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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

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

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
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Children and Youth Work - families are really welcome at all our services, but especially at the weekly **10am** service where youth friendly activities are held at the back of church.

Babies & Toddlers at St. Mary's The church of St Mary the Virgin welcomes all Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers to this group with a Christian theme that meets each Wednesday in term time. We meet on an ad-hoc basis during school holidays so do ask us for details.

There are toys and activities for children aged 0 - 4 years and we offer you the opportunity to play and chat over coffee & snacks so we can all enjoy the time together.

We would love to see you but if you want to know more please contact Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270**

11+ Hitchhikers - future meetings to be advised

The above information is correct at the date published (12/12/2021). 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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Interment of Ashes: Ann Griffiths 7th December 2021

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Letter from our Curate, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear friends,

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27)

I am writing this reflection in early December 2021, as we rapidly head towards the Christmas and New Year festivities. Some of us may even be thinking about New Year resolutions, which if you are anything like me could easily be forgotten by mid-January! My resolutions from recent years have included, "I am going to eat less and exercise more", or when I was feeling very spiritual one year "I am going to pray more." To be fair, these are all excellent ambitions but so challenging to do in our own strength, in fact changing ourselves is very hard indeed.

As Christians, we need to remember that while God does want us to be men and women, who are seeking to live godly lives, he does not expect us to do so in our own strength. While the teaching of Jesus does set high standards for living God's way, he also promised to give us the Holy Spirit to do so. In the above quotation from Romans 8, we read that even the great apostle Paul recognised his dependence on the Holy Spirit to pray. Another example can be seen in the book of Acts, where we see the church growing rapidly from a quiet corner of the Roman Empire to Rome itself in a few decades, with an eclectic group of disciples, to say the least! Such an incredible feat would have been impossible without the power of the Holy Spirit behind this fledgling church.

There is not enough space to describe the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives in this reflection, except to say that the Holy Spirit is powerful, creative, renewing, and refreshing. The Holy Spirit helps us live the way God wants, not conforming to a set of rules or even resolutions but living God's way of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5.22-23)

So, as we emerge from the busyness of the Christmas and New Year festivities, it would be wonderful if as many people as possible could join me in praying the simplest and most ancient of prayers for ourselves and our villages. "Come Holy Spirit..."

- Come Holy Spirit on us as individuals, help us in our resolution to do your will.
- Come Holy Spirit on our villages so that each household would know your love.
- Come Holy Spirit on our churches, of all denominations, that they would know your power.
- Come Holy Spirit... (add your own prayer)

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

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Come along and bring the family

We are looking to maximise space to accommodate as many people as possible safely in the church building



HANBOROUGH & FREELAND SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 17th December at 6pm - Open Air Christmas Carols on Hurdeswell Green

Sunday 19th December at 6pm - Nine Lessons & Nine Carols at St Peter and St Paul, followed by mulled wine at the Hand and Shears

Friday 24th December at 11am - Crib Service at St Peter and St Paul (children invited to come dressed up as Nativity characters)

Friday 24th December at 5pm - Christingle Service at St Mary's

Friday 24th December at 11.15pm - Midnight Communion Service at St Peter & St Paul

Friday 24th December at 11.30pm - Midnight Communion Service at St Mary's

Saturday 25th December at 9am - Christmas Day Communion with Carols at St Mary's

Saturday 25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Family Service at Christ Church

Sunday 26th December at 10am - Informal Morning Prayer at Christ Church

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following services:

Sunday 19th December 9.30am - 10.00am

Friday 24th December 4.30pm - 5.00pm Christingle Service

Friday 24th December 11.00pm - 11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

Sunday 2nd January 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 16th January 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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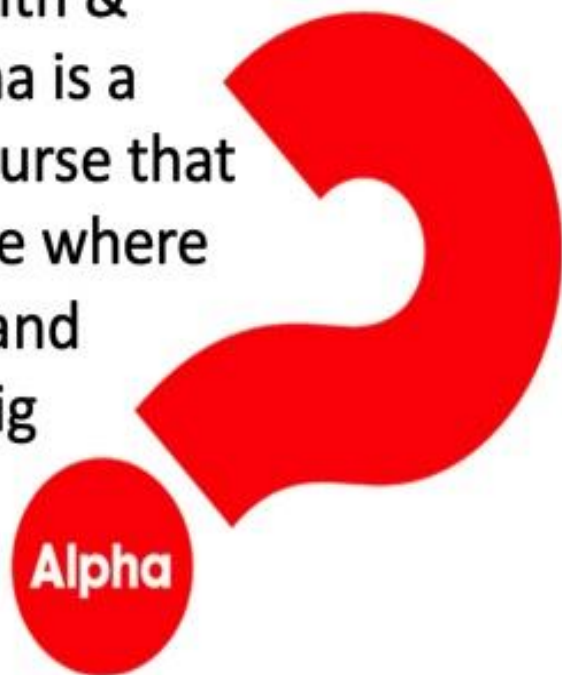
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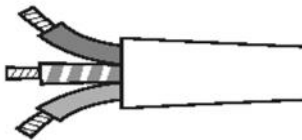
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Sun 19th Dec	10am No Service
	6pm 'All Age' Candlelit Carol Service - Rev. Fred Ireland
Sat 25th Dec	10am Family Service - Rev. Charles Harris
Sun 26th Dec	10am No Service
Sun 2nd Jan	10am Covenant Service - Rev. Fred Ireland
Sun 9th Jan	10am Mr Andrew Maisey
Sun 16th Jan	10am Mr Bob Forster
Sun 23rd Jan	10am Jane Skinner
Sun 30th Jan	10am Rev. Charles Harris
Sun 6th Feb	10am Rev. Jason Cooke

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

www.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; and Blackfriars, Oxford

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz>

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL UPDATE

A huge thank you to all those who made up shoeboxes, donated fillers, or gave money to the 2021 Shoebox appeal. The final total came to **1,682** boxes which are now on the final journey to bring joy and happiness to the lives of some very needy youngsters, who will be waiting eagerly to receive them.

We heard of one 8 year old boy who received a shoebox many years ago and in it was a car. This small boy is now 34 and he still treasures the car and carries it in his pocket!

At this point in time we are not certain where exactly the shoeboxes are going, but it is likely to be Romania.

Many thanks - The Witney Shoebox team



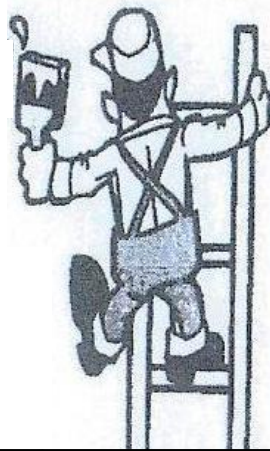
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EYNHAM HERITAGE DAY

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The historians think that Freeland is so named because it started as a Freehold just far enough away from Eynsham Abbey as not to be under their sway. Nevertheless, those who live in Freeland might well be interested in the history of their neighbour from whom they so narrowly kept free! Indeed, there's an awful lot of history in Eynsham, but much of it is underground or hidden in local houses, or in the Museum Store in Standlake. That's why a group of us in Eynsham, led by the Curator of Archaeology for Oxfordshire have planned a day when a lot more of that history can be made visible.

This will include an exhibition in the Bartholomew Room in the Square. There you will be able to see many of the things that were dug up during the Eynsham Abbey Archaeological Dig that took place some 30 years ago as well as other stones and coins that people have found in various places in the Village over the years. During the day there will be at least two guided Tours. One will be of the Abbey Site, and the other round the Village pointing out some of the stones from the Abbey that can be found built into the older houses and walls.

On the day, we also hope to have an event for children, as well as some stones that they can actually touch and hold, and maybe some kind of Quiz or Treasure Hunt. We are hoping that by the time the day takes place the permanent Eynsham Museum will be up and running so that some of these items plus explanatory Boards on our Village's history, will be displayed permanently. We are awaiting approval from the Charity Commission for this exciting project so look out for news of this on Eynsham Online <https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/> or in the Grapevine.



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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL – Update December 2021

As I type these notes the last meeting was held on the 15th November, and the next meeting is not until **Monday 20th December**, so here is a brief update.

Toddler Play Area upgrade

At the time of typing these notes, the work on the play area is nearly complete and the new safety surfacing was being laid. We now have a new sunken trampoline, a covered sand pit and a fantastic green climb on tractor! See pics below.



We need to order some sand for the sand pit which will be done shortly.

New Bench on the Green

The new bench has now been installed at The Green and looks fantastic. Our thanks to Parish Councillor Andy Bain for installing the bench and disposing of the old one, and also our thanks to the Freeland Teddy Girls for raising the funds to pay for the bench. I think you'll agree it looks great!



Potholes!

As this is the time of year when potholes seem to appear literally everywhere, I thought this was worth mentioning!

If you spot a pothole, the quickest and easiest way to report it directly to OCC Highways is via the Fix my Street website at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>. Just put in the postcode or road name, give details of the problem and it will get sent to OCC Highways to be fixed. Photos are often helpful to include as well to help identify where the problem is or how big a pothole it is.

Inspired Villages Planning Application

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

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Yellow Rattle Trial Sites

The grass verge at the entrance to Oakland Close and the grass verge at the end of Parklands by the entrance to the woods have now been prepared and a wildflower mix of seeds including Yellow Rattle have been sown. It will be interesting to see how all of these sites develop and all being well they should look beautiful, as well as being beneficial to wildlife as well!

The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks once again to Russell Fisher, Amanda Watson and Robert Crocker for all their hard work on this project, plus the volunteers who provided assistance in preparing the areas. If you would like to become involved with this project or find out more about supporting nature in Freeland, please contact Russell Fisher at nature_instead@outlook.com.

Traffic Calming in Freeland – possible 20mph limit – survey reminder

Don't forget to complete the survey from Liam Walker (our County Councillor) to give your views as to whether you feel you would like to see a 20mph limit in Freeland. The survey is open till the end of January 2022 and can be viewed here

<https://www.liam-walker.com/have-your-say> and will literally take less than one minute to complete, or you can write to him at Liam Walker, County Councillor, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, **OX1 1ND**.

Please do complete the survey or give him your views so we can gain a good insight into what residents' thoughts are about this initiative.

Happy New Year!

On behalf of Freeland Parish Council may I wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and all our warmest wishes for a Happy and healthy New Year.

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.

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Applications Received: None

Applications Approved: None

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 20th December 2021 at 7.30pm, in the Newell Room**. The **January** meeting will be held on **Monday 17th January 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 village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk**. Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email **lisa.fpc@gmail.com**

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

As we head into Christmas, the **First** team are sitting top of the league, having won both of their games in December. They comprehensively beat Kingham **7-0**, despite Captain “No-Bev” Almond being missing with a nasty twin related injury sustained at training, Liam Hare bagged a hat trick and Tim Banks, Liam Harris and even Adam Lonsdale all found the net. The second game they narrowly beat Chadlington **3-2**.



The **Reserves** finally tasted defeat this month and now sit second in their league. They drew **2-2** with Witney Royals, coming back from **2-0** down, and lost to title challengers Hatherop **2-0** who they had already beaten in the Cup two weeks earlier.

The **Under 15s** have won one and lost one; they lost to Chadlington, but then beat SWIS in a thrilling penalty shoot out.

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

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FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

Freeland Photo Group will continue to meet virtually on the first and third Tuesday of every month, starting at **7.30pm**.

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THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2022

I would just like to thank everyone who is involved either in helping or sponsoring items for the event - more details to follow in February's Grapevine.

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

FREELAND WI

Christmas, unsurprisingly, was definitely in the air at our December meeting. Two of our members, Rosie and Lesley, demonstrated and guided us in making either a Christmas festive wreath or a table decoration. The results were stunning and will no doubt be seen brightening up doorways around our village. Rosie and Lesley also ran a wreath making workshop on Saturday 4th December in the Village Hall. This was open to anyone and was much enjoyed by all who attended. All profit is kindly being donated to WI funds. Thank you to Rosie, Lesley and their helpers.

A few hardy stalwarts joined our monthly walk which was around Freeland, East End and North Leigh. We will be taking a break now until Spring, when hopefully the weather will be better. Thank you to Liz and Ruth for leading these walks.

The Committee have been busy drawing up the programme for next year, a copy of which is included as the centre page in this month's Grapevine. Back in October, members voted for their most popular activities and events for next year, from a wide selection suggested

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors.

Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love to see you.

Further information is available on our website:

<https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/freelandwi

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

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

There is no meeting in January, so our first meeting in 2022 will be on **Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm** in the **Memorial Hall, North Leigh** when Liz Woolley will be talking about Beer, Bangers and Marmalade.

Members free, visitors **£4**

Further details are available from Diana Power (**01993 882301**) or Robert Kyte at kyterobert@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you soon.



Freeland WI Programme for 2022 Part 1

(part 2 on next page)

Monday 10 January	Jigsaw race
Monday 14 February	Talk through the Resolutions.
Monday 14 March	Annual Meeting and Handbag Bingo
Monday 11 April	Talk by Thames Valley Air Ambulance
Monday 9 May	Decoupage and Jewellery making
Monday 13 June	Talk on Recycling in West Oxon
Visit to Ardley ERF	Energy Recovery Facility - to be arranged

Freeland WI Programme for 2022 Part 2



(part 1 on previous page)

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| Monday 11 July | Bowls at Long Hanborough Bowls Club |
| Monday 8 August | Summer Outing to Oxford Botanic Gardens |
| Monday 12 September | Delve into family Ancestry with Julie Stuart-Thompson |
| Monday 10 October | Quiz evening - A variety of different quizzes. |
| Monday 14 November | Amanda Belz - Cookery Demonstration |
| Monday 12 December | Christmas Party. |

Freeland WI meet on the second Monday of each month in Freeland Village Hall - 7.45pm

Why don't you come along to one of our meetings and maybe bring a friend, to meet our friendly members?

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Smörgås Tårta (Swedish Cuisine), plus others.

The school will be selling hot drinks and breakfast rolls.

The November Market raised **£140** for the Heart Unit at the JR,
and a generous donation to the school for their charity.

There will be no Market in January

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INFORMATION

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We love seeing books fly off the shelves and are very thankful to have such an active and generous reading community in Freeland. It is always amazing to see the high quality of books that pass through, and it's very heartwarming to hear from people when they tell us how much they love using the Little Free Libraries.

Did you know that there are similar book exchanges in Long Hanborough now? Hanborough Mini Libraries are located at Hurdeswell and next to Hanborough Meadows Pre-school. They operate in a similar way to our Little Free Libraries so do stop by if you're in their neighbourhood!



Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers.

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DO YOU THINK YOUR VILLAGE SHOULD HAVE A 20mph LIMIT?

Oxfordshire County Council are now exploring ways we can reduce speeds in our communities & simplifying the process for 20mph roads for those areas that want them.

For this reason, I have now launched a consultation for residents living within one of the 8 villages in my division (Minster Lovell, Crawley, Leafield, Hailey, Ramsden, North Leigh, **Freeland** or Long Hanborough) to get your feedback. This will remain open until **Monday 31st January 2022** and I will then report back to Parish Councils to discuss the consultation results.

 **or**  let me know here:

<https://www.liam-walker.com/have-your-say>
or write to me at: Liam Walker, County Councillor,
Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall,
New Road Oxford, **OX1 1ND**.



ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the **Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 4pm seven days a week.

You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Monday 5 - 11pm; Wednesdays - Fridays Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm/late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 7pm.

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For more information visit Eynsham Online:

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

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

A very Happy New Year to all our readers.

The Club celebrated the first meeting in Freeland Hall since March 2020 with an excellent talk and pictures of 'The Wonders of Wildflowers' by Roger Umpleby. The Hall was almost full with well spaced out chairs and many people paid their £7 subs.

The pictures of wildflowers were stunning, some taken almost inside the flowers showing their wonderful features and colours. It encouraged us to look much more closely at the flowers of weeds we dig up in the garden or at flowers in the countryside when out walking. He had many interesting facts about the plants and flowers. Not many of us knew that the humble celandine can have between 6 and 15 petals! We shall certainly be asking him to return with another talk in the future. Mince pies were a special treat to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

There is no meeting in December but, all being well, the first meeting of the new year will be on **Monday 31st January** (not our usual 4th Monday) at **7.30 pm** in Freeland Hall when a speaker new to the Club, Stuart Mabbutt, will talk about 'Wildlife in Everyday Gardening'. This subject is much in the news lately so should be very relevant.

Jobs for the end of the year include cleaning and sharpening tools, pruning Acers to improve their shape and removal of any dead branches. Clear leaves from the lawn and stuff them into bags to rot down and be used as a mulch in a few years' time. Seeds and plants should be ordered from the new catalogues available. Check old packets of seeds and dispose of some of the old ones as fresh seeds will do better than old. Pigeons can strip brassicas so cover them well with fine netting. Bare root plants can be ordered and planted now. Soak them in a bucket of water for an hour before planting. Hardwood cuttings can be taken at this time.

There is a Plant and Gardening Item Sale at each of the Hall meetings. New members and visitors, at **£3** a meeting, are very welcome.

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

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FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

December saw us tackling Christmassy crafts, from little woollen elves to hand-sewn cards.

In January we start with our New Year Party (Covid permitting) then what? Perhaps some crochet tuition?..... or?.....

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 hope that you will be able to join us some time - we are a friendly group and love to welcome new members, even if you can't come every week.

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

Margaret Wright





1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP

We begin this new year by welcoming our new Executive Committee Chair, Julian Soanes. He used to be our Explorers Leader and has now rejoined us in his new role; welcome back! Our previous Chair, Simon Brown, has stepped down after serving an impressive seven years with us. We would like to recognise all the hard work and commitment Simon invested in our group and wish him well; thanks for everything, Simon, we'll miss you.

As mentioned last month, we now have a **Twitter** account! If you are a Twitter user please follow us! Our handle is: **@1stHFScouting**

Our older **Beavers** will be moving up to Cubs soon, which means that we will be welcoming brand new members to our Scouting community as they join Beavers. This is always a very exciting time!

Cubs had a brilliant evening at Combe Mill in December forging their own fire pokers! Under expert supervision, each Cub had the opportunity to be a blacksmith. Many thanks to the Combe Mill team of volunteers for giving us their time and expertise.

Scouts spent a Friday night in December making Christmas arts and crafts using (among other things) empty toilet rolls. They produced key rings, hats and home-made Christmas crackers!

Explorers have done a few joint activities with Scouts, such as a fun Manhunt game in the woods in the dark, trying to hunt down one of our leaders who was doing his best to remain elusive.

Are you looking for a new challenge for 2022? If you can spare a few hours a week to help us provide wonderful experiences for young people in Long Hanborough and Freeland please do get in touch! Send an email to Steve: gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to find out how you can get involved as a volunteer.

Happy New Year everyone!

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)



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FREELAND HALL TREE LIGHTING EVENT, December 2021

The Freeland Village Hall Management Committee were delighted to see everyone at our “annual” tree-lighting event. If it wasn’t for Covid, this would have been our tenth year!

Freeland Primary School pupils joined us to do the count down to the tree lighting to plenty of cheers.

The children and staff of Freeland Primary school sang a selection of beautiful Christmas songs. This is always the highlight of the event. Well done and thank you to all the children. Their voices filled the hall and were enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to Tim Webster, of Freeland Nursery, for generously donating the wonderful Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served, and The Teddy Girls provided the ever-popular “Chocolate Tombola” stall which raised an amazing **£106**. This will go towards village projects. Many thanks for joining us and for your excellent fund-raising work.

The Church also provided an activity table which the children really enjoyed. Thank you Claire Soanes and Rev. Steve Stewart.

Thank you to everyone who came along to join us and made this such a special occasion. It is a lovely start to the Christmas festivities.

Best wishes, for a Happy and Healthy 2022

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INVITATION TO DONATE WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS 2021

Sharing Winter Warmth

How about recycling your Winter Fuel Payment if you don’t need it?

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

Please note email address for enquiries: **eynshamcharities@gmail.com**

IMPORTANT If you know of anyone in the villages of Eynsham and Freeland who may benefit from support with their winter heating costs, do contact Robin Mitchell.

BEAR & MONKEY

Looking ahead to the New Year, those of you who purchased Bear & Monkey's Lockdown calendar may remember that they like to support their respective teams in the Rugby Six Nations tournament and will be doing so again this year.

In January their friends submit their guesses on who will win each match – and by what scoreline – and, each week, Bear & Monkey tell everyone how they're doing. There aren't any prizes but that's because every penny of the entry fee goes towards providing more meals for the little ones in Lesotho.

If you'd like to have a go then please contact me for an entry form before **31st December**. It's important to note that you don't have to know anything about rugby as even the TV pundits find it difficult to predict the results! In fact it's probably best to think of it as a **£5** donation to a good cause and then just celebrate if you actually win!



Meanwhile Bear & Monkey would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and the very best that the New Year can bring!

Thank you.

john.clark@msziafrica.org.uk – tel 882127

STOP DUMPING RAW SEWAGE INTO THE RIVER EVENLODE

Thames Water Utilities Sewage Treatment Stations (STs) routinely discharge large volumes of untreated sewage into the river Evenlode and its tributaries in order to protect their inadequate sewerage systems from overflowing.

STs hold Environment Agency permits to do so under exceptional circumstances of very severe rainstorms. But in practice TWU STs spill raw sewage as often as they wish and they do this with near impunity. In 2020 they pumped untreated sewage into the Evenlode and its tributaries for 8710 hours. This has devastating ecological consequences and adverse effects on human health. Yet, the recent environmental bill failed to make polluting rivers with untreated sewage illegal.

Communities close to the Evenlode river will no longer tolerate these reckless and abhorrent practices. We need strong local support to make TWU take their responsibilities, as a public service utilities company, seriously and to hold WODC to account for allowing developing large housing estates in the absence of any parallel plans to ensure sewerage systems expansion.

Please sign the petition: <https://chnng.it/TBKHWwvbx>

Dr Lidia Arciszewska, Church Hanborough resident

Data source: <https://www.therivertrust.org/key-issues/sewage-in-rivers>

TEDDY GIRLS TOMBOLA UPDATE

Thank you from the Teddy Girls to all who came to our Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Tree Lighting event. We have given the Parish Council **£106** for village projects.



FREELAND DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING **Covering Freeland, Long Hanborough & North Leigh.**

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides units are currently running in Long Hanborough & North Leigh and although there are no units in Freeland, girls from there

attend units in either Long Hanborough (Tuesday nights) or North Leigh (Thursday nights).

Almost 50 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers & Adult Volunteers attended a Girl Guiding only showing of Encanto at the Odeon in George Street, Oxford travelling there via Park and Ride. It was a fantastic end of term treat and helped in our preparations and added to the excitement for Christmas. There was of course a badge to go with it too!



North Leigh Guides also had a great time when they went to see School of Rock at the New Theatre in Oxford.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all when we start back in January. New programmes for the units will be sent out to parents and those waiting to join will be contacted to hear if we can offer a space.

If you are interested in registering your daughter to join guiding for the first time, to go on our waiting lists, then please visit: <https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Finally, we cannot run our units without adult volunteers so if you are interested in helping in any of our units please do contact us at:

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Steaming Events

Sunday		Event
March	20	Volunteer recruitment day
April	17	STEM
May	15	Barn Engines
June	19	Wheels
July	17	Birds, bees, bats and badgers
August	21	Models and Collections
September	18	Crafts and Skills
October	16	Wood Crafts
December	04	Christmas Market (not in steam)

Steaming events 10.30 - 17.00 hrs

See website for admission prices

The Mill is also open (10.30-16.30 hrs) every Wednesday from April until the end of October



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.

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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.

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Early bird session starting at 8.45am £2.50.

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The children took part in some great Christmas activities: Colonel Custard came along to Pre-school for a magic show, we watched the School's Christmas play, visited the church, and had a Christmas party with all the parents.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break.

We are now able to have parents back into Pre-school to read to the children.

Next term will be cooking, where parents can come into Pre-school to cook with the children.

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WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The first Witney Music Society concert of the New Year will see the welcome return to Witney of the Leonore Piano Trio who'll be playing works by Mozart, Dvořák and Schubert. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 14th January**.

In February, Manu Brazo (saxophone) and Prajna Indrawati (piano) will be giving a concert of works by several composers including Iturralde, Bartók, Piazzolla and Vaughan Williams. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 11th February**.

Provided that new Covid-19 restrictions are not imposed, the concerts will take place at **High Street Methodist Church, Witney**. Because of current restrictions, there will be limited ticket availability at the door; tickets should instead be purchased in advance - please see our website **www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk** for payment details and for more information about the concerts.

FIRST AND LAST MILE CIC

The new community minibus service linking Freeland with Hanborough and Eynsham will be running from **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.



Every 2 hours Monday to Friday offering connections at Eynsham Church with the Stagecoach S1 and a direct service to Hanborough Station. It will include a service to and from Bartholomew School.

Our buses are low floor and driven by volunteers. We are looking for more volunteers for a range of roles such as driving, publicity and cleaning.

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For more information and timetables **www.firstandlastmile.org.uk**

First and Last Mile season tickets to Bartholomew School are now available to purchase for those who may need them.

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411 TIMETABLE FROM TUESDAY 4th JANUARY 2022

411 Hanborough - Eynsham Monday - Friday

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Church Hanborough, Mansell Close	07:56	09:05	11:05	13:05		
Long Hanborough, New Road	08:01	09:10	11:10	13:10	15:45	17:35
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane *	08:06	09:15	11:15	13:15	15:50	17:40
Eynsham, Spareacre Lane		09:23	11:23	13:23	15:58	
Bartholomew School	08:14					17:48
Eynsham, Church	08:20	09:26	11:26	13:26	16:01	17:53

411 Eynsham - Hanborough Monday - Friday

Eynsham, Church	07:28	10:20	12:20	14:20	15:10	17:05
Bartholomew School					15:15	17:10
Eynsham, Spareacre Lane		10:23	12:23	14:23		
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane*	07:36	10:31	12:31	14:31	15:23	17:18
Long Hanborough, New Road	07:41	10:36	12:36	14:36	15:28	17:23
Church Hanborough, Mansell Close		10:41	12:41	14:41	15:33	
Hanborough Station	07:46	10:46	12:46	14:46	15:38	17:28

No service on weekends or Public Holidays Please note, buses will also stop at intermediate bus stops on the route.

* Freeland, Wroslyn Rd at Broadmarsh Lane

THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 5/12/2021

♪ Walking in a winter wonderland ♪, well not really now the snow from earlier in the week had gone. Although we had fallen leaves everywhere, we were safe from any impending locomotive slippage incidents! Five people, but no canines, set off on a chilly overcast morning, led this time by a great guest route planner who sheepishly asked if they could suggest a route for this month (this could become a thing!). Talking of sheep, we did see some fine looking Portland ones, but couldn't get a word from them, so we chatted to their human minder! Did I say cold? This didn't bother us, as we were all warmed by some 'Little Hotties' supplied, with thanks to our esteemed leader Dento, who had obviously found some money down the back of the sofa. Five miles later we appeared back in the shire still smiling with the world having been put to rights. Unlike last year, we hope this is a December to remember. Have a Happy Christmas and New Year from all of us.



Our next Ramble will be a new improved 2022 version on:

Sunday 2nd January at 10am from outside the Yeoman. **All Welcome.**

Your friendly route pointer-outer

THE QUIZ OF THE YEAR (SO FAR) HAS A SPACE FOR YOU!!

Freeland Hall

Saturday 29th January 2022

£12.50 per ticket to include a meal

Bar and raffle on the night

7pm sharp start!

Please contact me for a table reservation and payment details.

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

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ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Happy New Year, and I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas. Please continue supporting the can recycling collection. All proceeds go to Freeland Pre-School.

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**



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A safe, nurturing and stimulating environment - where all children are given the opportunity to learn through play, socialise and develop.



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EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP - UPDATE

COVID

We are currently concentrating our efforts on our housebound patients but would like to let you know that we will be running additional Covid clinics from January through to March and are now busy planning the arrangements. They will be held at Long Hanborough surgery and will be mornings only (**08.30 to 13.00**).

Details will be published as soon as possible so please do not try to book for these clinics just yet !

In the meantime, as there are no clinics currently available to book on our sites, if patients become eligible for their boosters, they should contact **119** to find a centre they could book into.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Our practice is taking part in a research study with Oxford University. This study is looking into experiences of GP services and the care staff provide by phone, video or email. As part of this research we want to understand patient's needs and experiences. For this reason, we want to invite our patients to join the research team as advisers for the study.

If you choose to take part you will be invited to attend a virtual meeting every three months and attend one workshop by Zoom. Your own views are important as well as the views of a relative or friend that you may support with digital devices and online services (i.e. accessing appointments, online assessment forms, virtual appointments etc). The friend or relative will also need to be registered with our practice. You do not need any previous experience, just a willingness to attend meetings. You will receive support, training and a **£25** multistore high-street shopping voucher for each meeting attended.

If you are passionate about improving healthcare services and are interested in finding out and more please contact Emma Ladds on **e.ladds@nhs.net** or at Long Hanborough Practice (**01993 881330**).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS UPDATE (JR, Churchill, Nuffield Orthopaedic, Horton)

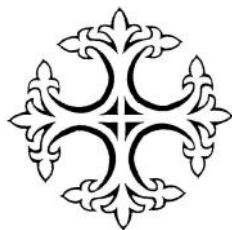
With increased pressure on almost all departments, long queues for appointments and increasing Covid pressures, here are some eye-opening statistics:

In the last financial year, **66,638** appointments were missed by patients in Oxfordshire Hospitals.

That equates to **£9.5 million** – which could have been spent on one of the following:

- 380 nurses;
- 275 midwives;
- 80 doctors;
- 110 additional beds;
- 10 new MRI Scanners;

So, if you need to change or cancel an appointment at any of the Oxford Hospitals, **please** call the number on your appointment letter.





WELCOME TO FREELAND!



*We hope you will enjoy living
in our beautiful village.*

Why not get to know people by joining FREELAND GARDENING CLUB?

The Club was formed in 1998 and is a happy, friendly and successful group with approximately 100 members.

The Club usually meets in Freeland Hall on the 4th Monday of the month. The programme covers a wide variety of gardening topics with excellent speakers. Group visits to beautiful gardens and other garden related outings usually take place on a Saturday.

Membership is open to all on payment of a joining fee of £5 and an annual subscription of £15. Membership cards are issued as a receipt. Visitors are welcome at £4 per meeting.

There is a Bring and Buy Plant Stall and refreshments are served at all meetings.

On production of a current membership card, a discount of 10% will be given at several local garden centres.

*WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AND
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON*

Need more information? Contact Terry Jones - Tel: 01993 882129 or email davidjones30@talktalk.net Reports on monthly meetings can be found in the Grapevine Magazine and enjoy researching the Club on the Freeland website www.freelandoxon.co.uk



From Freeland Gardening Club Committee



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

Th 16 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
Su 19 Dec	Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm
M 20 Dec	Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
W 22 Dec	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 23 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
W 23 Dec	Green Week: recycling + food waste NO garden waste collection today
Th 30 Dec	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
Su 2 Jan	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking at 10am from the Yeoman
Tu 4 Jan	Start of First & Last Mile bus service - see page 40
W 5 Jan	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 6 Jan	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
W 12 Jan	Green Week: recycling+food waste+garden waste collection+ XMAS TREES
W 12 Jan	Freeland Grapevine - February edition deadline day
Th 13 Jan	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
M 17 Jan	Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
W 19 Jan	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 20 Jan	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
W 26 Jan	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 27 Jan	Freeland Community Bus Freeland-Witney-Freeland - see page 27
Tu 1 Feb	The Cake Café + Knead Bakehouse, Village Hall 9am - 11.30am

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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 VILLAGE HALL,

Every first Tuesday of the month, except January.

Next event Tuesday 1st February 2022 9.00 - 11.30am.

Breakfast rolls, delicious homemade cakes, including gluten-free option, & super scones. Also, Celebration Cakes, Bespoke Afternoon Teas and small event catering.

www.janescakestudio.co.uk 01993 881273

The deadline for articles or adverts for the **February Grapevine** is

Wednesday 12th January. The **February** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 28th January.**

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

31 DEC - NYE PARTY

See in 2022 with us! Expect an evening of small plates, party games and plenty of fizz!

1 JAN - BRUNCH

Cure your sore head and start 2022 off right with a mug of coffee, a breakfast bap or a full English. 11am-1pm

20 JAN - PIE NIGHT

Warm yourself on a chilly January evening and join us for one of our famous full to the brim pies. Booking strongly advised!

26 Jan - QUIZ NIGHT

Join us for our monthly quiz night and help us raise money for Marie Curie.
7.30pm, £3.00 entry.

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