

Bodenham Newsletter



December 2011 / January 2012

Dec		Jan	2012 Happy New Year
2nd	Bingo for Cancer Research	3rd	Gardening Club
3rd	Christmas Fayre @ Parish Hall	5th	Mothers' Union
5th	Parish Council Meeting	9th	Leisure Club
6th	Gardening Club Xmas Party	12th	Knit-In
8th	Knit-In	16th	BWg Cheese and Wine Party
9th	Christmas Evening at Broadfield Ct	23rd	Leisure Club Birthday Lunch
12th	Leisure Club Lunch	31st	Flood Group Meeting
15th	BWg Party Evening		
16th	Flicks in the Sticks	Feb	
19th	Bodenham Carers Group Meeting	4th	Flood Group Coffee Morning
23rd	Carols at Broadfield Court		
25th	Merry Christmas!		

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St Michael's Church

Dear Friends,

In 1223, in a cave near Greccio, Italy, St Francis created the first crib, or nativity scene. There was a living ox and a donkey and a carved image of the Christ-child lying on a bed of hay. On the evening of Dec 24th people began to arrive in great processions carrying torches and candles to light up the night. What they saw in the cave had a great impact, as St Francis had wished; he wanted the people who saw the crib to understand how poor God had become for the sake of his people. He wanted people to see that God was born as a

helpless baby in the poverty, cold and dirt of a stable, to see and smell the animals, not just to hear about it in church or read about it for themselves in the scriptures. Then, Francis hoped, they would love the child of Bethlehem and in their worship truly thank God who became poor and humble to show us through his Son how much he loved the world. After Francis died in 1226, the idea of making a crib spread throughout Europe, and eventually, the whole world.

We are now so familiar with the Christmas Crib. A Crib might be part of our Christmas decorations at home, and they are always found in churches. Sometimes we see them in shop windows or in a special display in town centres. We look and then pass by. But how often do we really think about what the crib is saying to us, that message that St Francis was trying to convey so many years ago? When we look at the little figures of Mary, Joseph and the baby – the shepherds, angels and wise men, what do we really see? The Bible tells a story of a man and woman forced to make a long journey because of the orders of the Occupying power. They cannot find anywhere to rest when they arrive at their destination and are forced to sleep in a shed with the animals. Their son is born in the cold and damp of a winter's night, he has no cradle so sleeps in the animal's fodder.

There is nothing romantic or sentimental about this story, God comes to earth in the most gritty, dramatic way. The first experiences of the Christ child are the smells, sounds and sights of a place that is grounded in the reality of life in a small town. We need to see what St Francis hoped the people of Greccio would see – God lying in a manger.

The Christ child lifts his hands to Mary his mother – the hands that will bless and heal, that will take bread and break it, that will be nailed to a cross. God's hands, God's body, God shivering in the dawn of his first day on earth.

"And the Word became flesh, and lived

among us." (John 1:14)

The little figures of our cribs have so much to tell us if we stop and think about that first Christmas. St Francis' bold, imaginative action still resonates down the years. Let us open our hearts to the great mystery of the incarnation as we welcome the Christ-child with wonder and praise this Christmas.

May I wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Yours in Christ,
Heather

St Michael & All Angels' Church Bodenham			
SUNDAY SERVICES FOR December 2011/ January 2012			
Dec 4th	8.00am	Holy Communion	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong	
Dec 11th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Dec 18th	9.30am	Crib Service	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Service of the Nine Lessons with Carols	
Dec 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE		
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass	(The Revd Heather Short)
Dec 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY		
	9.30am	Communion for all the family	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
2012			
Jan 1st	No Services		
Jan 8th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Jan 15th	9.30am	Family Communion	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Jan 22nd	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Alison Leigh)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Jan 29th	10.00am	GROUP SERVICE AT SUTTON ST NICHOLAS	
	6.00pm	Evensong	

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

HOLY COMMUNION AT SIWARD JAMES CENTRE

**There will be celebrations of Holy Communion
at Siward James
on Friday Dec 23rd and Friday Jan 27th.
Both services will be at 11.00am.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Bodenham Parish Council

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At this time of the year we start the process of discussing and agreeing our funding for next year. We have many pressures on the small amount of money we receive from local taxation and we will have to prioritise on the important issues for Bodenham. We are fortunate that we have the results from the Community Plan initiative and now have a comprehensive list of action points which came from the planning for real weekend open days and the local questionnaires. The formal Community Plan will be completed and put on the website hopefully by the end of the year.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those people who have volunteered this year and given so much of their free time for the various local groups to ensure we have a vibrant local community with good facilities.

As always we will need more volunteers in order to ensure the local plan succeeds and our community continues to thrive, so make 2012 a year when you get involved.

Happy Christmas.

Derek Ling Chairman

UPDATE ON TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Safer Roads Partnership in West Mercia has been monitoring traffic speed on the A417 in the vicinity of Saffrons Garage using its mobile speed enforcement equipment. It will report its findings in due course. It is hoped that the findings will reinforce Bodenham Parish Council's commitment to reducing traffic speed across the Parish. The Speed Indicator Device is being deployed throughout the village on a regular basis. Data from the SID continues to show that motorists reduce their speed, when approaching the SID.

A WARNING ABOUT A BURGLAR

West Mercia Police have issued a warning about a serial burglar operating in the north of Herefordshire, who targets detached, unlit and relatively isolated properties in the late afternoon and early evening. Please leave a light or lights on in your property, if you go out between 4pm and 7pm, whether your property resembles the description above or not.

PARISH NOTICEBOARDS - A REQUEST

Bodenham Parish Council was criticized in the Community-Led Plan questionnaire over the state of its noticeboards and is seeking to update or renew them. This is an opportunity for any person or business to sponsor a noticeboard in Bodenham. If you can help, please contact the Parish Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

At the Parish Council meeting on 3rd October the following applications were considered:

- DMN/112805L: The Vern, Marden: installation of solar panels.
- DMN/112925/F: Brockington Hall: remodelling of previously approved garage building and extension to include gym, changing rooms and indoor swimming pool, plus new adjoining garages.

- DMN/113030/CD: St Michael's Primary School: external alterations to rear of school, which includes walkways, timber pergolas, timber pavilion and three timber play village buildings. The following decisions have been approved by Herefordshire Council:

- DMN/112521/F: Upper Moor Farm, Bodenham, Herefordshire, HR1 3HW: Installation of photovoltaic panels on agricultural buildings.
- DMN/112452/L: Maund Farm: Remodelling of existing barn converted in 1990, stabilisation of the existing structural oak frame and formation of bedrooms to first floor.

DINMORE SPOUT

The Parish Council was notified by the Scientific Officer in the Environmental Health and Trading Standards department at Herefordshire Council on 8th November that the water at the spring serving Dinmore Spout is still not fit to drink. The latest inspection found 11 coliform bacteria per 100ml of water, including faecal and other dangerous types of bacteria. There is no safe limit for these bacteria in water supplies. You have been warned.

DID YOU KNOW?....(1)

.....that now is a good time to cut back hedges. Bodenham Parish Council has received several complaints about hedges and trees overhanging footpaths and roads. It is also time to stock up on salt and ensure that your paths and driveways are safe when the bad weather arrives.

DID YOU KNOW?....(2)

.....that you can report non-emergency crimes or problems using 101. 101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than 999. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

DID YOU KNOW?....(3)

.....about the Parish Website?

At www.bodenhamparish.org.uk you can find an absolute wealth of information about Bodenham past, present and future. Minutes of Bodenham Parish Council meetings are posted on the website as soon as they are available. Take a look.

FINALLY....

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on **Monday 5th December** at the Siward James Centre. Copies of the agenda are placed in advance on parish notice boards and on the parish website (www.bodenhamparish.org.uk). 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 797132 or by email at fork.lightning@gmail.com

BODENHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Chapel Lane, Bodenham

Programme for December

4th	9.00am	Praise and Prayer
4th	10.30am	Worship Service - Rev John Cook
11th	10.30am	Fellowship Service and Communion
18th	3.30am	Carol Service
25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Praise

Praise and Prayer on Sunday 4th December will be followed by a simple breakfast. Coffee will be served after all services.

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

Midweek Study and Discussion Group meets on **Thursdays at 7.30 for 7.45pm** in members' homes. Visitors are welcome to meet with us as we conclude our study of the Book of Acts.

Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen for more information.

Ladies Bible Study at the Chapel on Tuesday 6th December. Please contact Margaret Seccombe for further details.

Programme for January 2011

1st	9.00am	Praise and Prayer
1st	10.30am	Fellowship Service and Communion
8th	10.30am	Worship Service - Mike Wilkinson
15th	10.30am	Worship Service - Ken Morey
22nd	10.30am	Worship Service - Jonathan Coore
29th	10.30	Worship Service - Roger Lind

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Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen for further details.

Ladies' Bible Study at the Chapel at 10am on Tuesdays 10th and 24th January. We conclude our study: '**Consider Jesus**'. All ladies are very welcome.

Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen, Margaret Seccombe (797094)
Secretary: Pat Horrigan (797044)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all those who have helped Renie Stovell and friends achieve the splendid total of 413 shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for children in Belarus.

For further news about the Christmas appeal contact:
www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Local Co-ordinator: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Our December meeting was brought forward to 25th November when we met with friends at Siward James Centre to celebrate Holy Communion.

Thursday, 5th January meeting at 14 Brockington Road at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to meet with us.

Tuesday, 17th January at Diocesan Council meeting at St Peter's Church Hall, Ludlow, at 10.30am. Contact Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM ROMANIA SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, 8th December Knit-In at 14 Brockington Road, from 2 - 4 pm. Visitors are always welcome. We don't charge anything and will provide you with wool if needed.

Thank you to everyone who has given us wool this year - we can always use more!

Thursday, 12th January, Knit-In at 7 Ashgrove View, from 2 - 4 pm. Visitors are always welcome.

Chairman: Pat Horrigan (797044)



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BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB

DECEMBER

Monday 12th December will be our annual
Christmas Lunch; this will be held at Kingstone
Parish Hall. The coach will leave the Parish Hall at
11.30am and the cost will be £14 for members and
£16 for visitors; this includes the cost of the coach.
Names, meal choice and money to the Treasurer,
Mrs. Pugh, telephone number 01568 797268 no
later than Wednesday 7th December, thank you.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the members
and visitors who have supported the Leisure Club in
2011 and look forward to your support in 2012.

**On behalf on the Bodenham Leisure Club, I
wish all our loyal members, our visitors and the
parishioners of Bodenham a very Peaceful and
Enjoyable Christmas.**

JANUARY 2012

A Very Happy New Year to everyone from
Bodenham Leisure Club

The first meeting of **2012** will be held on **Monday
9th January** in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm when we
shall have a talk entitled, "Carers" presented by
Margaret James.

At this meeting the £10 annual subscription will be
due.

Names to be given for our meeting on the 23rd, see
below.

We shall have the Bring & Buy table, Raffle and
Light Refreshments.

On the 23rd we celebrate our 40th Birthday with a
Lunch in the Parish Hall at 1pm.

Tea and Birthday Cake will also be served. Come
and celebrate this special event.

We shall hold a Raffle and have the Sales Table in
operation.

Visitors will always be made welcome to join our
meetings at £1 entry or £3 when a lunch is served.

Gwenllian Bowden

Secretary/Programme Secretary

Tel. No. 01568 797868



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AT

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BOWLEY LANE**

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6PM - 7.00PM

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 23RD

**MULLED WINE, ORANGE JUICE,
SAUSAGE ROLLS, MINCE PIES WILL BE
SERVED.**

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE, BUT DONATIONS FOR
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY WILL BE WELCOME.
IF YOU NEED A LIFT CONTACT
V HOWELL 797839

St Michael's Church, Bodenham

Service of

Nine Lessons

With Carols

Sunday

18th December

6.00pm.

Followed by
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Everyone is welcome.

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Did you know - that you can order your
prescriptions at the Bodenham pharmacy by email
- here's how:

1. Log on to the surgery website
(www. marchessurgery.co.uk)
2. Choose Prescriptions from the index on the
left hand side of the home page.
3. Under paragraph entitled Bodenham
patients, click on Repeat Prescription
Service.
4. Complete details (medication, name, etcetera).
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BWg

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December

Christmas party evening **Thursday 15th December**
at Leominster Golf Club £19.95 for 3 courses,
£14.95 for 2 courses. Partners welcome.

Get rest of monies and food choices in asap.

Organiser Kay Clark 01568797943

kay@rosewood166.plus.com

JANUARY

Cheese and wine party Mon Jan 16th 7.30pm at
Siward James. £6

Tickets available at Christmas party and then from
Eileen Watson 01568797594,

Nan Murdoch 01568797595,

and Muriel Haycocks 01568797350

murielhaycocks@fsmail.net

FEB OR MARCH

Skittles again!

MARCH

Anniversary supper at Brockington Golf club.

Thurs Mar 15th 7 for 7.30

Filled jackets(choice), salad, homemade
desserts, tea/coffee £10

Numbers are limited so buy tickets asap from
organisers Nan Murdoch 01568797595 or Kath
Tremain 01568797751

APRIL

City Walk

Organisers Pat Austin Ann Herbert

For membership details phone our Treasurer,

Anita Griffiths 01568797929 or any below

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

Bodenham Community Access Point
THE C.A.P. WILL BE OPEN ON THE FOLLOWING

DATES IN DECEMBER:-

DECEMBER 14TH 6.15-8.15

DECEMBER 21ST 6.15-8.15

CLOSED DECEMBER 28TH

RE OPEN AGAIN OF JANUARY 4TH 2012 THEN EVERY
2 WEEKS AFTERWARDS.



Bodenham SUNDAY Health Walks

Sunday 11th December 11.30am meet
The Forge.

Final walk of the scheme (about 40 mins) with
mince pies and mulled wine afterwards at
The Forge. £1 each, for St. Michaels Hospice.

EVERYONE WELCOME incl. children/dogs
Please ring 01568 797144 Mary Nickols, if
you have any queries.(Wear stout footwear)

If you are interested in walking next year,
see me or phone me. We can do some walks on
a more casual basis.

Thank you to all the walkers, regular and
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BODENHAM PARISH HALL

Flicks 'MR POPPERS PENQUINS'

The next film is on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm. A film to get us in the holiday mood, this is suitable for all the family. The normal price of £4 will give you a special Christmassy feel with a quiz, mince pies, penguin biscuits (what else?) and a few other surprises. Come along and get in the mood and support your village hall at the same time.

Parish Hall Management Committee meetings

These are held at least quarterly, usually in the Parish Hall and members of the public are very welcome to attend. The next one is on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm when we will be discussing the kitchen refurbishment, loo improvements and grant application for play area.

100 CLUB

The next draws are at the Gardening Club Christmas Party on 6th December. There are currently 100 members. If you feel like you're missing out then contact me, Mary Nickols on 01568797144, The Forge, (by Bodenham bridge) and you can have ticket number 101 (sure to be a lucky one) for £6 for the remaining 6 months. There's nothing to stop us having more than 100 members. Exactly half the income will be paid out in prizes regardless of how many people take part.

The Kitchen

Desperately in need of major refurbishment, the kitchen is the next big thing on our list for action. If you are a Hall user and have ideas for what you would like to see done, then please get in touch with one of us. Also if you have contacts which might help ease the cost or the work we would be very pleased to hear from you. We are hoping to get a grant to add to what we already have in our savings account.

The Car Park

I'm sure you'll agree it's great to have the wonderful new surface especially with the thought of poor weather approaching. We borrowed the money for this and we have annual payments of £750 to find. Please bear this in mind when we do fund raisers in the future. Support the fund raisers and you will be helping us stay 'in the black'. Thank you very much.

Hourly Rate

- Main Hall £9.50 (Minimum Charge £12.00)
- Committee Room £5.00 (Minimum Charge £6.00)
- Stage Only £5.00 (Minimum Charge £5.50)
- Store/Back Room £8.00 (per evening)
- Party/Dance/Disco £120.00 (£100 deposit)
- Concerts/Musical Evenings £60.00
- Quiz Nights £30.00
- Bingo £30.00
- Children's Party (Under 14 years old) £25.00
- Jumble Sale £45.00
- Weddings Afternoon Only (Clear by 6.00 p.m.) £150.00, All Day £200.00,

Previous day at hourly rate

IF YOU WANT TO BOOK THE HALL

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Bodenham Parish Hall Regular Activities Schedule Clubs & Societies

Club	Meets	Contact
Leisure Club	Monthly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 2.30 - 4 pm .	Secretary - Gwenllian Bowden 01568 797868
Gardening Club	Monthly on the 1st Tuesday, 7.30 pm .	David Griffiths - 01568 797427
Sequence Dance	Monthly on the last Saturday, 8 pm .	Mrs Potter - 01432 880373
Flicks in the Sticks	Sep-Apr; One Friday each month, 7.30 pm .	Chris James - 01568 797451

The Week's Regulars

Day	Activity	Contact
Monday	Tai Chi 10.00-11.30am (TT) Keep Fit, Body Tone, Aerobics 6.30-7.30pm .	Julian Kemp 01568 614468 Emma Caldwell 01568 797210, 07971009691
Tuesday	Pilates 6-7 pm . Airgun Club 8 pm .	Jennifer Grumbley 01568 797395 Ian Linton 01568 797375
Wednesday	Tai Chi 9.30-11.00am (TT). Yoga 6.00-7.30pm(TT) Badminton 8 pm .	Julian Kemp 01568 614468 Fiona Hawkins 01432 860270 Rob Parker 01568 797091
Thursday	Bellydancing 7 - 8.00 pm and 8 - 9.30 pm	Abbie Mason 07962161081 E: alanya@alanyabellydance.com www.alanyabellydancer.webs.com
Friday	Pilates 10 am	Jennifer Grumbley 01568 797395

(TT): term time only

Please contact a member of the committee if you are interested in helping .

Mary Nickols

Village Hall Committee

Contacts:

Robin Knott (Chair) **01568 797835**
Derek Ling **01568 797389**
Dennis Jackson (Treas) **01568 797404**

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The children had made Pudsey Bear cakes and enjoyed icing them, white, red, blue and purple! These were on sale to buy; we also had a lucky dip, Children in Need badges and wristbands for sale and a competition guessing the location of the cake.

We presented a prize for the best spotted dressed child and all the children dressed up brilliantly - it was very hard to choose!

We were delighted by the support of our parents and families and are pleased to report the Pre-School raised just over £30 for Children in Need.

We will be having an Open Day in the spring - if you do wish to come and visit our Pre-School please contact us on 01568 797241 or view our page on the School Website:

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Twas the Night before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
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Grand Christmas Draw 2011

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Prizes include £1,000 cash (a sought-after first prize just before Christmas!), a year's membership at Belmont Lodge Hotel & Golf Course, a luxury hamper, plus many more.

The Events Team would also welcome any offers to sell tickets on behalf of the Hospice in your area.

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Next steps: These possibilities will now all be looked at in more detail by a small group of people, and we will be asking you all as the people of Bodenham for your views on these and for any other ideas or issues you might have in the coming months. If you would like to be part of the local group looking at these issues and ideas in an informal and forward-thinking way, then do get in touch! We welcome anyone!

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Bodenham Flood Protection Group Meeting Dates 2012

These 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

January	31st	July	31st
February	28th	August	28th AGM
March	27th	September	25th
April	24th	October	30th
May	29th	November	27th
June	26th		

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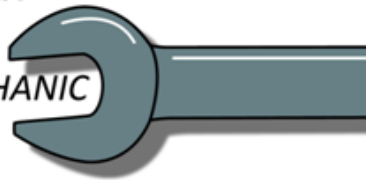
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Wed 14th	Christmas Lunch, Riverbed, Fownhope		Meet at 12.30 for 1.00 No previous walk	Exp 189 578 344	Mary Watkins 01432 273432
Sun 18th	Walk to Symonds Yat Easy	4	New Inn Christchurch Car park opposite Inn	Exp OL14	Graham Hoskins 01594 832121
Wed 28th	Elton Marsh, returning via Lyde, Munstone & Holmer, Easy/Moderate	5	Homer Community Hall Hopefully, lunch at the Rose Gardens	Exp 202 505 424	Jane Parry 01432 761299 Ann Hall 01432 830676
Jan Sun 8th	Breinton, lanes, fields and tracks. Easy	5	The Bay Horse, Kings Acre Road, Hereford	Exp 202 478 413	Marian Phillips 01432 266994
Wed 18th	Stoke Lacy, Little Cowarne, A moderate scenic walk	5.5	Plough Inn Stoke Lacy	Exp 202 620 494	Don & Margaret Mawson 01432 760036
Fri 27th	AGM		Bodenham Parish Hall, at 7pm. Bring a plate of goodies	Exp 202 543513	Eddie and Marian 01432 266994
Sun 29th	Ford, Stoke Prior, Risbury Mill. Good views.	5	Leominster Golf Club. 1st right off A49 then 1st right again. 3 course lunch	Exp 202 512 552	Sylvia Winney 01432 830486
Feb Wed 8th	Leintwarding. Traditional Fish & Chips in Sun Pub. Good walk	5	Roadside parking on green over the River bridge.	Exp 203 404 739	Sylvia Winney 01432 830486

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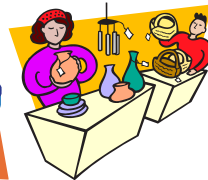
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