

Rodington Village Hall Events

Alternate Wednesdays are "Rodington Ladies Club" and "The Whist Drive".

Longdon-upon-Tern Village Hall Events

Longdon upon Tern Village Hall regular events:

Pathway People, Alternate Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00pm

Contact Doreen Brown 541395 or Rosalie Wheeldon 770247

Aerobics, Mondays from 22/5/06, 7:00pm

Contact Sarah Hamer 771527

Line Dancing, Tuesdays 7:30pm

Contact Janet French 770677

Yoga, Thursday evenings, term time,

Contact Janet Evans 245983

Diary Reminder

Remember

Wednesday 24th May 2006 at 7pm Annual Parish Meeting

with Warwick Tart as the guest speaker.

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Annual Parish Meeting



Longdon-upon-Tern
Village Hall

A Date for your diary. The Annual Parish Meeting, Rodington Parish is to be held on Wednesday 24th May 2006

in the Longdon upon Tern Village Hall at 7.00 PM.

To start the meeting off we have a guest speaker Mr Warwick Tart, he was the last headmaster of Longdon School. He will enthral and mesmerise both young and old on the topic "The Road to Longdon".

At 7.45pm there will be Refreshments, followed by Parish business which will be conducted after 8pm.

From the Chairman

The Parish Councils' AGM was held on 3rd May before the Council meeting. I am very pleased to publicly thank the rest of the Council and in particular the Vice Chair David Johnson, for their help and support over the last year. With their encouragement behind me I am honoured to continue as Chairman.

Our Clerk, Rita Wilkinson, has left us. I wish her all the best for her future career and thank her for 2 ½ years work for the Parish Council.

We have appointed Mr Michael Gledhill

to take over the Clerk's role and we are looking forward to working with him. Michael comes from a background in finance and will be training for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. I am sure you will meet him as he finds his way round the Parish.

We are delighted that Mr Warwick Tart, the last head teacher of Longdon upon Tern School has agreed to talk at the Annual Parish Meeting about his career in village schools. We thought that it would be a pleasant change from potholes and recycling. The actual business of the meeting will be conducted after Mr Tart's talk, no earlier than 8 pm.



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The Bulls Head in the heart of Rodington village historically is one of the oldest licensed trades not only in Shropshire but also in the whole of the country. On the land immediately adjacent to

it going towards the church, was the Bull Ring where bull bating and cock fighting took place up till about 1840. Much has changed since those days and one of the most recent changes took place last December when Paul McArdle and Zreen Mkhmoor took over as licensees. They have come a long way in a few months and have clearly stated their intent to continue as in the past by serving excellent freshly cooked steaks and meals from a varied "à la carte" menu, with a real value lunchtime carvery. An extensive range of freshly roasted meats and vegetables are supplied locally aiming to provide value for money in a friendly and welcoming environment.

One of the new initiatives which Paul and Zreen have introduced is the provision of Live Music every Friday night which is proving ever more popular with all age groups plus the introduction of Theme Nights such as the recent St Patrick's Night thereby encouraging people to enjoy the life in the village and helping it to continue to flourish.

The Bulls Head has always been a very popular place to eat for families and couples and its excellent reputation is spreading fast. Both Paul and Zreen would like to thank all their customers both locally and from afar for their continuous support and optimism since they took over. The Pub has always been one of the main focal points of the village and under the present management looks like continuing so for a very long time.



Rodington Model Railway Exhibition Saturday 4th November 2006

Following on from the success of last years Model Railway Exhibition, the Village Hall Management Committee have decided to hold the event again this year on Saturday 4th November 2006.

The exhibition will be open from 11am until 5pm and will consist of different model railway layouts to those displayed last year.

The exhibition is aimed to provide enjoyment for all the family, and exhibitors will be only too pleased to advise anyone interested in how to get involved in this growing hobby. For the children there will again be a "Thomas the Tank Engine" train set on which they can have a go at driving Thomas and his friends. For the ladies it is hoped to include craft stalls, which will provide an interest for any ladies not interested in trains.

The event will again be supported by friends from The Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway, which runs through the delightful Cotswolds, from Toddington (near Broadway) to Cheltenham. Book the date in your diary now and support this fund raising event for the Village Hall.

Provision for Young People within the Parish

The Parish Council called a meeting via the Newsletter to discuss ideas for facilities for young people in Rodington including the suggestion of a Youth Pod. Derek Owen from Telford & Wrekin Council, Steve Rawlings from Wrockwardine Parish Council and Community Support Officer Worrall attended the meeting in Rodington Village Hall on 16th January to offer advice and share their experience.

Sixty-one members of the Public attended which was an excellent turn out and showed the interest the Newsletter had created. Unfortunately a number of people held the misconception that the Council had made the decision and the meeting was simply to announce the decision. Cllr. Janet French explained that the meeting was a part of an ongoing consultation process to find ways to improve youth facilities in the Parish and help reduce instances of anti-social behaviour that occurred from time to time. It was at this point a petition was handed in opposing the provision of a Youth Pod.

Cllr. Claire Broderick reported that feedback from

youngsters via the Youth Club was the need for a meeting place. Derek Owens gave a summary on the Borough's experience with the 29 Youth Pods they have introduced. In brief they generally made a positive impact giving young people a place to meet rather than outside local stores or pubs where people could find such groups intimidating.

The meeting was lively and clearly against the Pod idea as numerous members of the audience took the opportunity to present their views and ideas. The Councillors then asked for the meeting to concentrate on alternative ideas. Various ideas surfaced including providing a voluntary taxi service to provide a means for young people to get to Telford Centre to use facilities there, improvements to the existing play area, increasing the number of Youth Club meeting nights, providing football goal posts during the summer months and investigating a Play Leadership scheme.

The meeting was drawn to a close after around two hours. It achieved its objective in providing opportunity for participation in making local decisions and produced several ideas for facilities for young people.

At the following Parish Council meeting the Pod proposal was rejected by a majority, however all Councillors remained committed to finding ways to improve facilities within the Parish for young people. The ideas raised at the meeting were reviewed and had a common thread in that they required voluntary adult participation. Following suggestions from several people during the public meeting a committee has now been formed of Councillors and parents to decide what type of recreational equipment the young people aged 10 to 16 would like. The committee will then work with Derek Owen of Telford & Wrekin Council to provide this.

During this meeting there were also many offers to arrange outings to the Ice Rink etc for these young people. A report on these outings will be in a later Newsletter.

