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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Sunday 25th August	10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at Christ Church
Sunday 1st September	10.00am All Age Communion
Leader:	Val Richens, Andy Richens and Rev. Steve Bellamy
Preacher:	Andy Richens
Sunday 8th September	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader:	Rev. Steve Bellamy
Preacher	Rev. Steve Bellamy
Sunday 15th September	10.00am Communion
Leader:	Rev. Mike Madden
Preacher:	Rev. Mike Madden
Sunday 22nd September	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader:	Rev. Steve Stewart
Preacher:	Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 29th September	10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at St Mary's
Leader:	Rev. Steve Stewart
Preacher:	Rev. Steve Bellamy
Sunday 6th October	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader:	Rev. Heather McCulloch
Preacher:	Rev. Heather McCulloch

The above information is correct on the date published (19/08/2024). 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

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



Thank you to Moth Clark for the front cover photo of a Fox in Chapel Meadow

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Curate: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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Clive Berry 01993 882080

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Churchwarden:

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Janet Dalton
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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.

Children's and Youth Work - 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, and everyone joins in with the all-age service. At the other **10am** services, children and youth have the opportunity to take part in games, discussion, art, and other activities in small groups close by. Come and give it a try!

Bible Fun Club We had a great time at the summer BFC, on 1st August, with crafts and activities based on the parable of the wise and foolish builders. After the brilliantly acted out story we finished with a delicious picnic tea including rock cakes that the children had made. If you would like to join our email list for reminders & news about similar events, please send your details to administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

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 <p>First Steps</p>	<p>Baby and Toddler Group</p> <p>Wednesday (term time only), 10:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Christ Church, Long Hanborough</p> <p>£2 per family (under 1s free)</p>	
<p>We welcome all under 5s and their parent/carer. Join us to meet others and enjoy free play and fun activities together. Each session finishes with refreshments, a Bible story and song time.</p> <p>For more information: hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps</p>		
<p>Please note, you now need to sign up in advance to secure your place due to high demand. You can sign up from 5pm on the Sunday before the session. Please see our website for more details.</p>		

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A most unlikely Victor!...



Watching the Olympics this summer, I was struck particularly by some of the unlikely victors. Like the USA gold medallist Cole Hocker who came from behind to produce a sensational shock win over GB's Josh Kerr and Norwegian Jakob Ingebrigtsen in the men's 1500m. In the Bible it talks about Jesus having the victory. And all this got me thinking what an extraordinary, even sensational thing Christianity is.

In the ancient world of Jesus' time, everyone except the Jews believed in a multitude of gods, with new gods being added from time to time. If you were a Jew, you believed in *one* god. If you believed in one god, you were a *Jew!* The Gentiles (the non-Jews) variously hated Jews for "monotheism", mocked them for it, and very occasionally admired them for it.

Another thing which made the Jews seem unusual to the Gentiles was that their God was utterly *unseen*: no statues, no images, no idols. To the Gentiles, this seemed ridiculous. But imageless worship was so important for ancient Jews, that when pressed to do otherwise, they would protest, fight, and even go to war over the issue.

The Gentiles on the other hand were happy enough with having many gods, lots of images and idols, and even having *humans* as gods such as the Caesars and Emperors.

Indeed, of all the ancient religions, there was none harder than Judaism into which to introduce a divine, God-come-as-a-man messiah: Jesus Christ came in the flesh! But Christianity was *born* in Judaism, was *propagated* by Jews (such as Peter, Paul, James and John), and *grew* first within Judaism. This could not have happened within Judaism – and indeed never has happened – except in the case of Jesus Christ.

It is even more bizarre then that: there is no other world religion that has successfully claimed or proclaimed a bodily resurrected God-man Messiah. That this happened within, of all religions, *Judaism* is utterly incredible!

For such a thing to take place within Judaism, would take a cataclysmic, seismic, tectonic, and indeed miraculous event. And that event was the Resurrection of Jesus. Nothing less than that could possibly account for the emergence of Christianity within ancient Judaism. All other explanations less than the Resurrection are insufficient.

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In short, the Resurrection of Jesus is God's victory:

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all" (Acts 4:33)

But it gets even stranger: not only does the Bible talk about God having the victory over death, but Jesus shares his "gold medal" with us! To all who believe in Jesus, God "gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

If you would like to share in Jesus' gold, come and join us at any of our churches around Hanborough and Freeland. We'd love you to share with us in this most sensational of victories.

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

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday	1st September	9.30am - 10.00am
Saturday	7th September	2.00pm - 2.45pm Wedding
Sunday	15th September	9.30am - 10.00am
Sunday	29th September	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.

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



The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust OHCT Ride and Stride is on **Saturday 14th September 2024**. Half the money raised goes to OHCT while the other half to this local parish. This year the opportunity of raising money toward the repairs to the Church Hanborough Spire through Ride and Stride means everyone in the Church Family can take part. Some to walk or cycle to churches, some to welcome visitors and all to sponsor those taking an active part. Contact: jfox6103@gmail.com Web: <https://ohct.org.uk/>



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- Sunday 1st September** **10.00am Communion**
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
- Sunday 8th September** **10.00am Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 15th September** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Nick Wood Preacher: Nick Wood
- Sunday 22nd September** **10.00am Communion**
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
- Sunday 29th September** **10.00 am Whole Benefice Communion**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy **at St Mary's**
- Sunday 6th October** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

- Sunday 25th August** **10.00am Whole Benefice Communion**
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy **at Christ Church**
- Sunday 1st September** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
- Sunday 8th September** **10.00am Communion with Thanksgiving for
Amelia Jane White**
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
- Sunday 15th September** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Amanda Ford Preacher: Gareth Dicks
- Sunday 22nd September** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
- Sunday 29th September** **10.00am Whole Benefice Communion at
St Mary's**
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy
- Sunday 6th October** **10.00am Morning Praise**
Leader: Alison Feast Preacher: Jonathan Ford

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Please see our website for current job opportunities across the Clubs.

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

Contact: Gill Breakspear Tel: **883914**. Email: gillbreakspear@btinternet.com

All services are in the chapel. A warm welcome awaits you all.

Sunday 25th August	10.00am	Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
Sunday 1st September	10.00am	Rev. Sue Jacobs (Holy Communion)
Sunday 8th September	10.00am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 15th September	10.00am	Rev. Sue Jacobs - Harvest Festival
Sunday 22nd September	10.00am	Mr Andrew Maisey
Sunday 29th September	10.00am	Mr David Sarbutts
Sunday 6th October	10.00am	Mr Martin Hannant

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THANK YOU KENNY!

It was lovely to have so many people join us at The Yeoman at the end of July when St Mary's Church presented Kenny Wylie with a gift to say a huge thank you for all of his fantastic work over the last sixteen years as Editor of The Grapevine. Thank you for giving so generously of your time to our Community



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We have a two vacancies – will **YOU** come and join our friendly team?

If yes, or you would like more details, please contact the Parish Clerk

clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Website and Email Addresses

The Council has moved across to **.gov** making it more compliant and 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. Here are all the new emails:

Fay Friend (Clerk)

clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Peter Foster (Chair)

cllrpfoster@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

chair@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Mary Ann Canning (Vice Chair)

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Victoria Baker

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Phil Holt

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Spitfire Homes Update

The closing date for comments has been extended to **Friday 23rd August** at our request. There is nothing in the new application to change our view that development on this site is unacceptable. Well over 200 objections have been lodged with WODC at the time of writing. The Parish Council will be submitting our objection before the deadline.

Hedges, grass and overgrown issues

There are still some access issues to parts of the village from overgrown hedges, especially for those who use wheelchairs and buggies. Please keep reporting on both Fix My Street (**fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk**) and to us directly so that we can give the issue to our contractors if they are on Parish land or to aid us communicating to the resident directly.

WODC

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The Parish Council have bought a new bin ready for the weekly collections up on the A4095. This was deemed to be a hot spot where the bus shelter is located. We hope that it can continue to keep our village clean and tidy for all residents and visitors.

Fix My Street

We urge you all to continue using the Fix My Street app, which alerts any issues to the Oxfordshire County Council or via **fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk**, to report potholes, flooded pavements and gullies, overgrown hedges, damaged kerb stones and overgrown grass verges, etc. If you would like to become a 'Super User' this will help speed up the process in which things can be repaired, then email:

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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 are not needed, but it is good to know they are there just in case. **www.defibfinder.uk/**

Play Park

As a Council we aim to improve our play facilities constantly. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see, please drop me an email. We have money to spend from the Freeland Gate development. What would you like to see in your local park?

Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to

clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Green Tip

By spending our hard-earned pounds selectively, we can reduce our carbon footprint whilst encouraging vendors to adopt a pro environmental strategy. For example, we might select a plant-based burger or a vegan ice cream (Magnum do a great range), buy our clothes at a charity shop (good enough for the Sunday Times Style section!), walk to the Hanborough Coop rather than drive or get the train into Oxford rather than sitting in a traffic jam. By making multiple small lifestyle changes we can reduce our own impact on the planet and help provide a better future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren. We don't have to make all the changes at once; perhaps think about making one change a month and see how you get on with it. When we all do them, they will add up.

Planning Applications

All planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website at **https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk** (under Parish Council/Planning Tracker) or on the WODC website at **publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications** You can also contact the Planning Team at the WODC Wood Green Council Offices on **01993 861420**.

Applications Received: 24/01873/NMA: Land between Wychwood House and Malvern Villas, Witney Road - amendment to I7/02996/RES alterations to landscape layout.

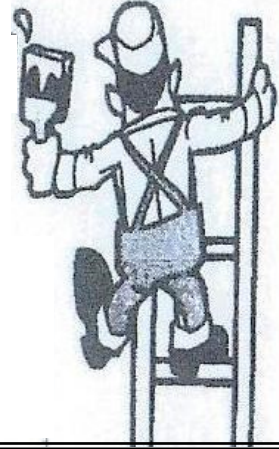
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24/00002/HHD 87 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

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.

24/0117/FUL Land East of Wroslyn Road, Freeland - SPITFIRE HOMES

Development of 78 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), allotments and site access, plus open space, drainage, landscaping and associated engineering works.

24/01583/HHD The Willows, Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland

Alterations and extensions to dwelling including erection of two storey annexe and front/side extension.

Applications Approved:

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

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

24/01148/HHD 4 Parklands, Freeland

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

**24/01873/NMA Land between Wychwood House and Malvern Villas,
Witney Road, Freeland**

Non-material amendment to **17/02996/RES** to allow alterations to landscape layout

Applications Refused: None

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th September 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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Saturday 14th September at the Newell Room
Village Hall, between 11 and 4



Come along for family games, find out about keeping warm and energy efficiency. Sign up for your home's thermal image this winter, chat with neighbours about their solar panel installation and get advice on home insulation.

If you do not use gas to heat your home, and you missed last month's meeting with experts about Home Upgrade Grants (HUG), there will be another chance at the Warm Home Energy Day – Saturday 14th September.

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On **Saturday 12th October** I am joining our daughter Katherine, who is part of the palliative care team in the Oxford hospitals, in the **Kent Downs 50 Ultra Challenge**. This is a **50km** trek over the Kent Downs to raise funds for Sobell House which is always in need of funds to support the amazing work that it does in helping those who are faced with a terminal illness, and their families. Any contribution would be appreciated and motivate us to get to the end of the 50kms!

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 4/8/2024

This month I thought I would go through our bulging post bag. We had a very entertaining letter from a Mr Chubawumba who said he was going to join us on the Ramble but he got knocked down, but he got up again, being a bit confused afterwards he ended up in the Yeoman where he drinks a Whisky drink, drinks a Vodka drink followed by a Lager drink and then a Cider drink, by then he was in no fit state and remembers nothing and must have overslept. Well M Chubawumba haha, maybe next month eh.



Other letters received were from David Attenborough, Brian May and Morrissey who all asked the same thing...the crispy duck fries dish in the Yeoman, was it hot? Well let me tell you, after eating it last week, no it wasn't, but it was blummin' tasty so expect to see them all visiting the Yeoman soon.

The complaint from one of our walkers (Willow) that I mentioned last month is currently with their lawyers Barker & Pawson who have stated that their client said they were chums with everyone but felt they were treat-ed ruffly (Pawly) when we stopped fur sustenance, when we were all woofing down the biscuits and brownies, there was not a Bonio in sight, which almost made them cough out a fur ball. I have a feeling we haven't heard the last of this saga.

Our next Ramble will be on **Sunday 1st September**, starting at **10am** sharp from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub. All are welcome. Enid Blyton (11/8/1897)

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FREELAND WINE CLUB

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This promises to be a fun and informative evening for members.

The final Wine Club date for 2024 is our annual Christmas social on **Friday 29th November**. Free to members. To register as a member (£10) and get invites and reduced rates for all meetings please email **FreelandWineClub@gmail.com**

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Imagine a small box nestled in your neighbourhood, filled with books waiting to be discovered. This is exactly what the Little Free Library is: a free book-sharing initiative that's bringing communities closer, one book at a time.



A Little Free Library is more than just a miniature library - it is a symbol of community spirit and a gateway to adventure. The concept is simple: anyone can take a book or leave a book, creating a continuous exchange of stories, knowledge, and ideas. Whether you're looking for your next great read or want to share a favourite book with your neighbours, a Little Free Library is the perfect place to connect.

These tiny libraries come in all shapes and sizes, and we are very fortunate in Freeland to have two: the bigger, converted telephone box in front of the village hall, and the small wooden box outside 138 Wroslyn Road.

The impact of Little Free Libraries goes beyond just books. They create a sense of community, encouraging people to engage with one another. In a world where we are often busy and disconnected, a Little Free Library is a reminder of the power of sharing and the joy of reading.

But the benefits do not stop there. Little Free Libraries also promote literacy and a love for reading, especially among children. They offer easy access to books for people of all ages and backgrounds, helping to bridge the gap in areas where books might not be readily available.

So, the next time you pass by a Little Free Library, take a moment to browse, share, and enjoy. You never know what treasures you might find or what new connections you might make.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Nicola Hope gave a very interesting talk entitled 'Tales from the Potting Shed'. Most of her talk involved her own career in Horticulture which had begun when she did an apprenticeship at Highgrove House, in King Charles' garden. Her interest was awakened there so she spent more time working at Highgrove before moving on to 'Sting', the singer's garden. From there she worked at other private gardens and showed excellent pictures of them. We shall be very likely to ask her to visit us again.

Our Club Social evening was on Monday 19th August, Cheese and Wine was provided and we enjoyed our time together.

On **Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm** we shall be at Freeland Nursery for 'Bulb Planting'. We shall be given advice by one of the staff and be able to plant some bulbs for our Spring displays next year.

Visitors and new members very welcome. Obviously there will be no Plant and Gardening items for Sale at this meeting. Some refreshments are likely to be provided.

As previously mentioned we are still wanting someone to take over **as Treasurer** when **Brian retires in October**. He will always be available for advice as someone settles in and joins our friendly Committee.

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

Wordoku Word: '149 Medusa'

To solve the puzzle, use logic to work out how to place each letter in the word "**149 Medusa**" once in each row, column and 3x3 box outlined in bold.

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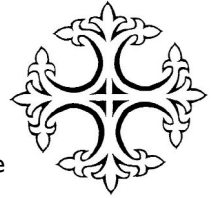
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OXFORD JOHN LEWIS TAKES PART IN NEW REPAIR SERVICE

John Lewis has announced the launch of new repair trial in partnership with Timpson Group.

Customers will now be able bring their beloved garments, accessories and a selection of homeware back to life through an in-store repair service.

The Oxford store in Westgate is the first one to launch the trial out of the five selected stores: Liverpool, Cheadle, Milton Keynes and Welwyn.

The service will accept any brand, allowing customers to drop off items to be fixed, altered, cleaned or restored, and come back to collect them after they have been given a fresh lease of life.

John Lewis commercial director, Kathleen Mitchell, said: "We want to help our customers extend the wear of their fashion items and have the option to bring those much-loved items back to life - whether they are hanging by a thread or just need a simple stitch or two".

Will Lankston, managing director at Timpson Direct, said: "Alterations have always been one of the core parts of our business and we have been seeing this increase over the past few years as more customers are conscious about the environment and are wanting to repair and bring back to life some of their well loved garments and accessories".

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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**.

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Freeland, Village Hall*	09.12	11.12	13.12	14.57		18.00
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Train	Oxford Station	08.44	10.46	12.45	13.44
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411 Bus	Hanborough Station	09.00	11.00	13.00	14.50
411 Bus	Freeland, Village Hall*	09.12	11.12	13.12	14.57

NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our History Society has a new season of talks lined up! It begins on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm** when Simon Randall will be giving a talk on 'The Civil War in the Cotswolds' and continues on **Tuesday 1st October** with Dr Simon Townley talking about the work on Chipping Norton recently completed by the Victoria County History (now British history online).

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in North Leigh Memorial Hall, **OX29 6SA at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)**. All welcome. Members **£20** per year, visitors **£4** per talk. Further details are available from Diana Power **01993 882301** or Robert Kyte at kyterobert@gmail.com and **01993 880368**.

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB



One of our newer members produced this lovely family of octopuses (octopi?). Can you imagine the delight on the face of a young child finding these in their Shoe Box? We are continuing to produce items for the annual collection for this cause - perhaps you would like to join us? We always give a warm welcome to new members, and encourage them to share their expertise, learn new skills or just enjoy a chat, so come along any Wednesday afternoon.

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:
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Margaret Wright

August gave us our annual social event at St Hugh's Centre, Woodstock which was planned as an open afternoon to encourage new people to come along and see what the **u3a** does. Demonstration by the Play Reading group was a treat, as was the Recorder group, and Art, with displays from some of our many other interest groups. There was much to grab our time.

u3a Woodstock & District

Although our monthly meetings give us social time together with the entertainment of interesting and varied speakers, the main drive of the organisation is smaller groups which develop around members' personal interests and participation with like-minded people. Please do check our website for further information and contacts:
www.woodstocku3a.uk.

Our next monthly speaker meeting on **Thursday 5th September** is Dr Tony Hersch with *A day in the life of a Magistrate*. Do join us at 1.45pm for 2pm at St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock – visitor fee **£2** to include tea and biscuits – all welcome.

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The Guides, Rainbows & Brownies

As you read this, Brownies, Rainbows, Guides and Rangers will not have started back for the new term. However, the leaders have been busy planning some new exciting things for the Autumn/Winter term.

We are very excited to have been shortlisted for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant to fund an adventurous day out for the girls, or, if the money allows, a district camp.

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Ken J-F



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Becoming a Scout leader is an opportunity to give back, to be a role model, and to have fun. It's about building a stronger, more connected community - one where our young people can thrive.

Join us in making a difference. Volunteer today and help the next generation of Scouts discover their potential. Your leadership could change lives, including your own.

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Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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NIGHT

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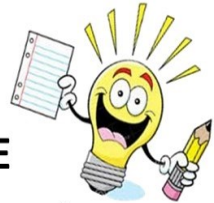
Wednesday, 25th September 2024

Wednesday, 27th November 2024



7.30 For 8pm Start

QUIZ, BAR, CHARITY RAFFLE



Quiz Entry £3 Teams of up to 6 people.

Please don't worry if there's only a couple of you as we can make up teams on the night! It's a great way to socialise and make new friends!

For more information please contact

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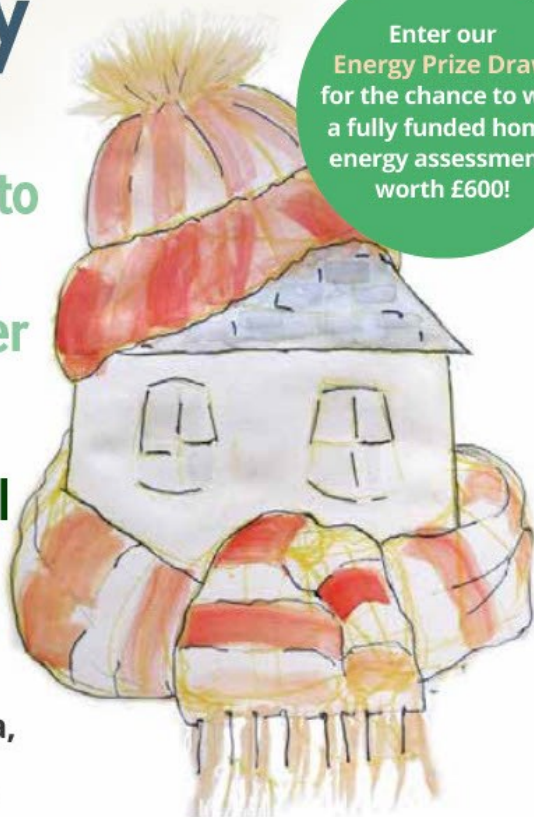
The Newell Room,
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Sat 14 September
11am to 4pm

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- Face painting

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WFT PHOTO COMPETITION 2024



2024 CALENDAR
'MY WYCHWOOD'



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WFT PHOTO COMPETITION 2024

We are pleased to announce the return of our annual photo competition! The theme this year is the 'Wild Wychwood' and you can interpret it in any way you choose. It is free to enter and the 12 winning photographs will feature in the WFT 2025 calendar, with the winning image also appearing on the cover. Last year, Martin Gascoigne-Pees was the overall winner with his fantastic photograph of a waxwing on rowan (above).

The 2024 competition will open on 1st August and close on **Monday 16th September.**

Please visit: <https://www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk/photo-competition> for more details. Happy snapping!

WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

In the August edition of ‘Grapevine’, part of my response in the section “Nature Recovery and Wildlife Conservation” in the recently held village survey was printed.

Among my proposals was that the ‘Wildlife Corridor’, stretching from Pinsley Wood, Church Hanborough, along Pigeon House Lane, over Wroslyn Road along Lime Avenue to Cuckoo Lane should be recognised to support important habitats and provide lasting protection for wildlife. In part, I was responding to the little known Montréal Global Biodiversity framework, produced by the United Nations in **December 2020**. The UK was one of **169** countries to sign up to this agreement, to halt the continuing loss of nature and promising that by **2030** our government will ensure that **30%** of our land and seas will be managed for nature. Latest research suggests that at present no more than **5%** of land in the UK is managed in this way, mainly by organisations such as the RSPB and the National Trust. The Office for Environmental Protection (OEP), in January of this year, reported that we need to accelerate our efforts to restore, protect and enhance the environment if the targets are to be met. The question is: Can we, the people of Freeland and Church Hanborough, play some part in achieving these aims to support wildlife in our villages?

My plan for the Wildlife Corridor was made in response to this challenge and my belief that it will be local schemes, devised, supported, and maintained by local people, that provide the framework for achieving that goal. We do not want or need top-down schemes from government, provided by people with little knowledge of the local environment, to be imposed upon us. If we go ahead ourselves, we can provide a blueprint for similar schemes elsewhere.

A key site in the Wildlife Corridor is Chapel Meadow, with its abundance of wildlife which must be protected. When I made my suggestion, it was under the belief that Chapel Meadow was safe from development as the planning application from Spitfire Homes had been rejected in **2023** and had not been taken to appeal. Unfortunately, I was under that misapprehension, but I still believe that the plan for the Wildlife Corridor should not be abandoned. My view is that Chapel Meadow is so essential for wildlife that it must be safeguarded. From feedback that I’ve already received from residents in Freeland and Church Hanborough, I know that there is support for such a scheme.

Should you agree that the Wildlife Corridor plan has merit, then please inform your Parish and District Counsellors of your support. You might even contact our recently elected MP to see if he has any plan for, or cares about wildlife in his constituency.

Dennis Rowley **d.rowley530@btinternet.com**

CHESS PLAYERS

If anyone is interested in an informal game over an early Thursday evening drink (around 5pm) in the Yeoman, give me a call - **Max on 07964 919315**. It is definitely NOT Bobby Fischer standard.

FREELAND WI

COFFEE MORNING

with

CAKE & CRAFT



SALE



Saturday 28th September 2024

10am to 12.30pm

Freeland Village Hall

Homemade crafts and cakes

Tombola, raffle, refreshments

FREELAND WI

At our meeting on Monday 12th August, we welcomed Dr Kate Bellamy, a leading neuro scientist, whose talk was entitled 'To Sleep Perchance to Dream'. Kate was a very knowledgeable, humorous and engaging speaker who told us about some of the myths and science linked to sleep. We learnt about the different phases of sleep and the dos and don'ts of how to improve it. One of her tips was not to drink tea or coffee after 6pm but we still enjoyed our refreshments afterwards!



Our meeting on **Monday 9th September** is a chance for us to get creative again when we will be making crafts for the festive season. Notice I avoided using the C word in August!

We would be very grateful for any donations of buttons for this craft evening. If you have any that you no longer require, please would you donate them to Freeland WI? Any amount gratefully received. If you are able to help, please contact Rosie James on **01993 881997** and she will arrange to collect them.

Talking of crafts, there will be a wide selection on sale at our WI coffee morning on **Saturday 28th September**. A chance to start your festive shopping or just enjoy a coffee and cake with friends. We would love to see you there.

Visitors are welcome to join our meetings for a suggested donation of **£5** which includes refreshments.

Freeland WI normally meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall, starting at **7.45pm** and finishing around **9.45pm**. 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 welcome. A copy of this year's programme was included in the January Grapevine which is available on the Freeland Village website. 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**

Aileen Tattam - Freeland WI

NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Volunteers are urgently required on a regular weekly basis for our morning or afternoon riding sessions and for our pm rota (30mins at 4.30pm on a sign up basis).

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OXFORD BUS AND MORRIS MOTORS MUSEUM

For many years the museum has given free heritage bus rides in the City of Oxford from **10am** until approximately **4pm** as part of **Open Doors**. The main stop is in Bonn Square and this year we shall be there on **Saturday 14th September**. Visit our website for more details: **www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk**. Come along and have a free tour of Oxford.

On **Sunday 8th September** volunteers will be giving free talks at the museum on “The Ups and Downs in the Development of the Bicycle” and “Reducing bus heights to fit under Oxford Railway Bridge” as part of the 2024 national Heritage Open Days celebration. For details and booking, go to **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**.

On Heritage Open Days there are lots of places to visit, many not usually open to the public like the Old Ticket Office at Culham Station, special exhibitions at museums such as “Tube Exhibit Journeys” at The Rumble Museum in Cheyney School and others at the Witney and District and the Aston Martin Heritage Museums.

This month we look back 100 years to 1924. Such was the popularity of buses, that in the mid-1920s City of Oxford Motor Services (COMS) needed more capacity. This was achieved by building new bodies for existing chassis with more seating. The reconfigured seats on both decks faced forward.

The pictured number 46 was a Daimler Y type with its new 1924 body, probably made by COMS. Note the full-width windscreen for the driver. Initially the police refused to licence buses with windscreens because the drivers’ view would be restricted. In London the police withdrew their opposition to windscreens only in the late 1920s. This bus had solid tyres in 1924, although they were later replaced with pneumatic tyres before 1932, when this group of buses was taken out of service.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

M 19 Aug Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** 'Cheese & Wine Social'
W 21 Aug **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 21 Aug Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at **9.15am**
Su 25 Aug The Cake Café, Cream Teas Village Hall, 2.30pm - 5pm
M 26 Aug Bank Holiday
W 28 Aug **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Su 1 Sept Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
Tu 3 Sept The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
Tu 3 Sept North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, **7.30pm**
W 4 Sept **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 5 Sept u3a Woodstock and District, St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock
M 9 Sept Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 9 Sept Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm**
W 11 Sept **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 12 Sept Freeland Grapevine - October edition deadline day
Sa 14 Sept Freeland warm home energy day, Newell Room, **11am to 4pm**
Su 15 Sept Combe Mill 'In Steam' - 'Crafts and Skills' **10.30 - 5pm OX29 8ET**
W 18 Sept **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 18 Sept Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at **9.15am**
M 23 Sept Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Nurseries **7.30pm** 'Bulb Planting'
W 25 Sept **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
W 25 Sept Marie Curie Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, **7.30 for 8pm start, £3 each**
F 27 Sept Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** Wines from South Africa

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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.

If submitting electronically please use Word or Publisher, **not PDFs** as they are incompatible with Microsoft Publisher which we use for the Grapevine.

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Or phone: **01993 880623**

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Fri/Sat 12 noon - 8.30pm
Sun 12 noon - 5pm

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August

Bank Holiday Monday 26th - Open all day.
Freeland's square pizza guy pop up from 2pm
Fri 30th - Uggy's Pizzas from 5pm

September

🎵 Fri 13th - Taking Hits Trio sing live 🎵
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