

Bodmin Town Council Newsletter



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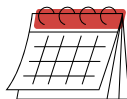
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Priory Pond - January 2024

February / March 2024

Upcoming Events



Please check individual organisation's websites or social media platforms for further information and times, or ask us for more details.

Every Monday	Bodmin Charity Bingo, Shire House Suite
Every Monday	Stay and Play, intoBodmin, 14 Fore Street
Every Monday & Wednesday	Soft Play, Bodmin Leisure Centre 0- 5 years
Every Tuesday	Priory Toddler Group, ages 0-5 years, St Petroc's Parish Centre
Every Tuesday	Age Concern - friendship and lunch club, Shire House Suite
Every Tuesday	SkillSHARE, from Bodmin Light & Life Church, 81a Fore Street
1st Tuesday of the month	Bodmin Local History Group, Shire House Suite
2nd Tuesday of the month	Veterans' Regroup, Court 2, Shire Hall
Every Wednesday	Bodmin Way - Time Together, Café & Day Centre, Shire House Suite
Every Wednesday	Knit and Natter Creative Wellbeing Workshop intoBodmin, 14 Fore Street
Every Thursday	Yoga, Shire house Suite
Every Friday	Cuppa Companions Nature Wellbeing Workshop intoBodmin, 14 Fore Street
Every Friday	Bodmin M.A.D. Community Bingo, Shire House Suite
Every Friday	Bodmin Folk Club, St Petroc's Parish Centre
2nd & 4th Friday of the month	Bodmin Cancer Cafe, Supported by Macmillan, intoBodmin, The Old Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Bodmin Way - Community Larder, St. Petroc's Parish Centre
2nd & 4th Monday of the month	Beacon Quilters - Callywith College
2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday of the month	Future Youth Dance social classes, Shire House Suite
Quarterly - 2nd March 6th July 7th Sept 7th Dec	Bodmin Craft Market, intoBodmin, Shire House Suite
3rd Saturday of the month	Farmers' Market, Bodmin Nursery
Last Saturday of the month	Bodmin Market, Mount Folly Square



Committee Meetings



Meetings take place in the Shire House Suite at 6.30pm.

Meetings are open to the public and we encourage everyone to attend. Occasionally, a meeting with a presentation will start earlier at 6.00pm or may need to be relocated. Please check our website for the latest information.

February

Thurs 8 Planning Committee
Wed 14 Policy & Resources Committee
Thurs 22 Full Council

March

Wed 6 Planning Committee
Thurs 7 Annual Town Meeting (6pm start)
Thurs 14 Estates Committee
Thurs 21 Policy & Resources Committee
Wed 27 Planning Committee

We may be nearing the end of winter but we are not out of the cold yet so why not visit one of the Community Warm Spaces in Bodmin.

Bodmin Town Council

Monday to Saturday
9.00am to 4.00pm

St Petroc's Parish Centre

Fridays
9.30am to 12.00pm

Bodmin Leisure Centre

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10.00am to 1.00pm



Message on behalf of the Mayor

The New Year got off to a great start with Bodmin's 400th Wassail. For those who may not know of them or may have caught a glimpse in a pub or on the streets and wondered if you had stepped back into another era or were witness to an unusual stag party; the much loved tradition in the town saw our Wassailers begin their day, as is custom at 12pm with the town clerk and the mayor at the Shire House Suite where they sang 3 wassail songs and then made their way through the town visiting public and private houses, raising hats, singing songs and spreading warmth and cheer to raise an amazing £1150 for the very deserving Equally ABLED – a social hub and get-together organisation for adults and teenagers with disabilities and additional needs, offering a space where everyone can be themselves. See page 4 for pictures and more information.



Our newsletter this month showcases much of the hard work and community spirit that goes on in the town, from the many events and activities offered and organised by our vital community groups such as Equally ABLED and Curious School of the Wild, the support of our local Bodmin Neighbourhood policing team, warm spaces within the town offering free facilities, support and refreshments during the colder winter months, as well as the hard work being carried out by our team of councillors and officers.

We hope to see you at one of our events or activities soon, but if you have any questions or queries, please come and visit us Mon to Sat 9am - 4pm at Shire Hall or contact us on 01208 76616 / email info@bodmin.gov.uk

Events at St Petroc's Church and Parish Centre

Concerts:

Saturday 10 February - Good Old Fashioned Lover Boys (Queen tribute band), tickets: phoenix-events.co.uk, 7.30pm - St Petroc's Church.

Saturday 9 March - The Darkside of Pink Floyd (tribute band), tickettailor.com/events/cornwall365/1090276, 7pm - St Petroc's Church.

Youth:

Sunday 25 February - SPY event (FREE youth club for 9+), 3pm to 4pm - St Petroc's Parish Centre.

Sunday 17 March - SPY Sporting Special (FREE youth club for 9+), with Eddie Howlett, 3pm to 5pm - St Petroc's Parish Centre, giving a fabulous chance to welcome new young people.

Services:

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday, Eucharist with imposition of ashes, 10am, St Hydroc's Church, Lanhydrock and 7pm, St Petroc's Church.

Sunday 18 February - First Sunday in Lent, 10am, St Petroc's Church.

Sunday 10 March - Mothering Sunday, 10am, St Petroc's Church.

Sunday 24 March - Palm Sunday, 10am, St Petroc's Church.

Friday 29 March - Good Friday, 2pm, St Petroc's Church.

Sunday 31 March - Easter Sunday, 10am, St Petroc's Church.

For regular events and updates:
bodminway.org/events-bodmin-way



St Piran's Day Parade

All are welcome to join the celebrations on Tuesday 5th March to celebrate St Piran's Day.

The parade will leave the Old Library at 11am, before making its way down to Mount Folly for traditional singing and dancing.



Bodmin Wassail's 400th Celebration

A message from the Bodmin Wassailers:-

A massive thank you to everyone that supported our 400th Wassail!

Thank you to Bodmin Town Council for putting on such a great gathering to start the day. We were all so appreciative of the amazing plaque to mark the anniversary and the wonderful exhibition that has been created. Thank you to Proper Cornish and Mid Cornwall Brokers for their sponsorship and allowing us to create something that people we visit will have forever.

A big thank you to all those who hosted and donated this year to support us, we raised an amazing £1150 for Equally ABLED and know that it will be put to good use. Also a thank you to Fleurtations for our beautiful button holes. Happy New Year to you all.

Wassail!

Thank you to Robert Dawson of Bodmin and District Camera Club for all the photos.



Equally ABLED

A social hub in Bodmin for adults and teenagers with disabilities or additional needs, providing a safe place to be yourself.

Tel: 01208 753820

Email: games720@hotmail.co.uk



Bodmin Police Update

Happy New Year from the Bodmin Neighbourhood Team!

2023 was a busy year for the team which saw an increase in our use of social media to try and reach more people in the community.

During the year we increased our foot patrols in and around the town centre. This was very well received! During these patrols we targeted known offenders resulting in several arrests and prison sentences. Shopkeepers have reported a massive decline in shoplifting!

We conducted multiple OP LOKI Operations in the town to target ASB, drugs and violent crime. This saw arrests, stop searches, and high visibility patrols. We managed to secure five closure orders on addresses in Bodmin that had been causing significant ASB and harm to residents. These closures made an extremely positive impact on neighbours and residents.

We continued our efforts to crack down on drugs in the community by executing five warrants. We also visited every school in Bodmin and our surrounding area. We enjoy these visits and its always great to engage with the children. We have also cracked down on youth offending. Last year we charged six youths to court for their behaviour in Bodmin.

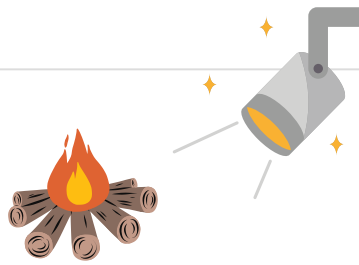
Looking to 2024 the team hope to continue to engage with the community and keep up the hard work.

We have already scheduled in, as part of OP LOKI, ASB patrols in and around the town centre. As always, the above is only possible with the engagement and support of the community. We are more than happy for members of public to approach us with issues or concerns. The only way we can safeguard our community is by residents letting us know what is happening. Feel free to email the neighbourhood team about any issues.
bodmin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Kind Regards,
Adam PICKIN | Neighbourhood Beat Manager - Bodmin
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Curious School of the Wild



In case you have never heard of us or joined us outdoors, you may have walked by our BASECAMP in the Market Arcade on Fore Street. We are a community organisation who loves getting people outdoors, keeping fit and healthy and connecting to nature.

Maybe you are interested in nature but prefer to bring the outdoors indoors for creative inspiration or maybe you are the head of a school needing to get students active outdoors and learning about our environment. Maybe you are a local group who needs a basecamp with a drying room and hot drinks for meeting before and after walks or maybe you would love to bring your friends to try our adventure and nature inspired board games club each month.

I think you get the picture! If you need some outdoor expertise, then we are the team to contact and BASECAMP is the place to begin.

This New Year we are looking forward to our SLOWWAYS youth film project. We have planned an expedition from BASECAMP to Bolventor to test a slowways walk this Winter. This Winter we are also running our HYGGE project. Hygge is a Danish term that means cosy, warm and safe - think comfort cooking, winter walks that end with hot chocolate, fluffy socks, hot water bottles and using the quiet of winter to be warm inside and make things. Every Wednesday after school we offer Youth Café - a chance to meet other young people, cook and share food, cook outdoors and learn and practice outdoor skills. On the last Friday of the month we offer board games club and we are committed to offering COMMUNITY NATURE CONNECTION events throughout the year following the seasonal wheel. Following the huge success of the community forage on the Camel Trail with Emma Gunn we have a Spring Seaweed Forage in the diary and an early bird walk to experience the Dawn Chorus as well as a programme of Art Walks. We also run regular woodland-based sessions exploring wild play, whittling, outdoor cooking and outdoor learning.

We have a fantastic year ahead planned for hardcore outdoorsy types and also those who want to start indoors to get outdoors! Come and say hello, drop us an email or book a session with us - we are looking forward to meeting you.

 www.curiousschoolofthewild.com

 www.facebook.com/curiousschoolofthewildcic



Estates Team Update

Following a presentation by Ward-Williams Associates at the last meeting of the Estates committee on 11th January, the committee agreed to follow Ward-Williams' recommendations and to continue with the first phase of the Shire House refurbishment, based on costs assessments received to date. The first phase will include applying for permissions for relevant works to improve the heating system, accessibility and preserve the structural integrity of this grade 2* listed building.

At the same meeting of Estates, the committee members agreed to costs for the refurbishment of Higher Bore Street toilets, following severe vandalism that occurred in Winter 2022. The refurbishment of the toilets will begin in February.

The Fair Park toilets are scheduled to be demolished in February whilst the new Healthmatic toilets are being built in the factory. The Estates Committee resolved for the Estates Manager to scope alternative payment systems for access to the facilities with a preference for coin charges, rather than a contactless card system.

Tree works are due to take place starting in January. Works are all based on recommendations from independent tree inspection report provided by a qualified arboriculturist. Works within the conservation area, such as at Priory Park, have been permitted by Cornwall Council.

Other works outside of the conservation area will commence on trees at Fair Park, along Vivian Road, on 31st January with the removal of the large Lombardy Poplar tree (T236), which was found to be in poor condition with a thinning crown and branch dieback. This is located at the corner of Vivian Road, adjacent to the Fair Park footpath. The line of trees along Vivian Road will be pruned to raise the canopy away from the highway and clear branches away from facility cables.

Over the last few months, the Estates Team have been clearing vegetation along the Leat in Pendower Meadow, Priory Park. This was at the request of the Environment Agency, to make sure the water way is clear of obstruction and can be easily monitored as part of the town's flood defence.

The Poppy Awards

On Wednesday 24th January 2024 the mayor was pleased to attend the Poppy Awards held at Cornwall's Regimental Museum.

Youth organisations that took part in the 2023 Poppy Appeal were invited and given a Certificate of Thanks. This included local schools, The Guiding movement, The Scouting Organisation, Junior Football Clubs and Cadet Forces. Also invited were the top 20 fundraisers in Bodmin, to be presented with a certificate. The mayor presented these on behalf of the Bodmin Branch of The Royal British Legion. A Branch Certificate of Appreciation is also awarded to those that deserve higher recognition and thanks.

This year the town recognised the work of WO Simon Damms and Flt Sgt Dave Hardy. Assisted by FS Hardy, WO Damms has been Parade Commander at Bodmin's Remembrance Day parade for a few years now. Both have been instrumental in turning the parade into Cornwall's premier Remembrance Sunday event.



Thank you Derek Coad, chairman of the Bodmin Branch RBL, for use of these images.

*Note: This version of the newsletter has been amended since the time of print to show a recent Cllr Vacancy. This version is correct.



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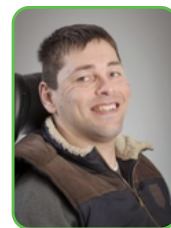
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BODMIN MARKET

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM - 2PM



Bodmin Town Council Services:

- Car Parking - Priory Park & Rhind Street
- Cemeteries
- Community & Civic Events
- Grants to Voluntary Organisations
- Community Information Centre, Shire Hall
- Markets
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Public Conveniences
- Room Hire Facilities



Cornwall Council Services:

- Education
- Health & Social Care
- Housing
- Homelessness
- Licensing
- Planning
- Waste & Recycling
- Transport, Roads & Parking
- Council Tax
- Libraries, Museums and Archives



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