

## RODINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS

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### Dates for your diary:

Event	Day	Date	Time	Venue
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	7th Nov. 2007	19:30	Longdon Village Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2007	19:30	Rodington Village Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	2nd Jan. 2008	19:30	Longdon Village Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	6th Feb. 2008	19.30	RodingtonVillage Hall
Monthly Council Meeting	Wed	5th Mar. 2008	19.30	Longdon Village Hall

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

## RODINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER — October 2007

### Local Development Framework ??? Should we worry ?

In brief T&W is required to set a housing programme for an extra 26,500 up to 32,000 new builds. This represents 50% of new homes earmarked for the County as a whole. The T&W website quotes;

The Council's preferred option is 26,500 provided a number of key assurances, including the provision of proper infrastructure for such major growth, the protection of greenfield sites and the priority to build homes on previously used "brownfield" land are met by Central Government.

Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council, Cllr Andrew Eade, said, "While the Council will consider supporting the lower target it will require these key assurances being met.  
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### MORE SEATING AVAILABLE

The Parish Council have placed an order for an additional oak bench to be placed in Rodington Cemetery. Work will commence shortly on a base and the installation will be completed later in the year.



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## **Exploring the riparian wonders of the Tern Valley**

**By Marc Petty**

While many of you will be familiar with Shropshire heritage attractions such as the Ironbridge Gorge Museum or the new Cold War exhibition at Cosford, just how aware are you of the history on your own doorstep?

Did you know, for instance, that within just a few miles of Longdon and Rodington you can visit an 18<sup>th</sup> Century parish workhouse, the ruined, fortified manor house of a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Knight who served at the court of an English king, follow in the footsteps of Nineteenth Century high society at a fashionable Victorian Spa or traverse the supposed boundaries of a lost Dark Ages kingdom?

If you didn't, fear not, for this autumn sees the launch of the *Tern Valley Trail* - a new Heritage Lottery Funded 14-mile circular cycle tour, linking the river valleys of the

Tern and Roden to the historic market town of Wellington, uncovering a wealth of historic and natural heritage along the way, with Rodington and Longdon firmly at the centre of proceedings...



2007 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of renowned civil engineer Thomas Telford and the centrepiece of the *Tern Valley Trail* is his iron aqueduct on the former Shrewsbury Canal at Longdon. The unique monument, erected in 1795, is the oldest surviving structure of its kind in the world and is generally acknowledged as the forerunner of the internationally famous Pontcysyllite Aqueduct, on the Llangollen Canal. The trail revisits many other sites associated with the canal, of which Telford was chief engineer, and unearths the fascinating history of

## **Dance**

To be held at

**Rodington Village Hall**

**On Friday 23rd November 2007**

**8.00 PM till 12 midnight**

**Music by Alan Williams**

**Tickets £6.50**

(Includes refreshments)

Bring your bottle and glasses

Tickets are available from

Jean on 01952 770744

Or Marion on 01952 411083

**All proceeds to the  
Lingen Davies**

**Cancer Centre Appeal  
To build a new Cancer Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury  
Hospital**

Registered Charity No. 509649

# 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](http://www.rodingtonvillagehall.org.uk) for more details.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES.

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<b>Monday</b>	—	Line Dancing	Rodington Players
<b>Tuesday</b>	Keep fit	Painting	Bingo (fortnightly)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Computers	Ballroom & Latin American Dancing	Whist or Ladies Club (Alternate weeks)
<b>Thursday</b>	Indoor Bowls	Indoor Bowls	Buggy Club
<b>Friday</b>	Painting (Monthly)	—	Private Hire or Concerts
<b>Saturday</b>	Private Hire	Private Hire	Private Hire or Astronomical Society
<b>Sunday</b>	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 26th October	<b>Flicks in the Sticks.</b>
Saturday 3rd November	<b>Model Railway Exhibition.</b>
Friday 9th November	<b>Paul Ray and Joe Ray.</b> (Comedy and Magic)
16th & 17th November	<b>'A Fish Out Of Water'.</b> (Rodington Players)
Friday 7th December	<b>To be confirmed.</b>
Friday 11th January	<b>Wrekin and Telford Choral Society.</b>
Friday 8th February	<b>Shrewsbury Police Male Voice Choir.</b>
Friday 7th March	<b>The Shrewsbury Big Band</b>
Friday 4th April	<b>The Jackfield Elcock Reisen Band.</b>
Saturday 17th May	<b>The Telford Orchestra</b>

Watch out for posters giving further details of these events.

former canalside settlements en route...

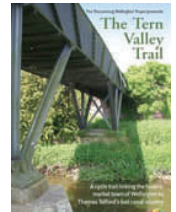
In Rodington, there is the opportunity to visit the site of an ancient festival of blood and gore, see the solitary chimney that once formed part of the manor house of a wealthy family who lent their name to a local pub and discover what happened when it was deemed unsuitable for the vicar to wait for



church services in the Bull's Head! Apart from its connection with Telford's aqueduct, Longdon also has its own fascinating history and its situation on the River Tern has long made it a site to which great value has been attached.

To find out why, you'll need to

pick up a copy of our free, 20-page *Tern Valley Trail* interpretation booklet, which is available at libraries throughout Telford and Wrekin Borough and at selected tourist information centres and heritage attractions in the area. Virtual tourists wishing to sample the route from the comfort of their own home can also do so via a dedicated website, containing an electronic download of the booklet and a tour of the Tern Valley, available online at



[www.wellingtonla21.org.uk/discover](http://www.wellingtonla21.org.uk/discover).

The *Tern Valley Trail* is one of five cycling and walking routes being launched by the *Discovering Wellington* project, a 3-year scheme organised by Wellington Local Agenda 21 Group, to highlight the considerable heritage of the town and surrounding area. If you're interested in finding out more about our work, or are a local business that would like to stock our

**GROWING SOON  
SOMEWHERE NEAR  
YOU.**

Parish Council has secured



funding via T&W for a 1000 crocus bulbs to be planted around the Parish in the near future.

Sites requested include; Rodington grass verges by Village hall, verges leading to Cemetery, triangle in centre of village, around 30 mph signs in Somerwood.

Longdon around the 30 mph signs in and out of village, grass verges approaching the Tern bridge and grass verges by Tayleur Arms.

SHOULD MAKE SPRING  
THAT MUCH BRIGHTER-



**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 Conundrums**, Wednesdays. (Carol 410964).

**Special Events**

**Saturday Nov. 24th**

Race Night @ Village Hall Paddock opens 7.00 pm.

Starters orders at 7.30 pm

Family night children welcome. Bar & Soft drinks available. Be a trainer; owner; sponsor or a winning punter.

Call Marion 771119 for details.

**Sunday Nov 25th**

11.30 am to 3.00

Coffee morning + Table sale in support of the Dogs Trust. All welcome.

Call Louise Campbell 770225 for details

**LDF?  
Should we worry continued?**

"That must include protecting the rural areas and Newport. Also we are determined that development on brownfield land must be our top priority and that our green spaces and rural areas are protected.

"It is important that we also achieve significant levels of affordable housing, and where new developments are sited, there is the infrastructure in place such as education, health, roads, transport, utilities and retail and leisure facilities to support residents in their new homes and communities".

"While the level of development will be proposed by the West Midlands Regional Assembly, the final decision rests with central government, which could still impose an even higher growth level on the borough.

"There remains a risk that the Government could override what we and local people say and impose this on us. If this

proves to be the case, we will strongly resist this."

So for those who have noted that Longdon and Rodington appear amongst a list of villages possibly suitable for development the reality is much against it.

The current policy of growth by way of infill and restoration projects is strongly supported by your PC. It maintains and improves the area without undue strain on local resources and retains the ambience of the villages and the text of Local Development Framework appears to match our aspirations.

So whilst no plan is for ever a watching eye is all that is required for now.

