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Sunday	6th July	10.00am All Age Morning Praise
Sunday	13th July	10.00am Communion
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The above information is correct on the date published (**23/06/2025**). 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.stmaryfreeland.org.uk or the Benefice website
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 at stmaryfreeland.org.uk or use the QR code.



Freeland Parochial Church Council

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral and Burial Violet Elizabeth Cleal 21st May 2025

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Clive Berry 01993 882080

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Hugh Dalton *Emeritus* 01993 881742

Flowers in the Church:

Janet Dalton
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administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

You will find all sorts of interesting information about St Mary's on the "A Church Near You" website: www.achurchnearyou.com/5863

You can see a virtual tour of St Mary's on Google Street View at:
<http://goo.gl/g53NJH> Thank you to Nikhilesh Haval for allowing the use of the images.

Children's and Youth Work - families are really welcome at all our services. At St Mary's the **first Sunday of the month is a Family Service** where everyone stays in Church, and everyone joins in with the all-age service. At the other **10am** services, children and youth can take part in games, discussion, art, and other activities in small groups close by. Come and give it a try!

Bible Fun Club

The next Bible Fun Club will be on **Wednesday 23rd July from 2 - 4pm**, see **page 11**. We will post more details on our website, www.stmaryfreeland.org.uk and on the Freeland Community Facebook Group page

To join our email list for news about these upcoming events please send your details to administrator@hfchurch.org.uk

	<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.</p> <p>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, REVD DR STEVE STEWART

Would the real Time Lord please stand up ..

Dr Who, that fictional “Time Lord” has been on our screens and in the news as once more he regenerates into a new self, unaffected by the ravages of time. But this Time Lord with his time-defying Tardis is indeed fiction, a total fabrication of the truth. In reality, **time** is the most tyrannical of all things which we face. For the most part, we can choose to go left, right, down or even up, yet we have no choice whatsoever but to move in the direction and pace of time. Never has there been a truer phrase than, “None of us are getting any younger”! And if God has given us no choice but to move in the direction of time and at the pace of time, then how we use that time as we travel through it in this life must be critical to our relationship with God.

So often in life, we face a dilemma as to whether to go this way or that way, to leave this place or go to that place, to go and see so-and-so or to visit somebody else. So much for the first three dimensions, but the commandments of God, are very deeply rooted in what we do with the fourth dimension, **time**: do we spend time in listening to God or ignoring him? No matter where you are in space, you can still decide to honour or dishonour God with your time.

Perhaps, this month - for it will inevitably come! - let's reflect very carefully on what we do with our very limited and valuable time. To use time intentionally to bless and not to curse, to pray and not to be idle, to use the time we have given with another for kind words and encouragement, not for gossip or criticism - but above all, to listen to God.

Mortal time is short, so let us use it wisely. As John had revealed to him in the testimony of Jesus Christ at the beginning of the book of Revelation: *“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near”* (Revelation 1:3).

The Time Lord Dr Who is just made up, but the *Lord of Time* Jesus Christ is absolute reality: Jesus who can release us from the tyranny of time, in which sin leads inevitably to death, and instead, bring us to eternal and abundant life.

With much love in Christ Jesus,

Revd Dr 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](http://hfchurch.org.uk)) or contact me for a chat at rector@hfchurch.org.uk



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Sunday 13th July 9.30am - 10.00am

Sunday 27th July 9.30am - 10.00am

Weekly Monday practices will commence at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm

Please contact the Tower Secretary, Michael Probert (**882687**) should you wish to discuss any bell ringing matters.

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Sunday	6th July	10.00am	Local Arrangement
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Sunday	3rd August	10.00am	Revd Stephen Bywater



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FREELAND PARISH COUNCIL

Website Details <https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council as Moth Clark is moving away from the village so we are looking to co-opt a new member to join the team. Each member brings their own skills to the team which helps the village to thrive. Please drop us an email if you are interested or just want to find out more, to: **clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Moth has been an invaluable, considered member of the Council, bringing his breadth of knowledge and quiet sense of humour to our meetings - he will be greatly missed. We would like to thank him for all he has contributed since he was elected in May 2024, and wish him all the best for the move.



Fly tipping into bins

Again, we are having more issues with fly tipping including children's car seats. We appreciate that this might not be residents in the village, but it is important to keep an eye out and report anyone who is doing so. All glass bottles are collected on recycling days by West Oxfordshire District council and should NOT be placed in the black bins. You should be placing them in your black box, alternatively you can take any overspill to a bottle bank or the recycling facility at Dix Pit.

Fix My Street

We urge you all to continue using the Fix My Street App that reports any issues to the County Council. This can be used for potholes, overgrown hedges, kerb stones Damaged and for such matters as grass cutting on the A4095. Additionally, if you would like to become a super user to help speed up the repair process, please email **Clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk** for more information.

Playpark

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

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Clerk@freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk so that the equipment can be replaced.

We do hope that they aren't needed, but it is good to know they are there if necessary.

<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

Planning Applications:

All planning applications can be viewed online via the WODC website at

www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning or Woodgreen Council Offices or you can contact the Planning Team at WODC on **01993 861420**.

Applications Received,

25/01199/HHD 21 Wroslyn Road, Freeland Conversion of loft

Applications Approved

25/00623/HHD 48 Wroslyn Road, Freeland

24/01148/HHD 4 Parklands , Freeland

25/00810/HHD 26 Freeland Gate, Freeland

25/00939/HHD 33 Church View, Freeland Single Storey front extension

Applications refused – none

Applications appealed - none

Contacting the Council and Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th July 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 can be accessed via

<https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

You can follow us on Facebook (**@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:

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<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/freeland-christian-aid-collection-2025>

Fiona McGrady
Freeland Christian Aid Group Organiser

FREELAND GARDENING CLUB

The meeting on Monday 19th May was a talk by Kate Burtonwood who is the Head Gardener at Trinity College Oxford. Her subject was 'Sustainable Gardening' which is very much in evidence at the College. She had even replaced the spotless lawn with a wild flower meadow! She gave us a few points to encourage us to garden sustainably.

These included:

1. Less Watering
2. Less mowing
3. Shop sustainably
4. No pesticides or herbicides.

We were not all in favour of digging up all our lawns but maybe leaving a part to grow wild. We shall have to visit the College gardens to view her work.

The Meeting on **Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm in Freeland Hall** is a talk by Rob Jacobs entitled '**How we used to Garden**' to be reported on next month.

'Cacti and Succulents' is the subject for our meeting on **Monday 28th July** same time and place as above. Another new speaker Bill Darbon is no doubt an enthusiastic grower of succulents. Most of us have one or two such plants but maybe he will encourage us to try something new.

There is a Plant and Gardening Items Sale at each meeting. Visitors at **£5** a meeting and new members very welcome.

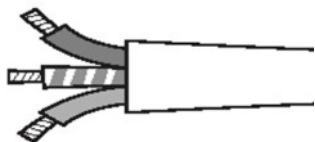
For any further information about the Gardening Club please contact me on **daltonjanet9@gmail.com**

Janet Dalton

The poster features a black and white illustration of two men in military uniforms sitting on the ground, looking at a map. The man on the left is wearing a beret and the man on the right is wearing a peaked cap. They are surrounded by military equipment like a radio and a box.

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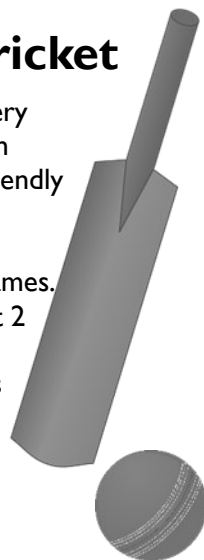
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Freeland Women's Softball Cricket

We've had a great start to the season. The sun has shone every Wednesday evening for our training sessions led by our coach Matthew Smith. One Wednesday we had a most enjoyable friendly match with Cumnor Softball team, finishing with tea in The Yeoman. And then on Sunday 8th June we played in a 6-a-side festival at Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club. We played four games. We lost the first two games, the second one narrowly by just 2 runs. We then won the last two games with some good bowling and fielding and strong batting, not losing any wickets in either game.

If you fancy coming to give it a try, it's not too late to join us. We train on **Wednesday evenings from 6pm - 7pm** at Freeland Playing Fields.

Please contact me – clairesoanes@hotmail.com or **07854 702560**



UNACCEPTED FREELAND RAMBLERS 1/06/2025

I fear the typing had already started before this month's Ramble had finished, Willow had barked a draft email (I didn't realise she was a ghost barker). When it arrived, this email was about water availability on the Rambles and although I had mentioned about the importance of hydration, Willow was concerned about the lack of ditches and puddles in summer and was claiming for stress and anxiety, and a map (I fear she's been listening to Under Pressure by Queen on loop again). A copy of the email has been sent to the local paper the 'Oxford Tail' for an article entitled 'Barking Mad'. I think this could be something to discuss in our weekly AGM in a fortnight.



Eleven people, a four legged troublemaker, and without doubt, our youngest ever rambler made it round the poppy and buttercup laden route on a strangely overcast, but then turning out to be very sunny day. We encountered angry snakes, disinterested cows and imaginary Blandford flies (nobody was hurt in the making of this Ramble).

While rambling we found some very cleverly placed stones that looked like something had happened where they stand. On one was a plaque stating that nothing happened where they stand. Thanks to Kenny for the sustenance this month.

Our next Ramble of 2025 will be on **Sunday 6th July**, starting at **10am sharp-ish** from the bus shelter opposite the Yeoman Pub. All are welcome.

True fact: Ants have no ears....eh! - Paul Rudd

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Following the well attended meeting to launch the “Pledges”, we have now received from Abbey Properties the Bid Documents and a closure date for the Bids of **Friday 11th July 2025. This date for Pledges will be Wednesday 9th July for administration purposes.** This date replaces our original deadline of 28th June.

We have pledges of **£75,000** so far, but this is only approximately half the amount needed to be raised by the village community. You can keep up to date with the figures by viewing the newly installed **Thermometer** displayed outside the Chapel.

Now we need everyone in Freeland to support our campaign by purchasing a **£10 Pledge** or more if possible. The more pledges we have, the stronger our Bid may be perceived, together with the amount raised. This criteria may be crucial in the assessment of our Bid in relation to other competition.

THIS REALLY IS THE TIME!

After eight years of waiting, **IT IS NOW OR NEVER** for the opportunity to retain and purchase the Chapel for **Freeland and the community.**

Please share our enthusiasm and vision for the future.

Thank you

The FCBS Committee

See Pages 24 and 25 for the Pledge forms

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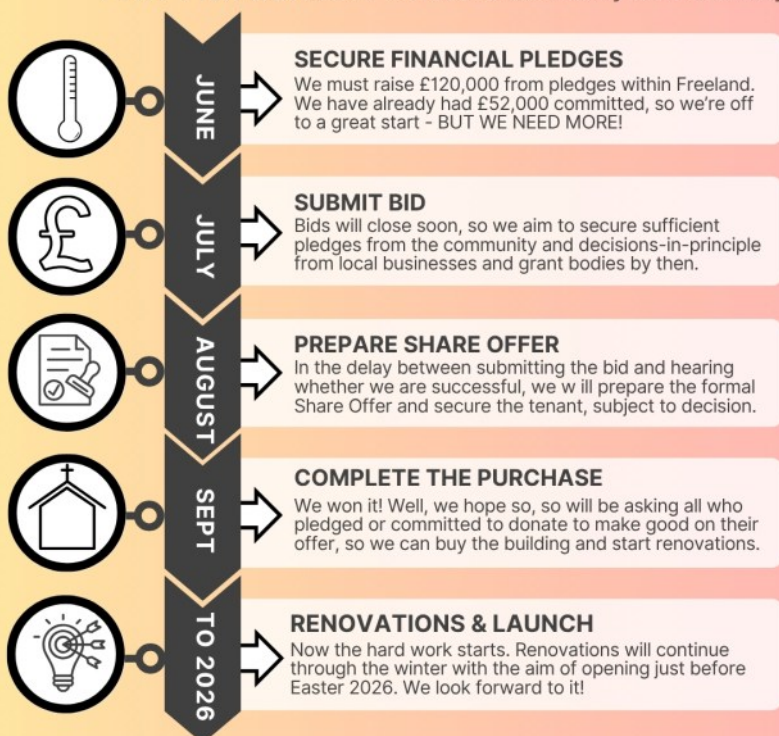
Freeland Community Benefit Society is committed to buying, restoring, and operating our historic Methodist Church ('The Chapel') as a community hub. This is initially as a café combined with a flexible community space, but with the potential to evolve with community needs and wishes to bring incredible benefits to our village, both now and in the future.

However, we are now at a critical time to secure the Chapel: we've heard we must submit our bid by 11 July. It really is now or never.

We need to know what funding we have available so we can shape the bid we submit, so I'd like to urgently ask all Freeland residents interested in supporting this project to fill in and submit their pledge forms as soon as possible. This is whether you'd like a sizeable number of £10 shares, or just one to secure your voting rights. Visit our website www.freelandcbs.community to see the business plan, or contact me on 07809 147261 if you'd like a copy of it brought round.

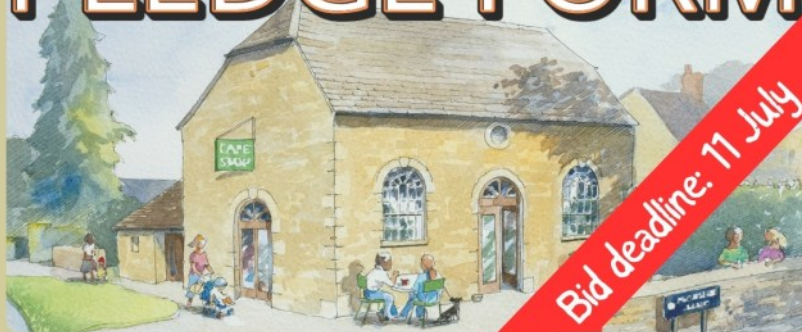
Pledges made in 2018 have not been carried forward, and will need to be made again. Just complete the form opposite or pledge via our website. Thank you!

Tom Harden (Chair of Freeland Community Benefit Society)



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PLEDGE FORM



Confirmation of intent to financially support the purchase, renovation & start-up of The Chapel in Freeland to create a Community Hub

Name

Address

Email

Phone No.

Based on information provided by Freeland Community Benefit Society (FCBS) in its Business Plan for the Purchase and Operation of Freeland Methodist Church ('The Chapel') as a Community Hub, I intend to:

Invest in FCBS Shares (£10/share, select £10 minimum to become an FCBS member)

<input type="checkbox"/> £10	<input type="checkbox"/> £250	<input type="checkbox"/> £1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> £10,000
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Donate to FCBS ☐ Please specify amount £

☐ I understand that submitting this pledge constitutes an intention and is not binding in any way; and that in the event of FCBS acquiring The Chapel, if I intend to purchase shares, I will need to complete the Share Offer agreement before I can own any shares.

Please place completed forms in a sealed envelope marked 'Pledge' and return in confidence to Andy Murray (Treasurer) at 9 Pigeon House Lane. **You can also pledge online at www.freelandcbs.community, where you will also find the FCBS Business Plan, and details about pledging and how Community Benefit Shares work.** Contact Tom Harden (Chair) on 07809 147261 or Philip Huxley (Secretary) on 07810 773781 for a hard copy of the Business plan, or more information on any of these aspects.



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Our u3a branch is centred in Woodstock and attracts and welcomes members from the town and the surrounding areas including Freeland.



The association is aimed at those recently retired or even more longer retired as most interest groups take place during the daytime. Members have access to the many and varied groups which take place in members' homes or local halls depending on the numbers and activity involved – please check out the website for more information. In particular we are currently aiming to grow the new table tennis group at **Woodstock Youth Club on Tuesday afternoons.**

Monthly members' speaker meetings are held at **St Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock 1.45 for 2pm** and last month we were entertained by the magician John Field from The Magic Circle as he talked about The Amazing World of Magic and got our minds working as we tried to figure out how those tricks were done – just magic!

On **Thursday 3rd July** we have Julie Ann Godson speaking on *The Free Spirits of Oxfordshire* and on **Thursday 7th August** we have our Annual Summer Social event – a time to talk with interest groups leaders and understand how the association organises itself here, with complimentary tea and cakes. We are a modest sized branch – open to new ideas and keen to see the association develop – do come along.

Visitors are welcome at the speaker meetings at **£3**. Annual membership is **£20**. For all up-to-date information please take a look at our website. **www.woodstocku3a.uk**

Sue Blackshaw - Chair

WOODSTOCK OPEN AIR POOL

Woodstock Open Air Pool will be open until **Sunday 31st August** with cool water swimming sessions available in the first eight weeks, from **Saturday 24th May to Tuesday 22nd July** before the pool is heated for a jam-packed summer programme during the school summer holidays.

The pool will be open seven days a week, with a mix of general swims, family sessions and dedicated lanes for fitness swimming.

This much loved outdoor pool is a popular summer spot for families, fitness swimmers and those looking to relax and enjoy the sunshine. When not in the pool or sunbathing on the loungers, visitors can also enjoy a game of Badminton or other ball games on offer at the centre.

Over the summer holidays, Yellow Submarine Charity will also have their on-site café open daily, serving a selection of drinks and light snacks.

Opening times and activity information will be available on the **<https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/woodstock-open-air-pool>**

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OXFORD BUS and MORRIS MOTORS MUSEUM

On **Sunday 13th July** we shall be having a **Military Day**. Look out for the camouflage man..... if you can find him.

There will be displays of weapons, aircraft, Land Rovers, artillery, camouflage, military uniforms, and lorries. A World War I model T Ford with a Vickers machine gun on the back will be attending. One of only two in the country!

There will be a display of aircraft relics from the Battle of Britain, a collection of airships from the **1900s** which includes pictures, relics and memorabilia from Zeppelins, and the R101. There will also be a cockpit instrument display from World War II fighter aircraft. The Home Guard will also be demonstrating army drills and will show and talk about Home Guard activities during World War II.

For the children, and possibly adults, there will be paper aeroplane making, and then flying them to land on a simulated aircraft carrier.

150 years ago this year the Penny Farthing was at its most popular but not everyone fancied riding one! Inventors had already designed several tricycles, but none had become popular enough to put into production.

In **1876** J.K. Starley of Haynes and Jefferis in Coventry invented a 'modern' tricycle which was the first to be put into mass production. It was patented the following year. Tricycles today have developed to have three wheels of equal size. They did not start like that. The pictured Coventry Lever Tricycle had one large 50inch (1.27 metre) driving wheel in the middle of one side and two smaller wheels fore and aft, both of which were steerable via a tiller. The rider propelled the machine forwards using levers. Later the levers were replaced by rotary cranks, and the tiller was succeeded by rack and pinion steering. It became known as the Coventry Rotary and later the Rudge Rotary.



In **1877** Starley added a second large wheel at the side and, with a second seat and set of pedals, created the Coventry Sociable; the first sociable tricycle for two riders. One of these is on display in the museum. It employed two driving wheels with each rider driving one wheel. If one rider pedalled faster than the other, it became unstable. This led Starley to design and add a balance gear or differential which allowed the two wheels to revolve at different speeds when cornering. Modern cars have differential based on the same concept!

We shall be running Heritage Bus rides on **Sundays 6th and 20th July**

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FREELAND WI

For our June meeting, Dr Lizzie Burns provided our members with a practical session on the ancient art of Origami and its benefits as a form of relaxation and mindfulness. Lizzie works with cancer patients and became aware that hospitals offer recreational activities for young inpatients but nothing for adults. She wondered if there was something that would be suitable and following a conversation with a patient, realised that Origami was an easy and effective way to help patients relax and 'switch off' for a while from the rigours of treatment. With clear and easy to follow instructions, our members completed several items including a trinket tray, swan, jumping frog and lotus flower. It was an enjoyable evening and Lizzie was quite correct in that it did provide an opportunity to relax and unwind.



On **Monday 14 July**, Shaun Todd will be joining us to give a talk on the history, etiquette and hosting of Afternoon Tea.

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. Don't be shy, give us a try.

Anne Marvin Freeland WI

FREELAND WINE CLUB

Our recent meeting was enjoyed by 45 people who were introduced to six wines from France. They were accompanied with matching food and presented by Bruce Hammersley, a Wine Club Member.



FREELAND WINE CLUB

The next meeting is on **Friday 25th July** in Freeland Village Hall at **7.30pm**.

Entitled **Romanian Wines at their best** They will be presented by **Solaris Wines** an independent wine supplier who specialise in Romanian wines and will be accompanied by our matched food offering. A six wine tasting plus a welcome wine with Wine Raffle will make a great value evening.

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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
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Bartholomew School	08.24	↓	↓	↓		↓

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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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Eynsham Church	09.29	11.24	13.24	15.09		18.09

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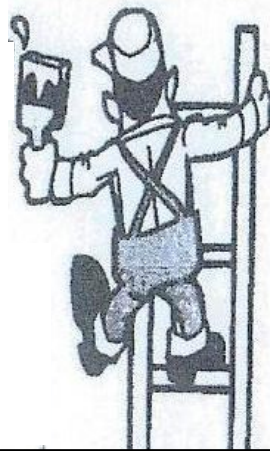
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FREELAND ENERGY GROUP

If the weather is hotting up – even though it isn't while writing this - check back to last month's Grapevine

(<https://freelandparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-grapevine>) for hints on managing the heat in your home.

This month the information from the Low Carbon Hub leaflet gets more personal.



Keeping your body cool

- * Hydrate. Drink BEFORE you get thirsty, as the hot weather means you sweat more.
- * Wear loose-fitting clothes and put your clothes, or some bedding, in the freezer for a couple of minutes before use.
- * Too hot inside? It may be cooler outdoors in the shade, or at a local public building like a library. If you are struggling to keep your home cool, see if there is a cooler place you can get to without having to walk too far in the heat.
- * A dampened sports towel around your neck and shoulders can be effective to cool you down, as can dabbing cool water on your wrists and neck.
- * Having a lukewarm shower (not too cold) before bed has been shown help you sleep on a hot night. Showers save water and money but, if you prefer a bath, consider saving the water for the plants.

More details from www.lowcarbonhub.org/energy-saving-advice

Prepare for colder weather



While you don't have the heating on at the moment, perhaps now is the time to explore how to create a low carbon warm comfortable home all year? If you are looking to change from fossil fuel (gas, oil etc.) then you may qualify for a grant to support the change. For information, qualification and application follow www.welcomethewarmth.org.uk or call the team on **0800 038 6775**

Future events

Keep an eye out for the next round of events from the Freeland Energy Group, CAPZero and the other local groups bringing you information on reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and keeping down your energy costs.

freelandenergygroup@outlook.com



The Rainbows and Brownies were treated to an evening at Blenheim Adventure Play. They had great fun climbing and splashing and luckily the weather was kind to us. Both groups have been continuing with their go unicorn badge, making unicorn dreamcatchers, making unicorn coloured drinks and unicorn horns (aka fruit kebabs).

The Guides and Rangers have been trying paper aeroplanes outdoors and have been making shelters down in the woods.

We are very excited, as on **21st July, Girl Guiding** are going to be launching 72 new interest badges for girls to try. We have seen the first seven badges and they seem to be a blend of traditional guiding skills and some new ones – they are:

Rainbows - Bee rescuer

Brownies - Celebrations, Wayfinder, Book reviewer

Guides - Thrift, Bookworm

Rangers - Nostalgia, Booktivist

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



4-7 years



7-10 years



10-14 years



14-18 years



ENJOY NORTH LEIGH ROMAN VILLA 2025 OPEN WEEKENDS

The Mosaic House will be open 11am to 5pm on the weekends of:

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20 July; Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July

**Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August; Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August;
Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August**

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>

West Oxfordshire District Council objects to the BWSF Proposal and asks for it to be dramatically reduced.

At a meeting on 2nd June, West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) Development Control Committee (DCC) debated the Council's response to the Botley West Solar Farm Development (BWSF). Botley West is a proposal to build one of the largest solar farms in Europe on 1400 hectares of land, most of which is located in West Oxfordshire. A decision on this proposal belongs to the National Strategic Planning Inspectorate (NSIP) and eventually the Secretary of State. The Local Authorities have no control over this decision, but West Oxfordshire District Council and other Councils are key consultees.

Over the last two years, WODC officers and associated experts have researched and assessed the impact that this development would have on the landscape, natural environment, flooding, heritage and the local communities. The conclusions of this work are included in the Local Impact Report, a 180-page document, which WODC submitted to NSIP jointly with other local Councils: Cherwell DC, Vale of the White Horse DC and Oxfordshire CC on 4th June.

This comprehensive report focused on each proposed solar panel land parcel and assigned it an impact severity in categories of: Historic Environment; Landscape and Visual Impact; Ecology and Nature Conservation; Hydrology and Flood Risk; and Agricultural Land. The severity impacts were depicted within a green, yellow, and red scale, with red being an unacceptable category. The Council proposes that land parcels whose development would have the highest detrimental impact within each category are removed from the BWSF proposal. The enclosed map indicates the areas that the Council believes could accommodate some solar panels. In addition, a wide range of other potential local impacts was considered. All impacts were assigned to be either negative or neutral.

Moreover, WODC has submitted to NSIP a Written Representation (WR), which expresses the Council's evidence-based views on the proposal. In the Written Representation, the Council made it clear that it supports the development of renewable energy schemes, but "owing to the range and magnitude of detrimental impacts likely to arise from these [BWSF] proposals in their current form, West Oxfordshire District Council objects to the proposals as currently framed".

The Development Control Committee (DCC) unanimously endorsed the officers' recommendations and concluded that BWSF would have a cumulative detrimental impact on many of the special and protected characteristics of West Oxfordshire District. Consequently, DCC agreed to request that it be drastically reduced to minimise the substantial harmful impacts.

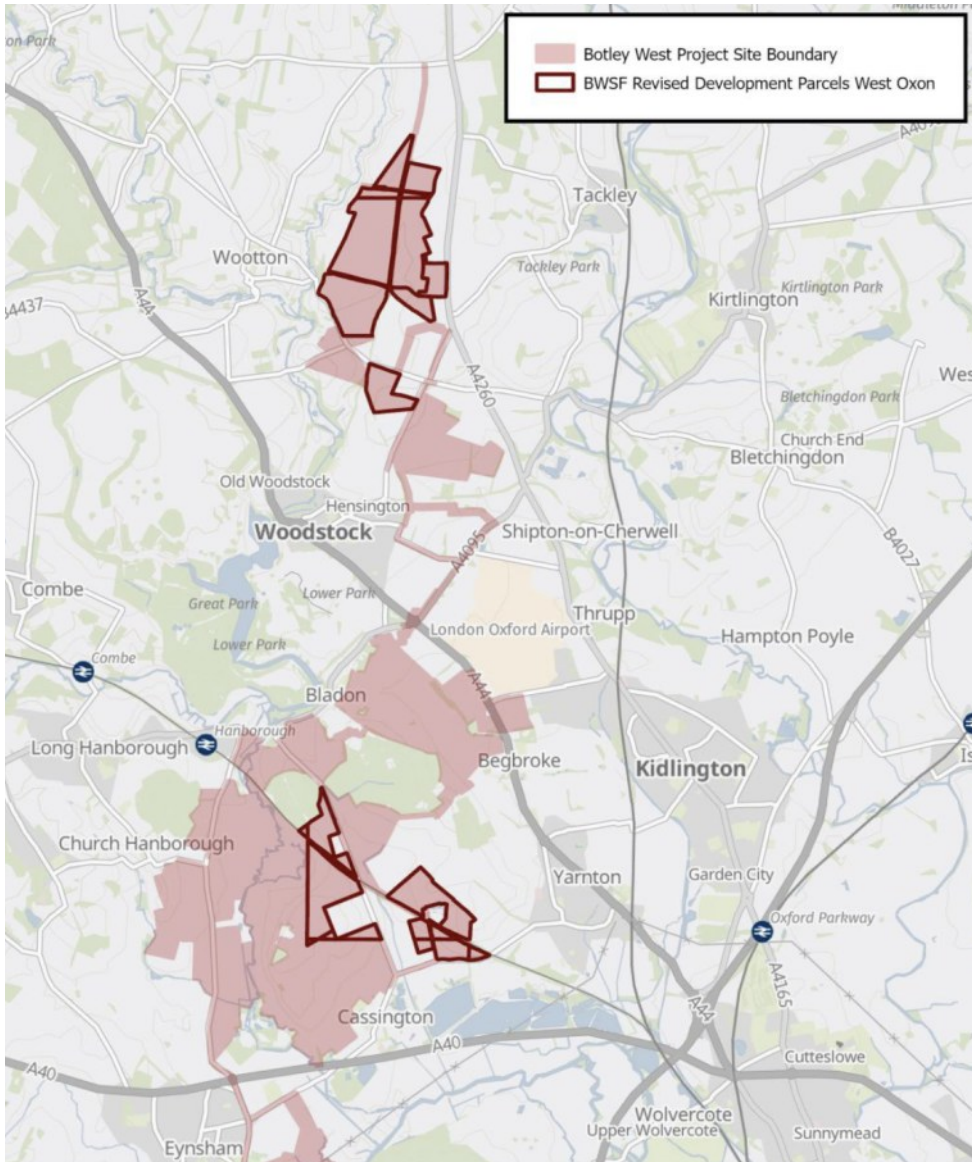
The Council has also expressed its frustration with a lack of meaningful engagement by the developer, PVDP, to address the issues arising. Cllr Andy Graham, the Leader of the Council, said: "Unfortunately, the developers have proceeded to examination without taking the concerns of the Council and the local communities into account. I would expect the Examining Authority to give serious weight to our submission as agreed by the Development Control Committee, and therefore, this Council."

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The report and associated proposals have been praised and supported by the campaign groups, who note that the WODC administration has delivered on their commitment to undertake a thorough, comprehensive analysis of the proposal and to base their position on this.

Cllr Lidia Arciszewska
Lidia.arciszewska@westoxon.gov.uk



FREELAND CRAFT GROUP



In May, we celebrated VE Day in style, with one member attending the Craft Club, dressed as a land-girl, others in red, white & blue attire.

We enjoyed refreshments made using a recipe from a War-time cookery book and entertained ourselves by attempting to answer a couple of quizzes and completing a word-search. We all learned some new facts about that time that we didn't know (or couldn't remember!)

We always welcome new members to join us. Interested? Why not give us a try? None of us can come every week, but come when we can, to enjoy a time of friendship whilst crafting.

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

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is well and truly here, so why not head down to the Little Free Library and grab yourself some books to read on the beach, in the garden, or in your favourite chair? You'll always find a mix of bestsellers, classics, and lesser-known novels to keep you entertained!



Thank you for the recent donations of children's picture books: they always fly off the shelves, and sometimes our stock gets very low. We know that there are a lot of young bookworms in the village, and it is wonderful that children enjoy finding books to take home. Long may their engagement with books continue.

Here's a gentle reminder to please make sure that you close the donations box lids after looking inside them. Last month we had to throw some books away after heavy rain because a lid had been left open. Thank you.

We're still waiting for a date for the installation of the new Little Free Library from Blenheim – hopefully it will be here very soon! Thank you for your patience. This summer is the **tenth anniversary** of launching the Little Free Library in the village, so it is definitely time for an upgrade.

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1st HANBOROUGH FREELAND SCOUTS GROUP

Supporting Our Young People: A Call for Help from the 1st Hanborough Freeland Scouts

Dear Members of the Hanborough and Freeland Communities,



As we continue our work with the young people of Hanborough and Freeland, we're reaching out to ask for your support in several key areas of our group's activity. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or someone in the community with a little time to give, your help could make a real difference.

Annual General Meeting – You're Invited!

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Friday, 11th July at 6.30pm** in the **Recreation Hall, Long Hanborough**. This is a great opportunity to hear about what we've achieved over the past year, our plans for the future, and to find out how you can get involved.

Could You Be a Trustee?

You don't need to be a leader or work directly with young people to make a meaningful contribution. Becoming a Trustee is a brilliant way to support the group behind the scenes. Trustees meet just four to five times a year and help ensure we're running smoothly and responsibly. If you're interested in governance, safeguarding, or simply supporting youth in our village, we'd love to hear from you. This kind of voluntary work also looks great on your CV!

Storage Solutions: Can You Lend a Hand?

For many years, we've relied on the generosity of local farms, halls, and volunteers' homes for storing our equipment, minibus, and trailer. However, this arrangement may soon come to an end.

We've been offered a potential site on Hanborough Parish Council land **behind the Cala estate, near the Meadows Pre-school**, to build our own storage shed. This would be similar to the steel-framed tractor shed on the Pavilion field.

To move forward, we're forming a small subcommittee of volunteers and leaders. If you have experience in planning, grant writing, construction, or simply the willingness to help, please do get in touch – we'd be incredibly grateful.

As always, many hands make light work, and the impact of your help is felt directly by the young people we support: helping them develop confidence, resilience, and skills for life.

If you can help in any way or would like to find out more, please contact me, Mike Joyner (Treasurer / OSM Admin) by email: mikejoyner48@gmail.com

Matthew Ruddle (Publicity Rep)

BRIDEWELL GARDENS OPEN DAYS

Our Open Days are Sunday 6th July, and Sunday 7th September.

There will be a pop up café and plenty of spaces to sit and enjoy the gardens.
www.bridewellgardens.org.uk

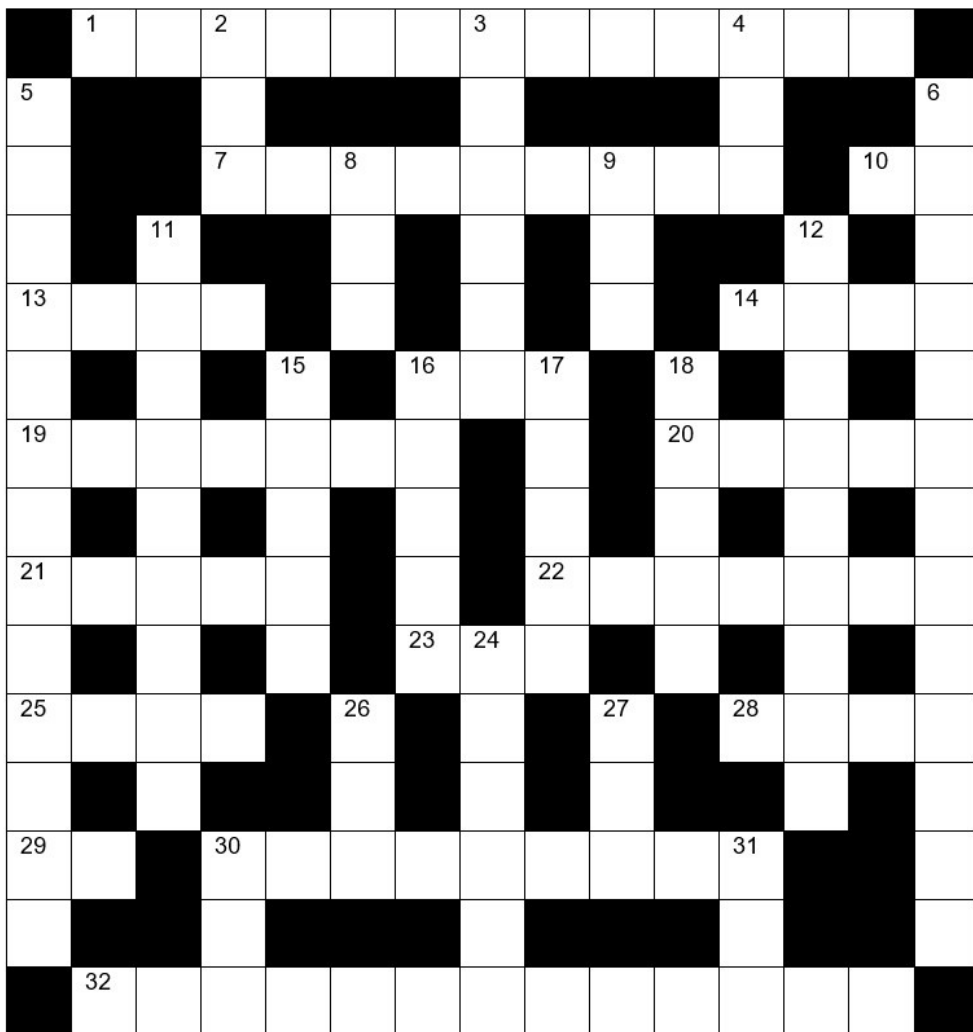
CROSSWORD by Mr Nati - see next month for the solution

Across

1. In no doubt? Peace Keeper echo which French noisily? (13)
7. Communist vehicle with domestic animal on welcome rug. (3,6)
10. To move with hungry gecko. (2)
13. I travelled quickly to this country. (4)
14. Able frog regularly on mountain. (4)
16. That headless head piece. (3)
19. Mollycoddle dueling stranger. (7)
20. Inexperienced environmentalist? (5)
21. Pasty contained in flash enamel dish. (5)
22. In her less hot " thanks in advance" lay laziness. (7)
23. Grass in vessel with no bow. (3)
25. Stinky loses saint in utter darkness. (4)
28. They come together when, at first, Jane only invites Nick. (4)
29. Did not say yes on returning. (2)
30. Endless well of firm has Chinese vase that is most embracing. (9)
32. Goodness Anges' real bees are strange. (13)

Down

2. Year Yankee lost his hearing aid. (3)
3. Six at Taj Mahal city made stiffener. (4)
4. Permission to have to rent. (3)
5. Fiona T. elicits different good will. (13)
6. Agnes cons Niel, after a fashion, a show of friendliness? (13)
8. Did O'Grady hide his pet. (3)
9. Affectionate name for home resident. (3)
11. Workers take fish as a means to seal a deal. (9)
12. Abysmally inept company rep lost their page at welcome party. (9)
15. Unattended ball bounces evenly. (5)
16. Helium left lecturer on oxygen hi! (5)
17. Turkey ate in conversational manner. (5)
18. A greedy-less deceased Yankee does concur. (5)
24. Draw in those abdominals or butt tops. (6)
26. At first Paul always loved his mate. (3)
27. Winter runner lifted from high risk incident. (3)
30. Collection of battles held by warrior. (3)
31. Surprised interjection to speed up a pony. (3)



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**.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON A TWO-UNITARY PROPOSAL FOR OXFORDSHIRE & WEST BERKSHIRE

The government wishes to replace the current two-tier system of local administration, which consists of district and county councils, with new unitary authorities. The government expects councils to work together on plans for how these new unitary councils will work.

As a result, the majority of the Oxfordshire authorities have teamed up with West Berkshire, which is currently a small unitary that requires reorganisation, to work together positively and constructively on a proposal that meets the government's criteria and also provides an option for a better future for both Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. The two-unitary council proposal's objective is to deliver better services while retaining a close link to local communities.

The two-unitary proposal, which is one of three being put forward for the area, is for two councils with the working titles of Oxford and Shires Council and Ridgeway Council.

Oxford and Shires Council would comprise the existing district areas of Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.

Ridgeway Council would be made up of South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse district areas and West Berkshire Council's area.

While the councils would be new, they would retain a strong continuity of services for residents, with the existing social care provision at Oxfordshire County Council and West Berkshire Council continuing as part of the new councils. This would ensure that those in need continue to receive their support without the costly disaggregation of their services, which the government wants to avoid. Having two councils in Oxfordshire would mean the councils are large enough to meet the government's size requirements (population around 500,000) and be financially viable, but small enough to be tailored to the needs of the individual areas they cover.

The proposal will also focus on how the new councils can bring real economic benefits to the communities they serve, strengthening existing business partnerships and forging new ones in both urban and rural settings. The two-council model will also provide a suitable platform to address local priorities, such as building the right homes in the right places, protecting the environment, improving roads and other infrastructure, and tackling issues like flooding and sewage pollution.

The councils have launched a comprehensive public engagement exercise from **Wednesday 4th to Wednesday 16th July** to gather views that will help ensure the final proposals reflect the needs and aspirations of residents. The online survey can be found at <https://twocouncils.org/home>

Residents can also attend one of the engagement events held throughout Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. The events in our area will be held in

**Charlbury War Memorial Hall, Monday 23rd June (3-7 pm); and
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Cllr Lidia Arciszewska email: Lidia.arciszewska@westoxon.gov.uk

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

W 25 Jun **Green Week:** recycling + food waste collection + garden waste collection
Tu 1 July **The Cake Café, Village Hall, 9am - 11.30am**
W 2 July **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Th 3 July u3a Woodstock & District meeting, **1.45pm** 'Free Spirits of Oxfordshire'
Sat 5 July Burford Orchestra, Burford School, **7.30pm**, £10 (U-16 £1) 'Super Sleuths'
F 4 July) Woodstock Music Society 50th Anniversary - **Haydn The Creation 7pm**
Sat 5 July) at **St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock** Tickets **£15** on the door
Su 6 July Unaccepted Freeland Ramblers - **10am** from opposite the Yeoman
Su 6 July Bridewell Gardens Open Day
W 9 July **Green Week:** recycling + food waste + garden waste collection
F 11 July **Bid Deadline for Methodist Chapel**
F 11 July Scouts AGM **6.30pm** Recreation Hall, Long Hanborough
Sa 12 July **Freeland Grapevine - August edition deadline day**
Su 13 July Oxford Bus Museum, 'Military Day' Displays of weapons, & aircraft
M 14 July Freeland Parish Council meeting, Newell Room, **7.30pm**
M 14 July WI, Freeland Village Hall **7.45pm** 'Afternoon Tea'
W 16 July **Grey Week:** household rubbish + food waste collection
Sat 19 July North Leigh Roman Villa, Open Day , 11am - 5pm
Sat 19 July **Yeofest 2025** Oxfordshire Yeoman **12.30 - 23.00** in aid of Marie Curie
Su 20 July Combe Mill 'Wild life by the Evenlode' 10.30 - 4.30 & Market stalls
Su 20 July North Leigh Roman Villa, Open Day , 11am - 5pm
W 23 July **Green Week:** recycling + food waste collection + garden waste collection
F 25 July Freeland Wine Club, Village Hall, **7.30pm** 'Romanian Wines'
Sat 26 July North Leigh Roman Villa, Open Day , 11am - 5pm

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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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Photographs should be JPGs or PNGs, again **not PDFs**.

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Adverts: grapevineadverts@gmail.com

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Or phone: **01993 880623**

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Formal Gardens Painting Classes	May - September
Blenheim Palace Triathlon	7th - 8th June
Nocturne Live	18th - 22nd June
Blenheim Palace Flower Show	27th - 29th June

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Battle Proms	5th July
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