

Rodington Village Hall Events—Further Details Contact Stan Boden on 01952 770 524

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday		Line Dancing	Rodington Players
Tuesday		Painting	Bingo or Youth Club
Wednesday	Computers	BALAD	Whist or Ladies Club
Thursday	Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	Buggy Club
Friday			Private Hire or Concerts
Saturday	Private Hire	Private Hire	PHOAS
Sunday	Private Hire	Private Hire	Private Hire

BALAD = Ballroom & Latin American Dancing

PHOAS = Private Hire or Astronomical Society

Longdon-upon-Tern Village Hall Regular Events

Pathway People, Alternate Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00pm (Doreen Brown 541395 or Rosalie Wheeldon 770247). Line Dancing, Tuesdays 7:30pm (Janet French 770677). Canine Conumdrums some Wednesdays. (Carol 410964). Yoga, Thursday evenings, term time, (Janet Evans 245983).

Urgent Help Required — Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Needed

Are you organised and want to help the Somerwood, Drury Lane and Rodington Heath areas of Rodington? A neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is needed. If you are interested please contact Cllr. Liz Tudor on 770 348 for more information.

Model Railway Exhibition — Rodington Saturday 4th November 2006

Admission prices are the same as last year £2.50 Adults, £1.00 Children, £2.00 Senior Citizens, & £6.00 Family (2+2). Book the date and support this fund raising event for the Village Hall.

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RODINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Claim £20.00 Compensation

Rodington Village Hall



DISRUPTION TO RODINGTON WATER SUPPLY 25th & 26th JULY 2006

Householders in the Rodington area who were affected by the above disruption to their water supply are entitled to make a claim of £20.00 from Severn Trent Water if the water supply to your property was off for more than 12 hours.

Claims should be made to:- Steve Mattock, Operations Correspondence Team, Severn Trent Water LTD, Customer Operations Service Centre, Sherbourne House, St Martins Road, Finham, Coventry CV3 6SD. Tel **0800 783 4444**. requesting a payment under their Guaranteed Standards Scheme.

The Community Punishment Scheme

The Community Punishment Scheme (Community Service) as part of the National Probation Service is a scheme whereby offenders of any age, sex or faith take part in community projects with an aim to give them an opportunity to learn social skills, practical skills and team work. St Bartholomew's Church and the Longdon-upon-Tern Village Hall have both benefited over the last few years from this scheme. During the past 18 months the offenders on this scheme have made many improvements to the churchyard at St Bartholomew's Church, such as installing a French drain around the church to disperse water away from the walls of the church, reducing the risk of rising damp. They have also trimmed, pruned and mown the churchyard and the church drive. Finally, the construction of an area shaded by a large tree with picnic benches and the addition of two new parking spaces. At all times the offenders are accompanied by a supervisor/trainer who ensures that any work is carried out to a very high standard and that the site is left clean and tidy. The benefiting community is asked to provide basic refreshments, visit the site whilst the work is in progress, talk to the offenders, thank them for their efforts etc and write with their comments to the Probation Service at the end of the project. This has been an easy job as we have all been very pleased with the work they have done. If you would like further details on this please telephone the Probation Office on **(01952) 214160**

Stop Press: Home from Hospital Service: The British Red Cross offer a service that supports patients and their carers immediately after discharge from hospital. They help with such things as shopping, prescription collection, transport to hospital appointments also companionship and confidence building to help with a return to normal daily routines. They do not provide anything that is the responsibility of statutory agencies. The service is free and is tailored to the individual after an initial assessment visit. Speak to the Home from Hospital Team on **(01952) 590240**.

Chairman's report for AGM, 24th May 2006

During the last year the Parish Council has tried to give proper consideration to all of the many matters of concern that have been brought to our attention.

Roads are a continual subject for complaint and we have seen more success in our representations to T&W than we have in the past. Potholes are a continual nuisance and generally we have been able to get potholes filled, although not usually as quickly as we would like. An engineer from T&W has offered to walk round the Parish to look at the worst sections and we will be taking him on a guided tour. We were told that despite the appalling state of Church Rd and Sunningdale that T&W would not repair these unadopted roads. Fortunately Borough Councillor Seymour successfully took the matter up with the Borough. Last April, highways had £5000 in their budget to provide a gateway scheme for the approaches to Longdon. Cllrs. Johnson and Osborne made very vocal representations at a police meeting resulting in the use of a speed gun near the bridge proving the large num-

ber of speeding cars. Regrettably, there was a very serious accident on the bridge and the Mayor became involved. We now have a priority scheme in place on the bridge and this has slowed the traffic down, but it was at the expense of the gateway scheme. We have no news as to whether the gateway scheme and rumble strips to slow the traffic coming down the Somerwood straight are in the new budget. This is particularly frustrating because T&W have agreed that these schemes are all needed. Councillors have spent a great deal of time on these matters both in and outside Council meetings. Planning matters have been generally satisfactory over the last year. We have had problems over the years with the layout in Rodington cemetery due to the shape of the site. A surface features survey has been completed, however there is a lot more work to do before it can be a proper replacement for the existing master plan. We regularly look to the Parish Plan to be sure that we have not lost direction and the area that we have not been able to

do anything about is the provision of better facilities for young people. It is clear to us that a Youth Pod near the play equipment in Rodington would not be welcomed by the regular users of the Village Hall. A Committee of Councillors and parents has been formed to investigate the needs and funding. We ended our year with the appointment of our new Parish Clerk, Mr Michael Gledhill, and look forward to working with him. We appreciate the work of our outgoing Clerk, Mrs Rita Wilkinson, particularly in setting up our web site and moving the newsletter forward. I will take this opportunity to thank our Borough Councillors Seymour and Blackwell, for their advice and continuing interest in Rodington Parish. I will congratulate both Village Hall Committees for their impressive improvements to the buildings. Lastly, I will extend a personal thanks to the Vice Chairman, Cllr David Johnson, and my fellow Councillors for their advice and support over the last year.

Fly Tipping and the Removal of Bulky Items

Fly tipping is not only unsightly and illegal but costs you in excess of £250,000 per year to remove and dispose. We have around 550 incidents reported every month amounting to over 1500 tonnes of waste per year. Fly tipping can also attract other anti social behaviour activities such as vandalism, graffiti and of course regular fly tipping occurrences

Fly Tipping - See it. Report it, Stop it. Call 01952 617 171

The council can help both rural and urban communities in stamping out this problem but we need help from you. Fly tipping can happen any time of the day or night and it is not always possible to get an enforcement officer

or CSO on site immediately, by which time the culprits have fled. To be successful in bringing to order fly tipplers the council requires good accurate reports especially descriptions of individuals and car number plates of any witnessed fly tips. Remember the more information the better! If you have recently witnessed a fly tip, call **01952 617171** to discuss the incident with one of the Environmental Enforcement Officers. Offenders that are caught could be prosecuted and fined up to £50,000 and or up to 5 years custodial sentence.

We also offer a **FREE** bulky collection service for household items. For more details or to book a collection phone **01952 617 171**.

Wheels 2 Work



In June 2002, the Borough of Telford and Wrekin introduced a Wheels 2 Work scheme that assists individuals who live or work in rural areas, who have little or no transport provision, to access employment and training. Since the scheme began it has assisted 276 people and offered 153 people transport solutions in entering the labour market and enrolling on valuable training courses, something that would not have been possible without Wheels 2 Work. Accessibility to employment and training opportunities are extremely limited when there is little or no transport provision and this can have a huge impact on a person's self-worth and confidence. Wheels 2 Work provides an opportunity to benefit an individual's career in the long run by offering an interim scheme until people are financially and physically able to transport themselves to and from training and work. The scheme offers several options: ~ a moped loan for up to 6 months ~ a bicycle loan ~ taxi vouchers ~ car sharing information ~ personal travel plans ~ two latest options - subsidised driving lessons and vehicle grants. All relevant circumstances are taken into consideration and each option is subject to eligibility. Individuals that have taken part in Wheels 2 Work have commented on how supportive the scheme has been, how it has opened doors that would have previously been closed, and how fulfilled they are in employment and having taken part in training that has enhanced their career prospects. The scheme has been very successful and the Borough of Telford and Wrekin are raising awareness to encourage more people to get involved and take advantage of the benefits the scheme can bring.

For information visit The Borough of Telford and Wrekin's website and follow the links Transport Streets and Parking, Telford Travelink, Wheels 2 Work. Information regarding referrals to the scheme through training agencies such as Connexions and Jobcentre plus, and colleges such as TCAT and New College, can be found on this link. For further information call Jane Bowyer on **01952 202816**, e-mail jane.bowyer@telford.gov.uk or visit www.wheels2work.org.uk