

FREISTON NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



St. James' Church Freiston
Christmas Extravaganza
Saturday 9th December 10am until 4pm

Lots of Craft & Gift stalls with lots of unusual gifts from Jewellery to Christmas Wreaths
Local Produce and Homemade Refreshments

For further details please contact Sue on 01205 366493 or 07484144806

Christmas at St James Church Freiston

Sunday 17th December – 4pm – Carol Service

Sunday 24th December – 4:30pm – Crib and Christingle Service

Sunday 24th December – 11pm – Christmas Communion

For a list of all the services please visit www.achurchnearlyou.com

St James Church Contact details

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or Mr R Thorn - 01205 - 761407

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Let's light up Freiston

The holiday season is almost upon us, and what better way to spread some joy and festive spirit than by participating in the **Freiston Parish Council Christmas Lights Competition!**

It's time to deck the halls, light up your gardens, and create a dazzling display that will bring smiles to all who pass by.

From the 12th of December, Freiston parish councillors will be out and about judging the outside Christmas lights, Christmas trees and decorations, awarding prizes to those that are considered to be the **Best dazzling display of the village!**

The winner will receive a prize and there will be runner up prizes too!!

If you want to be creative with your lights, tree and decorations now is the time.

The winning display will feature on our Facebook page, and noticeboard. **Good luck!**



Freiston Christmas Tree



The Christmas Tree in the village, which is outside the post office is for all to see and enjoy. This is the first year Freiston have had a tree, and we hope to continue this for many more years to come.



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St James Church Clock

The church clock at Freiston has called time over the Parish since it was installed in 1911, to celebrate the Coronation of King George V. It was dedicated on 24 November 1911 by the Rev Canon Staffurth, vicar of the parish, and one of the first chairman of the parish council. Since its installation the clock face, has only had one previous clean, which was more than 50 years ago. We are pleased to report thanks to a contribution from the parish council, the clock face has now been repainted to its original colours, a stunning royal blue and gold. The parish council have dedicated the work to the commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III. The clock face was painted by clock restorer Wayne Ansell. We hope that the clock face lasts and the clock chimes for many years to come!



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Big Borough Clean Up!

Thank you, to everyone who came to the big borough clean up organised by Freiston Parish Council, on Sunday 29th October. The final count was 22 bags of rubbish, a tyre and a car battery!

This was reported to Fixmystreet for collection from The Danny Flear Community Centre.

Thank you, to all the regular litter pickers who keep our village clean and tidy.

The next community clean-up day will be Spring 2024, details to follow.



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Chairman's Christmas Message

Freiston Parish Council have achieved many things over the last year, and we want to continue making a difference to our village.

In January, Parish Councillors and residents, planted 150 trees adding to the 400 already planted, trees are important to the long-term health of our plant and especially important in the Lincolnshire Fens where trees are very sparse.

February, the parish council acquired another defibrillator, which was situated at The Castle Pub Wainfleet Road. Both defibrillators are registered with The Circuit.

April, With the help of Cllr Peter Bedford, Cllr Amy Marshall and residents, the flag pole was erected. The pole is opposite The Kings Head, and right next to the bus stop, at the present time the flag that is flying is the Lincolnshire flag.

May, we said goodbye to the chairman of the Freiston Playing Field association, after 46 years of service to the village Graham unfortunately, had to retire due to ill health.

Our first newsletter was published in July 2023 and we hope to continue for some time with your help with contributing towards it.

The war memorial area has improved with new railings and a new bench installed. This year we did a poppy campaign, where residents purchased poppies with a dedication that was placed on the noticeboard in the village and on our website. The Parish council purchased two unknown soldiers, which were placed by the memorial for the remembrance parade. We hope to continue with the poppy campaign for many years to come.

The Parish Council, decided to save money by turning the footway lights to LED, and removing all the old out of date orange lights.

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Chairman's Christmas Message Continued

The councillors report any potholes to Fixmystreet and report this to the parish council each month. Residents are encouraged to report issues to Fixmystreet. We have a regular litter picker and many of the resident's volunteer, as well as the councillors to try and keep our village clean. If interested in volunteering, please contact the clerk for more details.

We have added a new defibrillator sign to the village, showing the location to the Danny Flear Community Centre.

We aim to continue with more projects in the new year with the installation of new play equipment and matting on the playing field, supporting the Danny Flear Community Centre, Bowls club and playing field.

And finally, myself, the councillors and the clerk of Freiston Parish Council, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Nigel - Chairman Freiston Parish Council

Thank You, to all that supported, The Harvest Sale at the Kings Head.

A special thank you to Fred Grant Company, Nigel Marshall and Edward Pearson for their contributions towards the sale. A massive **£927.30** was raised for the ongoing refurbishment of the children's play area.

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Christmas Events at the Danny Flear Community Centre

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday 10th December 3pm – 6pm

Disco, Party Games, afternoon tea, and a present from Santa

Please contact Linda Ashton on freistonfootballclub@btinternet.com or

WhatsApp 07920113577, leaving your email address, your name with

the names of the children and their date of births. Tickets £9.00 each,

and £6.50 each for siblings. (Under 1's goes free)

Newsletter Feedback

If you would like to ask any questions or raise any issues relating to the village, or suggest any news articles which would be an interest to the community. Then please contact the Clerk on email: clerk@freiston-pc.gov.uk

Merry Christmas from the Beech Hut Studio, Freiston.



Art Gallery, Studio for classes in all mediums, and crafts including our Sew Happy classes.

Debbie Mitchell

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