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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

### Services for January 2020

26th 08.00 Holy Communion  
(Rev. Canon David Tyler and Rev. Mike Madden)

### Services for February 2020

2nd 10.00 Family Service (Rev. Canon David Tyler)  
9th 10.00 **Holy Communion at St Peter and St Paul, Church  
Hanborough - Farewell Service for David Tyler**  
(Rev. Canon David Tyler, Rev. Sue Spankie,  
Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones, Rev. Mike Madden)  
16th 10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)  
23rd 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Charles Chadwick)  
26th 20.00 **Ash Wednesday at St Peter and St Paul, Church  
Hanborough** Holy Communion  
(Rev. Sue Spankie and Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

### Services for March 2020

1st 10.00 Family Service (Rev. Emma Hopegood Jones)

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### St Mary's Junior Church

St. Mary's Junior Church meets at 10 - 11am on the third Sunday of every term-time month. The leaders and children leave the service during the first hymn and walk through the churchyard to the quiet Convent Chapel. There, using crafts, games, DVD, and drama we explore the same passage as the adult congregation. We have the chance to be slightly noisier in our study!

We then walk back to church to join our families for a blessing or communion.

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### Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday**

mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

There are toys, a craft or activity and, of course, snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation.

The group runs weekly during term time and on an ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact either Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or see our Facebook page to find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/958595840860028/>

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### 11+ Hitchhikers meeting in Hanborough at 7pm on Sunday evening.

**For further information on all these groups or services phone David on 881270 or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland) or [www.hanboroughparish.org.uk](http://www.hanboroughparish.org.uk)**

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## David's Last Service as Rector

*Sunday 9th February 2020 at 10am*

*St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough*

Come and join us for David's last service as our Rector.

We will be celebrating and giving thanks for David's ministry with us.

All are welcome.



### Some useful contact details:

**Rector:** Rev. Canon David Tyler

**01993 881270**

The Rectory, Swan Lane

Long Hanborough OX29 8BT

Email: [revdavidtyler@googlemail.com](mailto:revdavidtyler@googlemail.com)

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All sorts of interesting information about St Mary's can be seen on the "A Church Near You" website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland)

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

**You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:**

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN**

**Wedding:** Beth Hewitt and Joe Clifton

20th December 2019

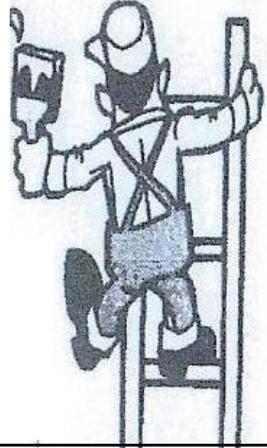
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**Letter from our Rector:**

Dear friends,

I write for the last time as Rector of Hanborough and Freeland. I have been with you nearly 13 years and have really enjoyed my time amongst you. We have really enjoyed the community, the friendliness of people and the countryside as well as, of course, the churches.

For some time now I have been wondering whether God is calling me to another role and I was delighted to be offered the role of Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester just before Christmas. My new role will see me working with the 326 churches across Oxfordshire, less Oxford (what the C of E call 'Dorchester' in case you were wondering - nothing to do with the one in Dorset!).

In my new role I will be leading appointment processes for new clergy, encouraging and supporting clergy in particular, helping parishes to look after the many beautiful buildings we have in Oxfordshire, supporting the 500 or so churchwardens in Oxfordshire alongside a bit of problem solving. I will work closely with the Bishop and Archdeacon and will be based across the County and at our offices in Kidlington. As a family, we will continue to live in Long Hanborough until the Summer, when we will move to Abingdon.

It is bitter sweet leaving. We have had a lovely time living here and have made some great friends, but I have heard God's call and it is right to move on to new challenges.

I would like to extend an invitation to my final service which is at **10am at Church Hanborough on Sunday 9th February** - do come if you would like to - we will fit everyone in somehow.

As I leave I will be praying for you and I hope that you may pray for us too.

With love and best wishes,

David

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**ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT**

The bells will be rung at the following services:

**Sunday 2nd February:** 9.15am - 10.00am

**Sunday 16th February:** 9.15am - 10.00am

**Sunday 1st March:** 9.15am - 10.00am

Usual practice every **Monday** from **7.30pm until 9pm**.

FF6 takes place on **Fridays** from **6pm to 7pm**, except where a practice falls immediately before a Saturday practice.

Please contact the Tower Captain, Neil Ephgrave (**883850**) or Michael Probert (**882687**) should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

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**SUNDAY MASS** is at **10.00am** with a Children's Liturgy during Mass and **SATURDAY** for Sunday **5.00pm**.

**Mass** also on Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays at **9.30am**, Wednesdays & Thursdays at **10.00am**. (As these times change occasionally, please consult the Weekly Newsletter online)

**THE PARISH PRIEST:** Father Mark Lagorio is happy to receive enquiries by phone on **01865 881613** or on email **stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com**

**The Retired Priest:** Father Martin Flatman is available on **07719 646790** or email: **frmartinflatman@gmail.com**

**BIBLE STUDY** after Mass on Wednesdays. **ADORATION** after Mass on Fridays.

**THE HALL** (The Tolkien Room) is available for hire with a lovely outside area where people can sit or walk, and children can play. To book contact the Parish Priest as above.

**LENT** begins at the end of February this year so Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) is on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. Traditionally Christians mark Lent in two ways – by doing something extra like a bit more prayer or reading – and by giving something up which could be some favourite food or some favourite activity. Some people give up Facebook for Lent or one day a week with no TV!

**ASH WEDNESDAY (26<sup>th</sup> February)** is the day when Lent starts and we go to Mass to have a mark of ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sorrow for past failings and our determination to get closer to God and further from our own selfish pleasures. Mass at St Peter's is at **10.00am** and **7.00pm**.

**CANDLEMAS** is at the beginning of February and falls on a Sunday this year (**2<sup>nd</sup> February**). It is a day when we remember with thanksgiving how Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God – a sign that they were dedicating their child in God's service. Every baby is special, but two people in the Temple, an old man called Simeon and an old woman called Anna, recognised that this baby was even more special .

### **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

The February Meetings of Freeland Photo Group will be on **Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th February** in the Newell Room. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, all levels of experience. We are a friendly group who provide mutual support and encouragement. **£2.00** on the door, with refreshments provided.

The main theme of the meeting on the 4th will be black and white processing, and on the 18th we will be discussing backing up options.

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL - UPDATE JANUARY 2020**

As I type these notes, the last meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, and the next meeting is not until 20<sup>th</sup> January, after the Grapevine deadline, so here is a brief update.

### **Happy New Year!**

Firstly, I'd like to wish all our residents a very Happy New Year! I hope you all have had a peaceful Christmas and are ready to start 2020 with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

### **Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing**

As many of you will no doubt be aware, the resurfacing work at the rear of the Village Hall car park has finally been completed. This was organised for last year, but unfortunately the contractor was either unavailable or the weather conditions were not appropriate to carry out the tarmacking work. I think you'll all agree though it's been worth the wait and the result is a huge improvement. Drains have also been installed so hopefully the flooding experienced here will be a thing of the past! This has been paid for via S106 funds received from the 41-house development on the Witney Road.

### **Daffodils**

With Spring (hopefully) just around the corner the lovely daffodil bulbs will be starting to push through ready to display their beautiful bright cheery yellow flowers. These bulbs have been lovingly planted by members of the Gardening Club and every year the flowers make a fantastic display throughout the village. Please be mindful that the bulbs are particularly vulnerable whilst they are coming through, so please keep off the grass verges where they have been planted. Thanks very much for your co-operation.

### **Potholes!**

I know this has been mentioned already, but it never hurts to mention it again as this is the time of year when potholes seem to appear literally everywhere!

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. Thanks.

### **Planning Applications:**

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

### **Applications Received:**

**19/03499/HHD                      10 CHURCH VIEW, FREELAND**

Single storey rear, side, & front extensions for Mr P Panting.

**19/03528/HHD                      69 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND**

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single storey rear extension with a new flat roof and roof lantern, formation of verandah and installation of stove flue. Construction of single storey front extension for Mr Simon Horner.

**19/03419/HHD 176 WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND**

Erection of single storey side extension for Mr James Eaton.

**19/03370/FUL FREELAND HOUSE, WROSLYN ROAD, FREELAND**

Construction of three timber cabins for use as staff accommodation for Mr Mahesh Patel.

**19/03491/S73 LAND ADJOINING 1 PARKLANDS, FREELAND**

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/03385/FUL to allow the construction of external chimney stack to both properties for Mr Paul Cox.

**Applications Approved: None**

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

The next council meeting will be held on:

**Monday 17th February 2020, 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** .

This month’s Parish Councillor Profile is on **page 29** and is about Peter Foster.

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**FREELAND SPEEDWATCH**

Our local Speedwatch group was disbanded in September 2018 when Thames Valley Police withdrew their approval of the equipment that was being used. They have now reviewed their policy and have confirmed that this equipment is once again perfectly acceptable.

It will be apparent to all local residents that many vehicles speed through the village. The group have previously recorded some drivers reaching speeds in excess of 50mph. The presence of members of the group along Wroslyn Road had a positive impact and saw a reduction in both the number of drivers speeding and the speeds recorded. During the time when the group was not operating it has been noticeable that speeds have crept up again. It is therefore planned to reform Freeland Speedwatch but in order to function, more volunteers are needed.

Could you spare an hour or two a week to help record the speed of motorists at various times of the day and on different days of the week? If you would like to be involved, or require any further information, please contact me. Together we can ensure that our village is both a beautiful and safe place to live.

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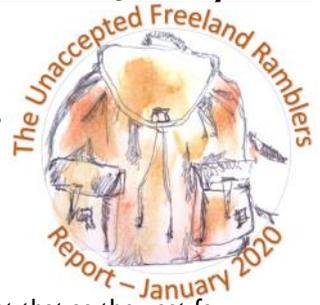
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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 5th January 2020**

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Grass was not normally our enemy but it was soon apparent that as the past few months flood waters subsided, to our incredulity, it had revealed mud to the depth of Five Fathoms, which is either 30 feet, gin or a song by Everything But The Girl... "keep left" was the order of the day, it's much drier they say.



When we stopped for sustenance in a small shallow near a billabong tree we all gathered round to sing a Happy Eleventy-Twelfth Birthday to one of our members, while passing cyclists and horse riders rode on in horror!

Nothing could dampen our spirits except the slight drizzle and "I'm still here, you know" Dento's constant whining. Luckily he found a large stick towards the end of the ramble which he claimed was to take home and auction off at a later date in aid of the Village Hub.

It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...we ramble on to be fair.

The next Unaccepted Ramble will be on: **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**, leaving the **Oxfordshire Yeoman at 9.30am**.

Newcomers always welcome.

From Mr E. Writer pt 2

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## **FREELAND VILLAGE HUB**

As we continue to wait for news of the sale of the Methodist Church we start this new decade with renewed hope that 2020 might be the year when our hopes for a Freeland Village Hub may finally come to fruition.



**Do remember that we are still accepting Pledges to buy shares in FCBS Ltd**, so if you

did not send in your pledge letter in 2019 the opportunity to do so is still there. The more investment pledges we receive, the more match funding we will be able to raise and the more likely we are to succeed in opening a shop and café. Please do consider acting now and making your pledge, remember that this is a pledge only at this stage, and does not constitute a commitment to invest. If you would like a form or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the committee and we will provide the necessary form and information.

To make contact the website address is **www.freelandcbs.community** or email **freelandvillagehub@gmail.com** Jane Duff February 2020

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP**

We're still looking for a new Beavers leader, and additional volunteers to help out.

Beavers meet on Wednesday evenings during school term time, from 5.30pm until 6.45pm at Freeland Village Hall.

Children joining Beavers are lucky enough to enjoy a wide range of fun and engaging activities which really benefit them in so many ways. We cannot provide these opportunities without volunteer leaders, so we really do need you!

There is a lot of support available to help for our volunteers, including the leaders from other sections, our Group Scout Leader (Adam), the Executive Committee who work hard behind the scenes, and also the West Oxfordshire Scout District body.

To find out more information about how you can support the Beavers group, or to hear more about what is involved in becoming a member of our leadership team, then please contact our Group Scout Leader, Adam by sending him an email to: **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk**

Alternatively, visit our website **https://www.hfscouting.org.uk/** and click the Contact link to send us your details. Thank you!

At the time of writing, our groups had only been back for one week so there hasn't been much news to report. We have been busy planning all the forthcoming activities though, to ensure the young people can achieve their different badges.

Thanks again to everyone who works hard to make our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers groups so successful.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)



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## **Review: FREELAND ORCHESTRA with WOW, WOC & WOL** **30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 St Leonard's Church, Eynsham**

An inspiring evening of music with Wendy Marks

It was a damp cold dark night on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Advent was heralded by the festive feeling in the church with its evergreen garlands. Looking around the packed church you could tell we were in for an interesting evening of ensemble from a wide range of players from across West Oxfordshire. Young and old, novice and experienced come together to create a showcase for the community and to display their enthusiasm for music making.

Wendy Marks, the conductor and coach, brings an authoritative knowledgeable manner to the proceedings as she introduces the groups. First, the Freeland Orchestra, with some lovely lyrical phrasing in Bruckner's Overture. Then followed a little gem of a piece, Kalinnikov's Interlude No. 2. The dance-like liveliness with its hints of folk music from the Steppes reminded us of Tchaikovsky. The strings sparkled, the oboe solo soared and the trombone gave an assured foundation. The whole had a strong sense of ensemble and rhythmic accuracy. The orchestra ended their section of the evening with two tangos.

West Oxfordshire Clarinets (WOC) comprised 15 players, across the range of clarinets, so the audience got a chance to experience the different voices and versatility of these instruments. Where else in Oxfordshire can we get the opportunity to learn about both the expressivity and the challenges involved in melding this colourful audio palette let alone holding these forces together in a cohesive shape?

WOL (West Oxon Learners) charmed us all with some well-known popular tunes. What is remarkable is that there is a tune for everyone here and Wendy Marks' own arrangements - 'A million dreams' - and later on, 'Forgotten Dreams' - mean players have a bespoke piece, written with real people in mind; real learners aspiring to perform. Great! So if you have a trombone in a cupboard or an old clarinet under the bed, and you are musically curious, bring it along, because Wendy can create a part for you.

And the last section of the performance brought all the wind forces together. WOW! Lives up to its name. The energy was palpable. A great choice of repertoire for this instrumental mix, starting with Schubert's Marche Militaire. Wendy's arrangement of Anderson's 'Forgotten Dreams' was evidently created by a sympathetic woodwind player who understands tonal colour. Then Shostakovich's waltz, where the alto sax took the solo beautifully and an excellent bass line played with just enough lightness for a waltz. The concert ended with an Elton John selection.

WOW, WOL and WOC are a musical phenomenon, displaying energetic enthusiastic playing, alongside Freeland's own orchestra all expertly directed and brought together to make for a wonderful festive evening. Well done all!

Alison Street 10/12/19

## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

At the time of writing, I have been busy trying to sort out signage to decorate the new Little Free Library. I'm hoping to get vinyl graphics and lettering that can be stuck on the telephone box to cover up some of the old BT logos on the glass.



I have been contacted by four or five people who have offered to help look after the new Little Free Library - thank you very much! I'll be meeting with them soon to discuss how we can work together to maintain the new Little Free Library.

Hopefully it will be decorated and up and running soon. I will let you know when there will be an 'official' opening.

In the meantime, the original Little Free Library carries on as usual. We've had very generous book donations recently; thank you very much.

It is very clear that we have a lot of bookworms in the village - happy reading!

Matthew Ruddle    **01993 359 543**    [ruddlem@gmail.com](mailto:ruddlem@gmail.com)

## **FREELAND COMMUNITY BUS TIMETABLE**

**Every THURSDAY – but see “AVAILABILITY” below  
£1 each way. Or you can use your bus pass.**

### **Outbound pickup:**

Freeland Village Hall ----- 10.00am  
Little Free Library – 138 Wroslyn Rd ----- 10.05am  
Nash Lane ----- 10.05am  
Freeland Primary School ----- 10.05am

### **With drop off at:**

Waitrose car park, Witney  
Sainsbury's supermarket, Witney

### **Return pickup:**

Sainsbury's supermarket, Witney ----- 12.00noon  
Waitrose car park, Witney ----- 12.10pm

### **With drop off by request anywhere along Wroslyn Road**

For suggestions or requests for additional pick up / drop off points please call

**Bill Darbon on 881926**

### **AVAILABILITY**

We expect to provide a service every Thursday. Please note that occasionally the regular Scout bus will be replaced by a Comet bus and this will start from the bus shelter, not the car park at the Village Hall.

### **INFORMATION**

For more information or to volunteer as a driver or helper please contact  
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## **FREELAND COMMUNITY BUS**

The Freeland Community Bus service has been operating since the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and so it has just turned one-year old! On this happy occasion I would like to congratulate our amazing team of volunteers on this achievement and thank them on behalf of all Freeland residents for providing what one regular passenger has described as a “lifeline” for her.



Of course, this service would not exist without our long-standing agreement with the 1<sup>st</sup> Hanborough Freeland Scout Group for use of their minibus and the continued financial support from the Community Transport Hub at the County Council. A big thank you to them.

The weekly excursion to Witney on Thursday mornings has evolved into much more than just a journey to do some shopping or errands, important though these are. Many of our regulars see it as a jolly outing with friends and neighbours that also provides an opportunity to catch-up and reconnect. As a team, we are delighted that the service means so much to our regular passengers and are determined to keep this community spirit strong.

We held our first Annual General Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January and members re-elected the Management Committee to serve for another year. A full list of members and the Constitution can be found on the village website: [www.freelandoxon.co.uk](http://www.freelandoxon.co.uk)

If you wish to join us as a volunteer driver or an assistant to help passengers embark and disembark please contact me or any member of the team. Please see the bus timetable on the opposite page, and note that our drivers will make an additional stop at Nash Lane upon request.

Alaa Al-Yousuf, Chairman

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## **ALUMINIUM COLLECTION (Part 8)**

On behalf of the Freeland Village Hub I continue to collect aluminium in the form of drinks cans, clean foodtrays and foil. Please, no food cans, these are made from steel.

These items may be left with me at **139 Wroslyn Road** or I can collect from you. Should you have aluminium in a different form, then this can also be left with me. Also welcome are copper, brass and lead in any form - all will be sold to a metal salvage company and the proceeds donated to the “Hub”.



**Graham’s can crusher**

The response continues to amaze me, with the containers I place on the grass verge and behind the hedge continually being filled up.

You can see the can crusher at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz2-pFV7aUw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz2-pFV7aUw)

Thank you and please keep donating.

Any questions please contact me - Graham Lay, **139 Wroslyn Road tel: 881464**

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Details of other Farmers' Markets at [www.tvfm.org.uk](http://www.tvfm.org.uk)



## **COMET BUS SERVICE**

This pilot community bus service has been running since the 8th November at the times shown in the timetable **below**. I am grateful to Oxfordshire County Council's Community Transport Services for providing us with this service free of charge for six months to help us reassess the local need following the termination of the No. 11 bus service by Stagecoach last May. This service is available to all local residents who have been left without a bus service to Eynsham and Witney. It is not meant to compete with or undermine the No. 233 so please continue to use it.

Three months in, the data show low take up by residents of Church Hanborough and Long Hanborough with the majority of passengers being from Freeland going to Witney. We will continue to monitor the usage data and take an appropriate decision in the next couple of months. Please spread the word and do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Cllr. Alaa Al-Yousuf



## **FREELAND AND HANBOROUGH FREE PILOT BUS SERVICE**

### **Monday & Friday To Witney via Eynsham**

- 10:00 Church Hanborough, SS Peter & Paul Church**
- 10:06 Long Hanborough, Witney Rd, opp. Rec. Hall**
- 10:13 Freeland Village Hall**
- 10:20 Eynsham, Bartholomew School Layby**
- 10:27 Freeland Village Hall (opposite)**
- 10:40 Witney, Market Square**

### **Monday & Friday From Witney via Eynsham**

- 12:50 Witney, Market Square**
- 13:03 Freeland Village Hall**
- 13:10 Eynsham, Bartholomew School Layby**
- 13:18 Freeland Village Hall (opposite)**
- 13:25 Long Hanborough, Christ Church**
- 13:30 Church Hanborough, Hand & Shears Pub**

**Additional bus stops on Wroslyn Road:  
These will be on request near the school and the Little Free Library.**

## **FREELAND HUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

We are looking forward to the next phase of the hub project and are seeking new members with skills and experience in TWO AREAS.

**Financial Management/Accounting**

**Retail Management** particularly in the food sector.

If you think you would be able to help us please email  
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## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Tuesday 4th February:** Lords: The home of Cricket. A talk by Alistair Lack. This is a talk for all fans of cricket and not just those who regularly read their copy of Wisden. Polish up your knowledge of cricket history with us.

**Tuesday 3rd March:** Roman Silchester: The oldest public baths in Britain - a talk by Rev. Margaret Dixon

We meet in the Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh **OX29 6TX** at **7.30pm**. All welcome. Visitors **£4**, Members free. Further details from Diana Power **01993 882301**. If you wish to go on our mailing list, contact Robert Kyte: **kyterobert@gmail.com**

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## **THE SAD TALE OF THE FREELAND VILLAGE HALL LAKE**

The complaints rolled in, thick and fast,  
The car park turned into lake that had grown quite vast,  
The maintenance man was the first to suffer,  
And he had become a miserable old duffer,  
“I was promised this would be done last year,  
I’ve done all I can, I’ve even bent the Boss’s ear”,  
Election day came and went, people said “If you’re gunna vote,  
Leave your car at home, you must vote by boat”,  
Cars had gone missing, just floated away,  
Most hopes were shattered by Christmas Day,  
Christmas passed, Arthur was getting frantic,  
The car park now had waves like the Atlantic,  
New Year’s Day was probably the worst,  
It’s looking like Holland with all the dams burst,  
With 4 days passed into the New Year,  
Where this would end? It was not clear,  
With all hope gone, the first week in Jan,  
Some big blokes rolled up, in a van,  
Arthur told them his thoughts in a fit of pique,  
“Don’t worry mate we’ll have it done within a week”  
The moral (if there is one) of this tale is clear,  
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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

We all send our best wishes to Ray and Jill Evans and hope Ray will soon be well again.

The New Year will begin with a talk on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** by Brian Davies entitled 'The Weird and Wonderful of the Plant Kingdom'. This will be reported on next month.

On **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall we have a very relevant talk on 'Gardening in the Face of Climate Change' given by David Cropp. Hopefully, we are all trying to do our bit to help the environment and maybe something we hear and can put into practice, from the talk, will do some good.

Gardening Items and Plant Sale at every Hall meeting. Visitors very welcome at **£4** a meeting. New members can join now and enjoy a year of excellent talks and outings. It is a joy to see so many bulbs showing through the soggy earth meaning that spring is not too far away!

For any further information about the Gardening Club please contact our Vice Chairman Terry Jones on **davidjones30@talktalk.net**

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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## **A PROFILE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR PETER FOSTER**

We are due to have an election in May to elect members of Freeland Parish Council. Each month we are profiling a different councillor, to provide more information about what we do, and to inspire you to consider becoming a Parish Councillor this year!

**Who are you?** Peter Foster.

**How long have you been on the Parish Council?** Since 2016.

**What's your day job?** I work part-time as a Senior Estates Surveyor for Oxfordshire County Council having worked as a surveyor in the mobile telecommunications industry for many years before that.

**What aspects of the Parish Council are you involved in?**

I have been trying to get the mobile phone operators to improve coverage in Freeland. I have had little success up to now, but I am determined to make this happen. I'm a member of the Council's Planning Group which comments on planning applications. In addition I help my wife with the monthly Cake Café in the Village Hall, and am a volunteer driver for the community bus.

Like all Parish Councillors, I help monitor the safety of the children's play equipment in the park and check public footpaths around the village; we take turns to do this throughout the year.

**What have you enjoyed the most about being a councillor?**

For me, the best thing is feeling that you are making a positive contribution to the people of Freeland.

**Why should someone consider becoming a Parish Councillor?**

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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

### **200 Club Christmas Draw**

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3rd prize:	£ 20	No. 148	P. Rich
4th prize:	£ 10	No. 141	T. Fisher
5th prize:	£ 5	No. 47	J. Major



With the field being under water for much of the last few months,  
and with the Christmas break, it will come as no surprise to learn that there have been  
no games this month. No one at the Club can remember the field being this bad or not  
draining for such a long period of time – the last home game was played on the  
12<sup>th</sup> October!

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Winter Golf Day – we had over  
50 people playing, and raised some much needed funds for the Club. We already have a  
summer event planned, details to follow. The winners were:

**Individual:** Tom Stevens

**Team:** Team Whittney (Who donated winnings back to the club!)

**The Adam Lonsdale Most Golf Played Award:** Trevor 'The Landlord' Johnson

Weather permitting(!), the upcoming fixtures are:

- Sat 25th Jan:** **Firsts Away** to Mansfield Road  
**Reserves at Home** to Adderbury
- Sat 1st Feb:** **Firsts at Home** to Mansfield Road  
**Reserves at Home** to Chesterton (TBC)
- Sat 8th Feb:** **Firsts Away** at Kennington  
**Reserves at Home** to Charlgrove
- Sat 15th Feb:** **Firsts at Home** to Hanborough  
**Reserves at Home** to Kidlington
- Sat 29th Feb:** **Firsts at Home** to Yarnton  
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If you would like to know a little more about becoming a governor, please get in touch with Toby O'Neil ([tobyoneil@freeland.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:tobyoneil@freeland.oxon.sch.uk)) who will be happy to discuss the role with you.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes  
Sarah Nickelson  
Headteacher

Toby O'Neil  
Chair of Governors





**Freeland Baby and Toddler Group**  
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**Monday 27th January**  
**Monday 3rd and 10th February**  
**Monday 2nd March**

Can you help? We would love some more volunteers! Even if you don't have a baby or toddler, could you spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning every now and again? Contact us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/freelandtoddlers/](https://www.facebook.com/freelandtoddlers/)



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## THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 2019

**What a fantastic time on Christmas Day.  
Excellent food, company, and teamwork.**

The team would like to thank all those who made this community event a very memorable one for guests and volunteers alike. It was all made possible with funding from Councillor Liam Walker, alongside donations from local supermarkets, a Blenheim tree; wine, sherry, mince pies, Christmas and chocolate cakes, cake boxes, baubles and crackers from villagers in Freeland and Long Hanborough – some for the second year running.

This was a community event with a difference, where young and old came together at every stage: they baked, helped peel 45kg of vegetables, decorated the hall and tables, wrote a quiz, delivered meals, collected guests, cooked a fantastic meal, served drinks, packed my van and thanks to those who came to clear up at the end and also ended up serving tea and coffee!!

Dorothy – you are a star.

Everyone who came had the most fantastic time.

The biggest thanks must go to family teams: Ria and Graham; Alison and Brian; Jan, Martin, Joe and Annie; Ita, David, Eleanor and Rebecca; Maggie and Pat (turkey roller supremo) and my family - Mark, Verity, Bethany and Jack; who cooked all the component parts of the meal.

If you would like to be involved in **2020** - please contact:

Ria and Graham Lay, Janet Dalton, Jane Linnell.

Several people asked me/others about paying money into the

Christmas Lunch Account – email me for details

Julie Stuart-Thompson [julie.st@btinternet.com](mailto:julie.st@btinternet.com)

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**

Following a very successful New Year's Party at a member's house, some of the group have been working on some "crafty" Christmas presents they've received, making a "snood" and some small figurines! Others are continuing with baby clothes & pram blankets ready for the new great-grandchildren due to arrive in 2020!

*We are a very friendly group and welcome new members to join us, to share their experience or to learn something new. So if you have ever been a "crafty" person or would like to learn, why not come and join us in 2020?*

**NEXT MEETINGS: In the Newell Room, Village Hall - 2pm to 4pm:  
Wednesdays: February 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th; March 4th & 11th**

It costs £1 per session to cover hire of the room, heating, lighting and refreshments. For further information (or someone to go with) please contact:  
Helen Molden: **01993 882305** or Margaret Wright: **01993 881316**

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## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL, WOODSTOCK** by Fliss Pusey, Manager

Marlborough School in Woodstock runs daytime, evening and Saturday courses for adults during term time, whether you are interested in arts and crafts, exercise and wellbeing, languages, cookery or music. We welcome people of many ages and backgrounds from across Oxfordshire and places are currently available on the following weekly courses:

Yoga with Mandy	Mon	09.45-11.15	Badminton for All	Mon	19.00-20.00
Yoga with Klara	Mon	19.30-21.00	Spanish Beginners	Mon	17.00 18.30
Yoga with Wendy	Tues	16.30-18.00	Tai Chi	Tues	18.15-19.15
Anyone Can Sing	Wed	18.30-19.30	As well as many more!		

Our next Saturday workshops are on **8/9<sup>th</sup> February**, when we are running Dressmaking in a Weekend (this runs on Saturday and Sunday), Acrylic Painting, Back and Spinal Care

We are also offering a chance to try Making Skin Creams, Lotions and Scrubs.

Please check availability on our website or call the office to book a place on any of our courses.

Tel: **01993 813592** email: **comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk**  
**www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/commed**

The Marlborough C of E School is seeking to recruit **Exam Invigilators** and **Teaching Assistants**. For further information please refer to our website:  
**www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/202/vacancies**

### **EXERCISE GROUP**

Come and join our friendly exercise group run by an Age UK tutor at the Village Hall, Fridays 10.00am - 11.00am First taster session is free. To suit all abilities (seated or standing). These classes are to build muscle strength & help prevent falls.

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Contact Olwen Radburn on **773432** or **olwen44@tiscali.co.uk** to find out more.

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## **FREELAND WI**

We were joined at our January meeting by Chris Tancock from Pint of Life ([www.pintoflife.org](http://www.pintoflife.org)). Chris is a volunteer Community First Responder for South Central Ambulance Service, and former Oxfordshire Area Manager for St John's Ambulance. He set up Pint of Life in order to bring first aid skills into the local community. Chris guided us through the key things to consider on coming across a first aid situation (the Doctor's ABC). He then introduced us to CPR, before setting us loose to practice on a dummy. Many of us found the demonstration on how to use a defibrillator particularly useful. We are very grateful to Chris for sharing his knowledge, and helping us develop skills and confidence that could help save a life. Chris works on an entirely voluntary basis, providing training courses for free. Do contact him if your group could benefit from first aid training, or if you wish to support Pint of Life.

Continuing from previous months, Freeland WI Climate Ambassador, Rosie Smith, provides some more practical tips for reducing our personal environmental impact:

**Avoid using your car whenever you can** - Walk, cycle or use public transport whenever possible and consider using or even starting up car share schemes. When you drive, avoid rapid acceleration and idling to reduce pollution, & keep your car properly maintained with regular oil changes, air filter changes and tyre inflation. These tips improve your fuel mileage as well. Electric, hybrid and other clean, fuel-efficient cars have a reduced impact so might be an option when buying a new car. As well as being one of the main contributors to global warming the particulate matter, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and other car generated pollutants directly harm human health. <https://sciencing.com/effects-car-pollutants-environment-23581.html>

**Reuse plastic bags** - If you already have good quality plastic bags they can be put in the washing machine along with clothes and come out clean and reusable

**Our next meeting** is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, when we will be considering the WI resolutions for 2020.

Freeland WI normally meets on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **8pm** and finishing around **10pm**. We have an exciting new programme of meetings for 2020. You do not have to be a member to come along (although we would love you to join us). We always welcome visitors and new members. Further information is available on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/freelandwi](http://www.facebook.com/freelandwi) or our website <https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi> or contact Lorraine Pengilly **01993 881129**.

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## **COMBE MILL**

### **Advance notice:**

**March Steaming Sunday** will be devoted to **STEM** - if you know any budding engineers, this will be the event for them.

**April Steaming Sunday** - step back in time - to the home front in the 1940s, hear Churchill speak and enjoy information and artefacts from the times, accompanied by singing from the era.

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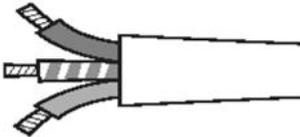
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2.00 – 4.00 pm**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work for the Royal Family?  
If so, this is your opportunity to hear first-hand whilst enjoying tea and cake.

Ian Scott-Hunter has spent many years working as a Royal Butler for the Royal Family. He trained & worked in the 1970's for 10 years in Buckingham Palace and many of the Queen's residences including the Royal Yacht. For the past 43 years he has looked after HRH Princess Alexandra. So come along and enjoy an afternoon of insight and stories! Learn how to fold napkins or set the table the 'royal way'

Tickets are available to buy prior to the event only. **Cost: £15**

If you would like to buy a ticket or need more information please contact

**Kathy Liddell** on **07786 731634 / kathy.liddell@me.com**  
or **Julie Stuart-Thompson** on **01993 880378 / julie.st@btinternet.com**

All money will go to the Charity – The Alexandra House of Joy – a centre in Oxfordshire which will provide Day Time Support, Respite & Palliative Care for adults with learning disabilities.

**PATIENTS URGED TO HELP THE NHS HELP THEM THIS WINTER**

Winter is traditionally the busiest time of year for the NHS, and so patients are being reminded to only use Emergency Departments in Oxford and Banbury in an emergency.

There are a range of alternative options available for non-emergency situations to ensure you get the appropriate care you need, and save an unnecessary trip to the Emergency Department.

What's available?

- **Self-care** is the best choice for minor illnesses and injuries – a range of common winter ailments can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Having a winter plan – such as keeping stocked up on medicines, keeping your home warm, and looking out for neighbours – can also be beneficial.
- **Local pharmacies** can give advice on several conditions, such as coughs, headaches, upset stomachs and skin conditions, as well as advise on stopping coughs and colds from getting worse.
- **NHS 111** (just dial 111 on your phone) has call handlers who can help you choose the right health services for your needs, as well as a website. NHS 111 can put you in touch with a clinician, a GP, book you an appointment at your nearest minor injuries unit. You can also use NHS 111 online at **111.nhs.uk**

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- **Minor injuries units** can treat deep cuts, small burns, sprains, sports injuries, and infected wounds. To find out your nearest MIU please visit the Oxford Health website
- **Your local GP** may offer extended opening hours into the evening or at the weekend.

**Most importantly, only attend Emergency Departments when there is a genuine emergency, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped.**

More information at: <https://www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/news/patients-urged-to-help-the-nhs-help-them-this-winter/102680>

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## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY**

The next concert in our 2019-20 season will be given by Mark Taylor (flute) and Gabriella Jones (harp) who'll be playing works by composers including Piazzola, Bartok, Hamilton Harty and Ravi Shankar. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 14 February**.

In March, the final concert in our 2019-20 season sees a welcome return by The Carice Singers, an outstanding vocal ensemble who'll be presenting a programme of songs by English composers alongside some fascinating European rarities, focusing on springtime and under the title *Tis Nature's Voice*. The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 13 March**.

Both concerts are at the High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets **£12**, under 19 **£1**, will be available at the door from **7pm**.

For more information, please telephone **01993 702296** or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

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## **CITIZENS ADVICE WEST OXFORDSHIRE'S FREE ENERGY AND MONEY-SAVING ADVICE**

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## **FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM, WOODSTOCK**

### **Exhibitions:**

#### **Eduardo Paolozzi: General Dynamic F.U.N.**

**Open until 9 February**

Paolozzi's canny alchemy is vividly apparent in General Dynamic F.U.N, a series of fifty screen prints and photolithographs created between 1965 and 1970. Here Paolozzi employs the technologies of mass-reproduction and gorges on its idols – the household names and familiar faces of consumer advertising, high fashion and Hollywood. The artist's friend and sometime collaborator, J.G. Ballard, described General Dynamic F.U.N as a 'unique guidebook to the electric garden of our minds'.

#### **1980s Britain: Money Changes Everything**

**15 February – 26 April**

Like no other decade, 1980s Britain was dominated by a single political figure. As the first woman to serve as a British prime minister, Margaret Thatcher vowed “to move this country in a new direction”. In doing so, she divided the nation into devoted supporters and fierce opponents, who rioted and protested in the streets. The 1980s were bold, brash and contradictory times. An age of boom and bust. Of greed, spending and charitable-giving, when hair was big and shoulder pads bigger. The decade of dandies swaggering in frills and flounces, while keep-fit fanatics lunged in Lycra and legwarmers. The action-packed decade of new technology and momentous historic events that shaped our modern world.

### **February School Holiday Activities:**

#### **TOM Tots Tuesdays 10.30 - 11am**

Music, stories and rhymes for the under 5s. **£1** per child, **£2.50** per family

#### **Wicked Wednesdays**

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#### **TOM-ART Family fun drop-ins Tuesdays & Thursdays 2 - 4pm**

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## **NEWS FROM NORTH LEIGH LIBRARY**

We hope that readers may have noticed that the Library opened on Wednesday mornings in November and early December, manned by volunteers. This experiment will be reviewed by the Library Service, but it does seem to have been a success. If you would like to volunteer for this, then please email [libraryfriendsnl@outlook.com](mailto:libraryfriendsnl@outlook.com), or leave your name and contact details with Carol in the Library.

In the half-term break on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**, from **10am to 1pm**, we will have a brilliant presentation and activities with people and dogs from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Our usual events for both adults and children continue into the New Year. Pop in and see Carol for details.

We would like to start up a Creative Writing group for the Friends. Is there anyone who would be interested in joining the group and perhaps tutoring us on a voluntary basis? Please contact the Friends or Carol, as above.

Phil Bloomfield - Friends of North Leigh Library



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## **MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT @ THE YEOMAN**

**Wednesday, 29th January 2019, 7.30pm. for 8.00pm** start at

The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon **OX29 8AQ**

Don't worry if there's only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night!

Entry is just **£3** per person with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie Cancer

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For more info: Nicky Clargo at **oxfordshire.stars@gmail.com** or **07754 271831**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- M 27 Jan Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 27 Jan Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 29 Jan Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 30 Jan Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 31 Jan Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Sa 1 Feb BEFSA Quiz Night, Freeland Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm, £12.50
- Su 2 Feb Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- M 3 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Tu 4 Feb The Cake Café, Freeland Village Hall, 9.00 - 11.30am(Bacon rolls 9-10am)
- Tu 4 Feb Woodstock U3A, Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- Tu 4 Feb Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
- Tu 4 Feb North Leigh History Society, Turner Hall, Church Road, N. Leigh, 7.30pm
- W 5 Feb Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 6 Feb Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 7 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 10 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 10 Feb Freeland Women's Institute, Freeland Hall, 8pm
- W 12 Feb Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- W 12 Feb Last date for insertions in the Grapevine**
- Th 13 Feb Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 14 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- F 14 Feb Witney Music Society, High Street Methodist Church, Witney, 7.30pm
- M 17 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 17 Feb Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- Tu 18 Feb Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm, £2
- W 19 Feb Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
- Th 20 Feb Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 21 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 24 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- M 24 Feb Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- W 26 Feb Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
- Th 27 Feb Community Bus Freeland - Witney - Freeland **see page 24**
- F 28 Feb Comet Bus Service to Eynsham, Witney and return **see page 26**
- Su 1 Mar Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- Su 1 Mar Afternoon Tea with the Royal Butler, Freeland Hall, 2pm (**page 41**)

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

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