A Right Royal Country Fair and Classic Vehicle Rally for 2016!

As many of you will be aware, 2016 is a special year for the Queen as she celebrates her 90th birthday. Communities across the UK will be marking this anniversary during the weekend of 10th-12th June. We will be no exception with our annual Country Fair and Classic Vehicle Rally on Saturday 11th June, at The Mill House West Farndon, combining fun and food with festivities to mark Her Majesty’s 90th. Those who have attended in previous years already know that the Country Fair represents a great value day out for all the family.

This year, along with the bands, barbecue, cream teas, stalls and entertainment you can also expect an infusion of blue blood! There will be opportunities to take part in royal-themed baking and fancy dress competitions, make crowns and share a piece of 90th birthday cake, and we’re hoping for a flypast fit for a queen!

So please put the date in your 2016 diary (paper or electronic version) and join us for what is set to be a very special day in so many ways!

Some of the proceeds from the 2016 fair are going to the local air ambulance, and we want to make it bigger and better than ever. Please get in touch if you’d like to volunteer to help, or play in a band that wants a stage, or take part in another way. You can contact us via our FaceBook page "Woodford Halse Country Fair" or email countryfair@theblossomshop.co.uk or get in touch with Ruth Curzon (07855 040710 or 01327 262647). We are very grateful for any support and it is a lot of fun!!

Opening hours are changing at Woodford Halse Library!

From March 7th we will be open as follows:

Mondays and Tuesdays: Closed
Wednesdays: 10am - 2pm
Thursdays and Fridays: 2pm - 6pm
Saturdays: 10am - 2pm
Sundays: 11am - 2pm
Rhymetimes are on Tuesdays 2pm - 2.30pm and Saturdays 11.30am-12 noon
Knitting Club is on Saturdays 10.15am - 11.15am
Craft Activity for Over 5s is on Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Many thanks, Janet Beasor, your new Library Manager.
Wood working as a career!

I have always worked in wood, following on from my father who ran an antique restoration business in Olney. Until early retirement I combined this with teaching Design and Technology at A level. Significant factors in starting our own business were being commissioned to make an oak noticeboard for our former local church (Wootton near Woodstock) and being approached to restore antiques for a local dealer (whose work I still do).

Around a year ago we relocated to our current address in Eydon (we had lived in Northamptonshire before and always found this an attractive and friendly area). My customer base is steadily moving this way, with several clients in Eydon and more recently in Woodford Halse. Potential customers are welcome to visit the workshop in Eydon, where there is often interesting work in progress; they can also view several pieces of my furniture in our home.

My main interests are in design and making one off pieces of furniture, usually in a slightly Arts and Crafts style and using English hardwoods; also the repair and restoration of interesting or antique furniture. Any remaining time is spent on wood based projects in homes or businesses, including bookshelves and fitted cupboards, or in making small items such as presentation boxes or gifts. I have lots of pictures of completed projects and am always happy to discuss ideas, either on site or at our home address. Simon Evans – Woodworks (30a High Street, Eydon NN11 3PP) 01327 261164

Joules CLEARANCE SALE

Discounted Stock
- up to 80% off

Thursday 24th March 6.30pm - 8pm

Ladies, Mens, Childrens Clothes and Homeware

Woodford Halse Primary Academy School Hall

Raising funds for Woodford Halse School FSA

Entry £3 each
Easter and travel plans!
At this time of year my mind turns to those wonderful holiday adverts, memories of places I have been lucky enough to visit and others that I hope to see one day. And I remember with great joy is the promise Jesus gave his followers in John 14.

“I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am”

This is what Easter is all about, through the death and resurrection of our Lord the way is open to those who love him. For Christians Easter is at the heart of the year as we journey through Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning.

We have a promise of a place more beautiful and wonderful than we can ever imagine, and we will not just be there for a week or two, but forever with our Lord and Saviour.

Please come and join us during this special time, especially to rejoice with us on Easter morning.

Stevie

Minibus for Local Groups
The South Northants Volunteer Bureau supports voluntary work across our area.
Among their services is a mini-bus hire service for local groups. The 16 seater vehicle is available with a driver for hire by not-for-profit community groups, charities, and schools.
Visit their web page www.snvb.org.uk/Minibus.html covering the service for more information such as including hire rates and terms and conditions.

Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning
at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse
Saturdays 5th March and 2nd April
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.

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)

March Services
4th
11.00am Women’s World Day of Prayer at EYDON
11.00am Hinton Methodists at St Nicholas Church, EYDON for Women’s World Day of Prayer
5th
10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
6th
9.30am Mothering Sunday Services at ASTON-LE-WALLS and BODDINGTON
10.30am MOTHERING SUNDAY AND CAFE CHURCH at St Mary’s WOODFORD HALSE, which will be a joint service and we will be joined by Hinton Methodist Church. Also at EYDON.
13th
9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON
9.30am Holy Communion 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
20th
10.30am PALM SUNDAY Services at ASTON-LE-WALLS at the corner of Main Street and Eydon at the village green.
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
24th
6.30pm Maundy Thursday, supper followed by communion at Hinton Methodist Church
25th
10.45am Good Friday beginning at Station Court for an 11.00am service in St Mary’s
27th
6.00am Sunrise Service at BODDINGTON
9.00am Parish Communion at EYDON
9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS and BODDINGTON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church with Communion
11.00am Parish Communion at BYFIELD
11.00am Parish Communion at St Mary’s WOODFORD HALSE

April Services
2nd
10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
3rd
8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.00am Parish Morning Worship at EYDON
9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Communion at St Mary’s WOODFORD HALSE
6.00pm Evening Prayer at ASTON-LE-WALLS

LENT COURSES began on Thursday the 18th February at 7.30pm in the Rectory at Byfield and at 10 o’clock on Friday 19th February at The New Vicarage Woodford Halse. This will run for 5 consecutive weeks.

REMEMBER – ST MARY’S COFFEE AND CHAT every Thursday from 9.15am to 11.30am. All are welcome, meet old friends and make new. This is not a service and there is no hidden agenda.

St Mary’s church is open during daylight hours for private prayer or a time of quiet reflection.

Hinton Methodist Church: Please note that 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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For availability of weekday Mass & other services - please check our website.