

Bodenham Newsletter



May 2012

1st	Gardening Club - Community Sustainability	18th	Quiz Night Lugg Valley Friends
3rd	Mothers' Union Bluebell Walk	19th	80's Night @ Parish Hall
5th	Coffee Morning for Air Ambulance Sutton St Nicholas	21st	Carers' Group Meeting
8th	BWg Outing	22nd	BWg City Walk
11th	Flicks in the Sticks - The Iron Lady	25th	Muheza Appeal Fund launch
12th	Fundraiser for INF @The Chapel	27th	Bike Race
12th	Jumble Sale at Parish Hall	28th	Leisure Club
14th	Leisure Club Outing	31st	Knit-In
14th	Parish Council Meeting and Annual Meeting	June 3rd	Village Jubilee Celebrations
15th	BWg Coffee Morning for Smile Train	4th	Jubilee Celebrations Broadfield Court

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St Michael's Church

Dear Friends,

May 13th - 19th is Christian Aid Week this year, what follows is a letter from Christian Aid with some information about this year's appeal.

The Power of Standing Together

Christian Aid Week tells the story of a community in Sierra Leone that has seen remarkable change. Tenneh Keimbay's life turned around when the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL) started to work in her town, distributing tools and teaching farmers simple food production techniques. She talks enthusiastically about the difference this has made: "Now the children eat two meals a day all year round, whereas before it was one. They are growing well; they don't cry around me because of hunger. They are happy to go to school because something is in their stomach."

The benefits of regular food speak for themselves. But the effects of the food production group have been more wide-ranging than this. Tenneh speaks of the huge difference working in a group has made to her. Acting together, farmers can share their skills and work more efficiently. As she tells us, the bottom line is that "the group work provides more food." Tenneh speaks of the support and encouragement that farmers can give to one another and how much can be achieved when the community comes together. "What inspires me in life is unity," she says, "To me, unity means coming together to decide on one thing and take that forward."

Now they are no longer limited by hunger, the people of Gbap (pronounced Bap) have come together and successfully lobbied for a new school and an agricultural work centre for the community. The people of Gbap have taken their future into their own hands.

During Christian Aid Week, 15,000 churches across Britain and Ireland will organise house to house collections and events to raise funds to support communities like Gbap. The value of community that has inspired Tenneh is something we can learn from and be changed by. Christian Aid Week is about raising funds but it is also a call to unity – an invitation for churches to come together and celebrate the possibility of hope and life in parts of the world where mere survival can be a struggle. It also strengthens the unity of all God's people, helping each other whenever we can.

Tenneh's insistence that remarkable things can happen when we come together is not new. We see it in the actions and ministry of Jesus, who called his disciples to show a new way of community, working together in hope and love. Can we use this Christian Aid Week to let ourselves be changed?

If we work together with our churches and neighbours both at home and as far away as Gbap, then we may start to see huge change happen.

Tenneh says that "when you are a group and work with total commitment and focus you work at a faster rate; the stronger ones can help with work the weaker ones cannot do by themselves." As we engage in Christian Aid Week, we can rejoice as we stand together in solidarity. Although we might ask who is the strong and who is the weak – and who is actually giving to whom.

Be part of Christian Aid Week this year; if, together, we can take small actions we can give people like Tenneh the tools to make big change happen and children will be fed and educated because of our efforts.

Yours in Christ,
Heather

St Michael & All Angels' Church Bodenham SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 2012

May 6th	8.00am	Sung Eucharist (The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
May 13th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist (The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong
May 20th	9.30am	Family Communion (The Revd Heather Short)
	6.00pm	Evensong
May 27th	9.30am	Sung Eucharist (The Revd Alison Leigh)
	6.00pm	Evensong

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

Maund Group of Churches, Group Service Ascension Day, May 17th, 7.00pm, Sutton St Michael Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT SIWARD JAMES CENTRE
There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Siward James Centre on May 25th at 11.00am.
All are welcome to attend.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I can confirm that we have been accepted by Hereford Council to be included in the Lengthsman scheme. The Parish Council are now interviewing prospective candidates and will establish a formal work schedule to cover our local requirements.

The Parish Plan is now complete and we are in the process of obtaining competitive tenders for the printing, if you would like a copy please contact the Parish Clerk.

Derek Ling Chairman

PARISH MEETINGS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 14th May at the Siward James Centre. It will be followed by The Annual Parish Council Meeting, which, in turn, will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Any group or organization wishing is free to present a report on its activities to the Annual Parish meeting. It would be helpful, if the Parish Clerk is notified in advance.

Copies of the agendas are placed in advance on parish notice boards and on the parish website (www.bodenhamparish.org.uk). Everyone is most welcome to attend and raise any matters of concern during the slot reserved for this purpose during the Parish Council Meeting. If you prefer you can raise matters in advance by contacting Chris Smith, Parish Clerk, on 01568 797132 or by email at fork.lightning@gmail.com.

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the parish website - www.bodenhamparish.org.uk

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Bodenham Parish Council has agreed to make a contribution towards presenting a commemorative mug to every child who attends Bodenham School and to every primary age child in Bodenham who attends a school outside the village. If your child is at a primary school outside Bodenham and you would like him or her to receive a mug, please get in touch with Chris Smith, Parish Clerk, on 01568 797132 or by email at fork.lightning@gmail.com as soon as possible.

DOG FOULING

The Parish Council continues to fight against dog fouling in Bodenham and has contacted the North Herefordshire Hunt, which has undertaken to clean up after the hounds, when they are exercised on public roads. The Hunt has also undertaken to look into drawing up a timetable for the routes used to exercise the hounds on a regular basis later in the summer.

There have been reports of dogs fouling the car park opposite the School. It is believed that visitors to Bodenham are to blame. If you see dog fouling near a car, please make a note of the registration number of the car and inform either the Parish Clerk or the dog wardens at Herefordshire Council on 01432 261761 or at info@herefordshire.gov.uk.

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HEREFORDSHIRE

The Local Government Review of Herefordshire is conducting an electoral review in Herefordshire Council, which currently has 58 members. It is proposed to reduce the number of councillors to 54 to reduce the electoral imbalance (the councillor in Hollington, for example, represents 34% fewer electors than the council average). Full details can be found on the Local Government Boundary Commission website - www.lgbce.org.uk and you can have your say on this matter by emailing reviews@lgbce.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Herefordshire Council has refused the following application:

- 1 Brockington Road: Outline application for a two storey dwelling with access and other matters reserved

Herefordshire Council has approved the following applications with conditions:

- Corduroy, Upper Maund Common: proposed replacement of aluminium-framed conservatory with tiled roof sun room
- Well Cottage: Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of new single storey extension to provide disabled accommodation

DID YOU KNOW?

.....about the parish website?

At www.bodenhamparish.org.uk you can find an absolute wealth of information about Bodenham past, present and future - such as Bodenham history, who to contact, local groups and even Parish Council minutes. Take a look.

Bodenham Community Access Point

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Programme for May

6th	9.00am	Praise and Prayer
6th	10.30am	Worship Service - Peter Hollingsworth
13th	10.30pm	Worship Service - Steve Sully
20th	10.30am	Fellowship Service and Communion
27th	10.30am	Worship Service - Peter Lefroy-Owen

Praise and Prayer on Sunday 6th May will be followed by a simple breakfast. Coffee will be served after all services.

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

Midweek Study and Discussion Group meets on **Thursdays at 7.30 for 7.45pm** in members' homes. Visitors are welcome to meet with us as we study 'The Gift of Freedom'
Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen for more information.

Ladies Bible Study at the Chapel at 10am on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd May. We continue our study of the life of Abraham. All ladies are welcome.
Please contact Margaret Seccombe for further details.

Saturday, 12th May from 10am to 1pm. Sale of Books, Plants and other bargains at the Chapel for INF Ear Hospital in Nepal - (See separate notice)

Contact Peter Lefroy-Owen (760580) or Margaret Seccombe (797094)
Secretary: Pat Horrigan (797044)

BODENHAM ROMANIA SUPPORT GROUP

Advance notices for your diaries: -

Monday 16th July BRSG AGM at 14 Brockington Road.
Friday 28th September BRSG annual Quiz at Bodenham Parish Hall.

Thursday, 31st May Knit-In at 14 Brockington Road from 2 - 4pm. Visitors are always welcome. We don't charge anything and will provide you with wool if needed. We can always use any spare rug or knitting wool.
Chairman: Pat Horrigan - 797044

BODENHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 3rd May at 10.30am Bluebell Walk in Queenswood. Visitors are welcome if you'd like to come but can't manage a long walk, we'll be glad to also arrange a short walk, or just sit with you at the cafe, where everyone will meet later. We're happy to provide transport.
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However this year the contract is due for review and renewal and it is really important to continue to voice our support for our service. The best way of course is to use the bus as much as possible, but please also consider writing to Herefordshire Council. The most appropriate person to write to is:

Councillor Adrian Blackshaw; Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Sustainability; Herefordshire Council; Brockington; 35 Hafod Road; Hereford; HR1 1SH

I understand that letters can be dropped off at the Council Offices in the centre of Hereford.

Although Councillor Blackshaw is the one with the most decision making powers in this matter, it is also good to contact county and parish councillors or indeed anyone who can influence the situation positively.

The Herefordshire Council representative for Hampton Court ward, including Bodenham, is Councillor J W Millar.

I know that many Bodenham residents have good reasons for valuing our 426 service, so I do hope you will support this campaign. Thank you.
Steve Lavender.



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BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB

On **Monday 14th May** we have our first outing to Stratford upon Avon; the birthplace of William Shakespeare and situated on the River Avon.

Straford is a place steeped in history with plenty of places to visit including the newly reopened RCS Theatre.

The coach will depart the Parish Hall at 9.30am and leave Stratford at 4pm.

Cost of the coach is £12 per person (good value considering the cost of petrol at the moment and no parking worries)! Visitors are very welcome.

Names to be given to Mrs. D. Pugh: 01568 797268.

On **Monday 28th May** we are in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm for a "Quiz". There will be a Raffle, Sales Tables and Light Refreshments. We welcome visitors at £1 entry.

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BODENHAM WOMENS' GROUP
FOR WOMEN FROM BODENHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS

At the AGM which 35 members attended, we reviewed the year's activity.

26 events had taken place with a wide range of appeal, as can be seen from the list below. The organization of the events has been shared. The name after each event is the person who ran that activity.

March 17th Brockington Golf Club inaugural meeting
April 19th Bring and Share supper
May 10th Open Garden The Vern Jo Morgan
May 12th Railway Inn
June 19th Ludlow Open Gardens Anita Griffiths
June 23rd Stockton Bury Gardens and supper Jenny Harris
July 12th Englands Gate Roz Reader
July 21st Skittles Brenda Carter
July 28th Moors Meadow garden and tea Anita Griffiths
Aug 10th Archery Ann Hartfield
Sept 3rd Garden Visit to Croft Castle Kath Tremain
Sept 15th Graphology talk Mary Nickols
Oct 2nd and 3rd Blackpool 2 day 'holiday' Linda Creaton
Oct 7th Quiz Bod'm Romanian Supp. group Ann Hartfield
Oct 11th Bodyshop party Joan Manning, Jean Soley
Oct 18th Costumes at Berrington Jo Morgan
Nov 3rd Me and My Girl Courtyard Theatre Maureen Bick
Nov 9th England's Gate Jean Soley
Nov 16th Ten pin bowling and supper, The Grove Lavinia Edwards/Isobel Crawford
Nov 30th Festive decoration workshop Barbara Gibson
Dec 15th Christmas party evening at Leominster Golf Club Kay Clark
Jan 16th Cheese and wine party Eileen Watson, Nan Murdoch Muriel Haycocks
Feb 14th Weir Garden snowdrops Oakchurch garden centre Nina Dowler
Feb 21st Skittles evening Brenda Carter
Mar 15th Anniversary supper, Brockington Golf club. Kath Tremain, Nan Murdoch
Mar 28th Archery Ann Hartfield

If you would like to join please just turn up at event, give our Treasurer your name and the £2 annual subs and you become a member. Alternatively contact any of the people listed at the bottom of this article. You will be made most welcome.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE THIS.

MAY

Meal at the Planet Chinese restaurant in Hereford Tues 8th
May (changed date)
Organiser Roz Reader 01568 797426
rozreader@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning for The Smile Train
(a charity which funds operations for children with hairlips and cleft palates)

Tues 15th May 10.30 to 12.30 at the home of organiser Anita Griffiths 01568 797929

City Walk

Tuesday 22nd May. 10.30am. Meet outside Discover Herefordshire Centre (opposite the west front of the Cathedral). A guided walk around Hereford lasting approx. an hour and a half. £3 each to be paid in advance. Lunch after, if desired, at All Saints Church cafe (just by Boots the Chemist) where they serve a variety of hot and cold meals. Money for walk and names for lunch by 19th April to:
Organisers Pat Austin 01568797994
austin_pa@hotmail.com

or Ann Herbert 01568797571 lesann@mypostoffice.co.uk

JUNE

Visit to Llangollen and Canal trip

Sat 30th June 9.15am approx start from here
Coach transport both ways. Two hour canal boat cruise.
Ploughman's lunch included.
Tea/coffee/bar available. Time to look round the town afterwards.

Organiser Linda Creaton 01568797494 £39 per person.
Deadline for names and full payment is 11th May.

DECEMBER

Visit to Abbey-Cwm-Hir Hall

Tuesday 4th December 10.30am £13
Guided tour of the Hall with its wonderful Christmas decorations and access to the gardens.
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Names and full payment by cheque made out to Paul Humphreston
and passed to organisers Marie-Loiuse Epps 01568797524
or Carolyn Morgan 01568797669 by end of August at the latest

For membership details phone our Treasurer,
Anita Griffiths 01568 797929
or any below
Sally Doody-Henshaw 01568 797066
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PARISH HALL NEWS FLICKS IN THE STICKS

On **Friday 11th May**, we have The Iron Lady, the award winning biographical film of Margaret Thatcher's life with Meryl Streep and Jim Broadbent. The normal price of £4 applies. That is going to be a very popular film.

Parish Hall Management Committee meetings

These are held at least quarterly, usually in the Parish Hall and members of the public are very welcome to attend. The **AGM** will be on **Wednesday 27th June** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is an ideal way to find out what goes on and offer your help if you wish.

100 CLUB

The last two draws of the year took place at the Gardening Club on 3rd April. Congratulations to the winners:

March 2012

1st £31.20 Thelma Butcher, 2nd £15.60 Jeff Pollard, 3rd £5.20 Mr and Mrs Terry.

April 2012

1st £31.20 Eileen Watson, 2nd £15.60 Babs Mitcheson, 3rd £5.20 Roger Austin

If you are currently a member you will have received a letter from me explaining how to renew for the next year, starting 1st May.

There are currently 104 members. If you feel like you're missing out then contact me, Mary Nickols on 01568797144, The Forge, (by Bodenham bridge) and you can have a ticket for next year. There are forms at the Post Office too.

Exactly half the income will be paid out in prizes regardless of how many people take part.

Go on, have a go!

JUMBLE SALE

See below. Please have a 'turn out' and send your stuff to us. We'll gladly pick it up from you or you can bring it to the Hall on the morning of the event. And don't forget to come on the day. There's bound to be a treasure there just for you.

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 12th May 2pm

Parish Hall Bodenham

Cake stall, Refreshments, Bric a brac, Raffle and much more

In aid of new kitchen

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Call 01568 797932 (Ann), 01568 797994

(Pat) or 01568 797144 (Mary) to arrange for collection of your jumble anytime.

Alternatively bring it to the Hall on the day between 10 and 12

The Kitchen

Desperately in need of major refurbishment, the kitchen is the next big thing on our list for action. We have some quotes for what we want to do and need to submit these for grant approval. Fingers crossed.

JUBILEE EVENT SUNDAY 3RD JUNE

This event is being organized by a special Jubilee committee, but the Hall is providing the venue. It's free so why not come along?

Bodenham Parish Hall Regular Activities Schedule Clubs & Societies

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

The Week's Regulars

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

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BODENHAM RAMBLERS

Programme for May & June 2012

Date	Description	Miles	Start	Grid Ref	Leaders
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Wed 23 rd May	Leominster, Kimbolton. Fields and meadows. Moderate	7	Broad Street CP. Off Mill Street Leominster. £1 all day	Exp 202 496599	Brenda & Doris 01568 797035
Sun 3 rd June	Stretton Grandison, Canon Frome, Ashperton. Canal & parkland. Moderate	6	Stretton Grandison Church Car Park	Exp 202 441633	Ann & Jane 01432 830676 01432 761299
Wed 13 th June	Wye Valley Path, some steep climbs. Woods, meadows & lanes. Moderate	6.5	Bishops Wood Picnic Site CP (Village Hall) Near Kerne Bridge	OL 14 583193	Doreen Charman 01432 271065
Sun 24 th June	Hergest Ridge, Hanter Hill Weythel Common. Hilly walk at moderate pace	6.5	Gladestry Village Hall	OS 201 231551	Jim & Joan 01432 268268

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Carol Clarke - Muheza Hospice Tanzania Fund¹⁵ Friday May 25th Bodenham Village Hall 7.30 pm

Many of you will remember Carol Clarke, a very active village member, who sadly died from cancer in December 2010. She was a good friend to all and interested in everything.

In 2003, when she heard the plight of staff at Teule hospital in Muheza dying from HIV / AIDs, she set up the staff fund, where over 50 of her friends covenanted £5 a month with gift aid added, through the charity Medicines for Muheza, to provide treatment and keep Teule staff alive and healthy.

Over the years this fund has become known as the staff fund and has been used latterly to help support the wages of staff at Muheza Hospice, the hospice attached to Teule hospital and founded by Karilyn Collins.

The salary problem increases as donors like the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial fund close down and I am sure Carol would have seen this as a challenge to raise more from local interest.

On May 25th we are launching an appeal, in memory of Carol, remembering her hard work for this cause and raising more funds and interest to try and cover the hospice salary gap.

The evening will start with a short talk about the current situation in Muheza explaining what the hospice provides and how far a small amount here will stretch in Tanzania. This will be followed by a ploughman's supper and puddings, with lots of time for chat and to remember Carol.

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June 5th there will be a meeting even though it is bank holiday speaker to be confirmed. Tickets for July 3rd summer party will be on sale at £7 per person.

July 3rd. Summer party ticket only

We have a sales table, raffle and lovely refreshments and look forward to seeing you there Jacqui price
Secretary 797014

Ecohere - forthcoming community sustainability events:

Tues 1st May: Bodenham Gardening Club 7.30pm at the Village Hall – Chris McEvoy (Herefordshire Master Composter) will be talking about Community Composting, as this was raised as a possible future action in your recently-developed Community Led Plan. Chris is very interested in this area, and has visited and researched other local Community Composting schemes in order to help other communities who are considering the idea. Non-members of Gardening Club welcome (£2 charge), coffee and plant sale also.

Sun 6th May, 2.30pm: Leominster Apple Fair Blossom Walk, at Butford Organics, Bowley Lane, Bodenham. Come and join this lovely blossom walk, including the orchards and woodlands at Butford Organics, followed by a picnic tea.

Meet 2.30pm at Butford Organics, Bowley lane.
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Mens -Monday 7.00pm
Ladies Tuesday 6.00pm



For further details including membership etc contact Dave Marriott 01568-797387.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 13-19 MAY 2012.

Another year has passed and once more you will be receiving the red envelope through your letterboxes asking you to donate something to Christian Aid. Please be generous as your gift can make such a difference for many less fortunate people around the world.

Christian Aid Week is about giving people the tools to lift themselves out of poverty and although this country has it's problems, we CAN afford to give something to this worthy cause.

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Note: there will be lots more details in the next Newsletter, so be sure to pick yours up early. Also posters in the Post Office, the bus shelters, the school and Saffron's.

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Meetings are open to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Next Meeting - May 29th

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 797170

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BODENHAM BOWLING CLUB

As I write this the sun is shining but for how long?

The bowling season has begun . Yesterday we had all our rinks in play - so 8 teams on the four rinks, as well as spectators, young and not so young.

A delicious afternoon tea was served, our usual raffle and Molly's lovely homemade jam for sale.

Club nights begin 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start, on 25th April, and each Wednesday thereafter.

Details of matches are posted on our notice boards at the Siward James Centre and the captain asks that should you be unavailable you indicate it in the space at the bottom of each match sheet - this will make his life easier on the day.

On Thursday, 28th June, at 3pm the ladies of the bowling club are hosting a 'Bodenham Bowling Club Afternoon Tea', at a cost of £4, for any ladies of the Bodenham Women's Group, the village and friends.

If you wish, a gentle 'roll up' will be possible but please wear flat soled shoes. Contact Cherie Davies: 797596 or Barbara Gibson: 797643.

New members will always be welcome - why not come along to a club night, watch or have a try - Nothing ventured nothing gained!

Wishing everyone a good season.

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The CAP can also be used if your own computer is out of order and you need to access the Internet.

We meet at the Siward James Meeting Room.

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.

We are open on ALTERNATE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS from 6.15pm. - 8.15pm, at which time we look forward to welcoming you all.

Contact: Mrs Jacqui Price Phone: 01568-797014

Bodenham Romania Support Group (Events)

History

The Bodenham Romania Support Group was founded in 1989 following an international appeal for aid to the Romanian villages which had been devastated during the Ceausescu regime.

Bodenham villagers responded to the appeal and our village was twinned with a small village in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains in Transylvania - Enlaka. Enlaka was originally part of Hungary but was given to Romania. The villagers' national language and their customs are Hungarian, but under the Ceausescu regime they were forbidden to speak Hungarian, have the Hungarian flag or celebrate any of their traditional events or customs. During the regime many of the outlying villages fell into depression and disrepair because, of course, all the young people were forced out to join the army or live in the cities, and the elderly people who managed to remain in their homes struggled to eke out a living from the land.

Following Ceausescu's assassination land was given back to the people and most families now have small parcels on the edge of the village which helps to sustain them, improve their diet and begin to build up family and community life again. The population of Enlaka is mostly elderly people, but now they are able to be supported by their family members who often come back at the weekends to care for the animals and work the family strips of land. Farming methods are very old fashioned; each family has a horse plough - there are few tractors or other implements and very few people have cars!

Bodenham villagers continue to support the villagers from Enlaka and there have been some exchange visits - funded by local fundraising events, but also a grant some years ago from The Know-How Fund - European funding to allow for exchange of expertise to help develop projects. Read the rest of this article and find out more about the BRSG on the village website: www.bodenhamparish.org.uk

Village Website

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If you haven't visited the website yet give it a go.

There's lots to learn about the village, the history, activities and useful information.

You can access the minutes of the Parish Council meetings, find out about all the village groups and the events that they hold - you can even view a copy of the Newsletter. (That's if you haven't signed up to receive it automatically be email - and if you haven't, why not it's easy, just go to www.bodenhamnewsletter.co.uk - now!)

The two articles on this page are examples of the fascinating facts that you can find out on the website and there are some lovely photographs of the village too.

Ever wondered how Siward James Centre got its name? The website has the answer. Go and find out now: www.bodenhamparish.org

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