

Bodenham Newsletter



February 2023

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- Garden project
- Stoke Prior Rd, Leominster HR6 0NA

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- Cookery club
- Bromyard Methodist Church, 20 New Rd, Bromyard HR7 4AJ
- 10am - 2:30pm

Bromyard (Tuesday & Thursday)

- Make and Mend workshop
- Hereford Rd, Bromyard HR7 4QU
- 9:30am - 4:30pm

£2.50
per session

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Curate's contribution to Bodenham Newsletter – February 2023

Many of us will have made New Year resolutions at the beginning of last month. But – if the findings of a 2015 YouGov survey holds true – by the time you read this, one third of us will already have broken them. Of course, resolutions are broken for a wide range of reasons, from lack of motivation to financial pressures to the difficulty of the resolution itself, but it still makes for disheartening reading. We might wonder why we bother committing to anything at all.

As I write this, we are in a season of the church's calendar called Epiphany, when we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men at the home of the infant Jesus. Contrary to the popular narrative we tell in nativity stories, the Wise Men probably weren't present at Jesus' birth. In fact, it's widely accepted that Jesus was about two years old when the Wise Men arrived and offered their gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh. For those who – like me – don't make resolutions because we know we'll break them, it's nearly impossible to imagine committing to such a long and arduous journey. But, of course, we know what drove the Wise Men, and we know that their journey was worth it when they found the king they had spent so long looking for. And so, we celebrate their arrival as we arrive at the beginning of a new year, bringing

with it all its possibilities for change and new beginnings.

This year, in response to much consultation on the values of the diocese, the Bishop of Hereford has called for a year of prayer. In a

time filled with broken resolutions, discarded running shoes, and air fryers resigned to the backs of cupboards, being called to simply pray feels like a relief. I believe that prayer is something we can all do, whether we think we know how to pray or not. Prayer can be words or thoughts, done sat in church or walking around the lakes, following a prayer that someone else has written or just throwing our thoughts and feelings at God.

You, like me, might not feel able to commit to a long journey on camelback but perhaps you can commit to praying. Whether it's saying the Lord's Prayer once a day, joining our weekly Zoom morning prayer, 'talking' to God whilst you're in the kitchen, or whatever works for you, there are as many ways of praying as there are people on this planet. There are prayer ideas and events on the diocesan website and our Lent Course will focus on prayer, but if you'd like more guidance, please do contact myself or Paul.

We don't know what this year will bring or whether we'll end it kneeling at the feet of a great king, but we can take the first step on that journey and let ourselves be surprised by what God has in store for us.



February Services

5th	4pm	Evensong
Friday 10th	11am	Holy Communion at Siward James
12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Weds 22nd	6pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at Marden
26th	9.30am	Holy Communion
'	4pm	Wild Church

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Revised litter pick date.

The litter pick scheduled for 25th February has been re-arranged for 25th March, when Lugg Valley Young Farmers will join in - specifically to litter pick Bowley Lane. Full details to follow in the March Newsletter.

Parish Council elections

Every four years there are elections for Herefordshire Council and parish councils in Herefordshire. 2023 is an election year - the elections will take place on **Thursday 4th May**. Bodenham Parish Council has ten councillors in theory, but only nine currently, one of whom won't be standing for election in May. So, if you are at all interested in supporting Bodenham by becoming a councillor and helping with the planning applications and much other business, which the Parish Council has to deal with to keep the village in good order, please put your name forward.

Details about the election and about standing for election will appear in the Newsletter, on noticeboards and via the parish email list (see below), as soon as they are published by Herefordshire Council.

Parish Council meetings.....

..... now take place on the first Wednesday of every month at the Siward James Centre starting at 6.30pm - note the change of time. The agenda for a meeting will be posted on the noticeboards and on the website a few days beforehand. The next meetings will be on **Wednesdays 1st February and 1st March**. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Highlights from the October Parish Council meeting.

At its January meeting, amongst many other things, the Parish Council:

- is considering providing councillors with photo ID cards, particularly as identification for councillors on site visits to assess planning applications:

- is considering giving commemorative mugs for the King's coronation to all Bodenham primary school-aged children: details to follow:

The following planning application was considered at the meeting:

- **Planning Re-consultation (212340):**

Shortlands Cottage; Proposed conversion of existing store to holiday let. The Planning Working Group had examined the application and recommended that a No Objection response be given.

Reporting potholes and other defects

Please note that, although the Parish Clerk is frequently asked to report defects (especially potholes and blocked drains), the Locality Steward for Bodenham has asked that residents report defects themselves, because they know exactly where the defect is and what it is. It is easy to do. The Herefordshire Council website has a reporting tool at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it> which is very easy to use. www.fixmystreet.com is a national site and is even easier to use: it uses the Ordnance Survey map, which is more accurate and detailed than the Herefordshire Council map. FixMyStreet will forward a report to Herefordshire Council about any problem reported within a Herefordshire postcode.

West Mercia Police.....

..... are encouraging residents, businesses and community groups to sign up to www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk, which provides crime alerts, details of ongoing incidents and much more.

Parish Council Facebook page. To access the Parish Council's Facebook page, click 'bodenham parish council' and press 'LIKE'. The website address is www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The Parish Council website

The Bodenham Parish Council website - www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk - is still undergoing maintenance. Apologies.

Keep up to date with local issues - sign up for the mailing list

An increasing number of residents (46 now) are joining the mailing list, through which the Parish Council sends important updates to local residents by email with information about such things as roadworks, weather warnings and local events. If you would like to join the list, email Chris Smith at bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com. You won't be deluged with email, your personal details will not be passed on to anyone else and you can unsubscribe at any time.

Bodenham Parish Council 2022-23

Cllr Martin Dinning (Chairman)	mhd@martindinning.com	07879 844660
Cllr Michael Dunn	dunntdbrat@aol.com	07833457681
Cllr Trudie Edwards	trudieedwards2017@gmail.com	07968080826
Cllr Richard Layton	dewdales@btconnect.com	01568 797251
Cllr Sarah Marsh	sarahmarsh1956@gmail.com	07792662928
Cllr Tracy Morris (Vice-chairman)	tracymorris9@btinternet.com	01568 797892
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Cllr Baz Roberts	bazroberts1959@hotmail.co.uk	07712 740703
1 Vacancy		
Chris Smith (Parish Clerk)	www.bodenhamparish.org.uk	01568 797132
Cllr John Harrington - John.Harrington@herefordshire.gov.uk - is the Herefordshire Councillor for the Hampton ward.		
Mike Darley (Footpath Officer) mike.darley@hotmail.co.uk		



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BODENHAM VILLAGE HALL 6-10PM
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
Refreshments available cash only
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Tai Chi



10.00 - 11.30am

Mondays / Wednesdays

in Main Room, Bodenham Parish Hall,
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- enjoy learning and practising the slow, flowing moves of the full form of Lao Jia and feel the benefits of Chen Family Tai Chi
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Contact Julien on **07590 473571**
or email: jukemp67@gmail.com

BODENHAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Services at the Chapel at 10.30am,
and by Zoom, unless otherwise stated.
Internet: <https://us04web.zoom.us/>
Code: 6602108192 Pswd 031617

Services for February 2023

5th	9am - Prayer and Praise 10.30am Fellowship Service and Communion
12th	10.30am Worship Service - Phil Ricketts
19th	10.30am Worship Service - Bob Lillyman
26th	Worship Service - Crawford Telfer

MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

At the Chapel on Thursdays
(excluding 23rd) at 2.30pm
Contact: Len Day on 01432 880657

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will be on
Tuesdays February 7th and 21st at 10.00am
when we continue the study,
'Song of Songs: Garden of Love'
Contact Rebecca Burnill on 01568 797823

Cafe @ the Chapel

Each **Thursday** from 10.30am to 12 noon
Why not just call in
for a coffee and a chat.

Warm Space

Under the national warm space initiative the Chapel will be open as a 'Warm Space' each Monday from 10am - 2pm in February. Anyone is welcome to come along at any time during those hours and bring friends, books, games, laptops (internet access available), children, toys, etc.

Tea, Coffee, Biscuits will be available.

Music Club

The next club date is **Saturday 11th February, from 10.00am** for 1 hour. This will be for children aged 4 - 9 years and will have a Christian witness, alongside general fun activities.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact David Weber at :
davidwebermusic@gmail.com

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Wednesday 22nd at 2.15

"The Songs of Worship" meeting for all who love making a joyful noise unto the Lord!! (regardless of whether you think you can sing or not !!). This is open to ALL - no musical ability required just a desire to Praise God with the voices He has given us!

Are you distressed, bereaved, under pressure, or stressed out with no one to turn to?

If so we at Bodenham Christian Fellowship will be pleased to help you find a peace and strength to move on by standing with you in prayer, either at our chapel in Chapel Lane, or at your home.

If you feel that we can help then please contact:
Len and Les Day on 01432 880657



Would you appreciate a weekly phone call to cheer you , or even a weekly visit, from a trained volunteer?

**The Volunteers of Bodenham
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Service available for Bodenham, Sutton, Marden, Wellington, Morton on Lugg , Hope under Dinmore, & Stoke Prior.

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Bodenham Co-Co.



Herefordshire Carers
HereForCarers

Bodenham and District Carers Group

If you are caring for a family member, friend or neighbour, even if that person does not live with you, **YOU ARE A CARER** and would be welcome to join the group. Meetings are a mixture of information, relaxation, a safe space to talk about anything which worries you about your caring role, the opportunity for a laugh and chat or a moan, and always tea and biscuits!

Meetings are on the Third Monday of the month at the Chapel, Chapel Lane, Bodenham at 2pm. You don't need to come to every meeting, come on time or stay for the whole meeting – whenever and whatever time you have, you will always be welcome.

Following our very enjoyable New Year Meal at Kenchester Tea Rooms, our next meeting will be **February 20th** at the Chapel.

You are also welcome to join in any of the other activities arranged by Herefordshire Carers – the Queenswood Walk on the 2nd Friday, meet 10.30 at the front; the Craft session at the Blue Diamond Garden centre (formerly Wyevale) on the 3rd Friday 10.30-12.30; the Gardening Group at Hinton Community Garden on 3rd Thursday and 4th Friday at 10.30. You don't need to be good at craft, or a knowledgeable gardener – just come along for the fun and refreshments – no charge!

For further information email me on majameshcl@gmail.com ring me on 01568797096 (please leave a message if no answer) or contact Georgia at Herefordshire Carers, phone 07817 000985 or email georgiahfdcarers@carersworcs.org

BODENHAM BOWLING CLUB

Having survived Christmas and New Year, we continue with short mat bowling in the Village Hall on

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month until our final game of the season on **15th March**.

We are pleased to have welcomed three new members from Sutton St Nicholas and hope they will continue to enjoy the game.

We now start preparations for the outdoor season with a signing on day in March and the opening of the green in April.

Look out in the March Newsletter for confirmation of these dates and we hope some of you will be tempted to come and experience the game of bowls.



Jean Fryer –
Secretary.
01568 797338

TRAVELS WITH A CAMERA

We will meet at 2.15pm till approx 4.00pm with a refreshment break.

Admission will be by donation, (suggested £3.50) in aid of Ear Aid Nepal (except 1st):
Contact Dave 01568-797531

1st February:

“The Faroes: where trolls sweep howling and screaming in a wild dance”
presented by
Audrey Nunn
(in aid of Linda Norgrove Foundation)

15th February:

“Seven Welsh Hills”
presented by
Cathy Crowther

1st March:

“A pictorial account of a wonderful trip to beautiful Singapore and amazing New Zealand but with added tension - would we get home before lockdown?”
presented by
Sandy Brook



Bodenhams Parish Hall – regular groups & events information

The Parish Hall is a registered charity (number 520936) and all proceeds from its hire go towards upkeep and maintenance. We welcome groups or individuals who wish to hire the Hall for parties or other events, please see Parish website for venue details.

To contact any of the below groups/users or to enquire about booking the Hall; please email the booking team (June and Ann) on j.stephens62@btinternet.com or phone 01568 797 932

Monday	Julien's Tai Chi jukemp67@gmail.com Megan Baker House Emma's Total Tone	10.00-11.30 12.00-16.30 term time 18.30-19.30
Tuesday	Megan Baker House Emma's Pilates Bodenhams Gardening club	08.30- 16.30 term time 18.00-19.00 19.30-21.30, 1 st Tuesday
Wednesday	Julien's Tai Chi jukemp67@gmail.com Marden Arts & Crafts Fiona H's Yoga Bodenhams Badminton Club Bodenhams Bowling Club	10.00-11.30 14.00-16.00, 4 th Wednesday 18.00-19.30, alternate weeks 19.45-21.45 14.00 – 16.00, 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday, October - March
Thursday	Marden WI Bodenhams Leisure Club Pop-up cafe	14.00-16.00, 2 nd Thursday 14.00 -16.00, 3 rd Thursday 09.30-13.30, 1 st Thursday
Friday	Sophie's yoga/fitness Emma's Pilates Megan Baker House Cool Moves Dance Hereford Amateur radio club	09.00-10.00, 6-week blocks 10.30-11.30 12.00-16.30 term time 18.30-22.00, Occ Friday 19.00-21.30, Nov-Feb
Saturday	Alanya Belly Dance	13.00-15.30, twice monthly
Sunday	One Paw Forward dog training	10.00-12.00 in 4 week blocks

Events for 2023, so far:

Bodenhams Food Fair – 10/06/23

Bodenhams Fete – 22/07/23 (This event is organised by the fete committee and not the Parish Hall)

More events may /be added and of course, other events, not organised by the Parish Hall but taking place there, will be happening. All of these events are open to all and we hope that we will see you there! Please check out our Facebook page 'Parish Hall Bodenhams', lovely picture of the sun shining through the windows on our homepage.



BODENHAM PARISH HALL

Bodenham Parish Hall in Hereford is owned by the parishioners of Bodenheim. It is run by the Bodenheim Parish Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council act as Trustees of the deeds. Registered charity number 520936.

Booking team: Ann & June, 01568 797 932. J.stephens62@btinternet.com

Find and follow us on Facebook; Parish Hall Bodenheim

From 1st April 2022 the hall hire fees are:

Main hall **£12.50 per hour.**

Meeting room **£7.50 per hour**

Stage only **£7.50 per hour**

Party/dance (6pm-midnight) **£160.00, additional hours at £12.50 per hour.**

Wedding **£280.00 full day. Additional hours day before/after charged at hourly rate £12.50**

Children's parties (under 14years), concerts, music evenings, bingo, jumble sales etc all charged at **£12.50 per hour for main hall.**

Use of the field adjacent to the hall is a negotiated rate dependant on use.

Bean bag throwing game, including decoration to your specification and supply of beanbags **£60.00**

BODENHAM GARDENING CLUB



Gardening Club

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

Annual membership is £15 and for non members the fee is £3 payable on the door.

The usual raffle, sales table and refreshments will be available.

Bodenham Gardening Club started off the new year with our own member Barry Wilson talking to us about Magic Numbers in Nature. This was a most fascinating talk and I am sure we all learned something from it.

Tuesday 7th February we have A Bit of Gardening Therapy which will be presented by Julian Reeves of Growing Point. Growing Point is a charity which uses the positive benefits of gardening to help their clients. We all feel better getting outside in the garden (apart from the odd ache and pain afterwards)!

Tuesday 7th March we have Aquatic Gardening by Andy from Watershed Aquatics. Watershed Aquatics based at Radway Garden Centre can provide everything to create and maintain a garden pond and they also have a landscaping service.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. Annual membership is £15 and for non members the fee is £3 payable on the door.

The usual raffle, sales table and refreshments will be available.

BODENHAM TENNIS CLUB

We welcome new members of ALL standards

- 2 tennis courts (1 floodlit with tokens)
- Mixed club-nights every Thursday evening
- Coaching in conjunction with Tennis Hereford
- Men's & Ladies teams in H&W league
- Social events & tournaments
- Use of courts anytime via online booking system
- Entry into the Wimbledon ticket ballot

For more information, please visit our website:

www.bodenhamtennisclub.co.uk

Our Club nights this year were very popular and was lovely to meet many of our new members, who also joined in the fun. During the winter months and lack of light in the evenings, our Club nights have now ended but will restart next season in April 2023.

To follow our men's & ladies teams in the Hereford & Worcester Winter league (Division 5 West & 6 West respectively), head to:

www.handwtennis.co.uk/leagues/head-winter-league



StAr ToTs FuN gRoUp

A fun relaxed group for parents, carers / grandparents to bring children from 0-4 years.

9.30am - 11.00am every Friday morning
(term time)

at St Michaels School Bodenham.

We have weekly themes/activities with a story time, squash and snack too.

Tea/coffee for the grown-ups as well.

£1 per child under 6 months Free.

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Please call Marie if you have any questions
07456698502



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Tel: 01568 797241

Bodenham Ramblers Walks - February 2023

Our walks start at 10.00 am, unless otherwise stated. In the winter we often have the option of lunch together afterwards. Please contact the walk leader in advance to join a walk. All welcome!

Date	Description	Miles	Start	OS Map Grid Ref	Leaders
Wednesday 8th February	Start 10.30. High above Hope under Dinmore, exposed top of Westhope Hill, open farmland tracks, lanes and woodland with amazing views. No significant inclines, no stiles. An easy walk, but muddy parking.	4.0	Start 10.30 Park on Westhope Hill, past Broomwell Farm, on rough common land at end of lane from Hope Under Dinmore (8 mins uphill from turnoff on A49). Lunch options after at Newton Court or Queenswood Cafés.	Exp 202 471 520 HR6 OPU	Dave 01568 797514
Sunday 19th February	Bridge Sollers/Lulham. Along field boundaries & muddy fields, minor roads & riverbank. 2 stiles, gentle inclines.	4.5	Start Opposite Church of St. Andrews, Bridge Sollers (right track up to hay barn).	Exp 202 413 425	Annie 01432 760552
Wednesday 1st March	From Sun Inn Leintwardine, along tracks & minor roads, no stiles and fairly gentle ascent.	5.0	Park near to the Sun Inn, Leintwardine. Just off A4113. Bring picnic, as pub may not do food mid-week.	OS 203 405 737	Robert 01981 500360
Saturday 4th March	Annual General Meeting -		Bodenham Parish Hall 7.00pm - followed by refreshments		Jo 01568 797989

We are a friendly group and walk at a comfortable and relaxed pace, enjoying the pleasure of being outside exploring beautiful countryside. Bodenham Ramblers started in Bodenham, many years ago, and we now have members living all over Herefordshire and beyond. Amongst us there is a wealth of local knowledge and walk leaders delight in planning varied and memorable, circular walks in our historic landscape with great views and various interesting features. Given the nature of the walks, dogs are not allowed.

If you want to do more walking in 2023, why not try one of our walks and consider joining Bodenham Ramblers' walking group? You can expect a warm welcome. Just locate a walk on the Ordnance Survey map (for grid references it's the numbers at the top and bottom of the map that come first), find your walking boots and phone the walk leader and so they are expecting you and can answer any questions you may have about the walk.

For further information see our website: bodenhamramblers.org
Or contact: Jo Weightman on 01568 797989 or Wendy on 01432 272031
or email: bodenhamramblers@gmail.com

MARDEN WI

At our January meeting we welcomed our speaker Bill Laws. Bill gave us an illustrated talk about Herefordshire's Home Front in World War II. He had interviewed a wide range of local people including those who had served in the Home Guard, the Women's Land Army, the Timber Corps and workers at the Rotherwas munitions factory as well as nurses, evacuees, railway workers and members of the armed forces.

He spoke about their experiences during the war and showed us photos of them in their various uniforms. He was thanked by Louisa Ash.

Our speaker at our next meeting on **Thursday 9th February** will be Clare Wichbold who will be telling us about "Suffragettes in Hereford".

We hope you will be able to join us on that day at 2pm in Bodenham Parish Hall. Visitors are always very welcome.

Sandy Brook, Secretary, 01432 882382

Marden Branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

We recommence our programme in the New Year starting on Tuesday 7th March at 7pm. Herefordshire Wildlife Trust 01432 356872

www.herefordshirewt.org
enquiries@herefordshirewt.co.uk
Queenswood Country Park and Arboretum,
Dinmore Hill, Nr Leominster, HR6 0PY
Jessica Tidball Chair Marden Branch.

MACS

We shall be welcoming Caroline Wright to our February meeting when she will be demonstrating Redwork, an attractive form of embroidery and under Caroline's guidance members will then have the opportunity to try this out for themselves. Please bring a basic sewing kit with you, all other materials will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 22nd February at 2.00pm** in Bodenham Parish Hall. We are always pleased to see any visitors who would like to join us.

Wendy Steadman

01432 880203

BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB.

BODENHAM LEISURE CLUB MEETING ON
16TH FEBRUARY 2023

Doctor Fisher will be visiting use to talk about the future of our Clinic in Bodenham and the new clinic in Leominster.

It will take the form as a **NON MEDICAL** question and answer meeting, which the Dr would prefer, so bring along as many questions as possible.

We will have the usual raffle and refreshments and if anyone would like to join us you will be very welcome.

Bodenham Church Christmas Bazaar

Many Thanks to all those who helped in any way at the Christmas Bazaar on the 2nd December 2022 including setting up and dismantling the tables, manning a stall, making and/or providing welcome stall items, or attending and making the event a huge success.

We hope you enjoyed the afternoon and it was lovely to see so many of you come through the door raising a profit of £1,614.01 for the Church.

It was such a Team effort by everyone concerned so thank you to all involved for your hard work - we are grateful for your continued help and attendance year after year.

This year's Christmas Bazaar already booked for 3rd December 2023.

Well done to everyone and Thank You so much
Heather and Church Fundraising Committee

Update on carol singing collection

I finally got to take our wonderful carol singing collection to the Meeting Centre. They were absolutely thrilled with the final amount which was £205 well done Bodenham!

They asked me to pass on their thanks to the village for their efforts, and for remembering a small local charity.

If anyone would like to call in at the Centre to see where our money goes, you are always welcome.

Hopefully we will continue with this fundraising in the future, it's a place very dear to my heart because of the wonderful help they gave to my late husband, Bob, and myself.

Thank you, everyone !

If anyone knows of anybody who can play an instrument who would be willing to come along this year to give us a bit of a boost with our singing they are very welcome.

Jenny

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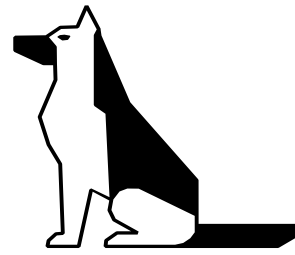


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## Farm Gate to Dinner Plate – February 2023

Happy New Year! With Christmas fun and festivities seeming a lifetime ago, New Year is always greeted as bleak and miserable. The New Year weather was most definitely miserable with our little village being the victim of rain floods again! We also experienced temperatures down to -5, you name it we had icy roads, frozen pipes, frozen water troughs for the cattle, it was mayhem! The frosts are no doubt beautiful, but on a serious note, the freezing conditions made life very hard and demanding for farmers to provide their livestock with water. Hammering ice blocks off troughs, boiling the kettle to de-freeze pipes and rotating stock to share a shed where water was available!

But February is here, a new month with new beginnings. The days are getting longer as our surroundings begin to transition from winter to spring. And our local farmers are gearing up, because for some of them they will be approaching their busiest time of year, bringing new life into the world. Each farm has their own 'tradition' in terms of their farming calendar. Some lamb/calve inside in early spring or some do outside in the warmer April weather, a farmer's routine is completely unique to them! But the beauty of the farming community is that no two farms are the same; new life, planting, harvest and so much more varies between each one. Essentially, this keeps our supply chain consistent and shop shelves full of British produce all year round.

February also sees the end of England's shooting season. The sport of shooting game in the UK goes back to the 16th century and is still very much part of the countryside calendar; Bodenham, together with our surrounding villages, is home to many local shoots. Farming and general countryside living can be very isolating for some people, which is why shoots are such a fantastic opportunity for friends and neighbours to come together and soak up the joys of our rural landscape. It is truly wonderful that we have carried on a tradition that our ancestors would have once enjoyed as much as us on the same land.

### Small Business Spotlight

This month's 'Small Business Spotlight' shines on Newton Court Cider based in Newton Nr Leominster, Herefordshire where owner Paul started the cidery back in 2000. With 30 acres of

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If you are a local business selling Herefordshire produce, please do get in touch as I would love to hear about it!

If you have any questions you wish to be answered about the journey of our food from the farm gate to our dinner plate, or any feedback, please feel free to send me an email at: [farmgatetodinnerplate@gmail.com](mailto:farmgatetodinnerplate@gmail.com)

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## BFPG Update – February 2023!

Well, what can we say, it's the second month of 2023 already! The BFPG wish all readers a very (belated) Happy New year!

Obviously, the winter is quiet on the work front normally (storms and flooding emergencies notwithstanding) and this winter has been no exception. We have been very lucky this year that there had been no real storms until more recently. The first couple of weeks in January saw the most rain for some time and in the early hours of the 12th, the telemetry alarm which sits in Millcroft Brook under Brockington Road, was triggered at 0100 at the first point of 0.5 metres. The next trigger point of 0.9 was not breached but got very close at 03.45 with a level of 0.8! The trigger of 0.9 means that the brook is close to coming over Brockington Road (which would have meant the BFPG Area Reps donning their wellies to check on vulnerable residents), so we are grateful it started to subside before it got there!

However, the heavy rain and wind did leave many surrounding fields and some local roads under water. These are the regular pinch points – a small area across the C1125 just before/after England's Field can go across the road but is usually passable to/from the A417; Millcroft Road, bottom of Ketch Lane, Smeadles Lane are usually the worst affected. At the time of writing, the brook itself had not breached the wall along Millcroft on the 12th January, so any water there and at the pinch points of the above roads was more than likely as a result of backing up from the Lugg and/or run off from the surrounding fields. This area is nearly always impassable in a road vehicle in times of flooding so that the Moor becomes cut off from the old village and vice versa. An idea of whether this area will flood can be checked via the river levels web-site and looking at Butts Bridge and Ford Bridge, once they start rising and start to go into the red, it is very likely to have a knock-on effect locally: <https://riverlevels.uk/levels/herefordshire#.Y8AeFeSnwWN>

The BFPG do try to update on local roads via social media sites such as Facebook (local groups) and NextDoor, however please bear in mind that we are a small voluntary group and are limited in the information we can provide, especially with dwindling numbers and at times of emergency. Other neighbourly residents do also provide pictures and updates, but again these are purely voluntary and should not be relied on. If you think you can help with comms or in any other way please do get in touch!

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The Minutes of the AGM will be circulated to Members; the AGM minutes will also be published on the Parish Website. Details of upcoming Working Party and Social events will also be posted in the Bodenham Newsletter, on the Bodenham Watch Facebook page and Bodenham NextDoor.

Meanwhile, in other news, there have been a variety of liaisons with other groups, chasing of Balfour Beatty and others to get work done (to no avail unsurprisingly) and general admin going on behind the scenes, we don't just wield a rake you know :-). The hard work will start again in April at some point. Given the current state of active membership we will be severely limited in what we can achieve in keeping the Millcroft brook clear.

The AGM (to which all members and non-members are invited), will hopefully be at the beginning of April. Look out for confirmation details in the next newsletter and on social media.

The Bunko evening held in November was great fun, about 20 people came and enjoyed a very different evening :-). The next social will probably be a bingo night so dig out your dabbers! No date as yet, but likely to be in the Spring. Notices will go up in the usual places and on social media.

Please do get in touch if you would like to know more about us, would like to volunteer, or help in any other way.

Debby, Secretary, [secbfpq@gmail.com](mailto:secbfpq@gmail.com)



## Could you help John finish building his plane?



After a career as an engineer with London Underground, John decided in 2018, to relocate and retire in Herefordshire - the 'Escape to the Country' fantasy made good. Here his DIY skills were put to good use in renovating a farmhouse in Westhope with his wife Helen. Restoring a rundown building with care and huge attention to detail was not enough. The derelict garage was converted to a workshop to house John's other project, building a Pietenpol aeroplane.

John had qualified as a pilot some years before, purely as a hobby. Having seen a TV documentary- A Plane is Born by Mark Evans, he decided that he wanted to build one too. Once deciding on what plane to assemble, he joined the UK Pietenpol Club for advice and support having purchased the build plans .This plane is not to be built from a kit, everything has to be built from scratch!

He started the build in Surrey in 2011. Progress was slow. Life and work delayed matters as did buying tools and raw materials.

It wasn't until 2019, when John had his new workshop in Westhope that he started to really make headway.

Unfortunately the move coincided with symptoms that have been recently diagnosed as Alzheimer's with vascular dementia. John is still determined to complete his project - fortunately it's a two seater and a pilot friend is on standby to take him up in it once it's constructed.

Getting it to completion is now a challenge of determination and time. John and Helen hope that there are some keen amateur/professional craftsmen or women out there who may wish to join him on his journey, to help get him airborne, and for him to treasure the experience whilst he's still able to appreciate that he built it.. So, if you have an hour or 2 to donate to an amazing hands-on project, please contact Helen on 07912183101.

### Girlguiding News

Sutton Rainbows and Marden Brownies, Guides & Rangers all enjoyed their trip to see Matilda the Musical before Christmas – we even got a glittery badge!

We would like to welcome all the girls back for the new term – especially those who have moved up to the next section, or started Rainbows for the first time. We have some exciting activities coming this term, and will be planning our camps, trips and sleepovers for this year!

Marden brownies would like to congratulate Jess on achieving her Brownie Bronze Award and Vivi on gaining her Brownie Silver Award. Well done girls!

Welcome to Sutton & Marden Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers– the fun starts here!

For Rainbows (Age 4-7) please contact Laura at [Suttonrainbow@gmail.com](mailto:Suttonrainbow@gmail.com)

For Brownies (Age 7-10 years) and Guides (Age 10 – 14 years) please contact Alison at [mardenguides@outlook.com](mailto:mardenguides@outlook.com) or phone 01432 880094

We are reopening Marden Rangers for 14-18 year old girls. If anyone is interested in joining us, and maybe doing their Bronze D of E Award, please contact Alison.

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## Sutton Walls Conservation Group and the Sutton Environment and History Group.

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The speaker, Robin Jackson, has led archaeological investigations at Wellington Gravel pits for about 30 years, and will talk about the discoveries at the gravel pits, including the Saxon Mill. He currently works for Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service.

The event to which all are welcome, starts at 7:30pm in Sutton St Nicholas Village Hall, Bayley Way, HR1 3SZ. Entrance £3.00. Refreshments will be available and there will be a Raffle. Free parking on site. Disabled access.

Further information: 01432 880748

During late autumn Sutton Walls Conservation Group combined with Sutton Environment and History Group to present a talk by David Lovelace entitled "Landscape History of Sutton and Marden".

Archaeologist David Lovelace is hugely knowledgeable about maps. His talk referenced the 1724 Coningsby Map of the Manor of Marden as well more recent RAF aerial photography and Lidar scans showing potential archaeological sites as well as some farming history. He demonstrated how he has researched the overlaying of modern maps onto those of the 19th century enabling ancient features to be identified in modern day surroundings.

He also showed photographs of Sutton St Nicholas taken in the 1930's by the Royal Commission for Historic Monuments inspector. Many in the large audience recognised properties within the village while others lived in the houses.

David spent a considerable time answering questions and continued doing so after the formal part of the evening had finished.

Meanwhile, Judy Stevenson, who is a key member of both the Sutton groups has spoken to meetings of the Longtown & District Historical Society and the Sutton Women's Institute. Her talk provided an introduction to the Iron Age Hillfort of Sutton Walls, its history, its significance and importantly why it is a monument at risk. Judy showed images of artefacts found on the Walls then outlined the work of the Sutton Walls Conservation Group.

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