Woodford Halse Country Fair Success

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Country Fair and Classic Vehicle Rally such a successful and fun day out in June.

With a huge birthday cake to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday, it was a glorious day with brilliant live bands playing into the evening. A wonderful selection of classic vehicles were on display, and a range of animals were there to admire including some friendly Alpacas.

£1,400 of the proceeds was donated to the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, with the remainder going to St Mary’s Church. Together with funds raised in previous years, and a grant from the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, this has enabled the church porch to be re-roofed and we are delighted to announce that we are now in a position to be able to make plans to re-roof the Nave and Side Aisles of St Mary’s Church.

So thank you for supporting the Country Fair and making this possible, and to Josephine and Jeremy Lincoln for so kindly hosting the event at the Mill House for the past 10 years. 2016 was the last time the event will be held at that particular location, so watch this space for details of new arrangements for next year.

Debbie Jarvis.
A Privileged Tour Of An Historic Northamptonshire Residence
- Drayton House (Lowick)

On the 6th of July, a day with a pleasant respite from the recent rains, eleven members of the Woodford Halse History Society were treated to a guided tour of the fascinating, rarely open to the public, Drayton House in Lowick. This property has been occupied for around 1000 years and is still a home for the Stopford-Sackville family.

After meeting up at the ‘Snooty Fox’ Inn for a relaxing lunch, the group arrived at the house to be met by Bruce Bailey, a recent contributor to the Society’s many talks, who gave us a summary of the house’s history.

The house gained its name from Simon de Drayton in the 13th century and it was originally a fortified, castellated structure, still obvious today. It was modified over the centuries with medieval additions and finally an Elizabethan wing.

We were escorted on a tour of the sumptuously decorated and furnished rooms by Judith Hodgkinson, an extremely knowledgeable historian. We were overwhelmed by the rare and priceless objects on view (surreally juxtaposed by the owner’s Harley Davidson motor cycle, parked in the dining room!).

There are exquisite tapestries and painted ceilings; Japanese lacquered cabinets; tables inlaid with metals and precious stones; endless portraits of previous incumbents, including an original by Van Dyck. The formal Parterre gardens were immaculate and enclosed by rare examples of intricate, French wrought-iron work.

As the sun descended, we left with the sight of a red kite circling over this timeless vista.

For those interested in joining our Society, for similar experiences, we meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall, Woodford Halse.

(Next meeting 20th Sept. 2016 at 7.30 pm)

Alan Bird

Photograph: From left to right
Back row - Frances Bird, Paul Richardson, Elizabeth Bird, Alan Bird, Gordon Bird.
Front row - Linda Negus, Liz Pym, Margaret Gascoigne, Judith Collett, Jenifer Fell, Julie Williams.

1st Woodford Brownies on their summer trip to Twycross zoo!

We will be back at brownies on Monday the 26th of September: £2.00 a week to attend. If you are a new brownie there’s a £10.00 joining fee for all the beginning brownies badges and the books received when the girls make their brownie promise. We meet every Monday evening in term time, 6pm-7pm at Byfield scout hut.

If you are interested in joining brownies or registering your daughter for when she turns seven, please give me a call or register online by selecting ‘1st Woodford brownies’ on girl guiding online.

Many thanks for all of the support of parents and the public last term – £194 from our summer fund-raiser!

Brown owl Kelly – 07854 854374 woodfordhalsebrownies@hotmail.com
The History of Art from Neolithic to Modern

A course of seven lectures in Byfield, led by Barry Whitehouse, starting on 27th September 7.30pm – 9.30pm

£53.90 for the course of lectures (concessions may apply).

If you are unsure whether the subject interests you, attendance is allowed at the first lecture without obligation.

For more details please contact: Susan Kennedy on 01295 660537 or Richard Corbett on 01327 260180

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Church Diaries & News

**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)

**September Services**

3rd 10.00am–12.00pm  Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church

4th 8.30am BCP at BYFIELD 9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON 10.30am Hinton Methodists at Circuit Covenant Service at Marlborough Road, Banbury 11.00am Communion at St Mary's Woodford Halse 6.00pm Evening prayer at ASTON-LE-WALLS

11th 9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON 9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS 10.00am Café 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

18th 8.30am BCP Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS 9.00am Parish Communion at EYDON 9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON 10.30am Hinton Methodists at Upper Boddington Methodist Chapel 11.00am Harvest Festival in the Village Hall BYFIELD 11.00am Communion at St Mary's Woodford Halse.

25th 8.30am BCP Communion at BODDINGTON 9.30am Harvest Festival at EYDON 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church with Communion 1.00pm Parish Communion at BYFIELD 5.00pm Harvest Festival at ASTON-LE-WALLS 6.00pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's Woodford Halse

27th 7.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Hinton Methodist Church

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**October Services**

1st 10.00am–12.00pm  Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church

2nd 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church 11.00am Parish Communion at St Mary's Woodford Halse 3.30pm Thanksgiving for animals at EYDON 6.00pm Evening Prayer at ASTON-LE-WALLS 6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise at BODDINGTON

9th 10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church

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**St MARY’S DROP IN for COFFEE and CHAT** resumes on Thursday morning 8th September from 9.15am to 11.30am. All are welcome, meet old friends and 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 Woodford Halse:** 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 email: sacredheart_awl@btinternet.com Web: www.sacredheart.btck.co.uk

For availability of weekday Mass & other services - please check our website.

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**Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning** at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse Saturdays 3rd September and 2nd 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.

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**URGENTLY REQUIRED**

WOW deliverers are urgently required, only one hour per month to help your neighbours and friends…

We especially require assistance for the following areas:-

- Membris Way and Brookside
- Oak Drive and Birch Close
- Winston Flats

Please contact either Julie Williams on 262371 or Gary Denby at Footwise Podiatry.

Until deliverers are found, WOW’s for these areas will be left in the Woodford Halse Library. Thank you.

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**Church Open Day for Ride and Stride**

Saturday 10th September from 10 am to 4 pm. Ride and Stride is a sponsored event in which people all over England walk or cycle between various churches. St Mary’s Church will be supporting this by welcoming participants as they call in to register.

Even if you are not taking part in the sponsored event it’s a great opportunity to call in and see the beautiful interior of St Mary’s Church and explore the churchyard. There will be children’s activities throughout the day and refreshments to enjoy.

**Hinton Methodists at Woodford Halse** are holding a

**HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE**

on Tuesday 27th September, 7.00pm at Hinton Methodist Church.

You are all welcome to come and join us. This will be followed by Refreshments.
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