Scarecrow Hunt raises £520!

A HUGE Thank You to everyone involved in the 1st Woodford Halse School Academy FSA Annual Scarecrow hunt weekend in October.

The amazing amount of £520 was raised towards the school swimming pool. Special thanks to the 45 entrants with their amazing creations of Hero and Villains Scarecrows, the organiser Iain Osbourne and of course the 150 teams of villagers who took to the streets to find them all. It was so lovely to see the community getting involved!

The winners are to be announced shortly.

We will definitely be doing another one next year which will also include a weekend workshop of scarecrow making beforehand.

Next years theme will be announced nearer the time. 

Debbie Sanghera, FSA Vice Chairperson

November Events

1st Local Wildlife Walk
Meeting at Harley Equestrian at 10.30am. Knowledge and experience not required – bring binoculars if possible and wear suitable footwear. For more information, contact Jeremy Lincoln on 07771551813 or turn up on the day.

2nd Woodford Halse Garden Club
On Monday 2 November there will be a Flower Demonstration in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm by Emma Remington (member of NASA) entitled ‘Christmas Carol’. Visitors £2.00. Raffle and refreshments. Contact Rita on 264149.

3rd Woodford and Hinton WI
On Tuesday 3 November Ali Bolton of the Blossom Shop will be giving us a talk and showing us how to make Christmas Decorations. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

3rd Police Surgery
On Tuesday 3 November your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.30-4.00 pm.

10th Parish Council Meeting
7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.

12th Coffee, Cake & Company
St Mary’s Church from 9.15 to 11.30. A relaxed opportunity to meet friends old and new.

17th Woodford Halse History Society
On Tuesday 17 November Dr Rowena Archer will give us her talk on the Magna Carta in this anniversary year. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

20th Messy Church (Fiveways Benefice)
Children’s activities with an Advent theme in Byfield Village Hall from 3.45pm to 5.45pm. Free. Call cris Cross 260764 for further information.

28th Christmas Fayre
Get into the spirit of Christmas at the Woodford Halse FSA annual Christmas Fayre! This is being held at the Woodford Halse Social Club from 1pm to 5pm. £50p entrance fee for those 16+. Monies raised are towards the playground.

December Events

1st Woodford and Hinton WI
On Tuesday 1 December we will be holding our Christmas Party. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors welcome.

7th Woodford Halse Garden Club
On Monday 7 December we will be holding our Christmas Supper in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Pre booking is essential. For further information contact Rita on 264149.

8th Police Surgery
On Tuesday 8 December your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.30-4.00 pm.

Joining the Brownies or Guides?

Have you ever thought about joining Brownies or Guides? We do it all!

Brownies are always busy trying new things, from games and crafts to sleepovers and adventures. Brownies are aged from 7 to 10.

Guides have fun learning survival skills on camp to choosing and organising their own challenges in term time. Guides are aged 10 to 14.

This term we are hosting a Nutcracker Christmas show for all the parents. The acts, scenery and costumes have all been designed by the Brownies and Guides to encourage the girls to take the lead.

If you would like to learn more or have any questions please contact me at the number below.

Alternatively you can sign up today using the link below. Ask for 1st Woodford Halse as your first choice.

https://enquiryym.girlguiding.org.uk/

Jenni McDonnell Tel: 01327 843 310 Email: jennimcdonnell@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November at Woodford Halse Social Club 1 - 5pm.

Get into the spirit of Christmas by coming along to our annual Christmas Fayre!

We will be having a whole host of fabulous stalls offering some fantastic Christmas gift ideas, live shows on stage including dance classes and the local band Rhythm Street, pocket money games for the children, licensed bar, hot drinks and food, gluhwein, raffle and of course the big man in red will also be paying us a visit in our grotto!

To book your slot with Santa please text 07756 815424 - £3 per child includes present.

50p entrance fee for 16+. Monies raised are towards the school playground.

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The “Ins and Outs” of St Mary’s
St Mary’s church has seen some changes over recent weeks. As well as doing all the mowing, Glen has cleared all the weeds and grass which was growing around the base of the walls of the church. Sarah and her team of volunteers have also been working hard in the churchyard. As well as maintaining the wonderful flower beds alongside the church path, there has been a lot of work in the more outlying areas of the churchyard which had been a little neglected over recent years. This work will continue over the next year or so and Sarah is always grateful to hear from people who wish to join the team. If interested – give Sarah a ring on 439912.

Meanwhile, inside the church, we have removed some of the pews at the rear to make space for a wider range of activities. Having this space has already transformed the monthly Café Church services and other informal gatherings. It has made room for a “Drop in for Coffee and Chat” space which will start in November – see separate info box. The work has been done by permission for temporary re-ordering from the Archdeacon of Northampton. This enables us to try this layout over the next 12 months before submitting a detailed plan for the future to the Diocese planning authorities. The aim is to make the interior of St Mary’s an attractive and versatile space for worship and community use, fit for the 21st century, but honouring to its heritage.

Revd. Geoff

Messy Church – Fiveways Benefice
on Friday 20th November

WHAT IS IT?
Children have fun with activities which are linked to a theme – in this case ‘ADVENT’. Towards the end Rector Stevie will take about 15 minutes to bring us all together with a story, song and prayer suitable for children. This will be followed by a simple supper which we all eat together.

WHEN IS IT?
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH
IN BYFIELD VILLAGE HALL
3.45pm TO 5.45pm.

WHO IS IT FOR?
Mainly Primary aged children, but there will be a creche for toddlers if they have older brothers/sisters. We ask that children have an accompanying adult.

HOW MUCH IS IT?
It is completely free including the food - although there will be an opportunity to give a donation if you wish. Further information from - Chris Cross 260764 or Diane Charters 260113.

Church Services for the Benefice of Aston-le-Walls, Boddington, Byfield, Eydon and Woodford Halse, with those of Hinton Methodist Church and Sacred Heart RC in Aston-le-Walls (Mass at 10.45 every Sunday)

November Services
1st 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD;
9.15am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Family Service at EYDON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Communion Service at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
5.00pm Patronal Songs of Praise at ASTON-LE-WALLS
7th 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee
Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
8th 10.00am Remembrance Service at BYFIELD
10.15am Remembrance Service at ASTON-LE-WALLS; BODDINGTON
11.00am Family Service at EYDON and ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE.
10.15am Hinton Methodists at United Service at St Mary’s Church for Remembrance Sunday
15th 8.30am BCP Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
9.15am Parish Communion at EYDON
9.30am Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Hinton Methodists at Upper Boddington Methodist Chapel
11.00am Family Service at BYFIELD
11.00am Communion Service at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
22nd 10.00am BENEFICE COMMUNION AT BODDINGTON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
29th 10.00am ADVENT COMMUNION AT EYDON;
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
6.00pm BENEFICE ADVENT CAROLS AT ASTON-LE-WALLS

December 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 ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30am Family Service at EYDON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Communion Service at ST MARY’S WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Evening Prayer at BODDINGTON

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 260204.

Roman Catholic Church: Fr. James Evans, in Residence at The Presbytery, Main Street, Aston-le-Walls. Tel: 01295 660592
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Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning
at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse
Saturdays 7th November and 5th December
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.

COFFEE*, CAKE AND COMPANY
What more could you want? Drop into St Mary’s Church any time between 9.15 and 11.30 am every Thursday from 12 November onwards.

This is a relaxed opportunity to meet with friends old and new. It’s not a service, there’s no agenda - just a place to meet.

* Tea and squash also available.