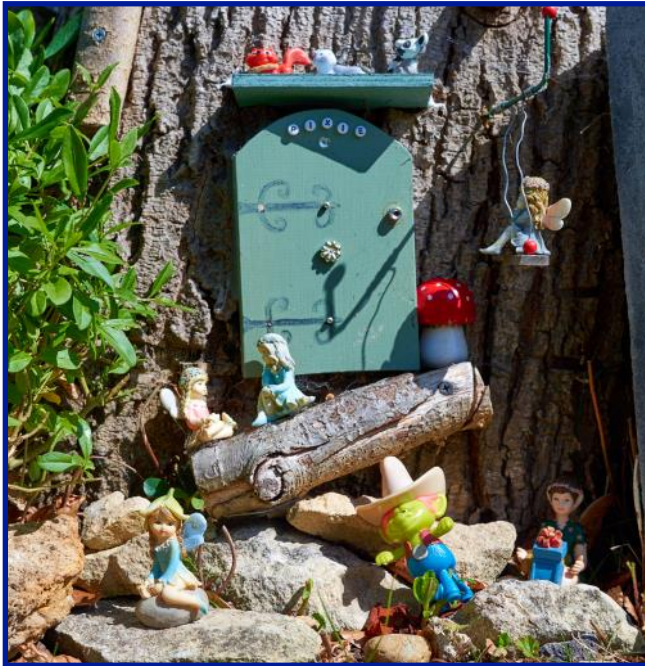




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Sunday 3rd July 8.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Mike Madden

Preacher Mike Madden

Sunday 3rd July 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Mike Madden

Preacher: Mike Madden

Sunday 10th July 10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: Clive Berry

Preacher: Clive Berry

Sunday 17th July 10.00am at St Peter and St Paul Whole Benefice Worship

with Mike Madden's Licensing as Associate Rector

Preacher: Bishop Gavin

Further details to follow

Sunday 24th July 10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: Andy Richens

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

Whole Benefice Worship

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

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Sunday 7th August 8.30am Holy Communion

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Letter from our Curate, Rev. Mike Madden:

Dear friends,

This month I want to briefly explore how incredible it is that as Christians, as sons and daughters of the living God, we have immediate unhindered access to God the Father because of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, through a simple but true personal story.

A few years ago, when our children were still at home, I used to work in London, in a typically secure office with security guards, scanners, and swipe cards etc. One day a group of colleagues came to our London office from Asia to ask for our help on a particular project. They had a long journey involving cars, trains, planes, letters of recommendation and visas. Even after arriving in London, they still had to pass through our strict office security.

So, finally after all this travelling, the team from Asia were in the middle of making a pitch for our help when suddenly, my phone rang. I could see it was my eldest son ringing. Now this was very unusual since neither my wife nor any of our children would ring me at work unless it was important. So, when the phone rang, and I saw it was my son calling, I didn't hesitate to answer it. I stopped the meeting saying, "I am really sorry, this is an important call that I need to take it." I stepped out the meeting and answered the phone, fearing a domestic calamity, when my eldest son said, "Dad tickets for the European cup semi-finals are on sale, can I have your credit card details?" At which point, after breathing a sigh of relief, I surreptitiously got my credit card out and gave my son the relevant details.

In this story, we can catch a glimpse of the difference between simply being a petitioner like my colleagues from Asia who went to great lengths to ask for help and being a son. My son because of his relationship with me, had direct access to me and all my resources immediately with no barriers. There was never any doubt in his mind (at least) that I both had the resources, and that he could access them. Quite simply he knew this because he was my son.

As Christians, as sons and daughters of the living God, we too have direct and immediate access to our heavenly father, which Paul highlights in his letter to the Ephesians as follows.

¹⁷ Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all - to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. ¹⁸ It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father. (Ephesians 2:17-18)

Therefore, my prayer this month is that each of us would grow in our understanding of, and relationship with God the Father, taking advantage of the gift of access to God the Father that Jesus paid such a high price for.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike

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MIKE MADDEN'S LICENSING AS ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Having completed his curacy, Mike will be staying with us at Hanborough and Freeland as SSM* Associate Rector. The title of "Associate Rector of Hanborough and Freeland" acknowledges not only Mike's Benefice-wide deployment, but honours his servant-heart, his ongoing role in the leadership of the Benefice, and the manifold skills which Mike brings to us.

Mike's licensing as Associate Rector by Bishop Gavin will be at a Whole Benefice **10am** Morning Service on **Sunday 17th July 2022 at St Peter and St Paul.**

Please do pray for Mike and Mandy as Mike looks to this new phase of his church leadership at Hanborough and Freeland.

Rev. Steve Stewart

Rector, Hanborough and Freeland.

*SSM stands for Self-Supporting Minister



ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

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Sunday 17th July 9.30am - 10.00am

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Preacher: Jonathan Ford

Sunday 3rd July 10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: Steve Stewart

Preacher: Steve Stewart

Sunday 10th July 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Steve Stewart

Preacher: Steve Stewart

Sunday 17th July 10.00am at St Peter and St Paul Whole Benefice Worship

with Mike Madden's Licensing as Associate Rector

Preacher: Bishop Gavin

Further details to follow

Sunday 24th July 10.00am Holiday Time service

Leaders: Wendy and Simon Gundry

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

SERVICES AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH

Sunday 26th June 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 26th June 6.00pm Choral Evensong with the choir Exsultate Justi

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 3rd July 10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: John Fox

Preacher: John Fox (to read Homily)

Sunday 10th July 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights-Johnson

Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights-Johnson

Sunday 17th July 10.00am Whole Benefice Worship with Mike Madden's

Licensing as Associate Rector

Preacher: Bishop Gavin

Further details to follow

Sunday 24th July 10.00am Holy Communion

Leader: Rev. Richard Armitage

Preacher: Rev. Richard Armitage

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

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 7th August 10.00 Morning Prayer

Leader: John Fox

Preacher: John Fox (to read Homily)

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Sunday 10th July 10am Mr James Skinner

Sunday 17th July 10am Mr Andrew Maisey

Sunday 24th July 10am Mrs Margaret Broadberry

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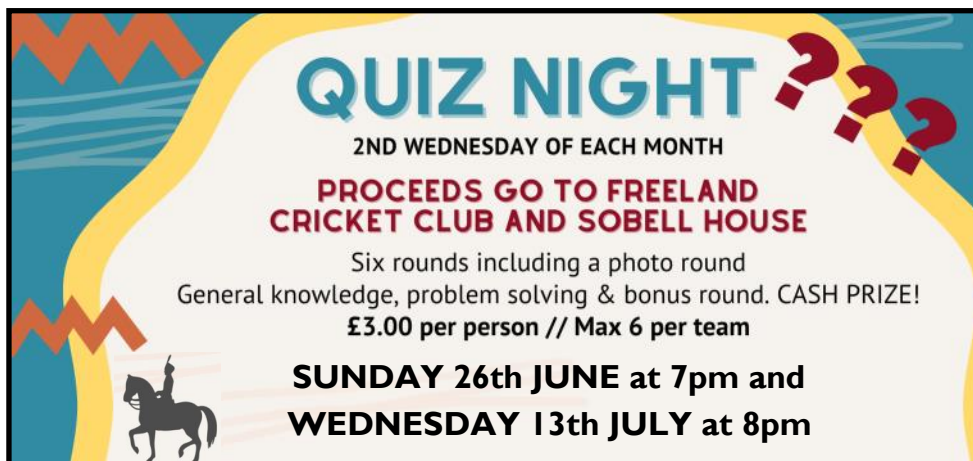
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Almost **£2000** has been raised to date so we are hoping to be able to donate **£1000** to the Oxford Children's Hospital and to give **£1000** to support Ukrainian families who have come to Hanborough and Freeland. Thanks especially to the hundreds of residents, their families and friends, who, despite the uncertain weather, came along for without you it would not have been possible.

Who are your Parish Councillors?

Mary Ann Canning

I have lived in Freeland since 1984, which is well over half my life! I have been married to Russ for 42 years and we have 2 sons and two grandsons.

Moving to a peaceful village like Freeland in the 1980's with my husband and two very young children was a real contrast to the 2 previous years living in a flat in Hong Kong! My sons were able to have such freedom as they grew up and made life long friends here.

Most of my time in Freeland I have worked from home as a Landscape Architect. I retired in 2017, but life has been as busy as ever since then.

After joining the Parish Council in 2012, I was able to apply my skills to help with the development of the new village hall, play areas and the Garden of Remembrance.

I enjoy being part of the team of Councillors working to ensure Freeland stays a rural, peaceful and friendly place to live. Although it was sad to lose key people recently, it is great to have a new Chairman, Clerk and enthusiastic councilors to take us forward over the coming years.

Freeland Village survey

Thank you to all who participated in the village survey sharing your thoughts and opinions, they are very much appreciated. The survey is now closed, and our 4 winners have received their vouchers. The information is being collated so that we can look at a strong plan for the future of Freeland. Additionally, over 30 residents wanted to help by getting involved, so keep an eye out as you'll be contacted in the near future.

Inspired Villages

The planning application for the retirement homes located opposite the vets has been refused after a WODC Planning Committee meeting on the 30th May. 253 objections were submitted by various residents and local amenities. Thanks to Alaa and Amy for their comments to support the rejection. We are anticipating this to go to appeal, so the battle continues.

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Parking charges

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Planning Applications update to 15th June 2022:

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:

22/01459/FUL Elm Farm, The Green, Freeland

Conversion of existing field shelter to create home office for domestic use for Mr and Mrs H Whitbread

Applications Approved:

21/03258/FUL 3 Cuckoo Wood Caravan Park, Eynsham Road, Freeland

Erection of detached building for the garaging of heavy goods vehicles for Mr P. Hatwell

22/00913/HHD 18 Parklands, Freeland

Single storey side extension, new porch and gravelled parking area for Mr R. Massingham & Ms C. Stephens

22/00881/HHD 44 The Green, Freeland

Demolition of single store side extension. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Calcutt

22/00911/HHD 26 Freeland Gate, Freeland.

Proposed detached garage for Mr M O'Callaghan.

Applications Withdrawn: None

Applications Refused:

21/02627/OUT Land Off The West Side Of Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Outline planning application for the erection of a retirement community of up to 160 extra care units (C2 use class) with associated communal facilities and open space, with access from Wroslyn Road, (all matters reserved except access) and retention of veterinary practice in the coach house for Inspired Villages. (awaiting potential appeal)

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21/00961/FUL Land South of Shaston, The Green, Freeland

New Build Chalet Bungalow with detached double Garage for Mr & Mrs Neil and Catherine Tregear.

22/01047/FUL 34 Freeland Gate, Freeland (not previously listed in the Grapevine)

Change of use of land to extend private garden of both Plot 34 and Plot 35 for Mears New Homes With Sovereign Housing Associates

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.30pm**, in the Newell Room.

Please note this time and venue is subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via **www.freelandoxon.co.uk** . Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of **9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday** - **Fay Friend, Parish Clerk** - email **fayf.fpc@gmail.com** or call **01993 357851**

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Firstly, a big thank you to Arthur for supplying and installing an additional shelf in the Little Free Library a few months ago. Arthur carries out maintenance work at the Village Hall and very kindly offered to provide us with an extra shelf. It is greatly appreciated and has made such a big difference. Thank you, Arthur!



Secondly, thank you for all the positive comments recently. It's fantastic to hear how much you appreciate the Little Free Libraries, and it's great to see lots of people using them every day. It seems like there's always someone there, picking up a book or two!

Thirdly, a reminder to please donate specialist non-fiction or academic books to charity shops, where they can reach a wider audience and can raise money at the same time. Similarly, if your books are very old or in poor condition, please recycle them. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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Finally, thank you once again to our brilliant team of volunteers (Sue, Fiona, Caroline and Jenny) who all work hard to keep the Little Free Library looking so tidy and well-stocked. It is not always an easy job, and their help is greatly appreciated.

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

With the season finished, we held our end of season Awards' Night in the Yeoman where it was nice to see Trevor back behind the bar!

The winners were:

| | |
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| First Team players' player: | Rob Keylock |
| First Team Simmiballer of the year: | Conor Almond |
| First Team supporters' player: | Joey Burgess |
| Reserves Team Manager's player: | Billy Rendell |
| Reserves Team players' player: | Tyler Castle |
| Reserves Team Supporters' player: | Tyler Castle |
| Clubman: | Billy Rendell. |



We would like to thank everyone for their help and support this year, managers, supporters and especially to Jon Langford and Phil Panting.

Pre-season training is scheduled to start in the first week of July. Date **TBC**.

The **Under 16s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - stu.mac@aol.com

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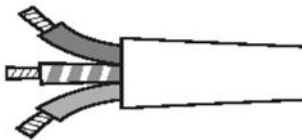
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FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

We are half way through the Junior cricket season and the games are coming thick and fast, we are a third of the way through the Adult Cherwell league season and the Women's 11-a-side league is about to start, so here is a summary of what has happened.



The **Under 11 softball** team have played 2 and won 2 matches, and they still have six to play.

The **Under 11 hardball** team have played 3 and won 2 matches, and they have five matches to play. They beat Eynsham by 45 runs in their latest match.

The **Under 13 Super 8** team have played 2 and lost 2 but have 4 more matches to play.

The **Under 13 11-a-side** team have played 3 and won 1, with 3 matches to play.

The **Under 15s** have finished their season winning 2 matches out of 6.

The **Under 15 girls** team have played 3 and won 1 match. In their latest match Ila Biggin took a hat-trick of wickets, the second for the club this season, as they beat Steventon.

The **Women's softball** team is growing and becoming more popular with over 16 women now training each week. In their first festival, held at Abingdon CC they won 4 matches and lost only 1, coming second in the tournament. Notable batting performances were from Beth Soanes, Jess Smith and Julie Stuart-Thompson who scored 57, 47 and 37 runs respectively, and Jess Smith and Kim Brown taking most wickets.

The **Adult Cherwell League** team are very competitive again this season, especially when batting, with Richard Borrill and Dave Owen ranking 1st and 3rd in the division for runs scored. The team currently lies 3rd in the table with matches against the top two in the next two weeks. The Club has decided that a minimum of 2 juniors will play in each league match, and so far all the youngsters have done well with Logan Hunt scoring the most runs, Jameson Blackmore & Kit West taking most wickets and Daniel Yates taking the most difficult of catches. All have fielded brilliantly too.

The **Women's 11-a-side** team start their league campaign on Sunday 19th June away to Dinton. We wish them well.

We have also set up a midweek and Sunday friendly cricket team, which again is aimed at providing our junior cricketers with a chance to play adult cricket.

The ever popular quiz night is expanding to twice a month. The next one will be on **SUNDAY 26th June at 7pm** in the pub, followed by **Wednesday 13th July at 8pm**

For more information please see the website and Facebook page.

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We desperately need extra volunteers to help lead our Scouts and Explorers groups, which both meet on Friday evenings. Send an email to Steve at gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to get started. Our community is growing in both Hanborough and Freeland, and more young people want to join our Scouts groups, so we really do need more adult volunteers to help us to keep these groups going. It's a wonderful way to get involved in our community, to meet new people, learn new skills and, most importantly to have fun! All training is provided, and our team offers full support. Get involved today!

Each section took part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee service in Church Hanborough. They all looked very smart in their uniforms and behaved impeccably. Here's what else we've been up to recently:

Beavers had a go at making water-powered rockets and balloon-powered cars, made towers using spaghetti and marshmallows, and went camping for one night with our Cubs! To register your child on our waiting list to join Beavers please send an email to: waitinglist@hfscouting.org.uk with your child's name, their date of birth, your address and contact details. Children can start Beavers after their sixth birthday, as long as we have spaces available.

Cubs have been hiking, they planted seeds to earn their gardening badges, and went camping for one night with our Beavers!

Scouts had a go at upcycling pieces of furniture, tie-dyed t-shirts, went paddleboarding at Blenheim and are scheduled to go gliding again at the end of June! Massive thank you to Paul and the Scouts leaders for arranging these spectacular activities; none of this would be possible without them. You can get involved in activities like these; send an email to gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to join our team of amazing volunteers.

Explorers continue to work towards earning Duke of Edinburgh Awards and will soon be fundraising to send Will and Beth to South Korea to take part in the 2023 World Jamboree. They have also been taking turns to run their own sessions to boost their leadership and planning skills.

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FREELAND WI

At our June meeting we were delighted to welcome David, who told us all about the work of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Thames Valley Air Ambulance is a charity that brings hospital level care by land and air.

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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:

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| Long Hanborough, New Road | 09:00 | 11:00 | 13:00 | 17:20 |
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There will be a mini market on the day, with many of the small local businesses that came to our fabulous Christmas market, coming back to sell their summer goodies, including Liz Cowley who will be running some drawing sessions for our younger visitors at different times in the day. Most of these small businesses will be able to take payment by card.

All of this running alongside our wonderful Mill exhibits, in steam, gift shop, tombola and all our delicious offerings in the tea room and BBQ.

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 5/6/2022

Things are always ch-ch-changing, as David Bowie once sang, (he had no idea what he was on about either), anyway, we have just had the massively important and once in a lifetime Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations, we have new leaseholders in our much loved Oxfordshire Yeoman pub after waving a fond farewell to Anna and Paul, no mow May has been and gone and the Cricket and Aunt Sally are in full swing (see what I did there!), but one thing that doesn't change is Rambling on the first Sunday of the month....no sireee that's a constant.



This month 10 humans and a pooch set off under a cloud (or two) but in great spirits for what lay ahead. 4.3 miles later and we were all still talking to each other, unlike Mrs Trellis and Pennyfarthing QC who had a bit of a to-do about, of all things, barley-sugars!

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

What a successful Platinum Jubilee Celebration we had in Freeland. Many thanks to the Parish Council for organising the afternoon. The Gardening Club sold a large number of plants. We hope those who bought them will enjoy them. If you want advice on any you bought, contact a member of the Gardening Committee who were on the stall.

Last month's speaker was Mary Fenton who spoke of 'The Wonder of Trees'. She mentioned many amazing facts about trees such as the age of some monsters, the wildlife they support and the many uses of their wood. She had many pictures to support her talk.

The speaker on **Monday 27th June at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is Dominic Hamilton telling us about the Rococo Garden at Painswick. This is a very unusual garden, following the 18th century ornate style of gardening popular in Europe at that time. Painswick is a place that can be an easy day trip out. He will no doubt try to tempt us to visit!

The Club has a change of speaker for **Monday 25th July** to the one advertised. Avril Hughes has stepped in with a talk titled 'Views, Vistas and Visits'. Her photos may give us ideas of places well worth seeing. Her talk is in Freeland Hall at **7.30pm**. There will be a Plant and Gardening Items sale as well. Due to the lower number of Gardening Club members as before lockdown, the Club has had to make a few changes to improve our finances. We always try to find good speakers of interesting subjects and their fees have increased considerably. Tea and Coffee and biscuit will now cost **£1** and subs will be increased after the AGM in October.

Some jobs to be done in July are: start picking soft fruit as it ripens, usually starting with Gooseberries. You can cut off the branches with blackcurrant berries on and pick off the fruit while sitting in a chair. This prunes the bush at the same time and saves bending down under the bush!! Don't cut off all the fruiting branches. Some fruit may need protecting as birds also enjoy what we have grown. Hoe regularly to remove weeds. Lawn mowing and edge trimming has been a constant task due to the recent rain. If we come in for a dry spell later in the year, use all kitchen water to water vegetables and plants. Install waterbutts to fill them when it is raining, saving the use of tap water. Deadhead annuals to prolong their flowering time.

In the vegetable garden also pick when they are ready. Don't let broad beans get too big as they are much nicer when young and tender. Pick courgettes also when smaller. Leave sweetcorn till the tassels have gone brown and, on opening a cob a little, the corn inside looks yellow and ripe. Sow successions of a few lettuce seeds at a time, so as not to have too many ready at once.

These are just a few suggestions!

The Committee are in the process of deciding what to do for our Social Meeting on **22nd August**.

Visitors and new members always very welcome.

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

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2pm, Sunday 21 August 2022

A Roman Villa and a River Valley

From Stonesfield we walk to the North Leigh Roman Villa where we will stop to explore the Villa site and visit the Mosaic Room which will be open for both walks. Our return includes a gentle meander along the Evenlode and across the river valley. Bring light refreshments with you for our stop at the Villa.

Starting Point: Stonesfield Village Hall Car Park (OX29 8EF)

Leaders: Linda Shelley & Angie Dean

Duration: 3.5hrs

Difficulty: Moderate

Distance: 5.5miles

Please always remember to wear appropriate footwear as walks may be steep and muddy in places. Dogs are not allowed on walks, except assistance dogs.

EASY: length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level).

MODERATE: includes some hills and some rough ground.

STRENUOUS: may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep.

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Conserving, enhancing, understanding, and enjoying the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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ENGLISH HERITAGE

NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA

Mosaic Open Days

Saturday July 23 & Sunday July 24

11am - 5pm

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!

THE UKRAINIAN RAFFLE at the FARMERS' MARKET

We had a wonderful response to our raffle for Ukraine at the May Farmers' Market. Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers and the market stall holders we were able to send **£210** to Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine.

Thank you also to those who donated prizes and to Ian and the stall holders for making us so welcome.

Freeland Teddy Girls

INSPECTOR RESPONDS TO AREA ACTION PLAN FOR SALT CROSS GARDEN VILLAGE

The Planning Inspector has responded to West Oxfordshire District Council on the Area Action Plan (AAP) for Salt Cross Garden Village, paving the way for the plan to be approved and setting the scene for the development to progress.

The Area Action Plan sets out the framework for how the Salt Cross Garden Village should be a landscape led development, taking into account key factors such as affordable housing, protecting the environment, active travel and business growth.

The AAP was developed through extensive consultation with local communities to make sure the development is right for the district.

The plan includes:

- A requirement to deliver 25% biodiversity net gain compared to a national standard of at least 10%
- A mix of new homes including opportunities for self-build and 50% affordable housing, including a mixture of rented and affordable home ownership options
- A new 40ha science and technology park adjacent to a 'park and ride' into Oxford
- Around 50% (including private gardens and green roofs) of the area will form an accessible and high quality green infrastructure network
- A comprehensive green infrastructure network for walking and cycling to reduce the need for reliance on cars
- A plan to ensure that local people are able to benefit from training and local job opportunities

The Council submitted the AAP for Salt Cross in February 2021 with the Planning Inspector holding public hearings to obtain resident, developer and business views on the plans.

The Inspector has now confirmed the plan is close to completion subject to changes set out in their letter. The council will now consult on those changes proposed by the Inspector.

The Inspector has approved most of the council's ambitious plans including ground breaking targets for biodiversity and for affordable housing but did not approve the requirement for new homes to be built to net-zero carbon standards.

Councillor Carl Rylett, Cabinet Member for Planning and Sustainable Development, said, *"We are very disappointed the Inspector did not approve the net zero carbon homes approach we proposed. However, the Council is absolutely committed to doing whatever it can to tackle the Climate Change Emergency, and we will be looking at what other options are available to us to minimise any ongoing impact to the climate."*

Views will be sought on the proposed changes through a full public consultation – the timing of which will be confirmed as soon as possible, but is anticipated to take place from **July 2022 for a period of 6 weeks.**

For more information on the Garden Village please visit <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/>

EYNESHAM MEDICAL GROUP - UPDATE FROM DR NEIL RUST

You will have heard in the nationwide media that all aspects of the NHS continue to face extreme pressure as we adapt to living with Covid. Locally, we are fortunate to have been able to recruit additional medical staff to support the care we wish to deliver to you all. We have also been actively recruiting to our reception team, management team, and dispensary to ensure the smooth running of all aspects of the medical practice.



Whilst general Covid restrictions have been relaxed, NHS staff are still subject to stricter testing and isolation rules, meaning that some of our teams have not had a week without staff absence since the beginning of the year. We have consulted with our patient group and run focus groups to help us plan a new appointments system, including timed and pre-bookable appointments that many of you value. We are also hoping to move to a simpler online consulting platform than our current eConsult. Unfortunately, we have still not been able to recruit the additional reception staff that this requires, and so have had to delay the launch until our team is properly prepared.

In the meantime, if there is anyone who would like to consider working in the reception team in Eynsham or Long Hanborough Surgeries, please contact Chloe Appleton at either surgery site.

BEFSA QUIZ - Saturday 16th July 2022

Freeland Hall - 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Our amazing quiz evening is back after several enforced delays. It promises to be the normal great night out: a brilliant quiz, a lovely meal of chilli con carne with all the sides/trimmings, raffle, and our usual fundraising drinks. The annual trophy is up



for grabs for those with the skills to answer the quiz master's cunning questions - who can forget the herb identification round from a few years ago.... Tickets are **£15** per person for teams of **6**. If you are happy to enter as a full team - great - if you want to come and are happy to join others on the night to make up a team, just let us know. Buy your tickets online at **befsa.org/donate** and we would be grateful for Gift Aid on your donation if you are able. Raffle prizes are always welcome to help boost funds, please just contact me if you have something to rehome.

Please email **catherineborien@gmail.com** if you have any dietary requirements.

We will of course update our supporters - old and new - about the work that BEFSA has been carrying out over the difficult Covid time period.

A big thank you to Ian Paxton for running the Freeland monthly Farmers' Market - where my stall gathers enough money to pay all the costs for this evening - so everything will be profit on the night for the BEFSA charity!! See you at the next market on **Sunday 26th June**.

Julie Stuart-Thompson Trustee - **julie.st@btinternet.com**

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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 at the end of an aisle near the Post Office counter.

FREELAND JUBILEE PICNIC CAKE STALL

The Freeland-Ukraine Support Group responded to the Parish Council's offer to run a cake stall with great enthusiasm. Many hosts have been enjoying Ukrainian baking from their guests – often using a version of cottage cheese and sour cream as key ingredients. This seemed a good opportunity for the Ukrainians who were happy to bake to give something back to the community, and at the same time to raise some funds for the support group's future initiatives. The hope was that with a reasonable turn-out it might be feasible to sell up to 100 slices of cakes and a few whole cakes as well as some cookies and biscuits. The group purchased 100 paper plates and paper bags and some cake boxes to accommodate this goal.

The Community rallied around to add to the Ukrainian offerings with their own biscuits, tray bakes and cakes. Then on the day before the picnic there was concern that the weather forecast would mean that we would have more goodies than customers to purchase them!

In addition to selling slices to eat on the day, a couple of our Ukrainian guests offered to bake Ukrainian cakes to be raffled as prizes.

The weather was much kinder than that forecast for Sunday 5th, and by the end of the afternoon Doreen, Rosie, Fiona, and Chris (the Nash Lane Crew) were able to surface for air, having been inundated by supportive cake and cookie munchers. Within an hour the 100 plates had been used up and cakes reserved for sale in their entirety were being sliced to replace those disappearing at speed.

Nearly 300 slices of cake and biscuits were sold at 50p - £1.00, in addition, the sale of whole cakes and the raffle for the Ukrainian creations were well supported. After expenses the afternoon raised an amazing **£315**.

Big thanks to all of you who supported the cake stall with your baking and purchases! Donations of rhubarb from Julie Stuart-Thompson and the Belz family also contributed over **£20** to the returns.

Doreen Onslow

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

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

FREELAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY – **Village Hub Project - July 2022**

It is now over 5 years since the Methodist Church ceased to be used for worship and a Steering Group conceived of the project to purchase this iconic building for the use of the Community as a Village “social hub”, with convenience shop and cafe.

The Steering Group was replaced by a registered limited company, Freeland Community Benefit Society and since then the Management Committee has worked to prepare to bid to buy the building.



A credible business plan was developed, and this was backed by pledges from Freeland residents and a “fighting fund” of over **£5000** has been raised by fund raising events in the Village, donations and grants. WODC has granted permission for change of use of the building as a retail outlet and refused the request from the Methodist Church to develop the site for residential use. However the Methodist Church, in spite of their stated aim of divesting themselves of redundant Churches and of supporting local communities, have not offered the building for sale, or entered into a dialogue with us and it remains empty.

During the last two years, the Covid pandemic has been stressful for everyone and with the on-going lack of progress of the project, several of the FCBS Management Committee have retired. The remaining members have considered whether to terminate the project and dissolve the CBS. However we continue to believe that a community owned and run “hub” would be of great benefit to the Village and the Church is the best location for this and so we have decided to maintain the CBS until such time as we feel that this objective can no longer be achieved. When it is decided to close it down, the options for the distribution of funds to other Village ventures will be addressed.

Shops are only one of the many ventures that communities own and run as social enterprises – these include pubs, recreational facilities, power generation and even community housing. If you would like more information about the Hub project or have ideas for community initiatives that Freeland CBS might help with, please contact one of the Management Committee members (below) or email **freelandvillagehub@gmail.com**

We would like to thank the retiring members of the Committee: Alaa Al Yousuf, June Counsell, Jane Duff, Anna Tighe and John Wilcox, for the time and effort they have contributed to the Hub project over the last 5 years.

Colin Smith, Chairman Freeland CBS Management Committee, **01993 881704**
Roger Faulkner, Vice Chairman, **01993 622413**
Andy Murray, Secretary, **01993 880310**

HOME FOR UKRAINE SCHEME JUNE UPDATE

Since the last Grapevine we continue to have amazing support for our Ukrainian families.

We now host 30 Ukrainians in 12 Host Families. We are waiting for 4 more guests to arrive to 2 additional hosts.

The latest to arrive have had difficult times in Ukraine spending long periods of the day and nights in bomb shelters as shells explode in hearing distance and missiles fly overhead to other targets. Those still to arrive are being helped out by a Ukrainian lady working at Brookes university.

As guests settle in with their hosts we are moving from the phase of focusing on arrival and immediate needs to the next phase of providing ongoing support.

One need has been for mobility. We have now had donated, by members of the community, bikes for everyone requesting one, and Kenneth Jeddere-Fisher in Freeland and Simon Gundry in Hanborough have been working wonders to get the bikes serviced and ready to go. Meanwhile donations of helmets and the purchase of lights and padlocks together with secondary bike seats for children, (kindly funded by law firm Marks & Clerk LLP), ensure that our guests and their children can ride safely.

The recent mix of fine but windy weather and heavy stormy showers highlighted to all the vulnerability of being a pedestrian or cyclist without waterproof over clothing and waterproof footwear. A request to the community to allow us to supply cagouls, waterproof trousers and welly boots was responded to overnight – and donations of money and excess rainwear and wellies has allowed us now to offer these to all adults and children .

English language tuition has been high on every guests' list. Whilst we run, as a Community, three conversation sessions each week, many of our guests have signed up to formal English lessons in Witney and/or Oxford – often comprising three sessions of two hours across the week.

Sunday afternoon meetings at Christ Church Hall (Hanborough) have recently had over 20 guests, as well as their hosts and members of the Community attending, and have had a buzzing atmosphere. Oxford Food Hub have (following an approach and weekly organisation by Freeland villager Michelle Hunt) supplied a food provision at these meetings - which has been really appreciated. Food is collected on a Thursday or Friday, stored in freezers or chiller boxes and then distributed on a Sunday. Any donations of tins or vegetables, etc. from villagers brought to 20 Nash Lane on a Thursday or Friday would be added to the Sunday offering and would be really welcomed.

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When our guests arrived, many of them now over two months ago, they were given a **£200** initial payment. For many this has been their only source of income and although all have applied for Universal Credit or have started paid jobs, they are still waiting for their first payment or salary and so the Food Hub, clothing donations, etc. have been life savers during this period. The Thursday 10.30am meetings in St Mary's Church have had fewer numbers (children at school and increasing number of adults working) but are still valued.

Whilst those with some English have been benefiting from formal English lessons in Witney and Oxford, those starting with no English at all have found that the formal lessons have been less useful. Unlike our sessions in the village, there is no interpreter to support them, and they are failing to learn from them in the way hoped. As a result we believe that it will be more valuable to set up a second session each week for these guests in our villages, with a Ukrainian or Russian speaking support teacher. We are now paying for educational resources like flashcards and interactive tools to support these sessions.

Since we started raising funds to support our Ukrainian response we have received financial donations of **£3200**, and taking into account all that has been spent on the above and the provisions for the four guests still to arrive (and welly boots still to be purchased) we are sitting currently with a surplus of **£160** in cash donations. In addition, the Cake Stall at the Jubilee Picnic raised over **£300** allowing us to focus on discretionary payments and education support over the summer.

Our next large event, that all of our guests are looking forward to attending, is a trip to Glympton Fayre on **Saturday 25th June**. A benefactor has offered our community a 53 seater coach to and from the event together with a picnic lunch, afternoon tea and all tickets for rides free to the children. This offer is primarily for the Ukrainians but also to any families in the community that wish to take the surplus places on the coach. At present it looks as though there will be as many as 15 places available to villagers.

If you are interested in joining this outing with your family please contact Chris Onslow (chris@mbodiesacademy.com) who is doing the 'in advance' administration (but will be on holiday on the 25th) or Alaa Al-Yousuf who is organising the trip on the day.
Chris Onslow

ALUMINIUM CAN COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued support with the aluminium collection.

As always, please crush all cans as much as possible as it reduces the space needed to store and transport the cans. Drinks cans only please.

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Please place cans in the large galvanised bin at the end of the road near the entrance to the wood.

andre_woodward@yahoo.co.uk

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

Henry Thomas Smart 11th November 1909 – 1st July 1944

Henry was one year old when the 1911 census took place. He was living in Freeland with his parents, aunt and older sister, Dorothy. His father was Alfred Henry aged 28, born in 1883 in Horfield Bristol, a stonemason by trade. His mother was Edith Jane, nee Dix aged 29, born 1882 in Freeland. His aunt, Edith's sister Ruth, aged 26, was an assistant Post Office worker. Alfred and Edith married in 1908 in Witney.

Alfred Henry at age 16, was living in Bristol in 1901 with Emily, his mother and step-father Samuel Weston, Emily and Samuel had married in the summer of 1892 in Bristol. Both Alfred and Samuel are listed as stonemasons

Una Turner was 3 months old at the 1911 census. She was living with her father Richard, a carpenter, b1884 in Radnorshire. Her mother was Katherine Emma nee Keen, b1882 in Barnard Gate. Una (born 4/12/1910), had two older brothers recorded in the census, Wallace aged 5, b1906 in Freeland and the middle child Charles aged 3 b1908 in Hanborough. Una also born in Hanborough. Richard and Kathrine, Una's parents, were married in December 1903 in Witney. We can only assume Richard's family moved for work as in 1891 his family can be found living in the cottage near North Lodge, Hicks Lane, Eynsham. His father was called Alfred Richard b1853 in Worcestershire and is listed as a Huntsman. His wife Caroline was b1848 in Radnor as were the 2 children listed at this time Ellen aged 10 and Richard aged 7.

Henry married Una Turner in 1929 in the Witney registration district. They had four children. Donald b1930, Patricia b1932, Richard b1936 and Diane b1939. From the 1939 register we can see they were living in Freeland at 1 Blenheim Cottage and Henry a carpenter. Una continued to live in Little Blenheim after Henry's death. She died in 2005 and is buried in St Mary's church yard.

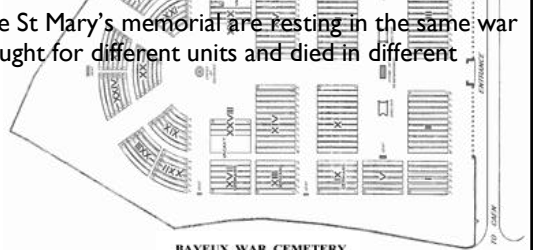
Una's brother Wallace married Olive Dix in early 1937 in Witney.

At an unnamed address on The Green Freeland, Henry's mother Edith Smart (b 5th April 1881), a widow, was living with Dorothy (b August 1908) who was listed as incapacitated and Ernest (b 1 March 1917) a mechanic.

The Commonwealth War Graves site tells us that Henry Thomas Smart 14398705 died on 1st July 1944, son of Alfred Henry and Jane Smart, husband of Una. He was part of the 5th Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who fought their way across Northern Europe from the Normandy beaches and died in fighting to reach the area around Caen. He was originally buried in St Vigor-le-grand but was moved in May 1945 to the Bayeux Cemetery XII E6.

This means that two of the seven men on the St Mary's memorial are resting in the same war cemetery in Normandy, even though they fought for different units and died in different battles.

On his headstone, Henry has the words:
At the going down
Of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember him.



FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We knitted some covers for Terry's Chocolate Oranges which were very popular at the Freeland Village Jubilee Picnic. We also had a display of the crafts we've enjoyed over the past few months, from Crochet and Canvas work, Christmas cards and Doodle hats to Blackwork & glass painting. What next? Quilling? Pressed flowers? Fimo paste?



We meet each **Wednesday** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Newell Room of the Village Hall and there is a subscription of **£1** per meeting.

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.

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

Margaret Wright



**Freeland District Girlguiding covers:
Freeland, Long Hanborough & North Leigh**

This term has been a busy one, with girls from Freeland, Long Hanborough and North Leigh attending the Rainbows and Brownies units in Long Hanborough and the Guides & Rangers units being held in Long Hanborough and North Leigh.

Lots of work going into earning the Queens Platinum Jubilee Badge, Reflect Stage 2 Badge and Make Change Stage 2 badge. A lovely banner was made by the Rainbows and Brownies and also a separate one by the Guides which was displayed at the Methodist over the Jubilee weekend. Units are going to Fat Squirrels in July for District Fun Meetings, and we also are hoping to take Brownies, Guides and Rangers swimming by hiring Woodstock pool. There is also a planned District Camp at Jubilee House in September for all units to plan and look forward too..

There are currently waiting lists for Rainbows and Brownies, but if you are on the list we will contact you over the summer holidays to update you on whether we have space for your daughter in September, or if not, a date in the future.

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

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

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

Our next speaker meeting will be on **Thursday 7th July** when Alan Jones makes a welcome return visit to educate us on the mysteries of 'Body Language': **2pm** at St Hugh's Centre on Hensington Road, Woodstock. Meetings then resume on **Thursday 1st September**, with Chris Turan, one-time Scene of Crimes Officer, explaining how 'DABS and DNA' help track down criminals: time and venue as before.

As always, much activity centres on our score of interest groups, whose members deserve recognition for their ability to pursue their specialisms throughout lockdown. The Art Group seized on the Jubilee Bank Holiday to mount a display at the Guide Hut in central Woodstock, which showed the rich variety of members' work, drew a steady stream of visitors (and maybe a few sales?). Recorder-playing has plainly prospered, too, since there are now two Groups – one for beginners, the other for experienced tootlers. Two groups also of Board Games players; I am assured that in neither group is physical violence tolerated, - not even against players who drop Scrabble tiles down cracks in the floor boards.

Finally, those of us who signed up three years ago for the u3a Summer School, which Covid obliterated, hope that this year we may get to enjoy our few days gently pursuing chosen subjects in the pleasant surroundings of the Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester.

Chris Sladen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| M 20 Jun | Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm |
| W 22 Jun | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| Su 26 Jun | Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm |
| M 27 Jun | Freeland Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm - 'Painswick Rococo Garden' |
| W 29 Jun | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| W 29 Jun | Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30pm, £3 |
| Su 3 July | Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - walking 10am from opposite the Yeoman |
| Tu 5 July | The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am |
| W 6 July | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| Tu 12 July | Open Doors Prayer Meeting at St Mary's, 7.30-8.30pm |
| Tu 12 July | Freeland Grapevine - August edition deadline day |
| W 13 July | Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection |
| W 13 July | Cricket Club Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 8pm, £3 each |
| Su 17 July | Combe Mill in STEAM! www.combemill.co.uk |
| M 18 July | Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm |
| W 20 July | Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection |
| W 20 July | Freeland Walking Group - leaving the Village Hall car park at 9.30am |
| Sa 23 July | North Leigh Roman Villa open day 11am - 5pm - see page 39 |
| Su 24 July | North Leigh Roman Villa open day 11am - 5pm - see page 39 |
| M 25 July | Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm - 'Views, Vistas and Visits' |
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| Su 31 July | Farmers' Market - Freeland CE Primary School 10am - 1pm |
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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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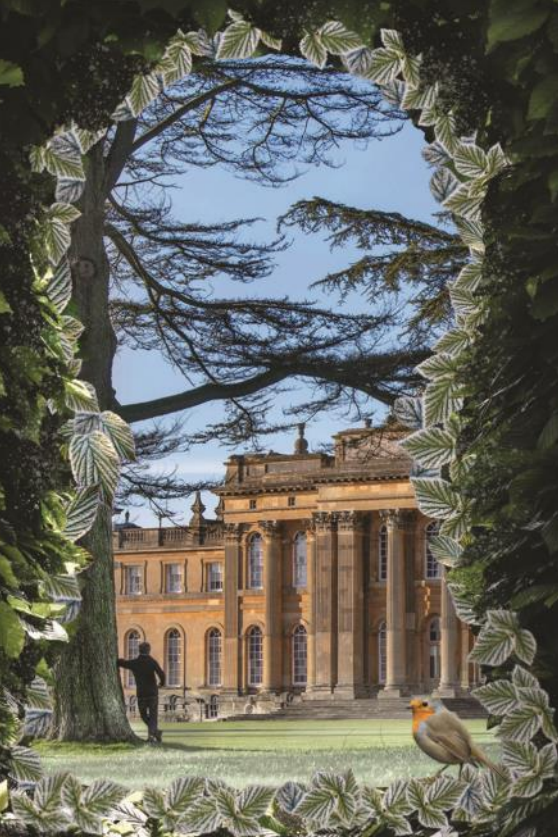
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