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Sunday 30th June 10.00am Whole Benefice Communion

at St Peter and St Paul

Sunday 7th July 10.00am All Age Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

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Sunday 21st July 10.00am Communion

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Sunday 28th July 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 4th August 10.00am Joint Communion service at St Mary's

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

The above information is correct on the date published (23/06/2024). Should any changes be necessary, the up-to-date information can be found on our website below.

St Mary the Virgin is open seven days a week from 9am to 5pm/dusk. Please enjoy the space to look around, for prayer or for quiet reflection.

See our website at www.hfchurch.org.uk

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#### **ST MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard is still currently open for burials, and for ashes interment.

The space for burials and interments of ashes is limited.

We will provide notification on our website and in the Grapevine when the graveyard reaches its capacity.

For further information or to contact the church, please see our website **www.hfchurch.org.uk** or use the QR code.



Freeland Parochial Church Council

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#### **FROM THE REGISTERS**

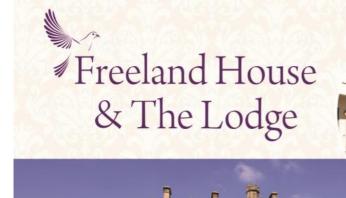
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01993 881270 Email: associate.rector@hfchurch.org.uk

The Rectory, Swan Lane
Long Hanborough OX29 8BT

Email: rector@hfchurch.org.uk

Curate: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Email: heather.mcculloch@hfchurch.org.uk

**Licensed Lay Ministers:** 

Clive Berry 01993 882080 Hugh Dalton Emeritus 01993 881742

Churchwarden: Flowers in the Church:

Position Vacant Janet Dalton 01993 881742

Weddings: Rev. Steve Stewart 01993 881270 rector@hfchurch.org.uk administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/5863

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at: http://goo.gl/g53NJH Thank you to Nikhilesh Haval for allowing the use of the images.

<u>Children and Youth Work</u> - families are really welcome at all our services. At St Mary's the first Sunday of the month is a Family Service where everyone stays in church together. At the other **I 0am** services the young people have the opportunity to take part in youth friendly activities at the back of church.

<u>Hitchhikers</u> If you have children at secondary school (or are one yourself!), you are welcome to join us every other week between **5.30pm and 7pm on Sundays** to have snacks and hot chocolate, catch up with friends, play some board games, and share a short thought from the Bible. It is usually held in our home, so do phone us for dates and more information if interested. Sarah and Nigel Knights Johnson (**01993 359 572**) on behalf of the Youth Team.

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#### LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR, REV. STEVE STEWART



#### A divine perspective?...

I had the privilege recently of flying to California to an old friend's wedding. I say "privilege" rather than pleasure for two reasons: the first is simply that I have a phobia of flying which I had to overcome (and did so due to the encouragement of others and their answered prayers); the second is that for a human being to fly at 38,000 feet is a very particular privilege in this last hundred years, which even today many will never experience. What an incredible thing it is to be able to look down at the earth from over 7 miles high in the sky flying over the mountains on the southern tip of Greenland. The vast uninhabited expanses of Canada and the strange desert landscape of Utah feels at the time as though one is having an experience so surreal, a perspective so unusual, that it seems almost divine.

And yet, I have to be careful when I speak of a "divine perspective", looking down at the world with all humanity beneath my feet so distant, that I can neither see nor relate to any individual human being. I may have been high above the planet, but below me the world continued and humanity went about all of its everyday business: working, falling in love, being born, marrying, worrying, warring, creating, discovering, dying. Did I really have a "divine perspective", as if God, like me, is distant - almost literally sitting on a cloud - unaware and to some extent uninterested in what is going on in the everyday lives of the people beneath his feet? By using the expression "divine perspective" to describe my 7 mile high isolated experience would in truth be a complete travesty. It would tell us almost nothing about the God we know as believers in Christ Jesus.

Yes, God is in heaven, but the "perspective" he chose by coming to earth as Jesus Christ is anything but remote. In Jesus Christ, God is intimately involved in the everyday lives of human beings. He worked and lived and learned and breathed, laughed and cried and hoped and longed and loved and died just like all of us. Our God is no remote God. Our God is an intimate God, a relatable God because he chose a relationship with us, even to die for us in Jesus Christ.

And even from the beginning, God our Father was so intimately involved with the everyday things of our lives, knowing all that we had done, right and wrong, that he could not bear to lose those who were his own but chose to save us to be his adopted children for eternity by the death of his son Jesus Christ.

The Bible does not reveal to us and abstract distant God sitting on a cloud. Rather the Bible tells us that believers in Christ are those who "acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh" (2 John 1:7), and of a God who in Christ Jesus "shared in their humanity" (Hebrews 2:14).

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Please see our website for current job opportunities across the Clubs

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So next time I am 38,000 feet in the air looking down on the world, I will marvel at what God has created. However, I will remember that the "divine perspective" chosen by God is not 7 miles high and out of sight, but right alongside me here on terra firma.



And if you would like to come and find out more about the God who is not distant, but intimately involved in my life and yours, then please do join us at any of our churches (St Mary the Virgin, Freeland; St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough; Christ Church, Long Hanborough) on a Sunday morning at 10.00am.

With much love in Christ Jesus,

#### Rev. Steve Stewart, Rector, Hanborough and Freeland

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) or contact me for a chat at rector@hfchurch.org.uk

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#### ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday 7th July 9.30am - 10.00am

Saturday 20th July 10.00am - 11.00am South Midlands District of

the Ladies Guild

Sunday 21st July 9.30am - 10.00am

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

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

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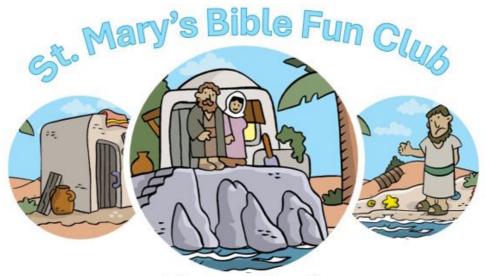
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Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 7th July 10.00am All Age Communion Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sunday 14th July 10.00am No Service

Sunday 21st July 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood

Sunday 28th July 10.00am No service

Sunday 4th August 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

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#### SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 30th June 10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion at

St Peter and St Paul

Sunday 7th July 10.00am Joint service with St Mary's at

St Mary's

Sunday 14th July 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson

Sunday 21st July 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Alison Feast Preacher: Josh Soanes

Sunday 28th July 10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 4th August 10.00am Joint service with St Mary's at

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Sunday 7th July 10am Mr Eddie Fowler
Sunday 14th July 10am Rev. Charles Harris

Sunday 21st July 10am Mr Graham Faulkner - Family Service

Sunday 28th July 10am Rev. Fred Ireland Sunday 4th August 10am Mrs Julie Biggs

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#### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Thank you to everyone who donated to May's Christian Aid Week appeal. With the online collection and a church collection, we raised £679 to support Christian Aid's work and help people push back against extreme poverty.

Fiona McGrady - Freeland Christian Aid Group Organiser

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#### FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

#### **New Website and Email Addresses**

The Council has moved across to **.gov** for its website and emails, as now recommended for Parish Councils. This will also hopefully make it more accessible to all.

Our new web address is:

#### https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk/

We have new email addresses. All contact details and a "contact us" form is on the new website. Below are all the new emails:

Fay Friend clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Peter Foster cllrpfoster@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

chair@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Mary Ann Canning cllrmacanning@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Robert Crocker cllrrcrocker@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Victoria Baker cllrvvandermerwe@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

#### Fix My Street

We urge you all to continue using the **Fix My Street app**, which alerts any issues to Oxfordshire County Council or via **fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk** to report potholes, damaged kerbstones, flooded pavements, gullies, overgrown grass verges, etc. If you would like to become a 'Super User', which will help speed up the process of repairs, then email **clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk** for further details.

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#### Hedges and overgrown verges

We have had ongoing issues with overgrown areas of the village being reported to me. Some hedges are encroaching on footpaths and we are looking into resolving these. Regarding mowing, certain verges have been deliberately left again this year, as part of the "No Mow May", and mowing has now been resumed on these areas. However other areas such as the verges along the A4095, are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council. Our County Councillor, Liam Walker is looking into this for us, we will keep you updated when we know more. Please keep reporting any other issues both on "Fix my Street" and to us directly, so that we can resolve them.

#### Village Hall

It was amazing to hear from the Village Hall Management Committee about how much the Hall is being used and loved by all parts of the community. It is a great village asset to have. Thank you to the VHMC for all your hard work in keeping it running.

#### **Defibrillators**

We are very lucky to have two defibrillators in our village. One is located by Freeland Primary School in the old telephone box. The other is located on the left hand side of the Freeland Village Hall entrance porch. If these are used for an emergency please let me know as soon as possible on **clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk**, so the pads can be replaced. We do hope that they aren't needed, but it is good to know they are there just in case. **www.defibfinder.uk/** 

#### **Green tip**

We all know how much trouble our local rivers, and the ecosystem that relies on them for their existence, are in. There has been plenty of publicity regarding the culpability of water companies in putting profits over nature. It is also clear that run off from some forms of industrial farming are also damaging our rivers.

However, there is another issue which is negatively affecting our precious waterways that we do have some agency over. The spot treatment we give our pets to kill off fleas and tics are equally effective at killing the insects that live in a river. The toxic chemicals contained within these treatments wash off our pets and permeate our waterways, causing widespread harm to insects, negatively affecting the fish and birds that rely on them.

There are an estimated 25 million cats and dogs in the UK, many of which are treated with spot treatments multiple times through the year. One monthly flea treatment for a large dog contains enough imidacloprid to kill 25 million bees.

Currently we are limited in our options, but in the meantime please discuss options with your vet, and limit use of these treatments to when they are really necessary. If you have treated your pet, try and avoid letting them entering the water for at least a week.

Finally, it should be pointed out a recent Swiss study found neonicotinoids (present in spot treatments) in the cerebrospinal fluid of 100% of children tested. The health risks associated with long-term human exposure have not been studied...

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#### **Applications Received:**

#### 24/01148/HHD 4 Parklands, Freeland

Conversion of garage and erection of a single storey rear/side extension (resubmission following 23/01077/HHD).

#### 24/01511/CLP Harlyn, 145 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Certificate of Lawfulness (Erection of single-storey extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation).

#### **Applications Approved:**

#### 24/00215/S73 Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of Planning Permission **22/02862/HHD** to allow design and material changes (**retrospective**).

#### **Applications under consideration or appeal:**

#### 24/00292/HHD 181 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of rear extension to create additional living space over two floors.

#### 24/00002/HHD 87 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Construction of part single storey and part two storey extension to dwelling, involving demolition of existing single storey garage, with associated alterations to existing dwelling.

#### **Applications Refused:**

#### 24/00216/S73 Chalfont, 3 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission 23/00124/HHD to allow design changes (retrospective).

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 8th July 2024 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 Council website where lots of useful information is held. The website is https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk/ You can follow us on Facebook (@freelandpc) or X / Twitter (@freeland\_pc).

Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of 9.00am – 4.00pm, Monday to Friday - Fay Friend, Parish Clerk on 01993 357851 or email: clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk



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#### FREELAND WINE CLUB - Friday 26th July 7.30pm

#### Discover unique Swiss wines with Freeland Wine Club!

At our meeting on **July 26th**, wine club member John Nicholas, will share with us his experience of Swiss wines from living in Switzerland for 15 years.



FREELAND WINE CLUB

John's passion for wine began during his extensive international career as an accountant, where he sought to expand his palate beyond traditional evening beverages. His involvement with the International Wine & Food Society (IWFS) having joined its Zurich branch further cultivated his knowledge and appreciation of the intricacies of wine.

John believes that Swiss wines offer a unique and often overlooked opportunity for exploration. Due to the high domestic consumption rate, these "hidden gems" are rarely found outside of Switzerland. John has curated a selection of six Swiss wines, representing a cross-section of styles and regions, including sparkling, white, and red varietals. These wines will showcase the diversity and quality found within Swiss winemaking.

John will not only guide us through the tasting but also provide insightful commentary on Swiss wine production in this geographically distinct, non-EU nation.

Wine Club dates for the rest of 2024 are: Fridays 26th July, 27th September and 29th November. To book a place (Guests £15) or to register as a member (£10) to get invites and reduced rates for all meetings please email

FreelandWineClub@gmail.com

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#### **FREELAND OVER SEVENTIES - Volume Two**

Amazingly it has been six years since the first book, detailing the over 70s of the village, was completed, those involved in the project will know that this involved both portraits and a brief biography of members of our community who have reached the age of 70.

Inevitably more people are now of an age that they could be included in such a book and it is a great pleasure that I can confirm that the task of producing volume two of Freeland over 70s has started.

For those that are not familiar with the idea, the book contains individual photographs, accompanied by biographies of people who live in the village and are qualified to be in the volume by being 70 years old or older

In addition to the format of six years ago, it is also the intention to have audio recordings, these made by the individuals describing their lives in their own words. This we hope will be available for future generations to hear. The prospect of a sound archive for members of our community does seem particularly compelling and something which is very exciting.

The biggest challenge is knowing who the people are, so, if you are over 70, I would greatly appreciate it if you would give me a call and I can tell you more of the project and hopefully make an arrangement to meet and move onto the next stage, my telephone number is (01993) 880227 and my email address is bruce hammersley@gmail.com





#### **NEW EDITOR FOR THE FREELAND GRAPEVINE -**

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Following the recent advertisement, the new Editor for the Grapevine is **Jane Duff**.

However, it would be very good to have an Assistant Editor who would be able to share some of the load. **Could you be that person?** 

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#### WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY - BBC PROMS CONCERT TICKETS

As in previous years, Witney Music Society has organised a trip to one of the BBC Promenade concerts in London. The concert is on **Sunday 18th August at 7.30pm.** The programme includes a Beethoven Piano Concerto and Dvořák's 7th Symphony.

Seats are in the stalls; return travel is by executive coach from Woodford Way, Witney, direct to the Royal Albert Hall. The coach will leave Witney at **1.15pm** to give time to spend in London ahead of the concert.

The all-inclusive price for the trip is £68.

More details about the concert, the travel arrangements & how to purchase tickets can be found via the Witney Music Society website **www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk** or telephone **01993 898020** for further information.

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The Freeland FC U10s have had a fantastic season! Unbeaten in all league games, and friendlies, and the runners up for the Champions Cup. The team are looking forward to next season already. Thank you to the local community for all of your support with out fundraising activities.



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Once again may I mention that we are urgently seeking a **TREASURER** for the Club, who would start after the AGM on the 28th October 2024. If anyone can take on this role please contact Brian Wildblood at brian.wildblood@gmail.com who will talk you through what the job entails.

Caroline Sheldrick's talk on the Monday 20th May was all about growing a variety of flowers for indoor vases.

On **Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall,** Tim Mitchell's talk is entitled "Novel Ways of Growing Food and Biodiversity at Asthall Manor Kitchen Garden". This should be a very helpful talk for vegetable growers this summer. Perhaps we could arrange a visit to the garden sometime?

At the meeting on **Monday 22nd July at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall,** we will be welcoming a new speaker to the Club. Nicola Hope will tell us "Tales from the Potting Shed". We may not all have a dedicated potting shed, but some of us do re-pot indoor plants or prick out seedlings. You are very welcome to hear her story.

New members and visitors are very welcome.

There is a Bring and Buy Plants and Gardening Item Sale at all Hall meetings.

For more information about the Club please contact Terry Jones at davidjones30@talktalk.net

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

#### Wordoku Word: 'WELCOMING'

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#### **FREELAND WI**

Our meeting on 10th June was an open meeting when we were joined by Antonia Keaney, the social historian and researcher for Blenheim. Antonia first joined the staff of Blenheim as a member of the education team in 2008. She is a very passionate researcher and her enthusiasm for her role was evident throughout her very engaging and informative talk.



We were also pleased to welcome our Federation WI advisor,

Hilary Dix and WI members and friends from neighbouring WIs, including Long Hanborough, Eynsham, Combe, Charlbury and Witney. It was great to see the hall full and to catch up over the delicious refreshments provided by the committee.

Antonia gave us an insight as to how the Marlborough family and their friends embraced fashion throughout Blenheim's 300 year history. This included the role that arsenic, lead, mercury and mice played in the trends of the day and the lengths people went to in order to be fashionable. Metre high wigs, killer cosmetics and fabric dyes which were dangerous to the wearer were the norm for the wealthy. Antonia showed some well-chosen artefacts to illustrate her talk; these caused great amusement amongst the audience.

Blenheim has had a special relationship with the Dior Fashion House and it was interesting to see a short Pathe News film of their fashion show held at Blenheim in 1954, at which Princess Margaret was the guest of honour. Each of the 1600 invited guests paid 5 guineas to attend with proceeds going to The Red Cross. They obviously judged it a big success as they returned for another show in 1958.

At our next meeting on **Monday 8th July**, we will be having a go at glass fusing, a first for most of us. This will be led by Alison from Cotswold Glass and Crafts. Members were asked to sign up for this session at the June meeting, as Alison needs to prepare resources for each member in advance.

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. You will receive a very warm greeting. A copy of this year's programme was included in the January Grapevine. If you would like to discuss joining us for a trial session or to become a member, please contact our secretary, Rosie James. We would love you to join us.

Information from earlier years is available on our website:

https://freelandwiuk.wixsite.com/freelandwi whilst current information is on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/freelandwi

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

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#### THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2/6/2024

Of the regulars there were very few. Reasons as normal and diverse as you would expect from such a thrown together rag tag collection – family commitments, illness, moving mountains, medical recuperation, loss of roast dinner reward to 'Oh! Is it the start of the month?' The result? A very, very select group of twice as many human legs as dog's striding out on a beautiful June morning.



A most notable occasion - it was warm, sunny and with blue skies! Well Mister, what do you think of that? Collective agreement of destination took us across a diagonal and into fields of daisies, marguerite, moon, oxeye, ox-eye, dog or just plain common, but not so common to prevent it from being the national flower of Denmark. Or you might even mention, Leucanthemum vulgare giving a linguistic hint of planned destination.

We were cautious pedestrians although passing cars were warned about our speeding as we headed to the heritage haven. With the place to ourselves, there was time for a snack, to survey the surroundings and search for snails.

Refreshed and in good heart the group's decision was to walk on, make it a circular route. Across the river, where damselflies danced to an ancient tune over recent murk. Up the hill and ever onwards. We had almost forgotten how warm the sun can be, when we emerged from nettley paths and took to tarmac. Royalty waved at us - yes dear reader, this may surprise you, it was in a friendly way, honestly.

During the morning, we touched on each of the Cotswold Way, Oxfordshire Way, the Palladian Way and the get out of my way, muttering to nettles, brambles and arches of dog roses, all pushing extra spring growth into our paths. Mrs. Trellis was also muttering into her nets when she realised we had returned after more than 18,000 steps and almost 4 hours later.

Next month, help us disprove the famous saying - not all who wander are lost. Our next ramble will be on **Sunday 7th July, starting at 10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeomen pub. All are welcome to join us.

Wanda Lost - June 2024

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411 Bus	Freeland. Village Hall*	09.12	11.12	13.12	14.57	18.00

#### EYNSHAM MEDICAL GROUP SURGERIES CLOSURE NOTICE

Eynsham Medical Centre and Long Hanborough Surgery will be closing on the afternoon of **Thursday 27th June from 13.00 to 18.30.**This is to give protected time for training for all our staff. Urgent care cover will be provided via the **III** service. The **III** operators will direct you to the correct medical service for your needs. If your call is

not urgent, please wait to call us the following morning on 28th June.

Hanborough Pharmacy will remain open as usual on the 27th June from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm.

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#### **OXFORD BUS AND MORRIS MOTORS MUSEUMS**

Our Classic Car Day on **Sunday 14th July** is when owners and classic car clubs bring their cars to the museum to be seen by the public. Our own collection of twenty classic Morris cars is also on display along with motoring memorabilia, which is often overlooked by regular visitors.

Today everyone recognises the yellow vehicles of the Automobile Association (AA) which provide roadside assistance to motorists. Older readers will remember the yellow handbooks which were sent to all members every year containing road maps and information about towns and villages including lists of hotels and guest houses and garages. One



such handbook is on display as are metal AA badges that were attached to car front bumpers. AA patrolmen on their motorbikes and sidecar would salute their members on spotting the badges.

The AA also set up the first petrol stations in the UK for motorists. The petrol pump was invented and sold by Sylvanus Bowser in 1885. It was designed to dispense kerosene for lamps and stoves. His mistake was inventing it to soon because the petrol engine had not yet been invented. By the time petrol pumps became common, his patent had run out!

When Bowser noticed that his pump was being used for petrol, he adapted it to include safety measures and added a hose to dispense the fuel directly into cars. In the UK, these upright pumps were often painted bright red so that passing motorists could see them easily from a distance. Hence the name 'Red Sentries'.

In the 1950s and 1960s petrol was not as well refined as it is today, so motorists often bought one shot of Redex to go in the tank with every gallon of petrol. The Redex kept the engine clean. A Redex dispenser is on display in our garage scene in the Morris Museum. In those days cars used more oil than they do today. Most garages had a green Castrol cabinet for pumping oil up from a tank. Special measuring jugs were designed so that you could pour the oil straight into the engine.

So when you come to see the classic cars, spend a little time looking in the display cabinets at the smaller artifacts on display. **www.oxfordbusmuseum.org** 



#### Freeland District

Please can you help? Long Hanborough and North Leigh Guide units are in desperate need of some helpers or leaders. If you can spare any time on a Monday or Tuesday evening for about 2 hours, please get in touch. No experience needed. We can be flexible, anything you can offer would be much appreciated. Please contact freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com

The Rainbows are working towards their Explore stage 2 badge. They have been learning about points on a

compass, drawing maps and have done a mini Olympics evening with balloon volleyball, archery and shotput.

Rainbows



4-7 years

7-10 years





10-14 years

14-18 years

**Brownies** have been working towards their Explore stage 3 badge. They have been learning how to make compasses using a magnet and a needle, making a sextant, map reading, learning about different ways to travel and completed a treasure hunt around Witney, finishing with chips. They have also learnt about the Olympics.

**Guides** have been working on their Navigator badge with outdoor badgework and the Ranger's have been doing their Prepare for a Festival Badge.

They have also trying out their new tents.







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You can also pick up copies at the **Oxfordshire Yeoman** during their regular hours of Mondays & Tuesdays 5pm - 10.30pm; Weds & Thurs Noon - 3pm & 5pm - 11.30pm Fridays 9.30am - 11.30pm; Saturdays Noon - 11.30pm; and Sundays Noon - 10.30pm.

In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door. They are also in the **Hanborough Café** on the window ledge.

Copies are also available in the **Long Hanborough Surgery** waiting room, and now also in **Freeland House and The Lodge**.

#### FREELAND ENERGY GROUP

Keeping these notes short. Reminder - there is still time for your under 18s to enter our logo competition. Parents email us for the details and then send in the creative ideas from your young people. 30th June deadline. HAD WE MENTIONED - PRIZES?? Next - save the date notice: 14th September 2024. Drop-in day at Newell Room. Guidance on grants, energy efficiency, insulation, find out more about home upgrades or what CAP Zero means. Why not make that diary note now?.

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Ken J-F

The u3a speaker in June was Dr Stephen Head, an ex-academic and zoologist who is the founding patron of the Wildlife Gardening Form.

U3d Woodstock & District

An excellent talk and Stephen busted a few myths concerning wildlife gardening. He referenced a diversity of plants to include non-natives and the balance of planting and wildlife to be achieved in our gardens, which could be home to over 8,000 species of insects alone – for further information please visit www.wlgf.org.

Our meeting on **Thursday 4th July** is led by Richard O Smith with the subject Oxford Z - A 1000 years of History in 26 letters. Do join us at **1.45pm** at St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock – visitor fee £2 to include tea and biscuits – all welcome.

As part of the u3a annual membership we have interest groups which are run by the members. The groups develop around demand and members' willingness to share their expertise and learning with the idea to pass on skills and spend time with others who have the same interests. Several new groups have established this year with some based in Woodstock and others with venues in the surrounding areas. Please do check our website for all contact information. www.woodstocku3a.uk

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#### LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you very much to everyone that responded to our request for more children's books: our stocks have now been replenished! Children's picture books are always in demand, so your generosity has been greatly appreciated.



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As the (hopefully) warmer weather approaches, why not grab a few books for your summer holidays? The great thing about the Little Free Library is that you don't need to bring any books back, so you can always pass on your holiday books to someone else, or even drop them off at a book swap that you might stumble across on holiday!

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#### **Ist HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP**



A reminder that our AGM will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**, at Freeland Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, especially as we will be implementing important changes during the meeting, which are explained below.

Until now, we have had committee members who oversee the running of our Scouts groups, but we are changing to create a Trustees Board instead.

#### What is a Trustees Board?

The Trustee Board is a team of volunteers who work together, as charity trustees, to make sure Scouts is run safely and legally. At the heart of their role is a focus on strategy, performance, and assurance. Effective Trustee Board governance helps our volunteers to deliver fantastic programmes that give young people skills for life.

#### Who do we need on the Trustees Board?

A Chair, a Treasurer, and Trustees.

#### What do Trustees do?

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- Maintain appropriate records.
- Run an open selection process for appointing trustees.
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#### Why should you become a Trustee?

Being a trustee is very rewarding. As a trustee you have the chance to support and shape the work and strategic direction of our local Scouts group, and you can make a significant difference our community.

Being a trustee offers the opportunity for professional development. It can let you gain experience of strategy and leadership, and boost your CV. It will give you experience of being a non-executive director, such as setting a strategic vision, influencing and negotiation, and managing risk. If you already have significant experience in these areas, it can be stimulating to use it in a different and potentially challenging context. Trustees often say that being a board member has been one the richest sources of learning in their professional lives.

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#### How do I become a Trustee?

Nominate yourself, or someone that you recommend, by sending us an email to this address: gsl@hfscouting.org.uk You can also contact us at the same email address with any questions that you may have. Trustees will be appointed during our AGM on Wednesday 3rd July.

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We are also recruiting more volunteer leaders for our groups: contact us at the same email address above to get in touch. We really do need you to help us to keep our groups running: don't assume that someone else will step up!

Volunteer with us today and make a real difference to local young people's lives.

Here's a brief round-up of some the activities we've been doing recently, to offer you a flavour of what scouting is all about!

**Beavers** went on a fun hike around Pinsley Woods; **Cubs** had a go at tracking in the woods; **Scouts** built their own wooden planters, using power tools; and **Explorers**, who are our oldest members, collaborated with their leaders to create their own programme of events and activities, which is a wonderful way to engage our young people and to develop their skills.

Search for **Ist Hanborough Freeland Scouts** on Facebook to find our public page, where we share regular updates and links.

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)



Also open every Wednesday to end of October 'self-guided tours' with volunteers around, and Tea Room open. Adults £5.00, Seniors £4.00 and accompanied children are free. There is no admission charge for only visiting the tearoom on a Wednesday it's open for refreshments, Cream Teas, Cakes, Ham rolls, coffee and soft drinks.

#### FREELAND WALKING GROUP

The group usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month for a walk of about five miles followed by lunch, usually at a pub. The next walk will be on **Weds 17th July.** Information will be sent to our regular walkers but if there is anyone new who would like to join us, please contact me at **hjdalton43cv@gmail** so that I can put you in touch with whoever is leading the walk. [anet Dalton **881742**]

#### FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

We have been concentrating on preparing some small woollen toys for the Shoebox Collection & this group of little rabbits are the first of many.

One of our members has shown us some new ideas to try, so who knows what will be next!? Interested? Why not give us a try? None of us can come every week, but come when we can, to enjoy a time of crafting and friendship.



We meet in the Newell Room at the back of the Freeland Village Hall each **Wednesday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm**. There is usually a subscription of £1 per meeting to cover hire costs.

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

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#### **WOODSTOCK OPEN AIR POOL is open now!**

Woodstock Open Air Pool is now open until **Sunday 1st September**. Opening times and activity information are available on the **www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/west-oxfordshire/woodstock-open-air-pool/lidos-woodstock-open-air-pool** 

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#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

M 26 Jun	Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm 'Novel ways of growing food'
W 26 Jun	<b>Green Week</b> : recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Tu 2 Jul	The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
W 3 Jul	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 4 Jul	u3a Woodstock and District, St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock
F 5/Sa 6 Jul	Woodstock Music Society, St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock 7.30pm.
Sa 6 Jul	Family Fun Day at Cokethorpe School, Witney 2pm - 6pm.
Sa 6 Jul	Burford Orchestra, Burford School, Burford <b>7.30pm</b>
Su 7 Jul	Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - 10am from opposite the Yeoman
M 8 Jul	Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
M 8 Jul	Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm Alison from Cotswold Glass & Crafts
W 10 Jul	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 12 Jul	Freeland Grapevine - August edition deadline day
W 17 Jul	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
W 17 Jul	Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at 9.15am
Su 21 Jul	Combe Mill 'In Steam' - 'Wildlife by the Evenlode' 10.30 - 5pm OX29 8ET
W 24 Jul	Green Week: recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 26 Jul	Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, <b>7.30pm</b> Discover unique Swiss wines
W 31 Jul	Grey Week: household rubbish + food waste collection
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Freeland WI, Village Hall, 7.45pm

M 12 Aug

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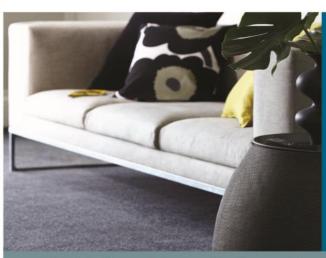
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