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ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

Sunday	20th April	10.00am	Easter Day Communion
Sunday	27th April	10.00am	Joint Communion at St Mary's
Sunday	4th May	10.00am	All-Age Morning Worship
Sunday	11th May	10.00am	Communion
Sunday	18th May	10.00am	Morning Praise
Sunday	25th May	10.00am	Communion
Sunday	1 June	10.00am	Morning Praise

The above information is correct on the date published (17/4/2025). 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.

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Churchwarden:

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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 see everyone who came along to our Good Friday event. We hope you enjoyed the crafts, the baking, and the Easter egg trail. We really enjoyed sharing the Easter story with you. Do come along to our next **All Age Service on Sunday 4th May at 10.00am** Star Wars Sunday. **See Page 17** For more details.

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>		
<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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LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR REV. STEVE STEWART

Looking forward to Easter...

As I write this, we have been incredibly blessed with days of wonderfully sunny Spring weather. A sign that something new is happening: leaves appearing, daffodils blooming, warmer temperatures, maybe that first mow of the lawn and the smell of fresh cut grass.

It is no coincidence that the Church celebrates Easter in the Spring. As trees and plants come back to life, we cannot help but be reminded of Easter Day when Jesus rose from the dead. And this is not just some kind of wish for myth, a fanciful notion just to make us feel better. No. The resurrection of Jesus is something I find convincing on every level: historically, scientifically, theologically, psychologically and spiritually.

Put quite simply, without the resurrection of Jesus there would be no Christianity, Church, no Western civilisation as we know it. **For something a lot of people believe never happened, the resurrection has had the most world-changing, profound, and unimaginably monumental impact, LOL!** I sometimes think it would have been easier to fake the moon landings than the resurrection of Jesus.

Anyway, that is why the Church is here and that's why we celebrate Good Friday and Easter every year. However, like a puppy isn't just for Christmas, so the resurrection isn't just for Easter. And if you want to learn more, talk more, and think more about Jesus, then do sign up for our Alpha course running at Christ Church from 28th April. If you want to join up or simply find out a bit more, click on this QR code:

With much love in Christ Jesus,
Rev Steve Stewart,
Rector, Hanborough and Freeland



If you would like to learn more about church and what it means to be a Christian, simply join us at any of our churches on a Sunday morning (see hfchurch.org.uk) or contact me for a chat at rector@hfchurch.org.uk

FROM THE REGISTERS AT ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Baptism: Harry Robert Frank Waghorn Holt 5th April 2025

Funeral and Burial: Lynne Mansell 10th April 2025

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Sunday	4th May	10.00am Communion
Sunday	11th May	10.00am Communion
Sunday	18th May	10.00am Communion
Sunday	25th May	10.00am Morning Praise
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SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH

Sunday	27th April	10.00am Joint Communion with St Mary's at St Mary's
Sunday	4th May	10.00am Morning Praise
Sunday	11th May	10.00am Communion
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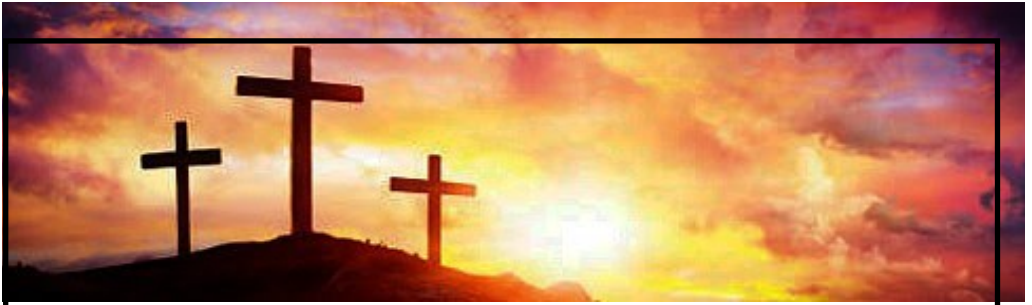
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"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14)

Here are our Easter services as we remember, proclaim and celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and, as always, all are welcome to join us for these services:

Thursday 17th April Maundy Thursday 8.00pm - Communion at Ss Peter & Paul

Friday 18th April Good Friday 2.00pm - Whole Benefice Meditation at St Mary's

Sunday 20th April Easter Day 10.00am - Easter Communion at St Mary's

Sunday 20th April Easter Day 10.00am - Easter Communion at Ss Peter & Paul

Sunday 20th April Easter Day 10.00am - Easter Communion at Christ Church

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

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

Sunday	27th April	10.00am	Local Arrangement
Sunday	4th May	10.00am	Rev. James Skinner
Sunday	11th May	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Rev. Sue Jacobs
Sunday	18th May	10.00am	Mr Andrew Maisey
Sunday	25th April	10.00am	Jude Levermore

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Since I began taking part in 1987 you have given more than **£8000**. Incidentally, the **OHCT** has provided grants to both Methodist and Anglican Churches in the Benefice in the region of thousands of pounds, specifically for building work.

It is not too soon to begin getting ready if you wish to take part this year. I am happy to advise on cycle friendly routes in North Oxfordshire. It is an enjoyable way of taking exercise in the fresh air and meeting people. The Churches taking part are open and have Welcomers who will provide refreshments. It is fun thing to do.

By July, all the information you need will be on the website **www.ohct.org**

John Fox **07986 653 080**

ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT

The bells will be rung at the following times:

- Wednesday 7th May 3.00pm - 3.45pm** Visiting band from Somerset
- Thursday 8th May 6.00pm - 6.30pm** VE Day 80th Anniversary
- Friday 9th May 6.00pm - 7.00pm**
- Sunday 11th May 9.30am - 10.00am**

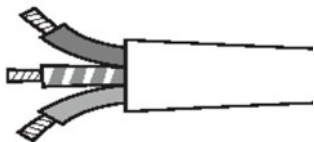
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Oxfordshire Art Weeks

Be a part of Oxfordshire's largest arts festival Oxfordshire Artweeks from **Saturday 3rd May to Monday 26th May 2025**. Over a thousand artists, makers and designers will exhibit and demonstrate their work.



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Aurelia has faced extreme heatwaves that have killed her crops, but through Christian Aid's partner, Congcoop, she's learning to grow resilient crops, make fertiliser and conserve water. She's sharing this knowledge with others, helping her community build a sustainable future. Congcoop supports communities to adopt agroecological approaches that conserve their land, culture and livelihood, farming in a sustainable way that works with, not against, nature.

Any donation you are able to give to the Christian Aid Week appeal can help fund vital tools and training, so farmers can support their community to escape hunger in the face of climate change.

How to donate

Online: through our Freeland village e-envelope at <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/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)**.

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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual Parish Council meeting

We will be holding our annual event for all residents of Freeland on **Friday 2nd May 2025 at 7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. All are welcome and further details will be available in due course.

We are looking for any village groups who would like a table at the meeting. Please let me know if you are interested.

Fly Tipping

Lately we have been seeing an increase in Fly Tipping up on the A4095. This has included a microwave and cat litter. Please make sure that you dispose of your waste in the correct manner and not along the side of the roads.

Botley West Solar Farm

The Botley West Solar Farm Development application has now closed. We will keep you updated on this as it moves forward.

Spitfire Homes application

This application was refused, we would like to thank all who helped support this and get it dismissed at the appeal.

Fix My Street

We urge you to continue using the **Fix My Street** app to report potholes, overgrown hedges, damaged kerbs, mowing issues, etc. to the County Council. 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 for more information.

Dog Mess on the field

This is an ongoing problem – please remember to use the bins around the park to dispose of your dog waste.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library at 138 Wroslyn Road is ready to install and awaiting a contractor date.

Broadmarsh Lane/Wroslyn Road hedge

This is due to be trimmed back on Monday 12th May to allow safer access around the bend for all users.

Play Park

Some of the old equipment is getting tired and delaminating from the heat and dry weather in April. We are aware of this and have plans for the equipment to be replaced.

Please keep reporting any issues with the equipment so we can get it rectified as soon as possible. Please report any issues or incidents at the play park (should one be unfortunate to occur) to myself at clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Elections: Please remember that it is the elections on Thursday 1st May, and you will require your ID to vote.

Planning Applications

All planning applications can be viewed online via the WODC website at Woodgreen Council Offices, or you can contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420**. They can also be viewed online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning

New Applications

25/00623/HHD 48 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Conversion of existing open sided garage to create additional living space along with erection of a single storey rear extension, the addition of two dormer windows to front elevation and a box dormer to rear.

24/01148/HHD 4 Parklands, Freeland

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

25/00638/S73 Variation of condition 2 of permission **24/01148/HHD** to change part of the roof to a flat roof and alterations to fenestration.

25/00281/FUL 91 Wroslyn Road, Freeland Erection of a dwelling.

25/00810/HHD 26 Freeland Gate, Freeland Erection of Greenhouse
(Retrospective)

Applications under consideration or appeal:

25/00280/HHD 91 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

Erection of two storey rear and side extensions and single storey front extension and loft conversion (part retrospective)

Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 28th April 2025** 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)). 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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Our groups have all been very active as usual, operating under the guidance of our dedicated volunteer leaders. The young people of Freeland and Hanborough really are so lucky to have amazing opportunities to experience camping trips, fishing, hikes, cycling, first aid courses, creative activities, cooking, discovering nature, developing new skills, and boosting their confidence through regular Scouts meetings.

For example, at the end of March our Cubs spent an exciting Saturday at Youlbury activity centre, at Boars Hill, Oxford. They enjoyed conquering a climbing wall, sliding down the zip wire, and even had a go at abseiling! These kind of experiences allow our young people to challenge themselves in a safe and fun way, while building relationships with each other and developing skills for life.

We are always on the look out for new volunteer helpers and leaders – do get in touch via an email to **gsl@hfscouting.org.uk** to find out how you can get involved, and to discover how Scouting can enrich your life!

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Following the meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd March which voted unanimously **against** the private acquisition of the Methodist Church, a newly formed committee of the Community Benefit Society met on Wednesday 9th April to discuss the next step in the process of a possible purchase by the Community.



Over the next few days a survey of the Church will be completed which will help us to decide on future actions.

Meanwhile the Committee is planning to view the interior of the Church on Saturday 28th April. An update will be in the June edition of the Grapevine and on the Community Facebook page.

Enquiries to freelandvillagehub@gmail.com or freelandcbs.community.

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FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The Club enjoyed a very well attended meeting in March when we had a quiz and raffle of Hampers with items donated by Club members. June Counsell had organised a Gardening Themed Quiz which set us thinking with many interesting questions. Members had been very generous in offering items for the Hampers. Thanks to Caroline Taylor and Wendy Fowler who made up the many boxes and baskets of varied items which many of us are still enjoying. The Raffle money raised a very valuable boost to our funds.

The meeting on **Monday 28th April at 7.30pm** in Freeland Village Hall is to be given by someone who just calls herself Katherine and whose subject is '**The Tea Break Gardener**'. Get the exotic look plants for a tropical garden vibe.

On **Monday 19th May at 7.30pm** also in Freeland Village Hall another new speaker to the Club Kate Burtonwood who will give us ideas and suggestions on '**Sustainable Gardening**'. This is a subject we are all encouraged to follow so we look forward to her advice.

As usual there will be a **Bring and Buy Plants and Gardening Items Sale**. Please take any unsold plants home and bring them again another time. Visitors are very welcome at **£5** a meeting and new members wanting to join our Club should contact Janet Dalton for further information.
janetdalton9@gmail.com

LONG HANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

The Summer season has started at Hanborough Bowls Club. Our mixed friendly matches are underway as well as the ladies friendly games.

On **Saturday 3rd May and Sunday 4th May** we have our Champion of Champions competition and then on **Wednesday 7th May at 6.15pm** the ladies have their first league game at home against Oxford City and County. Pop in and have a look.

The Bowls Club is open to all. Why not come and give us a try? Come to roll up on a **Monday afternoon at 2pm** or on a **Friday evening 6pm to 8pm**. We are also having an OPEN DAY on **Sunday 11th May 12 noon to 4pm**. Just wear flat shoes. A warm welcome awaits you.

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Interested? Email: kenjedfish@gmail.com (preferred) or text **07982 134991**, or call that number if you don't do either of those things. Ken J-F

FREELAND WI

Unfortunately our monthly meeting took place after the submission deadline for the April edition of the Freeland Grapevine, but a full report will be available next month. However in the meantime



Jennifer Lanham from the Evenlode Project will be coming along to our next meeting on **Monday 12th May 2025**, to talk about the Evenlode River and how the project is focusing on addressing environmental challenges, such as raw sewage spills and pollution, which severely impact local biodiversity.

Freeland WI meet on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall commencing at **7.45pm**. The meetings usually consist of a speaker or activity followed by a raffle and refreshments. A copy of our 2025 programme was included in the January edition of the Grapevine (available on the Freeland Parish Council website) and on the Village Hall noticeboard. Visitors are always welcome to join us for an evening for a suggested donation of **£5**.

For information and to see what we have been up to please check out our Facebook page: **Freelandwi**. Alternatively contact our secretary, Rosie James on **01993 881997** or freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Freeland WI is a fun and friendly group of ladies who enjoy a wide and varied range of activities. We would love to see you.

Anne Marvin - Freeland WI

ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE GRAPEVINE are available in the **St Mary the Virgin Church Porch**, which is open 9am to 5pm/dusk seven days a week. 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 Coffee Shop** on the window ledge.

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

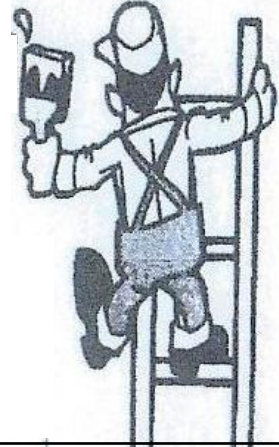
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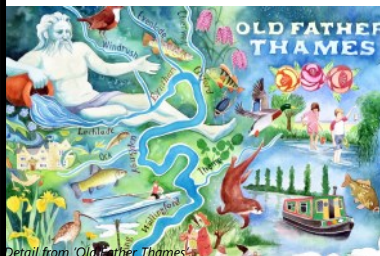
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FREELAND ENERGY GROUP (FEG)

The Community Action Plan for Zero-Carbon Energy (CAPZero) is working towards the carbon reduction of 78% by 2025 and net zero by 2050. Freeland is part of this community. So we can measure progress FEG wants to establish the current situation and monitor change in the future. Building on the log we have already made of the visible signs in the village, we will be asking people about changes they have adopted in their homes.



Let us know about the action you have taken, fill in the slip below, copy it and email it to FEG freelandenergygroup@outlook.com

Thermal imaging assessment	An energy	Yes— I would like to know more, my details are:-
An EV charger	A battery	Yes— I would like to know more, my details are:-
A heat pump	Solar PV panels	Yes— I would like to know more, my details are:-
Insulation (loft, cavity wall)	Other	Yes— I would like to know more, my details are:-
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When you send your reply to FEG, include your contact details, we will stay in touch to help us monitor change. Perhaps you would like to be more involved? Share your experience of retrofit with others? Please get in touch. **Thank you.**

Big Home Energy Day in Eynsham last month had a buzzy atmosphere. Experts were on hand to talk about home energy assessment and householders happy to share their experiences of retrofitting their homes to improve energy use and/or generate and store their own electricity. Catch more expert information locally, at the **Freeland Annual Parish Meeting, Friday 2nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Our Community Action Plan for Zero-Carbon Energy (CAPZero), the first in the UK, shows how a cluster of communities in West Oxfordshire can create a zero-carbon energy system in their area by taking action now. www.lowcarbonhub.org/cap-zero



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Eynsham Church	08.45	10.25	12.25	14.25		17.25
Eynsham Surgery	08.50	10.30	12.30	14.30		17.30
Bartholomew School	08.51	10.31	12.31	14.31		17.31
Freeland, Village Hall*	08.56	10.36	12.36	14.36		17.36
Long Hanborough, New Road	09.02	10.42	12.42	14.42		17.42
Church Hanborough	BY REQUEST ONLY					↓
Hanborough Station	09.05	10.45	12.45	14.45		17.45
Bartholomew School	08.24	↓	↓	↓		↓

Service 411 Hanborough to Eynsham via Freeland

Hanborough Station	09.10	11.05	13.05	14.50		17.50
Church Hanborough	BY REQUEST ONLY					R
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
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RAIL CONNECTION TIMINGS

FREELAND / HANBOROUGH / OXFORD & return

411 Bus	Freeland, Village Hall*	08.56	10.36	12.36	14.36	17.36
411 Bus	Hanborough Station	09.05	10.45	12.45	14.45	17.45
Train	Hanborough Station	09.18	11.19	13.19	15.17	18.14
Train	Oxford Station	09.30	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
411 Bus	Hanborough Station	09.10	11.05	13.05	14.50	17.50
411 Bus	Freeland, Village Hall*	09.19	11.14	13.14	14.59	17.59

Wild Oxfordshire - May News – Wildflowers

Wild Road Verges

Over 700 species of wildflower grow on road verges, which provide important linear habitats and wildlife corridors. We can combat the 20% drop since 1990 in floral diversity (reported by Plantlife) of verges by adopting better management strategies to protect and cultivate grass verges. One of the best strategies to encourage your local parish to adopt is a two-cut management approach to suppress coarse grass whilst encouraging more diverse wildflower growth. See the graph below to work out which timing works best for your local area! The graph is taken from Plantlife’s ‘Managing grassland road verges: a best practice guide’, which you can download from their website.

It is then also important to collect the cuttings. Wildflowers of species-rich grasslands grow best in lower fertility soils, whilst high fertility soils support vigorous grass growth. Therefore, taking the biomass, and thus nutrients, they contain away from the verge can reduce the layer of dead grass or thatch and ‘open up’ the soil surface to

Management option		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
One cut									full cut				
Two cuts	Summer and autumn cutting								partial cut		full cut		
	Late winter and autumn cutting			full cut						full cut			
	Dry verges (short vegetation)		regular cuts							regular cuts			
	Species-rich verges with mown edge		1m strip							full cut			

allow seed germination. Repeated over several years, this benefits less robust growth and more diversity, and therefore less management is required to create beautiful natural spaces on the roadside. See our guidance on verges for more help <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/guidance/helping-nature-on-your-patch>

Garden Mini-meadows

Lawns, or sections of garden can be turned into wildflower meadows in several ways, depending on how much time and effort you want to put in and the result you want to achieve:

The easiest option is to simply leave some or all, of your lawn unmown and to let the grass grow long, where any wildflowers are already present and for them to be able to reach the height needed to flower. Mow and remove the cuttings in September.

20th May World Bee Day!

20th May is annual World Bee Day! Hopefully you’re already helping bees get a wide range of diverse nectar sources by partaking in ‘No Mow May’. Some other ways to help protect our declining bee populations include purchasing sustainable local honey, ditching harmful synthetic pesticides, providing a suitable water source for thirsty pollinators (can simply be a shallow bowl of water with stones in it for bees to land on), or hosting an event to raise awareness in your local area.

Our modest u3a branch is centred in Woodstock and attracts and welcomes members from the surrounding area including Freeland to come along to the speaker meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Members also then have access to the many and varied interest groups which take place in member's homes or local halls depending on the numbers involved. The association is aimed at those recently retired or even long retired as most activities are daytime; our new website is up-to-date – please take a look. www.woodstocku3a.uk.

Monthly speaker meetings are held at St Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock 1.45 for 2pm with a fee for non-members at £2 to include tea and biscuit. Interest groups develop accordingly to demand and the willingness of a member to run the group. We expect to commence Table Tennis after Easter and also a computer group to look at everyday IT problems and security. Our membership year commences 1 April leading into the AGM on 1 May this year. In June we have a special speaker John Field – Magician – a date (5th) surely for your diary.

Please do make contact via the website or come along to a speaker meeting and see what we are about.

Sue Blackshaw – Chair chair@woodstocku3a.uk

TABLE TENNIS

If you are retired and would like to join a group playing Table Tennis each week please contact Nick and Sue Rous **01993 883944** or email suerous47@gmail.com

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Something new for 2025?

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Around 250 words is all that is required.

If you are interested and would like to take up this opportunity then please email me before **MONDAY 12TH MAY**. Email: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

Jane Duff - Editor



Rainbows and Brownies

This month the Rainbows and Brownies have done Zumba as part of their Feel Good badges. The Rainbows have made gifts for special ladies and have done an Easter egg hunt and Easter bingo. We have said goodbye to some of our lovely older Rainbows who are moving on to Brownies. We have also awarded lots of badges including Rainbow **Silver and Gold awards**.

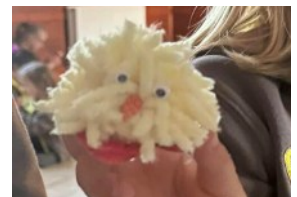
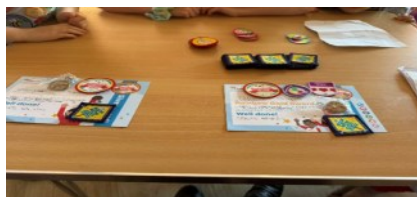
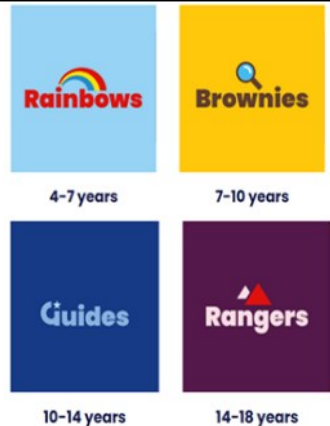
The Brownies have had a pamper evening, a games and singing night and made Easter pom poms.

Guides and Rangers

The Guides and Rangers have made pom poms too, and Easter figures out of air dry clay. They have also done a murder mystery and made bridges as part of their badge work.

Now the better weather has arrived, we are looking forward to lots of outdoor activities.

If you need to get in touch, please email freelanddistrictguiding@btinternet.com



FREELAND CRICKET CLUB



We are a few weeks away from our first matches, and coaching has transitioned from indoors to outdoors. We have been massively helped by the weather, and just to remind everyone in April 2024 we were unable to train or prepare the cricket square because the field was flooded.

There is still time to join the Club, please contact me using the details below.

Coaching Nights:

Adults and under 15s Tuesday at 6pm

Women's Softball Wednesday at 6pm.

Under 11 and under 13s Friday at 5.30pm

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Please contact me for more information.

Simon Brown - Chair **freelandcc.u11@gmail.com Mob: 07880730827**

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for your patience while we have been waiting for the new Little Free Library from Blenheim to be installed (to replace the original Little Free Library by 138 Wroslyn Road). I have been informed that it has been constructed, and that we are just waiting for confirmation of an installation date, in collaboration with the Parish Council.



Hopefully it will be here very soon!

The book donations box next to the Little Free Library will then be removed, as the lid is broken and it will no longer be needed. For books that won't fit into the new Little Free Library please leave them in the boxes behind the bus shelter, next to the telephone box Little Free Library instead.

Thank you for your cooperation.

As ever, we have been amazed by the high turnover as books come and go: children's picture books are always popular and soon get snapped up by eager young readers. Equally, it is surprising how many new or recently released books get donated – thank you for sharing your books so generously!

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

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BRIDEWELL GARDENS 2025

Bridewell Gardens provides a mental health recovery service for West Oxfordshire, supporting people who have experienced serious mental illness. Bridewell is a creative and inspiring walled garden and vineyard where people can find hope in recovery, gardening and working with nature.

BBC Gardeners' World presenter, Francis Tophill described Bridewell after filming at the gardens: "Sometimes for my job I visit gardens that really seemed to mean more than just places to grow. Bridewell Gardens is one such place. Filled with community, kindness, bustle but softness".

The walled garden and vineyard are open to the public for our **Open Days** between **11am and 4pm** on the following days:

Sundays: 11th May 6th July
15th June 7th September

Pop - up café in the garden for tea and cake. High quality plants for sale, home produced jams and chutneys and our acclaimed organic sparkling wine. Make a day of it, bring a picnic blanket and relax in the vineyard with friends and family.

Speak to Bridewell staff about the recovery service and the support provided at the gardens.

Dogs on leads are very welcome. Families and children are encouraged to explore the site.

No booking required. Suggested donations of **£5 per person**.

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For people with memory loss and their carers
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ROAD CLOSURE

6th - 14th May Pigeon House Lane, Freeland will be **closed** whilst work is completed by Gigaclear.

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QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY
26TH APRIL

Join us at Freeland Village Hall for our annual quiz night, raising money to help lift people out of poverty in South Africa.

Doors open at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are £15 per person and include a delicious dinner and great fun!

Buy tickets today at [Facebook.com/befsa.org](https://www.facebook.com/befsa.org)



Freeland Women's Softball Cricket

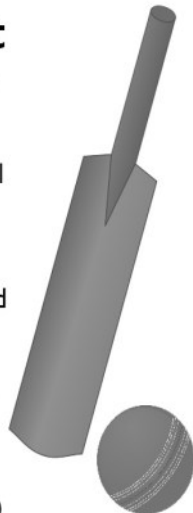
Do you fancy playing cricket this summer but don't fancy facing the hardball?

Well, come and try softball cricket. It's a similar format to hardball cricket - batting, bowling and fielding - but with lighter bats and balls, so there is no need for pads or helmets.

We're a friendly group of women of all ages (16+ years) and would love to have new players join us.

We meet for training on **Wednesday** evenings from **6-7pm** at Freeland Playing Fields.

If you're interested in playing and would like to find out more, please contact me – clairesoanes@hotmail.com or **07854 702560**.



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OXFORD BUS MUSEUM incorporating the Morris Motors Museum and Historic Cycle Collection

April marks the start of the summer season with **heritage bus rides** on the **first and third Sundays** in each month until the end of September.

Older visitors may like to visit our Historic Cycle Collection on the mezzanine floor in the Morris Motors Museum.

1942 Bedford OWB being restored to wartime condition.

The work and expense of restoring our buses often gets forgotten. As well as restorations in our own workshops we have two buses being restored offsite by a professional company.

Our Bedford OWB, BBW 291, was made of steel in **1942**, because any available



aluminium was requisitioned for the repair and manufacture of aircraft. This make restoration more difficult as steel sheets are more difficult to bend into the required shape than pliable aluminium. There was also a shortage of skilled labour, as wartime priorities were the munitions and aircraft production factories.

BBW 291 had a single shell apart from the cove panels for lights. The interior roof will be painted with a cream gloss when it is finished. The outside is to be painted in chocolate brown, as it was in 1942.

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The interior wood capping is being made specially because the original capping had woodworm. It will be varnished as was the original. New glass is needed for the windows. Originally plate glass would have been used, but today toughened glass will have to be used for safety reasons. Wooden slatted seats, with no padding, will be installed as they were in 1942. After the war the bus's operator, Houses of Watlington, would have upgraded the seats to be padded.

Ashley Blackman has stripped off the bulkhead in the cab area and the engine has been brought to Long Hanborough for a complete overhaul.

A problem is to get new parts. We are currently seeking period tungsten bulbs to fit in the roof. Modern LED lighting does not give the same warm effect.

New tyres were ordered before Christmas from a specialist firm making vintage tyres, Camac Tyres. Unfortunately, the company has been taken over by Avon Tyres, who do not know when they will be producing more vintage tyres. If we go to another supplier each tyre will cost an extra **£90**. This is holding up work as Ashley needs to turn the bus round to get access to the other side.

Three other OWBs exist, but they may not be 100% correct. Ashley is working from an original specification sheet so our bus will be exactly right. It is thought to be the only wartime Oxfordshire bus to have survived.

May will be a busy month for the museum. On **Sunday 4th and Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, The Oxford & District Model Railway Club** will be bringing their displays to the museum. Visitors will be allowed to control some models. On **Sunday 25th May**, we have visiting **preserved buses** coming to the museum, including London buses of the **1950s**. The following day, **Bank Holiday Monday 26th May** we are hosting a display of classic cars.

Frank Collingwood

UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 13/04/2025

Due to the Head Honcho being indisposed this month's ramble was postponed by a week and even then a Deputy Under-Honcho, ably assisted by a Honcho Assistente ended up muddling about and finding a few bluebells to admire along the way. Half way around the proximity of a roadside (and footpathside) café prompted a proposal to pop in for a pick-me-up. There being no descent into dissent a diversion was made for decent and diverse delicacies before retracing our footsteps to resume the ramble. After a very dry March we then marched into an April shower just before making it back to a more familiar establishment for further refreshments and farewells. Most importantly a good time was had by all.

Do join the next ramble at 10:00am on Sunday 4th May from the bus shelter opposite The Oxfordshire Yeoman. All are welcome.

Distances are normally between 4 and 6 miles, depending on conditions and the whim of the leaders.

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FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB

More news next month

Ben Symonds



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FREELAND SPEEDWATCH

We are still busy with Speedwatch and believe it is particularly valuable with the introduction of the **20mph** limit in the centre area of Freeland. It is pleasing to find most people are keeping to the limit as always, but we are finding a few drivers exceeding it and putting pedestrians and pets / other animals at risk.



Three of our members have recently decided to retire from our group after spending several years supporting it. This does mean we really do need some more volunteers to keep it going. We would be most grateful if anyone feels they could join us to spend a couple of one hour sessions each month (at a time to suit them which they can select from a shared rota). If you believe you could provide us with some help in keeping the Village safe, could you please email me at **andykmurray@btinternet.com** or text to **0754 756 5284**.

We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you.

Andy Murray

FREELAND CRAFT CLUB



These sugar Easter eggs were our latest project - made from coloured granulated sugar - very pretty but not good for the teeth!

We often try out crafts which are new to us, but where else would you find friendship, the chance to learn about or try something new, with a cup of tea and a biscuit for **£1** per meeting?

Come and join in the fun one day

We meet in the **Newell Room** at the back of the Freeland Village Hall every **Wednesday** from **2:00pm – 4:00pm**. For further information, or someone to go with, please contact: Helen **01993 882305** or Margaret **01993 881316** (**marglwright52@gmail.com**)

Margaret Wright

BECOME A COACH FOR NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

At New Yatt Riding For The Disabled we are looking to recruit and train new Group Coaches (riding instructors) to support us in introducing more weekday sessions to help us reduce our current waiting list. If you are not currently working with RDA and would like to join our group as a volunteer with the view to becoming a Coach, please email **nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com**. We are looking for applicants who can commit to a weekly session, are ideally confident and experienced around horses and are good communicators. All training will be provided by our team of coaches with the addition of online courses and RDA training days. More information on the RDA Coaching Pathway can be found on the RDA Website. You can also find more information on the group by searching for **New Yatt RDA on Facebook**.



Freeland Wine Club

The next meeting is on **Friday 30th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

FREELAND WINE CLUB

The speaker is Bruce Hammersley and will feature six wines from France that Bruce has personally discovered, with matching foods to sample plus a “Welcome wine” and raffle.

Members **£10** and guests welcome **£14**. Booking preferred on **freelandwineclub@gmail.com**.



EYNSHAM ROADRUNNERS

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New YOU CAN RUN course starting soon!

YOU CAN RUN is our ‘couch to 5k’ programme designed especially for new and returning runners. In a small, friendly group with the help of our qualified Leaders in Running Fitness, we’ll take you through a fun and confidence-building ten-week course to prove you can run five kilometres.

Provisional start date **Saturday 10 May 2025**. All welcome!

Please get in touch at: **eynsham.err@**

Here’s what our YOU CAN RUN graduates said:

“Running with others was great motivation to keep going. Not only do you not want to let anyone down – the inspiration we got from each other really helped.”

“I initially found it hard for the first few sessions and couldn’t imagine running for 5K! However, as the weeks progressed, I could feel my stamina improving bit by bit. I have really enjoyed having some time out for myself and getting fitter.”

“Running with a coach was crucial in helping us to push past what we thought were our own capabilities – it would have been very easy to keep running gently or not to go so far. Our coaches were so helpful and on the night two of us ran our 5K, the support from them and others in the running club was lovely.”

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

W 23 Apr **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
M 28 Apr Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 28 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall **7.30pm** 'Teabreak Gardener'
W 30 Apr **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 2 May **Annual Parish meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm?**
Su 4 May Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
Su 4May Oxford & District Model Railway Club at Oxford Bus Museum
M 5 May May Bank Holiday
Tu 6 May The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am
Tu 6 May North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, **7.30pm**
W 7 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 8 May The Arts Society of West Oxfordshire, Gwen John Witney **2.30pm**
M 12 May **Freeland Grapevine - June edition deadline day**
M 12 May Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 12 May Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** Talk on Evenlode Project
W 14 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
Su 17 May Jane and Paul Tomlinson Art exhibition for Oxford Artweek **12- 5.30pm**
Su 18 May Combe Mill in Steam 'Classic Wheels' **10.30am - 4.30pm OX29 8ET**
M 19 May Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall **7.30pm** 'Sustainable Garden'
W 21 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
M 26 May Spring Bank Holiday
W 28 May **Green Week:** recycling + food waste collection
F 30 May Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** Six wines from France
W 4 Jun **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste + garden waste collection
W 11 Jun **Green Week:** recycling + food waster + garden waste collection
W 18 Jun **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection

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We welcome handwritten or typed articles and adverts. However, if at all possible, please send by email, formatted to fit an A5 magazine - it will certainly help to reduce the number of our mistakes! The font we use is **Gill Sans MT** at 10 point.

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Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

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- Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Weekend..... 5th - 21st April

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- Roof Top Tours A new experience..... All Month
- Jousting..... 3rd - 5th May
- Dogs allowed in May..... 6th - 31st May
- Blenheim 7k..... 18th May
- Giffords Circus..... 22nd May - 2nd June
- Blenheim Palace Food Festival..... 24th - 25th May
- May Half Term - 'Pip and Posy' in Adventure Play..... 24th May - 1st June
- Armchair talks (Stables Café)..... 27th May

JUNE

- Blenheim Palace Triathlon..... 7th - 8th June
- Nocturne Live..... 18th - 22nd June
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