

Bodenham Newsletter



November 2024



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Church Lights

This year's Lighting of the Church Tower will be held from
Sunday 1st December 2024 to 31st January 2025
inclusive. If you would like to commemorate a
special anniversary, birthday, event, or just
remember a loved one by sponsoring a date
during this time, then please contact:

Karilyn Collins:

karilynandrichard@googlemail.com

Sarah Rogers:

bodenhamchurchwebsite@gmail.com

The Church tower will be illuminated from approx.
4.30pm to 10pm for your loved one and access
into the church will be available by prior
arrangement for those wishing to light a candle,
say prayers or gather as a family. Thank you for
your continued support of this event.



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

PARISH HALL @ 2PM

STALLS: Books ~ Bric-a-Brac/Household
Cakes ~ Lovely Gifts ~ Jams/Chutneys
Jewellery ~ Toiletries ~ Tombola items
Toys ~ Xmas Floral Arrangements
Raffle Prizes and Refreshments

This long established event will continue to take place with the
kind help of those willing to take on some of the many tasks
involved in organising this Bazaar.

If you would like to kindly donate items,
please bring them to the
Parish Hall on the day from 11.30 am
or contact Heather on 797826

St. Michael's Church

Dear friends,

With November and the year almost over, all bar the Christmas festivities and New Year fireworks, it seems natural to look back over the year. In fact, it seems like a natural time for remembering in general.

For centuries the church has kept the feast of All Saints and All Souls – remembering those that have gone before us. This year we will be, once again, lighting the church tower during Advent and Christmas in memory of our loved ones. (please contact

bodenhamchurchwebsite@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor a night)

And in more recent times, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day provide a national opportunity to remember those whose lives were lost in the cause of our freedom. Our village remembrance service on **9th November** this year will be held at St Michael's School in Bodenham at 10.00am before a service around the War Memorial at 10.50am: all are welcome.

And indeed **all are** welcome. The Church of England is uniquely privileged to have a presence in every community in the country, with an extensive parish organisation, with the provision of a parish church for all people – those with faith, those without and those somewhere in between.

As Vicar, I am quaintly charged with the “cure of souls” of all in the village (whether you want

your soul curing or not!). But seriously, if you live in this village, you have a legal right to marry at St Michael's, to have your children christened here and, when the time comes, to be interred in our churchyard. This is something we take very seriously at the Bodenham Church and it is always a joy to welcome people for these important family occasions. We pray regularly for all in our village, and are happy to receive requests for prayer.

I've often heard our parish churches compared to fire stations – everyone wants one, but they don't want ever to have to use them! However, I know here in Bodenham that is not the case – the level of support we have had since our church flooded at the end of October has been overwhelming.

Over thirty families and individuals have become “foster-parents” to our beloved handmade kneelers and we are very grateful.

The locations of our services might be in flux (please keep an eye out on social media for more details), but the invitation to join us is warm and keen as ever. We are here for you everyday, offering God's love, hospitality and acceptance, and for us to be able to continue to offer that to future generations of Bodenham villagers, we need and value your support.

With every blessing

Paul



Services for November

Owing to flooding, please check on www.bodenhamchurch.com/services for latest locations and confirmation of timings:

3rd	4pm	All Souls Evensong – location to be confirmed
10th	10am	Bodenham School; War Memorial at 10.50am
17th	9.30am	Location to be confirmed
24th	9.30am	Holy Communion – Location to be confirmed
Bodenham Moor Communion with Act of Remembrance at Siward James 8th November 2024 at 10.50am		

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Just to confirm

The next litter pick will be held on **Saturday 9th November. Note: this is subject to Balfour Beatty confirming that litre pick kits are available. work on the assumption that they are.**

The usual arrangements will apply, namely:

- meet at the parish hall for a 10.30 start;
- equipment will be provided;
- stay for soup, buns and tea/coffee afterwards.

Please spread the word about the litter pick, even if you can't come yourself. **We need volunteers for the catering. Can you help?**

The first litter pick in 2025 will be on **15th March 2025.**

Footpaths

You may have noticed that Mike Stephens - the Parish Footpath Officer - has repaired gates and stiles on several footpaths and has cleared foliage in many places, too. If you spot anything along a footpath, which needs attention, please contact the Clerk.

Who are your councillors? Councillor Ron Pearce

The parish councillor profile in this Newsletter is of Councillor Ron Pearce.

Retirement of the Parish Clerk

After more than 14 years as Parish Clerk, Chris Smith has decided to retire, though he will remain in post, until a successor is found or until March 2025, whichever is the sooner.

Highlights from the September and October Parish Council meetings

- the Parish Council considered complaints about the pruning of the Millennium and Jubilee oak trees in the field at the junction of Millcroft Road and Church Road. The matter was reported to Herefordshire Council, who confirmed that the Millennium tree is subject to a tree preservation order and that both trees are within Bodenham Conservation Area, so a planning application should have been submitted and approved prior to any work being undertaken on them. The matter is now with the Herefordshire Council Enforcement Officer:

- the Parish Council has still not been given a date for the installation of roundels and permissive white lines along the C1125:
- a further location point for the Speed Indicator Device has been approved and should be in operation soon. It is on the C1125 on the approach to Bodenham from the Hereford direction.

Planning applications

The Parish Council has made decisions about the following planning applications:

- **241602: Bannut Tree Cottage, Bowley Lane: Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing house.** No objection was made to this application.

- **241965: Rustonia: Proposed construction of a single-story garage to be used for parking a motorbike and additional storage. Access to garage will be created from existing driveway.** No objection was made to this application.

- **Saffrons Garage: extension of premises licence.** Cllr Pearce asked whether there was a need for a 24 - hour licence. Cllr Davidson Thompson said that there is a 24-hour garage at the bottom of Dinmore Hill. After further discussion a vote was taken and, with 3 votes objecting to the application and 2 in favour, it was decided to make an objection to the application.

- **201414 Planning Re-consultation: HELD DUE TO PHOSPHATES: 201414: Workshop 1 Hamwyn Joinery, Proposed extension to workshop to provide living accommodation.** This application arrived just before the meeting, with insufficient time for the Planning Working Group to consider it. Accordingly, the Clerk was instructed to ask for an extension.

- **242488: The Olde Weaving Shed, Dinmore: T1 Macrocarpa. Fell to ground. Concerns over size and proximity to houses.** No comment was made about this application, because the Parish Council felt that it did not have sufficient expertise to assess the application and would, therefore, rely on the Herefordshire Council Tree Officer's judgement.

New picnic bench, a second planter and daffodil bulbs

A new multi-coloured picnic bench has been purchased. It will be placed on the village green close to the playground. There is space for a wheelchair user to use the table.

A second planter has been purchased too, also to go on the village green.

Finally, over 1000 daffodil bulbs have been planted on the village green and should show themselves in spring.

Contacting the Clerk by email

I continue to find emails to me in my Spam folder from newsletter@bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk. Quite why they end up in my Spam folder given the [.gov.uk](http://www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) address is a mystery, but they do. So to be sure your message gets to me always email bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com. Apologies to anyone who has emailed me at the [.gov.uk](http://www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) address and not received a reply.

The next Parish Council meetings

..... will be on **Wednesdays 6th November** and **4th December** starting at 6.30pm at the Siward James Centre.

There are still three vacancies on the Parish Council. Please consider standing for co-option.

The Parish Council website makeover

The Bodenham Parish Council website is www.bodenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk and has received an update/makeover. Comments welcome.

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 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 May 2023- April 24

Cllr Jan Burgess	jandg.burgess@btinternet.com	01568 701911
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Cllr Trudie Mills	trudie.a.mills@gmail.com	07968080826
Cllr Jemma Gromadzki	Jgromadzki-bodenhampc@hotmail.com	
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Cllr Liz Miller		07749912457
Cllr Ron Pearce (Vice-chairman)	rpearce665@gmail.com	01568 797084
3 Vacancies		
Chris Smith (Parish Clerk)	bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com	01568 797132

Cllr Bruce Baker - bruce.baker2@herefordshire.gov.uk - is the Herefordshire Councillor for the Hampton ward.

River Wye information page

We all want to see the health of the River Wye restored. The issues in the catchment are complex and will take the efforts of all stakeholders to make the improvements needed to restore the Wye.

Our new and improved River Wye website includes information on phosphorus, science and data, water, agriculture, regulation and more.

Included on the site are two videos about the English part of the Wye catchment, forming part of a series called 'Approaches to Regulating Agriculture'. The episodes explain how phosphorus plays a role within the catchment, the challenges that come with its use and how we are working in partnership to bring about the change needed to restore the Wye.

We would really value your feedback on the site, which can be submitted on the feedback section. To visit, feedback and subscribe to the latest news, you can visit the site by searching online for 'River Wye Engagement HQ', visiting the link below.

<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk/engagementhq.com/hub-page/river-wye-water-quality-2>

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

3rd	10.30am Worship Service - Len Day
10th	9am Prayer and Praise 10.30am Worship Service - Peter Lefroy-Owen
17th	10.30am Fellowship and Communion
24th	10.30am Worship Service - Richard Nield

FOOD BANK COLLECTION - 1ST DECEMBER

MEETINGS FOR BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER

At the Chapel each
Thursday at 2pm
to continue studies in the book of Acts.
Contact: Len Day on 01432 880657

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will be on
Tuesdays 5th and 19th at 10.00am
to continue the study in Acts
Chapters 13 to 28:
'The Church Multiplies'
Contact Rebecca Burnill on 01568 797823

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Wednesday November 27th
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 !!).

MUSIC AND CRAFT CLUB

The next club dates are:

Saturday 9th
from 10.00am for 1 hour.

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

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

Cafe @ the Chapel

Each **Thursday** from 10.30am to 12 noon

Why not just call in
for a coffee and a chat.
Everyone Welcome!

Travels with a Camera at 2.15pm

Tuesday November 5th
"Walls"

From Chester to China, Conway, Hadrian's
to Berlin etc.

Presented by Dave Hill

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**Tuesday November 19th**  
**Herefordshire Postcards**

"An insight into Herefordshire Social  
History through the medium of local  
postcards"

**Presented by Chris Over**



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## 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. Our usual 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.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the Carers and Georgia and Corinne who organised the Autumn Craft Fayre and to the people in the village who supported us.

We made a very impressive **£285.40** and once again had lovely comments about the welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Thanks, too, to Rob Bache for the offer of overflow parking at Bodenham Enterprise Park.

**The next meeting will be on 18 November** and **Joanne**, our local Chiroprapist, will come along and give a **Reflexology** session for the Carers. Please let me know if you are interested so I can give her an idea of numbers.

**On December 9<sup>th</sup>** we will be having our **Christmas Wreath** making session, again please let me know if you would like to make a wreath to ensure we have enough material. Even if you don't want to make a wreath do still come along because there'll be Christmas refreshments!

Besides the group meetings, general events also organised by Georgia and Corinne include – a walk through **Queenswood on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of the month (cared-for person, children and dogs welcome) – meet by the shop between 10.30 & 11; **Crafty Carers at Blue Diamond Garden Centre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** 10.30 in the café and a weekly Zoom coffee morning on **Wednesdays**. (**Gardening group will meet again in the spring**). Please feel free to join in any of these groups even if you're not able to come to our regular meetings. 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.



**In April** the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust awarded £72,500 in grants to PCCs for works from mundane, but essential repairs to church walls,

to adding features to churches to make them more community friendly. We are very keen to support those churches that are working hard to maintain the church for future generations. This could not happen without hard working PCC members (have you thought about joining?) and the generosity of donations to the churches, the Trust and supporters of our events.

### Dates for your diary are:

**Wednesday 20th November** Minims Musical  
Theatre Bishops Frome Church 7pm.

**Monday 25th November** HCS Christmas  
instrumental concert St. Francis Xavier Church,  
Hereford.

**Saturday 7th December** Octavo Much Marcle  
Church 7pm.

See our website for more details  
[www.hhct.co.uk](http://www.hhct.co.uk)

## BODENHAM TENNIS CLUB

We welcome new members of all standards

- 2 tennis courts (1 floodlit coin operated)
- Mixed club sessions every Thursday evening (during summer months) & Sunday mornings
- Coaching in conjunction with Tennis Hereford
- Men's, Ladies & Mixed 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)

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2024 Bodenham Club Championships! We have had great feedback from all those who took part & hope to continue the championships each summer.

Sunday morning club sessions will continue during the winter months, and we hope to trial an Open Singles Ladder championship to keep everyone active!



## 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 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 Gardening Club had a very relaxed and interesting evening on the 1st October when Sophie from Frank Matthews Trees came to talk to us about trees and in particular trees for smaller gardens. She brought with her a selection of trees and also foliage with autumn colours and fruits of different colours.

The next meeting on the **5th November** is entitled The Gardening Year and will be presented by our own committee member Mike England.

To get us in the mood for Christmas, we have the annual Christmas Party on **December 3rd** in the Parish Hall, start time 7pm for 7.15pm, and tickets for this will be available at the November meeting at a cost of £30 per person which price will include a glass of wine or soft drink.



### We need Drivers Urgently!

Community Wheels is the provider of Community Transport across north and central Herefordshire. We provide door-to-door travel for people of all ages who do not have access to a car and are unable to use public transport due to mobility difficulties or its unavailability.

The need of the service is increasing, to the point, that we haven't enough drivers to help our customers. Therefore, we are looking for volunteer drivers in your area. If you are over 21, have a car and some spare time, we'd love to hear from you.

We are also looking for volunteers to driver our 17 seat Minibus, so if you have a D1 on your licence and would like to know more, please get in touch.

A few hours a week could make a huge difference to someone without transport. Our drivers volunteer their time, and we reimburse for all the miles from home and back.

Please contact Linda for an informal chat on 01568 737940 or email: [linda.jones@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:linda.jones@hvoss.org.uk)

## BODENHAM BOWLING CLUB

Our Short Mat season in Bodenhams Parish Hall on 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the month is underway and although we are missing a few of our regular players due to various reasons, hopefully things will improve as the season goes on.

Our Awards Lunch at Burghill Golf Club was enjoyed by everyone and our AGM has taken place with various ideas for our outdoor season next year.

Anyone considering joining us is more than welcome, just turn up at any of our sessions to find out more and wear flat soled shoes to have a trial go.



Jean Fryer. Secretary.  
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We run a **FREE 24 hour helpline 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

#### Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

#### Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

#### Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.

Call our helpline:

**0808 802 0070**

Or text:

**07786 203 130**

General enquiries: [wearefarmingminds@gmail.com](mailto:wearefarmingminds@gmail.com)

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



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to tackle Mental Health in  
the farming community

Registered charity number: 1197461

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- \* Full 24/7 equine emergency service covering Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire.
- \* Easy access from A49 and A44, ample parking.

### CONTACT US AND FIND US:

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Leominster HR6 0SW  
[info@mortimervets.co.uk](mailto:info@mortimervets.co.uk)  
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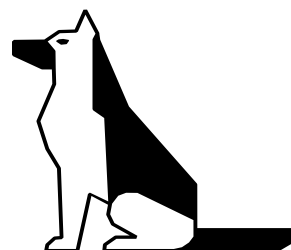
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## Girlguiding news –



**Sutton Rainbows and Marden Brownies** had an exciting day at Lego Discovery Centre in Birmingham – we even travelled there by train, which was a new experience for some of the girls.

We are all looking forward to visiting the cinema for a special Girlguiding showing of Moana 2 at the beginning of December. We will finish the term with Christmas crafts and cooking, all ready for the big day!

Volunteering with Girlguiding is very rewarding and great fun. If you would like to join us please contact mardenguides@outlook.com and we can find the best role for you. You could help a new generation of girls know they can do anything!

If you or your daughter would like to join us you can register your interest on the Girlguiding website <https://girlguiding.org.uk> - just click on 'Volunteer' or 'Register a child' and fill in your contact details.

Or contact our local groups directly for more information:

**For Rainbows (Age 4-7)** please contact Laura at Suttonrainbow@gmail.com

**For Brownies (Age 7-10)** please contact Katy at mardenbrownies1@outlook.com

**For Guides (10 – 14) and Rangers (14 – 18)** please contact Alison at mardenguides@outlook.com

Alison Thomas – Guide Leader

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### StAr ToTs FuN gRoUp

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

9.15am - 10.45am 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 family under 6 months Free.

HELD IN THE SCHOOL'S MAIN HALL

To book: Message StArToTs on Facebook

Please contact Cherise if you have any questions  
on 01568 797241 or our  
admin@st-michaels.hereford.sch.uk

### WI MARDEN

At our November meeting we'll get into a seasonal mood when we welcome our speaker, Robin Burton. He will be telling us all about the background to our festive traditions for this time of year in his talk

**"The History of Christmas and Wassailing".**

This promises to be an informative and entertaining afternoon when we can find out how our familiar Christmas traditions have developed over the centuries.

We look forward to seeing WI members at this meeting on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm** in Bodenham Parish Hall. If you have not been to a meeting before and would like to come along as a visitor you will be given a warm welcome.

**Moir Thomas 01432 880143**

## BODENHAM FLOOD GROUP



### BFPG News November 2024

On behalf of the Bodenham Flood Protection Group, we would like to thank all members past and present who volunteered and worked tirelessly to help in reducing the risk of flooding to residents property in the village. You know who you are.

As always, we are in need of new volunteers, so if you are interested please contact  
[secbfpg@gmail.com](mailto:secbfpg@gmail.com)

Eyes down for the annual BINGO evening for 25th January 2025. Further details to be announced.

## BODENHAM FLOOD PROTECTION GROUP



Chair: Sadie Chambers 07572 169893  
Treasurer: Rebecca Burnill 01568 797823  
Secretary email: [secbfpg@gmail.com](mailto:secbfpg@gmail.com)

### Area Reps:

**The Moor Road:** Andrew Maxwell: 01568 797946  
**Brockington Road North and cul de sac:** Rebecca Burnill: 01568 797823

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**Siward James:** The Warden: Victoria Paterson: 01568 797412

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**Millcroft Road:** Barbara Gibson: 01568 797643

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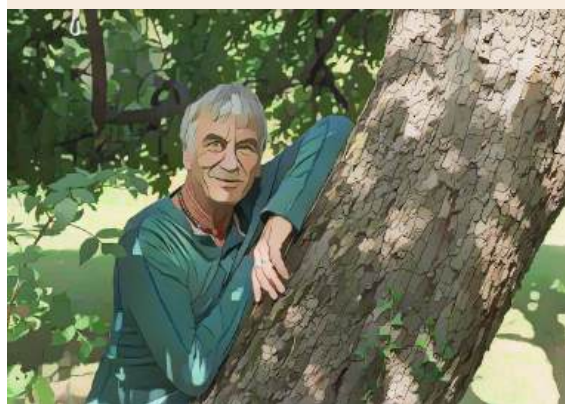
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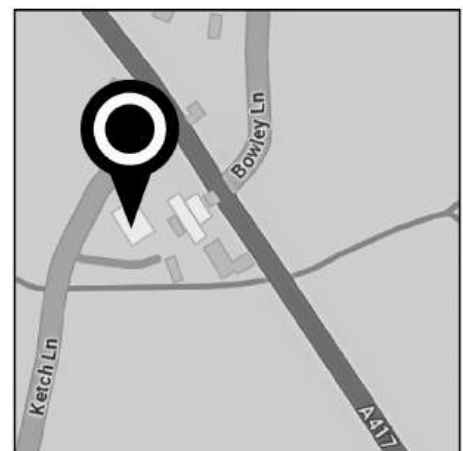
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To contact any of the below groups/users or to enquire about booking the Hall; please email the booking team, June and Ann on bodenhamparishhall@hotmail.com or 07493 724 537

Monday	Julian's Tai Chi jukemp67@gmail.com Megan Baker House Emma's Pilates Fusion	10.00-11.30 08.30-16.30 term time 18.30-19.30
Tuesday	Megan Baker House Emma's Pilates Bodenham Gardening club 'Wing it' pizza & wings van	08.30- 16.30 term time 18.00-19.00 19.30-21.30, 1 st Tuesday 17.00 Onwards in car park
Wednesday	Julian's Tai Chi jukemp67@gmail.com Marden Arts & Crafts Fiona H's Yoga Bodenham Badminton Club Bodenham 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 Laura's Core Fitness Emma's pilates Fish & Chip van	14.00-16.00, 2 nd Thursday 11.30-12.30 18.30-19.30 17.00 onwards in car park
Friday	Sophie's yoga/fitness Emma's Pilates Megan Baker House Hereford Amateur radio club	09.00-10.00, 6-week blocks 10.30-11.30 12.00-16.30 term time 19.00-21.30, 1 st Friday, Nov-Feb
Saturday	Alanya Belly Dance	13.00-15.00, twice monthly
Sunday		

Events planned for 2024:

Siri's craft fair – 10th November

Church Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 30th November

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.



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.

New contact details for the hall are: bodenhamparishhall@hotmail.com 07493 724 537 and the electronic booking system for the hall is up and running via Hallmaster!

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the Tabletop sale and came along to support us. There was lots of coffee and cake consumed and the cake stall went well as always – we have some great bakers in the village. We had a low turnout of buyers unfortunately so ideas as to why would be welcome or what events you would like to see.

Have you any free time & like the idea of helping the community? We still have space on the committee if anyone would like to help out.

Thank you, Robin, Jo, Ian, June, Ann, Ron & Emma. *For further information contact our secretary, June, on the hall email: bodenhamparishhall@hotmail.com or 07493 724 537*



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.

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Prior contact with walk leader is advised in case of changes or for further details.

Guest walkers welcome!

The schedule includes a 'Strollers Programme' consisting of short walks on the second Wednesday each month, commencing 10.00 am, with coffee etc at 11.00 at some specified venue.

Date	Description	Miles & Stiles	Start	OS Map Grid Ref and P'code	Leaders
Sun 10th Nov	Mortimer Forest nr Richards Castle - woodland, gentle slopes, wonderful views. No stiles	6 miles	10am start. Park Black Pool car park. Lunch at Maidenhead Orleton (pre-orders required)	Exp 203 496 717	Ron and Sue 07703 567982
Wed 13th Nov	<u>Strollers Programme - Wellington Village</u>	1 to 2 miles	10.00am start. Wellington Garden Centre		Pat 01432 270570
Wed 20th Nov	Awaiting Details		Awaiting Details		Steve 07387 345059
Sun 1st Dec	Yarpole, Bircher Common, Croft Estate - lanes, fields, common and woodland. 2 Stiles	5.5 - 6 miles	10am start. Park and lunch at the Bell Yarpole (pre-orders required)	Exp 203 468 649 HR6 0BD	Stephen 07789 217491
Wed 11 Dec	Lower Sapey - pasture fields, woodland, along streams. A bit hilly. Some stiles	4 miles	10am start. Park at house nr disused church. Lunch at Lion Inn Clifton-on-Teme	Esp 204 699 602 WR6 6HE	Chris 07471 077071

This schedule can also be found on our website: <https://www.bodenhamramblers.org/home>

or email: bodenhamramblers@gmail.com

For any information regarding the walks programme or any proposed new walks to add to the programme please contact Chris on 01432 649606 or 07471 077071

or contact: Mandy on 01432 769142 or Wendy on 01432 272031

or, (for strollers only), Pat on 01432 270570

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Marden Branch

The next meeting for the Marden Branch is on **Tuesday November 5th** at 7pm in Marden Community Lounge. The talk will be 'HWT Matters' by Jamie Audsley CEO HWT. If there are particular questions or a subject you would like him to talk about you can contact Jess beforehand by the 4th November.

Stuart Moore sent his apologies for not being able to deliver the last talk but we hope that he will talk about 'Harvest Mice of Herefordshire' in the future.

There will be the usual raffle and HWT sales table. (Cash only).

Recommended donation: £2.50 members and £3.50 non- members

Advanced notice we would like to celebrate the festive season with a lunch if you would like to attend this on **3rd December** contact Mary or myself before so we can book somewhere local.

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Leominster Area Branch

Visit by Leominster Area Branch of Hereford Wildlife Trust to Broadward Hall Farm

On September 21st around 35 members and visitors "walked" Broadward Hall farm, a regenerative and organic farm just outside Leominster, by kind invitation of Ben Andrews. His family has farmed here for three generations seeing many changes in farming in those times.

Ben showed us around his meadow fields and explained how crop rotation works giving minerals and elements back to the soil. We then moved on to an area of organic vegetables used in box schemes. Member, Julia Higgs remarked "I really enjoyed the area of sunflowers and watching masses of greenfinches poised on the telephone wires before diving for the seeds". Ben talked about the care of the river running through his farm and the problems with flooding.

As about 80% of Herefordshire land is farmed, plans for 2025 may include making contact with other local farmers to hear their concerns and perhaps undertake wildlife surveys on the land.

Our next event is a local Autumn Walk around Bodenham Lakes and Oaktree Farm reserve on **Sunday 3rd November starting at 2pm**. We would be delighted to meet families and so there will be opportunities to make bark and leaf rubbings. We will head towards the hides looking at some of the autumn colour of the trees on the way.

Free but parking charges apply.

Also coming up is a Social and Fundraiser provisionally December 13th featuring festive refreshments, entertainment from the Ukrainian Choir, a quiz and raffle. Venue and ticket price tbd. Booking essential. LeominsterAreaBranch@gmail.com

Marden Gardeners

It's that time of year when we're putting our gardens "to bed", protecting our tender plants, planting bulbs for next Spring and perusing seed and plant catalogs.

Why not rake your leaves directly into your borders and beds to feed your soil rather than putting them in the brown bin? And leave your dead flower heads and stems in your beds for overwintering insects. To everything there is a season.

We've had some amazing speakers this year. From Wildlife Ponds, and Asters, to Sustainable Gardening and Extra Sensory Plants. We have a fantastic 2025 Programme currently in development.

If you love gardening and are eager to learn, why not consider joining the Marden Garden Club? We're not the snooty Latin types - we just love gardens and plants of all kinds. We generally meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Marden Community Centre. Come and see what we're all about!

"Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along the woods, and day by day the leaves fall and slowly melt." - William Allingham



Bodenham Parish Councillor - Ron Pearce

I joined Bodenham Parish Council in 2022 having moved to Bodenham in September 2021 after living for over 25 years in Bromsgrove.

I retired after 30 years as a police officer in different parts of the country, and then taught French and German in a secondary school for some years before returning to my police roots and setting up a company as an investigator in employment and personal injury cases for several solicitors in the Midlands, in partnership with my wife who has a professional secretarial background.

I love living in Herefordshire, and, now fully retired, have several interests inter alia as a member of Bodenham Ramblers and Hereford City Rotary Club

Family and grandchildren keep me busy too! Public service has been a constant feature of my policing career, and I still believe in 'service above self' in the voluntary work which I do.

I believe that the Parish Council is delivering some real improvements for Bodenham, and I would encourage any interested local resident with some time on their hands to join the Council and help manage the interests of our village for the benefit of the whole community.

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From the Editor

In Memory of Wilfred (Wilf) Riddell
10th January 1931 - 31st July 2024

They say it takes a village to raise a child. We, as a family have found that it also takes a village to care.

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Sadly as dementia took hold, his walks became shorter and the people he met were now constant strangers, but he never met with anyone who wasn't kind and patient.

This is a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who made his time in Bodenham happy and serene: Vicky, the Warden at Siward James, the doctors and all the staff at Bodenham Surgery, Andrew from Bodenham Compassionate Community. His carers and all his neighbours at Siward James. All those, whose names we never knew, but heard of when he recounted tales of his adventures.

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