October Events

1st **Woodford Scarecrow Event** 10am - 4pm
2nd In the school playground and around the village, fund raiser for Woodford Halse CoE School. *The good, the bad and the ugly!* £3 entry per scarecrow, £3 for each public voter.
3rd **Woodford Halse Garden Club**
On Monday 3 October Chris Bazeley will give us a talk on ‘A Year in the Life of Whistley Wood’. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors £2.00.
4th **Woodford and Hinton WI**
On Tuesday 4 October we will be holding our AGM followed by Diane Kenney talking about New Zealand. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.
11th **Parish Council Meeting**
7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall.
18th **Woodford Halse History Society**
On Tuesday 18 October Gillian Cane will give us her talk on the Mitford Sisters. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday 1st November, 7pm at the Memorial Hall**
Kay Coles, Chairman of Woodford Parish Council has called the public meeting above, to provide the latest update on the Woodford Halse Embankment and its use as a village amenity. The latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan will also be available to view.

Woodford Halse Academy Swimming Pool

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the donations and fundraising we have achieved in the last two months, we have the capacity to open the pool for the September term – something that has never been done before!

During the holidays, the pool was maintained, re-tested and made safe for additional swimming in the new term. The children will be able to swim at least once a week so make sure you send them with their cossies!

Thank you again to all those who have donated and the volunteers who have helped to fundraise and gave up their time over the holidays to help with maintaining the pool! What a great achievement!

Keep your eyes peeled during the next couple of months when we may be hosting another online Facebook Christmas Auction. There will be some great lots up for grab from Day’s out, presents for the family or even a treat for you! Details will be announced when confirmed. www.facebook.com/WHASP16

November Events

1st **PUBLIC MEETING – Woodford Embankment**
Tuesday 7pm in the Memorial Hall, called to provide the latest update. The latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is also available.
7th **Woodford Halse Garden Club**
On Monday 7 November we will have a presentation by Laura Malpas on ‘A Labour of Love, Restoring the Lost Garden of Canons Ashby’. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors £2.00.
8th **Woodford and Hinton WI**
On Tuesday 8 November Debbie Jones will be working with wicker. We meet in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. Raffle and refreshments. Visitors always welcome.

Woodford Neighbourhood Plan Viewing

The Woodford cum Membris Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee are pleased to announce the publication of the first formal consultation draft of the plan. This will be available for public viewing and comment from 3rd October 2016 through to 14th November 2016.

This plan is different from all previous plans and surveys, since it has to go through several consultation periods, inspections and a referendum. However, once it has satisfied all of these processes, it becomes your plan and becomes part of the planning policy for the parish. It will then be used to help determine future planning applications.

The draft plan will be available to view in hardcopy at several locations around the parish. These will include: the Library, The Co-op, the Memorial Hall, the Social Club, Popson’s Chemists, Top to Toe, Foot Wise Podiatry, the Village Stores, Village Meats, Central Way Garage, the Post Office and the Health Centre in Byfield. It will also be available on the village website: www.woodford-Halse-villagesignpost.co.uk

The consultation period will run from 3rd October 2016 through to 14th November 2016. Representation forms are available for download online or from the parish clerk. **All responses must be received by Monday 14th November.**
Library News

Woodford Halse Library offers a welcoming environment for all, with free WiFi, a children's play area, computer/printing facilities, DVD rentals and much more. It's free to sign up for a library card!

Visit the Library Shop for gift inspiration or browse our permanent book sale. Based on last year's figures, if every visitor to the Library donated just 19 pence, the library would reach their income target for 2016!

The good, the bad and the ugly… scarecrows!

Thanks to the fabulous turn-out last year, we have decided to have another scarecrow event this year, in aid of Woodford Halse CofE School FSA. We are asking the local people to make and display a dramatic scarecrow which will be voted for by the passerby's! Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd October. 10am till 4pm.

Entry price is £3 per scarecrow; Price for each public voter is £3. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes are being awarded for each of four categories:

- Most creative scarecrow
- Funniest scarecrow
- Scariest scarecrow
- Weirdest scarecrow

We will be welcoming scarecrows from outside the village, which can be setup in the school playground to be judged. If you have transporting issues, do let us know and we can help arrange it.

The public vote and professional judges will decide during the two days, so an amazing 24 prizes are up for grabs, kindly donated by Osborne Plumbing & Heating. Look out for the entry form being delivered to your door! - Ian Osborne

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Woodford Garden Club – Show Success!

Woodford Halse Garden Club held its 17th Annual Flower, Produce and Craft Show on Saturday 3rd September.

First prize and the Julie Manton Cup was awarded to Rebecca Hymers (pictured receiving the cup from Bert Manton).

Other Prizes were awarded to:

- Able J Vase for Runner up – Brenda Hewison
- The Robert’s Cup for Vegetables – Bert Manton
- The Marriott and Son Trophy for Fruit – Rebecca Hymers
- The Fleur Award for Flowers – Susan Back
- The Garden Club Peace Bowl for a Single Rose – Brenda Hewison
- The Sue Russell Trophy for Arrangements – Jade Hulme
- The Baldwin Cup for Preserves – Susan Jackson
- The Top to Toe Challenge Cup for Baking – Chris Searle, Susan Back, Susan Jackson (Joint Winners)
- The Oakley Mill Award for Crafts – Bert Manton
- Green Interiors Award for Photography – Yvette Creighton

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all those who took part and came to view the entries.

FREE St John Ambulance pocket guide for Baby First Aid

First aid is a simple skill with an incredible impact. On the Little Lambs Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheLittleLambsChildminder residents are encouraged to sign-up for a free copy of this useful guide.

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)

October Services

1st 10.00am–11.30pm  Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee (PLEASE NOTE - NEW TIME) 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 ST MARY’S
6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise at BODDINGTON
9th 9.00am BCP Communion at EYDON
9.30am Parish Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
10.00am Café Church Harvest Festival
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Parish Communion at BYFIELD
11.00am Family Service at ST MARY’S
16th 8.30am BCP 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 Family Service at BYFIELD
11.00am Parish Communion at St Mary’s Woodford Halse.
23rd 10.00am Benefice Communion Service at St Mary’s Woodford Halse
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
30th 9.30am Family Communion at ASTON-LE-WALLS
9.30am Morning Prayer at BODDINGTON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church with Communion (CLOCKS CHANGE)
11.00am Family Communion at BYFIELD
4.00pm Service of Remembrance
6.00pm Evening Prayer at EYDON
NO service at St Mary’s Woodford Halse this Sunday.

November Services

5th 10.00am–11.30pm  Woodford Churches Together - Tea & Coffee (PLEASE NOTE - NEW TIME) Morning at Hinton Methodist Church
6th 8.30am BCP Communion at BYFIELD
9.30am Parish Communion at BODDINGTON
10.30am Morning Worship at EYDON
10.30am Service at Hinton Methodist Church
11.00am Communion at St Mary’s Woodford Halse
5.00pm Patronal Songs of Praise at ASTON-LE-WALLS

St MARY’S DROP IN for COFFEE and CHAT - Thursday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am. We hope to see you there, just a friendly gathering with 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, Dedication, 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:-
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For availability of weekday Mass & other services - please check our website.

Woodford Churches Together Tea & Coffee Morning at Hinton Methodist Church, Woodford Halse Saturdays 1st October and 5th November

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.

The grateful appreciation of the WOW Team are conveyed to Joyce Randell in Birch Close for her good-neighbour approach. Already delivering WOW to Chestnut Close, Elm Drive and Maple Close, Joyce has responded to last month’s appeal and has also taken on Birch Close and Oak Drive! Perhaps you can share her load, or assist with one of our other ‘vacancies’?

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