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Dates for your diary:

Event	Day	Date	Time	Venue
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	6th Feb. 2008	19.30	Rodington Village Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	5th Mar. 2008	19.30	Longdon Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	Wed	2nd April 2008	19.00	Rodington Village Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	2nd April 2008	After Annual Parish Meeting	
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	7th May 2008	19.00	AGM + PC MTG Longdon Village Hall

Speaker for Annual parish Meeting to be confirmed.

Members always welcome to attend particularly if they have issues of concern to bring to the Council's attention

RODINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER — February 2008

December Parish Council meeting.

The December Parish meeting turned out to be quite a eventful occasion. On the Agenda was the 2008/9 precept discussion which in turn prompted a review of this years expenditure to date. This revealed, that due to a frugal approach to expenditure and the continued agreement of all councillors not to draw their annual allowance the bank balance was very healthy.

Councillors then posed the question how best to benefit the wider community effectively and speedily. The answer was via support of the two village halls who through their amenities provide a very useful outlet for community activities.

Result was a £3000 grant to each hall which in each case continued on page 2

Rodington Welcomes;

Reverend Gill Goodwin who recently took over care of Rodington, High Ercall, Longdon, Rowton and Crudington parishes. She and husband Stuart moved early January to High Ercall. We wish them good wishes for the future in our community.



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Was needed for very specific urgent needs. At Rodington the hall has urgent need of repairs to the heating system. Expensive and vital for the comfort of all using the hall.



At Longdon equally vital issues existed in that electrical supply is not robust enough to provide heat and kitchen facilities at the same time. You can one or the other but not both. Their grant should do much to help resolve the problem.

So whilst we all moan about the rates we can at least take satisfaction in knowing that over 50% of this years Parish Council precept was directly re-invested within the Community benefiting the many groups for young and not so young.



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LONGDON VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

Pathway People, Alternate Mondays, 3:30 - 5:00pm (Doreen Brown 541395 or Rosalie Wheeldon 770247).

Line Dancing, Tuesdays 7:30pm (Janet French 770677).

Rodington Village Hall



- Need a modern well appointed meeting room with bar/ refreshment preparation area?
- Need somewhere for you off-site meetings or training?
- Need internet with broadband wifi connection?

Then Book Rodington Village Hall with its large car park.

Main hall and modern kitchen also available for functions.
(Access and facilities for the disabled.)

Contact the Bookings Secretary Jean Bonehill .Tel: 01952 770429

Log on to www.rodingtonvillagehall.org.uk for more details.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES.

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday	—	Line Dancing	Rodington Players
Tuesday	Keep fit	Painting	Bingo (fortnightly)
Wednesday	Computers	Ballroom & Latin American Dancing	Whist or Ladies Club (Alternate weeks)
Thursday	Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	Buggy Club
Friday	Painting (Monthly)	—	Private Hire or Concerts
Saturday	Private Hire	Private Hire	Private Hire or Astronomical Society
Sunday	Private Hire	Private Hire	Private Hire

(For further details of any of these activities contact Stan Boden on 01952 770524)

WHAT'S ON - Dates for your diary. (2007/8)

Friday 7th March	The Shrewsbury Big Band
Friday 4th April	The Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band.
Saturday 17th May	The Telford Orchestra

NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY WEBSITE.

On Thursday 8th November an exciting new website www.ShropshireRenewablesCheck.org was launched by the Mayor of Whitchurch that enables Shropshire householders to work out what renewable technologies are most suitable for their homes. Various renewables installers attended to show off their services and some of the equipment that you might fit on your home.

Included on the website is useful information about lots of technologies and a directory of local suppliers.

Technologies covered:

- Solar Water Heating
- Wood/Biomass Heating
- Ground/Air/Water Source Heat pumps
- Solar Photovoltaic (electric)
- Wind Turbines
- Hydro Electric Power Generation

This website is unique, it's the first of its kind, allowing users to interact with it via the "Toolkit" option.

Using the "Toolkit" Shropshire householders can calculate and produce a report on the types of

renewable devices that are suitable for (and possible to install), in their homes; reducing both bills and carbon emissions.

This website is a fantastic resource and is unique in the levels of detail producing a tailored report on your home. Energy Projects Plus as an organisation has driven this project forward due to the high demand of our customers looking quality guidance.

Gary Pain project officer on the website said "If you have ever wondered what might work for your home then this website has all the answers, lots of people I have spoken to have been crying out for a free site like this for ages".

The website is user friendly and uncomplicated to navigate through. The information is easy to understand and ranges from the "Beginners guide to renewable energy" to the more comprehensive "Personal tailored report" that you get after working through the toolkit. Also included in the website are comprehensive links to information including: grants, suppliers, and installer's details.

Go to www.ShropshireRenewablesCheck.org to have a go or contact your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on FREEPHONE 0800 512 012 if you have any questions about saving money on your fuel

Recycling; can we do more?

Telford recycling rates have improved dramatically since the introduction of the 2 week cycle however as with most projects the first 80% of improvement is easily gained, its that final push to excellence that takes effort.



To improve recycle rates we all need to make the situation a weekly game of how empty is my Grey Bin. Virtually all Grey bin waste ends up in landfill otherwise known

as a piece of valuable countryside excavated into a gigantic hole; which is then visited by lorries daily dumping waste.

Every glass bottle should end up in the red box, as should every newspaper and magazine. Every cardboard cake, cereal, ready meal, dog biscuit, toy etc box should end up in the red bin. If you do this with enthusiasm you will actually need a plastic sack as the box is not big enough. Yes, you should also put the empty loo roll in, it was most likely made from recycled cardboard.

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NEW BENCH INSTALLED

A new bench has just been installed at Rodington Cemetery funded by the Parish Council and installed by Telford & Wrekin Council free of charge. This will more allow visitors the opportunity to spend time enjoying the tranquillity of the location with loved ones past.

The cemetery is a well cared for location which an all year maintenance programme provided by the PC plus sterling voluntary care by the Good Causes Group which adds that extra touch of excellence so often missing in rural cemeteries.

Recycling Continued

Partial to cakes or Steak and Kidney pies delivered in the silver foil. You will be surprised how many you can save in two weeks, especially if you like egg custard cakes. These should all go in the red box.

Restocked the wardrobe, well make sure the cast offs become cleaning cloths or go into your red bin. De-odorant aerosol just expired; walk past the grey bin and put it the red box. Children just finished a coke each, start young train them the can goes directly into the red bin.

Plastic milk bottles, these are not collected but they can be recycled. Most of us visit Telford so save your plastic bottles and choose the route that takes you past Ketley recycling centre and drop them in. Plastic is a problem in recycling terms as there are so many forms of plastic no one recycling process can handle all types. Telford plastic is sent for processing to a plant that can process milk containers, water and "pop" bottles. Other plastic items such as food containers, flower pots and other hard plastic are a definite no no.

Whilst going to the tip take a look round. Old car batteries,

broken bricks, rubble and soil can all be recycled. So if you have the means to take it there then it's a benefit to you moving the eyesore and a benefit environmentally.

Green garden waste, those into gardening should be using much of this for composting. Having one or two compost heaps or containers where space allows helps, as kitchen waste can pass the grey bin and arrive at the compost heap and speed up the natural process. However those with large lawns can be swamped with too many grass cuttings so use the green bin. Avoid spoiling the green waste with plastic plant pots or bags as this is turned into compost.

Using all these methods a family of two can actually reduce grey bin waste to half a bin over the two week cycle. The red box will be full, and you will most likely have to find a second box yourself or sack for the cardboard. However the good news it will get collected and you have the satisfaction of knowing you have minimised your contribution to wasting the countryside

