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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Sunday	1st December	10.00am Joint Communion with Christ Church at St Mary's
Sunday	8th December	10.00am Joint Communion with St Mary's at Christ Church
Sunday	15th December	10.00am Communion
Sunday	22nd December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Peter and St Paul
Sunday	22nd December	6.00pm Carol Service followed by Refreshments
Tuesday	24th December	5.00pm Christingle Service
Wednesday	25th December	10.00am Joint Family Service with Christ Church at St Mary's
Sunday	29th December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's
Sunday	5th January	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's

The above information is correct on the date published (25/11/2024). 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 Bruce Hammersley for the front cover photograph of the inside of St Mary the Virgin



YOGA & PILATES - FREELAND VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY - 6.30pm Pilates, 7.30pm Yoga

WEDNESDAY - 9.30am Pilates

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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 It was lovely to meet so many people at St. Mary's for the Light Party on 31st October where we enjoyed hot-chocolate, crafts and games. We had a great evening. Coming up, BFC will have a craft table at the Christmas Tree Lighting on

Friday 6th December (see **page 27** for details) and then on **Sunday 26th January** we will be hosting **Brick Church** – all the details about this will be in January's Grapevine. To join our email list for news about these upcoming events please send your details to administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

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	<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>		
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LETTER FROM OUR ASSOCIATE RECTOR REV. MIKE MADDEN

Dear friends,

God continues to break into people's lives today!

As we approach Christmas, I enjoy reading the Gospel of Luke's chapters about Jesus' birth again. It's incredible to read how God breaks into the lives of ordinary people through angelic visits, dreams, and visions to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Let me highlight three examples.

In Luke 1: 19-20, we see God breaking into Zechariah and Elizabeth's lives.

Zechariah, a temple priest, and his elderly wife Elizabeth could not conceive. One day, an angel appeared to him while serving in the temple and said, "**Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.**" Zechariah's response was a bit muted (no pun intended). "**How can I be sure of this? I am an old man, and my wife is well on in years.**" Although his response was understandable, Zechariah got in trouble with the angel. The angel explained that the message came from God and brought good news. However, because Zechariah questioned it, he would remain silent and unable to speak until the baby's birth.

In Luke 1:30-32, we see God breaking into Mary's and Joseph's lives.

Here we have a young couple, betrothed but not yet married, probably getting ready for the wedding when suddenly an angel appears to Mary and says... "**The Lord is with you.**"... "**Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.**" Later, the angel also tells Mary that her relative Elizabeth is also going to have a child in her old age and is, in fact, already six months pregnant. There was no email or social media in those days, so news travelled slowly!

Then, in Luke 1:39-57, we have the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth.

I love this incredible supernatural encounter between these two ladies and their as-yet-unborn sons. In Luke 1:41 it says this... "**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice, she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!"** Seeing the Holy Spirit at work in Mary, Elizabeth, and their unborn sons is amazing.

While these accounts are wonderful, it is easy to dismiss them by saying, "That was then, and this is now, and we are different." However, God remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Holy Spirit is working today, reaching ordinary people through dreams, visions, and even visits from angels. This is especially true in countries where the church experiences persecution. Additionally, God is speaking through dreams and visions to people in our nation today. This Christmas season, why not take some time to read the Gospel of Luke and allow God to reveal Himself and His love to you through it? You might even ask God, the creator of the universe, to speak through a dream, a vision, or even an angel.

Blessings,

Rev. Mike.

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Sunday 15th December	10.00am Communion
Sunday 15th December	6.00pm Nine Lessons and Traditional Carols Followed by mulled wine & mince pies served in the Church
Sunday 22nd December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 24th December	11.15pm Whole Benefice Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25th December	10.00am Christmas Family Service of Carols and Communion
Sunday 29th December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's
Sunday 5th January	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's

SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday 1st December	10.00am Joint Communion with St Mary's at St Mary's
Sunday 8th December	10.00am Joint Communion at Christ Church with St Mary's
Sunday 8th December	4.00pm Family Carol Service
Sunday 15th December	10.00am Morning Praise
Sunday 22nd December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 24th December	5.00pm Christingle Service
Wednesday 25th December	10.00am Joint Family Service at St Mary's
Sunday 29th December	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's
Sunday 5th January	10.00am Whole Benefice worship at St Mary's

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ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

Sunday	1st December	9.30 - 10.00am
Friday	6th December	5.45 - 6.15pm Christmas Tree Lighting
Sunday	15th December	9.30 - 10.00am
Sunday	22nd December	5.30 - 6.00pm Carol Service
Tuesday	24th December	4.30 - 5.00pm Christingle Service
Wednesday	25th December	9.30 - 10.00am
Friday	27th December	11.00 - 12.00pm Visiting Band from Hook Norton
Sun	29th December	9.30 - 10.00am

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- Sunday 1st December** **10.00am** Mr Andrew Maisey
- Sunday 8th December** **10.00am** Mr Graham Faulkner
- Sunday 15th December** **10.00am** Rev. Sue Jacobs Christingle Service
- Saturday 21st December** **10.00am - 12.00 noon** Come and light a candle in memory of loved ones that are no longer with us. Stay a few minutes or longer. An opportunity to pause in the business of Christmas and reflect on our losses.
- Sunday 22nd December** **10.00am** No Service
- Sunday 29th December** **10.00am** No Service

SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

On the 12th October I completed the 50kms march across the Kent Downs. Despite heavy rain for a couple of hours which resulted in very muddy and slippery conditions (including, after dark, a close encounter with some brambles!) I managed to complete it in under twelve hours.

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Roger Faulkner



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St Mary the Virgin, Freeland

Carol Service - Sunday 22nd December, 6pm at St Mary's, Freeland. Mulled wine and mince pies provided at the Oxfordshire Yeoman after the service.

Christingle Service - Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December, 5pm at St Mary's, Freeland

Christmas Day Service - Wed 25th December, 10am (Joint family service with Christ Church, at St Mary's, Freeland)



Christ Church, Long Hanborough

All-Age Family Carol Service - Sunday 8th December, 4pm at Christ Church Long Hanborough

Christingle Service - Tuesday 24th December, 4pm at Christ Church Long Hanborough

Christmas Day Service - Wed 25th December, 10am (Joint family service with St Mary's, at St Mary's, Freeland)



St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough

Reflections for Advent and Christmas: *'Do not be afraid*

...

I bring you good news!' at St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough:

- Monday 25th November, 2pm to 2.30pm
- Monday 2nd December, 2pm to 2.30pm
- Monday 9th December, 2pm to 2.30pm
- Monday 16th December, 2pm to 2.30pm

Nine Lessons and Nine Carols by Candlelight - Sunday 15th December at 6pm Followed by mulled wine and mince pies served in the church

Whole Benefice Midnight Communion - Tuesday 24th December, 11.15pm at St Peter and St Paul, Church Hanborough

Christmas Day Service - Wednesday 25th December, 10am - a Family Ser-





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New Councillor

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20mph Scheme

After the public consultation held by Oxfordshire County Council the speed limit through the **centre of the village** is being reduced down to **20mph**. The speed limit on the A4095 will stay at **40mph** up to Long Hanborough where it drops down to **30mph**. The signs will be sprayed before the removal and installation of the **20mph zone**, so do not think someone has been vandalising our signs!

Fix My Street

We urge you all to continue using the Fix My Street app, that reports any issues to Oxfordshire County Council or via fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk. This can be used to report potholes, overgrown hedges, flooded pavements, damaged kerb stones and overgrown grass verges on the A4095. If you would like to become a 'Super User' this will help speed up the process in which things can be repaired, then email: clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

Play Park

As a council we are looking to continue to develop our play facilities constantly. If you have any ideas of what you'd really like to see then 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?

Following the short closure of the park for cleaning, the moss has been removed and the graffiti on the shelter has also been removed. We wish to thank Mossinator for their good job.

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

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library along Wroslyn Road is being upgraded shortly so please keep an eye out for some changes.

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

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Donations

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Speed Limit in Freeland Gate

It has come to our attention that the current speed limit in Freeland Gate is **40mph**. This has been brought up on the residents behalf to our County Councillor Liam Walker and is getting looked into. There will be a further update on this once we know more.

Defibrillator

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Applications under consideration or appeal:

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Applications Approved: None

Applications Refused: None

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th December 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)**).

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Thank you.

Dr Neil Rust

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

It is that time of year once again! We have received lots of Christmas themed books since January that we have kept in storage, waiting until November and December to share them with you. We have children's books for all ages and a wide range of Christmas books for grown - ups too! Please take as many as you like, to enjoy during the festive season.



More Christmas books will be added to the shelves regularly throughout November and December.

Lately, we have had problems with people cramming too many books onto the shelves and into the donation boxes. If the boxes are already full, please wait to drop off your books at another time, because if the lids cannot close properly, then the books inside can get wet, and the lids themselves can get damaged.

Similarly, please do not stack books too high on the shelves because there is a risk that they may fall and injure someone, and we are not all tall enough to reach them.

That being said, thank you as always for your support.

So make yourself a mug of cocoa, snuggle up under a blanket and grab a few books to enjoy this winter!

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Jenny and Caroline)

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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 - 11.00pm 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.

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Thank you so much to all residents of Freeland who donated to this worthy cause, together we managed to raise a fantastic **£1563.42** for the RBL Poppy Appeal.

A special thank you to Freeland Garden Centre, The Oxfordshire Yeoman, and Freeland School for allowing static boxes.

Once again the Freeland Craft Group placed beautiful handmade wreaths onto the memorial trees throughout the village. The wreaths have highlighted all of the fifteen trees and plaques dedicated to the young villagers who gave their lives for our country.

I would also like to thank all the dedicated volunteers for their ongoing support who give up their time every year in all weathers.

On behalf of the volunteers, we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Angela Spriggs

A40 EYNHAM PARK AND RIDE TO WOLVERCOTE SCHEME

This scheme will deliver new bus lanes and a connection to the Eynsham Park and Ride to enable fast, reliable, congestion-free bus travel along the A40.

Funding has been secured for the first phase of the scheme, and we are now embarking on a public engagement that will run from the **25th November to 1st January 2025**. The engagement will run online, along with two exhibitions in Cassington and Eynsham on 25th November and 4th December respectively.

- **25th November 2024: 3pm - 7pm**, Cassington Village Hall (Main Hall), The Green, Cassington OX29 4AX
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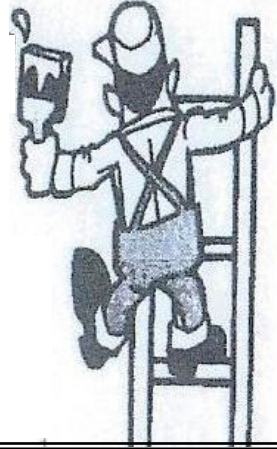
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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

We would like to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and a successful Gardening 2025.

The Club had a well attended Annual General Meeting on 28th October in Freeland Hall. Terry Jones, who is retiring as chairperson, remarked on the interesting and varied programme of speakers we had enjoyed in 2024. He had taken over as temporary Treasurer until a new Treasurer was appointed. He thanked Brian Wildblood who had been Treasurer since the Club began and has now retired from the post. Brian, who was not present, had sent an end of year report. The end of year membership numbers were 40. It was decided to increase the subs to **£25 a year** payable from the November meeting.

June Counsell, the Programme Secretary, then gave a list of the excellent speakers she had booked for the coming year starting with a talk on 'Bees and Beekeeping' given by David Busby on **Monday 25th November at 7.30 pm** in Freeland Hall. There is no meeting in December due to Christmas.

We elected Alison Faulkner as our new Chairperson and the rest of the Committee are willing to continue. Terry Noton has offered to take over the Treasurer role. We thanked him for this and he will be in touch with Brian, and Terry Jones.

Alison thanked Terry Jones for all his hard work as Chair person.

The meeting was followed by hot drinks & homemade cakes from the Committee.

For any further information about the Club please contact **janetdalton9@gmail.com**

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

Solution for Worduku in the November Grapevine

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TEAM4U SHOEBOXES

I am pleased to tell you that **1,537** shoeboxes filled with Christmas goodies have gone from Witney to children in the Ukraine, Romania, Georgia and Moldova.

To continue this valuable work next year we will require empty shoeboxes. So please, if anyone has any surplus boxes, please let me know. Thank you.

Helen Molden 01993 882305

FREELAND SPEEDWATCH

Our Speedwatch Team continues to maintain a regular presence along Wroslyn Road and at The Green, and it is noticeable that both the number of offenders and the speed of vehicles travelling through the village have reduced.

After leading the group for several years I am handing over the co-ordinator's role to Andy Murray with effect from 1st December, and would like to thank the team and residents of Freeland for their help and support.

We could do with a few more volunteers. If you are concerned about the safety of both people and wildlife in our village and could spare just an hour a week, please get in touch with Andy on andymurray@btinternet.com

Roger Faulkner

UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 03/11/2024

Ten people attended this months very eventful 6+ mile Ramble which included woods (not Tiger), inclines (that's a hill), mud, a very quick visit to a craft fair and a sink hole.

November facts include the word November coming from the Latin word Noverm meaning nine in the Roman calendar and as usual they neglected to count properly and it ended up as the 11th month.

On 3rd November 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II (not to be confused with the 80's band Sigue Sigue Sputnik with their fireball XL5), this low orbiting spacecraft contained a mongrel dog called Laika who, as well as being the first living creature in orbit, was actually a very good pilot and upon returning to earth continued to fly until performing a take off one day spotted a cat out of the window and crashed, never to fly again.

Important days in November are:
Fireworks Night 5th November
Remembrance Day 11th November
World Toilet Day 19th November
World Hello Day 21st November
Yes, I am running out of ideas!

Our next Ramble will be on **Sunday 1st December**, starting at **10am sharpish** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub. All are welcome. Ramble on!

Sir Winston Spencer Churchill (30th November 1874)





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Adult £6.50 £25.00

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Eynsham Surgery	Service	08.50	10.30	12.30	14.30	Service	17.30
Bartholomew School		08.03	08.51	10.31	12.31	15.55	17.31
Freeland, Village Hall*		08.09	08.56	10.36	12.36	R	17.36
Long Hanborough, New Road		08.13	09.02	10.42	12.42	R	17.42
Church Hanborough		08.16	R	BY REQUEST ONLY		R	↓
Hanborough Station	↓	09.05	10.45	12.45	14.45	Not in Service	17.45
Bartholomew School		08.24	08.24	↓	↓	↓	Not in Service

Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station	09.10	11.05	13.05	14.50		17.50
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Long Hanborough, New Road	09.13	11.08	13.08	14.53		17.53
Freeland, Village Hall*	09.19	11.14	13.14	14.59		17.59
Eynsham Surgery	09.25	11.20	13.20	↓		18.05
Eynsham Church	09.29	11.24	13.24	15.09		18.09

* Bus will stop anywhere it is safe to do so along Wroslyn Road, when hailed

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FREELAND / HANBOROUGH / OXFORD & return

411 Bus	Freeland, Village Hall*		10.36	12.36	14.36		17.36
411 Bus	Hanborough Station		10.45	12.45	14.45		17.45
Train	Hanborough Station		11.19	13.19	15.17		18.14
Train	Oxford Station		11.29	13.29	15.27		18.32

Train	Oxford Station	08.44	10.46	12.45	13.44		17.23
Train	Hanborough Station	08.53	10.55	12.54	13.54		17.33
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THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST OXFORDSHIRE

Thursday 12th December 2024

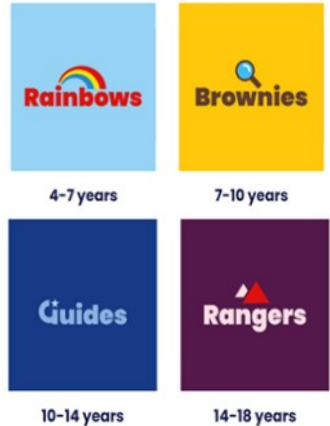
"Cinema from the Rubble": the post-war politics of the Ealing comedies. Ealing comedies have a reputation for cosiness, whimsicality and ever-so gentle subversiveness but this lecture revisits these films and reads them again, this time in the light of post-war new waves which were beginning to emerge across Europe.

MAKING MODEST MUSIC



Do you like to play an instrument (of any sort) but never practice enough? Or did you play and want to get back into it? Come along and join us once a month for a tootle or a strum or whatever. It might be just the encouragement you need. As well as sharing a few individual pieces, we work on a couple of simple ensembles (currently piano, sax and folk flute) between meetings. Interested? Email **kenjedfish@gmail.com** (preferred) or text **07982 134991**, or call that number if you don't do either of those things.

Over the last month, the **Rainbows & Brownies** have:
 Made edible structures from fruit (and eaten them!)
 Done activities in relation to reaction times for their motorsports badge
 Human hungry hippos, catch the soft toy
 Had a colourful science evening thanks to one of our amazing leaders who is a scientist.
 Helped at Hanborough Fireworks and
 Taken part in a Remembrance Parade through the village.



Long Hanborough

Guides have :

Made soap and decorated Candles

Had a 'chill out' games evening

Made edible bonfires, cooked marshmallows over a candle, and sung campfire songs.

We finish for the term on **10th December**, and start back again on **Tuesday 14th January 2025**.



Were you ever a Brownie or

Guide? Do you remember the fun you had and the difference it made to your life?

Maybe you were not but would like to find out what we do? Please consider coming & helping at our Guide units in Hanborough or North Leigh on a Monday or Tuesday.

If you can help, please contact: freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com

FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

Nothing to report from the Football Club this month.

The **Under 11s** Coach is Emma Wylie -

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Ben Symonds

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**THAMES VALLEY
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The Rotary Club of Eynsham will be hosting a CPR training session run by the **Thames Valley Air Ambulance**.

On Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.00pm

At The Swan Hotel, Acre End Street, Eynsham. OX29 4PE

The session is free - donations will be welcomed (Over 18s only)

Places are limited, so please book early at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thamesvalleyairambulance/1408946>

WORRIED ABOUT COSTS?

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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP



As we approach the end of 2024, let us look back at some of the amazing things our young people have achieved this year

Our members have enjoyed night hikes, camp fires, first aid training, gliding, camping, swimming, rock climbing, scuba diving, cycling, pond dipping, star gazing, cooking, team-building, games, competitions, making s'mores, planting seeds, orienteering, water fights, arts and crafts, and two of our members even attended the World Jamboree in South Korea in the summer!

Now of course, none of these activities would have been possible without our amazing team of volunteers, so we need to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone that has volunteered with us in the past year.

We need adult volunteers to work with our youngest members, the **Beavers**. They meet on **Wednesday** evenings at Freeland Village Hall, from **5.30** until **6.45pm**. Becoming a volunteer leader is an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people, while also enriching your own life. As a leader, you'll guide Beavers through activities that foster essential skills like leadership, problem-solving, and teamwork, helping to shape responsible and confident young people. You will have the rewarding experience of seeing young people grow, face challenges, and succeed - all thanks to the time and guidance you provide. Not only do you get to enjoy exciting adventures and be part of a close-knit community, but you also develop your own leadership and communication skills. Volunteering as a leader is more than just a role - it's a chance to leave a lasting legacy and inspire the next generation! Please contact us at gsl@hfscouting.org.uk to express your interest and for further details.

We are very fortunate to have such active Scouts groups serving our young people in Hanborough and Freeland: now is the time to step forward and join our team, to help us make a real difference to our communities.

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Father Christmas will be coming on **Sunday 15th and 22nd December** to the Bus Museum in Long Hanborough from **10.00am to 3.00pm**. Plans are being made to create his Grotto within a bus in the Museum and to hold a 'Christmas Tombola'. A small charge will be made for children to see Santa, but they will be given a gift. There will be bus rides at **12.15pm and 2.15pm**. A great way of entertaining your children or grandchildren!

If you are at a loose end after the festivities, why not visit the Museum on New Year's Day when we are holding a running day. Several buses from our running fleet will take part with regular departures from the Museum on different routes. Experience what it was like to go by bus in the 1950s and 1960s.

The picture is of two objects outside the Museum yard. They often puzzle visitors. We have tried to grow plants in them to make the Museum look more attractive. But what was their original purpose?



Until the 1960s buses were made by attaching a completed body onto a chassis, which had the engine and driving cab at the front, the transmission down its length to the rear wheels.

When London Transport overhauled its buses, it would separate the body from the chassis at the start of the work. The overhaul of the bodies and chassis did not take the same time. When a chassis was complete, the first available body would be attached. It was rare that a departing chassis would have the same body as when it arrived.

Each new type of chassis had to be subjected to rigorous testing before being put on the market. To do this, the weight of the body and its payload had to be replicated.

AEC of Southall, who made most of Oxford's buses until 1967, used these two weights mounted on the chassis frame between the wheels to simulate the weight of the body during testing.

FREELAND WINE CLUB

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



FREELAND WINE CLUB

The u3a is a national, or even inter-national, organisation and Woodstock & District is our local branch. Members are offered a monthly speaker meeting which can be on a variety of topics - aimed at the layman.

The Woodstock and District u3a speaker meeting in November gave us Vivien Sieber speaking about Kino and Kinder - her family's journey in the shadow of the Holocaust. A sombre recounting of the survival of her grandparents and Vivien's own journey in researching that evolving story. Her book Kino and Kinder is available from usual sources.

Whilst the speaker meetings are a chance to meet other members, our Interest Groups are the main stay of the u3a movement. Members who are willing to share their knowledge and skills will meet as an Interest Group and develop those links - ie Art, Recorder Playing, Photography, Board Games, Foreign Languages etc., with most sessions taking place during the daytime. Do check our website for further information; although the website is currently being redeveloped - all should be ready by the turn of the year.

Our next meeting on **Thursday 5th December** sees a visit from Gloria Camino who will show us the glories of **Machu Picchu**, the great Citadel of the Incas in southern Peru. Her talks cover fascinating aspects of her research, including origin, urban planning and design, the connection with astronomy and Inca religion.

Please join us (visitors **£2**) at **1.45pm for the 2pm** talk at St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock OX20 1JL

Please do check our website for further information: **www.woodstocku3a.uk**
 Sue Blackshaw – Chair Woodstock & District u3a **chair@woodstocku3a.uk**

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB

The well-filled Shoeboxes have been sent off last month to needy children in the troubled parts of Europe so now we're thinking about Christmas! These delightful knitted items from teddies and Christmas trees to mince pies and Santa, cleverly hide tasty Chocolate oranges - suitable for "surprise" presents!



We meet in the Newell Room at the back of the Freeland Village Hall every Wednesday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. There is usually a subscription of **£1** per

meeting to cover hire costs. We will be very pleased to welcome you to any of our meetings - to share your ideas and maybe learn a new craft.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact: Helen **01993 882305** or Margaret **01993 881316 (marglwright52@gmail.com)**

Margaret Wright

FREELAND CRICKET CLUB

Although we are about to enter winter and the days are shorter, this is when all the organisation for 2025 begins.

In the past weeks I have attended about 5 cricket meetings and undertaken a couple of training courses! It never stops.

The club's AGM will be held on **Monday 25th November at 7pm** in the pub. It would be great to see as many people as possible as cricket is very important to the Freeland village.

The **Women's Hardball** team had their awards evening at the Cornerhouse in Eynsham on Friday 8th November.

The award winners were:

Most Runs - Martine Summers

Most wickets - Julie Walker-Smith and Sarah Stallwood

Most improved player - Becky Edwards

Club player - Alice Burrows

Players' Player - Julie Walker Smith

The indoor training for the Junior teams will start on **Thursday 20th February**.

If you are interested in playing or in supporting the club in anyway please contact me.

May I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Simon Brown - Chair freelandcc.u11@gmail.com

MUD, MUD, (NOT SO) GLORIOUS MUD!

At **NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED** increased rainfall has created a problem with mud building up at the yard gateways. Horses and volunteers have been struggling to move around safely. The solution is to install permanent hard-standing around the field gates, making life easier and safer for everyone. The goal is **£7,500** (for five gateways at **£1,500** each). We are totally self funded with no government aid, & rely entirely on donations. Can you help us?

Please visit our Crowdfunding page. Go to [crowdfunder.co.uk](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk), select Explore and enter New Yatt in the keyword box. Or use the QR code above:

FREELAND TEDDY GIRLS

Freeland Teddy Girls began in 2011 and over the last thirteen years have raised over **£13,000** in sales, supporting many Village projects, Ukraine, and our local Foodbank.

Our next event is on **Friday 6th December** when our Village Christmas Tree is lit. We will be having our annual Chocolate Tombola and would welcome any chocolate donations towards this event. (Please deliver any donations to 146 Wroslyn Road.)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Diane Fairfield



KEEPING WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER **- HOT WATER BOTTLES**

Did you know you can recycle hot water bottles?

When the weather gets colder and the cost of heating our homes is becoming more expensive, we all look for alternatives to keep the chill at bay. Hot Water Bottles have been a popular choice over many years. But did you know that hot water bottles have a shelf life of three years? As the rubber may perish over time they could become Unsafe. The manufacture date can be found on the neck of the bottle. There will be a daisy shaped symbol showing a number, this indicates the year in which the bottle was made and the number of petals specifies which month.

If you no longer want your hot water bottle or feel it is unsafe to use, they can be recycled! Rubber is easily recycled, and all you need to do is remove the brass screw that helps form the stopper and place it in the metal recycling, then find your nearest collection point for the rubber bottle. This might be included in your household recycling collections or you may have to find your nearest recycling centre.

Rubber is a valuable product, which is getting more expensive to produce, but if it is recycled it can be transformed into many items, such as, playmats, rubber flooring, plumbing fittings and tyres.

Reuse ideas for unwanted hot water bottles

You could also reuse the hot water bottle and turn it into something else you might need. Here are a few examples:

- Cut your hot water bottle into squares and use them as jam jar openers or as non slip mats for your plant pots.
- Cut up your hot water bottle into smaller strips and place them at the bottom of plant pots for drainage
- Fill your hot water bottle with material such as re-used foam chips and create a kneeler for use in the garden.

PLEASE DO NOT BURN your unwanted hot water bottles in your fire. When burned they can produce very harmful toxic gases.

Article taken from the website <http://www.recycle-more.co.uk>

WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The final Witney Music Society concert in 2024 will be given by the Pelléas Ensemble, an acclaimed Flute, Viola and Harp trio. Their programme will include works by Bartok, Rameau and Debussy. The concert is **on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm.**

The first concert of 2025 will be given by the renowned vocal ensemble The Gesualdo Six with a programme celebrating the festivals of Epiphany. The concert is on **Friday 10 January at 7.30pm**

Both concerts will be at **High Street Methodist Church, Witney.**

Tickets (**£18, £1** for under 19s) will be available at the door from **7pm** or in advance online. www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk/tickets

For more information, please **telephone 01993 898020** or visit the **Witney Music Society website.**

Jean Richards, Chair

FREELAND WI



At our meeting on Monday 11th November, we were joined by Jennifer Cowling whose talk was entitled 'Those extraordinary things we say and do'. Do you know why we use expressions such as "time is money, black sheep of the family, as fit as a fiddle, raining cats and dogs, by the skin of our teeth and many more?"

We do now, thanks to Jennifer who told us how they originated and also when and where they first appeared in print. The original sources of some of these well-known expressions ranged from the Bible to Shakespeare. Jennifer's talk was very popular, with an excellent turn out of members and visitors.

At our final meeting of the year on **Monday 9th December**, we will be preparing for Christmas by decorating a candle or making a very colourful Christmas wreath decorated with sweets. Examples of both of these, were shown at our November meeting. Members were reminded to bring their own sweets to make the wreaths. All other materials will be provided.

We would like to take this opportunity to send everyone our warmest wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

The committee have been very busy drawing up a varied and very interesting programme for next year. These details will be in the **January** Grapevine. Visitors are very welcome to join our meetings for a suggested donation of **£5** which includes refreshments. We look forward to you joining us.

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.

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

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HANBOROUGH RAIL STATION CAR PARK ISSUES

Hanborough Rail Stations users are increasingly frustrated by the lack of car parking spaces at the Station car park. I therefore conducted a survey at the station with the help of a couple of local volunteers. The survey which took place between **6am and 8.35am** on several mid-September mornings was aimed at determining the rail users comings and goings and their journeys to the Station.

We estimated that at least **five hundred passengers** travelled from Hanborough Station on the first five morning trains, between **6.18am and 8.35am**. The station is most busy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The one hundred and seventy passengers interviewed were almost exclusively commuters and most were heading to London Paddington (62%) with 25% heading to Oxford. More than a third of the respondents had travelled from Witney and beyond, (Burford, Carterton, Brize Norton, Bampton) another third came from Long/Church Hanborough and other nearby villages, Freeland, North Leigh and Combe. The rest travelled from Woodstock, Stonesfield, Wootton and Eynsham. Hanborough was the closest rail station for virtually all passengers.

Nearly 80% of passengers interviewed arrived by car, of whom 11% were given a lift. 10% of travellers cycled and 6% walked. Only three passengers arrived at the Station by bus, which is not surprising given that there is only one S7 bus arriving at Hanborough Station between 6am and 8.35 am does so at the right time before a train departure. Nearly half of passengers who arrived by car said that they would consider coming to the Station by bus, providing the bus was frequent and reliable. However, the other half stated that it would be impractical for them to use public transport.

By 8.35am the car park was nearly full. Many passengers who drove to the station to meet later trains reported regular issues with parking. Among those who used earlier trains many indicated that they chose travelling at earlier times, to avoid issues with parking. They pointed out that there is nowhere else nearby to park and getting to Oxford Parkway is a lot of hassle. Many indicated that parking problems add a lot of stress to their travels to work. Most commuters travel 2-3 days a week. The station facilities were shut, the toilet has been apparently out of use for a very long time.

So what can be done to improve the situation? An alignment of bus schedules with train departures and arrivals would help, but the logistics to deliver this could be challenging considering the long bus S7 route from Witney through Woodstock and Kidlington to Oxford. A short distance shuttle bus connecting the Station with the rest of Hanborough, Freeland, North Leigh and Eynsham, and in the future with Eynsham Park and Ride could help. However, the expansion of the 246 car park spaces at the Station is essential, considering the large size and rural character of Hanborough Station catchment area. This matter needs to be addressed with urgency.

The issues with Hanborough Station car park and the results of the survey will be communicated to GWR, OCC and Stagecoach

Contributed by Dr Lidia Arciszewska, District Councillor for Hanborough and Freeland Ward. **Lidia.Arciszewska@westoxon.gov.uk**

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- M 25 Nov A40 Consultation, Cassington Village Hall, OX29 4AX 3pm - 7pm**
M 25 Nov Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall **7.30pm** "Bees & Beekeeping"
W 27 Nov **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
W 27 Nov **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
F 29 Nov Freeland Wine Club, Freeland Village Hall. Christmas Social Evening **7.30pm**
Su 1 Dec Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
Su 1 Dec Combe Mill Christmas Fayre **11.00 am - 4.00pm OX29 8ET**
W 5 Dec A40 Consultation, Eynsham Village Hall, OX29 4QW 3pm - 7pm
Th 5 Dec Freeland Grapevine - January edition deadline day
Th 5 Dec u3a Woodstock and District, St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock
F 6 Dec Christmas Tree Lighting, Freeland Village Hall **6.15pm for 6.30pm**
M 9 Dec Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 9 Dec Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** "Christmas Decorations"
W 11 Dec **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Th 12 Dec The Arts Society of West Oxfordshire, Witney Corn Exchange, **2.30pm, £7**
F 13 Dec Witney Music Society, High St Methodist Church, Witney. Doors **7pm**
W 18 Dec **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
F 27 Dec **Recycling + food waste collection only - no garden waste collection**
No Green Week collection between 23 December and 7 January
F 3 Jan **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Tu 7 Jan **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**

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COMING UP

Weds 27th - Quiz Night in aid of Marie Curie



Fri 29th Nov - Jamaican Night

Sat 30th Nov- Live Band - Innuendo

Fri 13th Dec -Fraud Squad return to sing
live



Sat 21st Dec- Ian Smart performs



New Years Eve - Richard Snow - Keys and
vocalist taking your requests!

*We would like to wish all of our customers a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

*We would like to thank you for your continued support - it
is very much appreciated!*



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Normal opening hours except:

Xmas Eve: 12pm - 11pm

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NY Day: 12pm - 7pm

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Xmas Eve: 12pm - 8.30pm

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