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Here's a roundup of some of the work Felbeck Trust has been carrying out to improve the habitat for the benefit of wildlife at three sites in East and West Beckham.

At West Beckham Old Allotments, we installed a Barn Owl box. This required quite a feat of engineering, as we had to dig a narrow hole 1.7 metres deep to ensure that the 5-metre pole won't rock in the wind. Then the pole had to be lowered into the hole – there was a lot of discussion before the team set about manoeuvring it into place and then flawlessly dropped it in. Once the pole was stable, we were able to secure the box to it. It will be interesting to see if Barn Owls start to roost in it in the coming winter and use it for breeding next spring. It often takes many years for Barn Owls to adopt a box, so we will have to keep our fingers crossed.



At the same site we have improved the butterfly bank by digging out the dock plants, creating bare patches which many butterfly species favour. Meanwhile, an area of turf was stripped to create disturbed soil to encourage annual arable weed seeds to grow. These are vital for farmland birds, including Turtle Doves. We are pleased to report that Corn Spurrey, Scarlet Pimpernel and Common Cudweed have begun to germinate in this area. There has been a single sighting of a Turtle Dove at the site, which forms part of the RSPB's Operation Turtle Dove. We have also continued our routine habitat management, which involves cutting the grass and raking it off to reduce the nutrients in the soil, creating a more conducive environment for wild flowers. In June we held a BioBlitz at which we identified 241 different species of flora and fauna.

Meanwhile, at West Beckham Green and East Beckham Common we have carried on maintaining the access paths. The grassland near the pond in East Beckham Common is beginning to respond to the regular cutting, with the nettles now much reduced, and some wildflower species beginning to appear.

If you would like to find out more about Felbeck Trust, have a look at our website <https://www.felbecktrust.org.uk/>. We are always looking for volunteers to help deliver our habitat management programme, so if this appeals to you, please contact us on enquiry@felbecktrust.org.uk. We also publish a quarterly online newsletter, so let us know if you would like to be added to our mailing list.



Bodham & Beckham Village Hall hold many events and regular clubs at the hall or in the playing field. **Beckham residents are all encouraged to join.** We have put a few of these in this edition of the Bulletin but check Bodham website for updates.

East and West Beckham Allotments – Plot Vacancies

Taking on an allotment can seem daunting but if you take it slowly and work on it with the time you have available there are lots of potential benefits including:

- Being good for your physical health but for your mental health too, providing a sense of purpose and an ideal opportunity to get outdoors and be active at all times of the year
- A great way of connecting with people and nature
- As the cost of living continues to rise, being able to grow your own fresh tasty produce offers a cost-effective way of putting food on the table
- Nothing beats the sense of achievement in growing something from seed and putting food on the table and being able to say 'I grew that!'



The Parish allotments are opposite the Loke in East Beckham and there is a decent car park for visitors. There are a total of 27 generous plots and there are currently 7 full plots and 4 half plots available.



We are also working on making sure that there is good water provision for next year. The plots are available in the first instance for parish residents but are also for non-parish availability permitting.

The cost at only £25 a year for a full plot or £12.50 for a half plot is excellent value for money, working out at less than 50 pence per week.

So if anyone is thinking of taking on an allotment by all means contact the parish clerk by email johnstibbons@gmail.com who will direct you to the parish allotment administrator who will be happy to answer any questions or sign people up. Also the advantage of getting an allotment this time of year is that there is plenty of time for clearing or preparation over the winter in time for spring sowing.



WHAT'S ON : BODHAM & BECKHAM VILLAGE HALL, NR25 6AD



SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST
2PM 'TIL LATE BODHAM PLAYING FIELD, NR25 6QG - 2PM 'TIL LATE
 Join us on the playing field as we showcase a fabulous selection of Classic Cars and other interesting vehicles. Take in the atmosphere, browse the car boot, treat yourself to a bacon roll and a cuppa before you make your way into the village to explore what else is on offer!
 Want to show your Classic/Interesting car?
 Email secretary@bodhamvillage.co.uk to book it in (FREE).

Want to sell at the Car Boot? Email secretary@bodhamvillage.co.uk to book. Please note that pitches MUST be pre-booked (£5 a pitch).
 Event Parking - £5 per car

BODHAM & BECKHAM VILLAGE HALL, NR25 6AD

2PM 'TIL 8PM Pop into the village hall to peruse a mixture of stalls including traders, crafters and village fundraisers. Homemade cakes and savouries will be on offer alongside snacks as well as hot and cold drinks!

Book a table: bodhambeckham.villagehall@gmail.com

THE RED HART INN Head to the pub to enjoy a fantastic display of motorbikes of every kind, from classic favourites to modern machines and custom builds.

Relax with a drink from our outdoor or indoor bar and tuck into something tasty from the BBQ while soaking up the atmosphere of this great community event

Keep up to date via Facebook - Bodham Motor Festival
 or visit www.bodhamvillage.co.uk/motorfestival



NGMA Martial Arts
 Lil Nippers (4-7yrs)
 17.15 - 18.00
 Karate Kids (8-12)
 18.00 - 19.00
 Inspiring, Motivating & Confidence building through Martial Arts
 Karate in North Norfolk

Book a free trial session just by heading to our website www.ngmamartialarts.com
 or just send us a message on Facebook @ NGMA
 Nate Gregory Martial Arts.

Bodham Sunday Car Boot

Bodham Playing Field, NR25 6QG

10am - 2pm

EVERY SUNDAY

7th June until 6th September



Traders from 8am
FREE PITCHES

Feel free to bring along a gazebo at no extra charge... our footfall is good whatever the weather

Bacon rolls and refreshments available

Sorry - NO dogs except service dogs allowed on the Field - There is a lake running alongside.

Raising money for Bodham Playing Field Charity no. 303911

Bodham Bazaars
 Bodham & Beckham Village Hall
 NR25 6NW
 Saturday 21st March
 Saturday 11th April
 Saturday 16th May
 Saturday 17th October
 Saturday 7th November
 Saturday 5th December
 10 - 1pm
LIVE MUSIC FROM
SHERINGHAM UKULELE PLAYERS
 Contact: secretary@bodhamvillage.co.uk
 In aid of Bodham Playing Field Charity No. 303911

Crafting & Chatting



If you enjoy knitting, crochet, artwork or other crafts why not join us on alternate Wednesdays from 2-4pm.
 See main poster for dates.
 £3 per meeting includes refreshments.
 For info contact Carolyn on 07748 933250
 or just come along.
 All welcome.



The Bodham Blitz 1940's Party

Saturday 19th September
 Bodham Village Hall
 NR25 6AD
 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of live music, singalong fun, dancing and entertainment!

For tickets contact:
bodhambeckham.villagehall@gmail.com
 07884 365 192

£5 in advance
 £7 on the door
 *Under 16's £2.50

Limited bar and light refreshments available

Tickets are also available through EVENTBRITE

Over 70s' Christmas Lunch Village Hall

12th December
12 noon

Book your place by contacting
Mel Clarke
bodhambeckham.villagehall@gmail.com
 or 01263 588 840

Names to me by 5th December



BODHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR 2026

BODHAM VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
4-8PM

STALLHOLDERS WANTED

bodhambeckham.villagehall@gmail.com

LARGE TABLE - £15
SMALL TABLE - £10





What's on August 2026

Friday 7th Live music from Paddys Legs
Friday 14th Live music from Gerry Short
Sunday 16th Live music from Graham McG
Friday 21st Live music from Cutting The Mustard
Saturday 22nd Live music from Ken, Rosie and Friends
Saturday 22nd Kerri Clarke's Pub 2 Pub Hike Starts
Sunday 30th Live music from Shirree

The Wheatsheaf
West Beckham

Pub 2 Pub Hiking Marathon



Saturday 22nd August

Kerri and Jacky are hiking the marathon distance of 26.2 miles from pub to pub raising money for Miss Kay's CBP Mission.

Starting at The Wheatsheaf in West Beckham at 8:30am and finishing...

...‘sometime later’ at The Red Hart, Bodham.

Please join our ‘Cheer Stations’ at either (or both) pub(s) throughout the day. There's plenty of fun to be had with a tombola and a raffle on offer too!

For more information about how to support their efforts, please email info@miss-kay.co.uk

Coffee mornings at Chestnut Farm, West Beckham (by the Village Sign)

‘Coffee and Chat’ every **last Tuesday** in the Month. A social gathering with cakes and an opportunity to look round the Wilson's delightful garden. There is no charge but an optional donation towards Church expenses. Hope you will join us!

Contact **Judy Wilson** for more information: email judywilson100@gmail.com



Christmas at the Wheatsheaf

Yes we know it's summer, but we wanted to let you know we will soon be announcing our availability for the run up to Christmas.

There will be a few extra special dates where we will have live music, a quiz night and a festive curry night to bring even more spice to your festive season.

If you'd like to book, keep an eye out for more information coming soon



Harvest Supper

AT BODHAM & BECKHAM VILLAGE HALL, NR25 6AD

12th September

Starts at 6.30pm

More details will be on the
BODHAM

web site nearer the time.

www.bodhamvillage.co.uk/whatson

or contact Mrs Melanie Clarke
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