

BODMIN WAY

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020

Welcome
to your new
local
community
newsletter

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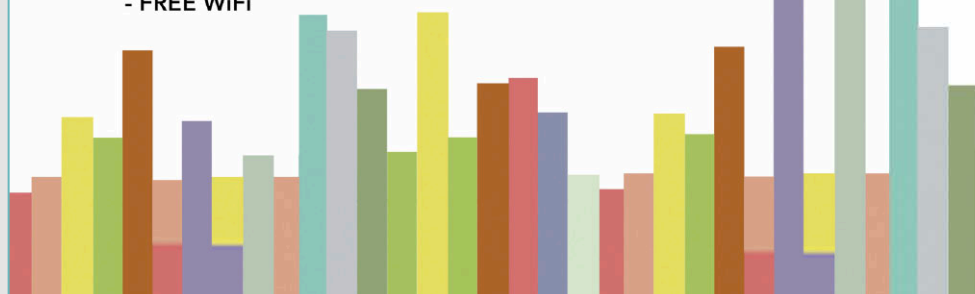
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Welcome to Your Bodmin Way Newsletter

Bodmin Way is a social enterprise set up by local churches. It offers walking routes covering all the local attractions and surrounding villages. It hosts concerts and organises community events. It promotes life celebrations such as weddings, funerals and baptisms. We have 5 employees and numerous volunteers.

Our current priority is to support our town and villages during the Coronavirus pandemic. In April we launched the vigil pages on our website to support your families, their health and wellbeing. Recently we organised the fun bags and walking activities you might have noticed. But we want to do more.

In particular we are concerned with the tough social and economic conditions affecting us. This newsletter will provide

insight and encouragement to businesses and households as well as celebrating life, heritage and fun! We want Bodmin to make the most of its strengths and opportunities and hope you will enjoy reading about people and organisations who are making a difference.

Revd Paul Holley

Team Rector, Bodmin Team Ministry



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BODMIN WAY WALKS

The Bodmin Way free guided walks started again in August and will continue in September. Please see bodminway on Facebook or www.bodminway.org for dates and times.

The '**Caterpillar Walk**' will continue on Wednesday afternoons in September, offering children a hop, skip and jump

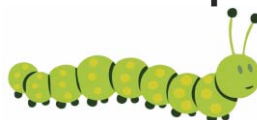
around Priory Park and other activities, focusing on under 5s. Children need to be with an adult and the walk is suitable for prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs and dogs on a lead. Meet outside St Petroc's Church at 2pm. Whether you come on the walk or not, you can pick up a '**free family fun bag**' (as funding allows) from outside St Petroc's Church at 1:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS HERE

**Free Family Fun Bags
1.30pm**



**Caterpillar Walk &
Activities 2.00pm**



Weather dependent

BODMIN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

HAVE YOUR SAY

At the beginning of August Bodmin's Mayor, Jeremy Cooper, launched the 'Plan Bodmin' website www.planbodmin.co.uk and said, "The 'Have Your Say' section invites you to review themes and topics and tell us which are the most important to you. We will use this data to help us develop a

questionnaire that will be delivered to every household in Bodmin, to ensure that everyone has an equal chance to tell us what you want."



Have Your Say!

Go to
planbodmin.co.uk

GOOD NEWS

NEW SKATEPARK IN BODMIN

During August the new skatepark was opened. HUGE thanks go to the build crew from Maverick Skateparks, Bodmin Town Council / Cornwall Council and Sport England for making this all come together for our youngsters at such difficult times.



NEW STEM CENTRE AT CALLYWITH COLLEGE

Some great news was published by the Bodmin Chamber of Commerce in August. We were delighted to learn from North Cornwall MP Scott Mann about the announcement of funding for two multi-million-pound projects from the government's Get Building Fund (GBF) for North Cornwall. Both schemes are 'shovel ready' and should be completed within the next eighteen months.

The one of particular interest for us here in Bodmin is the extension to Callywith College, which has been awarded £3.7m to construct a new STEM Skills Centre, in a boost to its already world-class facilities.

Half of all students at the college study vocational courses and Callywith has celebrated 100% pass rates on Applied Science, Art & Design, Photography, IT, Media and Games. Callywith was recently awarded Outstanding rating from Ofsted and we should be very proud of what the faculty is managing to achieve here. It also provides local youngsters with more opportunities to learn marketable skills.



Bodmin Chamber is keen to find ways to work together with the College to help develop our future business and community leaders.

BODMIN OLD CORNWALL SOCIETY

BERRY TOWER, BODMIN

BERRY TOWER (original spelling)
Situated in the old cemetery on the northern side of Cross Lane was built between 1501 and 1514 and is all that remains of the Chantry Chapel of the Holy Rood or Cross used by the New, Holy Rood and St. Christopher Guilds up to the Reformation there. In 1470 there were three Guild Chapels on the Hill.

The largest was the Chapel of the Holy Rood Guild with its own burial ground. There are no records dating the building of the Chapel but documents for the building of the tower still exist. The presence of a burial ground at a Guild Chapel is rare and reflects on the early monastic origins of the site. Today only the tower remains, but in the 19th century foundation walls of the Chapel of the Holy Rood were traceable.

It is also very likely that this area was the site of the monastery of Dinuurin, seat of the Cornish bishops in the 9th century AD, having been originally dedicated to St Guron and later replaced by St Petroc.

Berry Lane leading to Clerkenwater was one of two settlements founded by St

Petroc in the 14th century and it is probable that Bodmin was once centred upon this Northern Hill and a probable Saxon derivation favours "Borough" as a meaning for "Bury" and "Bery".

It is also recorded that baptisms took place at the Chapel of the Holy Rood but by 1690 it was no longer being used. The graveyard was used for grazing and by 1753 only the Tower remained. In 1859 the land was purchased for a new town cemetery as the St Petroc burial ground was full.

In the early 1990's the Tower's future was uncertain and faced demolition but in 1994 the entire cemetery area was designated as a Conservation Area. The Tower was fenced off but was later repaired and restored after funding was granted from the Heritage Lottery Fund, North Cornwall District Council and Bodmin Town Council.

A Celtic Cross, once positioned in Berry Lane, now stands nearby.

An entry in the Bodmin Deanery Magazine for March 1925 reports on the Re-Consecration of the Burial Ground at Berry Tower by the Bishop of Truro and the Archdeacon of Bodmin

Sources: Pat Munn, *The Cornish Capital*.
John Neale, *Around Bodmin*.
Peter Davies, *Bodmin Town & Moor*.
Bodmin Old Cornwall Society



BODMIN KEEP

Bodmin Keep's 'Make Do and Mend' attitude during the Pandemic

Bodmin Keep, one of the town's most distinctive landmarks, has stood proudly through many turbulent times for over 160 years. The tumultuous times caused by the global pandemic that we have all been so affected by this year is just the latest challenge it has faced.

Even though Bodmin Keep had to close its big green gates to the public for lockdown due to the Corona Virus pandemic, the work of the museum carried on and its team was as busy as ever! *"We made the decision early that if we couldn't be open, we would give the best online museum experience we could to our would-be-visitors and online community"*. Verity Anthony, Collections Manager at Bodmin Keep.

This meant all museum staff working from home creating videos, newsletters, blogs, tours, fun competitions, Podcasts, and 3 new exhibitions: **Frontiers of Fashion, Spoils of War** and **Cornwall's Citizen Army!** All coordinated by daily Zoom calls and a 'make do and mend' attitude!

Bodmin Keep Army Museum is now open to the public once again. To keep visitors, volunteers and staff as safe as

possible, it is offering pre-booked **VIP visits to groups of up to 12** people from 2 households (or bubble groups). Visitors can enjoy the grounds and galleries all to themselves with knowledgeable staff and volunteers on hand, socially distanced, to provide a great VIP experience!

All the booking information and a re-opening video explaining the Covid safety precautions in place can be found on the museum's website at www.bodminkeep.org

If you are unable to visit in person, do look at their website for fantastic online content for kids and adults including a fun **design competition**



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BEAUTIFUL PLACES - HOLY WELLS

Did you know that the town's name comes from the Cornish "bod" (dwelling) and "monegh" (monks). A direct reference to the importance of the settlement in its early days of ecclesiastical power. It is very likely because of this religious status the early town enjoyed that the many ancient holy wells, most which pre-date Christianity, have survived.

The following are images of several beautiful historic wells that you may come across while walking. The Bodmin Way is planning to offer a free guided walk of the wells soon - see Bodmin Way Facebook or **www.bodminway.org** for details.



Cock's Well



Scarlett's Well at the start of the Camel Trail



Bree Shute Eye Well in the town centre



St Guron's Well in the churchyard of St Petroc



St Petroc's Well in Priory Park

You can read all about the wells and associated history on this website:
<https://spiritofalbionblog.blogspot.com/2010/01/holy-wells-of-old-bodmin-town.html>

With thanks to Alex Langstone, author for his wonderful article and many others on his website.

DANCERS OF CORNWALL

Last month beautiful photographs of dancers taken by Alice Speller were included. As this was a popular topic and the photographs so powerful more pictures are included this time. BBC spotlight featured a video of her fantastic photographs as part of their focus on Amazing People in Cornwall during July.

Alice has a new website at <https://www.dancersofcornwall.co.uk/> and can also be found on FaceBook and Instagram. Why not follow her so that you can see more photographs of beautiful dancers?

When we saw this stunning shot of a dancer named Clayton we wanted to know where it was taken. The answer is the Wenford Dries next to the Camel Trail near St Breward. They were built in the early 20th C, to dry china clay slurry. The slurry was moved from the china clay pit at Stannon some miles away by pipeline and placed in massive settling tanks at the rear of the building. This slurry was then poured into drying tanks above long furnaces.

These were fired from one end and large flue chimneys drew the hot gasses through the dryers, the dry china clay was removed from the top and moved down to the end of the building to be stored and then sent out via train. The building was worked right up until 2002 when it finally closed.



This picture was also taken at the Dries and features dancers Ella and Clayton in front of an amazing picture. The artist who painted that picture also deserves some recognition. His name is Joe Greenaway, a self taught portrait painter. More of his work can be seen on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/joegreenawayart>

LANIVET TRACTOR & VINTAGE VEHICLE ROAD RUN

On Sunday August 9th you may have seen the wonderful sight of tractors and vintage vehicles or noticed the posts on their FaceBook site <https://www.facebook.com/lanivettractorrun/>. There were 84 vehicles in total which Jessica Finnemore tells us was the best attendance yet. This was the fourth year of the road run and an initial £735 was raised for Lanivet & District Under Fives pre-school with donations still coming in. Here are some photographs:



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SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

WHAT IS HEADSTART

It's a partnership programme, led by Cornwall Council and funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, which develops resilience and mental wellbeing in young people aged 10-16. They are now delivering the community strand of the programme under Your Way, focusing on preventing the onset of mental ill health. Find more information at <https://mindyourway.co.uk/headstart> or contact Terrie.Perkins@ypc.org.uk.

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If you follow Young People Cornwall on Facebook you could watch a video of Terrie introducing the Headstart project and how it can help. You can also join their daily webchat service and find other projects that offer support up until the age of 25.

BITEBACK 2030

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"I learned how to safely use a sharp knife to chop vegetables"
Sam, aged 7

"It inspired me to cook more"
Joe, aged 11

"I learnt new skills like making bread from scratch"
Rosie, aged 15

BODMIN TO WADEBRIDGE RAILWAY

For any of our readers who have walked or cycled the Camel Trail or wondered about the old station in Bodmin (near Sainsburys) you ought to view the fascinating story and pictures published by Andrew Jones: www.cornwallrailwaysociety.org.uk/boscarne-to-wadebridge.html

Had it not been for the efforts of Councillor Andrew Jones the current footpath, bridleway and cycleway along the course of the old railway route between Boscarne and Wadebridge would likely never have been saved.

Latest update from Andrew

"The railway track was going to be split up amongst several farms and that is why I campaigned to keep the original route. Eventually through our efforts Sir Peter Parker the head of British Rail and Rusty Eplett manager of Cornwall Railways assisted in negotiating with Cornwall Council to safeguard the route for potential re use. The Department of Transport has now received a bid for reopening the line at a cost of £31 million through to Padstow".

The story and photograph document the journey of the last trains to Wadebridge and phases of the subsequent demolition. The picture below shows the first train at Bodmin General en-route to Wadebridge on that last day of 17th December 1978.



BODMIN TIDY IT TEAM



A small group of volunteers known as the Bodmin BlueTiTs do great work to make Bodmin an attractive and welcoming place for everyone.

"We tidied the town's flower beds and got them adopted by groups and individuals who keep them looking lovely throughout the year. We've planted thousands of daffodil bulbs along the verges donated by Bodmin Town Council.

Litter picking events regularly take place when local people help to keep Bodmin clean.

Everyone can see the achievement of Sarah Horne, our Chief BlueTiT, and a few helpers, who refurbished the town's benches. They now look fantastic in their bright colours, all sponsored by local people and businesses.

Look out for us on Facebook. Everyone is welcome to join in, we do lots of other things as well".



BlueTiT's own adopted flower bed



Volunteer litter pickers



Luke refurbishing Honey Street benches



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YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

Do any of your children (aged 7 - 17) take great photos? This annual Rotary led competition has a theme this year of 'Wild Nature' - it should be great fun and provides an opportunity to win prizes!

You will find the information pack and entry form on this internet page: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=815258&ClubID=1019>



Bodmin Rotary YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION AGES 7-17

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FUNERALS

in the ancient and beautiful spaces offered by the parish churches of Bodmin, Lanivet, Lanhydrock and Cardinham.

Parish churches are available to all members of the community to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of a loved one. Ministers will offer support to families and carefully tailor a service to mark a person's unique characteristics. All services adhere to COVID-19 regulations on numbers, social distancing and hygiene measures. At present, these **allow for 30 people to attend**.

We recognise the high cost of a service at a crematorium so support an approach where a private cremation takes place on a later day. In the case of St. Petroc's Church, this allows for mourners to remain in church for a COVID-safe café-style wake with a choice of catering options.

The all-in price of the funeral is £344 May to September, £395 including heating October to April.

Catering cost will depend on the menu selected, from £4.50pp. The catering packages are purposely designed at a budget price, in the hope of eliminating some of the financial strain at a difficult time.

The burial of cremated remains in a churchyard at a later date is £307, which includes the ceremony, space for the plot and permission for a memorial stone.

Memorial services for larger numbers of people can be arranged when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The fees are the same as for a funeral service. Catering can be added.

For funerals with catering please contact info@bodminway.org

BODMIN FUNERAL SERVICES

After leaving the Royal Air Force in 1973 Angus began his funeral career managing businesses in Tamworth, Nuneaton, Coventry and Pinner in Middlesex. It was in 1985 he came to Cornwall and met Paula, who had moved from Leicestershire when she was a toddler. With the help of her parents Derrick and Rosemary, Angus was able to start what was then, Angus L MacKinnon here in Bodmin.

Within a couple of years, Paula an NNEB Nursery Nurse joined them, so giving up her own career as an Auxiliary Assistant at St Columb Major CP School and eventually her employment in the Children's Dept of Social Services.

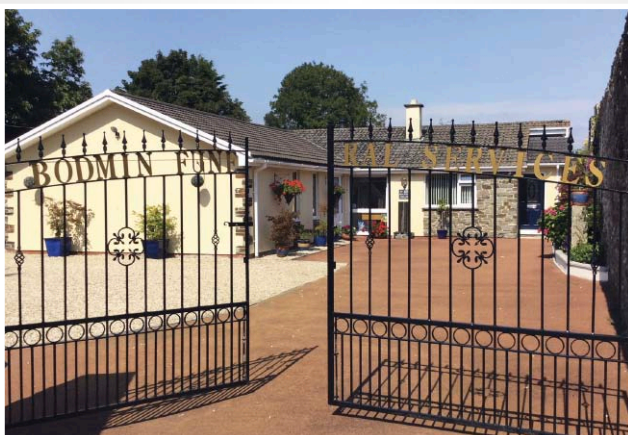
From their beginnings in rented premises in Pound Lane, then to Bell Lane, until finally in 2004 they were able to move to their own purpose-built funeral home at Old Wall Lodge in Castle Canyke Road.

This was a major achievement in the life of BFS offering privacy and modern facilities.

Angus recalls as a child in Skye hearing stories from his extended family of their holidays in Cornwall during the 'Glasgow fortnight'. Little did he realise that he would actually settle here for the majority of his adult life. He loves the Cornish sense of identity and connects with their Celtic roots.

Angus and Paula are very proud of Bodmin Funeral Services and they understand the importance of providing a funeral tailored to the unique wishes of the deceased, whilst at the same time supporting the family in their grief. They both believe it is a privileged vocation to serve the community in this way.

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