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## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, FREELAND

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>30th March</b> | <b>10.00am Whole Benefice Mothering<br/>Sunday Communion at St Mary's</b> |
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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27th April</b> | <b>10.00am TBC Joint Communion at<br/>St Mary's</b>                       |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4th May</b>    | <b>10.00am All-Age Morning Worship</b>                                    |

The above information is correct on the date published (**24/3/2025**). 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](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)**

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### 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](http://www.hfchurch.org.uk)** or use the QR code.

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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](http://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**

Our next event is on **Good Friday, 18th April, 2pm - 3pm**. Please come and join us for the Easter story with crafts, activities, and games. We will share hot cross buns and refreshments at **3pm**. See **page 15** for more details

To join our email list for news about these upcoming events please send your details to [administrator@hfchurch.org.uk](mailto:administrator@hfchurch.org.uk)

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|    | <p><b>Baby and Toddler Group</b></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: <a href="http://hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps">hfchurch.org.uk/firststeps</a></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 ASSOCIATE RECTOR, REV. MIKE MADDEN**

Dear Friends,

<sup>8</sup> *If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.* <sup>9</sup> *If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,* <sup>10</sup> *even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast,”* (Psalm 139:8-10)

In the quote above from Psalm 139, the psalmist indicates that we will always find God, regardless of where we are. As you may recall, when I'm not serving in our churches and the village communities of Freeland, Long Hanborough, and Church Hanborough, I travel for business, often to places where one might not expect to find churches or even God! Nothing could be further from the truth; I frequently encounter vibrant, enthusiastic Christian communities, even in countries where Christians are routinely persecuted.

In a recent trip to a country where Christians are sadly a persecuted minority, I was introduced to the pastor of one of the largest churches in that nation, which has a weekly attendance of several thousand people. One minute, we were travelling through a busy, noisy city; the next, having driven down a potholed side road, we arrived at the site of an old church building and the new warehouse complex that serves as a place of worship for several thousand church members and were met by the smiling pastor and his wife. As the psalmist says, *“If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”*

There are so many things I would like to share about what I learned that weekend, but here are three things.

**Prayer, prayer, and more prayer** - When the pastor and his wife first took on leadership of this church nearly a quarter of a century ago, it was a struggling congregation in a hostile but largely indifferent city. They prayed extensively, and on one occasion, the pastor spent three days in prayer and fasting. Over the next 12 months, the church grew significantly. This pattern of prayer, and growth has continued for the last 25 years. Quite simply, when we pray, things change.

**Persecution** – The persecution has not suddenly ceased simply because the church has expanded. Sadly, persecution remains a way of life for local believers, which they must navigate carefully. While I was there, one of the local pastors was attacked; although he was not physically unharmed, he was deeply shaken. Therefore, some of his fellow pastors visited him and his family, offering prayer and support. We enjoy tremendous religious freedom here in the UK. Let's pray it continues and never take it for granted.

**Persistence** – Not everyone stays in the same job for 25 years. We live in a fast-paced world of instant food and instant success, where qualities such as faithfulness, commitment, and perseverance are not always highly valued. However, when someone faithfully serves an organisation or a community for an extended period, we should honour it. Sometimes, when we know we are doing the right thing - whether that is praying or serving in some way- we simply need to continue doing it, trusting that, at some point in the future, our service will bear fruit.

So, in conclusion, remember that God is with you to guide and hold you fast wherever you are, whatever your week has been like. You might just be surprised where you find God and what he does.

Blessings, Mike M



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## **SERVICES AT ST PETER & ST PAUL, CHURCH HANBOROUGH**

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27th April</b> | <b>10.00am Morning Prayer</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4th May</b>    | <b>10.00am Communion</b>  |

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## **SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, LONG HANBOROUGH**

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>6th April</b>  | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>13th April</b> | <b>10.00am Morning Praise</b>   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>20th April</b> | <b>10.00am Easter Day Communion</b>                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27th April</b> | <b>10.00am TBC Joint Communion with<br/>St Mary's</b>                     |
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## **ST MARY'S BELL RINGING REPORT**

The bells will be rung at the following times:

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>30th March</b> | <b>9.30 - 10.00am</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>13th April</b> | <b>9.30 - 10.00am</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>20th April</b> | <b>9.30 - 10.00am</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>27th April</b> | <b>9.30 - 10.00am</b> |

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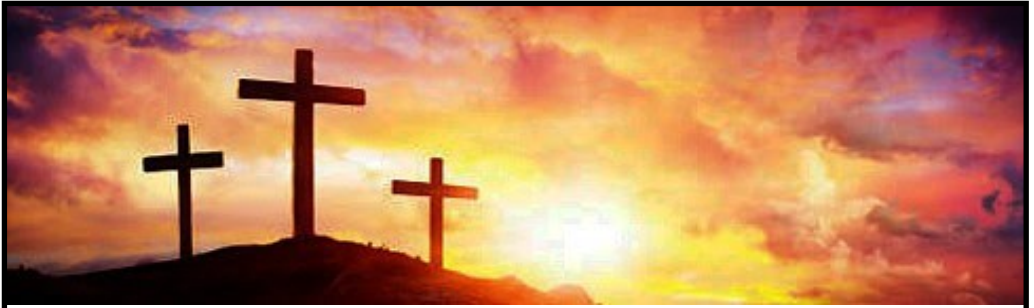
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*"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14)*

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:

**Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday 10.00am - Communion at St Mary's**

**Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday 10.00am - Communion at Ss Peter & Paul**

**Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday 10.00am - Morning Praise at Christ Church**

**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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| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>30th March</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | Local Arrangement                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>6th April</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | Holy Communion led by Rev. Sue Jacobs                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>13th April</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b> Rev. Charles Harris                  |
| <b>Thursday</b> | <b>17th April</b> | <b>7.00pm</b>  | <b>Maundy Thursday</b> led by Rev. Sue Jacobs           |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>18th April</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Good Friday</b> led by Rev. Sue Jacobs               |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>20th April</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Easter Day</b> All Age Worship led by David Sarbutts |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>27th April</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | Local Arrangement                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>4th May</b>    | <b>10.00am</b> | Rev. James Skinner                                      |

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## **Easter Escape Room**

**@ Christ Church Long Hanborough - Saturday 5th April from 10am to 7pm**

See if you have what it takes to escape!

See website for more info and tickets

## **St Mary's Bible Fun Club**

**@ Freeland Village Hall - Good Friday, 18th April 2pm to 3pm**

Stories, games, activities and crafts followed by refreshments, tea, coffee, squash and hot cross buns.

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## **THANK YOU**

Dear Readers of the Freeland Grapevine,

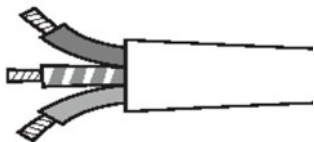
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Since I began taking part in 1987 you have given more than **£8000**. Incidentally, the **OHCT** has provided grants to both Methodist and Anglican Churches in the Benefice in the region of thousands of pounds, specifically for building work.

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.

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## St. Mary's Bible Fun Club

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## Children's Easter Craft & Activities



**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April - 2pm to 3pm**  
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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 - look out for posters around the village this month. We are not leafleting each house this year in order to save paper.

The meeting will be the same format as last year, which seemed to work well. There will be table displays by village groups and other local organisations. The meeting will start with a few short presentations on topics of interest. Please let me know if you would like a table for this year.

The May Parish Council meeting is being moved to **Monday 28th April**.

### **Blenheim/Pye Homes Planning Applications**

An outline application for up to 60 houses has been made on the land to the rear of **87-123 Wroslyn Road** - application **no 25/00333/OUT**. The closing date for comments is **Friday 4th April**, so please use the opportunity to get your voice heard by commenting online at **[www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning)**.

### **Spitfire Homes Application**

The Spitfire Homes planning application was considered at WODC Uplands Planning Committee on Monday 17th March. Planning permission was again refused.

### **Botley West Solar Farm**

The Botley West Solar Farm Development Consent Order is now with the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The Parish Council has registered as an 'interested Party' and we will keep you updated on this as it moves forward.

### **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.

### **Barnard Gate**

The upgrade to the Barnard Gate junction has been approved by Oxfordshire County Council, to be carried out within the next two years. This means that from Freeland, you **WILL NOT** be able to turn right onto the A40 at the Barnard Gate junction.

### **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. OCC have now programmed in the pavement repair between Freeland House drive and the pub, thanks to a number of people reporting it. 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](mailto: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 being upgraded, hopefully by the end of the month, there have been some contractor delays. Keep an eye out for the changes.





# Freeland House & The Lodge



Situated in the friendly village of Freeland, 11 miles from Oxford, on the edge of the Cotswolds, set within beautiful grounds overlooking the Oxfordshire countryside.

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### **Play Park**

Our plans for the play park will be on display at the Annual Parish Meeting for you to comment on. We are particularly interested in getting views of as many people as possible on whether to include a few items of adult exercise equipment.

Please report any issues or incidents at the play park (should one be unfortunate to occur) to myself at [clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Defibrillator**

We are very lucky to have two defibrillators in our village. One is in the telephone box by the Primary School, and one to the left hand side of the Village Hall porch. If used for an emergency, please let me know asap on [clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk) so that the equipment can be replaced. We do hope that they are not needed, but they are there if necessary. <https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

### **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](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning)

### **Applications Received:**

**25/00333/OUT Land East of 87 – 123 Wroslyn Road.** Outline planning application for the erection of up to 60 dwellings (Use Class 3), allotments, car parking and site access, plus open space, landscaping, associated engineering works and infrastructure (all matters reserved except means of access). See previous page - closing date for comments is **Friday 4th April**

**Applications Approved: None**

### **Applications Refused:**

**24/01177/FUL Land East of Wroslyn Road - Spitfire Homes -** See previous page

### **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)

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### **Contacting the Council & Date of Next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th 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](mailto:clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk)**



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## **JOAN HUDSON**

We are sorry to announce that Joan Hudson died suddenly on **Sunday 9th March** at home. The funeral will take place at the **North Oxfordshire Crematorium on Monday 7th April at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome and afterwards at Freeland Village Hall** to remember happier times. Family flowers only.

Sheri Warren can be contacted on **07930 505 162**

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## **1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP**



We are looking for a volunteer to manage our Scouts minibus, including overseeing the running of it (booking MOTs, carrying out regular safety checks, inspecting the condition of the vehicle, making sure it is in good working order ready for group bookings, etc). You don't need to have a child in Scouts to do this, and you don't need to join our Board of Trustees.

Please send an email to Mike, who currently looks after the minibus, at this address: **mikejoyner48@gmail.com**. Mike will provide a full handover, to ensure you know what to do. Ideally, we're looking for someone with an interest in, and skills and experience of, vehicle maintenance. Perhaps you're retired and looking for a way to use your skills and to get involved in our community?

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.

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

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

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## **FREELAND GARDENING CLUB**

At the well attended meeting on 24th February was a talk called 'Garden Heaven' given by Vanessa Berridge from Gloucestershire. Vanessa organizes the National Open Garden Scheme in the area and is very knowledgeable. She had a lovely selection of photographs of gardens open to the public from a wide area.

On **Monday 24th March at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall, the Club holds its Annual Raffle of Hampers of items donated by members. There will also be a quiz to test our gardening knowledge and maybe a homemade cake or two!

The next meeting on **Monday 28th April at 7.30pm** in Freeland Hall is a talk entitled 'The Teabreak Gardener'. Get the exotic look plants for a tropical garden vibe!

New members and visitors always very welcome.

There is a **Bring and Buy Plants and Gardening Items Sale as well as cards and seeds.**

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

Janet Dalton (Publicity Secretary)

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# **SALE OF FREELAND METHODIST CHURCH**

The Methodist Church has now been placed on the market for **£175,000**.

The Freeland Community Benefit Society committee had a public meeting on Saturday 22nd March to gauge the support of Freeland residents for the proposal to negotiate the purchase of the Church for use as community run shop and café.

A circular was delivered to each house.

The success of the project will of course be subject to a detailed process of raising sufficient funds through shareholding by village residents, and grants, etc.

It will require the formation of a larger committee to manage the project and establish a bid price. The meeting was well attended and after detailed discussions the vote was unanimous that the **Methodist Church building should remain a village asset**. A full report from the meeting will appear in the May edition of the Freeland Grapevine and on the Community Facebook page.



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Freeland Primary School ----- 10.05 am

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### **Return pickup:**

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## **UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 2/3/2025**



Mrs Trellis was so angry this month that she lost the ability to speak, she did however pen an email detailing her objection to Lord Farquar stealing land near the school and how cheese and wine should be a staple diet for anyone in the village (she loves a drop of red).

Eight lovely people and Willow The Wisp disappeared 'up top field' saying "how do" to anyone they met (thanks to Jane for the Haribo sustenance). This was a special walk for many reasons, mostly because it was our third of the year 2025, and we all know that the number 3 is heavily linked to the German band Trio who had a monster hit with the track "Da Da Da" in 1982.

On our first stoppage we had an impromptu scam awareness session from our esteemed leader with tips and advice on combating scammers, detailing the need to report possible scams in these ways.

**Forward Text messages to 7726** (spells scam on old keypad)

**Forward Emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)**

**Then block and delete them from your device.**

And remember, on the phone it is not the Police, or the bank, or Amazon! They are scammers and if they are genuine they will contact you in another way.

More tips next time.

**Our next Ramble of 2025 will be on:**

**Sunday 6th April, starting at 10am sharp-ish from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub.**

**All are welcome.**

**And remember, keeeeeeep Rambling: Sid Waddell**

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## **FREELAND WINE CLUB**

The program will continue on **Friday 28th March at 7.30pm** with a presentation by Tim North, of Joie de Vin, entitled "WINE THE FRENCH USUALLY KEEP FOR THEMSELVES" with suitable food nibbles and, of course, our popular Wine Raffle.



**FREELAND WINE CLUB**

Entrance is **£10** for members (Membership **£10** for the year including the free event in November) and **£14** for guests.

Contact [freelandwineclub@gmail.com](mailto:freelandwineclub@gmail.com)

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## **NORTH LEIGH HISTORY SOCIETY**

On **Tuesday 1st April** Julie Ann Godson will be giving a talk entitled '1066: Oxfordshire's Part in the Norman Conquest'. Do come and find out more. We meet on the **first Tuesday of the month in North Leigh Memorial Hall, OX29 6SA at 7.30 (doors open at 7pm). All welcome. Members £20 per year, visitors £4 per talk.** Further details are available from **Diana Power (01993 882301)** or **Robert Kyte** at [kyterobert@gmail.com](mailto:kyterobert@gmail.com) and **01993 880368.**

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Interested? Email: [kenjedfish@gmail.com](mailto:kenjedfish@gmail.com) (preferred) or text

07982 134991, or call that number if you don't do either of those things.

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## FREELAND WI

The popular Gin & Bubbles Bar was once again up and running for our Annual General Meeting. With glasses charged, the official part of the evening began with the reading of the annual report which reflected upon the meetings and events held during 2024/25. These included a wonderful talk by Blenheim historian and researcher Antonia Keaney entitled 'A Passion for Fashion'. This was an open meeting to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we were very happy to welcome several residents from Freeland village along with members from other local WI's including Hanborough, Eynsham, North Leigh and Combe. A Coffee Morning and Craft sale was held in September and our Christmas Wreath Making morning was a great success. Following the reading of the report, the new committee and President were voted in for 2025/26.



The evening finished with a game of 'Feely Bags' – 50 sealed cloth bags containing mystery objects which you must guess what each one contains by touch alone. Great fun.

For our next meeting on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, everyone will have to have their detective skills ready when Peter Tickler joins us to provide the mystery with a short 'Whodunnit' play involving 4/5 members in the cast.

We were very happy to welcome four visitors to the meeting and received a new member.

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](mailto:freelandwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

Anne Marvin - Freeland WI

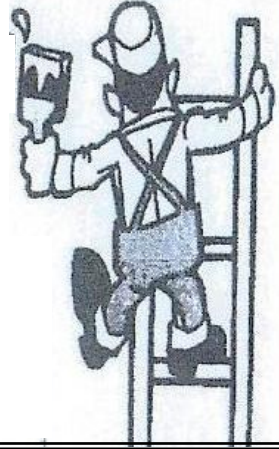
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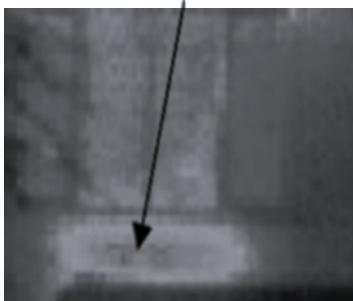
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## FREELAND ENERGY GROUP

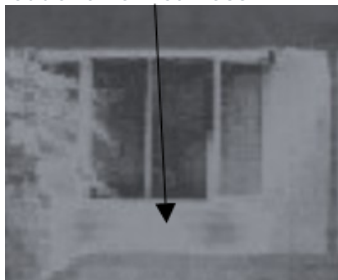
Our members have been out on some of the cold clear nights of early March taking pictures in the dark. Interesting?? Of course, normally cameras need light for the best pictures, but when out with this camera it is heat which being sought out. Even then it is not automatically straightforward to see where heat may be escaping your house. The photographer needs to set a scale on the camera, if the temperature scope is too wide, then the details will not show. A range of between 10 and 8 degrees is recommended, and links to the householder to have had heating on for a while before taking pictures to get the best distinction between variously heated areas, compared to the cold outside.

These two images, yes - not ideal in black and white - but still show the difference in the heat glare, escaping through the wall behind an under-window radiator before and after fitting foil.

*Under window radiator heat loss*



*Same radiator after foil fitted behind it. Camera image shows reduction of heat loss*



It is likely the season for house thermal imaging is coming to a close – but we will keep a list of interested people so when the temperature drops on a dry dark night our members will know where to point the camera.

We all use energy every day, but there are lots of ways we can make sure we aren't using more than is needed. Following extract is from the 'LOW-COST NO-COST' information sheet issued by [lowcarbonhub.org/energy-saving-advice](http://lowcarbonhub.org/energy-saving-advice)

**Turn lights off when you leave a room.** Switch appliances off at the plug rather than leave them on standby. The Energy Saving Trust estimates that between 9% – 16% of total electricity consumed in homes is used to power appliances in standby mode.

**Avoid using the tumble dryer when you can. If you do use it, clean the fluff out of the filter.** Match the size of the saucepan you are using to the hob, so you heat the bottom rather than the sides of your pans. **You'd be surprised how much energy the vacuum cleaner uses. Empty the dust collector after each use to keep it working at maximum efficiency.** Set washing machines to run at **30°C**. Most modern fabric detergents are designed to work well at low temperatures. **Set your fridge temperature to 3 – 5°C.** Defrost your freezer to remove any build-up of ice, pull it away from the wall to ensure better air flow around the back. **Use the microwave for smaller food portions that wouldn't fill the entire oven.** The website has plenty more hints and tips.

For more information, find out about CAPZero, register for thermal imaging or join FEG, please get in touch on [freelandenergygroup@outlook.com](mailto:freelandenergygroup@outlook.com) Colin Smith

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| 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 |
| Eynsham Surgery           | 09.25           | 11.20 | 13.20 | ↓     |  | 18.05 |
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| <b>411 Bus</b> | Hanborough Station      | <b>09.05</b> | <b>10.45</b> | <b>12.45</b> | <b>14.45</b> | <b>17.45</b> |
| <b>Train</b>   | Hanborough Station      | <b>09.18</b> | <b>11.19</b> | <b>13.19</b> | <b>15.17</b> | <b>18.14</b> |
| <b>Train</b>   | Oxford Station          | <b>09.30</b> | <b>11.29</b> | <b>13.29</b> | <b>15.27</b> | <b>18.32</b> |
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| <b>Train</b>   | Oxford Station          | <b>08.44</b> | <b>10.46</b> | <b>12.45</b> | <b>13.44</b> | <b>17.23</b> |
| <b>Train</b>   | Hanborough Station      | <b>08.53</b> | <b>10.55</b> | <b>12.54</b> | <b>13.54</b> | <b>17.33</b> |
| <b>411 Bus</b> | Hanborough Station      | <b>09.10</b> | <b>11.05</b> | <b>13.05</b> | <b>14.50</b> | <b>17.50</b> |
| <b>411 Bus</b> | Freeland, Village Hall* | <b>09.19</b> | <b>11.14</b> | <b>13.14</b> | <b>14.59</b> | <b>17.59</b> |



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## **WORRIED ABOUT COSTS?**

Are you worrying about how to manage the cost of living? Or do you know a neighbour or relative who lives in the Parishes of Eynsham or **Freeland** (Ancient Parish of Eynsham) who is struggling to make ends meet?

Eynsham Consolidated Charity provides small-medium sized grants to local residents who are in need of financial help.

Please apply in total confidence via the Clerk, Catherine Barton, by emailing **eynshamcharities@gmail.com** or by writing to the Trustees via the Clerk, c/o Bartholomew Room, The Square, Eynsham, **OX29 4HW**

Another excellent speaker at the U3a meeting in March when Robert Brewer told us stories of the filming world and his experiences as a Supportive Artist (film/tv extra). Robert spoke of the level of detail to which this artistic world works and the fascination and fun experienced since he first registered, by dint of sending in a photo in response to a local advertisement. A question of timing, and if the face fits, as well as learning to say 'rhubarb and custard' silently and many times over.



On **Thursday 3rd April** we have Janine Kilroe with her subject – A Photographer's Tale – 30 years in the business. The meet-up is **1.45 for 2.00pm** at St Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock with a fee for non-members of **£2.00** to include tea and biscuit. We look forward to having you join us.

Apart from the monthly speaker meetings, interest groups are setup accordingly to demand and willingness of members to do this. All groups currently offered are on our website **www.woodstocku3a.uk** ; there is a requirement for membership after an initial taster.

We would like to develop some more foreign language groups locally to add to our popular French discussion but really need native speakers to be involved. Could you volunteer for a session once or twice a month, we must have many gifted foreign language speakers in our area. Please do make contact via the website.

Sue Blackshaw – Chair **chair@woodstocku3a.uk**

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## **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**

Venue - **Freeland Village Hall**

**Every Friday**

Time - **3.15pm - 4.45pm**

Cost - **£3 each**

We look forward to you joining us.



## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

### Something new for 2025?

**Do you advertise in the Freeland Grapevine? Then please read on!**

How would you like to promote your business in an Editorial feature in the magazine. One advertiser per month would have the chance to talk about what they do on a daily basis, or perhaps introduce a new line or service to the readers in Freeland and the surrounding area. Perhaps you would like to feature a particular aspect or offer advice on a topical subject?

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 **THURSDAY 10th APRIL**. Email: [grapevineadverts@gmail.com](mailto:grapevineadverts@gmail.com)

Jane Duff - Editor



**Rainbows** celebrated Thinking Day by making candles and colouring mandalas. They have also celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes and doing pancake races, had a circus skills night and made creations out of fruit as part of their work towards badges.

**Brownies** have also celebrated Thinking Day by remembering Brownies in years gone by, have made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and had a PJ's and parachute takeover night.

**Guides** have made pancakes and sweets too.

A huge thank you to Hanborough and surrounding villages, we asked and you delivered. We have been blessed with three new volunteers for our Guide units and we are so grateful that they have come forward.



4-7 years



7-10 years



10-14 years



14-18 years



## **FREELAND CRICKET CLUB**

We are on the count down to the beginning of the new season with the first matches taking place in the first week of May.

The first indoor coaching sessions for the **Under 11 & Under 13** teams have taken place and there have been two training sessions for the **Under 15s** and **Cherwell League** team.



Outdoor **Junior** coaching will start on **Friday 25th April** starting at **5.30pm**.

The **Under 9s** team will start training on **Saturday 10th May** from **10 to 10.45am**.

This season we will also be supported by Becky Edwards from our **Women's** team, who has become a coach this year.

We have started work on the cricket square and over the next few weeks there will be a ramping up of activity. I am pleased to say that Matt Smith and Richard Stephenson from the Cherwell League team have joined Gary Butler and myself as grounds staff, you'll notice them as there will be an L Plate on the roller!

If anyone wants to play we offer the following;

**Junior cricket** from the age of **5**

**Softball** cricket for **women** (see page 39 for more information)

**Hardball** cricket for **women**

**Cherwell League** cricket

Please contact me for more information.

Simon Brown - Chair [freelandcc.u11@gmail.com](mailto:freelandcc.u11@gmail.com)

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## **LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you as always for your generous support of the Little Free Library. It continues to be as popular as ever, with books being donated and swapped every day. We are waiting for an update on when the bigger and sturdier Little Free Library will be installed by Blenheim, but I'll let you know as soon as we hear: it should be happening sometime soon.



After it is installed, the replacement Little Free Library by 138 Wroslyn Road, will have a bigger capacity for books. We will remove the plastic storage box because the lid has been damaged, and hopefully there will no longer be a need for it.

The big Little Free Library (opposite the pub) has been going strong now for five years, thanks to the amazing team of volunteers who help to look after it, and to our community who use it responsibly. It is difficult to resist taking a look inside whenever we walk by!

Happy reading, and remember you can always take as many books as you like, without the need to return them.

Matthew & the Little Free Library volunteers (Sue, Fi, Jenny and Caroline)  
**01993 359 543 / [ruddlem@gmail.com](mailto:ruddlem@gmail.com)**

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE WINDS  
PRESENTS:**

# **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

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## **HANBOROUGH FORGET-ME-NOTS**

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**Contact: Judy Haynes email: [jandg@cahaynes.plus.com](mailto:jandg@cahaynes.plus.com) Tel: 01993 882379**



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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

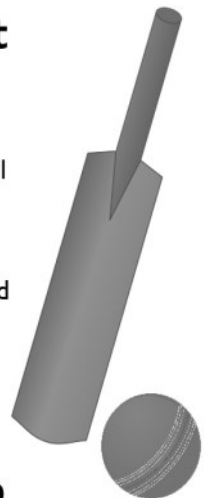
Do you fancy playing cricket this summer but don't fancy facing the hardball?

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](mailto:clairesoanes@hotmail.com) or **07854 702560**.



## THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKET COOPERATIVE

Witney 08.30 - 13.30 Fri 28 March and Fri 25 April 2025

Woodstock 08.30 - 13.00 Sat 5 & 19 April and Sat 3 & 17 May

Details of other Farmers' Markets at [www.tvfm.org.uk](http://www.tvfm.org.uk) 01235 227266



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



**150 years ago the Penny Farthing ruled.**

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.

Easter is late this year with **Easter Sunday** falling on **20th April**. We shall be having our popular **Easter Chick Hunt** again with the chicks hidden in different places in the museum on **Easter Sunday and Monday**. Also the **Easter Bunny** will be around to entertain our younger visitors. Older visitors may like to visit our Historic Cycle

Collection on the mezzanine floor in the Morris Motors Museum.

In **1870** the Boneshakers were replaced by the high-wheeled Ordinary bicycle, later renamed as the Penny Farthing, which began a 16 year reign. About **200,000** Ordinaries were built before it in turn was superseded by the Safety bicycle, which was very like modern bikes.

It was not long before James Starley patented designs for individual rigid metal spoking systems for the Ordinary's wheels, which could be tensioned individually. Other improvements included front and rear brakes, pedals and bearings. The machines were made free-running and lighter. Standard machines weighed 23 kg or less whilst racing machines were even lighter down to 11 kg.

Club riders were very competitive, out in all weathers competing to ride longer and longer distances with faster and faster times. The racing Ordinary in our collection has a tubular frame and drop handlebars so it was aerodynamic! Ordinaries still did not have chains, so the pedals were directly attached to the front wheel. The larger the wheel, the further the rider went on a single turn of the pedals – and the faster. The limit to the size of the front wheel was the rider's inside leg.

In **1884** JK Starley and William Sutton started to manufacture the Rover Safety bicycle which soon caught on and the days of the Penny Farthing were numbered, although enthusiasts continued to race them for many years.

Over five hundred firms made Ordinaries with Coventry at the centre of the industry. However, at the end of the 1870s companies were experimenting with a chain linking the pedals to the back wheel. In **1884** JK Starley and William Sutton started to manufacture the Rover Safety bicycle which soon caught on and the days of the Penny Farthing were numbered, although enthusiasts continued to race them for many years.

We take our minibus out in the summer to events with our sales stall, which has models, books and magazines. This year **Mother's Day is on Sunday 30th March** when we shall be running **free historic bus rides**. We shall also be giving free entry and a cream tea for mothers accompanied by their children under 16 with free **Bus Rides at 12.15 & 2.15pm**.

Frank Collingwood



## EYNESHAM ROADRUNNERS

### **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@gmail.com](mailto:eynsham.err@gmail.com)

#### **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."*

*"Thanks for all the support, for being brilliant and keeping me going... also the camaraderie has been wonderful."*

**"We can run!"**



# **EYNESHAM ROADRUNNERS**

## HANBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB

**The Playing Fields Roosevelt Road Long Hanborough  
The Club opens for the Summer Season on Monday 14th April 2025.**

Bowls is a sport for ALL and our Club is open to ALL.  
You are never too young or too old to give bowls a try. It offers a way of exercise .it is a social activity it can be competitive but most of all it is fun.

Come and join us on a **Monday afternoon for a 2pm start** and/or  
a **Friday evening for a 6pm start.**

The green will be available for two hours each session.

No experience is necessary you just need flat shoes. Qualified coaches will be there to help and advise.

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**FREELAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

Freeland FC **Under 11s** continue to have a great season! They are through to the finals of the Champion Cup competition and have a quarter final game scheduled for Saturday 15th March at Freeland.

Wishing the team lots of luck! We are very fortunate to have a fantastic team and two brilliant coaches!

**COME ON FREELAND**

Ben Symonds



Emma Wylie: **Under 11s Coach** - [emmawylie54@hotmail.com](mailto:emmawylie54@hotmail.com)

Ben Symonds : Secretary - [bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bensymonds@hotmail.co.uk)

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**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](mailto: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**.

## **SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**

West Oxfordshire Winds, conducted by Freeland villager Wendy Marks, is thrilled to invite you to a special concert featuring the amazing world of film music. Whether you're a fan of the classics, recent blockbusters or the timeless tunes of iconic movies, this concert promises to transport you to the magical realms of your favourite films.

See the poster on **page 38**.

**Saturday 5th April at 7 pm** in Stanton Harcourt Village Hall.

Tickets on the door **£5, under 18s free**.

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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

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## **FREELAND CRAFT CLUB**



As a change from our usual knitting and crochet work, we made some suncatchers while waiting for the dull grey clouds to move away. They seemed to work because as I write this, the sun is shining brightly in a clear blue sky!

We often try out crafts which are new to us, having a go at something different - sometimes very successfully and sometime rather amateurish, but we have great fun in the trying! 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**. There is usually a subscription of **£1** per meeting to cover hire costs.

For further information, or someone to go with, please contact:

Helen **01993 882305** or Margaret **01993 881316** (**marglwright52@gmail.com**)

*Margaret Wright*

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

M 24 Mar Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall **7.30pm** Raffle & Quiz  
W 26 Mar **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
F 28 Mar Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** Wine the French usually keep for themselves  
**Su 30 Mar Start of BRITISH SUMMER TIME - clocks go forward an hour!**  
Su 30 Mar Oxford Bus Museum - Free historic bus rides at 12.15pm & 2.15pm - **page 40**  
**Tu 1 Apr The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**  
Tu 1 Apr North Leigh History Society, North Leigh Memorial Hall, **7.30pm**  
W 2 Apr **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Th 3 Apr u3a Woodstock and District, St Hugh's Centre, Hensington Rd, Woodstock  
Sa 5 Apr Saturday Night at the Movies, West Ox Winds, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall  
Su 6 Apr Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman  
W 9 Apr **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
Th 10 Apr **Freeland Grapevine - May edition deadline day**  
M 14 Apr Hanborough Bowls Club - Summer Season starts - **page 41**  
M 14 Apr Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
M 14 Mar Freeland WI, Village Hall, **7.45pm** 'Whodunnit' play  
W 16 Apr **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
Su 20 Apr Combe Mill in Steam 'Military Vehicles' **10.30am - 4.30pm OX29 8ET**  
W 23 Apr **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection  
M 28 Apr Freeland Gardening Club, Freeland Village Hall **7.30pm** "Teabreak Gardener"  
M 28 Apr Freeland Parish Council Meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**  
W 30 Apr **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection  
**F 2 May Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm**  
W 7 May **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection

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The deadline for articles or adverts for the **May** Grapevine is **Thursday 10th April**. The **May** edition should be online at <https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk> from about **Tuesday 22nd April** with the print copies in the church porch and elsewhere from **Friday 25th April**.

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

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

The cost of a Small Advertisement is **23p per word**. Please make cheques payable to **'FREELAND GRAPEVINE'**. Contact Jane Duff about costs for other adverts. 1/3rd page size is 60mm high x 127mm wide, 1/2 page size is 90mm high x 127mm wide

**Adverts:** [grapevineadverts@gmail.com](mailto:grapevineadverts@gmail.com)

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Or phone: **01993 880623**

**Note** Please put your name and telephone number on any submission in case we need to contact you. These will only be printed if requested by you.

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