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# **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND**

**Sunday 31st July 10.00am (5th Sunday) at St Peter & St Paul**

**Whole Benefice Worship**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 7th August 8.30am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 7th August 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 14th August 10.00am Morning Worship**

Leader: Andy Richens

Preacher: Andy Richens

**Sunday 21st August 08.30am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

**Sunday 21st August 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

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**Sunday 28th August 10.00am at St Peter and St Paul (TBC)**

**Whole Benefice Worship**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

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**St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.**

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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.

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For more information, please contact Alice on **01993 886833** or Steve on **01993 881270** or contact us through the Church website: [www.hfchurch.org.uk](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)

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## **WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY - BBC PROMS CONCERT TRIP**

Witney Music Society has organised a trip to one of the BBC Promenade concerts in London. The concert is at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 25th August** and will feature works by Lalo, Brahms and Franck. Seats are in the stalls and return travel is by coach from Woodford Way, Witney, direct to the Royal Albert Hall. The coach will leave Witney at **1pm** to give time to spend in London ahead of the concert. The all-inclusive price for the trip is **£50**.

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## **Letter from our Rector, Rev. Steve Stewart:**

The sun is up, school's out, suitcases packed, trains on strike, and the airplanes grounded – the classic British summer has arrived! Yes, it's the time of year when we try to get away for a well-earned break in the hope of finding some peace and some rest. But the fact is that peace and rest can be very elusive. A week's break makes the pressures of this life easier to deal with, but rarely makes them disappear. And if we find ourselves in financial distress, even the hope of a week's break can disappear altogether. With the stresses of damaged relationships, illness and bereavement, even a holiday can fail to bring peace even if it brings a period of rest.

I became a Christian when I was 17 (43 years ago this August), and one of the greatest blessings that I have found in following Jesus Christ is true, deep and lasting peace. Whatever life has thrown at me – failure, frustration, loss, worry, illness and more – the one thing that God has given to me is deep and certain peace. When I was a young man, I said to a wise and older Christian friend, "I don't how people manage without Jesus", to which he replied simply "Steve, I don't think they do".

And a great part of my motivation for wanting to be a leader and teacher of God's people is not just that Christianity stands up to forensic investigation, not simply that I want to see people saved to eternal life, but that I want people to experience the peace of God. And I know that that blessing of peace is not just special to me, but something which God promises to everyone who believes in his son Jesus Christ. As it says in the Bible,

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7).

My prayer for each of you in our communities in Hanborough and Freeland this summer is not only that you will be able to get a good break, but that you will find the true peace and rest which only Jesus Christ can offer.

If you would like to learn more about church and what it means to be a Christian, simply join us at any of our churches on a Sunday morning (see [hfchurch.org.uk](http://hfchurch.org.uk)) or contact me for a chat at [rector@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:rector@hfchurch.org.uk)

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Steve Stewart,  
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

**ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE** are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm seven days a week. You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Mondays & Tuesdays 6pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thursdays Noon - 3pm & 5pm-11pm; Fridays 9am - Late; Saturdays Noon - late; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm. In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf of the magazine rack which is on a cross aisle near the Post Office counter.

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## OUR NEW CURATE, HEATHER McCULLOCH

An update from Rev. Steve:

I am delighted to share the news that Heather was ordained deacon on 2nd July 2022, after completing her training at Wycliffe.



Heather arrives in Hanborough and Freeland in September, where she will be working half-time for the Benefice, plus Sundays. Please pray for Heather during this time of transition. Here is an update from Heather herself:

*Hello! I am really looking forward to joining your clergy team officially in September. Before then you might see me around the parish or at Sunday services – do come and say Hi, and bear with me as I learn all your names!*

*I am married to a curate in the nearby parish of Cogges and we have three children at Bartholomew School. Before pursuing ordination, I worked for 12 years leading projects and teams in architectural practice in London and an equal time in private counselling practice locally which has taught me to listen with care to people's inner world. I would describe myself as a pastor-teacher with a passion to bring out the best in other people and to see them flourish.*

*I love exploring people's creative ideas and helping to make things happen! I am looking forward to helping you to develop your vision for mission in the parish and to see new people reached with the good news. I know that in the process and with a dose of good humour, we will all grow in faith, love, and commitment to one another and to Jesus.*

Heather McCulloch

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## ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

**Tuesday 26th July**      **In the afternoon, a visiting band from Milton, near Abingdon**

**Sunday 7th August 9.30am - 10.00am**

**Sunday 21st August 9.30am - 10.00am**

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

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**website: [www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk](http://www.vickysafterschoolclub.co.uk)**

## **SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH**

**Sunday 31st July 10.00am (5th Sunday) at St Peter and St Paul**  
**Whole Benefice Worship**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 7th August 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Steve Young

Preacher: Clive Berry

**Sunday 14th August 10.00am Holiday Time service**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 21st August 10.00am Holiday Time service**

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights-Johnson

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**Sunday 28th August 10.00am at St Peter and St Paul (TBC)**  
**Whole Benefice Worship**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

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**Sunday 31st July 10.00am (5th Sunday) - Whole Benefice Worship**

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

**Sunday 7th August 10.00am Morning Prayer**

Leader: John Fox

Preacher: John Fox (to read Homily)

**Sunday 14th August 10.00am Holy Communion**

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

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Leader: John Fox

Preacher: John Fox (to read Homily)

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**Sunday 7th August 10am Rev. Fred Ireland**

**Sunday 14th August 10am Mr Peter Allen**

**Sunday 21st August 10am Mrs Jenny Bywater**

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## **HANBOROUGH LUNCH CLUB**

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## **FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

### **Electric Vehicle charging points**

The Parish Council, with the help of Oxfordshire County Council, are looking into installing some Electrical Charging points in the Village Hall car park. Discussions are still at an early stage to see if this is something that Freeland wishes to pursue.

### **Parish Council communication**

Our website can now be found at **[www.freelandpc.org.uk](http://www.freelandpc.org.uk)**, and we hope this will make it easier to find all the latest updates from the Parish Council. Additionally, you can follow us on Facebook (**[@freelandpc](#)**) or Twitter (**[@freeland\\_pc](#)**).

The noticeboard by the primary school is looking a little bit tired so we are going to upgrade this and add space for Parish Council notices as well, to reach more of our long village community.

### **20MPH zone bid**

The Parish Council have now submitted a bid for the 20MPH zone which will be under consideration.

### **Trees**

Unfortunately, the weather has taken its toll on some of our smaller tree saplings. We are aware that some have died but we are looking to replace them again in the autumn. In the meantime, we are trying to make sure they are kept watered – please feel free to water any near you during the hot weather.

### **Who are your Parish Councillors?**

**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.

In association with the Village Hall Management Committee I am also involved with the joint working group looking at the sustainability of the Village Hall.

### **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.

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### **Planning Group:**

Roger Faulkner, Mary Ann Canning, Peter Foster, Amy Jackson, Andrew Bird.

### **District Councillors**

Alaa Al-Yousuf Bridleway End, The Green Tel: <b>01993 880689 / 07768 898914</b> Email: <b>alaa.alyousof@westoxon.gov.uk</b>	Lidia Arciszewska Email: <b>lidia.arciszewska@westoxon.gov.uk</b>
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### **Planning Applications update to:**

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

### **Applications Received:**

**22/01590/HHD     8 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Erection of replacement single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs K Brasey

**19/01725/CC3REG & 19/01095/ADJ (R3.0057/19)**

(Revised Park & Ride Site Layout Plan) of planning permission at Land West of Cuckoo Lane and Adjacent to the A40, Eynsham, OX29 4PU

**22/01680/HHD     3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland**

Whole house renovation to raise roof, front and rear extensions

**22/01713/HHD     23 Oaklands Close, Freeland**

Proposed single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Clark amended version of **22/00848/HHD**

**Applications Approved:                 None**

**Applications Withdrawn:                None**

**Applications Refused:                    None**

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th September 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.*

Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the **SECOND** Monday of each month in the Newell Room. There is no meeting in August. The Annual Parish Meeting is held in March or April on a date agreed by the Parish Council. The Annual Meeting of the Council is held at the ordinary meeting in May.

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 - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk - email fayf.fpc@gmail.com or call 01993 357851**

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## **UPDATE ON NATURE RECOVERY & NO MOW MAY**

You will remember that the Parish Council supported the efforts of Freeland's nature Recovery Group led by Russell Fisher and Amanda Watson? Well No Now May went really well, and those selected verges which yielded plenty of pollen, seeds and habitats for wildlife at the time when it was most needed, have now been cut.

Regarding the selected wildflower plots in the village, progress has been a little more mixed. Planting seeds is about taking a leap of faith, as so much can affect successful germination. Sun, no sun, rain, no rain and cold or lack thereof! Yellow rattle requires a period of cold and we were a bit worried that our mild winter would affect the germination of the seeds sown at our various sites. Overall, our sowing seems to have been successful with some sites showing more success than others.

The small verge at the top of Oaklands has shown a reasonable amount of success. Earlier in the year some vetch species and buttercups found their way to the top as well as pockets of yellow rattle. However, the grass has now grown considerably which suggests the soil is quite high in nutrients. After it has been cut and removed at the end of July, it will have a bit more chance to bloom in further years. This site will be a 'slow grower'.

The Parklands site has been a little less successful. Yellow rattle was sown on half of the patch leaving the thistle and ragwort to grow on the other side. Oxeye daisies have also had some success in breaking through the tall grass. The blooms of ragwort and thistle look stunning and provide fantastic nectar for bees and butterflies. Ragwort, although a fantastic plant for wildlife, can be a real bully so some management will need to be done on this in order to improve plant diversity. Yellow rattle and shade tolerant wildflowers will be sown again this autumn.

Broadmarsh Lane has probably seen the greatest growth of yellow rattle with large pockets coming up across the whole verge. You can really see where the yellow rattle has grown and while the grass is still getting tall it is not as vigorous and is patchier. Hopefully next year will see further suppression of grass and more wildflowers making themselves known. By contrast, the little patch in the lane between Wroslyn Road and Broadmarsh Lane has seen a wonderful succession of poppies, phacelia & cornflowers.

The Green has been looking stunning with a blaze of red from the poppies being followed by the blue of the cornflowers, and now oxeye daisies. Because of this success, the plot at The Green won't be cut until the autumn.

We have been busy collecting yellow rattle seed to sow again in the autumn and are now awaiting the first cut of the sites. This will be done in July/August and all cuttings will be removed so as not to add any more nutrients.

We will be looking to do another cut, scarify and re-sow in September/October if anyone would like to join in! Details to follow nearer the time.

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Come rain or shine, books continually come and go, meaning that no matter which day you visit, you will always find something different on the shelves of the Freeland Little Free Libraries. The sheer volume and variety of books that have been donated and shared is mind-boggling!

As always, many thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers who keep everything running smoothly; they do a lot of work behind the scenes to make sure that the shelves are tidy and well-stocked.

We are in the process of replacing the boxes behind the bus shelter, which need upgrading due to wear and tear. A sturdier box will be in place soon. In the meantime, please be mindful if you are trying to donate a large number of books; please do not over-fill the boxes, as they are likely to literally burst at the seams! Thank you.

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We hope 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 - it's a great opportunity to learn new skills and talk to others.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:  
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## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

We've had a busy June and July, and most of our junior matches are coming to an end, but the League team are just over half way through the season and the women's hardball team have another 5 matches to play. The women's softball team also have a busy schedule for July and August.



The **Under 9s** played their first festival at Oxford Downs and had a great time smashing fours and sixes.

The **Under 11 softball** team have completed all their matches and won 2 and lost 4, there has been a great improvement in their abilities and all will be playing hardball cricket next season.

The **Under 11 hardball** team has also shown great improvement and currently stand 3rd in the league with 3 games left to play.

The **Under 13 Super 8s** team have finished their league campaign and have also developed into playing in the u13 11 a side team.

The **Under 13 11-a-side** team won half of their matches, with great performances from a number of players, Ben Davies scoring most runs, Eddie Borrill taking most wickets and Ben Stansfeld taking a hat-trick of wickets.

The **Under 15** players are now playing in the under 19 league and are playing against some highly talented players.

The **Cherwell League** team currently lies 4th with 7 matches to go. The past couple of weeks has seen the re-emergence of Marcus Hall as the pick of the bowlers, taking 9 wickets for 78 runs.

The **Women's hardball** team lost by 5 runs to Steventon, with Rachel Morris top scoring with 20 not out, sharing an unbeaten 50 run partnership with Emma Owen. Sarah Stallwood has been the pick of the bowlers, taking 5 wickets for 60 runs in 3 matches.

The **Women's softball** team have now played in two festivals. They will play a **Super 8s** match at Steventon on **20th July** and another festival on **24th July**.

Coaching for children will cease on **9th August**, but women's softball and hardball training will continue until the end of August.

The pub quizzes will be held on **Sunday 31st July at 7pm, and Wednesday 10th August at 8pm**. Entry is **£3** per player and there is a cash prize for the winners and runners-up.

For more information please see the website and Facebook page.

Simon Brown - Chair - Freeland Cricket Club

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

**Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club**

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## **FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

The **Under 16s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - [stu.mac@aol.com](mailto:stu.mac@aol.com)

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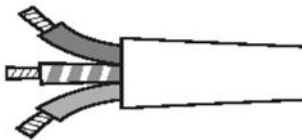
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### **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUT GROUP**

Our groups are now on a break until we start up again in September, but what an amazing year we have had so far!

Will and Beth, both members of our Explorers group, were selected to go to South Korea next year to take part in the 2023 World Jamboree. We're very excited for them, and soon there will fundraising events taking place to help them get to South Korea. Our **Scouts** have been doing amazing things, including: gliding, paddle boarding, upcycling, hiking, swimming, outdoor activities at Fat Squirrel, cooking, arts and crafts, forestry and they already have a camping trip planned for September!

**Cubs** have also had an action-packed programme: astronomy, gardening, pond-dipping, hiking, fishing, camping, cooking, and building bird boxes. **Beavers** (our youngest members) have enjoyed a wide variety of fun activities, including: camping, making rockets and cars, gardening, building towers, pond-dipping, camp fires, cycling, cooking, climbing and learning about first aid!

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#### **Join us as a volunteer!**

Extra pairs of hands are always needed to help us to run our groups, but at the moment our Scouts and Explorers groups really need the most support. They meet on Friday evenings during term-time. Send an email to [gsl@hfscouting.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hfscouting.org.uk) to find out more and to take the first steps to start your Scouting adventures!

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I'd like to wish all our volunteers a wonderful summer, and to thank them for all the amazing work they do; our groups would not be able to function without them.

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## **FREELAND WI**

For our WI July meeting we made the short journey to Long Hanborough to sample bowling at the Long Hanborough Bowls Club. The sun shone throughout our visit and thanks to the expert tuition from a group of their members, we all enjoyed a fun evening. We really appreciated the warm welcome they gave us, including providing refreshments. The bowls green looked beautifully lush, evidence of the care and attention it receives throughout the year. Most of us were first time bowlers and were surprised at the technicalities of the game. The Bowls Club members provided tuition throughout the games and we were delighted as our skills improved. We may even have some potential future players amongst our members.



Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **10pm**. Our meetings usually consist of an activity or speaker, a raffle and refreshments. We always look forward to welcoming visitors and new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining WI now could be the time to give us a try. If you want to check out what we have planned for 2022, a copy of our programme was included in January's Grapevine, is displayed on the village noticeboard or is available from our secretary. We are a varied group with a wide range of interests. One trait that unites us is that we are friendly and welcoming to visitors. Please contact our secretary Rosie if you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member. We would love you to join us.

Further information is available on our website:

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

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Hanborough Station	09:10	11:10	13:10	17:35
Long Hanborough, New Road	09:15	11:15	13:15	17:40
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane	09:19	11:19	13:19	17:44
Eynsham, Surgery	09:25	11:25	13:25	17:50
Eynsham, Church (North side of High St)	09:29	11:29	13:29	18:00

#### **Service 411 Eynsham - Hanborough**

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Eynsham, Surgery	08:49	10:49	12:49	17:09
Freeland, Broadmarsh Lane	08:55	10:55	12:55	17:15
Long Hanborough, New Road	09:00	11:00	13:00	17:20
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# RESULTS OF THE ‘FREELAND 2032’ SURVEY

Throughout May and early June, Freeland Parish Council ran a survey of residents – thank you if you participated! A large number entered a prize draw, and we’re delighted to announced that the winners drawn for the **£25** shopping vouchers were: John Hoer, Sue Tomkys, Jonathan Langford and Paul Wilmott, who have now all been given their vouchers.

All in all, **149** usable responses were received, and this is a snapshot of the main observations. Please bear in mind this is NOT representative of the whole village, just answers from those who took part – which means results need to be interpreted with care.

## Transport and mobility

While over half of those who responded can always get where they want, when they want, just under half experience challenges of some kind, and just under a quarter cannot walk more than a few hundred metres. Those who use public transport mostly use the train, and more than half of participants rarely or never use public transport at all. However, more than half say they would use it more often if it was convenient and available. Better transport links would provide most improvement to the village!

## Traffic and cars

Many people were concerned about speeding and volume of traffic, and the danger posed by cars parked on Wroslyn Road, as well as the irritation from cars parked around the school. Better cycling and walking links to Eynsham in particular was mentioned as a way of reducing traffic and improving safety, as well as better pedestrian crossing places in the village and the urgent need to divert traffic around Freeland to reduce impacts from the development of Salt Cross.

## Housing and development

The main concern over housing was inappropriate development and over-development, and the risk of merging with neighbouring villages. A small number (**6%**) said they were looking for housing in the village – mainly smaller properties to downsize to, or starter homes.

## Social interaction

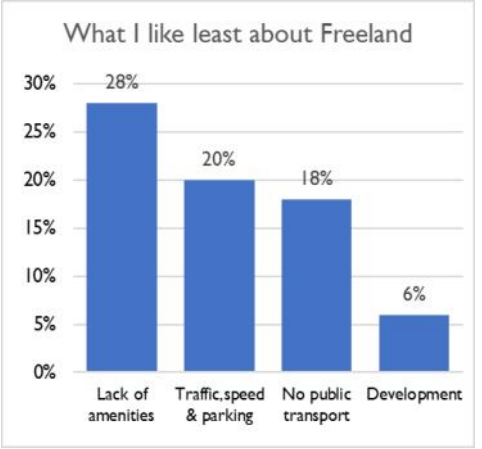
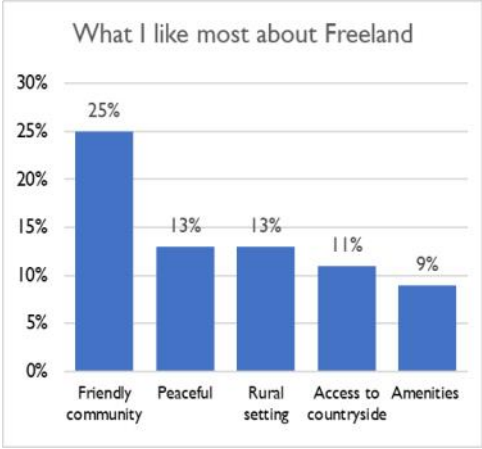
More than half of respondents do not live in families, but are single or couples, and these find it harder to socialise and meet people. Lack of social opportunities and the desire to have a strong and supportive community within the village were both echoed throughout the survey. This was for all, but noted particularly for the oldest and youngest respondents.

## Salt Cross

This scored **7/10** in terms of level of concern, with **0** meaning no concerns, and **10** meaning highest concerns. Lack of understanding as to why it is needed and the impact it will have, as well as fears over traffic, were largely behind negative scores.

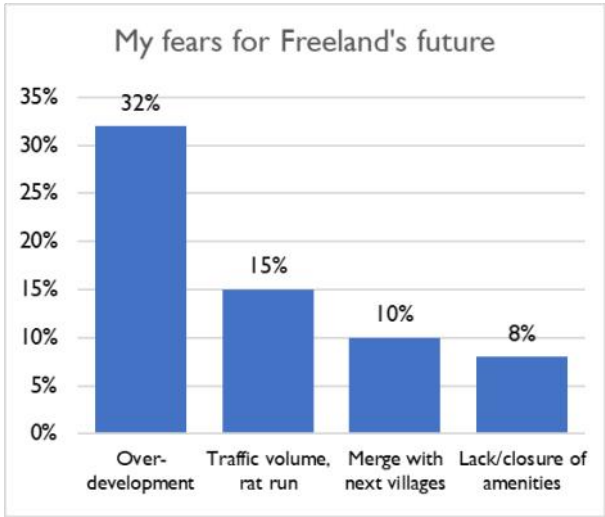
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**Things people liked about Freeland:** The friendly community, peacefulness, rural setting, access to the countryside and lack of street lighting together formed over two thirds of the reasons people liked Freeland.

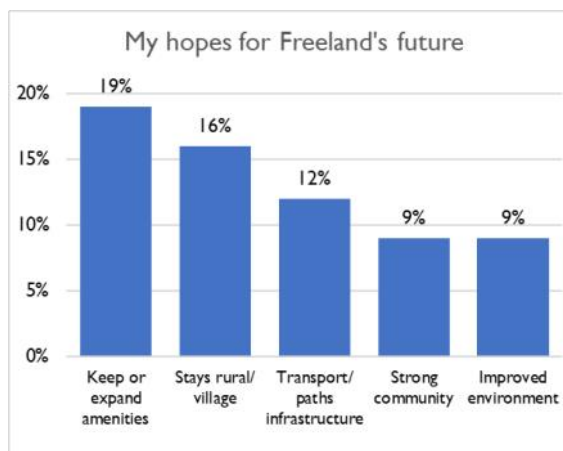
**Things people disliked about Freeland:** While amenities such as the pub, hall, garden centre and little library were very appreciated, lack of other amenities including shop, café and post office formed **28%** of the least-liked aspects of Freeland. This was closely followed by lack of public transport at **18%**. However, traffic-related concerns (speeding, traffic volume and parking along Wroslyn road) together comprised **20%** of the 'dislikes'. Other reasons were very fragmented and formed small percentages of the responses.



**Fears for the future:** These were similarly fragmented among a large number of items, but overdevelopment was a headline at almost a third of responses in total, with the risk of merging with neighbouring villages forming a further **10%**. Increasing traffic volume and use of the village as a rat-run comprised **15%** of responses about fears for the future, with continuing lack of amenities or closure of existing amenities representing **8%**.

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**Hopes for the future:** These were mostly about better village amenities (again, shop, café, post office), with many holding out hope for a community hub. **16%** wanted the village to stay as it currently is (peaceful, attractive and with village character), and **9%** each wanted a strong community and improved environmental credentials, including 'greening' and support for nature. It is worth noting that improved infrastructure including public transport, roads, and pathways for cycling and walking, together formed **12%** of responses.

### Percentage of participants who thought the following would improve Freeland 'significantly' heading towards 2032

Better transport links in Freeland	56%
Safer or less busy roads/better parking	46%
Ability to buy essential groceries in Freeland	45%
Improved access to healthcare and/or services to reduce isolation/loneliness	41%
More advice/inspiration on being low-carbon, recycling or helping the environment	27%
More access to activities/places for young people	25%
More community activities and social opportunities in Freeland	24%
Better facilities at Freeland school	22%
More availability of starter, downsize, 1-2 bed or single level homes in Freeland	22%
More affordable or assisted purchase homes in Freeland	21%
Better protection against crime or antisocial behaviour	17%

### Next steps

The Parish Council discussed the survey results at its July meeting and agreed to set up a meeting of interested village residents for October – date to be advised. In the survey, over **30** people expressed interest in helping with the survey follow up, so it's hoped they and others will be able to come along to talk about the potential of setting up some groups to look at areas such as: Amenities; Traffic; and Social opportunities/community. Sustainability/green issues is suggested for a fourth group, which will also feed into the other groups as opportunities to protect our environment and cut our greenhouse gas emissions affect all activities.

**Please watch out for a date in October where you can find out more!** If you would like a copy of the full results, **please email: [amyj\\_fpc@outlook.com](mailto:amyj_fpc@outlook.com) or call: 07917 773 756.**

### **HOME FOR UKRAINE SCHEME - JULY UPDATE**

In June we had three new Ukrainian arrivals and nobody leaving the group. In July we have four further Ukrainian arrivals, two in Freeland and two in Combe.

Three weekly English lessons, Sunday afternoon Meetings with the Food Hub Offering, Clothing Store, Haircuts, etc all continued. At the end of the month we decided to stop the Thursday morning social meeting because demand had really dropped as our guests found employment and had developed friendships. Sincere thanks to Fiona McGrady and her team of bakers and coffee makers who made that Thursday meeting so valued in the early months.

Jubilee Day was an amazing fund raising event for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme - our thanks to the Parish council for sharing profits from the day with us. We received **£1000** from the event and this has helped us to not only supply a trouser and top 'cagoul' set to each of our 36 guests but also welly boots. We also managed to recondition and supply all secondary school children where needed with pads or laptops to help their studies. With the Jubilee money included, we have raised **£3510** to date and have a surplus of **£724**.

June 25th saw all of our guests taken by coach to Glympton Village Country Fayre with a 53 seater coach, picnic lunch, free activities (horse rides, archery, air-rifle range, etc) for all Ukrainians, as well as afternoon tea, all funded by the Bahrainian owner of Glympton Manor. It was by all accounts an amazing day and was only possible with the amazing support of Alaa Al-Yousuf who put himself forward to manage the day and ensure that the day went smoothly for all who went and the same number arrived back to the various coach drop off points as had been collected on the way there! Thank you so much Alaa from all Hosts and Ukrainians !

With the Russia / Ukrainian war intensifying the focus of the Ukrainians is on what happens after the 6 months Homes for Ukraine Scheme and guests are having discussions with Hosts about plans at the end of 6 months. At the same time Hosts are waiting for guidance from Central Government whether the 6 month scheme will be extended to 12 months for those hosts happy to continue and with WODC about possible arrangements for guests who will be leaving their sponsor homes and any Deposit bond schemes and rent support for getting set up with private rentals.

We hope to know more before the end of July so we can support our guests and help find them landlords who are sympathetic to renting their second homes and Air B&B properties to Ukrainians receiving benefits and housing allowance. If you are prepared to offer any accommodation, whether rooms in a shared house or self contained accommodation on a paid-for basis please do make contact and let us know, likewise if you would consider a six month involvement in the Homes for Ukraine Scheme from November 2022, please do let us know.

Chris Onslow [chris@mbodiesacademy.com](mailto:chris@mbodiesacademy.com)



## **COMBE MILL - "MODELS & COLLECTIONS"**

### **STEAMING SUNDAY 21st August**



Combe Mill was basking in the sunshine on Steaming Sunday in July but the picnic area was shaded for most of the day and had a delightful breeze from the river. Visitors loved speaking to all the wildlife experts on the day and holding an owl was a definite highlight.

If you missed the Birds, Bees, Bats, and Badgers day this year, I am pretty sure it will go back onto the calendar in 2023.

August's Steaming Sunday on **21st August**, from **10.30am until 5pm**, will have many visiting exhibitors showing us the most amazing selection of models. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, both young and old. Miniature traction engine, dioramas, steam engines, Corgi models, die cast toys, farms, buses, trains, fairground models, lots of individual items with some displayed on layouts. Our visiting exhibitors will really enjoy talking to you about their collections and constructions and maybe share information about their latest acquisitions.

As always, our volunteer team will be ready for all your questions about the Mill – catch up with the latest developments. Ask us about volunteering at the Mill. Enjoy delightful, seasonal offerings in the tea room, sitting out on the verandah. Dogs are welcome but please check the weather!

Remember to buy a ticket that you can convert your day ticket to an annual pass - ideal to have "free" days out for a year!!

Keep up to date with events by visiting our website: **[combemill.org](http://combemill.org)**

Julie Stuart-Thompson

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## **THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 3/7/2022**

As I sit down to write this the sun is really making its presence known, which brings a 1987 Cure song to mind, "Hot, Hot, Hot!!!" Which would make a nice change from our past few walks which have more of a link to another 80s band, Wet, Wet, Wet!!

Our editor keeps telling us our write ups are not factual enough and lack depth, info, interest, a start, an end, Shakespearean quotes or any sort of clues to where we've been. Our answer to this was that we Walk, Ramble, Hike whatever you call it for fun, not to win a Nobel prize for literature. On a positive note, we supply no maps or indication as to where we're going (that's how we roll) however we have walkers' safety in mind at all times, provide sustenance to keep everyone fed and watered and everyone is of course covered by the terms and conditions of the walking gods (Pennypincher QC has cast his eye over these).

Where there is countryside....we will walk.

Next month's Ramble is on **Sunday 7th August at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Oxfordshire Yeoman. All are welcome to join us.



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## **OX29 UNEXPECTED TALES**

Following a break last year because of the Covid pandemic, we are hoping to produce our 5th edition of short stories by local authors from OX29 in the early summer of next year. We will be looking for submissions before **30th November**, but also need a couple of additional members on our steering group which will oversee its production. if you are interested, please contact us on:  
**ox29.anthology@btinternet.com**

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## **EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP UPDATE**

Our Doctors and staff at Long Hanborough and Eynsham would like to thank patients for their patience while we go through a challenging staffing phase.

We have recently appointed several new staff members across the practice, including to our Patient Care Advisor and Dispensary teams, along with clinicians including GPs, administration and management staff. It will of course take time for the new staff to be fully trained and confident in their new roles.

We continue to recruit to bring our staffing levels up to full strength. In the meantime, we appreciate the kindness and understanding the great majority of our patients show to our staff and the positive feedback we regularly receive.

We will very shortly be making new vaccination clinic plans. These will be the autumn boosters for both flu and Covid. We will publicise these as soon as those plans are in place.

Thank you from all the Partners and staff at EMG.

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## **OTHER LOCAL HEALTH NEWS**

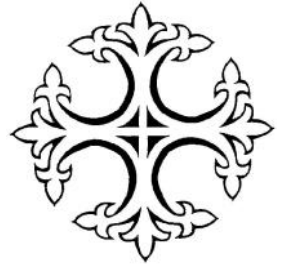
### **A new chapter for the NHS in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and West Berkshire**

Over the past fifteen years, the NHS in Oxfordshire has been overseen by the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG). However, as part of a national change in the way the NHS is organised the new NHS Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (known as the BOB ICB) took over from the 1st July.

The aim is to bring together GP teams, hospitals, local authorities, the voluntary sector and other partners to plan and deliver health and care services for more than 1.9 million people across those three areas.

These changes are part of the 2022 Health and Care Act which aims to make it easier for the NHS and social care organisations to work better together.

If you would like to find out more, a video explaining the new systems, please following this link: **<https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/a-new-chapter-for-the-nhs-in-buckinghamshire-oxfordshire-and-berkshire-west>**





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## **BEFSA QUIZ 16/7/2022**

A smaller gathering than in previous years was challenged by Sarah the quiz setter. At the end of all the rounds, nothing but a tie break could split the top two teams.

In the tie breaker Marais' Marauders were just beaten by the team from Chesterton School - which means a Freeland based team has come second every time we have held the quiz in the Hall. One year we will get to keep the trophy in the village! Thanks to all those who attended and generously gave their funds to the raffle, bar and auctions on offer. The quiz raised **£1100**. See you next year!

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

[befsa.org](http://befsa.org)



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## **WYCHWOOD FOREST FAIR - Sunday 31st July 11am - 4pm**

The Wychwood Forest Fair is a family-friendly country fair celebrating rural crafts, community and conservation in the historic Wychwood area.

Founded in 1796 as a peaceful counterpart to the Witney Feast, the historic fair became increasingly raucous and in 1853 was shut down for good. In 2000 the Wychwood Forest Trust revived the fair to highlight conservation work, crafts and community in the historic Wychwood area, and its relaxed and fun ambience is much closer to the original intentions of its founders.

Proceeds from the Forest Fair support our work to conserve wildlife and landscapes in the historic Wychwood area.

The 2022 Forest Fair will be on **Sunday 31st July at Foxburrow Wood, Witney OX29 9XL** - for more information see our website:

**[www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk/forest-fair](http://www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk/forest-fair)**

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

The subject for the meeting on June 27th was 'The Rococo Garden at Painswick' given by Dominic Hamilton who is very involved with the Garden at present. He told us that Painswick is the unique and only genuine Rococo Garden left in the country. It was designed in 1740 for Benjamin Hyatt as a pleasure garden, involving the ornamental décor, pastel colours and asymmetry popular at the time with follies to surprise and delight the eye. He first gave a history of the adjoining house and of its and the garden's development. He also had many interesting pictures to show. The garden is famous for its many varieties of snowdrops that flower in the spring. As the garden is only in Gloucester it is an easy day visit's journey away.

The meeting on **Monday 25th July at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is a talk by Michael Brown entitled 'Shakespeare's Flowers' It will be interesting to find out whether the same flowers are popular at present.

The Club always holds some form of social in August. Rather than organising a party this year we are planning to go to Bridewell Organic Garden at Wilcott on **Monday 22nd August** for an organised evening tour and refreshments at a cost of **£5** per person. In order to know numbers, please contact Brian our Treasurer (**883968**) to book and pay for a place. This will give the Committee an idea of the numbers interested. Private cars will be used, with lifts offered where possible. Further information will be given nearer the time. Visitors very welcome.

Freeland Gardening Club is a very friendly welcoming Club offering a wide range of first class speakers. The first visit is free with very reasonable subs due after the AGM in October. If you are new to the village do come along and let us know you are new. There is a Bring and Buy Plant and Gardening Items sale and refreshments at all Hall meetings.

Jobs for August involve feeding borders, planters and hanging baskets. Deadhead annuals after flowering. Keep picking sweetpeas till they run out of steam then replace them with a late flowering climber such as cobeia. Thinking ahead, buy spring flowering bulbs while the best are available, plant autumn crocus and cyclamen hederifolium. Plant amaryllis to flower around Christmas time. Watch out for the red lily beetles and remove and dispose of them. Powdery mildew is seen on a wide range of plants in a late dry summer. Remove effected leaves or treat with a fungicide. Watch out for white fly on vegetables and greenhouse plants. Prevent by spraying or grow African Marigolds nearby. Ventilate the greenhouse to keep it cool and spray water on concrete paths to increase humidity. Prune Phlomis, early flowering annuals, Wisteria and Spirea. In the fruit and veg garden keep harvesting beans before they get stringy, and other crops. Dig potatoes and lift onions. Keep light from stored potatoes and dry off onions ready for storage. Cut down strawberries to ground level and feed. Remove any straw from around plants. Lastly sow herbs, savoy cabbage, spinach and salads.

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

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## **FREELAND ORCHESTRA & WOW's SUMMER CONCERT REVIEW**

(Friday 1st July)

What a delight to be listening again to live performances from the Freeland Orchestra and West Oxfordshire Winds, under the thoughtful and energetic leadership of Wendy Marks.

To open the evening, we were transported to the continent with a lively performance of Gounod's Scherzo and Trio (from Symphony No.1), where lyrical wind passages were interspersed with punchy staccato from the strings. The Allegro from the same symphony followed this bright introduction, the opening staccato bars catching our attention before the main theme allowed different instruments to shine, and providing a glorious and entertaining climax.

This was followed by Ronald Binge's Elizabethan Serenade (fitting for this platinum Jubilee year) with the bright sound of the woodwind shining above the warmth of the strings.

Their final piece was Gershwin's depiction of An American in Paris, where the orchestra was boosted with the addition of drums, saxophones and a bass clarinet. Intended by Gershwin as a 'light jolly piece', the performance showed us various moods of the title character: a jolly swagger in Paris through busy streets with car horns and the sound of hurrying trains contrasting with the contemplative passages suggestive of the character's longing for home. We could 'see' him stopping and setting off again through Paris. These scenes really came to life in this atmospheric rendition.

After a short interval the audience was treated to a brisk start with West Oxfordshire Winds playing Puccini's Augusta, a lively march, rhythmic and cheerful. The precise and spirited playing of WOW was again reminiscent of this year's parades celebrating the platinum jubilee.

The Crooner's Serenade (Michael Bublé) had the audience tapping their toes to the swinging rhythms. Wendy brought out lovely lyrical playing from the flutes and warm tone from the band, and the piece ended with a triumphant flourish.

Another toe-tapping piece followed in the form of an Italian Polka by Rachmaninov (originally composed for piano).

We were then transported to the dance floor with a swinging rendition of Hello Dolly. Audience participation was requested for the next item, Brubeck's Unsquare Dance. After a short practice, the audience's rhythmic clapping was swelled by sections of the band joining in one after another, and the joint effort, brilliantly in time, led to a crisp and happy ending.

The concert drew to a close with a treat for the audience in the form some familiar ABBA themes from the Mamma Mia film, including Dancing Queen, Money, Money, Money, and the final destination for the evening, Waterloo.

Annette Lord

Both Freeland Orchestra and WOW welcome new members. To apply, please see their websites **[www.FreelandOrchestra.org](http://www.FreelandOrchestra.org)** or **[www.WestOxfordshireWinds.org](http://www.WestOxfordshireWinds.org)** or for more information about these plus the other wind groups that Wendy takes.

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

### **Wilfred Sydney Long December 1922 – 30th July 1944**

Wilfred was born in the December of 1922. His parents were Samuel Long and Annie Maria Webb. They were married in the Witney registration district in March 1913. They had four children, Gladys Eva b June 1914, Albert E J b June 1916, Wilfred Sidney and Joyce W b December 1924.

Samuel was born on 31st May 1884 in Oxfordshire as was Annie Maria who was born on 24th November 1886. On the 1939 Register, the family were living together in "The Bungalow" in Freeland. Samuel was a general labourer, Annie Maria kept home, Gladys was a domestic servant, Albert a sawyer, Wilfred an apprentice to a carpenter joiner and Joyce also helping at home. The family lived either next door/opposite or very close to Lionel and Lydia Edgington. Tracing Samuel through the census material, his parents were William b 1848 and Ann b 1851. In 1891 Samuel is a scholar aged 6, by 1901 he is a carter on a farm aged 16 and by 1911 was listed as a motor cleaner. The family were listed as living at Broad Road, Taylor's Buildings and Wood End, all in Long Hanborough. He had 9 siblings, including George 1874, Ada 1875, Enos 1881, Lewis 1889 and Leah 1891. The 1911 census tells us that William and Annie had been married for 33 years and had 12 children, 10 of who were living. The 1901 also records with them Daisy Merry, their grand daughter, born 1895 in Freeland. Samuel Long died 1st May 1953 aged 68 and Annie Maria died 19th February 1970 aged 84. They rest together in the far left corner of St Mary's.

Annie Maria's parents were John b1858 in Watchfield Berks and Harriet nee Pullen b1859 in North Leigh. John was a wheelwright, an occupation his son John, also took on. Annie Maria was the eldest daughter. Her siblings were Frederick William b1884, May b1889, John Henry b1891, Frank b1895, Albert 1897, and Winifred b1901. John and Harriet married in June 1882 in Witney and lived for at least the period between 1901 and 1911 in Carter's Hanborough. All their 7 children were born in Hanborough. John died in March 1927 aged 68 and Harriet died March 1933 aged 73.

Corporal Wilfred Sidney Long 5392708, served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment. He died on 30th July 1944, aged just 21. He was originally buried in Les Landes in Normandy but from 25th June 1945, rests in the Tilly-Sur-Seulles War Cemetery I.I.A.7 along with a total of 1221 casualties. On his headstone, his parents asked for the words "Loved and remembered always". His name obviously also appears on the War Memorial step and on his father's headstone in St Mary's.

The 1st Battalion Hampshire regiment had begun the war in Egypt in 1939, then moved to Malta in 1941, by July 1943 they were involved in the invasion of Sicily and in July 1943 landed on mainland Italy. They returned to the UK in November 1943 for the first time in 22 years. On the 6th of June they came ashore on Gold beach, with no supporting tanks. Despite facing machine gun fire, the men captured Le Hamel and Arromanches after a hard day of fighting. By the end of D-Day they had 182 casualties, 64 of them killed in action. This would become the site of an artificial Mulberry harbour for further landings by the Allies. The battalion then started a three week fight for the next objective, the village of Hottot against the German Panzer Lehr Division, with the major assault on 11th July. Later in the month they fought on to Villiers Bocage, St Germain d'Ectot and Launy. Wilfred died on the 30th July during this phase of fighting in Normandy.





## **RIDE+STRIDE - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Do you enjoy cycling? Or walking? Or horse-riding? Or have an unusual form of transport – like a vintage tractor? Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, an organisation that makes grants to churches across the county for everything from essential repairs to projects to make your local church a building that can be of use to the whole community invites you to join in our Ride+Stride Event on **Saturday 10th September.**

Counties all over England take part in this and together raised over **£1.2 million** in 2020 – half the monies raised are used by the Trusts to make grants and remains in each participating local community to be used to maintain these beautiful historic buildings that are so much part of our landscape.

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## **REFUSAL OF PLANNING APPLICATION (21/02627/OUT)** **(Inspired Villages)**

As you will have seen in last month's Grapevine (and on Facebook), the above application was unanimously rejected by West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) on 30th May.

Freeland Friends want to thank the 253 residents/groups who submitted objections to this speculative development. This was a fantastic effort by the whole village which did not go unnoticed by WODC.

We understand that Inspired Villages have 6 months to appeal WODC's decision.

We have written directly to Legal & General (parent company of Inspired Villages) to ask them not to lodge an appeal.

We believe that this development is wrong for our village, and will campaign once again if does go to appeal.

Freeland Friends ([Freeland.friends@yahoo.com](mailto:Freeland.friends@yahoo.com))

## **FREELAND PHOTO GROUP**

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

Meetings in **August** will be on **Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 16th**.

Please contact Paul Sayer at **[paul.pshml@googlemail.com](mailto:paul.pshml@googlemail.com)** for details of the virtual meetings and the programme.



ENGLISH HERITAGE

NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA

# Mosaic Open Days

**Wednesday August 10**

**11am - 5pm**

**Saturday August 20 & Sunday August 21**

**11am - 5pm**

**Saturday September 17 & Sunday September 18**

**11am - 5pm**

Join our volunteers at North Leigh  
Roman Villa for a great chance to see the  
impressive mosaic close up!

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

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/)

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## **WOODSTOCK & DISTRICT u3a (University of the 3rd age)**

At our July speaker meeting, members were treated to an exposition of 'Body language' by Professor Alan Jones. How we position our limbs, twist or turn our faces, have eyes wide open or half-closed, can convey some emotion: folding one's arms, or buttoning up a jacket, for instance may imply we want to distance ourselves from a companion, or their views (at this point the Professor flung open his own jacket to reveal a dazzling display of flashing coloured lights!).

Our next Speaker meeting is on **Thursday 1st September** when ex-Scene of Crimes Officer Chris Turan, will tell us how 'DABS and DNA help track down criminals.'

Meanwhile, there is no shortage of activity, including the eagerly awaited annual Garden Party: **Thursday 11th August**, 2pm onwards, in the grounds of St. Hugh's Centre on Hensington Road in Woodstock. Guests are welcome and may expect to see examples of our Working Groups' labours.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the University of the 3rd Age. Groups around the country have been celebrating in varied ways, a colourful anniversary quilt, from Manchester, was reported to be on its way to Witney Blanket Hall. Several Branches have been experimenting with Walking Cricket' Groups and the Ely branch has established a group for members with hearing loss, teaching basic sign language and lip-reading.

Full details of Woodstock & District Branch are at [www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock)

Chris Sladen

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

M 25 July	Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm - 'Shakespeare's Flowers'
W 27 July	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 27 July	Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3
<b>Su 31 July</b>	<b>Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm</b>
Su 31 July	Cricket Club Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £3 each
<b>Tu 2 Aug</b>	<b>The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am</b>
W 3 Aug	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 7 Aug	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman
Tu 9 Aug	Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30-8.30pm
W 10 Aug	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 10 Aug	North Leigh Roman Villa open day 11am - 5pm - see page 48
W 10 Aug	Cricket Club Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £3 each
<b>Fr 12 Aug</b>	<b>Freeland Grapevine - September edition deadline day</b>
W 17 Aug	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 17 Aug	Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am
Sa 20 Aug	North Leigh Roman Villa open day 11am - 5pm - see page 48
Su 21 Aug	North Leigh Roman Villa open day 11am - 5pm - see page 48
Su 21 Aug	Combe Mill in STEAM! <a href="http://www.combemill.co.uk">www.combemill.co.uk</a>
M 22 Aug	Freeland Gardening Club, Visit to Bridewell Organic Garden at Wilcott
W 24 Aug	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
<b>Su 28 Aug</b>	<b>Farmers' Market - Freeland Village Hall car park 10am - 1pm</b>
<b>Su 28 Aug</b>	<b>Cream Teas @ The Cake Café, Village Hall, 2.30pm - 5.00pm</b>
<b>M 29 Aug</b>	<b>Summer Bank Holiday</b>

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **September Grapevine** is **Friday 12th August**. The **September** edition should be in the church porch and online at: **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** from **Friday 26th August**.

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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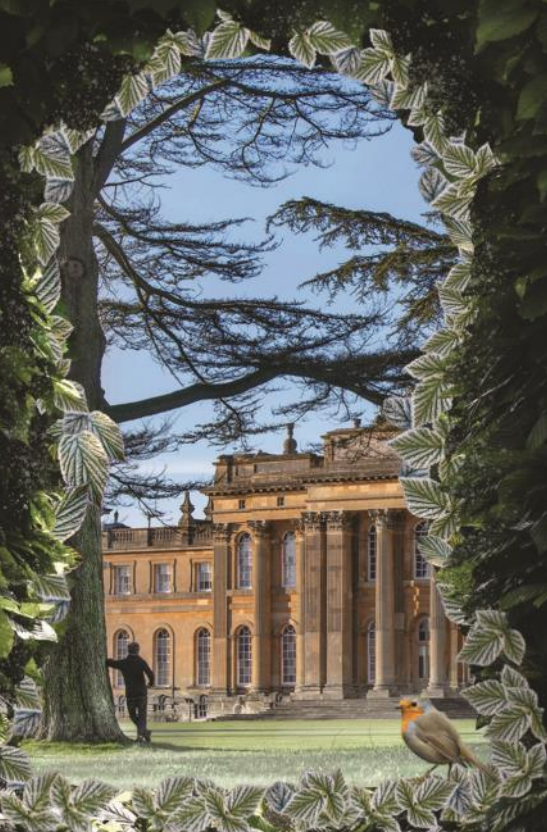




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