

Bodenham Newsletter



March 2023

The Post Office Van is now in Bodenham Enterprise Park (Baches)

Only on

Mondays 12 - 1pm

SHREWSBURY FLOWER SHOW

FRIDAY 11th AUGUST

Why not join the Bodenham Gardening Club on a coach trip to the flower show departing from the Parish Hall and enjoy a day out.

Tickets are £34 per person which includes entrance fee and return coach travel.

Seats are limited so please book early if you are interested in getting some inspiration.

This offer is open to anyone. You do not have to be a member to come along.

Full payment is needed at the time of booking and if you are interested please phone Katrien on 01568 797551.



Gardening Club

Calling all Volunteers!

Can you spare an hour or two?



Our successful Bodenham Food Fair returns for its second year! Come along and help welcome over 32 (new and old) local artisan food & drink producers to the event.

Volunteers needed to turn their hands to all sorts of things (marshalling traffic, setting up, serving teas) on the day

Parish Hall & Grounds

Saturday 10th June, help required anytime from 9am till 5pm

Please contact Sue at SMaxwellSAM@aol.com or 01568 797966

All proceeds to the Parish Hall Charity

St. Michael's Church

March letter from Bishop Richard

Dear friends

I have been delighted to see how many people have already engaged with events in our year of prayer. Not only, that but parishes across the diocese are organising their own programmes. It has felt a welcome going back to basics of why the church is here. We are too often overwhelmed by our obvious challenges and forget that prayer connects us with the one who holds the future in his hands.

Prayer is confusing! If God is all powerful and all knowing, why do we need to ask him anything? Wouldn't he unfold his purposes in spite us? What about those prayers that must be in his will, but seem to remain unanswered? But Jesus clearly taught us to ask for things. What are the requests in the Lord's prayer for God's will to be done on earth as in heaven and for daily bread, if not prayers for God's intervention to sustain us and even change our circumstances? Paul advised the Philippian Church 'in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, to present our requests to God'.

Perhaps our quandary is because we mistake correlation with causation. If we could really twist God's arm, then it would be about formulas and

patterns, with God sitting inactive until the right prayers were offered. Correlation is rather more mysterious. As Archbishop William Temple said, when challenged whether prayer had a point, "When I pray co-incidences happen; when I don't, they don't!" In the Lord's prayer, your will be done follows hallowed be your name. Worship re-orientates the mind to think God's thoughts after him. A mind so formed is more likely to ask for the things that are on God's heart. More importantly, such a heart may find itself the answer to its own prayers. A prayer for justice might lead to actions to bring justice. A prayer for more people to come to know Jesus may raise the courage to tell people about him.

I know the people of the Maund Group of Churches are invited to consider prayer as their Lent Course for this year – meeting every Wednesday in March at 12.30. Contact Paul for more details – maundchurches@gmail.com or 01568 797863.

I hope the Year of Prayer may lead to a lasting change in our own praying and an increase in the fruits of the spirit in the Maund parishes and the wider Diocese. If you haven't done so already, do join in.

With every blessing

+Richard



March Services

5th	4pm	Evensong
11th	11am	Bodenham Moor Holy Communion at Siward James
12th	9.30am	Holy Communion
19th	9.30am 4pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer (BCP)
26th	9.30am	Holy Communion
"	4pm	Wild Church for all the family

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Litter pick

There will be a litter pick on Saturday 25th March. The arrangements are:

- meet at the parish hall for a 10.30 briefing and equipment** collection;
- then your chosen or allocated area will be recorded - and off you go;
- return with your rubbish - to be placed in front of the large window at the parish hall;
- finally, please stay for soup, rolls and coffee inside the parish hall.

Lugg Valley Young Farmers will join in - specifically to litter pick Bowley Lane.

** we will provide litter picking sticks, black bags, gloves, fluorescent jackets and as many hoops to attach the black bags to as we can obtain from Balfour Beatty.

Parish Council and Herefordshire County 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 re-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. See also the next item.

Voter ID

From May 2023 individuals wishing to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper.

- acceptable forms of ID include:

- a passport issued in the UK;
- a driving licence issued in the UK;
- an Older Person's or Disabled Person's Bus Pass;

Details include:

- the requirement for photographic ID does not apply to postal votes.
- expired Photo ID can be used as long as the photo is still a good likeness of the elector.
- an individual without an acceptable form of photo ID can apply for a Voter Authority

Certificate at: www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate or from the Electoral Services office in Hereford Town Hall.

- a brochure about Voter ID is on the Parish Council noticeboards and in the bus shelters or can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council meetings.....

..... now take place on the first Wednesday of every month at the Siward James Centre starting at 6.30pm. 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 March and 5th April**. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. However, for various reasons, the meeting due to take place on Wednesday 3rd May will now take place on 10th May.

Highlights from the January Parish Council meeting.

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

- agreed to provide councillors with photo ID cards, particularly as identification for councillors on site visits to assess planning applications:

- agreed to give commemorative mugs for the King's coronation to all Bodenham primary school-aged children:

- heard a report of a site visit with a road engineer from Herefordshire Council to examine possible improvements to the C1125 through Bodenham. These seem likely to involve the addition of permissive white lines, the removal of the central white line and the addition of speed warning roundels in between Millcroft Road and the former post office. Updates to follow.

The following planning applications were considered at the meeting:

- **230131: Tan-y-Bryn:** Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: Trees 1 & 2 – Crown lift to allow recovery of dying hedge and underplanting. Trees 3 to 12 – Topping and edging, to maintain control of the boundary. Tree 13 - Removal, if necessary, of some lower limbs if interfering with the garage roof. Tree 14 – Experimental removal of one trunk to see if reshooting and restoration is likely to be successful. Trees 19 & 20 - Silver Lime to be reduced in height by approximately 50% & Apple tree to be reduced by about one third. Trees 22 & 23 – Some crown reduction to improve the shape, currently distorted by proximity to nearby larger trees. Trees 29 to 35 - Limited pruning to control spread and maintain the boundary. Continued.....

.....It was agreed that the Parish Council should make no objection to this application.

- **230133:** Agricultural building to the west of Berrington Cottage, Litmarsh, Marden. The erection of a dwelling and associated works including a garage, ground source heat pump, hard and soft landscaping, and drainage (in lieu of the extant Class Q permission at the site).

The property which is the subject of this planning application is in Marden, but the application was sent additionally to Bodenham Parish Council, because it is on the boundary with Bodenham. It was agreed that the Parish Council need make no response to this application.

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.

The bus shelter.....

..... at Chapel Lane has been cleaned and renovated.

The Parish Council website

The Bodenham Parish Council website - www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk - is working again and will be gradually augmented and improved.

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 bodenhamccclerk@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
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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	

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 March 2023

5th	10.30am Worship Service - Faye Roberts
12th	10.30am Worship Service - Bob Lillyman
19th	10.30am Worship Service - Bob Lillyman
26th	9.00am: Prayer & Praise 10.30am Fellowship Service and Communion

MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

At the Chapel on Thursdays
at 2.30pm

Contact: Len Day on 01432 880657

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will be on
Tuesday March 7th 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.

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

Music Club

The next club date is **Saturday 11th March,**
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!



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

**The Volunteers of Bodenham
Compassionate Community are here to help
you.**

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

Just ask your GP surgery to refer you to
Bodenham Co-Co.

Extra Help with Fuel Costs if you do not have Mains Gas

Do you use heating oil, an LPG boiler, biomass
boiler or similar, non-mains fuel to heat your
home? A one-off, automatic £200 payment should
be paid to you via your electricity supplier by 10th
of March 2023. This is additional to the £400
energy bill support scheme already received by all
households with an electricity supply. If you think
you have missed out, contact your electricity
supplier.



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.

Our next meeting is on **March 20** and Jenny will be helping us to make some Easter crafts – you don't need to be 'crafty' – there's still chat, tea and biscuits!

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

With the approach of Spring and clocks going forward to give us lighter evenings, we are preparing for the start of the outdoor season.

Registration day is

March 29th from 3pm to 5pm at the Siward James Centre and the opening of the green is on
Saturday 22nd April at 2pm.

If you are interested in playing bowls, come along to either of these events to find out more or, following the open day, join us on Monday evening club nights from 5pm until around 7.30pm.



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 29th):
Contact Dave 01568-797531

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

15th March

‘Nepal and Myanmar, One Click at a Time’
presented by
Liz Harris

29th March

‘What on Earth is Snowshoeing?’
Presented by
Bob Burson (in aid of Joy School, Uganda)



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 Bodenham. 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 Bodenham

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.

We have a Best Bloom competition each month with the overall winner for the year receiving a rose bowl to keep for the following year so bring along your flower to be in with a chance to win this prize.

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

The February meeting of the Gardening Club had two speakers this month, the first being our own member Mike England who gave a slide presentation and spoke about saving money when ordering seeds. From his research he found that similar packs of seeds from different suppliers had vastly different costs and he was able to save almost 75% when comparing the most expensive and the cheapest. It would appear that Thompson and Morgan were the clear winners price wise. It certainly pays to do a bit of shopping around.

Our second speaker was Julian Reeves from Growing Point. His talk entitled *A Bit of Gardening Therapy* showed us the benefits that were achieved by people affected by illness or injury. Getting out in the fresh air, meeting other people and exercise all helped their mental and physical well-being. The garden at Credenhill has raised beds designed for wheelchair users and he mentioned that some people had gone on to start their own businesses as a result of their time at Growing Point. Julian also brought along a selection of tools which make work easier for the disabled.

Our meeting on the **7th March** is entitled *Aquatic Gardening* and will be presented by Andy from Watershed Aquatics.

Our meeting on the **4th April** is entitled *Gardens in Dry Conditions* and will be presented by Geoff Hodge from Garden Forum Horticulture.

BODENHAM TENNIS CLUB

We welcome new members of all standards

- 2 tennis courts (1 floodlit with tokens)
- Mixed club nights every Thursday evening during summer months
- Coaching courses 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 new membership year starts 1st April and applications / renewals for this new year will be available during March on our website.

Keep an eye on our website for details and dates of club-nights, Wimbledon Ballot, social events, coaching and tournaments.



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.

HELD IN THE SCHOOL'S MAIN HALL

To book: Message StArToTs on Facebook

Please call Marie if you have any questions
07456698502



BODENHAM ST. MICHAEL'S C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We are a four class Primary School plus a Pre-School located in a stunning rural area.

Our aim is to create a happy and secure atmosphere where your child will always be encouraged to do their personal best. We provide a broad and balanced education and place a great deal of emphasis on the traditional values of hard work and good behaviour.

Choosing a school for your child is a very important decision and we welcome you to come and look at what we have to offer. Simply telephone for an appointment and we will be happy to arrange for you to visit at a time to suit you.

Tel: 01568 797241

Bodenham Ramblers Walks - March 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 1st March	Leintwardine - along tracks & minor roads, no stiles. There is a steep climb, rising about 300 feet up a grassy bank after half a mile. Thereafter the gradients up and down are easy and gentle. Lovely views over the North Herefordshire countryside and Shropshire and Powys.	5.0	Sun Inn /Fish & chip shop Leintwardine. Turn off into Leintwardine from the A4113 immediately after crossing Teme bridge. Park in Rosemary lane. Sun is 100m along the lane. Lunch options: Lion Inn in Leintwardine or various watering holes such as The Grange at Mortimers Cross.	OS 203 405 737 SY7 0LP	Robert 01981 500360
Saturday 4th March	Annual General Meeting -followed by refreshments		Bodenham Parish Hall 7.00pm		Jo 01568 797989
Sunday 12th March	Leominster B&Q to White Lion, then cross country and along footpath following the Lugg. Could be muddy in parts, some stiles mostly flat.	5.5	Start: B&Q Mill street Car Park, Leominster, HR6 8EF Park alongside hedge to the left, well away from store. If fine bring picnic, otherwise 3+ pub lunch options after walk.	Exp 202 495 594 HR6 8EF	Ron 01568 797084 07703 567982
Wednesday 22nd March	Start 10.30. High above Hope under Dinmore, exposed, muddy top of Westhope Hill, open farmland tracks, lanes and woodland with amazing views. Easy, no significant inclines, no stiles.	4.0	Start 10.30 Park on Westhope Hill, past Broomwell Farm, on rough, muddy, 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 0PU	Dave 01568 797514

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. If you would like to join a walk, phone the walk leader so they are expecting you.

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

MARDEN WI

Clare Wichbold was our speaker at our February meeting and gave us a fascinating and informative illustrated talk on the early days of the women's suffrage movement with particular reference to the cause in Herefordshire.

Clare had been interested in this subject for some years and lockdown was the perfect opportunity for her to do some research. She spoke about several suffragists and suffragettes in the county including Bea Parlbay and Constance Radcliffe Cooke and told us about important representatives from the Women's Social and Political Union, including members of the famous Pankhurst family, who had campaigned in Hereford. Her research led her to write a book "Hard Work - But Glorious" about the Herefordshire Suffrage Campaign. She was thanked by Sandy Brook.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Thursday 9th March at Bodenham Parish Hall when we shall be reporting on the past twelve months and electing the committee and President for the coming year. This meeting will start a little earlier than usual at 1.45pm.

Sandy Brook, Secretary, 01432 882382

MACS

Our March meeting will have a wildlife theme as we shall be making a range of felt animals.

So come along with a basic sewing kit and let's produce a menagerie of creatures.

We might even have enough for a new David Attenborough programme!!

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.00pm

in Bodenham Parish Hall.

We are a friendly group and visitors are very welcome to come and join us.

Wendy Steadman

01432 880203

Marden Gardeners

The Marden Gardeners revert back to our regular evening meeting time which will be Tuesday 14th March, 7pm in the Marden Community Lounge.

We are delighted to have Julie Richie of Hoo House Nurseries back once again, who will be talking on "Cut and Come Again Flowers". Julie is an excellent and informative speaker - you will learn LOADS from her! AND she always brings lovely plants for sale!

As always there will be refreshments and a raffle. Non-members are welcome to attend for £3. Come and join us!

"Springtime is the land awakening, the March winds are the morning yawn." - Lewis Grizzard

Spring Plant Fair



26th April 2023 10.30am- 4.00pm
BROXWOOD COURT nr Pembridge HR6 9JJ

A special day for gardeners!

Discover beautiful, interesting and unusual plants. Meet producers of garden-related products and explore the stunning and rarely opened Broxwood Court garden and arboretum.

Lunch and refreshments on sale all day.

Entrance £6.00 per person.

All proceeds to The Cart Shed
(Reg Charity no 1167802)

www.thecartshed.co.uk

Tel: 01544 318 231



The Cart Shed
Transforming Lives

Save the date

Breakfast for the King

Sunday 7th May

8am-11am

Bodenham Parish Hall

In aid of St Michael's school Bodenham

VISIT

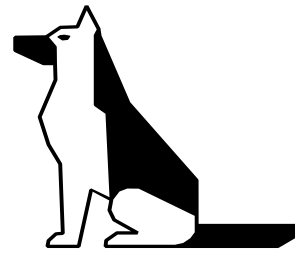


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Sunday 07:30 – 12:30	Saturday & Sunday Closed

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- ♦ Electric Heaters
- ♦ Fault Finding
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‘Spring’ has arrived and our landscape is awakening, quite literally, as lambing is in full swing for many!

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One farm might lamb their ewes (mothers) inside and put the ewe and lamb/s in individual pens to bond before graduating to the ‘nursery’ pen, whereas a farmer across the valley might lamb all their ewes outside with little intervention.

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Bringing new life into the world is a truly beautiful thing. We don’t tend to think of farmers as midwives but, in reality, that’s exactly what their job this time of year!

Spring also sees farmers begin to plant many crops. Potatoes will be planted into our Herefordshire soil sometime between March & April (weather dependent, of course,) ready to be harvested in the Autumn.

Likewise, spring barley will be drilled ready to be harvested in the summer. Although spring barley doesn’t land straight on our plate, it is fed to livestock as nutritious fodder, the straw is used as comfortable bedding for animals and is transformed into malt for beer production, making it a crucial ingredient in the farm-to-fork supply chain.

The planting of these crops will see our roads have a few more tractors as farmers travel to their fields and begin this vital work. Please remember to be patient when following the rural traffic to keep yourselves and others safe on the roads!

Going slightly off the topic of ‘dinner plate’, February brought us Valentines Day, and Mother’s Day is at the end of the March; I couldn’t help but notice the volume of beautiful blooms bursting in the supermarkets.

The plentiful supply of perfect petals caught my eye and prompted me to look at their labels to see where they were grown, which proved to be much more difficult than I thought.

Unlike food, flower labels don’t always have

their origin featured for the customer to see.

After a quick google search, I learnt that the clichéd red rose given on Valentines Day is grown in countries such as Kenya and the Netherlands, and flown over to the UK in time for our romantic shopping choices. A lovely gesture, but the flower miles aren’t very favourable for the environment.

So, with Mother’s Day and Easter activities approaching, if you want to buy flowers, why not purchase some British grown blooms. There are bundles of British cut flowers available at this time of year, carnations, gerberas, hyacinths, muscaris and of course spring daffodils to name just a few.

If you’re not sure, ask your local florist for advice or have a quick google to put a name to the flower!

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:

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## BFPG Update – March 2023!

Since the last update in February, there has been less rain and so less cause for concern in the local area regarding flooding, thank goodness. And now we are approaching Spring!

Given our lack of volunteers now and the slower growth through Spring, the Committee has decided to shorten this year's working party calendar. The first date will therefore be Saturday 29th April, and continue fortnightly until the end of September or the first week of October, depending on the weather. This still gives us approx. 12 weeks (although it is also possible that we will do less throughout August if holidays and heat mean we have even less volunteers; we need at least 6 people on a session to make any headway). We will also be starting at the Brockington Road Bridge and working down to the wooden bridge past Ketch corner. Work sessions start at 09.30 and continue for up to 2 hours. Volunteers can help for all or part of a session but there must be a minimum of 2 people working on any section.

On the first session on 29th April, there will be a pre-work welcome chat for anyone just wanting to come along for more information or to have a taster session, followed by post work party refreshments. If you are interested, join us on the bridge on Brockington Road at 09.30!

The AGM (to which all members and non-members are invited), will take place at Bodenham Parish Hall (in the small meeting room) on Wednesday 15th March 2023 starting at 6.30pm. we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Finally, our next social activity/fundraiser will be a bingo night on Saturday 22nd April – 6.30-8.30pm again at Bodenham Parish Hall! Please see the attached poster for more details, which will also be posted on social media and on flyers in the village.

As always, please do get in touch if you would like to know more about us, would like to volunteer, or help in any other way. There is always a warm welcome to new members.

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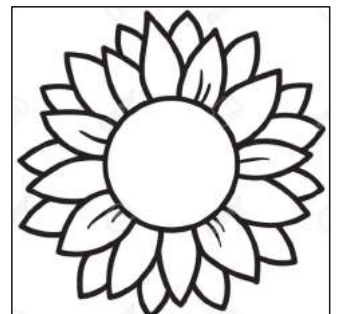
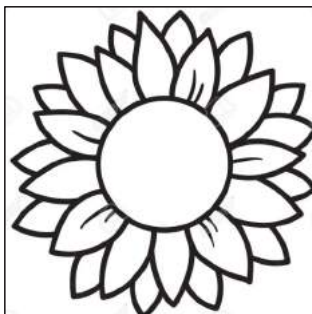
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