February 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).

2nd Police Surgery
On Tuesday 2 February your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.00-3.30 pm.

2nd Woodford and Hinton WI
On Tuesday 2 February Roy Palmer will be giving us a talk on the Alexander Technique. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

9th Parish Council Meeting
7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.

16th Police Surgery
On Tuesday 16 February your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.00-3.30 pm.

16th Woodford Halse History Society
On Tuesday 16 February Gregg Archer, a member of the Battlefields Trust, will give us this two part talk. It consists of the military aspect and the civilian aspect during the Civil War. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

20th Bell Ringing Training
This is being held on Saturday morning from 10am to 11am at St Mary’s Church.

March 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 Police Surgery
On Tuesday 1 March your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.00-3.30 pm.

1st Woodford and Hinton WI
On Tuesday 1 March Rosemary Verner will give us a talk on a Tudor Easter. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

7th Woodford Halse Garden Club
On Monday 7 March we will be holding our AGM followed by a Beetle Drive. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

15th Police Surgery
On Tuesday 15 March your PCSO, Carl Barton, will be holding a Police Surgery in Woodford Halse Library from 3.00-3.30 pm.

WIO Celebration

2015 saw the WI celebrate 100 years of supporting women and the community. The Woodford & Hinton branch of the Womens Institute marked this at their December meeting with a celebratory cake (made by member, Diane Kenny).

Throughout the year, the branch hosts speakers on a wide range of subjects, organises visits to interesting locations and works with local clubs such as the Bowls Club to introduce new activities.

The 2016 programme is no exception and includes such varied speakers as Medical Detection Dogs and Ron talking about 30 years driving coaches!

Members also have the opportunity to represent the branch as various regional and national meetings throughout the year and, in 2015, one of our members attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to commemorate the centenary.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month and all are welcome - we meet at the Memorial Hall in Station Road at 7.30pm.

2nd February Roy Palmer - Alexander Technique
2nd March Rosemary Verner - A Tudor Easter
5th April Margaret Burgon - it shouldn’t happen at weddings – life as a vicar’s wife
3rd May Medical Detection Dogs
7th June Ronnie Johnson - A light hearted look at 30 years in the Coach Tour Business!!!
5th July - Bowls Evening

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors throughout 2016 - Diane Kenny (Secretary) 01327 262454

W1st Woodford Halse Guides – LEADER NEEDED!
The current leader of 1st Woodford Halse Guides will be stepping down at Easter and the small group of Guides are looking for someone to support them and guide them during their guiding activities.

Have you ever fancied joining the world of Girl Guiding?

Being a Guide leader is a very fulfilling role, encouraging the girls to make decisions and plan their activities, teaching them to be leaders of the future and contribute to their local community.

If you are interested in volunteering this is the position for you. Full training will be provided. For more information contact Jenni McDonnell on 01327 843310.
Your new Library Manager is...

Hello. My name is Janet Beasor and I am your new Manager of Woodford Halse Library. This is a thriving Community Library Plus, holding a number of activities and events for children and families.

Regular events are Rhymetimes, when under 5’s are welcome with parents and carers for Singing, Bouncing and Rhyme! They are held on Tuesdays 2-2.30 and Saturdays 11.30-12. We have a dedicated team of Volunteers who run these Rhymetimes, so come along with your little ones and join in!

There is also a Knitting Club for 8-12 year olds. This is held on Saturdays 10.15-11.15, and is also run by a dedicated volunteer. Another regular event is a Craft Activity for 5-11 year olds on Wednesdays 3.45-4.15. Something different every week, lots of colouring and cutting, painting and pasting! Before Christmas we made 3D Christmas Trees and the week before that Christmas cards with lots of glitter!

Library opening times are Tuesdays-Fridays 3-6, Saturdays 2-10, and Sundays 1-4. As well as books we have a selection of Audio Books and DVDs, and offer a photocopying service and use of computers. There is also a small shop with lovely gift ideas and greetings cards, and a Book Sale. Younger ones are welcome to use the toys and games, and parents are welcome, we have feeding and changing facilities for babies.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Janet Beasor, Manager, Woodford Halse Library

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity?

Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2016, whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting the Spinal Injuries Association’s vital services. (Registered Charity No 1054097)

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre...

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

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I wish you every blessing at this Holy Time. Stevie

But before we reach Valentines Day, the church will be observing the start of Lent, Ash Wednesday. One of the most solemn days in the church’s calendar. A day to say truly I am sorry to God to be concerned with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. As part of their repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. They heeded Joel’s call to ‘rend your hearts and not your garments’ (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the ‘beginning of the fast’ or ‘the day of the ashes.’

Lent is not a time for giving up (a second chance at the new year diet) but a time to put things right. A time to try and build bridges, a time to remember those in need, a time to align our hearts with God. We would love to see you at one of our lent groups this year.

So as Easter arrives at the end of March we can celebrate the greatest love of all. As we read in Johns gospel, Jesus says “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

I wish you every blessing at this Holy Time. Stevie

Weightwatchers with Helen Percival

For those of you who wish to start 2016 with the aim of looking your best this year, Weight Watchers have started a Weekly meeting at the Woodford Halse Social Club every Monday evening at 7pm. It’s much easier to lose weight if you’re in a friendly group and I’m pleased to say that the new Weight Watchers meeting has been a great early success, with lots of new members in the first week and increasing numbers in each meeting since. We’ve had some positive results so far with amazing weight loss for everyone ranging from 1 to 6.5 pounds in their first week!

Weight Watchers’ new Smart Points is easy to follow and personalised for every member, giving steady weight loss averaging 0.5 to 2 pounds per week. Everyone will be given a friendly welcome and encouragement along the way.

Please follow me on Facebook by searching for ‘Weight watchers with Helen Percival’. I look forward to seeing you on Monday night.

For more information - Tel: 07952 844588