

Bodenham Newsletter



November 2023

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

Mondays 12 - 1pm

Robin George wishes to thank the couple that came to my rescue on Sunday 8th October.

They showed great care and kindness in getting me out of a bad place, where I was trapped, and to Shaun who took me to A & E and brought me home.

A big thank you to you all.

Village Litter Pick



Saturday 11th November

Starts 10.30am at the Parish Hall

Coffee and Refreshments
Afterwards in Parish Hall
Meeting Room

All Welcome to Help!

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CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR LOVELY SCHOOL



ST. MICHAEL'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA Charity number 1098832

St. Michael's Church

Dear All,

I write this at the time of year when gaggles of geese are flying noisily overhead. This is the first place I've lived where I can't hear trains going past, but can hear geese honking as they set off on their autumn journey... I wonder if the two are connected.

You may have noticed that I have a tattoo of geese on my left forearm, which, when I open my arms, look as if they're about to fly out of my hand. The tattoo holds two significant meanings for me: the first is as a symbol for the Holy Spirit. In Celtic tradition, the Holy Spirit is represented not as a quiet, peaceful dove, but as a wild goose, swooping noisily and boldly into our lives. The wild goose reminds us that God can't be tamed or controlled, and that sometimes God's presence in our lives is peaceful (like the dove) but at other times is unexpected and dramatic.

The second is that it reminds me of my favourite poem, one which holds deep significance in my life. The poem is called 'Wild Geese' and was written by Mary Oliver. In the poem, Oliver writes about the passing of time and our place within the beauty of creation, a common feature of her poetry. She often merges imagery of creation with imagery of God, and we see how her faith is nurtured by the world around her.

'Wild Geese' is a beautiful poem, held together by the journey of the wild geese 'heading home again', and ends with the words,

'Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting - over and over announcing your place in the family of things.'

As a priest in God's church, I long for every person to know their place in the family of things – to know how much they are loved and cherished by God – and to see a glimpse of that love in our church family here in Bodenham. It's love that calls us to worship together, to host community events, and to do things like lighting the church tower in memory of loved ones.

November can be a difficult time to think about being a 'family', as we reflect on loved ones no longer with us at All Souls, stop to remember on Armistice Day, and the church year comes to an end with the feast of Christ the King, when we celebrate Christ's rule in heaven. Yet, just as Oliver's poem reminds us, 'You do not have to be good' to be a part of God's family, and here you are invited to come as you are, to 'Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.' My prayer for you, this month, is that you would know that you always have a place in God's family.

Natalie



Services November

5th	4pm	Evensong for All Saints & All Souls
12th	10am	Remembrance Service
19th	9.30am* 4pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer (BCP)
26th	9.30am 4pm	Holy Communion Wild Church

* Please note that incense may be use in this service.





Inspired by 'Forest Church'



For families, dogs, and everyone who enjoys being outdoors.



We begin with refreshments in the porch, before an informal & interactive service in the churchyard.





4pm on the following Sunday
November 26th



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council.

Two vacancies remain on the Parish Council, so please consider putting yourself forward.

The Parish Council precept.....

..... is the amount the Parish Council requests from Herefordshire Council every year and is the Parish Council's main source of funding. The amount each household pays appears on its council tax bill. It varies according to council tax bands. For 2023-24 the Parish Council requested and received £17500. Although the request for 2024-25 has yet to be finalised, it is possible that a lower sum may be requested, leading to a small saving to each household. The council tax itself is set by Herefordshire Council and may well rise, however.

The Lengthsman

The Parish Council's application to appoint a lengthsman for 2023-24 was successful, and Mr Richard Morgan was duly appointed. Richard has a list of regular tasks, but, residents can request other things for him to do - via the parish clerk, please.

The existing metal noticeboard opposite the school.....

..... has been spruced up. The new replacement noticeboard for the old wooden one has been ordered and should be installed in the near future.

Litter Pick

The next litter pick will be held on **Saturday 11th November**. The usual arrangements apply, i.e. a 10.30 start at the parish hall followed by coffee/tea, soup and rolls afterwards for the litter pickers. The refreshments will be available in the Meeting Room at the parish hall, as last time, because the main hall is needed for an all-day karate class. Sheila and Jeremy Schwartz have volunteered to sort the logistics of the refreshments and will be assisted by Pam James-Moore. Our thanks in advance to all three.

Dogs

Please, if you walk your dog, clear up after it. Bagged dog waste can be placed in any public waste bin, such as the bin on the village green or the bins at the bus stops.

Cows, walkers and public rights of way.

After an unfortunate incident in Bodenham, in which a resident was injured while walking on a Public Right of Way (PROW) through a field containing cattle (which were not visible, when the resident entered the field), residents are asked to take great care, when walking on PROWs through fields which might contain cattle.

There is much information on the internet about walkers and cattle, including a statement on a Government website that farmers should not put cattle with young calves in fields with a public right of way.

It is not known, whether the incident in Bodenham involved cattle with calves.

Highlights - not reported above - from the October Parish Council meeting.

- **The Parish Council** is considering possible replacements for the wooden posts on the verge in Church Road, which are rotting and which were installed in 2010 to prevent the parking of vehicles from damaging the verge. 'Bendy bollards' are a possibility.

- **The Parish Council** agreed to give a donation of £50 to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and that Cllr Ron Pearce would represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12th November.

- **The Parish Council** heard from Hampton Ward Councillor Bruce Baker that repairs to the C1125 through Bodenham Moor - from The Vault turn to the A417 - should start shortly. The repairs should mean that there will be no potholes or other uneven points on that stretch of road.

After the resurfacing is complete, the Parish Council believes that traffic calming measures will be put in place between the same two points.

- **No** planning applications had been received for consideration at the meeting.

Planning application 232234

..... to replace an existing timber building for a single residential dwelling and garage on land adjacent to Brockington Golf Club - to which the Parish Council objected - has been refused by Herefordshire Council.

Potholes and other defects such as blocked drains.

. . . . **The Parish Council** is very concerned about the seemingly ever-increasing number of potholes and other defects in Bodenham, but has little control over addressing the problem. The system is that:

- the locality steward inspects all roads every month;
- if he finds a pothole, he marks it by putting a white line around it and logging it;
- it should then be filled within a month.

However, many potholes go undetected or emerge after the locality steward's monthly inspection, so, if you spot one, please report it at <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1> .

If it isn't reported, it may not get sorted.

The locality steward cannot spot all defects, such as block drains, so vigilance from and reporting by residents is appreciated.

Parish Council meetings.....

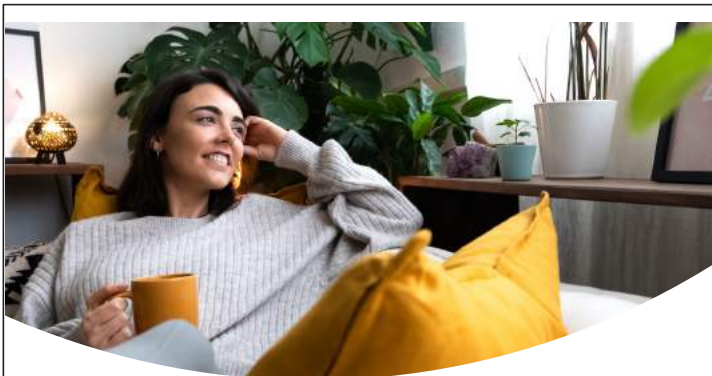
..... **now** take place on the first Wednesday of every month at the Siward James Centre starting at 6.30pm. The agenda for a meeting will normally be posted on the noticeboards and on the website a few days beforehand. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The next meetings will be held on **Wednesdays 1st November and 6th December.**

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 (50 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 bodenhamppclerk@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.



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Bodenham Parish Council May 2023- April 24

Cllr Jan Burgess	jandg.burgess@btinternet.com	01568 701911
Cllr Mike Dunn	dunntdbrat@aol.com	
Cllr Trudie Edwards	trudieedwards2017@gmail.com	07968080826
Cllr Jemma Gromadzki	Jgromadzke-bodenhampc@hotmail.com	
Cllr Sarah Marsh (Vice-chairman)	sarahmarsh1956@gmail.com	07792662928
Cllr Liz Miller		07749912457
Cllr Tracy Morris (Chairman)	tracymorris9@btinternet.com	01568 797892
Cllr Ron Pearce	rpearce665@gmail.com	01568 797084
2 Vacancies		
Chris Smith (Parish Clerk)	www.bodenhamparish.org.uk	01568 797132
Cllr Bruce Baker - bruce.baker2@herefordshire.gov.uk - is the Herefordshire Councillor for the Hampton ward.		

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 November 2023

5th	10.30am Worship Service - Peter Stevens
12th	9am Prayer and Praise 10.30am Worship Service - Chris Over
19th	10.30am Fellowship Service and Communion
26th	10.30am Worship Service - Andy Dodwell

MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

At the Chapel each **Thursday (except 2nd)**
at 2.00pm to study the book of Romans.

Contact: Len Day on 01432 880657

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will be on
Tuesdays 7th and 21st at 10.00 to study
'Hebrews: An anchor for the soul.'

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.
Everyone Welcome!

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Wednesday 22nd November at 2.15pm

"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!

Music and Craft Club

The next club date is Saturday **18th November**
from 10.00am for 1 hour.

This will be for primary school children (4-11),
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

Men's Breakfast

followed by short Christian message
Saturday, 11 Nov 2023 at 9:30am
Compliments of Bodenham Christian
Fellowship

The Chapel, Chapel Ln
RSVP (helpful but not necessary) to:
Len Day 01432-880657, or
Dave Hill 01568-797531
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### Ladies' Tea

followed by short Christian message  
**Saturday, 25 Nov 2023 at 3:00pm**  
Compliments of Bodenham Christian  
Fellowship

The Chapel, Chapel Ln  
RSVP (helpful but not necessary) to:  
Rebecca Burnill 01568-797823 or  
07583061171

## Travels with a Camera

from 2.15pm – 4.00pm  
(suggested donation £3.50)  
In aid of Ear Aid Nepal  
(unless stated otherwise).

**Tuesday November 14th**

**"Where Am I?"**

Can you identify these day trip destinations from the photos?

Presented by Cathy Crowther

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Wednesday November 29th

"Israel past and present"

Presented by Mike Steadman

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**Tuesday December 12th**

**nb: At 7.30pm**

**"Travels without a Camera"**

**"General practice - the joys, the pitfalls, the weird, the horrors."**

Presented by Frank Ryding  
(in aid of Red Cross)

### Notice

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

Please Do Not Drink



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

The Volunteers of Bodenhams Compassionate Community are here to help you.

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

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



## CARERS OF HEREFORDSHIRE

### BODENHAM AND DISTRICT CARERS GROUP

If you are currently 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, a cry or a chat, and always tea and biscuits! Our usual meetings are on the Third Monday of the month at the Chapel, Chapel Lane, Bodenhams 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.

**The Autumn Craft Fayre on 21<sup>st</sup> October** was a great success, so many thanks to all the Carers who ran the stalls, the raffle and the kitchen and made everyone so welcome – lots of lovely comments about the friendly atmosphere. Thanks also to Rob and Tony at Bodenhams Enterprise Park for allowing the excess parking.

**Monday 20 November, PCO Sue Berrett** from West Mercia Police will join us to talk about safety and security, including internet safety and scam awareness.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Note the earlier date)** is our Christmas Wreath making session, this year we have to ask for a £10 donation towards materials. Even if you don't want a wreath please come along for some time out, a chat and a cuppa.

For more information email me on [majameshcl@gmail.com](mailto:majameshcl@gmail.com) or ring me on 01568797096 (please leave a message if no answer) or contact Georgia at [carersofherefordshire@outlook.com](mailto:carersofherefordshire@outlook.com) or 07921 803171

## New Creative Arts Social Group



Limited spaces available so please call to book your place.

Meet new people and get creative with a group of like-minded artists. All abilities are welcome!

**Starting on**

**Wednesday 8th November 2023**

**1:00pm - 3:00pm**

Drybridge House, St Martins St, Hereford, HR2 7SG

First session free, £3 thereafter



**0800 008 6077**



**ageukhw.org.uk**

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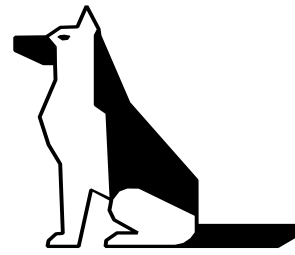


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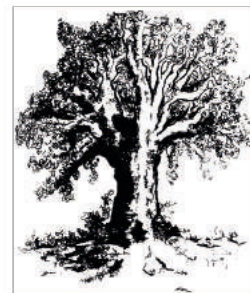


### Opening Hours

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| Monday – Saturday<br>07:00 – 18:00                                                  | Monday – Friday<br>09:00 – 14:00                                                    |
| Sunday<br>07:30 – 12:30                                                             | Saturday & Sunday<br>Closed                                                         |

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[www.oaktreefuneralservices.co.uk](http://www.oaktreefuneralservices.co.uk)

## BODENHAM FLOOD GROUP



Winter is nearly upon us and with that, the likelihood of flood alerts increases. So, it would seem sensible to post our annual gentle reminder and advice on how to keep your property safe against potential flood risk if you are in a flood zone.

I am sure most of you will have noticed how the leaves have been falling a lot earlier this year. Lovely for kicking up and crunching underfoot - and blocking drains!! If you have outside drains on your property, it is obvious and common sense to keep them clear of debris such as leaves. I won't go on about your riparian responsibility if you live along a watercourse as you will have heard it all before! 😊

However, it is probably timely to remind you of various information links and telephone numbers that may be useful. Herefordshire Council has a Property Flood Resilience (PFR) page where you can find loads of useful information on keeping your property safe. Link here: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/flooding/10>

There is also a telephone number to report roads that are flooded/impassable - 01432 261 800. It is apparently open 24 hours - you may not get a person out of hours answering it, but you are encouraged to leave a message and the team will endeavour to get the roads closed.

And obviously the BFPG is there in times of dire emergency to help with any flood related issues if we can.

And if you see trees down in the river you can report it through the Environment Agency incident line which is 0800 80 70 60. You will be given an incident number and if you pass this to the BFPG, we will also report it.

The BFPG work is finished for this year apart from monitoring the telemetry and responding to any requests for help in an emergency if necessary. Unfortunately, said telemetry system now needs a new battery and so Hydro International are on the hook to replace it as soon as possible. Meanwhile, it does mean that we are without our early warning system, hopefully not for too long. So, Area Reps have

been asked to be especially vigilant for flooding along Millcroft Brook during this time.

In other news, the Committee met with Herefordshire North's new Councillor, Bruce Baker, who reiterated his support for the BFPG. We also discussed how we could work better together, and with Balfour Beatty (BB), in getting issues reported and remedied as quickly as possible. To that end, a meeting will take place with BB and Bruce towards the end of year to discuss how to make things happen. A report will be in the next newsletter.



We have recently reported a broken drain flap in Millcroft Brook (see photo), for instance and that has been scheduled for repair – but we have no idea when. So, it will be useful to feedback to BB on their reporting system and discuss what, if anything, could be done to improve it. If you have any ideas on this (polite ones!) then please let the Secretary know (say by 10th November), and we will raise it at the meeting.

Finally, as previously noted, there won't be another social event now until 2024, so keep an eye out for posters in the New year! But meanwhile do get in touch if you have anything you wish to impart to the BFPG or want advice or just want to join us!

That's all folks!

# 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.

Hello everyone,

Despite the dark and blustery night we had a very good turn out for our guest speaker Sarah King from Herefordshire Wildlife Trust whose talk was entitled Over at Bodenham Lake. Sarah is a very professional speaker and spoke about the forthcoming works at the lake. Church meadow is being made into a wild flower meadow with the aim of attracting more diverse insect, bird and mammal species and the reed bed is being extended. She told us about wildlife corridors being set up to allow safe travel of animals and birds and also spoke of the works ongoing at Oak Tree Farm and the help that volunteers give in planting, monitoring, and toad picking. This was a very interesting evening.

The meeting on the **7th November** is entitled Wreath Making and our Chairman David Griffiths will be the speaker so do come along and get some inspiration for Christmas decorations.

Let's get the party season off to a swing with the Christmas Party which this year is being held at Bodenham Parish Hall on the 5th December. Tickets for this and menu selection will be available at the November meeting. The cost is £27.50 for a three course meal and introductory drink. We'd love to see you all there.

Looking further ahead to the New Year, the January meeting will be held on the 2nd January when annual subscriptions will be payable.

## BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



Chair (meetings): Sadie Chambers 07572 169893  
Treasurer: Rebecca Burnill 01568 797823  
Secretary: Debby House 01568 797305

### Area Reps:

The Moor Road: Andrew Maxwell: 01568 797946  
Brockington Road North and cul de sac: Rebecca Burnill: 01568 797823  
and Sue Pearman: 01568 797688  
Brockington Road South: Adrian House: 01568 797305  
Siward James: The Warden: Victoria Paterson: 01568 797412  
Ash Grove Close: Rodney Minchin: 07794 466968  
Ash Grove View and Road: David Harris: 01568 797575  
Millcroft Road: Barbara Gibson: 01568 797643  
Bodenham Village: David Ayshford Sanford: 01568 797549  
Orchard Close: Mike Stephens 01568 797816  
Maund Bryan: Philip Broomhead 01568 797167

### BFBG Sandbag Key Holders:

Parish Hall Container: Secretary 797305  
Chapel Lane Cage Key Holder: Mike Stephens 797816  
Siward James Cage Key Holder: The Warden: Victoria Paterson: 797412

### Church Sandbag Key Holders (now owned by the Church)

St Michael's School Cage Key Holder: Barry Wilson: 797013  
St Michael's Church: Richard Collins 797434 or Sue Newbould 797848

Please note: the sandbags in the cages are for use during emergency flood incidents only. If you need sandbags for your property and can store them appropriately, please contact your Area Rep.

If you would like to raise any point or pose a question which you would like to have raised at a Committee Meeting (held bi-monthly), please contact the Secretary, Debby House on 797305 or [secbfpg@gmail.com](mailto:secbfpg@gmail.com)

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.



## BODENHAM BADMINTON CLUB



Whether you are starting, returning or just curious, come along and join us for skills, fun and fitness through badminton.

For people who would like to play games, have a little development coaching and keep fit in a fun and friendly club that is open to all ages (*under 16's must be accompanied by a parent guardian*).

Wednesday evenings from 19.45- 21.45

Bodenham Parish Hall, HR1 3LB

For more information or to arrange taster session please contact Rob 01568 797 091



## 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](http://www.bodenhamtennisclub.co.uk)

During September the tennis courts were pressure-washed, treated for moss and repainted, giving them a new lease of life for hopefully another 3-5 years, as well as improved grip perfect for playing during the winter months – they look great and hopefully our members will agree!!



### 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



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Telephone: 01432 830111  
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Sunday 8am - 4pm  
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\*Pocket Money Toy section

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## Girlguiding News

October saw Marden Brownies and Guides launch off from Hereford for an Astronights adventure at the London Science Museum, joining over 400 other members of Girlguiding. We enjoyed 3 evening workshops – Space bingo, a journey through the body and UV torch making before settling down to sleep in the maths zone of the Science Museum.

It was an early start on Sunday to explore the discovery zone before a 3D IMAX flight to space for all the girls!

After landing back on planet earth we walked across London, stopping to renew our Promise at Buckingham Palace before a flight on the London Eye. We were lucky with the weather so had spectacular views of our capital city. A truly once in a lifetime experience for all the Brownies and Guides.

**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) please contact Katy at [mardenbrownies1@outlook.com](mailto:mardenbrownies1@outlook.com)

For Guides (10 – 14) and Rangers (14 – 18) please contact Alison at [mardenguides@outlook.com](mailto:mardenguides@outlook.com)

Guiding is great fun for adults too! You could help us every week, or maybe you have a particular skill that you could share. If you would like to find out more, please contact Alison or Katy

Alison Thomas – Guide Leader

## Marden Branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in Marden Community Lounge.**

The talk will be on 'Hereford's Yazor Brook Restoration Project' by Richard Bavin & Ann Cottinger

There will be refreshments & a raffle. Donations of prizes are very welcome.

Donations are £2.50 for HWT members & £3.50 for non-members.

For more information contact: Mary on 01432880107 or Jess [jessicatidball60@gmail.com](mailto:jessicatidball60@gmail.com)

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## Bodenham Parish Hall update:

This fantastic local amenity is run by a small group of local volunteers who make up the 'Parish Hall Management Committee'. The aim is to maintain the hall for the use of the community and enable it to continue providing a space for leisure activities as well as parties and community support.

As many who use the hall will know the main windows down the side are in desperate need of repair, this will be happening on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> when they will be replaced by new ones. This won't affect evening classes but the main hall will be out of use during both days.

Next on the agenda is to fund a much-needed upgrade of the toilets! To do this we are looking at approximately £25,000. The committee are looking into funding sources including applying for available grants, however any fundraising ideas or support would be gratefully received. Our accounts look good at present £26,000 – however that will depreciate to £21,000 after the windows and as a charity we are expected to maintain at least £15,000 in the bank to cover annual running fees of insurance, fuel, general maintenance etc.

We have space on the committee for 2 new members and are inviting members of the local community who have an interest in continuing the maintenance and preservation of this venue. Enthusiasm and interest in the hall and the role is all that is required.

For further information contact our secretary, June, on [j.stephens62@btinternet.com](mailto:j.stephens62@btinternet.com)



## Bodenham Parish Hall:

Bodenham Parish Hall in Hereford is owned by the parishioners of Bodenham. It is run by the Bodenham 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](mailto:J.stephens62@btinternet.com)**

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**From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the hall hire fees are:**

Main hall **£12.50 per hour.**

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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.



## **Bodenham 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](mailto:j.stephens62@btinternet.com) or phone 01568 797 932

|           |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Monday    | Julian's Tai Chi <a href="mailto:jukemp67@gmail.com">jukemp67@gmail.com</a><br>Megan Baker House<br>Emma's Pilates Fusion                                                 | 10.00-11.30<br>08.30-16.30 term time<br>18.30-19.30                                                                                                                                |
| Tuesday   | Megan Baker House<br>Emma's Pilates<br>Bodenham Gardening club                                                                                                            | 08.30- 16.30 term time<br>18.00-19.00<br>19.30-21.30, 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday                                                                                                      |
| Wednesday | Julian's Tai Chi <a href="mailto:jukemp67@gmail.com">jukemp67@gmail.com</a><br>Marden Arts & Crafts<br>Fiona H's Yoga<br>Bodenham Badminton Club<br>Bodenham Bowling Club | 10.00-11.30<br>14.00-16.00, 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday<br>18.00-19.30, alternate weeks<br>19.45-21.45<br>14.00-16.00, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Wednesday, October-March |
| Thursday  | Marden WI<br>Bodenham Leisure Club<br>Emma's pilates                                                                                                                      | 14.00-16.00, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday<br>14.30 -16.00, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday<br>18.30-19.30                                                                                     |
| Friday    | Sophie's yoga/fitness<br>Emma's Pilates<br>Megan Baker House<br>Hereford Amateur radio club                                                                               | 09.00-10.00, 6-week blocks<br>10.30-11.30<br>12.00-16.30 term time<br>19.00-21.30, 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday, Nov-Feb                                                                 |
| Saturday  | Alanya Belly Dance                                                                                                                                                        | 13.00-15.00, twice monthly                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sunday    |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### **Events planned for 2023:**

Bodenham Litter pick – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
 Christmas Fair – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
 Hereford WI Christmas Fayre – 25<sup>th</sup> November  
 Church Christmas Bazaar – 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
 Garden Club Christmas Party – December 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Burley Gate school bingo – 8<sup>th</sup> December  
 Church Christmas Service – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (at the Parish Hall)  
 Annual Riders Parade – 23<sup>rd</sup> December

The fish and chip van in the hall carpark every Thursday evening.

**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 Bodenham', lovely picture of the sun shining through the windows on our homepage.**

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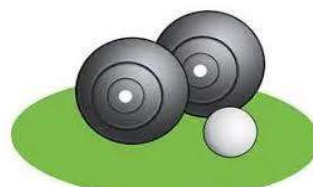
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Note: For November only, the game on Wednesday 1st has now been rearranged to Wednesday 8th due to building work in the Parish Hall.



Jean Fryer –
 Secretary.
 01568 797338

Bodenham Ramblers Walks November 2023

Walks take place every ten days on Sundays and Wednesdays alternately, unless otherwise stated. If you would like to join a walk, please contact the walk leader. Our Strollers group, for members who can no longer manage the walks, meets monthly for morning coffee and a stroll.

Date	Description	Miles	Start	OS Map Grid Ref	Leaders
Weds 8 th Nov	Leominster , mostly farmland, couple of inclines, 8 stiles, some road walking, R Arrow, good views to Wales	3.5 miles	10.00 Start - park at Morrisons (free). Picnic lunch or at Morrisons, after walk	Exp 202 484 586 HR6 8RH	Dave and Wendy 01568 797659
Weds 8 th Nov	<u>Strollers Programme</u> <u>Wye Woods</u>	1 to 2	10.00 Start - park at Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Hereford	HR4 0SE	Doreen or Wendy
Sun 19 th Nov	Ludlow, Whitcliffe, Priors Halton. Tracks & fields, mostly flatbar 1 steep incline. No stiles. Picnic lunch	5-6 miles	10.00 Start - Smithfield car park, Ludlow.	Exp 203 516 745 SY8 1RN	Ron & Sue 01568 797084 07703 567982 07765 931742
Weds 29 th Nov	Llangaron: rolling countryside, fairly easy, 2 stiles.	5 miles	10.30 Start - Park at Church (limited space, share cars where possible)	Exp 189 530 211 HR9 6NJ	John 01432 830183 07759 466455

We are a friendly group and walk at a comfortable and relaxed pace, using the local network of footpaths, quiet lanes and long-established, public rights of way. These can be found on Ordnance Survey maps and from Herefordshire Council, which has a duty to keep and provide the Definitive Map of the County's Public Rights of Way. Maintained by landowners, Parishes, County Councils, walkers and volunteers, public rights of way make it possible to get out for some exercise in our rural environment and enjoy exploring the beautiful countryside, on foot.

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Last month we welcomed several visitors to the meeting and we do hope to see you again as well as anyone else who would like to come along and see what we do. We look forward to seeing you held on Wednesday 22nd November at 2.00pm in Bodenham Parish Hall.

Reminder: There is no meeting in December so we shall be resuming our meetings in the New Year on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

Wendy Steadman

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## MARDEN WI

At our November meeting we are looking forward to welcoming Rebecca Farkas who will be talking about "Growing Up in Circus". We

hope to see all our members for what promises to be a very interesting talk. If you have not been to a WI meeting before why not come along as a visitor. We would be very pleased to see you on Thursday 9th November at 2.00pm in Bodenham Parish Hall.

Members are reminded that we shall be collecting donations for the Hereford Food Bank at our December meeting.

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Bridie Sullivan, Chief Executive, explains how local residents can help; "This year the Government is giving pensioners the Winter Fuel Payment and an additional cost of living payment. We're encouraging those who don't need this support to donate it to our appeal instead. If anyone else can make a contribution, large or small, it would be really appreciated too."

The feedback we receive blows us away, as a relatively modest grant can make an enormous difference to someone's life. Meanwhile, keeping community spaces warm is essential as it gives people a safe place to go and helps to combat loneliness and isolation."

If you would like to donate online, visit [www.herefordshirecf.org/survivingwinter](http://www.herefordshirecf.org/survivingwinter)

Alternatively, ring 01432 272550 to donate over the phone or send a cheque to Herefordshire Community Foundation, The Fred Bulmer Centre, Wall Street, Hereford HR4 9HP (please include a note that it is for Surviving Winter).

### From the Editor

The next Newsletter is the double December 23 /January 24 issue. The deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023. For more details about advertising or notices contact me at:

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