Woodford Walk No. 6 by Joe Pitt - a walk to Charwelton

As summer starts to bid us farewell, this shorter walk starts on the Byfield Road at the top of Membris Way.

1. Opposite the bus stop a footpath leads between the houses towards a small hill. Cross a style and the path turns half left across the field to a hedge. Follow the hedge to the end of the field.
2. Here paths cross and the way is not very clearly marked but the signs are there if you look in the hedges! Our path enters the next field and veers to the right at about 30 degrees towards the field hedge.
3. Look for a gap in the hedge where the path enters a small wooded thicket. On the other side you come to a gate and the path continues into the next field with the hedge on your left.
4. At the end of this stretch of hedge, bear diagonally left across the fields to a gate and enter the next field by a small pond.
5. Again the path continues diagonally to the left.
6. Climb over a style to join the main Jurassic Way track. Charwelton Lodge can be seen to the left across the field and up the hill but your route is to turn sharp right, back along the Jurassic Way.
7. Follow the Jurassic Way (known locally as “The Red Road” because of the brick yards that used to be here).
8. Return to the Byfield Road beside the industrial estate.

Best Ever Country Fair

 Raises £6,700 Woodford Halse Country Fair in June was the biggest and best ever, being attended by an estimated 2,000 people and raising £6,700. A big thank you to the many people from the village and further afield who came and enjoyed the wide range of attractions and activities, including music, real ales, games and traditional country skills such as sheep shearing.

There were a large number of classic cars and, although the wind meant that the RAF flypast had to be cancelled, we still had an aerial display from a tiger moth bi-plane. Children enjoyed the inflatable slides and Inflatafun balls on the water, while the grown-ups could relax with tea and cakes on the lawn watching the morris men. The money raised will be used by St Mary’s Church towards the much needed roof repairs and has also funded the works inside the church to make it a more accessible and attractive building for the community.

Preparations for next year’s event will start in November. If you would like to get involved then please e-mail countryfair@theblossomshop.co.uk. Thanks, Paul Hymers

Open Day and Treasure Hunt
at St Mary’s On Saturday 12th September, when Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust are holding their annual Ride and Stride Event, St Mary’s Church, Woodford Halse, will hold a Fun Open Day from 10am until 5pm in and around the Church. Attractions will include a Treasure Hunt for all ages in the village, music, games, garden activities including bulb planting, bell ringing demonstration and refreshments served all day. ALL ARE WELCOME - a day for everyone to enjoy the church and the village of Woodford Halse.

WOODFORD HALSE GARDEN CLUB

16th Annual Flower, Produce and Craft Show

(Affiliated to the RHS)

Monday, September 7th, 2015

At The Memorial Hall Station Road, Woodford Halse

Open 6.30 pm – Viewing from 7.30 pm

Judging by all starts at 7.45 pm  Visitors £2.00

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This is an Open Show

Entrants must register with Rebecca and Paul Hymers in order to be given a competitor’s number.

September 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 and Hinton WI

On Tuesday 1st September Gail Hudson of the Closet Shop will be putting on a Fashion Show in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

5th Indoor Bowling Club Open Day

On Saturday 5th September 11.00am to 3.00pm, the club would like to invite everyone of all ages to come along and try their hand at Short Mat bowling at the Dryden Hall.

7th Woodford Halse Garden Club

The 16th Annual Flower, Produce and Craft Show in the Memorial Hall (see panel). Visitors welcome £2.

Contact Rita on 264149.

8th Police Surgery

On Tuesday 8th September our PCSO Carl Barton is holding a Police Surgery from 3.30pm-4.00pm in Woodford Halse Library.

8th Parish Council Meeting

At 6.00pm, Woodford.

15th Woodford Halse History Society

On Tuesday 15 September we will be holding our AGM followed by Laura Malpas giving us her talk entitled, ‘Secrets and Scandals at CanonsAshby’. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

23rd Village Networks outreach van

12.45-14.00 near Coop, 14.00-16.00 near primary school. Drop in advice on money matters, job-seeking, computer training etc.

29th Police Surgery

On Tuesday 29 September our PCSO Carl Barton is holding a Police Surgery from 3.30pm-4.00pm in Woodford Halse Library.

October Events

3rd Woodford Halse Social Club

On Saturday evening 3 October there is a return of the Great Central Blues Club, presenting a double bill with Marcus Bonfanti / Grainne Duffy + band. Call 01327 260015 for details.

5th Woodford Halse Garden Club


8th Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 8 October we will be holding our Annual Meeting in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

7th Woodford Halse Garden Club

Open Day and Treasure Hunt in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.

Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.
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OFF THE FIELD...

Taylor Wimpy backs Woodford United Football Club

Woodford United football club have been backed for the 2015-16 season by leading local house builder Taylor Wimpy. South Midlands. This is a sponsorship package covering the club's ground and its programme.

Gareth Jacob, Regional Sales and Marketing Director for Taylor Wimpy commented: “As a responsible and community-focused house builder, we're dedicated to supporting the areas where we build. Woodford United's ground in Byfield Road is only about 400 yards from our new Woodford Meadows development, so the tie-up was irresistible. We wish our near-neighbours every success for the 2015/16 season, and beyond.”

ON THE FIELD...

Woodford lad and former player and club captain Arron Parkinson has taken control of 1st team affairs. Arron was an instrumental part of the clubs rise from park football and was club captain when the Reds won the UCL Premier title in 2005-6. He has made some good contacts in local football over the years, with the likes of Daventry, Leamington, AFC Rushden & Diamonds and Brackley. This, we believe, will stand him in good stead in what is his first managerial position.

Come along and support Arron and his team which includes many local players at any of the home fixture shown below.

Tuesday 1st Sept: UCL Div 1: Woodford Utd v Long Buckby at 7.45pm
Saturday 19th Sept: UCL Div 1: Woodford Utd v Rushden at 3.00pm

Andy Worrall – Sports Editor for WOW

We are holding an Open Day at the Dryden Hall on Saturday 5th September 11.00am to 3.00pm, and would like to invite everyone of all ages to come along and try their hand at Short Mat bowling.

The sport is skilful and rewarding, but most important of all, it provides regular exercise in a great social atmosphere. So why not come along and join us on 5th and give it a try? Free tea/coffee and biscuits will be on offer throughout the day. For more information contact Alan Williams on 261824 or Alan Wakefield on 563722.

Church Diaries & News

Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse Saturdays 5th September and 4th October

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.

October Services

3rd 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
4th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church with Communion
10.30am Family Service at BYFIELD
11.00am Communion at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Harvest at BODDINGTON

September Services

5th 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
6th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Hinton Methodists at Circuit Covenant Service at Marlborough Road, Banbury
11.00am Parish Communion ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Evening Prayer at ASTON-LE-WALLS
13th 9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON
9.30am Family Service at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.00am Cafe Church at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Parish Communion at BYFIELD
6.00pm Evening Prayer at BODDINGTON
20th 8.30am BCP Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30 am Hinton Methodists at Upper Boddington Methodist Chapel
10.30am Harvest Festival with Baptism at EYDON
11.00am Parish Communion at BYFIELD
11.00am Parish Communion at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
22nd 7.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise evening. A collection will be taken towards new heaters for the winter, since the current system is broken down and irreparable.
27th 9.00am Parish Communion at EYDON
9.30am Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Harvest at BYFIELD
5.00pm Harvest at ASTON-LE-WALLS

New life for St Mary’s Churchyard?

St Mary’s PCC is looking to bring new life to its churchyard.
They wish to engage people in consulting, supporting and participating in a project. Could you be part of that team, or able to donate some of your time or tools to help? Clearly, the church yard is much more than the path to the front door and in many ways it has great potential, as well as requiring a little more tender loving care.
Please contact Susan Jackson with your ideas on 260220.

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

at Hinton Methodist Church on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.00pm.
Hinton Methodists invite Woodford Halse Villagers with their friends and family for a Harvest Songs of Praise evening.
Rev Lin Francis will be leading the event for us and we will be singing our favourite harvest hymns. A collection will be taken during the evening and refreshments will be served after the singing.
The heating system has broken down in Hinton Methodist Church and we are unable to get spare parts to repair it. We urgently need to buy new heaters before the cold weather arrives and the collection taken at the Songs of Praise evening will go towards the cost of buying and installing new heaters.
Please come and join us for this event. We look forward to welcoming you.

Left-to-right, Taylor Wimpy Sales Executive Susie Bissett with members of Woodford Halse FC Joe Henderson, Arron Parkinson, Leon Edwards, Aaron King, Ben Aris, Paul Beever and Woodford Halse FC Chairman, Andy Worrall.
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