



VILLAGE VOICE

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ACHIEVE GREEN GOALS TOGETHER

In our current climate we are all trying to do our bit to tackle climate change and be more environmentally friendly. While the parish council is working on the delivery of a climate and nature action plan that will help us set goals for the parish council and community facilities over the years, we are very keen to start enlisting volunteers who may wish to be involved in future climate tackling projects across the parish. This may just be monitoring a crisp packet drop off point in the parish. Please get in touch with us to discuss further.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

Within our wide parish there are a number of volunteering opportunities such as:

- Litter picking
- Rights of way maintenance
- Traffic monitoring
- Village hall volunteering roles
- Dog fowl wardens

Please get in touch to find out more.

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A SMOOTH SEA
NEVER MADE A
SKILLED SAILOR



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Right across the country we have all had the honour of celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee this year.

And in Rodington Parish you certainly did not let down any expectations.

Residents from all across our community really made a fantastic effort for these celebrations and you all did your Queen and Country very proud indeed, a thank you to all from your parish council.



WHAT'S ON AT OUR VILLAGE HALLS

Longdon upon Tern

50/50 SALE at the Village Hall

Saturday 17 September 2022 at 7.00pm

The Auction you have all been waiting for

Auction entries from 12 noon to 6.30pm

50% of profits to Village Hall - 50% to Seller

Refreshments/Bar available during the Auction. Items sold in the past include a bath, toys, bicycles, garden tools and household items. Please no Videos, DVD's or CD's. Books will be accepted if in good condition.

Weekly Events

Monday at 7.30pm–9.00pm Line Dancing – Call Janet on 01952 770667

Thursday at 10.00am-12noon – Tai Chi – Call Jo on 01743 369787

Friday at 7.00pm-9.00pm – Youth Café – ages 10 to 15 - £2 per session

Fun, games, crafts and snacks whilst exploring the Christian Faith.

Call Louise on 07973 409867 for more details

Monthly Events

High Ercall WI

1st Wednesday of the month at 2/00pm

Call Judy on 01952 541419 for more information

Rodington

Did you know the village hall and all upcoming events are now on Facebook?!!!

Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/Rodington-Village-Hall-111843817941060>

MAGNIFICENT MOTHS!



It's been great talking to people in the parish over the last couple of years about the wildlife they love. Many people are really passionate about birds, hedgehogs, butterflies and other animals. For me, the personal passion is for a group of species that can be overlooked (and sometimes gets a bad rap!) – the moths.

I have been fascinated by moths for more than 12 years and have recorded more than 730 species in that time out of the roughly 2,600 species occurring in the UK. Perhaps more incredibly, I have recorded more than 420 species just in my garden in Rodington; 4 of which have been the first time the species has ever been seen in Shropshire or Telford!

But moths are brown and boring right? Definitely not! There is a huge variety of shapes, sizes, colours and patterns in our UK moth species as you can see from some of the photos here from my garden. Some moth markings have evolved for camouflage and some to warn off predators. The variety of moths get even more fascinating in the very smallest ones.

Our tiniest UK moths can measure as little as 2mm from end to end and produce caterpillars that feed in between the top and bottom layers of leaves – a process known as leaf mining.

So what about the ones that eat your clothes?! Well, out of those 2,600 species there are only 2 common species in the UK (plus a couple more rare ones) that enjoy a munch of your woolly jumper. Most of those that you find in the house will have got there by accident and would much rather be outside.

Moths can be a really good indicator of how well other wildlife is doing. Blue tit chicks for example can eat more than 100 caterpillars a day, so if moths aren't doing well in an area it can have real knock-on effects. They are also extremely valuable pollinators of wildflowers and crops. A recent study found that moths pollinate the same number of plant species as honeybees and (not surprisingly) are especially good at pollinating plants that flower at night.

Why not come and find out more about these amazing creatures? The church in Rodington are kindly hosting a moth morning on 24th September from 9.00-10.30 to give you a chance to see what has been caught overnight.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about how you can start to identify the moths using your garden, why not read this article I wrote for Shropshire Wildlife Trust a few years ago <https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/cy/node/2681>.

Tom Hayek
Rodington Parish Climate & Nature Champion



Rosy Footman



Buff tip



Elephant Hawk-moth



Pale Prominent



Garden Tiger



Cinnabar



Buff Ermine



Mullein

TRANSPORT

The next Rural Transport Working Group meeting is to be held on the **31st August 2022, 7pm at Longdon upon Tern Village Hall**. All residents are welcome to attend and hear updates on all the actions that have been taken place since the last meeting to address road safety in our parish.

There will be updates on the installation of speed indication devices on the B5063, updates on trailer movements and meetings with local businesses to address this and the ongoing investigations into speed reductions.

RIGHTS OF WAY

Rights of Way are for everyone!

Rodington Parish Paths Partnership (or RP3) became a formal (funded) partnership in agreement with Rodington Parish Council and Telford and Wrekin in October 2021. The work of this group, including its constitution, partnership agreement and minutes of meetings can be seen online at www.rodingtonpc.org.uk We work in partnership to improve access and signage of our public rights of way. We also work with local land-owners and relevant interested parties.

The public should now see those visible improvements to our rights of way with new gated access to several footpaths in the area, updated signage and improved access. We ask all to play their part in maintaining these, from landowners who have the duty to reinstate after ploughing to members of the public in respecting the land they walk on, keeping to the rights of way and disposing of litter and dog waste responsibly.

Please contact the Chair, Tom Currie on 01952 770258 if you'd like to be involved in the group, become a member or would like to volunteer to do some practical route clearance work. Meetings normally take place every two months; rescheduled to **Wednesday 21st September 2022, 7.30pm at Rodington Village Hall**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING

As a parish council Rodington PC has always tried to be proactive in our efforts to ensure we are vigilant community and that we are caring for each others wellbeing. Over the years we have rolled our Smartwater successfully, worked with the police to increase police visibility in the parish and more recently we have been doing a lot to increase the awareness of our two new potentially life saving defibrillators.

The use of emergency CPR is so important and can give someone a 75% better chance of living if administered with the use of a defibrillator.

We've been working with West Midlands Ambulance Service and supported by West Mercia Police to deliver emergency CPR training sessions to increase your confidence if you ever need to use a defibrillator.



In July we put on our second training session which is FREE to the public and this was very well attended. We have also recently sent our Clerk and another Councillor to secure their First Aid at Work qualifications for future events.

We have produced a short video of what to do if you encounter someone suffering from cardiac arrest and we encourage you to watch this which can be found on our Facebook or website.

If you would like to be involved in any future CPR and defibrillator training sessions, or you'd like us to organise one for a group of people then please contact the Clerk of Rodington Parish Council on 07948 324 085



We are continuing to remind residents to sign up to Neighbourhood Matters, this is your way of receiving direct updates on police matters in your area.

Please visit www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk to sign up today or speak to one of your parish Councillors for a sign up slip.

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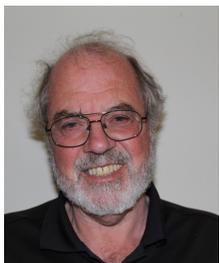
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