

Bodenham Newsletter



April 2011

1st	Borderlines Film Festival	11th	Leisure Club
3rd	Bodenham Health Walk	14th	Knit-In
4th	Parish Council Meeting	17th	Bodenham Women's Group Meeting
5th	Gardening Club & Daffodil Show		
7th	Mothers' Union	18th	Newsletter Deadline for contributions
8th	Borderlines Film Festival	23rd	Bowling Club Open Day
		23rd	Curry Lunch for ABF Soldiers Charity

BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 4th April** at the Siward James Centre. Copies of the agenda are placed on parish notice boards in advance and everyone is most welcome to attend and raise any matters of concern during the slot reserved for this purpose during the meeting. If you prefer you can raise matters in advance by contacting Chris Smith, Parish Clerk on 01568 797 132 or by email at fork.lightning@gmail.com.

Bus pass start times.

Herefordshire Council have announced that the 09.30 starting time for bus passes comes into effect on 27th March. Passes will be valid from 09.30 until 23.00 from Monday to Friday and at all times at weekends.

Large vehicles using Chapel Lane.

There have been reports of large vehicles using Chapel Lane and damaging the verges and ditches. Bodenham Parish Council is taking action to curtail the use of Chapel Lane by these vehicles. Amey have made repairs to the verges and ditches.

Oak posts have now been installed to protect the grass verges on School Lane.

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St Michael's Church

Dear Friends,

These last few weeks our television screens have been full of the most tragic news, earthquakes and tsunami waves, war, civil unrest, protest. We have indeed heard the cry of many people for justice, for food, for shelter, for an end to violence and oppression, for peace and reconciliation. Lent, this year, has brought to us the devastation of the natural world and man-made conflicts. Through Lent we have journeyed with Christ to Calvary, we have raced after him as he walked on the way of the cross. In Jerusalem, we come to a stop, weeping with his friends as he is tortured and executed. The world and our story of faith are bound up together, we weep for Christ, we weep for the dead and injured people of our global village.

We know that our story does not end with the cross and the tomb. On Easter Day Christ walks in the garden, hope is re-born, and something new begins to happen. What Christ teaches us is that death and destruction are not the end of the story, resurrection brings change. Christ's resurrected life means that he is taken out of the narrow frame of history to become the Christ of all time and all people. Through his Holy Spirit we are given the strength to be his people, the people of a kingdom that is eternal, where life goes on. Christ calls us to live his resurrected life now, to bring hope to the world through our prayers and actions. We are not called to sit passively or in despair as we witness the tragedies of 2011; there is no room for despair in God's kingdom of hope. Our discipleship is a call to live, to reach out in love to friends and strangers. This Easter-tide let us grow in the strength of the risen Christ, let us be willing to embrace the changes and challenges of his resurrection. This prayer by Paul Iles might help us as we move from Lent, through Holy Week and into the glorious celebration of Easter.

Risen Lord, be with me in the power of your new life,
Open me, that I may grow in the Spirit in love and understanding,
in knowledge and self giving.
Let me receive your strength that I may accept your trials
which I may endure with you.
Help me to treasure the revelations you bring
of the power and presence of God.
Give me the refreshment of a new beginning in his joy and glory. Amen.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Easter,

Yours in Christ,

Heather

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 2011

April 3 rd	Mothering Sunday		
	9.30am	Family Communion	(Preb David Roberts)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
April 10 th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
April 17 th	PALM SUNDAY - the beginning of Holy Week		
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Wed April 20th	7.00pm	Holy Communion	
April 21 st	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
	6.30pm	Passover Super at Green Farm, Felton	
April 22 nd	GOOD FRIDAY		
	10 – 12.00am	Good Friday Workshop – Preston Wynne Village Hall	
	11.00am	Stations of the Cross - at Bodenham	
	2.00pm	Service of the Last Hour – Sutton St Nicolas	
April 24 th	EASTER DAY		
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	The Revd Alison Leigh)
	6.00pm	Evensong	

NB: Evensong will normally be include hymns and led by one of the Churchwardens

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 9TH

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 2.30pm St Michael and All Angels, Bodenham

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 7.00pm St Nicholas, Sutton St Nicholas

HOLY COMMUNION AT SIWARD JAMES CENTRE

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Siward James Centre on

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH at 11.00am.

All are welcome to attend. (Please note the change of date)

BODENHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Chapel Lane, Bodenham

Programme for April

3rd	10.30am	Worship Service – Revd Jonathan Coore
10th	9.00am	Praise and Prayer
10th	10.30pm	Worship Service – Michael Chapman
17th	10.30am	Fellowship Service and Communion
22nd	3.30am	Good Friday Service
24th	10.30am	Easter Day Praise – Martin Erwin

On **Sunday April 10th** we will meet prior to the worship service at 9.00am for an hour of praise and prayer, followed by a simple breakfast. Coffee will be served as usual after all services.

Footsteps Is not running at present, but we hope to restart sometime in the future. For further information, please contact Fiona.

Ladies' Bible Study will be held on **Tuesday, 12th April** at 10.00am led by Margaret Seccombe. All ladies are welcome. Contact Margaret for details of the study: 'Introducing Jesus' – Life changing encounters from John's Gospel.

Café @ Chapel meets **every Thursday morning**. Why not just call in for a coffee and chat at any time between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Midweek Study and Discussion Group will meet on **Thursdays 7th and 14th April** at 7.30 for 7.45pm. All are welcome. Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen for further information. All are welcome.

Contact: Fiona Smith (797122) Margaret Seccombe (797094) Peter Lefroy-Owen (760580)

Secretary: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL continued

Salt bins

Following a request an application will be made to Amey for a salt bin to be placed in School Lane.

Speed Indicating Device (SID).

The SID continues to be used at several locations around the village in an attempt to draw drivers' attention to their vehicle speed. Data from the period when the SID was located on the Moor (C1125) suggest that drivers slow down, when the SID shows them their speed. Some 60% of drivers were exceeding the speed limit when they were first tracked by the SID and the majority then slowed down. The general aim of the SID is to slow drivers down and this seems to be being achieved.

Parish Council Elections

Elections are to be held on 5th May for Bodenham Parish Council and Herefordshire Council. There is also likely to be a national referendum on the same day on the Alternative Vote system and other constitutional changes. Bodenham Parish Council wishes to encourage people to stand for election to the Parish Council. Nomination forms can be obtained from Chris Smith, Parish Clerk, on 01568-797 132 or by email at fork.lightning@gmail.com.

Dog fouling

Further complaints have been received about continued dog fouling of pavements and grass verges, particularly in Millcroft Road. The dog wardens at Herefordshire Council have been contacted and will be monitoring the situation.

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Thursday 7th April Quiet Morning at Hennor House led by Revd. Nigella Tyson starting at 10.30am. Visitors are most welcome to meet with us. Please contact Pat for further details.
Branch Leader: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM ROMANIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday 14th April from 2 – 4pm **Knit-In** at 14 Brockington Road. We don't charge anything, and will provide you with wool if needed. Everyone is welcome.

If you can't come, but would like to knit or crochet for us at home, we can supply you with wool. Please contact Pat if you have any unwanted rug or knitting wool.

Chairman: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB

We meet in the Parish Hall, on **Monday 11th April** at 2.30pm, for the Annual General Meeting when we welcome Members' comments/suggestions. Please do your best to attend.

Please note that this meeting is a change from the 2011 Programme.

After the A.G.M. light refreshments will be served and there will be time to have a chat.

There will be the Bring and Buy Table and the Raffle.

The Club welcomes visitors at £1 entry.

As Easter Monday falls on our next meeting date, the 25th April, there will be NO MEETING so good wishes for a peaceful Eastertime.

Gwenllian Bowden Secretary/Programme Secretary Tel. No. 01568 797868

THE BODENHAM PLAYERS

The Bodenham Players would like to thank, very much, all those who came to the Dress Rehearsal of Frank Ryding's play, "Any Other Business?", on Sunday 6th March in the Parish Hall. It was really encouraging for us to have such a large audience and your support with donations and the purchase of raffle tickets was much appreciated. On the 12th March we entered the 74th Hereford County Drama Festival of One Act Plays at the Courtyard and would like to

report on our success.

During the Adjudicators summing up we were among the listed nominees for:-

1. The Hereford Players James Lewer Trophy for the Best Individual Youth Performance for the roles played by Jasmine and Aaron Fryer-Jones.
2. The Bishop Hodson Plate for the Best Stage Setting.
3. The Belmont Trophy for Best Actress awarded to All The Committee – Pam Deem, Margaret Hughes, Nan Murdoch, Jean Soley, Roz Reader, Davina Parish, (Chairlady) Gwenllian Bowden, (Treasurer) Chris James. Also nominated Roz Reader for her role in "The Martha Syndrome" for the Hereford Players.
4. The Bill Aston Cup for Best Producer awarded to All The Committee.
5. The Champagne Award for the robbery at Grigson's Second-hand and Antique Emporium played by Roz Reader and Davina Parish.

We were finally declared winners of the Andrews Shield for the Best Original play; presented to Frank Ryding and, Winners of the Wye Cup, for 3rd overall place in the Festival out of the eleven plays competing.

The cast would like to thank Neil Soley for sound and Mike James for lighting.

Our sincere thanks go to Frank Ryding for writing "Any Other Business?" for us to enter into the 2011 Festival.

Needless to say we are all absolutely delighted with our achievements and thank again everyone who supported the Bodenhams Players.
Gwenllian Bowden

BODENHAM GARDENING CLUB

BODENHAM GARDENING CLUB DAFFODIL SHOW APRIL 5TH 2011

Class 1. Floral arrangement of 5 Daffodils or Narcissi of the same variety with foliage.

Class 2. 3 Specimen Daffodils of one variety.

Class 3. 3 Specimen Narcissi* of one variety.

Class 4. 3 Specimen Miniature Daffodils of one variety.

Class 5. 3 Specimen Miniature Narcissi* of one variety

Class 6. An arrangement of spring flowers with foliage up to 2ft x 2ft max.

Class 7. A collection of 7 mixed Daffodil or Narcissi.

Class 8. 3 Sprays from different flowering shrubs.

*Narcissi have shorter trumpets than their petals

April 5th "What's Wrong with Plants" plus our Annual Daffodil Show. Schedule now available.

May 3rd. Leominster in bloom with Fay Butler plus our annual plant sale. Here you can buy everything you need for your hanging baskets and pots.

June 7th Lilies with Duncan Coombs.

Everybody welcome to come, light refreshments available and a sales and raffle table.

Jacqui Price Secretary 797014

Bodenham Badminton Club

We are a friendly, welcoming club of mixed ability, who are recruiting new members for 2011. There is currently NO Membership FEE - just pay to play.

We play Badminton in the Parish Hall in Bodenham.

Club nights are every Wednesday from 8.00-10.00pm.

Just pop along or phone for more info.

Please note that to play, you will need to bring your own badminton racquet, a charge of £3 per adult is payable.

Please contact us if you require further details:

Contact: Rob Parker

Phone: 01568-797091

Herefordshire Councillor's Report (With apologies to Cllr Grumbley for printing the wrong report last month. Susan)
Councillor's Report for March

Broadband Update. The Herefordshire Broadband Strategy published on 7 February shows that we really are serious. It puts hard facts by way of objectives into what has previously been aspirational. We have budgeted £1 million of capital spend for Broadband. Tenders for the project already announced in the south of the County will go out soon. The Government's Broadband Delivery UK is funding this £5 million pilot which covers neighbouring parts of Gloucestershire and Powys too. The key will be to embed as much fibre optic as possible via underground or overhead lines and use satellite to complement in the more difficult parts of the County. The full 8-page strategy is at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/broadband

Its hard objectives are:

- By the end of 2012: To work with private sector providers for all homes and premises to have affordable access to broadband at speeds of 4Mbps.
- By 2015: 90% of homes and all business premises having the opportunity to connect to a superfast broadband service offering at least 40Mbps download speed and 10Mbps upload speed.
- By 2020: 50% of homes and businesses should have the opportunity to access 100Mbps download speed with a choice of upload speeds.

This is good news – especially the impetus to eliminate “notspots” by the end of next year.

Highways. Winter not only came early but also with some of the lowest temperatures since 1982. Amey with their 15 gritters did their best to keep priority routes open and I have passed on many compliments. For the second year running sub-contracted snow ploughs were used. Potholes will again be a major problem – please report them by e mail to streets@herefordshire.gov.uk or ring 01432 261800. At the time of writing the cost of damage to the roads is around £2 million, and the winter gritting budget is overspent by £1.5 million. We have £10 million budgeted for Highways work in 2011/12. There will be no cuts in the Lengthsman or Parish Path schemes.

Interesting Statistic: 1 HGV equates to 40,000 cars' worth of road wear.

Councillor's Report for April

Concessionary Bus Fares. Every department in the Council has had to prune its budget, Transportation included. As a result, from Monday 28 March, Concessionary Bus Passes will only be valid Monday to Friday after 0930. This will save around £100,000. They will remain valid at weekends and bank holidays. This brings us into line with many other areas but will also cause some silly anomalies which will take time to work out. Changing timetables is not an easy process as they affect so many people. I have spoken to some bus operators who, at the time of writing are looking at offering pass holders ½ price or flat rate tickets before 0930. The 0930 start time is a “hard time” – that is the passes are valid from that time, regardless of where the bus is. So if an 0924 bus is 10 minutes late, passes are valid on it. To take advantage of the concession, users may consider buying a ticket to the next village where they may demount and re-board.

Locality Teams – “No Wrong Door”. You may recall last year's lengthy consultation. Thanks to £2.4 million of Government funding, locality teams are now operational across the County. They bring together the many agencies, including voluntary sector, involved in children's welfare. They meet approximately every 6 weeks. Hubs are equipped for private or larger consultations, even medical appointments, and these centralised arrangements save huge amounts of staff time otherwise spent travelling. It also is the best way to move our care service from managing illness to preventive care. A recent cross-sector (local government, NHS, GP, Police, Housing Assn, Probation) meeting in Ross locality dealt with 10 cases in just over two hours. This joined-up approach to public services is the future, and it saves money too.

Council Elections – 5 May. I will not be standing for re-election on 5 May so this is my penultimate report to you. Next month's, which will be my annual report, will be my last. I have enjoyed representing you these last 8 years and wish my successor every success. There are many challenges ahead, not least; “The Big Society” looms prominent. *Keith Grumbley, Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan, Bodenham, HR1 3JB.*

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The Media Archive for Central England (MACE) only has old TV news footage and is very keen to hear from people who might wish to offer their old footage to be copied for posterity.

Some local history groups such as Fownhope are already doing a marvellous job of finding hidden gems, but more is needed.

Elizabeth can be contacted from Wednesdays to Fridays at:

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The Moor:

The Moor Road: Cllr Tony Clark: 797943

Orchard Close: Mr Graham Price : 797621

Chapel Lane: Mr Robert Pritchard: 797428

Brockington Road (1-34):

Mr Simon Dowler: 797363

Brockington Road (35-54)/Siward James:

Mrs Gwen Bowden: 797868

Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338

Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575

Millcroft Road: Mrs Barbara Gibson : 797643

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:

The Forge: Mr Simon Nickols: 797144

Church and Bodenham Village:

Devereux Court: Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Bodenham Cottages: Mr Mike Mullenger: 797199

Meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
All Meetings, unless otherwise notified will be held on the
last Tuesday

of the month at Siward James Centre
starting at 7.30 pm

This Month's Meeting: **April 26**

If you are unable to attend or have points which you would
like to be raised at the meeting, please contact the Secretary
Babs Mitcheson 797170



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Thank You

Liz Davies would like to thank everyone who attended, helped at, and made donations to, the Coffee Morning on 23rd March.

A total of £300 was made in aid of St Michael's Church.

Thank you all and well done!

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This event would not be possible without the extremely generous support of Allpay, one of Herefordshire's most prestigious companies. Not only is this the fourth time the company has been the main sponsor of the event but Allpay will once again make a special award to an individual who has made a lifetime contribution to volunteering.

Biddle Properties will be providing the prizes for the Volunteer of the Year while Cargill will be showing its commitment to the community with the Team Awards. The Vinolved project will sponsor the Young Volunteer Category, whilst BOSS (Border Office Supplies and Systems Ltd) will support the Fundraiser category. Tesco is giving the award to the Sports Volunteer of the Year while the Community Hero Award will be acknowledging all those unsung heroes - people who informally volunteer in their local area. The nominations will formally start on 1st April 2011 and booklets will be available from Herefordshire Voluntary Action. They will also be downloadable from www.herefordshireva.org where the nomination form can also be completed online.

So, who are YOU going to nominate? With all the good deeds being done in and around Bodenhams there must be someone! Do it NOW!

PARISH HALL NEWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Flicks 1st April Africa United, Cert 12;

8th April Some Like It Hot, Cert U;

6th and 7th May The King's Speech. Cert 12(A)

Thank you to those who have already bought tickets for the show on Friday 6th May at 7.30 pm.

For this popular film we are selling advance tickets for that evening and there will be very limited numbers available on the night. If there is sufficient demand we will have a further showing on

Saturday 7th May, pay on the door. To be sure of getting in please secure tickets for

Friday 6th May by calling our Treasurer, Keith Grumbley on 01568 797395 or email:

kjgrumbley@yahoo.co.uk. The cost is £4.00 per ticket and you will be asked to leave payment for him at Saffron's Cross Garage. His box will be cleared every day or so and on receipt of payment (either cash or cheque payable to "Bodenham Parish Hall") Keith will issue the tickets. If you want to register interest in the Saturday night showing please call him or one of the committee, see below.

Duck Race Sun 26th June 2.30pm at Bodenham bridge. Profits to be shared 50/50 with Church.

100 CLUB Plans for the 100 Club are complete. For a payment of £12 per year by Standing Order, cheque or cash, members will have the chance to win prizes of £30, £15 or £5 each month, assuming we have exactly 100 members. The draws will take place at the meeting of Gardening Club which is the biggest regular assembly of people in the Hall. If we have fewer or more than 100 people taking part then the prizes will be proportionally smaller or larger. Exactly half the income will be paid out in prizes regardless of how many people take part. You will be able to have more than one number if you wish, thus improving your chances of winning. We will draw two months prizes at a time. We plan to start in May with the first two draws on June 7th. The chance of winning a prize (if we have 100 people) would be 1 in 33 and will help us save up for a much needed kitchen refurbishment. You can purchase your 'share' at Flicks, Gardening Club or by contacting me, Mary Nickols on 01568 797144 or email sgnickols@yahoo.co.uk. Forms also available from the PO.

Committee room refurbishment

This is a further appeal for a nice large dining room style table to be the meeting table. Can you help us find one, please?

If you would like to help with the planning or help in any way with these events, please get in touch. See contact numbers below.

Mary Nickols

Committee

Robin Knott (Chair) 01568 797835

Keith Grumbley (Treas) 01568 797395

Gwenllian Bowden (Sec'y) 01568 797868

Bob Bowden (Vice Chair) 01568 797868

Chris James (Flicks) 01568 797451

David Curd 01568 797659

Margaret Hughes 01568 797285

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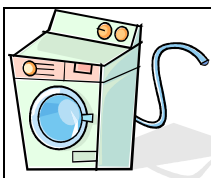
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BODENHAM PARISH HALL MANAGEMENT

Would all dogs owners please note that the Parish Hall car park is not there for their dogs to defecate on. Dogs have been noted, more than once, using the gravel area.

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Gwenllian Bowden Secretary BPHMC



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LUGG VALLEY FRIENDS CANCER RESEARCH UK

The committee of Lugg Valley Friends would like to thank everyone who supported the following events:-

Bingo event at the Parish Hall on Friday, 18th February, 2011 which raised £261.

Pancake and Tea event at Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 8th March 2011 which raised £268.65

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Lugg Valley Friends Cancer Research UK is holding a
Quiz Night on Friday, 13th May 2011, at Bodenham Parish Hall
commencing 7.15pm

Entrance charge: £6 per person including refreshments and tea/coffee.
Team tables can be reserved in advance on : 01568 797557 or 797280

BODENHAM LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Will commence the new season with an Open Day on Saturday, 23rd April at 2.00pm (weather permitting).

The meeting place, as usual, is the Green in Siward James Close. This is an open meeting and visitors and prospective new members are cordially welcome. Bowls are available for use and we advise that only flat soled shoes are to be worn on the Green.

Tea will be served after the game.

Our regular Club night is on Wednesdays at 6.3pm, so if you cannot make the 23rd April date then you will be welcome on Wednesdays.

The list of matches and venues will be posted in the Pavilion adjacent to the Green.

We are looking forward to starting a new season and welcoming new members.

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UK - Cert: 12 - Running Time: 1hr 24mins

FRIDAY, 8th APRIL – SOME LIKE IT HOT

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FLICKS IN THE STICKS – FRIDAY, 6th MAY – 'THE KING'S SPEECH'

If sufficient demand, this film will be repeated on Sat., 7th May
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Bodenham Womens' Group

A big thank you to the 44 people who came to the first meeting at Brockington Golf Club in Bodenham, on Thursday evening, March 17th.

Thanks also to Gina and Kevin for hosting the evening at their lovely venue. A great deal of discussion took place as well as a lot of laughter. The group decided that for a first event they would like a

'Bring and Share' evening at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 19th April, 7.30pm.

Please bring a dish to share and something that you like to drink. As we will have to pay for the use of the hall, contributions of £1 would be welcome on the evening to cover the cost.

Please bring ideas for future activities to this meeting.

If you didn't come to the Brockington Golf Club evening, you are still very welcome to any and all future events. The annual subscription of £2 can be paid at your first meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend, you can find out more by emailing Mary at sgnickols@yahoo.co.uk or phone any of the people below.

Contacts

Sally Doody-Henshaw	01568 797066	Carol Kirkpatrick	01568 797022
Debbie Mould	01568 797910	Roz Reader	01568 797426
Kath Tremain	01568 797751	Mary Nickols	01568 797144



RED CROSS WEEK:

Why not be 'one in a million' and collect during Red Cross Week 2011?

The British Red Cross is calling for volunteers in Herefordshire to collect, or organise, a fund-raising event during Red Cross Week. This is the charity's annual fundraising drive, between the 1st and the 8th of May. Volunteers are currently urgently needed to collect for just two hours in their local communities or at other locations including Hereford, Leominster, Kington, Ledbury and Bromyard.

Sue Burleigh, Senior Community Fund-raiser, at the British Red Cross in Hereford says "During Red Cross Week we rely on our fantastic volunteers giving their time to collect locally, in aid of the Red Cross. We couldn't do it without them, but the more collectors we have, the more we can raise, so we are urging people to sign up this year. It's so easy. If you spare a couple of hours to hold a donations bucket for us this May, you'll be one in a million. Why not ask a friend too?"

People who wish to collect, or to organise a fund-raising event, for the Red Cross can contact Sue Burleigh on 01432 373020 or visit www.redcross.org.uk/redcrossweek.

Last year, Red Cross volunteers raised over £884,000 nationally, and £11,600 locally, during Red Cross Week and the money was used to support vital work in the UK and overseas, providing unconditional care for vulnerable people in crisis.

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Community Support Officer:

CSO Steph Annette (Bromyard Rural) 07970602354

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You Can't take it with you

Did you see the recent BBC2 series 'Can't take it With You' dealing with the often taboo subject of wills? The first programme tackled questions involved with leaving money to charities.

The programme focused on two families who are torn over what to write in their wills:

Lesley wants to leave half the family home to charity, but husband David wants all of it to be left to his two sons by a previous marriage.

Meanwhile, army major Tom is bound for Baghdad, and urgently needs to make a will that includes his two stepdaughters. However his new wife Kiera is against the principle of inheritance and would rather leave everything they jointly own to charity.

Top lawyer Sue Medder, sets out the legal options in each case and writes the final wills, while presenter Sir Gerry, gets all the family involved in the debate, because keeping problems secret is no way to solve them.

Deciding who gets what in a will can be one of the toughest choices anyone has to make. But making no decisions at all and dying without a will can cause rifts that tear families apart.

As this programme demonstrates, choosing how to divide up your estate after you have left this world is not an easy task and needs to be thought about carefully and discussed with family members and friends. The Fundraising Department at the Royal National College for the Blind has produced a legacy information pack which can support you to consider all of your options and help you with the often daunting process of creating or amending your will. If you would like further information or a legacy information pack, please contact Alice on 01432 376387.



EASTER FLOWERS

This year at Easter we would like to invite people to sponsor flowers in the Church for their family or in memory of loved ones. You can sponsor a lily for £5 with your dedication listed on a scroll or have an individual arrangement, starting at £15, with your personal dedication beside it.

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Sunday 8th May 2.45pm meet Village Hall Car Park to share lifts. Croft Castle to see the bluebells. Bring your NT card.

Sunday 5th June 2.45pm meet Village Hall Car Park to share lifts. Venue to be announced.

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Programme for April & May

Date	Description	Miles	Start	Grid Ref	Leaders
April Sun 10th	Goodrich & Coppit Hill Quiet lanes, riverside meadows, Woodland paths. 1 Steady steep ascent 2 Stiles	6.75 Miles	Goodrich Castle CP £1 fee	OL 14 575196	Stephen & Margaret Locke 01432-880950
Wed 20th	May Hill & Newent Woods Moderate gradients, one steeper climb	5.0 Miles	Yew Tree Cliffords Mense	OL 14 699227	Chris & Phil Williams 01432-350238
May Sun 1st	Tenbury Wells Walk covers town streets, fields, paths & minor lanes. Quite a few stiles, good views & interesting features.	5.75 Miles	Long Stay CP by the Swimming Pool @ Tenbury Wells	Exp 203 598683	Irene & Doreen 01432-274572 01432-271065
Mon 2 nd to Thurs 5th	Holiday at Hope Cove, Devon				
Wed 11th	Table Mountain. To the top of Table Mountain 380m of climb at start taken slowly	5.5 Miles	Main Public CP in Crickhowell (off A40) behind Fire Station	OL 13 219268	Jim & Joan Burley 01432-268268
Sun 22nd	Haugh Wood & Joanshill Farm. Hopefully Cowslips & Green Winged Orchids	6.0 Miles	Haugh Wood CP	Exp 189 591365	Marian Phillips 01432-266994

All walks will start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated. For details of these walks please contact the leaders. For details of the Bodenham Ramblers please contact the Chairman, Edie Phillips 01432-266994

THE NATIONAL TRUST – HELP WANTED!:

National Trust properties at Berrington Hall nr Leominster, Brockhampton Estate nr Bromyard, Croft Castle & Parkland at Yarpole and The Weir at Swainshill are all going to be open seven days a week from March to November, and all are in need of volunteers. These can be gardeners, rangers, countryside helpers, fundraisers, room guides or events assistants.

If you think you can help, even if it's just for a few hours, e-mail wmvolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 0121 753 7752 or log onto www.nationaltrust.org.uk/yourtimeourplace for further information. New recruits get full training and National trust accreditation. Volunteer families are very welcome, and anyone thinking about job-hunting or a new career might like to add volunteering to their CV!

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Walk Ten Croft Castle 2011

Join Marie Curie Cancer Care on **Saturday 20th August 2011** for a twilight 10km sponsored walk around the beautiful National Trust 1000 year old grounds at Croft Castle, Herefordshire. You will start at 7pm in the early evening light and follow a route around the castle before heading up into the 1500 acre grounds and woodlands where you will end up at the Iron Age Hill fort Croft Ambrey. There will be a chance to see all of this historic landscape and grounds whilst raising funds for your local Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses.

When you return there will be refreshments available and you can sit out in the grounds to have a picnic and enjoy entertainment from singers and bands to face painters and fire jugglers. Then at just before 10pm our local Marie Curie Cancer Care Nurse will speak about the work that she does caring for terminally ill patients in your local community and to mark the start of the nurse shifts across the country there will be a firework display for you to enjoy. Come along for a wonderful summer evening out with the whole family, children under 16 years old go free and £10 to register for everyone else (entrance fee to the grounds is included in this registration fee). Any sponsorship that you raise will go towards providing more nursing care in the local community for those who so desperately need it and want to choose to die at home, surrounded by their family and friends and to die with dignity.

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Bodenham Parish Council

There will be an election on 5th May for a new Parish Council for Bodenham. The following list is a summary of the recent activities and achievements of the current Parish Council.

- Bodenham Parish Plan - Establishment of Bodenham (Parish) Community Led Plan Working Party. Planning for Real Event held and 100% questionnaire survey of parish residents completed.
- Parish Website - Establishment of Parish Website www.bodenhamparish.org.uk Phase 1. completed.
- Seed Indicating Device - Purchase & regular deployment of Speed Indicating Device (SID).
- Bus Shelters - Replaced condemned bus shelters.
- Church Road – After strong representations Amey resurfaced the road. The PC arranged other improvements by the installation of dwarf oak posts & signage to lessen damage to verges by vehicle parking.
- Bodenham Flood Protection Group - Continued support for the B.F.P.G. in efforts to improve flood resilience throughout the parish. N.B. The BFPG is now fully self-financing.
- Parish Hall – provided financial support for hall maintenance and obtained Public Works Loan Board loan to permit car park re-surfacing.
- Parish Clerk - Appointment of Dr Chris Smith as Parish Clerk.
- Bodenham Newsletter - Continuing activity to collect advertising revenue to ensure financial viability.
- Parish Hall - Registration of Parish Hall land with HM Land Registry completed and action commenced in respect of Church Road P.C.-owned car park.
- Bowley Lane - 40mph speed limit provisionally approved.
- Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve – continued assistance offered to Countryside Service and attendance by a Parish Councillor at meetings of the standing Queenswood and Bodenham Lake Advisory Panel.
- The Green, The Moor – Pedestrian handrail installed to assist negotiating path incline.
- The Green, The Moor – Confirmation received from the HC Land Agent that the green is afforded protection in perpetuity as a Public Open Space.
- Public Rights of Way (footpaths & bridleways) – The P.C. made a series of strong representations concerning proposed changes to the network along The Moor.
- Public Rights of Way – Mrs Sue Hack volunteered to become the Parish Footpath Warden.
- Planning – Although the economic situation has led to a decline in the number of planning applications the P.C. has responded to H.C. consultation on 26 applications affecting Bodenham.
- Childrens Play Area – Carried out repairs to perimeter fence and attention to bark surface

Open day for new choristers

The choir of Hereford Cathedral will be throwing open its doors for potential new recruits on Saturday 2 April (10-11.30 am) when it holds an open rehearsal for boys aged 6 to 9, and their families, in the 15th century cathedral cloisters.

‘We are constantly looking for new boys to join the choir,’ said Geraint Bowen, director of music at the cathedral, ‘and for the right child, the choir provides a wonderful opportunity. As well as singing some of the most wonderful music written, they also have the chance to travel and perform in some remarkable places.’

‘Over the past few years the choir has visited the USA and South Africa, broadcast on radio and television, recorded two internationally acclaimed CDs, sung at the Guards’ Chapel in London and performed for TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall on several occasions.’

Scholarships are paid to enable the choristers to attend Hereford Cathedral School. In some cases, fully funded scholarships are available.

‘For the right boy the experience is remarkable and can be life changing,’ said Geraint. ‘It also sometimes needs a grandparent, friend or a school teacher to give someone a nudge that their son might be suitable as a chorister. Many parents assume that their son has to be a musical genius to audition for the choir, but in fact what we are looking for is a boy who enjoys singing, and being part of a close-knit team.’

Families wishing to attend the open morning, or those who would like to have an initial informal conversation about the possibilities, should contact Geraint Bowen (01432 374238: organist@herefordcathedral.org). Further details are also available at www.herefordcathedral.org.

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