

Bodenham Newsletter



March 2015

2nd	Parish Council Meeting	16th	Carers Meeting
3rd	Gardening Club	17th	Friends of Bodenham Lake Meeting
5th	School - World Book Day	23rd	Leisure Club
6th	Travels with a Camera @ Chapel	24th	Bodenham Womens Group AGM
9th	Leisure Club	25th	Travels with a Camera @ Chapel
9th	Bowling Club	26th	School - Easter Bingo
11th	Parish Hall Committee Meeting	31st	Flood Group Meeting
13th	Travels with a Camera @ Chapel		
14th	Big Breakfast @ School		
14th	Flicks in the Sticks		

Contents	Page		Page
Church Notices	2	Preschool	10
Parish Council	3 & 4	Bowling Club	13
Christian Fellowship	4	Lugg Valley Friends	13
Mothers' Union	4	Folk Club	13
Gardening Club	5	Travels with a Camera	15
Leisure Club	5	Wombling Litter Pick	16
Parish Hall	7	Advertising Rates	16
Flood Group	8	Bodenham Womens Group	17
Carers Group	8	School News	18
Ramblers	10	Neighbourhood Plan	19
Star Tots	10	Flower Festival	19
		Lake	20
		Friends of Bodenham Lake	21
		Newsletter Details	22

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Bodenham

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the rain is pouring down and the wind is blowing – but early signs of Spring are all around. Snowdrops have been braving the weather for some days now, and daffodil shoots are visible in sheltered places. We are travelling through the early days of Lent, and our churches offer a quiet space away from the rush and bustle of everyday life. This year our theme for Lent is praying for peace in the world. The television and newspapers are full of reports of violence, wars, prejudice and injustice. We pray for peace throughout the year, but it is good to make peace our focus for Lent as we journey with Christ to the Cross, where he is subjected to violence, torture and hatred and put to death.

God in Christ you showed us
 that you are not removed from us
 but share in our agony and suffering.
 You are the mother holding her child from the blast,
 you are the tortured prisoner longing for release,
 you are the war-weary soldier,
 you are the victim pacing the midnight hour,
 you are the refugee child, alone and afraid,
 you know and suffer our human condition.
 We know that nothing can separate us from your love.
 we pray for your love to enfold and comfort,
 your love to share the agony and pain,
 your love to inspire us to work for peace,
 your love to strengthen us in the darkness.
 (Helen Steven, Iona Community)

Every Thursday in Lent St Mary the Virgin church in Marden will be open between 10.30am and 3.30pm for prayers for peace with a short Communion Service at Noon. All are invited to come for as short or long a time as you wish.

May God bless us all this Lent and make us ready to greet Him on Easter Day.

Yours in Christ,
 Heather

SUNDAY SERVICES MARCH

March 1st 8.00am Holy Communion
 (The Revd Heather Short)
 6.00pm Evensong
March 8th 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 (The Revd Heather Short)
March 15th MOTHERING SUNDAY
 9.30am Family Communion
 (The Revd Heather Short)
 6.00pm Evensong
March 22nd 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 (To be arranged)
March 29th PALM SUNDAY
 9.30am Sung Eucharist
 (To be arranged)

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

HOLY COMMUNION AT SIWARD JAMES

There will be a service of
 Holy Communion at the
 Siward James Centre
 on Friday, March 27th at 11.00am.
 All are welcome to attend.

Forth Coming event:

The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
 at the Parish Church on
 Sat. 18th April '15
 from 10am - 12 mid-day.
 For Church Funds

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Election on 7th May

There will be an election for the 10 seats on Bodenham Parish Council on 7th May, along with an election for the Hampton Court ward of Herefordshire Council and a General Election. Formal notice of the Parish Council election will be published on 23rd March. Nominations start on that date and must be received by 4pm on 9th April. Nomination papers can be obtained from the parish clerk (01568 797132 Or bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com . For general guidance see www.electioncommission.org.uk .

Hedge cutting

You must not cut hedgerows or trees during the bird nesting season between 1st March and 31st July, but you can carry out hedge laying and coppicing from 1 March until 30 April. Orchards are not included in the ban.

Reporting potholes and other defects

Herefordshire Council has advised us that the streets@herefordshire.gov.uk mailbox address has now been closed down and removed. However, there is an online reporting tool on the Herefordshire Council website. Alternatively, use www.FixMyStreet.org.uk .

Bodenham has a library

.... in the old telephone box opposite England's Gate. It works on a trust basis, i.e. help yourself to a book and return it within a month. The collection contains novels, general interest books, children's books and magazines for you to choose from. The library also contains a box for donations, a clock, a set of rules and a map of Bodenham. The Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation to the work of Jonathan Sant in getting this new community facility off the ground.

Last call for volunteers: Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council supports the Community Speed Watch Scheme, which has been very successful in other areas and is supported by West Mercia Police. The scheme needs at least six volunteers to run it in Bodenham. So far we have four volunteers to help with monitoring traffic speeds in Bodenham. If you are interested, or would like to receive further information, please contact the parish clerk on 01568 797132 or at bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com

First call for volunteers

Volunteers are needed to arrange the Flix programme - the monthly screening of wonderful films in the parish hall - for the 2015-16 season. See the Parish Hall News section for more details

Litter pick

The next litter pick will be held on Saturday 11th April. See the poster in this issue for details.

The parish lengthsman.....

..... continues to work around the village. He has spread salt on footpaths during the recent frosty mornings. Residents can do this themselves from the salt stored at the parish hall, the Siward James Centre and the school car park. This salt is not to be used on private drives. Please send any requests for jobs for the lengthsman to the Parish Clerk at 01568 797132 or bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com

Planning applications

The Parish Council made no objections to the following planning applications:

* Application 150001/K: The Pigeon House: To cut down an ash tree and a horse chestnut tree.

* 150056/L: Bodenham Hall: Proposed internal and external works, to include replacement of 4 windows, replacement of rendering to south, east and west elevations and chimney.

* 150103/F: Pump Cottage: Proposed dwelling and ancillary garage.

Parish meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on **Monday 2nd March and 13th April** at the Siward James Centre. Copies of the agenda and draft minutes of the previous meetings 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. If you prefer, you can raise matters in advance by contacting Chris Smith, Parish Clerk, on 01568-797132 or by email at bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com . A list of future meetings is also on the website.

The parish website.....

..... is continually updated. Find the latest news on the Bodenham Neighbourhood Plan there. The Home page now shows a list of future events in chronological order, as well as the latest notices, addresses to go to find out about Bodenham past, present and future, local news and crime prevention alerts. www.bodenhamparish.org.uk is the website address. You can also find the Bodenham Newsletter there.

Chris Smith (Parish Clerk)
bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com
01568 797132

BODENHAM PARISH COUNCIL 2014-15

Cllr Roger Austin	austin_rj@hotmail.com	01568 797994
Cllr Alec Avery,	shalec50@gmail.com	01568 797744
Cllr Bob Clarke	rwc@steppes.plus.com	01568 797670
Cllr Stan Davis		01568 797546
Cllr Dennis Jackson	dennisjackson647@btinternet.com	01568 797404
Cllr Pam James-Moore	pamelajamesmoore@btinternet.com	01568 797330
Cllr Robin Knott	robinknott835@btinternet.com	01568 797835
Cllr Tony Mitcheson	BabsMitcheson@aol.com	01568 797170
Cllr Jeffrey Pollard	jeffpollarddecorating@gmail.com	01568 797228
Cllr Rhian Powell	rhiannon.powell@gmail.com	01568 797132

(Cllr Mitcheson is the chairman: Cllr Clarke is the vice-chairman).

BODENHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(Chapel Lane, Bodenham)

Programme for **March 2015**

Date	Time	Service & Leader
1st	9.00am	Praise and Prayer
1st	10.30am	Worship Service - Paul Timbrell
8th	10.30am	Worship Service - Peter Lefroy-Owen
15th	10.30pm	Fellowship Service and Communion
22nd	10.30am	Worship Service - John Waldegrave
29th	10.30am	Worship Service - Ron Spillards

Praise and Prayer on **Sunday 1st March** will be followed by a simple breakfast. Coffee will be served after all services.

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

Midweek Study & Discussion Group meets on **Thursdays at 7.30pm** at the Chapel. This month we continue our study of the Book of Isaiah. Visitors are welcome

For more information contact Peter Lefroy-Owen.

Ladies Bible Study, at the Chapel at 9.45am on **Tuesdays 3rd and 17th and 31st March**. We conclude the series in the Book of Esther entitled 'A Royal Rescue'. All ladies are very welcome. Please contact Margaret Seccombe (797094) for further details.

Bodenham Christian Fellowship:
Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen (760580)

Secretary: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 5th March at Fuggles Barn, Upper Maund, Bodenham. Prebendary David Roberts will be giving an illustrated talk 'The Way of the Cross' preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Visitors are always welcome.

Branch leader: Pat Horrigan

Email: mu@themothersunion.org

Self Catering Cottages

Litmarsh Farm, Marden

2 beautifully styled black & white cottages, each sleeping 4. Available for holidays, short breaks and out of season longer lets .

Call 01568 797109 or 07785 518927

www.litmarshfarm.co.uk

BODENHAM FLOOD GROUP

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to Everyone who helped to make the BFPG Coffee Morning such a success.

It was lovely to see so many people who came to support us and hopefully enjoyed this event.

The final total raised was £439-70p.

Thank you all, Liz Davies

Clive Chambers Flooring

Bradnor Cottage, Marden



Carpets & Vinyls

Top Quality Fitting
Over 30 Years Experience

Choose Your New Flooring In Your
Own Home
Over
100 Samples to Choose From

We Can Move and Replace Furniture
and Dispose of Your Old Flooring

Tel: 01432 880898

Mobile: 07713 136238

E: clivechambersflooring @ymail.com

GARDENING CLUB

March 3rd Green and Shady - Plants for shady borders. Carol Smith

April 7th. The County Mammal Atlas David Smith plus Daffodil Show. Schedules available in March from usual places

May 5th. Club Plant Sale. Plants for your tubs and baskets all grown locally by our chairman, plenty of choice.

Visitors always welcome we have a sales table, refreshments and a raffle.

Jacqui Price

NEON HEATING & BOILER SERVICES LIMITED



- Servicing, repairs and installation of:
 - Natural Gas, Oil and LPG boilers, fires, cookers and water heaters
 - Renewables – biomass, solar, ground and air source heat pumps
- Unvented Hot water cylinders
- General plumbing – installation, design and advice
- Landlord Certifications
- Residential Park Homes – LPG repairs and installation.

Phone: 01432 880573 or 01989 569146

Email: sales@neonheating.co.uk

Emergency (24hr): 07557 858174

BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB

On **Monday 9th March** we meet in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm when we shall see, "Life Under Water" a talk, with slides, presented by Jennifer Easson.

This, I know, will be very good as I have seen one of Jennifer's presentation before and it was superb.

We shall have the Sales Table, Raffle and Light Refreshments.

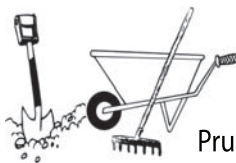
Monday 23rd March at 2.30pm finds the Club in the Parish Hall again for a talk all about, "Bees & Honey" presented by Jane Matthews. This promises to be a delightful talk.

As well as the Raffle we shall be running the Bring & Buy Table and Light Refreshments will be served.

Our first trip of the year will be on **Monday 13th April** when we will be travelling to RAF Cosford. Amongst other interesting memorabilia, there is a World War II exhibition on at present. The coach will leave the Parish Hall at 9.30am and depart from Cosford at 4.30pm. For further details, and to add your name to the list joining the trip, please contact Mrs. Dorothy Pugh, telephone number 01568 797268.

Gwenllian Bowden Chairman, Secretary,
Programme Secretary Tel. No. 01568 797868

QUALITY & VALUE SERVICES



Gardening

Hedge cutting, Lawn Mowing,
Pruning, Weeding, Rubbish clearance,
Tough Areas Strimming, General tidying,
Holiday / Vacant Service



Property Maintenance

Fencing & Decking, Painting,
Gutter cleaning, Sheds & Yard clearance,
Paving, Slabs & Stone Walls

☎ **078 218 333 60 - Stefan**

HEREFORD FOOT AND LASER CLINIC

JOHN POTTS

HCPC REGISTERED (Number CH 19994)



- * Advanced Laser Treatment for Fungal Nails & Verrucas
- * Nail Surgery under local anaesthesia for ingrown or diseased toe nails
- * Nail Reconstruction
- * Laser scanning for gait analysis for orthotics (devices that modify the gait)

ALL ASPECTS OF FOOT CARE
UNDERTAKEN INCLUDING
CORNS; CALLOUSES; PAINFUL
HEELS / ANKLES / LEGS & KNEES.

Modern Ground Floor Surgery

Easy Parking

01432 830787

www.herefordfootclinic.co.uk

THE MERCHANTS HOUSE CAFÉ & ANTIQUES

Corn Square, Leominster



CAFE

*Home Made Lunches, Snacks,
Cream Teas, Fresh Coffees,
Open Fire in the Winter*

'PAST & PRESENT' ANTIQUES

*Furniture, books, jewellery, antiques,
materials, paintings, crockery & more*

Dogs welcome in our enclosed courtyard

Open Monday to Saturday Tel: 01568 616141

'Like' us on facebook 'The Merchants House'

www.TheMerchantsHouse.org



Pump Chambers,
Submersible and surface mounted Pumps,
ALL Sewage Treatment Plants repaired and serviced,
Sales, Servicing and Breakdowns covered.

CCTV Drain Surveys.

Home Buyer/Seller surveys of sewage systems &
septic tanks.

Septic Tank or Soak-Away Problems?

YES!

We have a low cost*,
Minimal disruption solution for you.

Local company with over 10 years experience in
sewage treatment plants and pumps.

Please call *Dave* or *Gavin* for enquiries or to arrange
a visit.

07779-592750

01547-520910 / 01568-610091

Specialist Engineers in Pumps and Sewage Treatment Plants
covering Herefordshire, Powys and all surrounding areas.

*compared to alternative solutions

CRISPIN HACK

HARD LANDSCAPING AND
TRADITIONAL BUILDING

- * PATIOS * BRICKLAYING
- * WALLS * PLASTERING
- * STEPS * CARPENTRY
- * COURTYARDS * FLOOR-LAYING
- * STONE PAVING * CHIMNEYS
- * NATURAL STONEMASONRY *

* LIME MORTAR POINTING *

FREE CONSULTATION,
DESIGN AND ESTIMATES

M: 07792 300 138

T: 01531 805050

A.G. ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

- * End of Year Accounts * Partnerships *
- * Balance Sheet Profit and Loss *
- * Tax Returns / VAT * Online Returns *
- * Business Start Ups * Help with Government Forms *
- * Free Consultation * Totally Confidential *
- * Home Visits *

REASONABLE RATES ~ LOCAL SERVICE

Be Prepared - Ring Today

Tel: 01432 850714

Mobile 07807 338521

web: www.agaccountancyservices.co.uk

E: enquiries@agaccountancyservices.co.uk

* Help with new Money Laundering regulations and Risk
Assessment for Book-keepers and Practitioners

PARISH HALL NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT

Flicks in the Sticks

Adult tickets £4. All films start at 7.30pm, and have an interval with refreshments available.

Saturday 14th March (Borderlines Film Festival): *Mr Turner*, directed by Mike Leigh, starring Timothy Spall as the eccentric British artist J.M.W. Turner.

Friday 17th April *The Imitation Game*, nominated for 8 Oscars, with Benedict Cumberbatch as pioneering computer scientist Alan Turing, who was recruited by MI6 to help crack Enigma but who was later pilloried and prosecuted by the state.

Please contact any committee member (details below) if you would like to be involved in choosing next season's films, and helping to keep Flicks going in Bodenham.

100 CLUB RESULTS

Draw results for Jan. & Feb. 2015:-

JANUARY 2015:-

- 1). No. 34 - Tim Burnill
- 2). No. 35 - Tim Burnill
- 3). No.109 - Cherie Davies

FEBRUARY:-

- 1). No. 34 - Tim Burnill
- 2). No. 93 - Hugh Diamond
- 3). No. 76 - Chris James

Yes, that really is three times for Tim Burnill. How lucky can one man be!!!

**Next Management Committee meeting:
7.30 pm Wednesday 11th March 2015.**

Members of the public are welcome to come along and find out more about the running of this important village facility.

**To Book the Parish Hall, please ring
Ida on 01568 797333**

Club	Meets	Contact
Leisure Club	Monthly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays 2.30 - 4pm	Gwenllian Bowden - Secretary 01568 797868
Gardening Club	Monthly on the 1st Tuesday 7.30pm	David Griffiths 01568 797427
Flicks in the Sticks	Sept - April 2nd Friday 7.30pm	Chris & Mike James 01568 797451

Weekly	Activity	Contact
Mondays	Tai Chi 10 - 11.30am (TT) Keep Fit 6.30 - 7.30pm Glow-With-Figure-Fitness 8pm	Julian Kemp 01568 614468 Emma Caldwell 01568 797107 07971009691 ejcaldwell@hotmail.co.uk annebliss@btconnect.com 01568 760860
Tuesdays	Pilates 6 - 7pm Airgun Club	Emma Caldwell (as above) Ian Linton 01568 797375
Wednesdays	Tai Chi 9.30 - 11am (TT) Yoga 6 - 7.30pm (TT) Badminton 8pm	Julian Kemp (as above) Fiona Hawkins 01432 860270 Rob Parker 01568 797091
Thursdays	Belly Dancing 7 - 8pm & 8 - 9.30pm	Abby Mason 07962 161081 alanya@alanyabellydance.com
Fridays	Over 50s Exercise 9 - 10am Pilates	Miranda Davies 01432 830675 Emma Caldwell (see above)

Hourly Rates

Main Hall	£9.50 (minimum charge £12)
Committee Room	£5.00 (minimum charge £6)
Stage Only	£5.00 (minimum charge 5.50)

Store/Back Room	£8.00 per Evening
Party/Dance/Disco	£120.00 (£100 deposit)
Concert/Musical Evening	£60.00
Quiz Night	£30.00
Bingo	£30.00
Children's Party (under 14 years)	£25.00
Jumble Sale	£45.00
Wedding Afternoon Only - (Clear by 6pm)	£150.00
All Day	£200.00
Previous Day at Hourly Rate.	

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

Bodenham Sandbag Cages Key Holder List

All the sandbags in the cages in the village have now been replenished. Should you need access to them in an emergency, please note the BFPG Area Representative closest to your holding cage and their contact details. If you are unable to contact your Area Representative then please ring the Spare Key Holders listed below.

Name	Area Rep
Bob Pritchard 01568 797428	Chapel Lane/ Orchard Close
Mike Stephens 01568 797816 07779 407605	Chapel Lane/ Orchard Close
Anthony Giampalma 07970 285020	Parish Hall
Mike Mullenger 01568 797199	Bodenham School Car Park
Tony Mitcheson Chairman 01568 797170	Spare Key
Babs Mitcheson Secretary 01568 797170	Spare Key
The Warden 01568 797412	Siward James
Tony Clark 01568 797943	Spare Key



***Bodenham* Carers Support Group**

The group meets from 2.00pm – 3.30 pm on the third
Monday of each month at
Siward James Community Centre

2015 Spring programme

16 th Feb	SAAFA (TBC)
16 th Mar	Health Watch
20 th Apr	Anita Harvey, Dishley Footcare
18 th May	Contingency Planning

Please just come along or for further details please call Helen on
01432 356068 or email: helenwhitmore@herefordshirecarers.co.uk

Herefordshire Carers Support is a registered charity providing practical support and advice to the carer community in the county
Berrows Business Centre, Bath Street, Hereford HR1 2HE | Tel: 01432 356068
email: help@herefordshirecarerssupport.org | www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org
Charity No. 1051774 | Company No. 3032478 | Supported by Herefordshire Council



C:\Users\Susan Haworth\Desktop\Feb 2015\Carers Group 2015.docx

RT Building Services
GENERAL BUILDER & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Small extensions, brick and block work
Driveways / Block Paving
All types of roof construction - Plastering
All types of floor laying
UPVC Fascia Boards, Guttering, and Cladding
HARD LANDSCAPING
Natural Stonework, Patios
Rendering and Decorative Walls, Courtyards
and Fencing
For a Free Estimate call Ray Taylor
Wellington
01432 830145 or 07917132294

BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP

Chairman: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Treasurer: Mrs Babs Mitcheson
Operations Manager: Cllr Tony Mitcheson
Secretary: Mrs Babs Mitcheson

The Moor:

The Moor Road: Mr Tony Clark: 797943
Orchard Close/Chapel Lane: Mr Robert Pritchard: 797428
Brockington Road (2 -31& 35): Mr Simon Dowler: 797363
Brockington Road (1, 32-34, 36 – 42A): Mrs Rebecca Burnill: 797823
Brockington Road (43- 54): Mrs Gwen Bowden: 797868
Siward James: The Warden : 797412
Ash Grove Close: Mrs Jean Fryer: 797338
Ash Grove View: Mr David Harris: 797575
Ash Grove View: Cllr Alec Avery: 797744
Millcroft Road: Miss Barbara Gibson: 797643

Bodenham Village:

Bridge to War Memorial:
Mr Mike Mullenger: 797199
Church and Bodenham Village:
Mr David Ayshford Sanford: 797549

Maud Bryan:

Mr Philip Broomhead 797167

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:

March 31st

If you are unable to attend or have points which you would like to be raised at the
meeting, please contact the Secretary, Mrs Babs Mitcheson on 797170
Or by email at BabsMitcheson@aol.com

Meeting dates will also be posted on the Parish Website.

FIX & Finish

CARPENTER - DECORATOR - HANDYMAN

CARPENTRY - All types undertaken
DECORATING - Internal and External
HANDYMAN - No Job Too small
RENOVATION - Outdoor Furniture & Joinery
FREE QUOTE - No Obligation

For a Friendly, Reliable and Local Service

CALL Richard on 07837 731018
Email: richard@fixandfinish.co.uk

Pip Clark

Bowley Lane, Bodenham

Large and Small Domestic Appliances
Repairs and Service
Your Local Supplier of White Goods
Prices Comparable with Local Stores
Free Delivery and Fitting
Tel: 01568 797365
Mobile 07971 422034

Forever Living Products

Change Development Growth Health Life Happiness

Tricia Sanford

Independent Distributor

22 Orchard Close
Bodenham
Hereford
HR1 3JJ

Phone: 01568 797235
Mobile: 07779 613030
Email: tricia235@aol.com
www.patriciasanford.co.uk



THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015 ELECTIONS

Most people will be aware that the General Election is to be held on Thursday 7 May 2015. However, in Herefordshire there will also be elections for the 53 seats on Herefordshire Council and approximately 1200 seats on the 137 Town/Parish Councils. All existing councillors must seek re-election if they wish to remain as a Councillor.

With regard to Town/Parish Councils anyone can stand as a Councillor if they are at least 18 years old, they are a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union. In addition candidates must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish/community in which you wish to stand
- You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish/community during the whole 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
- Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of nomination and the day of election has been in the parish/community
- You have lived in the parish/community or within 3 miles of it during the whole 12 months before the day of nomination and the day of election

In addition to the qualifications to stand for election there are also a few reasons that would disqualify someone seeking election and that is if you are employed by the Council, you are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order, you have been imprisoned for 3 months (including suspended sentence) and finally you have been found guilty of corrupt or illegal election practices.

So, subject to the above qualifications/disqualification anyone with an interest in their local community can seek election to their local Town/Parish Council.

If you are interested and would be comfortable in speaking at Council meetings that are open to the public and have the time to attend meetings and support the work of your local Town/Parish Council then why not put yourself forward. You only need 2 local people to support your nomination. It really is as simple as that.

If there are more candidates than vacancies, then an election will be held on the same day as the General Election and the Herefordshire Council Election. If there are less candidates than there are vacancies you would be elected unopposed.

You do not need to belong to a political party to become a councillor.

You will find guidance about becoming a councillor on the Electoral Commission website and the Clerk to your local Town/Parish Council can provide you with the appropriate nomination paper. Alternatively you can contact the Elections Office at Herefordshire Council on 01432 260107.

Electoral Services Office

Moreton Wood



Seasoned Firewood

- High Quality hand made Garden Sheds, Fencing, Screens, Arbours and other Bespoke Structures
- Sawn timber for sheds and decking
- Sustainably produced Barbecue Charcoal
- Hand made quality woodland products & services
- Fun and Educational Community Events and Workshops

ALL FROM local, sustainably managed woodland in Ullingswick, Herefordshire.

Paul and Jo Morton will be happy to answer your queries

Tel: 07920 851 674

moretonwood@googlemail.com

www.moretonwood.co.uk

Your vote matters make sure you're in.

The way you register to vote has changed. Up until now, the head of a household has been responsible for registering everyone who lives at an address. However, since June 2014 people in England and Wales have needed to register as individuals.

In August 2014 we were able to move 86% of those registered voters in Herefordshire onto the new register automatically after checking their details with the Department for Work and Pensions. But for various reasons the remaining 14% of electors on the register did not match and all now have to re-register to vote ahead of the General Election on May 7th 2015.

If you are one of those whose details did not match the information held by the Department for Work and Pensions then you would have received a letter from the Elections Office at Herefordshire Council asking you to register individually. If you have received a letter asking you to register individually this means that you will need to re-register in order to be able to vote by post in the May election.

If you have recently moved, you must register to vote at your new address. You are not registered at a new property automatically, even if you pay council tax. The simplest way to register is online at: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or to call 01432 260107.

BODENHAM RAMBLERS WALKS SCHEDULE MARCH/APRIL 2015

All walks start at 10am unless otherwise stated.
Any queries about walks please contact leaders.
SUMMER PROGRAMME BEGINS 1ST APRIL 2015
PLEASE BRING PACKED LUNCH

Date	Description	Miles	Start	GR	Leaders
Sun 1 st Mar	Bosbury & surrounding area. Moderate	5	Park at Bosbury Parish Hall. Lunch at The Bell Inn, Bosbury	Exp202 695434	Tony & Kay 01568 797943
Sat 7 th Mar	AGM		Bodenham Parish Hall 7pm Bring a plate of goodies.	Exp 189 573374	Eddie 01432 266994
Wed 11 th Mar	Footpaths, lanes & orchards. Easy/moderate	5	Burghill Valley Golf Club	Exp 202 474445	Don & Margaret 01432 760036
Sun 22 nd Mar	Hereford & The English Civil War.	Not many	Merton Hotel, Commercial Rd, Hereford. Followed by lunch.		Ron Munden 01432 272716
Wed 1 st April	River Arrow. Impressive Motte Staunton Park. Moderate	6	Staunton & Arrow Village Hall	Exp 201 370601	Wendy and Dave 01568 797659
Sun 12 th April	Pembridge, Moseley, Weston and Nutfield. Flat and easy/moderate.	6	Pembridge Village Hall (uphill from New Inn)	Exp 201 388578	Margaret & Stephen 01432 880950
Wed 22 nd April	Eco walk guided by Farmer over tracks and fields. Coffee before start.	4-5	The Cart Shed, Deveraux, Wootton Farm	Exp 201 385485	Doreen and Brian 01432 271065
Mon 27 th April – Fri 1 st May	Holiday at the Park Hotel, North Cliff, Tenby SA70 8AT				

For details of Bodenham Ramblers please contact the Secretary,
Brenda Richardson on 01568 797035 or the Treasurer, Wendy Jones on 01432 272031



StAr ToTs FuN gRoUp for babies 0 – 3 years

A social activity in our village for you to bring your little ones to
and have fun!

Everyone welcome, mums, dads and grandparents.

At St. Michael's C.E.P. School in Bodenham (to find us just follow
the signs for the Church)

On Friday mornings 9.00am – 11.00am

Nominal charge of £1 to include tea, coffee and biscuits

Just come into the School Reception

For more information contact the school on (01568) 797241 or

Contact Steph 07968563744 or Laura
07966960708 for further details



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

St. Michael's Pre-School

@

St. Michael's CEP School, Bodenham, HR1 3JU

For Children 2 – 5 years old

(15 Hours FREE Nursery Funding Available)

Mondays & Wednesdays
9am to 1.15pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9am to 3.15pm

Please call Jo or Julie on 01568 797241
For a FREE taster session

www.st-michaels.hereford.sch.uk



Play, Grow and Explore Together!

Wellington Parish History Society's January meeting was very well attended, with several local parishes represented. Ledgemoor's Paul Hipkins spoke about The Early History of the Pyons. This well-researched talk was erudite yet accessible, illustrated by photos of ancient boundary trees, landscape photos of the parishes, and covering several hundred years of history in less than an hour. Many members and guests stayed on for refreshments and enjoyed poring over the large Geoff Gwatkins map of Kings Pyon, talking with the speaker, and catching up with friends and neighbours. The next meeting will feature Collette Gray, who will tell us about "How the Great War Affected Children's Lives", on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in Wellington Community Room. Collette will speak using artefacts from the era to enhance her talk. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Enquiries to Gill Bullock on 01432 839109.

WYNNE'S OF DINMORE

Country Life Supplies & Equipment

The Poultry Store & So Much More...

Point of Lay Hens - Always Available From £10
(Also seasonally - Bantams, Quail, Chicks & Ducks)
Pretty Pygmy Goats From £100. Miniature Pet Pigs
Specialist Animal, Pet & Poultry Feed & Bedding
Health & Hygiene & Vermin Control Products
Pet, Poultry & Animal Housing & Runs
Strong Walk-in Enclosures & Aviaries
(We manufacture housing on farm)
Pet & Farm Supplies & Equipment
Hardwood Woodchip in bags
Wild Bird Feed – wide range
Free Range Eggs £1.60 doz
Gifts ... and much more!

Visitors Welcome: Tuesday - Saturday

Upper Buskwood Farm, Hope Under Dinmore.

See our website: www.wynnes.co.uk

Tel: 01568 797314 e-mail: info@wynnes.co.uk

LIVEWIRE ELECTRICAL

- * From extra power points to full rewire
- * Security and Garden Lighting
- * Showers and Smoke Alarms
- * Fuse board Upgrades



All work to BS7671 standard
No Job too small!! for a free quote call:-
Richard on:- 07969 308549

andrew jelley opticians

Andrew Jelley BSc(Hons) FC Optom

Teresa Davies FBDO

Duncan Edwards FBDO

Alex Lane BSc(Hons) MC Optom

34/35 High Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire, HR7 4AE

Tel: 01885 488259

e: reception@ajopticians.co.uk

www.andrewjelleyopticians.co.uk



Bark Lodge

Dog Grooming and Home Boarding

Call Debbie on 07768 518008

Fully trained professional dog groomer

Home from home boarding services

Located in Litmarsh (nr Bodenham)

www.barklodedogs.co.uk
debbie@barklodedogs.co.uk

BODENHAM FORGE

3 holiday cottages, each with a double bedroom and a twin bedroom, available for weekend lets, week lets and longer lets.

All cottages are undergoing refurbishment

All cottages have Wi Fi and Smart TV

Good for visiting family and friends, local business visitors or people moving house.

Paul and Salma Courtney

01568 797144

www.bodenhamforge.co.uk

Professional Cleaning

of

Carpets, Rugs, Upholstery

Using a new innovative system we offer a fast, efficient, high quality, carpet cleaning service with no mess or fuss.

- ✓ Cleans, disinfects and applies anti-static coating
- ✓ Guarantees not to stretch, shrink, or split seams
- ✓ Leaves carpets PH neutral, no re-soiling sticky residues
 - ✓ Extremely quiet operation
- ✓ Environmentally friendly too using natural products

Dry in 30 Minutes

Homes Offices Hotels Clubs

Call today:

Rainbow International

Unit 21, Evans Business Centre,
Brunel Road, Leominster, HR6 0LX

Telephone: 01568 617710

For Your Free, No Obligation, Quote



**PURE
EMPORIUM**

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Tel: 01432 341488

All Aspects Of Beauty And Holistic Therapy
 CACI Non Surgical Solutions
 Elemis Facials & Treatments / Product Range
 OPI Polish & OPI Gelcolor
 Manicures & Pedicures / Minx Nails
 St Tropez Spray Tanning
 Waxing & Intimate Waxing
 All Types Of Massage
 Eyelash Extensions / Sunbeds
 LVL Lash Enhancements / Inch Wraps
 Lily Lolo Mineral Makeup / Aromatherapy

Gift Vouchers • Late Nights • Free Parking

Energy House, Grandstand Road, Hereford HR4 9NH

Heating, Plumbing & Electrical



Boiler Servicing	Full Heating Systems
Boiler Replacements	Boiler Repairs
Solar PV Panels	Heat Pumps
Electrical Re-Wiring	Electrical Fault Finding

**Free Quotes
Fast And Friendly Service**

Green Deal Installer

GSR Heating Ltd, Energy House, Grandstand Road
 Hereford HR4 9NH

info@gsrheating.co.uk

www.gsrheating.co.uk



01432 357 967

We truly believe in "Caring from the Heart", that is why we have chosen the heart as part of our corporate identity. We also believe that it's not what's on the outside, but what's on the inside that makes someone "Special", and only "Special People" become Community Carers. We support our "Special People" to follow their career path to gain their Diplomas in Health and Social Care. The key to successful care partnerships between Abelia Care and its Clients are our professional trained and caring Staff, so why not let our "Special People" look after your "Special People?"



ABELIA CARE SERVICES LTD

"Caring from the Heart"

**10, Northern Lights Business Park, Clinton Road, Leominster, HR6 0SW
 Telephone No. 01568-620129**

The old adage is still true today, that **"Home is where the Heart is"**, and here at Abelia Care, we understand that elderly vulnerable people, or those needing care and support, enjoy an improved quality of life, when they continue living at home in familiar surroundings.

As a Care Quality Commission registered Home Care Provider, we believe in treating our Clients as "Individuals" in all aspects of their care, through consultation and communication.

- We treat all our Clients with the Dignity and Respect that their age demands, and take time to build a bond of trust.
- We are committed to Person-centred Care.
- We value the role of the Family in joint discussions regarding their family member's care
- We offer support with reablement care packages following Discharge home from hospital to help you get back on your feet.
- We can offer Dementia Care Qualified support Staff to help you or a family member.
- Palliative or "End of Life" care support for those who are terminally ill or those needing this type of support.
- We provide a shopping service for people who are not able to do their own.
- Support with meal preparation, washing, ironing and vacuuming or re-making the beds if arthritis or other debilitating illness makes this difficult.
- Medication monitoring and support.
- Personal hygiene support with bathing or showering with the added safety factor.
- Feed your pets or walk the dog when needed.
- Our care services offer reassurance for families, knowing their loved ones are being cared for by qualified and professional care staff.



**To find out more, why not visit our Website:-
www.abeliacare.co.uk**

FIREWOOD

- Split logs ready to burn
- Any quantity, any size to suit your heating requirement
- Delivered to your store
- Second hand potato boxes available ideal for all sorts of storage including logs

Contact: Tom Johnson

CM Mercer

01568 797 666

07971159998



HOLISTIC MASSAGE & BODYWORK

Offering a deeply effective therapy to help with many common ailments, including:

- Back, neck and shoulder pain
- Stress, headaches, disturbed sleep
- Sports injuries
- Long term health conditions

Call Tara for more info or to book on 07931 150 507

tarakane77@gmail.com

www.tara-kane.co.uk

Home based clinic in **Monkhide, Yarkhill** Monday - Friday.

Neal's Yard Remedies in Hereford on Wednesdays.

LUGG VALLEY FRIENDS - CANCER RESEARCH UK

Pancakes and Tea Event

Thank you very much to all those who supported this event at the Siward James Centre on Tuesday, 17th February 2015, by attending, making cakes and donating raffle prizes etc. We raised a total of £426.40.

OTHER EVENTS DURING 2015:

Friday 26th June : Ploughmans & Puddings at Siward James Centre

Friday 9th October : Autumn Fashion Show by Wyestyles at Parish Hall

Tuesday 3rd November : Coffee Morning at Siward James Centre

Friday 4th December : Christmas Bingo at Parish Hall



THE VINEYARD FOLK CLUB

Due to circumstances largely beyond my control, there have been no 'Vineyards' so far this year and the earliest possible

meet will be the last Friday in April. Apologies to those who've supported 'Vineyards' in the past. Please keep a 'weather eye' out for roadside posters, should another meeting take place, as these are the primary means of informing the neighbourhood.

Pete Hollingsworth 01568 797623



HOLIDAY BUNGALOW, GOWER PENINSULA- 2 Bedrooms

Quality heated accommodation, recently decorated, immaculate.

Sleeps 4/5. Fully equipped fitted kitchen, freezer, fridge, microwave etc,

Lounge/diner, TV with freeview, dvd player. Shower room.

Situated in quiet holiday village, 2 minutes from Port Eynon

Free heated indoor pool with spa and sauna. (April-October).

Play area, games room, Tumble Tots. Launderette. Chip shop

Shop with post office and cash machine, Pub/restaurant.

For prices and availability call Ann on 01432 760963

Web site: www.31gowerholidayvillage.co.uk

Email: <mailto:annofgreengables@btinternet.com>

From £250 - £580 per week. Bed linen supplied and beds made up.

Parking for 2 cars. Heating and electricity included in rental

Recently awarded 3 stars, by 'Visit Wales'

BODENHAM BOWLING CLUB

It does not seem more than five minutes since the outdoor bowling season ended and here I am advising you of the start of the 2015 season.

On **MARCH 9th at 7.00pm** there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting. This will be chaired by our Vice Chairman Mr Chris Sockett. To meet not only the request for an updated constitution by bowls Hereford but also to ensure we have insurance cover this is necessary.

Following the EGM we are hosting a Wine and Cheese evening during which you will have the opportunity to pay your subscription. This is able to remain at the same rate as the past few years due to your support of the Hog Roast and the raffles on match days.

Those of you who attended the AGM in October will recall I am sure the decision taken to begin the season slightly earlier than in previous years. **SATURDAY APRIL 11th at 2.00 pm** sees us once more on the green within the Siward James complex and on this occasion we are asked to contribute to a Bring and Share tea.

We welcome new members, have woods that can be borrowed and ask that you wear flat soled footwear. If you are planning to join us you will be very welcome at the EGM or at about 7.45 for the wine and cheese and registration.

Your committee members look forward to seeing as many of you as are able on 09.03.15 and look forward to a happy and winning playing season.

Barbara Gibson (secretary)

RW Mann & Son Funeral Directors



Serving the local families of Leominster

We have a range of funeral options available to suit all wishes and requirements. Our arrangers can also offer help and advice with pre-paid funeral planning.

For more information on funeral plans, to find your nearest branch, or to arrange a home visit please call

01568 612358

We are now located at:
2-4 New Street,
Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8DP

Anne Morris
Funeral Arranger



www.rwmann.co.uk



FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

Beaumont House, Offa Street,
Hereford, HR1 2LH
Tel: 01432 352345

John Senior Chambers, 38 High Street,
Bromyard, HR7 4AE
Tel: 01885 488442



www.beaumonts-solicitors.co.uk

NOTICE:

The water spout at
Dinmore has consistently
tested as unsafe for
human consumption.

**Please Do Not
Drink**



Jeff Pollard Decorator

Is your Kitchen/Bedroom looking tired? Would you like to update it but don't want the expense of new units when the current ones are still functional.

Let me hand-paint your furniture to give it a fresh, clean and modern new look.

- High Quality Paints to ensure long lasting and beautiful results.
- Specialist Individual Schemes.
- Suitable for Hardwood, Softwood, MDF and Laminate furniture.
- Service also available for freestanding wardrobes etc.

Please contact me on 01568 797228 or 07971 073343 for a free no obligation estimate

Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans is pleased to announce that it has obtained permission to organise a special

**Cherry Blossom Walk on Sunday 26th April 2015
(11.30am-4.00pm), to view the cherry trees in blossom on Sidnall Farm at Ullingswick, near Bromyard.**

This charity event has been made possible through the generosity of the fruit farm's owner, Mr Clive Richards OBE. The 70-acre Herefordshire fruit farm is now one of the largest suppliers of English-grown cherries, including such varieties as Kordia, Regina, Summersun and Verida.

There will be guided walks by experts of the estate's award-winning cherry orchards (with transport available); Refreshments served under cover; an open picnic area; and ample free parking.

Tour and Pre-booked lunch - £15 or Guided Tours - £5

Children under 12 will be admitted free.

Tea, coffee and cakes available for small charge.

All proceeds from the event will go to Friends of Herefordshire Samaritans, the fund-raising arm of the Herefordshire branch of Samaritans, which is based at 44A Berrington Street, Hereford HR4 0BJ (tel: 01432 269000). In 2013 the branch received more than 18,000 contacts from people needing emotional support.

GARDEN SERVICES (BODENHAM)

**Gardening, Tree Felling,
Hedge Trimming, Mowing
Pest Control: - Rats, Squirrels, Wasps,
Foxes, Deer**

MIKE STEPHENS

Mobile: 07779 407605

**MOWERS SERVICED: COLLECTED
AND DELIVERED**

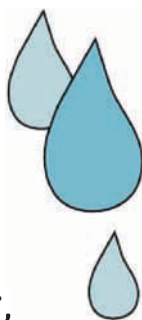
FIREWOOD

**Builders Bags and
Trailer Loads Available
Ring for Quote**

**DRY AND READY TO USE
ALL DELIVERED FREE
IN BODENHAM AREA**

**CONTACT MIKE STEPHENS
01568 797816 OR 07779 407605**

David Gray Plumbing



**General Plumbing,
Central Heating, Shower,
Bathroom & Wetroom Installations
Wall & Floor Tiling
Friendly reliable service
Free Quotes**

**Tel: 01432 870220 or
07960905159**



2555120

Travels with a Camera Bodenham Chapel HR1 3HR

**7.30pm until 9.15pm (approx)
Admission £3.00 in aid of Hope Carriers Trust
(unless stated)
Light Refreshments provided
(Tel: Dave or Jenny Hill 01568-797531)**

**Friday 6th March
"Travels up the Wakhan Valley, Afghanistan"
presented by Audrey Nunn**

**Friday 13th March
"The French Riviera"
presented by Brian Skinner**

**Wednesday 25th March
"2014 – Part 2"
Includes Scandinavia, Yorkshire,
Czech & Slovakia, London, Devon &
Cornwall
A variety of photographs taken
in the later months of 2014
presented by Dave Hill**

Can you help St Michael's Hospice make 2015 our best Open Gardens summer to date?

In 2014, gardeners from Herefordshire and beyond used their horticultural creativity to support St Michael's Hospice by opening their gardens.

Visitors enjoyed the delights of 32 unique gardens, including private gardens not normally open to the public such as the Newport House estate. Stoke Prior and Wellington Heath also held village-wide Open Garden events. In total, an astonishing £24,000 was raised by our green-fingered supporters.

Opening your garden for St Michael's Hospice can be a very rewarding experience, for you and the people who visit. If you have a garden that delights people, please think about opening it for St Michael's Hospice.

It doesn't have to be elaborate: as long as your garden is interesting and has character, we would love to hear from you. We will give you all the help and guidance needed to offer visitors the chance to share and enjoy your love of gardening.

It's up to you when you would like to open your garden. Perhaps you'd like to join with neighbours and hold a village Open Garden day? The choice is yours.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call the Community Fundraising Team at St Michael's Hospice on 01432 851000.

Please support St Michael's Hospice and help make 2015 a summer of gardening delights.

Bridgette Kempson
M.Inst.Ch.P. HPC Registered

Home Visiting Chiropodist

Mobile 07798 765744

Also at Beautonics, 97B Old Eign Hill, Hereford
Tel 01432 370550

Advertise in the Newsletter

Small Box	£50	for 12 months
	£25	6 months
	£10	2 months
	£ 5	1 month
Quarter Page	£80	for 12 months
	£40	6 months
	£9.50	1 month
	£19	2 months
Half Page	£12.50	for 1 month
Full Page	£ 25	for 1 month



Join Friends and Neighbours for
BODENHAM's
LITTER PICKING EXPEDITION

On
Saturday 11th April 2015

From 10.30 AM - 12.30pm

Start and Finish at

The Parish Hall

Free Hot Soup and Rolls for lunch



Litter picking sticks and
 High Viz jackets
 will be provided

For further details contact
 Chris Smith 01568 797132



PILATES CLASSES



Pilates will improve your core strength, back health, joint health, muscle balance, better posture, create a body with long lean muscles. Feel stronger, feel more flexible, look better.

The perfect mat based exercise class

Pre book now. Contact Emma Caldwell 01568 797107. 07971009691.

ejcaldwell@hotmail.co.uk

Mondays Wellington 9.25am.

Mondays Wellington 10.35am.

Tuesdays Withington 9.30am.

Tuesdays Bodenham 6pm.

Wednesdays Marden 7.30pm.

Thursdays Leominster 5pm.

Thursdays Marden 7pm.

Fridays Sutton 9am.

Fridays Bodenham 10.30am.

BODY FAT SHRED



CLASSES

This class will increase your cardio fitness, shed body fat, define muscles, sculpt a great body.

Combining cardio, squats, lunges, use Dumbbells, kicks, infused with some core pilates exercises.

The perfect combination to sweat at a high energy class.

Plus your chance to attend FREE regular workshops on healthy eating.

Train well Eat well & you have the body & health you deserve...

Come along try the class !

Pre book now.

Contact Emma Caldwell 01568 797107. 07971009691. ejcaldwell@hotmail.co.uk

Mondays Bodenham 6.30pm

Mondays MARDEN 8pm.

BODENHAM WOMEN'S GROUP *BWg*

March

BWg AGM **Tuesday March 24th** 7.30pm at the Chapel.

Come and join us for a social get together over coffee and cake/biscuits to discuss events you would like to see take place during the forthcoming year. The Accounts for the financial year will be presented and the annual subscription of 50p will be collected. Any ladies who would like to join the group would be warmly welcomed, so please come along. Contact if further information is required is Anita Griffiths – 01568 797929

April

Cherry Blossom Walk
Sunday April 26 11.30 am to 4pm
at Sidnall Farm in Ullingswick.

This could be a pleasant day out for the family! As yet no contact details, watch this space next month for an update.

Afternoon Tea **Thursday 23 April** at Castle House Hotel.

Come and enjoy the ambience of a traditional afternoon tea in these lovely surrounding. Cost varies from £6 - £16 dependent on whether you opt for a delicious cream tea of scones, jam and clotted cream with a pot of tea, or go for the "full works"

What more enjoyable way to celebrate St Georges Day?

Places will be limited.

Contact Lyn Pollard 01568 797228 or Email lyn.pollard50@btinternet.com to book a place.

May

Magna Carta: Icon of Justice and Pledge of Freedom Documents
Exhibition at Hereford Cathedral
Wednesday May 13,

Definite time to be arranged, but around 10.30ish. Mappa Mundi may also be viewed.

Cost £5 for Seniors and £6 for others.

If you would be interested in going please contact Jo Morgan 01568 797 255

If any lady or group would like to organise an event for the 2015 calendar, please contact Lyn on 01568 797228 for the details to be included in the monthly newsletter and on the parish website.

For membership details phone our Treasurer, Anita Griffiths 01568 797929 or any below. Subscriptions are now 50pence per annum.

Sally Doody-Henshaw	01568 797066
Carol Kirkpatrick	01568 797022
Debbie Mould	01568 797910
Roz Reader	01568 797426
Kath Tremain	01568 797751
Lyn Pollard	01568 797228

Are you a girl aged 9-12 years?

1st Marden Guides would like to invite you to their

Open Evening

on Friday 13th March from 6.30pm – 8pm

At Marden School Hall

Come and Join us for a RED NOSE DAY celebration, with Face Painting, Dancing, Cake Decorating, and more!

Contact Alison on 01432 880094 or email

mardenguides@outlook.com for more details

There will be a collection for RED NOSE DAY

BIG BREAKFAST



Saturday 14th March

8am until 12pm

At Bodenham Village Hall

£6.50 per adult £3.50 per child

Everyone welcome



Bodenham St Michaels Parents Association 1098832

1st Marden & District Scout Group 521373 to buy new camping equipment

St Michael's CE Primary School News

Tanzania Day:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tanzanian Day at school on Thursday 22nd January; together we raised nearly £150.00! This money was taken out to Tanzania by Mrs Alty and spent there, on items that will be useful for the school. We will welcome a teacher from Tengeru Primary (Mrs. Neema Mpinga) back to us in the summer term.

World Book Day:

World book day 2015 will be held on **Thursday, 5th March**. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a book character and to bring in their favourite book. The children will take part in a range of book related activities during the morning as well as parading in their costumes during assembly. Everybody will receive a £1 book voucher which can be exchanged for a book specially written for world book day, go to this link to find out more:

<http://www.worldbookday.com>

Sports events:

Well done to our Yr 2 children, who took part in a Target festival at Earl Mortimer College yesterday. Also a big well done to our Football team who performed so well against Pencombe CE Primary at home last Wednesday.

Buddies:

We would like to say a great big THANK YOU to the people who run, volunteer for and support our Bodenham Buddies. The school has been presented with a cheque for £1,500 from Buddies to support the work that we do. We will make sure that whatever this money is spent on is lasting and obvious, so that there is a legacy of the work that has been done. Look out some time soon for an announcement of what the money will go towards. If you would like to volunteer, please have a chat with Sophie Allen.

Update:

As promised, we have begun to use the money that was donated to the school by Buddies. We have been planning for some time now to upgrade our school piano in the hall, as it has been becoming more and more decrepit after many years of sterling service. As of last Monday we have a very high quality Clavinova that has been sourced by Debbie Mould (mum of Euan and Henry). This instrument dramatically enhances the number of options that we will have when accompanying children during productions and choir, for example. It will therefore be of benefit to all of the children in the school.

StArToTs:

Stay and play. Every Friday (term-time only) at Bodenham Pre-School, Bodenham School. 9.00am -11.00am.

Chinese New Year:

Before half term we had a wonderful day as Glenn Parry and his team joined us to lead us through a series of workshops for the children based on celebrating Chinese New Year. We all had a go at the Lion Dance, wearing costumes and moving to the rhythm of Chinese percussion. It was a very memorable time for us all. Many thanks to Glenn and his colleagues. Chinese New Year was on Thursday 19th February, so we wanted to make sure that we had covered it before half term—"Kung Hei Fat Choy"!

Christingle Service:

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this special event. The church building was very, very cold but we filled it with song and warm hearts! Thank you especially to Adele Broomhead (mum of Tom and Eadie) for organising this for us, on behalf of the Children's Society.

Upcoming Parents' Association Events:

- Mother's Day Sale - Friday 13th March ~ bring in £1 for a lovely gift.
- Big Breakfast - Saturday 14th March 8am to 12 noon at Bodenham Parish
- Hall. Everyone welcome.
- Wear What You Like Day in exchange for an Easter Egg - Friday 20th March
- Easter Bingo - Thursday 26th March eyes down 5.30pm. Donations of Hot Cross buns gratefully received.
- Bags 2 School is coming back, hopefully on Friday 24th April, so get sorting your cupboards over Easter ready to fill the sacks!
- Advance Notice for your diary - Boden Shopping Event Thursday 21st May.

Website:

Please remember that we have our website that is available for people to find out what is going on at school. It is updated regularly with photos and news; for example with news of the latest events at school.

The address is:

www.st-michaels.hereford.sch.uk



Flower Festival Sponsorship

St Michael & All Angels, Bodenham

12 -14 June 2015

Would you like to sponsor an arrangement at the Flower Festival for your family or in memory of a loved one ?

An inscribed card with your own dedication will be placed beside the flowers.

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please use block capitals & tick appropriate box

I would like to sponsor: Lily £5 (☐)
 Arrangement £15 (☐) £25 (☐)
 Large design £50 (☐)* £100 (☐)*

*complimentary Friday Concert ticket

DEDICATION :

.....

Please return this form with your donation to one of the following :

Pat Crane, Field Edge, Chapel Lane, Bodenham, Tel 797095
 Diane Pritchard, The Haven, Chapel Corner, Bodenham, Tel 797428



Flower & Scarecrow Festival

12 - 14 June 2015

St Michael & All Angels

Bodenham

Church open 10.00 – 5.00 daily

Good Parking and refreshments

Scarecrows throughout the village

Exhibition of crafts

Friday evening – Concert by the PAX Choir
 of Malvern

Saturday afternoon – Summer Fete

Saturday evening – BBQ and Jazz

Sunday evening – Festival Evensong

For more details phone : Pat Crane 01568797095
 Lyn Pollard 01568797228
 Margaret Minchin 01568797129

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Despite appearances to the contrary, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working behind the scenes on the next stage of the development of Bodenham's Plan.

Following the Neighbourhood Plan Survey last September/ October, we arranged for Data Orchard CIC to conduct an independent analysis of the responses and to report on their findings. They did this before Christmas and you can find a copy of their Report on the home page of the Parish Website under 'Latest Notices'.

The Data Orchard Report is a detailed and lengthy document and, when reading it, it is not always easy to 'see the wood for the trees'. The Steering Group has therefore spent the past few weeks in preparing a summary of the Report's findings and in drawing key conclusions from them. That work has now been completed and you can find the draft 'Summary and Conclusions' document on the Parish Website, again under 'Local Notices'.

If you do not have access to the internet and wish to see copies of the documents mentioned above, please contact Tony Mitcheson on 01568-797170 or David Tilford on 01568-797658.

Before we finalise the 'Summary and Conclusions' we would welcome any comments you may have on it, so long as these are confined strictly to the document itself and its interpretation of the Data Orchard analysis. You can send any such comments to Tony Mitcheson at BabsMitcheson@aol.com or to David Tilford at davidtilford@greenbee.net or let us have them in person at the next public Meeting of the Steering Group which is planned for 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10 March in the Parish Hall.

Once completed, the final version of the 'Summary and Conclusions' will be used, with the help of our planning consultant, to inform the next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Tony Mitcheson
 For the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



Queenswood and Bodenham Lake to be safeguarded by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and New Leaf

Local organisations Herefordshire Wildlife Trust and New Leaf Sustainable Development Ltd are confirming that they have formed a partnership specifically to safeguard the long-term future of iconic Herefordshire beauty spots Queenswood and Bodenham Lake.

Herefordshire Council have also confirmed their intention, subject to public consultation, to transfer the management responsibility of both the Queenswood Country Park and adjacent Bodenham Lake nature reserve to the partnership, while retaining both in public ownership, via a 99 year leasehold 'community asset transfer'.

The partnership intends to seek external funding for much needed investment in both sites. Plans include improved visitor facilities at Queenswood, where it also wants to initiate an environmental education programme whilst developing the current woodland management for the benefit of both people and wildlife. All of this will be done whilst retaining the essence of this high-profile site. Meanwhile, Bodenham Lake will continue to be managed as a nature reserve, ensuring the site retains its status as a wildlife haven.

The partnership have also confirmed, after discussion with Herefordshire Council - who will continue to own the freehold of the sites - that there is no prospect of housing developments or the sale of land within the sites.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust (HWT) is the largest member based nature conservation organisation in the county, with over 50 years experience of managing nature reserves. The charity has nearly 5,000 members, mostly living in Herefordshire. New Leaf is a not-for-profit co-operative, promoting sustainable development in Herefordshire. The intention of the partnership is that these two important sites will increasingly showcase the best of our county – by promoting local food, crafts and woodland produce. A creative demonstration of how nature, human wellbeing and social enterprise can flourish together.

Evan Bowen-Jones, HWT chief executive welcomes the move, stating: "This partnership draws on the best of HWT and New Leaf, ensuring continued investment in Queenswood as one of the counties best outdoor leisure areas and most important woodlands, with Bodenham Lake as a highly-valued local nature reserve. We look forward to working with local people to develop and implement an exciting program of wildlife enhancement and family activities at both sites.

HWT is privileged to have such a fantastic opportunity to ensure that young and old can continue to enjoy two of Herefordshire's best loved sites by reinvesting income generated on-site back into the areas themselves."

Rob Garner, Director of New Leaf says: "After a long series of discussions, we are delighted that the Council has now come to a decision. This opens the way for us to work closely with local communities and to develop and implement a shared vision for the sites.

We hope to be able to launch our "Supporters of Queenswood and Bodenham Lake" scheme in April, which will enable local people to get more involved in the day-to-day running and future development of these beautiful places.

HEREFORD TIMES CORRESPONDENT - County Times

The area covered by the Bodenham Newsletter has its own dedicated Hereford Times correspondent who sends in contributions to the County Times more or less every week, based on what he's given or on what is published in the Newsletter. Now no longer a Newsletter Editor, or a Parish Clerk he's finding that he's often 'out of the loop' when it comes to what's on and who's doing what. If YOU are organising a local event in Bodenham or the surrounding area and you would like extra publicity in the County Times/ Hereford Times please contact Martin Field at The Old School House, Burley Gate, HR1 3QR, 01432-820074. commnews@ymail.com

This is a totally free service. Entries are generally sent in for publication by 10 am every Friday morning, and will often be repeated several times according to the nature of the event. News items can be submitted in the same way and again there is no charge.

This is an excellent way of publicising local events and you are invited to make full use of it



RODZNDOGS

City & Guilds Qualified in Dog Grooming
Certificated in first aid for Dogs
Bodenham
HR1 3HY
Contact Rod, Tony, Bev
01568 797687
www.facebook.com/rodzndogs

Full Groom All Breeds
Wash & Brush
Nail Clipping
Day Care

Modern Facilities
Dog walking
Dog Sitting
Pick up Service

Plant & Shrub Sale

& Coffee Morning



Saturday April 18th



From 10 till 12

In

Bodenham Church

In aid of St Michael's Parish Church



Cake stall

Draw





HAVE YOUR SAY!

ARE YOU HAPPY FOR New Leaf and Herefordshire Nature Trust to take on the management of Bodenham Lake? **The Friends of Bodenham Lake** ensured the lake was listed as an 'Asset of Community Value'. This means we have the opportunity to manage the lake ourselves as a community. Is this idea exciting or terrifying? If New Leaf and HNT take on the lake, how will they ensure that communities are properly involved and have a real say?

For more information facebook 'Bodenham Lake' or email sasha@siren.org.uk.

Come and have your say on Tuesday 17th March, 7.30pm,
Bodenham Village Hall

The Friends of Bodenham Lake

Dear Friends of Bodenham Lake and Queenswood,

The Friends of Bodenham Lake (as was), have proposed and successfully managed the listing of Bodenham Lake as an asset of community value. This status as a special asset, allows us, the communities of and around Bodenham, to put in a bid to ourselves take on a lease of the lake. We are now in a six week period in which we can indicate our interest if we so choose.

This is obviously a big undertaking. Why would we do this? There was extensive discussion of this among the people who attended the latest meetings of the Friends group, (which I apologise was rather hurriedly pulled together in response to the latest story, in the Hereford Times).

The concerns focus on lack of community engagement by New Leaf and the Council. Lack of openness from councillors and the secretive nature with which the council conducts itself. These are not times to be secretive. People wish to know what is happening and crucially, why.

Alive to this fact, and very much wanting to know what is going to happen to our beloved lake myself, I have done my best, among the rigours of daily family life to prize out the answers. Why are New Leaf the council's preferred partner? Why were Herefordshire Nature Trust not involved from the beginning, or not offered the lakes themselves? Why were we not aware of the transfer until told by The Hereford Times or for many, by our own Friends Group. And, assuming the community of Bodenham was as in the dark as me (most were), I founded a community group, The Friends of Bodenham Lake and Queenswood.

It has been a lot of work. I have done this in the name of openness and transparency and because we who live by this lake, wish to engage with its care and future more fully than is currently possible. We have no way of knowing if it will be possible in the future. And when the lease has been granted, the control will have been decisively taken out of our hands. If the community take on the lease, we can of course approach appropriate partners, which may include New leaf or the Nature Trust, the RSPB, or other organisations. The point is that we will be in control rather than an outside body. This may seem attractive. but with control comes responsibility!

As I write I am aware that other people's lives are also busy and full, and running a lake may be an undertaking too far! And I would rather find a positive way forward. But I do believe that we should be given the chance to discuss this properly, even if we decide not to go for it. For this reason I am calling a public meeting of The Friends of Bodenham Lake and Queenswood on March 17th in the Village Hall in Bodenham at 7.30pm.

I am hoping New Leaf and Herefordshire Nature Trust will be in attendance and we can properly discuss their plans for community engagement. We will vote on whether to bid as a community that evening.

Other concerns focus on the length of the lease. Ninety nine years is a very long time. I am also working hard to ensure that the council reinstate a covenant on the lake protecting it in perpetuity as public open space and wildlife reserve. The existing covenant has expired.

Right at this very moment, we have the chance to negotiate a real level of community engagement, assuming we want it. So what do people want for and from the lake? I very much hope this is enough notice and you can come to our meeting and that we can find a way of truly having our voices heard, and protecting the wildlife of this area, now and into the future.

Sasha Norris

Brockington Golf Club & Tea Rooms

Bodenham HR1 3HX

Tel: 01568 797877

Tearooms

open from 10am daily
for drinks and home cooked food.

Light Lunches.

Cream Teas.

Sunday Lunch Carvery only £7.95
(early booking advisable).

To celebrate your Special Event,
Birthday or Anniversary book your
Exclusive Party Evening on a date to suit you.
(Minimum numbers apply; menu can be discussed).

Golf

Memberships

Include: -

Weekend

(new for 2014!),

Full, Senior, & Junior

Pay to Play

Welcome!

18 holes for £13

9 holes for £8

(no need to book tee times).

Every Thursday 2 play for the price of 1.



BROADFIELD COURT

VINEYARD ESTATE

Court Café at Broadfield Court

We are open and ready for a lovely spring
and summer at Broadfield Court. We look forward
to welcoming you to our beautiful venue set
in the stunning Herefordshire countryside.

The Court Café has had a makeover
and is looking light, bright and airy. Come and join us
for coffee, lunch or afternoon tea.

Don't feel up to cooking,
we have our take-away menu if you need a delicious
homemade meal delivered to your home, just call.

The Court Café will be open
Thursday, Friday & Saturday in March
and from 1st April will be open Wednesday to Sunday.

The Court Café will be open and
serving lunch on Mother's Day, Sunday 15th March,
call now to book.

01568 797918 / 01568 797483

info@broadfieldcourt.co.uk

www.broadfieldcourt.co.uk

Bodenham, Herefordshire HR1 3LG



EXPERIENCED LOCAL HAIR STYLIST

HAVE YOUR HAIR DONE IN
THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME



TELEPHONE

VAL

01568 797 651.

Shire's Tree Services

Tree felling and dismantling
Dead and dangerous tree removal
Crown raising and shaping
Small tree pruning
Hedge reduction and trimming

Firewood 1 Ton Bag £55

Fully Insured **ED STOBO** (Head Tree Surgeon) Fully Qualified

Mobile **07969 805016** Office: 01568 797855

STUART HURDS

Oil Fired Heating Engineer
Plumbing

Commissioning, Servicing & Repairs
Installations

Aga - Rayburn - Stoves &
Central Heating Boilers

Tel: 01544 318809

Mobile: 0777 3616440



From the Editor,

The next newsletter is the April 2015
issue. The deadline for contributions is 18th March 2015.
You can email your contributions to either of the email
addresses below or send via the contact page on the
website: www.1and6.co.uk (Disclaimer: this is a service
provided as a courtesy and is no way connected with
Bodenham Parish Council or the Parish website)

You can sign up to receive the newsletter by
emailing me at susan@bodenhamnewsletter.co.uk
Contact me

Susan Haworth

orchardthings@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01568 797872