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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

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10.45 **Remembrance Day Service** (Rev. Phil Cooke)

15th 10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church
(Revs Phil Cooke and Sue Spankie)

22nd 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)

29th 08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)
18.00 **Advent Carol Service, Ss Peter and Paul,**
(Revs David Tyler & Sue Spankie) **Church Hanborough**

Services for December 2015

6th 10.00 Family Service (Rev. David Tyler)
18.00 Taizé (Rev. Peter Ball)

Babies and Toddlers at St Mary's meet in the church on **Wednesday** mornings at **10.00 - 11.30am**. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers and their pre-schoolers are very welcome.

There will be toys, a craft linked to the story and of course snacks and drinks for children and adults. Please bring a 50p donation. The group runs weekly during term time and on a slightly more ad hoc basis in the school holidays. Please contact Alice on **886833** or David on **881270**; or check out our Facebook page to find out more.

28th October: - Half term - ad hoc meeting

4th November: - The girl no one wanted

11th November: - A coat of many colours

18th November: - The forgiving prince

25th November: - He is here! (part 1)

2nd December: - He is here! (part 2)

Bible Fun Club 'BFC' is a group for parents, carers and primary school aged children who meet once a month for games, crafts and snacks with a Christian theme.

We meet on a Wednesday during term time, at the Village Hall from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Forthcoming dates: Wednesday 2nd December

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

For further information on all these groups or services phone David on 881270 or visit www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland or www.hanboroughparish.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

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John Fox 01993 881384

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Weddings: **Flowers in the Church:**
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All sorts of interesting information about St Mary's can be seen on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/st-mary-the-virgin-freeland

If you have any interesting pictures that could be used on this site, please contact Roy Thomas on **01993 882866** or email: print@associatedagencies.co.uk

You can now see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH>



Thank you to everyone who took part whether by welcoming visitors, riding or striding or sponsoring those who visited churches in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust 25th Ride & Stride on Saturday 12th September 2015.

Here are some statistics for the Benefice of Hanborough and Freeland.
There were 4 riders and striders who raised **£955** in total; £255 will go to Long Hanborough Methodist Church, £122.50 will go to SS Peter & Paul Church Hanborough and £100 will go to Freeland Methodist Chapel.

The visitor numbers were: St Mary the Virgin 27, Freeland Methodist Chapel 23; Long Hanborough Methodist Church 27, Christchurch 25 and SS Peter & Paul, Church Hanborough 25.

John Fox

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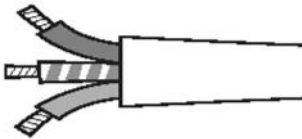
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Remember, remember

Dear friends,

The onset of November means that Autumn is well underway. It also means that we're into what some people call 'remembrance season'. It's a time when many of us take a particular moment to remember loved ones who have died in recent or more distant years. There are a number of particular dates we also remember and 'celebrate' at this time of year, not least Remembrance Day (Nov 11th) and All Saints Day (Nov 1st). And then, of course, there's Bonfire Night (Nov 5th) which gave rise to this well-known rhyme:

*'Remember, Remember the 5th November,
Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.
I see no reason why Gunpowder, Treason
Should ever be forgot.'*

But we don't only remember in November! We do it all the time. Birthdays and anniversaries remind us that time is passing, and also help us remember how special we are to other people. Celebrating Christmas, Easter and other festivals also helps us remember the story of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection.

Remembering is clearly important. It allows us to cherish those memories we treasure; it allows us to be thankful for the times we wouldn't ever change for the world; and it invites us to recall the mistakes of both others and ourselves, to learn from these and attempt a better fist of things next time around.

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, remembering is also a common theme in the Bible. 'Remember the poor' is a particularly relevant refrain right now with the current refugee crisis and other ongoing world issues – a remembering that properly demands a response of compassion and generosity. At the same time, God's people were helped through numerous tough times by recalling God's faithfulness and remembering how he had saved them in the past. Holding on to this can give us real hope too.

And let's not forget that God also has a pretty good memory himself. One Old Testament prophet explains that He has engraved each of our names in the palms of his hands; the Psalmist reflects that God's thoughts towards us outnumber even the grains of sand; and Jesus himself tells us that even every hair on our head is numbered. So as we embrace another season of remembering, let's not forget that God has never forgotten about us, and is longing for the day when we might remember to remember him.

Phil Cooke

FREELAND PHOTO GROUP

The November meeting will be on **Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm** in the Newell Room. We aim to have our usual interesting discussion of members' photos, a short demonstration and a small tutorial plus refreshments. Details as usual on our Flickr site at <https://www.flickr.com/groups/freelandgroup/> or contact Bruce Hammersley on **01993 880227**. £2 on the door - all welcome.

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Remembrance Sunday, Freeland

8th November 2015, 10.45am



A Service of Remembrance will be held at St Mary's, Freeland, at 10.45am. The 11am Silence will be held in the Church and will be followed by a procession to the War Memorial in the Churchyard.

All are welcome.

Services in Hanborough for October 2015

25th	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Ball)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer	Christ Church

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	10.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Manor School
	18.00 Commemoration of the Departed (Rev. David Tyler)	St Mary's, Freeland
8th	09.45 Remembrance Day Service (Revs David Tyler and Paul Weir)	St Peter & St Paul
	18.00 Evening Prayer (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
15th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. Phil Cooke)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Worship Together (Rev. David Tyler)	Manor School
	10.00 United Morning Prayer (Rev. Peter Ball)	Christ Church
	18.00 Compline (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
22nd	10.00 Holy Communion (Revs David Tyler and Sue Spankie)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship (Rev. Phil Cooke)	Manor School
	18.00 Evening Prayer (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church
29th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Mary's, Freeland
	10.00 Holiday Bible Club Reunion	Manor School
	18.00 Advent Carol Service (Revs David Tyler and Sue Spankie)	St Peter & St Paul

Services in Hanborough for December 2015

6th	08.00 Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	St Peter & St Paul
	10.00 Morning Worship	Manor School
	18.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev. David Tyler)	Christ Church



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THE PRIEST: Father Martin Flatman is happy to receive enquiries by phone, email or text. Mobile **07719 646790** E-mail: **frmartinflatman@gmail.com**

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CONFESSIONS on Saturdays at 7.00pm and Wednesdays at 10.30am or by appointment

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NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH when we offer, every day, SPECIAL PRAYERS at St Peter's FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS DIED. Names of some loved ones who have died will have been put into in our Requiem Book. These names are then read out for prayer at the **ALL SOULS DAY MASS** which is on **Monday 2nd November at 10.00am**. The Requiem Book is then laid on the altar at every Mass in November as a sign that these people are still being prayed for.

ADULTS WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH are always welcome on Thursday evenings at Father Martin's house at 7.30pm. This is a relaxed chat about the faith prompted by the Bible Reading that we will be hearing the following Sunday. It ends with a bit of actual teaching and a short time of prayer so that everyone is leaving just after 9.00pm. Alternatively Father Martin is always willing to give people individual tuition, just ask.

WANTING A BABY BAPTISED? Father Martin always asks parents to come to a Sunday Mass –just one Sunday Mass – and then see him afterwards, when he will begin to arrange the Baptism, as well as a Preparation Meeting usually in the parents' home. Of course he tries to persuade them to come to Mass regularly, but even if they cannot manage that, this does not stop the Baptism going ahead. You might be surprised how many never manage the first hurdle of simply coming to one Sunday Mass!

ALL SAINTS DAY is actually on a Sunday this year – **November 1st** – when we praise and thank God for all the many faithful Christians down through the ages who were an example when alive and are now with God and supporting us with their prayers. We are looking forward to welcoming Fr. Richard Biggerstaff from the St Barnabas Society as our preacher on that day.

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The St Barnabas Society used to be called the Converts Aid Society and is the Catholic Charity that supports clergy from other Christian churches who lose their income because they have become Catholics. Father Martin was given much support by them when he first became a Catholic way back in 1994.

OUR NOVEMBER TEA PARTY AND SING SONG is on **Saturday 14th November**. This year we hope to have someone accompanying us on a keyboard, and the cakes will be as delicious as ever. We sing some Children's favourites plus some songs from the Music Hall, but this year we have been asked to include a few patriotic songs like Land of Hope and Glory, and flags will be provided!

PARENTS WITH LITTLE CHILDREN are always welcome at our Sunday Mass at St Peter's. Parents have a hard time teaching their little ones to be quiet, but we want them to be there and will always support and pray for them even when they make a noise, and maybe make helpful and kind suggestions of how to cope, rather than aggressive criticism that might drive them away. Those who find the noise difficult are encouraged to 1. Move nearer the front. 2. Concentrate/pray harder 3. Come to Sunday Mass to be part of the family of God, and come to a quieter Mass on Saturday night or a weekday for their own spiritual needs.

FATHER MARTIN'S TALK ON TOLKIEN takes place on the 5th November at 7.30pm in St Leonard's Hall in Eynsham, at the Eynsham History Group's monthly meeting. Anyone can come provided they pay a small visitors fee at the door. His illustrated talk on the life of this famous author is subtitled – How a poor Catholic orphan made good – because that is what Tolkien was. As many of you know, Father John Tolkien who was Parish Priest in Eynsham in the 1980's was the author's oldest son. If enough people from St Peter's are interested Father Martin would be willing to give the Talk again in the Tolkien Room at St Peter's after Christmas.

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Oct 25th 10.30 Ken Mumford at North Leigh

Nov 1st 10.00 Family Worship at St Mary's

8th 10.30 Owen Carney

15th 10.30 At North Leigh - Rev. Paul Weir (Holy Communion)

22nd 10.30 Do-it ourselves

29th 10.30 Peter Allen

Saturday 19th December - CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

Thank you to all who donated to the chapel in memory of Connie Lay. We have bought a movable lectern. Preachers very rarely use the pulpit and the old lectern we have is very heavy and only large enough for a bible. We now have one with a larger top and castors. It can be rolled around very easily and for the security of preachers does have brakes! We will remember Connie now at every service.

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SERVICE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED FOR FREELAND AND HANBOROUGH



A service for the Commemoration of the Departed will take place at St Mary's, Freeland on **Sunday 1st November** at **6pm**. All are welcome.

If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service, please add their name to a list at the back of St Mary's, or Ss Peter and Paul, Church Hanborough, or Christ Church.

For further details, contact David Tyler on **881270**.

ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung on the following dates:

Sunday 1st November: 9.15am to 10.00am

**Sunday 1st November: 5.15pm to 6.00pm Service for the
Commemoration of the Departed**

Sunday 8th November: 10.00am to 10.45am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 15th November: 9.15am to 10.00am

Sunday 6th December: 9.15am to 10.00am

The ringing for the Commemoration of the Departed and Remembrance Sunday services will be on half muffled bells.

On Sunday 15th November from 7pm, the Hitchhikers Youth Group will have a tour of the church, led by Rev. Tyler, watch our educational bell ringing video and maybe have a go at ringing a full circle.

In the December report look out for the Christmas and New Year ringing programme, including ringing on the evening of Friday 4th December prior to the village Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Usual practice every Monday from 7.30pm until 9pm.

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

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

You can see more about Freeland Bell Ringers under the "Clubs and Groups" section of the village website **www.freelandoxon.co.uk**

Margaret Hewitt - Tower Correspondent Tel **882992**

TUESDAY CLUB UPDATE

Members from the Tuesday Club are now meeting informally at The Yeoman on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Noon for lunch and a chat.

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LISA'S NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2015

Planning update - Daniel Family Homes, Willoughby Fields & Pye Homes applications
Following the WODC Uplands Planning Committee held on 5th October, I can confirm that it was the Committee's decision to approve the Daniel Family Homes application reference **15/02135/OUT** for outline planning permission for up to 29 houses and the means of access onto the A4095.

The Willoughby Fields application reference **15/02722/FUL** for a revised scheme for change of use from commercial to residential, and erect 1 dwelling with associated environmental works was also approved, despite the Parish Council's letter of objection.

The Parish Council is still awaiting an outcome on the Pye Homes application. A letter of objection to the application has already been sent to WODC.

Uncontrolled dog/dog litter

Time for a moan I'm afraid. The Council have received two concerns this month about dogs. One is that there is a large black "Staffy" type dog running seemingly uncontrolled in the field at the back of The Blowings. On a few occasions this dog has got through the hedge in the field and onto residents' garage forecourts before running off. Can I please remind all dog owners to please ensure their dogs are kept under control, as if this situation continues, it will be reported to the dog warden.

I have also had concerns raised about dog waste being left on the playing field on the football pitch where children play football. There is simply no excuse as there are dog bins at all entrances to the field. I have also been made aware that dog waste has appeared on residents' front gardens in Church View and The Blowings. This is clearly unacceptable and is just plain rude. Would the owners of these dogs please clear up after their pets. Thanks.

Best Kept Garden Competition:

On a happier note, the winners for this year's Best Kept (front) Garden were as follows:

Small Garden	1 st :	Mr & Mrs Seyer, 22 Church View
	2 nd :	Mr & Mrs Foote, 8 Walkers Close
	3 rd :	Mr & Mrs Steventon, 68 Broadmarsh Lane
Large Garden	1 st :	Mr & Mrs James, Bolvean, Broadmarsh Lane
	2 nd :	Mr & Mrs McNamara, 166 Wroslyn Road
	3 rd :	Mr & Mrs Evans, 99 Wroslyn Road.

Many congratulations to the winners and our thanks go to the Witney Horticultural Society for judging this event.

Potholes

It's that time of year again when potholes are starting to appear in our roads. If you see a pothole, please report it by either telephoning Oxfordshire Highways on **0845 310 1111**, or going online to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk where you can report a road problem via the "Fix my Street" application. *Continued.....*

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Applications Received:

15/03385/HHD 13 PARKLANDS, FREELAND.

Erection of two storey front extension for Mr Alan French.

Applications Approved:

15/02722/FUL LAND EAST OF WILLOUGHBY FIELDS, WROSLYN RD

Revised scheme for change of use from commercial to residential, demolish garage and erect 1 dwelling with associated environmental works for Mr Gary Findlay.

15/02135/OUT LAND BETWEEN WYCHWOOD HOUSE AND MALVERN VILLAS, WITNEY ROAD, FREELAND.

Outline planning application for residential development of up to 29 dwellings for Daniel Family Homes (means of access only).

15/03011/FUL PLOT 2 WITNEY ROAD FREELAND

Pair Of Semi-detached Dwellings (re-submission of **14/01447/FUL**) for Mr & Mrs S. Ainsley.

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Erection of sunroom to existing garage with attached walkway to main dwelling for Mr J. Soanes.

Contacting the Council & Dates of Next Meetings:

Next council meeting will be held on **Monday 19th October 2015 at 7.30pm** in the **Newell Room**, and the November meeting will be on **Monday 16th November at 7.30pm**, also in the **Newell Room**. ***Please note the time and venue are subject to change; please check the village website and noticeboards for the final agenda up to five days before the meeting in case of alterations.***

If you wish to contact the Parish Council about a particular matter and have access to the internet, please have a look at the village website where lots of useful information is held. The website can be accessed via www.freelandoxon.co.uk. Alternatively, please contact me between the hours of 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday - Lisa Smith, Parish Clerk on **01993 880067** or email lisa.fpc@gmail.com

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Frank Hardy didn't disappoint us with his talk on 'Difficult Garden Sites' at the September meeting. He had his wife there as well to fill in the details Frank couldn't recall. He mentioned various different situations found in gardens such as shady, dry, soil quality and others. He set us all right about clay soil saying to those who complained of clay soil that if that was what we really had, the soil would be of brick making quality only! He gave suggestions on how to make the best of these problem sites and which plants would thrive there. He is a very forthright speaker and can be amusing at times!

The next meeting in Freeland Hall on **Monday 26th October 2015 at 7.30pm** is the Club's AGM. Jill encouraged members not to be put off by this as the meeting would be relatively short followed by tea, coffee and cakes baked by the Committee. Normally we just have biscuits!! There will be a report on the meetings in 2015 and Ray will present the new programme for 2016. It will also be a chance for anyone who would like to join the Club to come along as it is the start of a new year. Anyone who would like to join the Committee may put their name and seconder forward at the meeting. The financial position will be explained and whether the subs cost will change. Subs will be due from the November meeting.

On **23rd November** the talk will be by Steve Moll, a new speaker to the Club, about 'The Incredible World of the Honey Bee'. It is a long time since we have had this subject so for those of you who were not there when we did, you will be fascinated by these remarkable insects.

Once again we have received a donation towards bulbs for the village from a generous donor, so the team will be out soon getting the next lot of bulbs in. Do come and join us if you would like to. The refreshments can be highly recommended. Contact Ray and Jill on the number below to get the dates.

There is a Bring and Buy Plant and Gardening items sale at each meeting.

For any further information about the Freeland Gardening Club contact Ray and Jill Evans at 99 Wroslyn Rd or ring **881420**.

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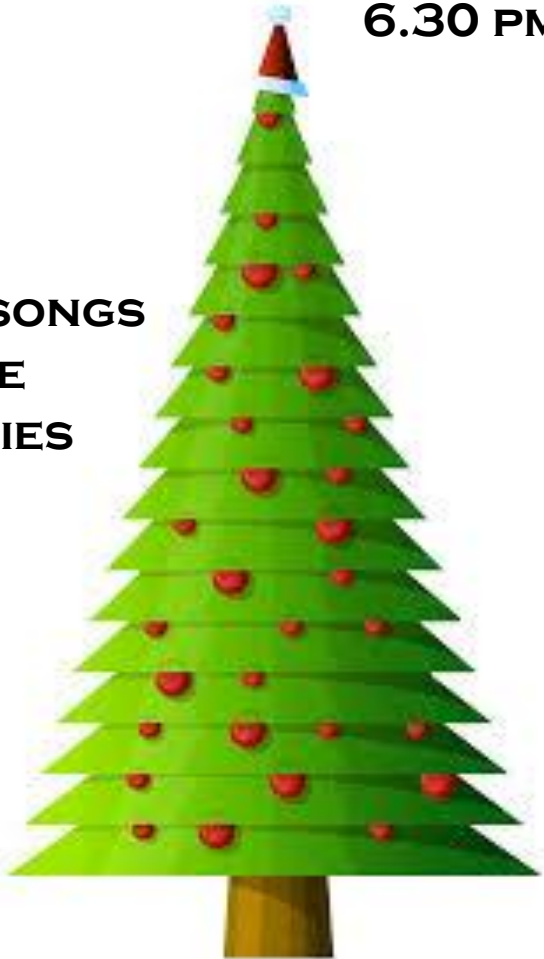
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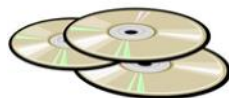
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This is the first year we have had a Lunch instead of a Harvest Dinner. Although the numbers were smaller, and there was no entertainment, the occasion was enjoyed by all and certainly no one went home hungry! It was lovely to have so many children there as well. Thank you very much to all the cooks who made soup and puddings, they were enjoyed by everyone.

The non-perishable Harvest donations will go to Besom, a charity in Witney who make up food parcels for those locally in need, and money from the auction of the other Harvest produce and any profit will also go to Besom. They are particularly grateful for the money as this is used to buy food when all the tinned goods given at Harvest time have been distributed.

Janet Dalton



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This year door to door collections will take place from **Saturday 24th October to Saturday 7th November.**

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone that has been using the Little Free Library. We're getting lots of positive feedback on our Facebook page and in our comments book, which is lovely to read! We've been finding lots of donations of books in the library, so thank you for your support. In October, we promoted Star Wars Reads Day, a global event to encourage children to read, and we also hosted Fircone Books, a local Oxfordshire publisher. They generously donated some of their publications, including children's books and a beautiful book about Oxfordshire's best churches, which features our very own St. Mary's. If you missed it, please visit firconebooks.com.



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Matthew Ruddle - Parish Councillor **01993 359543** ruddlem@gmail.com

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2nd November – colouring activity

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9th November – a craft to help children learn their numbers

16th November – making hedgehogs with fallen leaves

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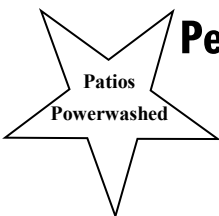
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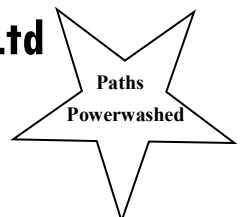


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FREELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Christmas is coming and we of the Freeland Women's Institute are not daunted – all is well.

Party Time. The Freeland WI Christmas party will be on **Monday 14th December** starting at 8pm in the Village Hall. Put it in your diary. If you are not a member but have been toying with the idea of joining the WI this will be a good meeting to come to . It will be a social evening – food, drink, music and lots of ice breakers. Get in touch with us to let us know if you are thinking of coming and we will be sure to welcome you in. It can be a bit daunting going to your first meeting if you don't know anyone so let us buddy you up.

Rapping!!! Before then, at our next meeting on **Monday 9th November**, one of our own members, Louise Parker, is going to show us techniques for wrapping (not rapping) . Those amongst us who give presents in brown paper bags tied up with sellotape will present quite a challenge to Louise but she is up for it. Again non-members are welcome and another good meeting to come to as we will be sitting, sipping, chatting and wrapping.

October's meeting was a delightful talk by Duncan and Harriet, two young volunteers from the Helen and Douglas House Charity. They enthralled the audience with their talk about the wonderful work done by the Charity www.helenanddouglas.org.uk

From these three meetings you can see that we vary what we do – socials, hands on sessions and talks as well as outings and events such as our upcoming Easter Market in March 2016. We are just about to publish our programme for 2016 which promises to offer a wide variety of activities for regular meetings as well as extra outings and events.

If you want to see what we have been up to and what we are planning, take a look at our web site <http://freelandwi.weebly.com> or get in touch with our President, Lorraine Pengilly (**01993 881129** : email at lpengilly@btinternet.com)

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Rosemary Phillimore

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Off the pitch, well still on it really, please could dog walkers pick up their dog's mess. We have had to halt a number of games this season to clear the pitch. This is an issue on both the men's and the youths' pitches - it only takes a minute to bag it and bin it!!!!

The coming month should be a lot more busy, with the games coming thick and fast and also hosting a **Race Night** down the Yeoman on **Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm**. More information on **page 26**.

Matthew Hardy - Freeland Football Club Chairman

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 3rd November: Blenheim's Georgian Scandal. A talk by Alan Ledger

Tuesday 1st December: Mary Queen of Scots. A talk by Dr Gillian White

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We are very excited to announce that our very own Daisy won the “design the badge” competition. Daisy’s design has been made into the “Beavers Go Wild 2015” badge which 400 beavers will wear on their uniform. Well done Daisy!

The weekend following “Beavers Go Wild” was the turn of the “Cubs Fun Day” at Horley Scout Camp. Loads and loads of fun activities including ‘laser tag’, climbing, archery, shooting and an inflatable assault course. A great day was had by all! That same weekend was the training camp for the seven of our Scouts and Explorers who will go to Iceland for next summer’s jamboree.

Last, but by no means least, was the CPCW (County Patrol Camping Weekend) at the beginning of October at Horley. CPCW is a fun weekend camp where the Scouts take the lead, prepare their own camp and cook their own food over altar fires. It’s also a great opportunity to try out a wide range of activities and to meet other Scouts from all over Oxfordshire.

All of these activities are in addition of the absolutely packed programmes all sections have been enjoying during this term so far. A huge thank you goes out to all the leaders who make this possible for our young people to experience.

If you want to get involved, there is a job you can help with in Scouting! However much time you can offer, however frequently or whatever skills you have, we can make great use of them. If you can help in any capacity, please contact Adam, our Group Section Leader, on gsl@hfscouting.org.uk

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Steve Mellin, Publicity representative

MARIE CURIE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

On **Tuesday 22nd December 2015, 7.30pm** for **8.00pm** start at The Oxfordshire Yeoman, our Christmas Quiz, suitable for all ages and abilities and guaranteed to be fun! Don’t worry if there are only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night! Please remember to wear your Christmas Fancy Dress or come in your Chimbo Jumper or Santa Hat (optional)! Entry is just £3 per person with all proceeds being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care. Bar snacks available. Raffle prizes on the night will be very much appreciated.

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS October 2015

'Tis the season of mists and . . . it certainly was! New ramblers continue to join our merry band and a record number of brave people (and a mildly confused dog) disappeared into the morning mist only to reappear back to bright sunshine in the final half hour. Mrs Trellis continues to write in and complain about certain minor inaccuracies in our last report, so I'd like to improve matters this month but sadly the impaired visibility prevents this. After the last AGM the Mott Bros radar worked perfectly although a rebellious splinter faction from within our group insisted on going the wrong way home. Regular readers (if any?) will recall that this was the same unruly group that wanted to introduce a poetry quiz, hunt the sausage, and pin the tail on the wild boar! These are obvious trouble makers and should be treated with some suspicion.

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FREELAND PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Monday 14th December is the date for the Freeland Pre-school Christmas Quiz night. The fun begins at **8pm** in the Yeoman. Teams of any size are welcome, cost is £2.50 a person. This is a fabulous chance for your village club to get festive and competitive in your Yuletide knowledge! There is a raffle on the night with plenty of goodies to be won! Do book your team's table with the Yeoman in advance as last year's event was a jolly success with a full house! Oxfordshire Yeoman: **01993 881003**

SEASONAL FLU CLINICS - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

There will be Saturday clinics on **7th November** at Eynsham Medical Centre and Long Hanborough as well as clinics on **Tuesday 3rd November** at Eynsham Medical Centre and **Monday 9th November** at Long Hanborough

Book your appointment by contacting reception on **01993 881330** or **01865 881206** or on line (www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk) if you have an EMIS access account.

SHOEBOX TIME IS ALMOST HERE!

Last year we sent off over 2,200 boxes generously donated from the schools, churches, businesses and individuals of Witney and the surrounding villages.

Most of the children who receive the boxes live in orphanages, on the street or in very poor villages. Each shoebox can bring so much happiness to a child, who, quite literally has nothing.

Please can you help us again this year to let these children know someone cares about them?

Wrapped shoeboxes and leaflets available from High Street Methodist Church, Witney. The Celebration evening is **Monday 16th November**, so we would love to receive your boxes before then if possible. Please come along and join us at 6pm. Thank you.

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Many items are being made for the Shoebox collection, since this year a new target of over 3000 boxes (not all from Freeland!) has been set. They are being collected at High Street Methodist Church & filled boxes need to be there by November 16th.

As well as this, a variety of little embroidered "cottages" are appearing, using the square stitch on plastic canvas we learned a few weeks ago. These cover tissue boxes with the tissues coming out of the chimney like puffs of smoke!

Come along and join us one Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is welcome, whether you have never done anything like this before, and wish to learn, or you are an expert, keen to share your knowledge and experience with others.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Freeland Methodist Chapel - 2pm to 4pm
Wednesdays: November 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th; December 2nd & 9th**

It costs £1 per session to cover heating, lighting and refreshments.

Come and join this friendly group to learn and share ideas.

For further information (or for someone to go with) please contact:

Margaret Wright: **01993 881316** or Helen Molden: **01993 882305**



FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We have had an internal review of standards, although for internal use only, I can share with you some of the feedback given verbally.

- We have made rapid progress in a number of areas since our last review in March last year
- Teaching in all lessons seen was at least 'good'
- Whole school approaches, for example, to learning objectives, planning formats and homework were having a positive impact on teaching and learning
- Pupils felt they were safe, free from bullying and felt they were now being challenged more in class

Aside from the recent review, it's not all about Maths and English I promise. Believe it or not, we have recently invested in 30 ukuleles! Mr Jeffries' class will have weekly ukulele lessons taught by a musician from the OCC Music Service starting next week. We are also working with the PE department at Bartholomew School and they are coming into school to teach gym on Monday afternoons and through the year each class will have a term of lessons. We are of course also providing French lessons to all children from Year 1 up and we are taking part in the Big Draw this year.

We are still looking for a handyperson, so please, if there's anyone you know who might be interested, suggest they get in touch – we need their help.

Sarah Kerswell - Head Teacher

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Friday 27th Nov: 2-course Fundraising Supper & Show jointly in aid of Bartholomew School and Bartholomew Players. Prize for best 1970's costume!

TICKETS: £18 – must be purchased in advance from Denise Santilli 07721 744 020 or bart.players@gmail.com. Doors open 6.15pm, Supper 6.45pm, Performance 7.45pm

See our website www.bartholomewplayers.co.uk for more information

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MOBILE LIBRARY - new schedule

The Mobile Library now visits Freeland on alternate Tuesdays stopping at the Primary School from **11.00am to 12.15pm**, no longer be stopping at the Village Hall.

Upcoming dates are **Tuesdays 27th October, 10th & 24th November**, and are shown in the Forthcoming Events on **page 45**.

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Just turn up on the night or email us: hanboroughyouthclub@gmail.com

Are you having a party & need some games or small chairs for the children?
We are hiring some of our equipment for a small donation to the club.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 26 Oct Freeland Gardening Club AGM, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Oct Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11am - 12.15pm)
- 28 Oct "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
- 1 Nov Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers, meet at Oxfordshire Yeoman 9.30am
- 3 Nov The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00-11.30am
- 3 Nov Former Tuesday Club members meeting at The Yeoman, Noon
- 3 Nov Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 3 Nov North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 Nov "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 9 Nov Freeland Women's Institute meeting, Freeland Hall, 8pm
- 10 Nov Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11am - 12.15pm)
- 11 Nov "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
- 12 Nov Last date for insertions in the December Grapevine**
- 13 Nov Witney Music Society, 7.30pm, High Street Methodist Church, Witney
- 14 Nov Freeland Pre-school Nearly New Sale, Freeland School, 10am - 12noon
- 14 Nov Dinner Dancing with Sunfly Duo, 7.30pm, Oxfordshire Yeoman
- 14 Nov Concert with Kismet at St Mary's Church, North Leigh, 7.30pm
- 16 Nov Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 18 Nov "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 20 Nov Freeland Cinema, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm, 'A Royal Night Out' (12a)
- 21 Nov Freeland Football Club Race Night, 7.30pm, Oxfordshire Yeoman
- 23 Nov Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 Nov Mobile Library at Freeland Primary School (11am - 12.15pm)
- 24 Nov Freeland Photo Group, Newell Room, 7.30pm
- 25 Nov "Green" week recycling + food + garden waste collection
- 25/28 Nov Bartholomew Players 'California Suite', Eynsham Village Hall OX29 4QW
- 1 Dec The Cake Café, Freeland Hall, 9.00-11.30am
- 1 Dec Former Tuesday Club members meeting at The Yeoman, Noon
- 1 Dec North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
- 1 Dec Woodstock U3A, Marlborough School, Shipton Road, Woodstock, 2pm
- 2 Dec "Grey" week recycling + food + rubbish waste collection
- 4 Dec Christmas Tree Lighting Event, Freeland Hall, 6.30pm



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Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

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Or mail: Kenny Wylie, 1 Blenheim Lane, Freeland, Witney OX29 8AW **01993 883245**

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Oxfordshire Yeoman



Saturday 31st Oct

RUGBY WORLD CUP FINAL KO 4pm

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Monday 2nd Nov

African Children's Fund Quiz 8pm

Saturday 7th Nov

Karaoke

Saturday 14th Nov

Sunfly Duo in aid of Marie Curie (see p27)

Tuesday 17th Nov

Argentinian Night

Saturday 21st Nov

Race Night in aid of Freeland FC (see p26)

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November at 8pm - BINGO!

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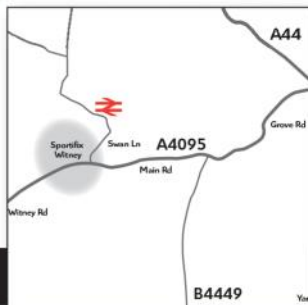
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