Woodford Halse Social Club Beer Festival – Rob Gilling

The Social Club is holding a Beer Festival on the 19th 20th & 21st June, with free entrance to every one - members and non-members. The event is to promote the wealth of local beers, including Woodford’s own brewery Gun Dog Ales and to help raise additional funds towards the repair costs of maintaining the club building and concert room. The building was built in 1898 as the Hinton Gorse Hunting Hotel and used as a base for travellers on hunting trips organised in the local area, with many travellers and horses arriving on the nearby railway. It is even rumoured that Prince Edward once stayed during a hunting trip!

The club was closed during WWII and again during WWII, after which it was sold to a local farmer and not rescued until 1955, when the local railway company purchased it as a private members club for employees. It remained this way until 1970 when it was purchased by its 700+ members and opened to the public as a Social Club.

After 117 years of service to the community, the old place is starting to creak a bit at the edges. Repairs are constantly required to keep this well loved building as the great venue it has become. Events also aid the Social Club’s supported charities such as the Air Ambulance, Macmillan Nurses, Katharine House and MS in their fund-raising activites. This year the Air Ambulance have been invited to attend. The Beer Festival is supported by Hook Norton Brewery and Gun Dog Ales, with up to twenty local micro breweries, cider and perry from Tom Oliver’s (a small Hereford cider maker). Live music over the three days and food will also be available, with a view to making this a great summer event.

New Rhyme Time Sessions!

Besides our FREE Saturday sessions (11:30-12:00 in the Library every week), Woodford Halse Library’s new Musical Rhyme Time for pre-school children has arrived! Come along with your kids for a FREE, interactive singing and rhyme session that will support your child’s learning, development and communications skills. Run by the wonderful Jessica Awyue and Susan Jackson, the session features songs accompanied by guitar, bubbles, lots of different toys and instruments and the opportunity to dance with your little ones!

Every: Tuesday From: 2:00pm-2:30pm
At: Woodford Halse library

Interested in Volunteering this Summer?

Come and pop in to Woodford Halse Library and have a look at our many volunteer roles! We’re especially keen to recruit some helpers for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge which will run from early July to September.

If you know a 14-17 year old that would be interested in:

Talking to children about the books they have read; Giving out rewards; Joining children on to the Summer Reading Challenge; Taking part and helping children with fun activities

And would like to receive:

A certificate to show they have taken part, plus accreditation from Vinspired if you are 16-25; Useful experience of being in a workplace, working with children and developing good communication skills, all of which can be included on a CV; A reference from the Library Manager then come and speak to James Allnatt at the Library for more information.

We also have Summer Reading Challenge Promoter roles for adults looking to gain experience of promotion and marketing plus a whole variety of volunteer opportunities this summer!

WOODFORD HALSE HISTORY SOCIETY

Woodford Halse History Society require a technician to set up the laptop, projector and microphone for our meetings which start again in September. Some speakers bring along their own equipment, but a number only bring along a CDRom or a memory stick and therefore we are required to set up our own equipment for them. The person undertaking this task would have to be interested in history as they would be required to stay for the evening in case of any mishaps, such as the computer playing up. Would anyone interested please contact the Chairman, Julie Williams, on 262371.

June Events

- Short Mat Bowls Club: Meet each Monday (2-4pm) and Wednesday (7-9pm) in the Dryden Hall. Contact Mick Robinson for more information (Tel. 209467).
- 1st Woodford Halse Garden Club: On Monday 1 June we will be having an Edible Weeds and Wild Foods’ talk, demonstration and food tasting by Rosemary Verner. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Refreshments provided and there will be a raffle. Visitors £2. Contact Rita on 264149.
- 2nd Woodford and Hinton WI: Malcolm Beazon will give a talk on the Jurassic Way. We meet at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall. Refreshments provided and visitors always welcome.
- 6th Woodford Country Fair, Classic Car Rally and Live Music: At The Mill House in West Gorton 1pm – 8pm with live bands, stalls, teas & family fun.
- 9th Parish Council Meeting: 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.
- 13th Woodford 50th Commemoration at Loughborough: A coach trip to The Great Central Railway in Loughborough, commemorating 50 years since the closure of the Woodford Halse Shed due to the Beeching Cuts. 262801.
- 26th Woodford Regatta with a Christmas theme: Decorated 2 man and 4 man boats racing around the village. Charity stalls, food and drink commencing at 6.30pm. Snow guaranteed (but hopefully also warm and dry!). 261519.

July Events

- 6th Woodford Halse Garden Club: On Monday 6 July we will be having a Social Evening from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm at the New Vicarage by kind invitation of The Reverend and Mrs Geoff Moore. Refreshments and socialising. Contact Rita on 264149.
- 7th Woodford and Hinton WI: On Tuesday 7 July we will be having a Bowls Evening at Woodford Halse Bowls Club.
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10 year old Toby to be part of great music line up at the Country Fair, Saturday June 6th

We start at 1.45pm with local band ‘Behind the Settee’ performing some of the tracks from their album ‘Shrinking Violet’. They are followed by members of ‘The Rattletones’, a lively band with a great following round the venues in Rugby. Next we will be singing Happy Birthday with ‘Rhythm Street’, a local band who played last year and we welcome back to get everyone dancing again. Jordie and Charlie will have some new self-penned tunes and be followed by ‘One More Night’, who promise a great set of unplugged rock, folk and more... probably featuring some congas! They play high energy classic rock and folk songs in their own unplugged style and describe themselves as a bit of fun that has got a bit out of hand!

We also welcome the return of Nigel Girling who has played for some of our earlier country fairs with some great sounding rock covers, but challenged this year for guitar dominance by Toby Lee. If you haven’t heard of Toby yet, you soon will! He’s ten years old, has just won “Banbury Young Guitarist of the Year”, has been interviewed by Chris Evans on Radio 2 and his “Onesie Jams” on YouTube have resulted in a partnership with the “All-In-One-Company” who will manufacture the Onesie designs he creates. Last but not least we will finish with our own Woodford Halse vocalist Russell Robinson, singing us to our close at 8pm with some classic rock and blues tracks.

You can hear many of these on SoundCloud or online, but it’s much better to see and hear them live whilst you have a burger and a “Pimms” or a pint from the beer festival. So come along and relax at the Woodford Halse Country Fair this year and enjoy nearly seven hours of music for the couple of quid entrance fee. Find us on Facebook for the full stage list - Ady Bolton.

Only 27, 26, 25... sleeps ’til Christmas (in June)!

It is guaranteed to snow! Come along and enjoy the Woodford Halse Regatta with its licensed bars, Paninis from Harley Café, Pimm’s and Mulled Wine, Mira’s famous Samosas at Popsoms Chemist, a variety of stalls, children’s rides and of course, the famous boat race!

It’s Christmas Time in June and we are over the moon! We’ve been here near 26 years serving you and all the old daws! 26 years ago, it was all rather slow... but now we’re all in the know!

So if you want great service, and we think you deserve it... pop-in and give us a go!

A ditty by Becky Beckford
6.30 on Friday 26th June, Station Road

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June Services
6th 10.00am—12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
7th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
10.30am Family Service at EYDON
11.00am Parish Communion ST MARYS WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Evening Prayer at BODDINGTON
14th 9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON
9.30am Morning Worship at BODDINGTON
10.00am Cafe Church at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Sung Communion at BYFIELD
21st 8.30am BCP Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
9.00am Parish Communion at EYDON
9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Hinton Methodists at Upper Boddington Methodist Chapel
11.00am Family Service at BYFIELD
11.00am Parish Communion at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
28th 10.00am BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
6.00pm Songs of Praise at BYFIELD

July Services
4th 10.00am—12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
5th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30 am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
10.30am Family Service at EYDON
11.00am Parish Communion at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Evening Prayer at ASTON-LE-WALLS
11th 10.30 am Service at Hinton Methodist Church

Hinton Methodist Church: We have a website with more of our activities on www.banburycircuit.org.uk/hinton.html For Christenings, DedICATIONS, Marriages or Funerals or require a home or hospital visit, please ring Rev Lin Francis on 01295 262602 or Hazel Stagg, Methodist Circuit Pastoral Co-ordinator on 01295 660294.
St Mary’s Church: Should you require transport to a service not at Woodford Halse, please contact one of the Church Wardens. To arrange Christenings, Marriages, Funerals or for any church matters please contact: Rev. Stevie Cross at The Rectory, Byfield 01327 262024.

Roman Catholic Church: Fr. James Evans, in Residence at The Presbytery, Main Street, Aston-le-Walls. Tel: 01295 660592. email: sacredheart_alw@brinternet.com Web: www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk
For availability of weekday Mass & other services - please check our website.

Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse - 6th June & 4th July
All welcome including family, friends and neighbours - and have a free cup of Tea/Coffee with cake at Hinton Methodist Church.
You can also buy gifts to support the chosen charity.

Weekend Club for Over Fifties
Are you over fifty?
No transport, alone and nowhere to go at the weekend?
We are considering setting up an informal group for over fifties in the village who would like to go out at the weekends.
Summer is slowly coming and there are a number of National Trust and English Heritage properties in the area where Sunday Lunch is available.
There are also Steam Rallies, such as Bloxham, Hollowell, Bedfordshire Steam Rally at Shuttleworth and the like. The list is endless.
We could either have a Sunday outing with lunch or a Saturday excursion, such as Hook Norton Brewery.
Would you please contact me on: 01327 262371 to register interest. Thank you.

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