Lydia was born in Winston, Gloucestershire the 8th of 11 children born to Richard and Mary Ann Wilkins. The family obviously moved often as all the children are born in different places. Living in the Shilton area for the 1901 census her father is recorded as a carter and her 3 elder brothers as, under carter, third carter and plough boy. Her nearest brother in age is recorded as Elgie born in 1897. By 1911 the enumerator could spell the name Algy and he is recorded as a plough boy aged 14 on Alex farm, and the family had moved to Cricklade, Wilts. Lydia, now aged 12 was living with her elder sister Hilda (b1884) and her husband at Elm Farm in Shilton. Hilda had just given birth to her first child, so obviously Lydia would have been a help to the young family.

Lydia married William Walker in the Witney district in 1921. William died in the Radcliffe Infirmary on 3rd September 1934, leaving Lydia £191 10s. At the time she was living at 19 Park Road, North Leigh.

Lydia remarried in December 1937, when Algy was around 15, to Lionel Robert Gordon Edgington. He was born in Freeland on 15th February 1901, so was just 6 weeks old when the census was taken. At that time, he is recorded as Robert Lionel Gordon, the youngest of 9 children. By 1911 there is a 10th child recorded for the family, also born in Freeland. Thomas is head of the household, a domestic gardener, married to Lucy, nee Mansell, who married in 1884 and both of whom lived into their 80s. I wrote about Arthur James Edgington who died in WWI and was one of Lionel's 3 elder brothers who served.

In 1939, the government took a register of everyone living in the UK to produce identity cards and later ration books. Lydia and Lionel are recorded living in Lyalli, Freeland. Lionel is a gardener and Lydia unpaid domestic duties – both are serving as volunteers for Air Raid Precautions. One of their neighbours is Wilfred Long – another of our memorial men. This house in Wroslyn Road was possibly a self-build and its house name is a combination of all their names “**LY**dia **AL**gy **L**ionel”

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM								Schedule No. : 1	
County : <u>OXFORDSHIRE</u>		PLACE OF BURIAL : <u>FREELAND (ST. MARY) CHURCHYARD</u>						UNITED KINGDOM DISTRICT	
Controlling Authority :		The following are buried here :						SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> DATE <u>2.2.57.</u>	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)		
P.R.G.	No. and Rank	Initials, Name and Surname	Unit	Date of Death	Details of Cross marking including Screen Wall	By whom maintained, if in Commission express state the period	Ownership of Cross	REMARKS	
	5384298 Pte.	A. J. WALKER	5th Bn. G & B. L. I.	2. 2. 40.	P.P.M.	Relative		P.W.	

Algy enlisted, aged 17, in 1939 with the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, 5384298, originally with the 4th battalion/5th battalion.

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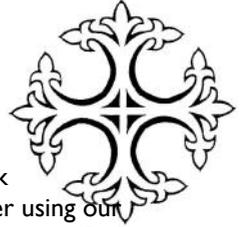
He died at Frank James Hospital, East Cowes on the Isle of Wight, he had been a soldier for 11 months at the time of his death. He died of pneumonia at a time when the drugs to cure this were not fully available. Just a few years later, soldiers who contracted this were more likely to survive. He may not have made it overseas, and conscription should only have been for those over 18. Both Algy's father and stepfather are mentioned on the Commonwealth Graves register. Algy's effects for probate were only £128 4s 3d, which was left to his mother Lydia. His address was given as Lyalli, Freeland.

Julie Stuart-Thompson

EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP

We would like to offer a further thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have enabled us to keep our covid vaccination clinics going throughout March.

Eynsham Medical Group continues to look at ways to give better access to all our patients. Do please continue to give your feedback and suggestions via the feedback option on our website or on paper using our suggestion boxes located at both our sites or via the Patient Participation Group: **print@associatedagencies.co.uk**



We will very soon be producing a bimonthly newsletter for our patients that will be available in our waiting rooms and on our website. This is designed to keep all our patients informed on what has been happening, what is planned for the future and inform everyone of any changes we are introducing as a result of the feedback we have received. The newsletter will give information on how to become more involved in helping us improve our services.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter.

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 6/3/2022

Now I'm not one to complain as you know (deja vu?) but this month was muddy, mud, mud, mud. More mud than you could shake a stick at (a phrase used by farmers who had more sheep than they could control, I believe), in fact you couldn't find a mud less stick.

Ahh, the walk, were did we go? Well that is always a closely guarded secret but I will give you a few clues, there was a wood, a gate, some stiles, a pub (we had lovely cake here thanks to Ken/Janet) fields galore... and of course mud! Next month can we please have some dry weather?

Sunday 3rd April at 10am from outside the Yeoman.

All Welcome.

Your direction pointer



THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET CO-OPERATIVE

Witney	08.30 - 13.30	Fri 25 March	Fri 22 April
Woodstock	08.30 - 13.00	Sat 2 & 16 April	Sat 7 & 21 May
Details of other Farmers' Markets at www.tvfm.org.uk 01235 227266			



NORTH LEIGH ROMAN MOSAIC'S SPRING CLEAN – Open To All

Wednesday 13th April, 2022 10am - 3pm

North Leigh Roman Villa's beautiful 4th century AD mosaic will be open to the public for a day in the Easter holidays – **Wednesday 13th April, 10.00am to 3.00pm** – as it undergoes cleaning and conservation supervised by specialist English Heritage staff.

In a new venture for this site and its team of volunteers, there will be an Easter holiday weekday opening of the mosaic which once graced the villa's impressive winter dining room. The site is free to enter and everyone is welcome to come along. There is no need to book.



For more details about openings and access to the site (which can be arduous if you have mobility issues), please visit:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/

Follow us on Twitter: **@villa_north**

To join Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa or arrange a special opening email: **nlrvvols@gmail.com**

Registered charity no. **1140351** **www.english-heritage.org.uk**

WOODSTOCK MUSIC SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

Brahms: A German Requiem

Woodstock Music Society Choir and Woodstock Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Paul Ingram
Cassandra Wright (soprano)
Timothy Nelson (baritone)

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th April 2022 at 7.30 pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock.

Tickets: **£14** in advance or **£15** at the door, full time students **£5**, accompanied children under 16 free, from The Woodstock Bookshop (**01993 812760**) or email: **concerts@woodstockmusic.info**

Please note that there will be no interval during this concert.

ADVANCE WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURE

The closure is the section of Eynsham Road between the Swinford Toll Bridge and The Talbot Inn, to facilitate tree felling.

This will be a complete closure of that section of the road in both directions between the hours of **9.30am and 4pm**, for a **five day period between Thursday 19th May and Wednesday 1st June 2022**

HANBOROUGH & FREELAND RUNNING GROUP



The Hanborough Freeland Running Groups enjoy running and jogging on some great on- and off-road routes through the local countryside in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere. Open to all friendly adults.

There are now a number of sub-groups, each with their own WhatsApp group and mailing list, as well as a growing group on Strava:

The **Green Turtles**, for those who like to run for up to approx. 3 - 5Km at a very gentle pace (slow and steady)

The **Intermediate Group**, for those able to do runs of around 5 - 10km, at a pleasant pace. This group may also be suitable for anyone coming back to running.

There is also an **open session**, currently running every **Thursday** evening, at **6.30pm**.

For more information, please contact us: **HanFree-run@outlook.com**

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/HanFree-Run> Hope to see you running soon!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- W 23 Mar Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Su 27 Mar BRITISH SUMMER TIME STARTS - clocks forward an hour
Su 27 Mar Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
M 28 Mar Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
W 30 Mar Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 30 Mar Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
Su 3 Apr Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
Tu 5 Apr The Cake Café + Knead Bakehouse, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
W 6 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Tu 12 Apr Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30-8.30pm
Tu 12 Apr Freeland Grapevine - May edition deadline day
W 13 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 13 Apr Cricket Club Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3 each
F 15 Apr Good Friday Bank Holiday
Su 17 Apr Combe Mill in STEAM! **www.combemill.co.uk**
M 18 Apr Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Tu 19 Apr Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
Th 21 Apr Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 22 Apr Annual Parish Meeting, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
Su 24 Apr Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
M 25 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
W 27 Apr Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 27 Apr Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
M 2 May Early May Bank Holiday
Th 5 May Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Tu 10 May Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30-8.30pm

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

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COUNTRY FISH & CHIPS Freshly cooked Fish and Chips in Freeland every **Thursday night** from **6.45 - 7.15pm** on Wroslyn Road near the junction with the A4095. Tel: **07791 459 849**

THE CAKE CAFÉ, FREELAND

Regular café first Tuesday of the month, **9.00 - 11.30am**, Freeland Hall. Also, Celebration Cakes, Bespoke Afternoon Teas and small event catering. **www.janescakestudio.co.uk 01993 881273**

The deadline for articles or adverts for the **May** Grapevine is **Tuesday 12th April**. The **May** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 29th April**.

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, 1 Blenheim Lane, Freeland, Witney OX29 8AW **01993 883245**

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

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- COMING UP - AT THE YEOMAN

2 APR // LIVE MUSIC RETURNS!

Regular music nights return. Put the 1st Saturday of the month in your diary for the best of local music.

8 APR // PIE NIGHT

Pie night is back for one night only! Book your place for this in demand night.

13 APR // QUIZ NIGHT

Our 2nd Wednesday of the month quiz raises money for Freeland Cricket Club & Sobell House. CASH PRIZE! 7.30pm, £3 entry.

27 APR // QUIZ NIGHT

Our 4th Wednesday of the month quiz night hosted by the Oxfordshire STARS raises money for Marie Curie. 7.30pm, £3 entry.

FRIDAY MORNINGS

9AM - 12NOON

Knead Bakehouse bread collections, cinnamon buns, fresh coffee and souzdough bacon sarnies (from 10am)



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