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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Sunday 26th May 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Rev. Mike Madden

Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden

Sunday 2nd June 10.00am All Age Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 9th June 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Preacher: Rev. Steve Bellamy

Sunday 16th June 10.00am Communion

Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart

Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

Sunday 23rd June 10.00am Morning Praise

Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch

Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

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

The above information is correct on the date published (**21/04/2024**). 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

Front cover picture by Bruce Hammersley of the Garden of Remembrance with the recently installed slate pavers inscribed:

“Life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.”

Please see the article on page 21 for more information



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Curate: Rev. Heather McCulloch
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Colin Griffiths
01993 357336

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Janet Dalton
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Contact via website www.hfchurch.org.uk

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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 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 together. At the other **10am** services the young people have the opportunity to take part in youth friendly activities at the back of church.

Hitchhikers 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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 <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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If you would like more information about the Breakfast, After School or Holiday Clubs please contact: **Vicky Hickman Tel No: 07887 711454**

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Letter from our Curate, Rev. Heather McCulloch

Sort your Life Out!

It's the season when some of us think of clearing out our cupboards and sheds and doing a bit of a 'spring clean' as the sunshine shows up the dirt on the windows. I wonder if you have been as captivated as I have by Stacey Solomon and her team, as they promise to 'Sort your life out in 7 days' on BBC 1. They help people to empty their homes into a warehouse and let go of around half of all they possess. It is inspiring – who wouldn't want their lives sorted out that quickly? And they appear to do an incredible job of real transformation. There is no doubt that the spaces we inhabit, have a significant impact on how we feel. And we seem to agree, according to Checkatrade's Home Pride Index, in 2022 British households collectively spent over £50bn on home improvements.

The problem is, we can live in beautiful, uncluttered surroundings, and feel good about ourselves, but improving our home doesn't really improve our heart. The real trouble starts inside us, where we hide the feelings we can't explain or excuse. I wonder if our real malaise is more to do with the pace of life and the lack of space for reflection, perhaps even prayer. Have you ever taken the time to sit in a beautiful historic building, and just listen? Once your heart slows down and the silence settles, you can give your mind the space to catch up with your body and reveal itself. As a Christian I believe this is where we meet with God himself and hear His perspective on our inner turmoil. In our villages we have two stunning historic churches; St Mary's Freeland, a remarkable example of Victorian gothic revival, and St Peter and St Paul an ancient church dating back to at least 1130 A.D. This beautiful building with its huge spire and ancient gracious profile, has served as a visual symbol for the Christian faith and life of the community for centuries.

Literally thousands of people have encountered Jesus in prayer and worship right here in these churches. Some people even speak of 'thin places' where the presence of God seems more easily accessible, certainly there is something about the quiet stillness that is deeply peaceful. If you ever feel the need to reflect or decompress, you are always welcome to come in and experience the 'thinness' for yourself – both these churches are unlocked during the day and have morning worship at 10am on Sundays.



As it turns out we are having to do some 'improvements' of our own involving serious maintenance on St Peter and St Paul Church. Some 150 years ago, the Victorians rebuilt and reinforced the 15th Century spire, but the lifetime on that rebuild was... 150 years! Following in-depth structural analysis, our architect has told us that unless this spire receives at least £350,000 of work, it will eventually become unsafe, collapse, and could damage the whole building!

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We have set up a local community fund to raise money, along with dedicated charitable bodies who may part-fund the spire rebuild. We'd love to invite anyone in our villages who is able to make a contribution to do so. The fund has already received a six-figure sum, which is an incredible encouragement. If you would like to contribute, please contact Steve our Rector rector@hfchurch.org.uk Meanwhile, the quiet space inside your local church is waiting for you - if you would like to come and slow your pace enough to encounter God.

Rev. Heather McCulloch

SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH

Sunday 26th May	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 2nd June	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Dr Nick Wood
Sunday 9th June	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Mike Madden	Preacher: Rev. Mike Madden
Sunday 16th June	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
Sunday 16th June	6.00pm Evensong with Exsultate Justi
Sunday 23rd June	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 30th June	10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 7th July	10.00am All-Age Communion
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 26th May	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
Sunday 2nd June	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson	Preacher: Rev. Nigel Knights Johnson
Sunday 9th June	10.00am Communion
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart
Sunday 16th June	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Rev. Heather McCulloch	Preacher: Rev. Heather McCulloch
Sunday 23rd June	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Steven Young / Saskia Emma Merry	Preacher: Rev. Gareth Dicks
Sunday 30th June	10.00am Whole-Benefice Communion at St Peter and St Paul
Sunday 7th July	10.00am Morning Praise
Leader: Rev. Steve Stewart	Preacher: Rev. Steve Stewart

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Any donation you are able to give to the Christian Aid Week appeal can help ensure more people in Burundi get the skills and knowledge they need to fulfil their hopes and ambitions.

How to donate: *Online:* through our Freeland village e-envelope at <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/freeland-oxon>



or this QR code:

Cash or cheque: envelopes will be available in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week, and filled envelopes should be returned to Fiona McGrady (phone **880007** for details).

Thank you for considering making a donation.

Fiona McGrady
Freeland Christian Aid Group Organiser

Christian Aid works with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

- Sunday 2nd June 9.30am - 10.00am**
- Sunday 16th June 9.30am - 10.00am**
- Saturday 29th June 11.45am - 12.30pm visiting band from St Mary's, Apsley End, Hertfordshire**

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

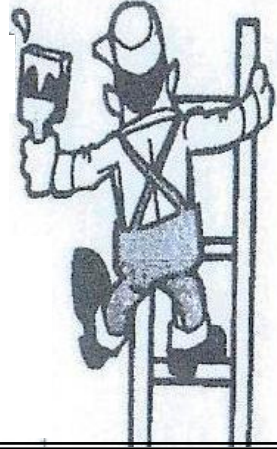
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The Benefice's occasional choir, Exsultate Justi, sing choral evensong in St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough.

Please join us for a calm, beautiful and uplifting end to the weekend/start to your week and a great way for us to worship and fellowship as one Benefice.

All are most welcome.

CONCERT AT ST MARY'S FREELAND on 27th APRIL

Thanks to all...

Enormous thanks to all who gave of their time and talents - creative, musical, technical, gastronomic, and administrative! - to make for such a fun, high quality evening's entertainment and good fellowship for all. The event was extremely well attended, and raised over **£400** for the charities supported by St Mary's PCC.

The evening featured songs from musicals, sketches and other musical items. Performed by local people and singers from Oxford Operatic Society.

HANBOROUGH METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Sunday 26th May	10am	Mr Andrew Maisey
Sunday 2nd June	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 9th June	10am	Rev. Charles Harris (Holy Communion)
Sunday 16th June	10am	Mr David Sarbutts (All Age Worship)
Sunday 23rd June	10am	Rev. Stephen Bywater
Sunday 30th June	10am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 7th July	10am	Mr Eddie Fowler

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May, it was good to see so many people there. Also thank you to all the village clubs and other groups who manned tables - the event could not have happened without you. Since this was a new format, we would love to hear your views, so please if you have any feedback it'll be hugely appreciated.



New Parish Council

Following the May elections, we now have a new Parish Council and would like to welcome Moth Clark, who joins those staying on. Peter Foster was elected as Chair and Mary Ann Canning was elected as Vice-Chair. Congratulations to them both.

We would still like two more people to join our team – so if you are at all interested, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings to see how they work as they are always open to members of the public.

At the District Council elections Roger Faulkner was elected to represent Freeland and Hanborough - our congratulations to Roger.

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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Hedges

With the weather not knowing whether it is going to rain or shine, the hedges along the footpaths have grown rapidly. This becomes an issue particularly where there is a telegraph pole in the pathway – making the actual footpath too narrow in places. As a Council we have had a lot of complaints where wheelchair and buggy users are having to come off the path to get around these obstacles. Please can you check your hedges and if this is happening maybe arrange to get them trimmed back.

Fix My Street

We urge you to continue to keep using the **Fix My Street app**, which alerts 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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A special thank you to the Freeland Teddy Girls for raising a huge **£318** towards new equipment – we will make sure this is put to good use.

Please report any issues or incidents (should one unfortunately occur) to **clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk**

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

When talking about the climate crisis it is becoming more important than ever to address the contribution transport makes to the release of polluting greenhouse gasses. Whilst there has been great progress in reducing emissions from the electrical grid by installing wind and solar energy, the picture on transport is not so rosy. Currently, the transport sector contributes about a 1/3 to our overall emissions. This number remains obstinately high as some people adopt bigger and more polluting SUVs.

Whilst the greenest way of getting from A to B is to walk, cycle or take public transport, these options are not always available, and we are forced back into our private cars. There has been a lot of coverage in certain areas of the press regarding the suitability of electric cars, mainly around cost and charger availability. Certainly, prices are coming down all the time as the market becomes more competitive. Additionally, there is now a thriving market in second hand electric cars, making them even more affordable.

There are also some great salary sacrifice schemes to ease the cost of purchase through work. Running costs have always been very attractive, and as polluting fossil fuel prices increase electric cars make better financial sense.

So far, this year has been a bumper year for charger installations, and current figures put the number of publicly available chargers at over 60,000. It should also be remembered that most charging is performed at home. Currently, electric cars account for about 17% of the UK new car market, and there are plenty of owners in the village.

If you are interested in an electric car then perhaps use the contact details provided by the Freeland Energy Group (see **page 37**) to contact an existing local owner, and see what owners really think about their electric cars.

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Applications Received: None

Applications Approved: None

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.

24/00215/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**).

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

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

Applications Refused:

24/00726/HHD 59 Broadmarsh Lane, Freeland

Erection of single storey side extension.

24/00576/HHD Harlyn, 145 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey rear extension

22/02377/FUL & 23/00015/APPEAL Conversion of Methodist Church to form a single dwelling.

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 10th June 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](https://www.facebook.com/freelandpc)) or X / Twitter ([@freeland_pc](https://twitter.com/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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The **111** 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.

FREELAND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

A number of slate pavers have recently been installed into the large gravel circle in the Garden of Remembrance. These have been carved with a quotation which we hope will encourage contemplation and add another dimension to the garden. It is possible that similar installations could be added to the two smaller circles in the future.

The words are: *“Life is eternal; and love is immortal; and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.”* and are by Rossiter W. Raymond, 1840-1918

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

Sadly due to lack of player availability the Men's season came to a premature end, with us being unable to fulfil our last couple of fixtures.

Both our **Under 17s** teams were competitive in their League with the Freeland Village side finishing the better of the two in second place.

The big success of the season was our **Under 10s** who went the whole League season unbeaten. They also reached their first Cup Final where sadly they were beaten by an extremely strong Brackley side.

They are looking to add to the squad for next season, so if your child is interested please get in touch.

The **Under 10s** Coach is Emma Wylie - **emmawylie54@hotmail.com**

The **Under 17s** Manager is Stuart McNaughton - **stu.mac@aol.com**

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Ben Symonds



FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

This pretty group of brooches were the project of our May meetings, with a lovely display of contrasting colours, to be pinned onto a lapel, or decorate a hairband. Next time we will be knitting some toys towards the Shoe Box collection.

We always look forward to welcoming new members at our meetings. If you have been thinking about joining a local activity, now could be the time to give us a try.



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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NEW EDITOR FOR THE FREELAND GRAPEVINE - an important part of church and village life in Freeland

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

Jane is a music teacher who has lived in Freeland for just over seven years. Commenting Jane said *"I am delighted to be taking over the role of Editor from Kenny Wylie who has done a sterling job over the past sixteen years. There is a lot to learn, but Kenny is a very good teacher. I look forward to serving the village in this capacity."*

However, it would be very good to have an Assistant Editor who would be able to share the load. **Could you be that person? www.freelandgrapevine@gmail.com**

FREELAND TEDDY GIRLS

We have raised an amazing **£318** for the Play Park.

A big thank you to all those who came to support us and were so generous.

Freeland Art Group joined us with a stunning display showing the group's numerous talents. Thank you Ginnie and Linda for setting it up.

Thanks also to Mr Webster for the superb plants, and to Dot for her delicious scones & sausage rolls. A final thank you to the Teddy Girls team for their continued support.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

Our Treasurer is giving up after serving loyally since the Club was formed so we are very keen to find a replacement as well as new Committee members. Contact Terry on the email below if you can help.

The meeting in April was Mandy Bradshaw's 3rd visit to the Club. Again she gave an excellent presentation on a journalist's experience on Press Day at the Chelsea Flower Show. There were pictures of some of the show gardens and the celebrities who opened them, some wearing very unsuitable high heeled shoes. She showed the mass of photographers, some of whom didn't know a daffodil from a dahlia, they were only there to get the best shot. Her excellent photographs included lovely flowers & displays

On **Monday 20th May** Caroline Sheldrick will suggest flowers to grow in 'A Year in the Cutting Garden'.

On **Monday 24th June at 7.30 pm** in Freeland Hall a new speaker 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. Maybe we could visit the garden sometime. New members and visitors 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)

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Freeland Open Gardens

Due to the wet spring this year we are going to carry this event over to 2025.

We would like to thank everyone for their offers of gardens, allotments, cream teas, raffle prizes, Grapevine, and support for the event.

Let's make it happen next year, get your plans in place for your garden large or small, formal or natural. It doesn't have to be perfect, it's about getting the community together.

FREELAND WI

At our May meeting, we were joined by a member of the Oxfordshire Trading Standards Team who told us how we can aim to keep ourselves safe from scams. She covered different types of scams from cold calling on the telephone or doorstep to bank fraud. We all know that scams are becoming highly sophisticated, as scammers can now make use of artificial intelligence as well as the dark web. It is difficult for experts to keep on top of the range of scams. The overall message was to report anything to the police, our bank or trading standards if we think we have been scammed or want advice. People can feel embarrassed or stupid if they have been victims of scamming, so can be reluctant to tell family members or report it. Reporting scammers will hopefully help save others from becoming victims of the same scam.

We invite you to join us at our next meeting on 10th June which is an open meeting. We will be joined by Antonia Keaney, the social historian and researcher for Blenheim. She will take a look at how the Marlborough family and their friends embraced fashion throughout the ages. There is a charge of £5 which includes refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

As usual, donations were received for the Witney Food Bank.

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**

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THE UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 5/5/2024

It turns out that one of this country's most famous Prime Ministers, William Pitt the Younger, was born in May 1759. Sadly not May the 4th (be with you) which everyone knows is Star Wars Day - not that I've ever seen any of the films. However that date is really (as everyone also knows) just the amuse-bouche for May the 5th, which is of course UFR day.



Six humans and a grey dog from Romania called Hendricks were greeted with lovely Spring weather at the village hall muster point - warm sun akin to what might be expected in the Summer.

Our regular walk leader wasn't able to make it, but there were no major concerns about the route - we were in the capable hands (feet?) of his locum. We crossed rather boggy patches of heath that resembled Grimpen Mire in the Hound of the Baskervilles. On the other hand this gave Hendricks the chance to brush up for his audition for the leading role in the forthcoming performance of the Minster Lovell Players of that Conan Doyle (b. May 1859) classic.

Keeping our eyes peeled we spotted lambs and primroses en route, before making the half-way stop, where we enjoyed Tunnocks wafers. The consume-by date on mine (and by the way, the dark chocolate version is a game-changer) was May 2026. At this point we could peer into a wooded area, where it was so eerily quiet and still that it felt a bit like a scene from the scary film, the Blair Witch Project.

Unfortunately no-one had their camera on, so no photo this week. But all made it home in more or less one piece. Several enjoyed lunch at the Yeoman. I had a refreshing bottle of Thatcher's Gold whilst Hendricks discussed politics and the relative merits of past Prime Ministers with other dogs in the beer garden.

Our next Ramble will be on **Sunday 2nd June**, starting at **10am** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub. **All are welcome to join us.**

Ramble on!

HANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

The Playing Fields, Long Hanborough

The Outdoor season has now started even though the weather has been very mixed. Our waterproofs haven't been too far away.

We have had four friendly games with mixed fortune.

The ladies began their league fixture with a good win against Banbury Borough.

Our first internal Club Competition, Two Wood Pairs, was won by Lisa Williams and Graham Haynes.

We are still open on **Monday afternoon at 2pm** and on **Friday evenings at 6pm** for anyone who wishes to try their hand at bowls.

Our next two Open Sessions for anyone to have a try are on

Friday 21st June 6pm to 8pm and Saturday 22nd June 12 noon to 4pm.

Flat shoes please . Further details ring **01993 882537**



News from the Bakehouse

The bakehouse will be restarting this June, as we have moved and are remaining in Freeland! The bakehouse will be continuing its valued partnership with the pub selling bread on Friday mornings at the Yeoman.

We will provide further updates when we are up and running, but for now please do let us know if you are looking forward to a particular loaf from the 2020-23 era!



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Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station	09.00	11.00	13.00	14.50		17.50
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Long Hanborough, New Road	09.08	11.08	13.08	14.53		17.55
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Train	Oxford Station	11.29	13.29	15.27	18.32

Train	Oxford Station	08.44	10.46	12.45	13.44
Train	Hanborough Station	08.53	10.55	12.54	13.54
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



OXFORD BUS AND MORRIS MOTORS MUSEUMS

Father's Day is on **Sunday 16th June**. Dads bringing their child under 16 years old will be given **free entry** to the museums and a slice of chocolate cake! There will be free historic bus rides at **12.15 and 2.15pm**.

The previous **Sunday, the 9th June**, is our Historic Cycle Day. There will be displays by members of the Veteran-Cycle Club, who will bring bikes, lamps and other accessories from their private collections, talks by our volunteers about the museum's bikes and their development during the nineteenth century. Previous Historic Cycle Days have proved extremely popular, and visitors have lots of fun on the novelty bikes.

The photograph is of an 1879 Haynes & Jefferies Ariel lever tension wheel ordinary bike, the first British all metal bicycle to be made in any quantity. It was patented by James Starley in August 1870. Earlier bicycles had been made of wood with wooden spokes and a metal rim to hold the wooden tyre in place.



In place of the wooden spokes this bicycle had a single wire, similar to today's piano string, threaded between the central hub and the rim. The levers connecting the hub to the rim tensioned all the spokes at the

same time. By using enough spokes capable of resisting tension, the load applied at the centre of the wheel was transmitted to the ground without appreciable distortion of the rim. The wheel will fail immediately without sufficient tension.

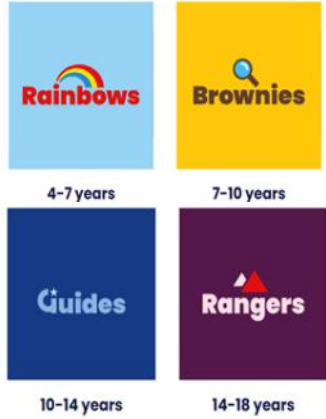
The Ariel's wheel had two serious faults. First the spokes could not be tensioned individually, so a wheel could not be trued. Secondly, although the spokes worked well as the rider pedalled forward, when pedalling backwards on a downhill stretch, the spokes came under compression, so the wheel became slack with unnerving consequences.

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First a massive plea, our Long Hanborough Guide and North Leigh Guide Units are in desperate need of some helpers or leaders due to maternity leave and leaders moving away. If you can spare any time on a Monday or Tuesday evening for about 1.5 - 2 hours, please get in touch.

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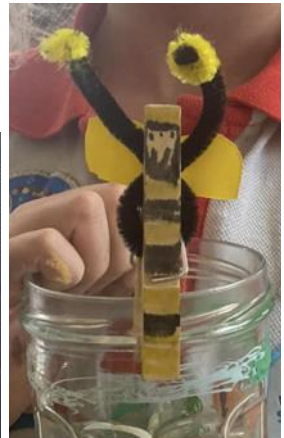
Rainbows & Brownies

The Rainbows and Brownies have started working on The Bee Challenge badge. So far they have made bee crafts, honey milkshakes and honey cornflake cakes, wiggled and danced like bees, played bee games, done a bee drive and made bee feeding stations, with more bee activities to come. We also had a really good talk from Jacky Scotney Jones from Oxfordshire Beekeepers to learn more about bees and beekeeping.

Guides

The Guides held a baby shower for one of the leaders, had a St George's themed evening and started working on the Ox Trail badge. Ox Trail is going to be an exhibition of life-sized painted oxen in the centre of Oxford during the summer.

Girlguiding Oxfordshire are decorating one which will be on display.



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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

Wednesday 22nd May, with the June walk on **Wednesday 19th June**.

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](mailto:hjdalton43cv@gmail.com) so that I can put you in touch with whoever is leading the walk. Janet Dalton **881742**



**You are warmly invited to join
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Monday 10th June at 7.45pm

in

**Freeland Village Hall
for a talk by**

Antonia Keaney

Social Historian and Researcher for Blenheim.



Come along to Freeland WI on Monday 10th June in Freeland Village Hall to hear Antonia Keaney talk on A Passion for Fashion.

This is an Open Meeting for anyone wanting to come along and listen to this fascinating talk.

Freeland WI members - free

Non-WI members - £5.00 - refreshments included

Payment on the door

Raffle tickets will be on sale

Freeland WI decided to invite Antonia Keaney to talk about Passion for Fashion at Blenheim, whilst they have their exhibition of Icons of British Fashion, which runs from March until June this year.

Antonia is an experienced public speaker and has delivered a talk at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor (an educational charity) and participated in the Cheltenham and Oxford Literary Festival. She has been a guest on Radio 4, appeared on BBC's Country File and Phil Spencer's Stately Homes.

Antonia will take a look at how the Marlboroughs and their friends embraced some of the outlandish 18th Century fashions and quickly adapted to the exciting changes in outerwear, underwear and make-up which first had become popular in the French Court.

Antonia will also provide an insight into more unusual accessories used by family members - false eyebrows made from mouse skin, fans, wigs, and scalp scratchers. We will also learn about King Louis XIV's obsession with shoes and how his style has been adopted by the fashionistas of today. This captivating talk will include clothing worn by Victorian children and by young Winston Churchill.

FREELAND ENERGY GROUP

The group's allotted five minutes at the annual parish meeting enabled Colin Smith to outline how the Community Action Plan for Zero-Carbon Energy (CAPZero) works within our area. Making local the reduction of reliance on fossil fuels, and so, taking steps locally to reduce the effects of climate change. Also, on hand was information about improving your home energy efficiency. At this stall with leaflets and guidance were members of the Low Carbon Hub and Green Tea. We hope that we can invite them again to other community events.

Colin mentioned that Freeland is the only parish completely served by the Cuckoo Lane electricity substation. The Low Carbon Hub will be issuing regular newsletters specifically about developments in our area, sign up using this link <https://bit.ly/3QLwyOp> Or use the QR code to the right. Don't forget too that Freeland Energy Group welcomes new members – contact Colin



And now ... we are on another mission - Freeland Energy Group is a group in search of a logo. And we need your help. We are inviting young people of Freeland to put their creativity to the test and come up with a logo for us. Anyone under 18, living or attending a club, group or school in Freeland is very welcome to join in and enter their designs. Please contact us, on the email below for an information sheet. Please send in your children's design before **Sunday 30th June**.

And.... we continue to call-out for people to be on a contact list. Please consider putting your name forward if you have had recent experience of installation of solar or thermal panels, heat pumps or electric car charging. Your experience can be very helpful for anyone now considering taking steps along the path you have already travelled.

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FREELAND WINE CLUB - Friday 3 1st May 7.30pm

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FREELAND ORCHESTRA 11th MAY CONCERT REVIEW

What a wonderful afternoon we had on the 11th May listening to the Freeland Orchestra in Eynsham's St Leonard's church. This 30-strong group, made up of local amateur musicians, gave a very accomplished performance under the baton of local music teacher and oboist, Wendy Marks.

The concert started with the Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor by the relatively unknown composer Otto Nicolai. This was an exciting piece with the different characters of Falstaff and his wives coming across clearly. First the heavy, almost plodding nature of Falstaff himself, followed by lighter, more dance-like sections representing his wives.

Then we were treated to Rimsky-Korsakov's "The Tsar's Bride", which was in quite a different musical style being very Russian in sound, as opposed to the romantic nature of the Overture. The brass section shone here in their fanfare sections, and there was some very assured playing from the violins in some high soaring melodies. The strong bass line of cellos and bassoons was intrinsic to this whole piece.

The main work of this concert was Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony and straight away it was clear that this had been well-rehearsed. The wind players all had a chance to shine, particularly the clarinets which Mendelssohn seemed to favour. The slow movement theme was played by the oboe, bassoon and viola, combining to make one homogeneous sound, with some very skilful flute playing weaving around the melody. The third movement Minuet flowed along smoothly whilst the "Trio" was reminiscent of the Nocturne from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream music, with its French horn/ bassoon writing.

The finale was a Salterello, a dance which includes jumping, and this came out in the lively playing of the musicians. There was real excitement in this movement and the concentration on the part of the players was evident.

The audience were very appreciative of the performance today and of all the hard work that the players had obviously put in to achieve this standard. Though the real credit must surely go to the conductor, Wendy Marks, who started the group 17 years ago, rehearsing in Freeland Methodist Church.

S. Hughes 13/5/24

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

It was lovely to chat to some of you at the Annual Parish Meeting (10th May) in the village hall. We had a table with a range of books on display: half were books that were in great condition and representative of the many high-quality books we receive; the other half were examples of book donations that we have to either recycle (due to being too old or too damaged) or take to charity shops (due to their lack of general appeal).



We don't mean to sound ungrateful: most of the books that get donated are fantastic, and soon get snapped up from the shelves, but there are some books that really are better off being recycled.

We put a call-out for more children's picture books last month: due to the high demand, we had run out of them! It is very unusual for us to run out of books, but children's picture books are very popular, and our stocks don't last long. This must mean that we have a lot of young bookworms in the village - which is wonderful - but it also means that we don't quite have enough to meet that demand. So, if you have any high-quality children's picture books that you no longer need, please do consider donating a few to the Little Free Library when you can.

There are two donation boxes behind the bus shelter in front of the village hall, or alternatively, there is a box next to the small Little Free Library outside **138 Wroslyn Road.**

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Jenny and Caroline)
01993 359 543 ruddlem@gmail.com



Review of Wind Concert on Saturday 11th May at St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

You can't beat live music! On Saturday evening it was a choice between the Eurovision Song Contest live-streamed or a feast of musical styles played 'live' by West Oxfordshire's wind ensembles, WOC, WOL WOCI and WOW.

What a great opener – Humperdinck's Overture to Hansel and Gretel. **WOC** (fifteen clarinets, including alto, bass and high Eb) really evoked that prayerful feeling and the dynamics were stunning, with middle parts particularly expressive. First clarinets gave us great articulation and shrill trills, in keeping with the drama of the piece and its magical sense of foreboding. Then on to Kurt Weill, with excellent dotted rhythms. But the next piece 'Jubilation' made all sit up and lean in through its rhythmic complexity, handled really well. The section finished with Dodge City where you could sense wagons rolling through town, while the percussion section denoted well those trotting horses.

West Oxfordshire Learners (**WOL**) now take the stage. Conductor Wendy Marks has a reassuring careful attention to tuning and preparation – she has taught many here and inspires the players in developing a sense of musical autonomy – you can do it (*'I'll create a part for you! I'll rearrange the part so you can play!'*) Lovely variety of musical styles now, including ET (good dynamics here, and players passing the tune back and forth between them). Then to Jeeves and Wooster, followed by New York, New York, where the saxes really shone.

The second half of the concert brought us West Oxfordshire Clarinets Intermediate (**WOCI**), followed by West Oxfordshire Winds (**WOW**), who produce a broad palette of sonorous colour through the additional bank of flutes, cornets, oboes, saxophones, French horn and trombone.

WOCI gave us some fine playing especially in the traditional tune, the Irish Washerwoman, with particularly well-articulated staccato passages. Great energy here. There was a lovely bass clarinet sonority played sensitively in the traditional Norwegian tune and with good attack in Grand Day Out.

On to **WOW**, much bigger forces to coordinate and arrange. There's palpable enthusiasm here and musical friendships. Everyone depends on each other, while carrying individual responsibility for being at the right place in the right time. It was refreshing to hear longer works – especially the Planets, the Glen Miller medley and Les Miserables. There was a good deal of characterful playing in the Glen Miller – trombone glissandi, and middle register instruments in Little Brown Jug doing a great job on the off beats to keep the momentum clearly driving forward. In Les Mis there was beautiful sustained playing from flutes and oboes, especially in 'I Dreamed a Dream', supported by lots of colour in the middle parts. 'Do you hear the people sing' always brings a tear to the eye, and this evening Wendy kept those dynamics really effective, with all eyes on her sound-guiding gestures. And finally all four groups joined together to play Pamela March. Reeds, mouthpieces, stands, sheet music, chairs, shining instruments all glittering and moving into position under the lights of St Leonard's Church. The stage management works smoothly and the church bursts into the rhythms of a marching band. And so with a spring in our steps we leave the concert. We sense Wendy's boundless energy and enthusiasm and above all, the recognition of everyone present having fun through live music-making. Oh, and we get home in time to see the winning song of Eurovision 2024. But that's another story...

1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP



Here's a date for your diary: our AGM will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 3rd 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?

- Trustees work together to make sure that the 1st Hanborough Freeland Scouts manage money well.
- Follow Scouts policies and legislation.
- Look after insurance and property.
- Manage risks.
- Help the group to operate well now and in the future.
- Maintain appropriate records.
- Run an open selection process for appointing trustees.
- Seek expert advice when needed.

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.

As a trustee, you will be part of a team and will have the opportunity to apply your unique skills and experience while learning from others. Working closely with a passionate team of people who have different perspectives is often one of the most enjoyable aspects of the role.

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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.**

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 have had loads of fun outdoors, playing rounders, cricket, launching rockets and making balloon-powered model cars.

Cubs visited Combe Mill to learn all about the ecology of rivers.

Scouts have been busy working towards earning their photography badges and spent an evening tracking around the local area.

Explorers, who are our oldest members, collaborate 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.


Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)




MARIE CURIE QUIZ NIGHT

The Oxfordshire Yeoman

172 Wrolysn Road, Freeland, Witney, Oxon OX29 8AQ
Wednesday, 22nd May 2024
Wednesday, 25th September 2024
Wednesday, 27th November 2024



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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CRICKET

Fancy hitting, catching, and bowling some balls? Keen to run around a bit? Softball cricket is about getting out and playing. No pads, no hard balls, no heavy bat. It's a game for absolutely everybody, no matter your skill level, fitness, or age. Come along and join us at Freeland playing field on **Wednesdays 6-7pm**. We sometimes meet on a **Friday** instead, so just drop me an email at clairesoanes@hotmail.com or message **07854 702560**.

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Well, it stopped raining for a little bit and we've actually played some cricket.

Under 11s

We have two Under 11 teams this year, Freeland and a joint girls' team with Witney Mills. They played each other on Sunday 12th May, with Freeland beating the West Oxfordshire Warriors by 22 runs.

The difference between the two sides was Freeland's bowling and they took 10 wickets, Albie R took 3 and Zachary F took 4. The highlights of the batting came from Elis W, Nathan B and Zach F.

The match saw six of the Freeland players make their hardball debut!

Under 13s

They have had one friendly against Mills and narrowly lost, and start their League on **Thursday 16th May**.

Women's Hardball

After the first two matches were rained off, the women started the League campaign with victories against Oxford and Horspath.

Stand out performances were Sarah Stallwood scoring 18 not out, Claire Phillips scoring 15, Becky Edwards scoring 10.

Their next matches are the Sunday 19th May in Horspath and **Sunday 2nd June** in Tiddington.

Under 9s

Coaching started on Saturday 18th May at 10am.

For more info please contact me.

Simon Brown - Chair

E: freelandccu1@gmail.com

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

Facebook: Freeland Cricket Club

WOODSTOCK OPEN AIR POOL reopens Saturday 25th May

Following visitor feedback the pool will be trialling a revised May to September open season offering a range of activities from pool parties and family swim sessions to lane swimming and garden games.

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



COMBE MILL 'In Steam', SUNDAY 16th JUNE,
Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe OX29 8ET
The theme is 'Environmental Day'.



Combe Mill will be open 'In Steam' with all machinery working and being demonstrated by our lovely volunteers, a Late 19th Century Grade II Listed Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, in its day the workshop for Blenheim Palace estate, not to be missed.

The Tea Room will be open for refreshments to enjoy in the Picnic area by the River Evenlode. Browse our *Mini Market* too. Tombola, Raffle and BBQ,

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Adults **£9.00**, Seniors **£7.50** **Accompanied children FREE**. Open 10.30am to 5pm
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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.

THE ARTS SOCIETY OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE

The June lecture starts at 7.30pm in Witney Corn Exchange. Visitors **£7**.

The hall opens at **6.45pm** so members can meet and have a chat before the meeting, with wine and juice on sale. Information at **www.taswox.org.uk**



Thursday 13th June: "Imperial purple to purple denim: the colourful history of textiles" - Susan Kay Williams

This lecture explores the fascinating story of how dyes were discovered, made and used, focusing on some of the social implications of colour at different times in history. It takes us from pre-historic man to the middle of the 19th century and geographically from Europe to the Middle East, India, Turkey, north America, Mexico and Peru: a story of exploration, invention, war, the church, money, power and sex.

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In the **Long Hanborough Co-op** the copies are now on the bottom shelf, to the left of the front door.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

M 20 May Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Hall, **7.30pm** 'A Year in the Cutting Garden'
W 22 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
W 22 May Marie Curie Quiz, Oxfordshire Yeoman, 7.30 for 8pm start, £3 each
W 29 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 31 May Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** Discover unique Czech wines!
Su 2 Jun Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
Tu 4 Jun The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
W 5 Jun **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
M 10 Jun Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 10 Jun Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** - Antonia Keaney - 'A passion for fashion'
W 12 Jun **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 12 Jun Freeland Grapevine - July edition deadline day
Su 16 Jun Combe Mill 'In Steam' - 'Environmental Day' **10.30 - 5pm OX29 8ET**
W 19 Jun **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
W 19 Jun Freeland Walking Group - meet at the Village Hall car park at **9.15am**
W 26 Jun **Green Week:** 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
F 6 Jul Burford Orchestra, Burford School, Burford **7.30pm**
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** - Dr Katy Bellamy - To sleep perchance to dream
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May

Wed 22nd - Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie

Fri 24th - Jasper Storey sings

pop/soul/funk



Tues 28th - Eynsham Morris dancers

Mon 27th - Spring Bank Holiday - open all day for drinks.

Fri 31st - Richard Snow live on the keys

June

Sat 15th - Uggy's Pizzas

Sat 21st - Tom Martin live



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The fabulous three-day show is back between Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd June 2024 to showcase the best of British gardening.

Featuring more stands and entertainment than ever before, this year's show also welcomes the return of the magnificent Grand Floral Pavilion, as well as incredible outdoor floral displays in 'Floral Street', talks and demonstrations from gardening experts, fabulous food and drink, homeware and crafts, plus live music throughout the weekend. Green-fingered enthusiasts can delight in plant shopping, marvel at incredible floral displays and receive expert tips and advice from plantsmen at the show. Find out more about this year's show:

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