A Railway Memorabilia Walk

This walk gives you a chance to see some of the remnants of the days when Woodford Halse was a major railway centre.

The walk starts at "The Old Station Store" on Station Road (A). Here you can buy the late Jim Anscomb's book “Woodford-cum-Membris and the Great Central Railway” (£6.50).

In this description of the walk I have given page references so that you can compare the present with the heyday of the railway.

If you look down Station Road, towards Hinton, where the old railway bridge crosses the road is where the station was. You can still see the blocked-up doorway behind which steps led up to the platforms.

Walk down Cherwell Terrace, past the rows of railway terraces. At the bottom of the hill you can see how the River Cherwell was diverted and made to pass under the large embankment in two large culverts (B). The embankment, now wooded (C), once housed the main line and ten sidings (P35).

Turn right along the track behind the terraced houses. The four newer houses a few yards along mark the site of the barracks (D), the overnight hostel and canteen for the railway workers (P44). The hostel burnt down in 1957 (P46).

Cross the Cherwell by the wooden bridge and you are now on the Cinder Path (E), the route used by the railway workers to get to the loco sheds and maintenance depot. Follow the path to the Byfield Road. Look back towards the terraced streets and compare with the photo on page 52 (F).

The opposite side of Byfield Road is now the Great Central Industrial Estate, where the embankment has been removed. Look left towards the bus stop where the Byfield Road Bridge once took the line northwards (G). On the embankment were wagon repair shops and extensive sidings, loco sheds, offices and works (Pages 35 & 57).

Turn right, crossing the road, till you reach the red dog-litter bin, then turn left past the bin up onto the village playing fields. The industrial units on the left give some indication of the extent of the former works. Continue on, past a second dog bin and onto the grass, and walk straight ahead. Newer industrial units have recently been erected on the former railway lands. The fencing on the left has the remnants of the railway's border (H). Continue on to the end of the playing fields (I). Page 60 has a photo taken from the other side of the lines looking towards where you are now standing. Most of this land is now agricultural and nothing remains of the former railway.

If you wish, you can cross to the top right-hand corner of the playing fields (J) and follow the public footpath over three fields to where you can see the water tower, the only relic of the railway buildings still standing. Otherwise, retrace your steps to the village.

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Royal acknowledgement for WI member

On 24 March 2016, Joan Rednall, a long standing member of the Woodford & Hinton WI, and her husband Brian celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Joan and Brian received a card of congratulations, signed by Her Majesty the Queen and Joan brought it to our recent meeting for us all to see. For details contact Diane Kenny on 01327 262454. Visitors always welcome.

Diane Kenny
Brave members of the Woodford Gardening Club took on the inclement weather on 15th June to visit gardens belonging to members of Cropredy Gardening Club.

Despite the fact that the weather had taken its toll on some of the plants, we were delighted to be able to visit 5 beautiful gardens – all totally different. Some were small and compact and others had sweeping lawns with majestic borders – but everyone agreed that they were all lovely. We then joined our hosts in the chapel for tea and cakes – a welcome respite from the cold and damp evening.

Paul Hymers thanked Cropredy for hosting and opening their gardens to us and we look forward to hosting them in Woodford Halse next year!

Diane Kenny

1st Woodford Halse Brownies & Guides

Kelly Dicks and Sarah Bytyci took over as leaders of the Brownies and Guides back at Easter. They are planning an end-of-term trip to Twycross Zoo. Here they are, on an earlier trip to Daventry Country Park. Kelly can be contacted on 07854 854374 for more information.
Charity Cream Tea at 12 Farndon Road

Sunday 10th July 2.30-5pm

Woodford Halse Garden Club invite you to our Charity Cream Teas in the garden at 12 Farndon Road, in aid of the Thrive Garden Charity, which uses gardening to change the lives of disabled people. £3 to enjoy a cream tea or cake and there’s plenty to see in the garden, including herbaceous borders, the vegetable garden and chickens. All ages welcome.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the long summer holiday.

There is a different theme each year. Children can read whatever they like - fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books - just as long as they are borrowed from the library.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there’s a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Schools work with local libraries and give out information to encourage children to take part, and most libraries run Summer Reading Challenge linked early years activity for pre-schoolers.

The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge is The Big Friendly Read.

The Challenge will launch on Saturday 16 July.

Please contact your Woodford Halse Library for further details.

On Saturday 23rd July we are holding a belated Tea Party in recognition of the Queens 90th Birthday. This will be held at Hinton Methodist Church from 3pm to 5pm as part of our Churches Together Initiative.

Cost £5 for tea and scones/cakes and £1 for children.

Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse Saturdays 2nd July, 6th August and 3rd September

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)

July Services

2nd 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
3rd 8.30am BCP at Byfield
9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.30am Hinton Methodists at Circuit Service at Cropredy Chapel
11.00am Communion at St Mary’s Woodford Halse
4.00pm Thanksgiving for Animals at EYDON
6.00pm Evening Prayer at BODDINGTON
10th 9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON
9.30am Holy Communion at BODDINGTON
10.00am Café Church at St Mary’s Woodford Halse
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Sung Communion at BYFIELD
17th 8.30am BCP Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
9.00am 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 at St Mary’s Woodford Halse.
24th 10.00am Benefice Communion Service at EYDON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
31st 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
6.00pm Communion with prayers for healing at BYFIELD

August Services

6th 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
7th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church with Communion
10.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
14th 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
21st 10.30am Hinton Methodists at Upper Boddington Methodist Chapel
28th 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church

September Services

3rd 10.00am–12.00pm Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
4th 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11th 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church

DON’T FORGET TO DROP IN AT ST MARY’S for COFFEE and CHAT every Thursday morning 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.

We will be taking a break during the school’s summer vacation.

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.

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