

# Bodenham Newsletter



## September 2010

2nd	Mothers' Union	18th	W.I.
4th	Bowling Club Barbecue	22nd	Travels with a Camera @ Chapel
6th	Parish Council Meeting	27th	Leisure Club
7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	28th	Flood Group Meeting
13th	Leisure Club	30th	Knit-In
17th	St Michael's Hospice Midnight Walk	<b>Oct</b>	
		1st	BRSQ Quiz Night
		3rd	Harvest Festival and Supper

### BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on **6<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm** at the Siward James Centre.

**Childrens Play Area-Safety Report** The play area near the doctors surgery has recently had its annual safety check and been given a clean bill of health by the RoSPA inspector.

**Road Maintenance** Recent road re-surfacing activity in Smeadals Lane and Church Road is very welcome. In particular the Parish Council has been pushing for action to improve Church Road and it is also hoped that dwarf oak posts will be installed shortly to protect the grass verges from damage caused by inconsiderate parking of vehicles. Residents will also notice that pot holes elsewhere within the village have been attended to.

**Wood House Lane** Difficulty in negotiating the junction of Wood House Lane with the main road (A417) has been the subject of long standing concern and was highlighted recently when the existing traffic mirror was replaced by a new, larger, convex version. The Parish Council again raised this matter and now note that, following further careful adjustment, visibility towards Saffron's Cross is marginally improved. It has to be accepted that the local topography and junction alignment mean that emerging from Wood House Lane will always require extreme caution but it is felt that reasonable steps have been taken to improve the situation. The Parish Council is grateful to those residents who raised this matter

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# *St Michael's Church*

Dear Friends,

Our beautiful churches call us in to worship and pray, Sunday services gather us together to meet in fellowship and praise God together. God is with us in the sharing of bread and wine, in his blessing and grace. But we don't leave God behind when we walk away from church, our prayers are not only said on Sunday during the hour or two we spend in our churches. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, God fills every particle of our world, and Jesus walks beside us.

I make my circuit  
in the fellowship of my God  
on the machair, in the meadow,  
on the cold heathery hill,  
on the corner in the open,  
on the chill wind dock,  
to the sound of drills blasting,  
to the sound of children asking.,

I make my circuit  
in the fellowship of my God  
in the city street  
or on the spring-turfed hill,  
in shop-floor room  
or at office desk.

God has no favourite places.  
There are no special things.  
all are God's and all is sacred.  
I tread each day  
in light or dark  
in the fellowship of my God.

Be the sacred Three of glory  
interwoven with our lives  
until the Man who walks it with us  
leads us home  
through death to life.

Kate McIlhagga

Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, God is there already. Let us pray that somewhere in the noise and rush of life we can give him the space to work through us, that little space could become the place where God's grace and blessing touch us and the people we meet.

Yours in Christ,  
Heather

## **St Michael & All Angels' Church Bodenham** **SUNDAY SERVICES FOR September 2010**

Sept 5th	8.00am	Holy Communion	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Sept 12th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Sept 19th	9.30am	Family Communion	(The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
Sept 26th	9.30am Sung	Eucharist	(The Revd Alison Leigh)
	6.00pm	Evensong	
October 3rd	HARVEST THANKSGIVING		
	4.00 pm	Harvest Evensong	(The Revd Heather Short)

– followed by Harvest Supper in School

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

## **BODENHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Chapel Lane, Bodenham**

Programme for September

5th	10.30am	Worship Service – Mark Hands
12th	10.30am	Worship Service – Peter Lefroy-Owens
19th	10.30am	Fellowship Service and Communion
26th	10.30am	Worship Service – Ken Morey

**Contact: Jenny Hill 01568-797531**

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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 for 7.45pm: Midweek Study and Discussion Group restarts. 'Faith Explosion' – We plan to explore the first half of the Book of Acts and find out how far it is relevant to our lives today. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Peter Lefroy-Owen.

**Café @ Chapel** will restart on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Come along at any time between 10.30am and 12 noon, for a cup of coffee in congenial company. We shall be grateful for any help with hosting these.

**Ladies Bible Study** restarts on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00am, led by Margaret Seccombe. All ladies are welcome to come to our new study of 1Thessalonians: 'Standing Firm'.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September** The Chapel will be open for cyclists taking part in the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** Members' Meeting at the Chapel at 7.30pm. BCF Members' Annual Meeting at the Chapel at 7.30pm.

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

**Secretary:** Pat Horrigan (797044)

## **BODENHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at 10.30pm at 14 Brockington Road. Barbara Andrew will centre our thoughts on the topic of 'Relationships not Rules'. If you come as a visitor, you will be most welcome.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.00pm MU Festival Service at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow.  
Branch Leader: Pat Horrigan (797044)

## **Can you help?**

A puzzling piece of Bodenham history has emerged with the discovery of a silver trophy found when the effects of a recently deceased local resident were being sorted.

The silver plaque on the base is engraved

"Rene-E-Stovell - Bodenham Sponsored Walk - Challenge Cup"

Although we have an identically named village resident Renie(sic) has no connection with, or knowledge of the trophy.

It would be appreciated if anyone who may have some knowledge of the history of the cup or the Bodenham Sponsored Walk would contact David Tilford (Parish Council Chairman) on 01568 797658 or email [davidtilford@greenbee.net](mailto:davidtilford@greenbee.net).

## **BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL continued**

Garden Waste The Parish Council has received complaints about the tipping of garden refuse along the edge of the field opposite houses in Millcroft Road and in the hedge at the southern fringe of the village along The Moor. It is not clear who is responsible for this fly-tipping but it is clearly anti-social and illegal. It's also doubly unfortunate and unnecessary in view of the adequate provision made by the Council for the disposal of garden waste. Herefordshire Council's Community Enforcement Team is being alerted and they are expected to take steps to try to prevent a recurrence.

**We would ask all residents to respect other people's property and the wider environment.**

## **BODENHAM ROMANIA SUPPORT GROUP**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September** Knit-In at **7 Ashgrove View from 2 – 4pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat if you have any unwanted rug or knitting wool, or if you're not able to come along, but would like to knit or crochet for us at home. We can supply you with wool. The ladies have already been busy making items for OCC Shoeboxes.

Please Come and Support our

**BRS6 Autumn Quiz**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
**Bodenham Parish Hall**  
**7pm for 7.30pm prompt start**  
**Teams of 4 - 6; individuals also welcome**  
**£6 per person (includes glass of wine and nibbles)**  
**To book a table for your team phone Pat on 797044**  
**or email Margaret at [mdpjames@talktalk.net](mailto:mdpjames@talktalk.net)**  
**(As last year's Quiz was so popular, it's advisable to book early!)**

Chairman: Pat Horrigan (797044)

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

If you'd like to help with the OCC appeal by filling a shoebox with Christmas gifts. Explanatory leaflets are available at pick-up points in the village or from myself. Please follow instructions carefully and bring your completed box to me (or we can collect). Boxes for older boys are always needed.

You may prefer to donate individual items to help fill boxes. If so we'll be glad to accept smaller toys and games, stationery and educational items, hygiene items, hats, scarves and gloves and wrapped sweets (not chocolate) and any wrapping paper you can spare, please.

We're always amazed at your generosity. Last year's total of 352 boxes from Bodenham were sent with the 11,950 boxes from Hereford to Kiev and Crimea. A total of 1.2million boxes were sent from the UK.

Enjoy filling your boxes. Thank you for all your help. Phone me for further information or contact:

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

Pat Horrigan (local co-ordinator) - 797044

## **TENNIS CLUB**

**Club Nights** are on Wednesdays.

**Saturday morning club session this season**. These will be held from 10.00am on the first Saturday of each month. All welcome.

**Subscriptions for 2010/2011** are as follows:-

Family	-	£75
Adult	-	£47
Seniors (over 60)	-	£37
18-21	-	£27
10-18	-	£20
Under 10	-	£10

Please note that if you invite visitors to join you to play, a charge of £2 per adult and £1 per junior is payable.

## **BODENHAM BOWLING CLUB**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Eardisland	Away
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As the season comes to an end the Club invites you to

**A Barbecue at Siward James**  
**on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**  
**Everyone is Welcome**



## **BODENHAM PARISH COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Steering Group would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the two Planning For Real Event weekends, with special thanks to the Schoolchildren and teachers at St Michael's School.

286 people attended the events and a total of 347 topics raised.

The Steering Group are now busy analyzing the details and will prepare a questionnaire for all residents of the parish in order that we can prioritize the important issues and seek support and help for our Action

Plan.

The questionnaire will be delivered to every household within the next two months.

One of the initial benefits from the Event, was to improve communication within the parish and we would like to advise on some of the items, which were raised, which are already happening within our community.

### **Transport**

The Parish Council will purchase our own Speed Indicator Device, which can be located at four locations, two on The Moor, one on Millcroft Road and one between the Bridge and the Memorial. The issue regarding parking by the Post Office was raised and Ron Bache has confirmed that he will allow people to park in Bache's Bargains car park in order to avoid dangerous parking on the road.

### **Leisure**

Some children are keen to join a Pony Club. Our local District Commissioners are Mrs Ann Meredith 01432 820395 and Mrs Jackie Taylor 01432 830145.

The local Marden and District Riding Club also offers good services and Ponies are available by arrangement with the secretary Debbie Rogers 01432 820574.

We have several Leisure clubs and activities, which are held at the Parish Hall weekly, and these, will be advertised in the Newsletter calendar in the future.

### **Environment**

Dog fouling was a big issue and we must ask all dog owners to clear up mess in all public places. New regulations are being introduced which will make enforcement much easier but it must be the responsibility of all dog owners to ensure our parish is kept clean and free of dog mess.

### **Facilities**

The Parish Council is obtaining quotes for refurbishing our existing bus shelters and hopes to complete the work before the winter period.

### **Website**

Our website is now up and running and provides a wealth of Local information about our Community and now includes a welcome pack for new residents. Check it out on [www.bodenhamparish.org.uk](http://www.bodenhamparish.org.uk)

## **BODENHAM W.I.**

The next meeting of the Bodenham W.I will take place on **Tuesday 18th September** at the Parish Hall starting at 7.30pm.

This month's meeting is an "Open Meeting", so all are welcome. We are having our own version of "Antiques Roadshow", with Geoff Croft of Brightwells.

The monthly competition is "A small piece of silver"

There will be a raffle and refreshments.

Jean Soley

## **BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB**

We meet on **Monday 13th September** at 2.30pm, in Bodenham Parish Hall, when Cathy Jones will present her talk, with slides, entitled "Isle of Man Roundabout".

There will be the Sales Table, Raffle and light refreshments. Non-members are welcome to join us at £1 entry. Names for the next meeting's lunch will be taken.

On **Monday 27th** at 1pm, in Bodenham Parish Hall, we shall be serving lunch. Non-members are welcome at £3. For catering purposes names to be given to Mrs. Pugh no later than Thursday 23rd, thank you. We shall have a Raffle and Sales Table.

At this meeting names will be taken for the trip on **Monday 11th October**; details of which can be obtained from Mrs. Pugh on 01568 797268.

Gwenllian Bowden

Programme Secretary

## **LUGG VALLEY FRIENDS CANCER RESEARCH UK**

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Ploughmen and Puddings Lunch at Siward James on Friday, 9th July 2010, which raised £335.00 for CANCER RESEARCH UK.

Our next event will be a **COFFEE MORNING** at Siward James on Tuesday, 2nd November 2010, from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

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New Road, Bromyard, HR7 4AJ

**Sgt Andy Scott 0300 333 3000 Ext 4579**

Local Policing Officer:

**PC 3762 Jill Richardson (Bromyard Rural) 07816548932**

Community Support Officer:

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#### **BODENHAM GARDENING CLUB**

Our next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 7th September** at 7.30pm when Terry Walton, from the Radio 2's Jeremy Vine Show, will be talking to us on the subject of "Vegetables, Flowers and the Media." This will be followed by refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits. We will also have a raffle and there will be the opportunity to purchase goods from our sales table.

Our following meeting on **Tuesday 5th October** will be our AGM when subscriptions for 2010/2011 will be due (£9), so please remember to bring your cheque books or wallets with you. Once the business part of the meeting is over we shall be entertaining ourselves with a Quiz Night and Cheese and Wine in place of our usual refreshments.

Kay Clark (01568 797943)

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### Letter to the Editor:

I was wondering when we are due to have our "SIDs" back? I live between England's Gate and Baches and the traffic seems to be increasing in volume and speed and I think everyone needs a reminder that the speed limit is up to 30, not 30 and over!

I would also like to ask why we need road traffic signs indicating A465 when turning off from the A417 at England's Gate. Surely that road is from the Burley Gate roundabout into Hereford. If we had a Bodenham Village sign instead we may avoid the wandering lorries that turn down expecting a more open road.

Lastly, despite the moans above, I would like to say what a lovely village Bodenham is and how much I have enjoyed living here. We are moving away shortly due to my husbands work and I will miss the lovely and varied walks with my dog Bailey, the friends I have made, and of course Emma's Keep Fit classes!

Carolyn Jones, Berrington Cottage, The Moor

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## BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

Your Area Representative is:

The Moor:

The Moor Road: Tony Clark: 797943

Orchard Close: Graham Price : 797621

Chapel Lane: Robert Pritchard: 797428

Brockington Road (1-34): Simon Dowler: 797363

Brockington Road (35-54)/Siward James:

Gwen Bowden: 797868

Ash Grove Close: Jean Fryer: 797338

Ash Grove View: David Harris: 797575

Millcroft Road: Babs Mitcheson: 797170

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:

The Forge: Simon Nickols: 797144

Church and Bodenham Village:

Devereux Court: David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Bodenham Cottages: Mike Mullenger: 797199

Meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

[All Meetings, unless otherwise notified will be held at](#)

[Siward James Centre starting at 8.00 pm](#)

This month's meeting: **Tuesday 28 September.**

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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### **St Michael's Pre-school**

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Children may start at the Pre-school near their 3rd birthday - please contact us for further details.

Activities offered to the children aim to assist in the development of social, communication and problem-solving skills; as well as providing opportunities to be creative, to improve motor skills and to learn about the world around them.

The main emphasis is on having fun and learning how to form friendships, whilst at the same time preparing the children for formal schooling and encouraging independence, so that the transition to Reception Class is as seamless as possible when the time comes.

The Pre-school is run by staff with relevant qualifications and experience of working with pre-school children and is managed by the governors of St Michael's School.

#### **Opening times**

Nursery is normally open during school term-time (38 weeks per year)

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 9am - 12pm                          |
| Tuesday * | 9am – 3.15pm (including lunch club) |
| Wednesday | 9am – 12pm                          |
| Thursday  | 9am – 12pm                          |
| Friday *  | 9am – 1.15pm (including lunch club) |

Charges (from Sept. '10):

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### **Caring in the Community**

### **Herefordshire Councillor's Annual Report**

**Council Leadership after May 2011.** This might be important! One of the hand grenades left to go off after Labour's general election defeat was the "Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007." This requires us to adopt different executive arrangements from next May 2011 following our local council elections. Aimed at strengthening leadership in local councils, the act limits the options for elected leadership to just 2. Currently we have the "Leader and Cabinet" model with the Leader elected annually by the council. Normally this is straightforward as the leader of the largest political group on the council is the only one likely to secure a majority. As from next May the options are:

**Elected Mayor and Cabinet.** The directly-elected Mayor would serve 4 years and could only be removed with great difficulty.

**Leader and Cabinet.** The Leader would be elected by the Council but for a 4 year term. Council would be able to remove the Leader. As currently, I guess the Council Leader would normally be the leader of the largest political group represented on the council.

Under either model, Leader or Mayor would appoint the executive (Cabinet) of up to 10, remove Cabinet Members when appropriate and be responsible for all executive functions.

As usual, there is an obligation to "consult" so I regret this will once again be done against the clock! Parish Councillors will know what I mean. Council must pass a resolution to adopt the change by 31 December.

Practically, that means it must be done at the Council meeting on 19 November. On 22 July, the Cabinet was not enthusiastic about the change but recognised that we need to press on with consultations.

Perhaps the key question to consider is which model is most likely to secure the best functional control in terms of economy, efficiency and effectiveness?

Sorry, a bit yucky this month, but this stuff is red meat to the political aficionados!

*Keith Grumbley, Willow Cottage, Maund Bryan, Bodenham, HR1 3JB.*

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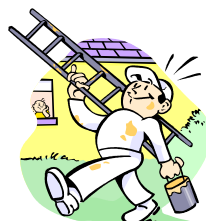
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**To those of you who entered  
their details into the Village Hall  
Challenge on behalf of the Parish Hall -  
Thank you.**

Unfortunately less than 30 local people  
took part so we didn't win. Other Villages  
had between 200 & 300 participants each  
and thus were able to win £6,500 for their  
respective Halls. Need any more be said?  
We're not going to make progress unless  
we help ourselves!

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### **Travels with a Camera**

**Wednesday September 22nd  
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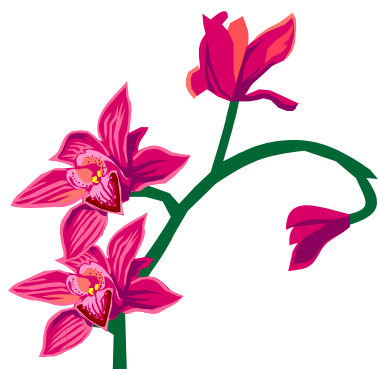
## **BODENHAM RAMBLERS**

### **Programme for September**

|                 |                            |           |                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| Sept<br>Wed 1st | Hardwicke Area<br>Moderate | 6.5 Miles | Don & Margaret<br>Mawson<br>01432-760036 |
| Sun 12th        | Bodenham<br>Moderate       | 8 Miles   | Tony & Kay Clark<br>01568-797943         |
| Wed 22nd        | Wellington<br>Moderate     | 7 Miles   | Doris & Brenda<br>01432-830229           |

Please meet at the Parish Hall at 9am unless otherwise arranged with the leaders.

For details of these walks please contact the leaders. For details of the Bodenham Ramblers please contact the Chairman, Stephen Locke 01432-880950.



## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Why not try your hand at flower arranging? We need a few more helpers on our rota, so if you are interested in flowers and would like to 'have a go' why not come along to a practice session in the church on Saturday morning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be plenty of help to get you started and the arrangements will be used to decorate the church for the Harvest celebrations.

For further details telephone Diane Pritchard 797428 or Pat Crane 797095.

**LOST from the church, after a wedding in May**, some poles with flower containers on the top. If anyone has any knowledge of these stands please contact one of the above as they belong to arrangers from another church. Many thanks.

### **Bodenham SUNDAY Health Walks**

On first Sunday in month.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 3pm meet at  
lakes car park 40 mins max

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3pm meet at  
Queenswood for our Anniversary walk.  
See the maples in their autumn colours  
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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am meet at  
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Bodenham C.A.P. are sorry to announce that due to the lack of attendance at the afternoon openings we reluctantly have to discontinue these sessions.

As the rent and other expenses have to be paid whether or not anyone wishes to use the facilities, it is no longer economical to keep this session open.

We have a small but dedicated team of volunteers who give their time freely and we receive no funding other than that which we can raise ourselves.

With the small amount of money we are able to raise, it is hoped that by taking this action we shall be able to continue to offer the facilities of C.A.P. for all who wish to use them.

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## **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

### **ENVIROSORT**

I recently visited EnviroSort, near Worcester, so can tell you something about what happens to our green bin and clear bag recycling. The site at Norton was originally a jam factory. The plant is inside an enormous building measuring 110 x 65 metres. All vehicles are unloaded inside the building. It is known as a Co-Mingled Materials Reclamation Facility (CMRF) and is a unique design worked up by Mercia Waste and others to meet the specific needs of Herefordshire and Worcestershire. As you know, it separates and sorts the mixed contents of our bins – paper, cardboard, plastics, waxed cartons, cans and glass. The sorting system is hi-tech and there is an excellent animation on [www.envirosort.co.uk](http://www.envirosort.co.uk). Hit “The Process” button to see the 3 minute show which tells you that the paper is the first element separated by Ballistic Sorting. This process relies on the bulkiness of items like cans and bottles which is why you shouldn't squash them. Next, steel and aluminium cans are removed from the stream by magnets and eddy current. Finally an optical sorter separates the different plastics. This does not work with black plastic – hence the request to exclude it from your bins. The industry is working with Government to get food suppliers to stop using black plastic. Finally, please remove bottle tops as a help to squashing the bottles when they are finally baled.

Most of the site's output goes to UK factories. Waxed paper however goes to Orebro in Sweden; one of the very few plants in Europe that takes this material.

The use of most recycled material is straightforward, but recycled plastic products are not generally well known. Try the website [www.britishrecycledproducts.co.uk](http://www.britishrecycledproducts.co.uk) for some ideas like fence posts and garden furniture.

Might this be a useful article for “Herefordshire Matters”?

The CMRF handles about 82 vehicles per day and can process 30 tonnes an hour, or 105,000 tonnes a year, the tonnage expected in 2028. Let's keep them busy!

*Keith Grumbley District Councillor. 31 July 2010.*

### **FORTHCOMING EVENT** **HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE** **CHOIR**

Make a note in your diary that the Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir will be appearing at the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

This highly regarded choir offer something for everyone and are sure to give us a good evening's entertainment.

The concert starts at 7.30 p.m. and tickets will cost £6 to include light refreshments. All profits go to the Parish Hall.

Further details in next month's newsletter.

### **FEELING THE COLD?**

Herefordshire Council has produced a brochure giving details of Energy Efficiency Grants and of the financial assistance currently available to help with heating costs. Loft insulation, draught proofing, cavity wall insulation, thermostats, tank jackets and other measures are on offer, as are various discounts and grants for renewable energy technologies such as wind turbines and solar panels.

Different schemes cover different grants and have different conditions. Many are available to people in receipt of a wide range of benefits.

If you need help with staying warm, copies of 'Energy efficiency grants and assistance 2010/11' are available from Herefordshire Council on 01432-260500.

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## THOSE RECYCLING BINS:

Have you ever looked at your green recycling bin, with its mixed contents of paper, plastics, cans and bottles, and wondered how on Earth it's possible to sort it at the other end? In June representatives of 4 local Parish Councils made a visit to the EnviroSort facility in Worcester, and found out just how the system works.

Herefordshire produces 60 tons of recyclable waste every day, and this amount can be processed in just two hours.

Once a consignment of 'raw material' reaches the site it is loaded onto one of a number of conveyor belts which together stretch for over a mile. A visual check is made to remove anything obviously unsuitable for recycling. This can include electrical equipment, children's toys and even a pig's head. (!) The process is then largely automatic and is based on the properties of the various recyclables using technology developed from Potato grading machines.

Newspapers, magazines and items such as envelopes tend to be flat and can simply be carried away on a vertical conveyor and are then sorted and baled. Three dimensional objects such as bottles, plastics and cans fall away onto another conveyor and then head off in a different direction. Sensors can 'read' the composition of the various types of plastic, and complicated computer software operates puffs of air at just the right moment to send them off the conveyor and into their appropriate container. Magnets and other devices are used to extract metal cans. Whatever is left after all that will be glass, and this too has a dedicated route through the plant.

All this waste material is wanted by someone, somewhere, and there is a ready market for it. The system works, but it could be better!

Some people either don't understand the system or seem to regard the green recycling bins as an extension of their weekly black bag. They fill their bin with everyday household waste which holds up the system and means that time has to be spent clearing out the unwanted items.

The green bins are for all categories of paper, which even includes those envelopes with the plastic address windows. They are for all types of cardboard, although the inner packaging should be removed. They are for food tins and drink cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and containers and they can even take cartons of the kind used for milk, soup and custard.

Tins, cans, bottles, containers and cartons should be rinsed before they're put in the bin. They should not be squashed as this will interfere with the automatic recognition process, but lids, corks, caps, tops, film and foil should be taken off. The one no-no, apparently, is anything made of black plastic. This includes Food trays, packing materials and suchlike. In case you were wondering, the sorting equipment cannot 'read' black plastic, so it has to be rejected by hand at an early stage.

Further details of the recycling system can be obtained from Herefordshire Council on 01432-260051 or at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

## HEREFORDSHIRE YEAR IN THE ORCHARD – 2011

Herefordshire's Orchard Topic Group supported by Herefordshire Council would like to invite you to become involved in celebrating the county's historic orchard heritage and the life and works of one of the county's international horticultural heroes - Thomas Andrew Knight. Join us, so together we can celebrate Herefordshire's inaugural *Year in the Orchard*.

2011 sees the 200th anniversary of the publication of Thomas Andrew Knight's groundbreaking work, the breathtakingly beautiful and detailed, *Pomona Herefordiensis*. The first colour illustrated Pomona (Book of Apples) in the world.

Never before has the county managed a coordinated celebration of orchards and fruit. The Orchard Topic Group is aware that lots of individuals, groups and organisations run events and activities each year and thought that 2011 would be a fantastic opportunity to support and build on these by developing a cohesive umbrella branding for all, hopefully using 2011 as the first of many such fruitful years!

Herefordshire Council has agreed to help coordinate and publicise *HYO 2011*. *HYO 2011* can help you with:

- Local, National and International publicity
- A central website listing for events and activities
- Eye-catching branding and logo
- Access to a wider audience and other county events
- A forum for discussion and exchange of ideas and best practice
- Encouraging residents and communities to take a greater interest in their local orchard heritage

*HYO* aims to help you promote your existing events and encourage you to organise and try new events and activities that promote and encourage the use and management of the county's orchards. Additional activities already being planned for 2011 include: practical orchard creation and management training, an orchard themed Herefordshire Walking Festival, historic orchard walks, propagating fruit trees, talks on the life and works of Thomas Andrew Knight, wildlife of orchards and the Greatest Herefordshire Fruit Tree Hunt.

In order to help them to help you, *HYO 2011* needs your support. If you or your group would be interested in linking an existing event to the special *HYO* calendar, organising a new *HYO 2011* activity or just being kept up to date with what is happening in 2011, simply send them your contact details, indicating what type of activities or areas of interest you have. They can then contact you as appropriate and ask for event details for the central website, direct publicity enquiries etc. *Herefordshire Year in the Orchard 2011*, c/o Herefordshire Council, PO BOX 41, LEOMINSTER HR6 0ZA. [orchards@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:orchards@herefordshire.gov.uk)

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