

Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 3rd November 2012

10.30 to 4.00 pm

Rodington Village Hall

SY4 4QS

(5 Miles East of Shrewsbury Off the B5062 Shrewsbury-Newport Road
Or 6 Miles from M 54 Jun 7



Admission

Adults £3.00

Children £1.00

Senior £2.50

Citizens

Family £7.00

(2+2)

12+ Working Layouts,
Model Railway Sales,
Refreshments
Free Car Parking.

Arranged by Rodington Model Railway Society

(Supported by Friends from the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway).

Proceeds towards Rodington Village Hall Refurbishment.

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Want to make the Council aware of a situation then write, email or call;

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rodingtonpc.org.uk

www.rodingtonpc.org.uk

Visit to keep in touch

Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a suitable person to join Rodington Parish Council. Please apply in writing to the Clerk, setting out why you want to join the Council and why you see yourself as a suitable person.

A co-opted Councillor would serve until the next election and have the same voting and speaking rights as an elected Councillor.

If you would like to discuss the role or would like more information please contact the Clerk or Chair Janet French on 01952 770677 as soon as possible. We hope to be to appoint the new Councillor at the November meeting.



Longdon Upon Tern Harvest Festival

Friday 29th saw a good turn out for this event. A small team of heroes supervised by Claire and including Rob, Mandy, Celia and Phil. Revd. Gill Goodwin greeted all, and gave grace before the home cooked feast began. Fun was had by all with various activities that raised £445. Thanks to all.



Chairs Annual Report at Annual Parish meeting

When I was preparing for this meeting I read through my report from last year and I wish I could be as optimistic as I was 12 months ago. Projects that seemed to be moving forward well have largely stalled and the 'can do' attitude coming from the Borough Council has faded away.

We surveyed the Parish 2 years ago, in co-operation with the Borough Council, and established the need for affordable housing in Rodington. This particular type of shared ownership housing is essential for young people wanting to set up home, or older people needing to downsize, so they can stay in the village close to the support of friends and families. It is several months since we had any news about the project and our emails are unanswered. It is a disgrace that we will have to initiate a formal complaint, just to try and establish why the project is stalling.

I reported success last year following the narrowing of the bridge in Longdon upon Tern.

Unfortunately the job was done on the cheap with small posts and inadequate signage rather than proper bollards. The traffic through the village is slower than it was but that is more thanks to the work of the Road Safety Partnership, not the Borough's highways department. We have been told the bridge needs a full review to try and stop the string of accidents near the bridge. We are waiting.

Planning has been a lively issue because of the problems between neighbours in various parts of the Parish. As a Council we could help more if we knew more about planning regulations and policy. I don't mean little leaflets about how big your garage is, I mean useful information like the rules for determination of agricultural land, or how to protect trees and hedges, or the implications of converting part of your home for an elderly relative.

These are the sorts of issue that are really relevant in a rural parish. I have learned a great deal from the efforts of the Enforcement

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Rodington PC Blogs

Go to Rodingtonpc.org.uk to keep up with the latest Blogs on events, news, comments for Rodington and Longdon Upon Tern.

Want to send in your own Blog comments then email; theblog@rodingtonpc.org.uk



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Ball Court in Rodington Funding proposal.

The Clerk is putting together a grant application for the final funds for this project. If we are successful we will finally have a suitable play space for older youngsters in Rodington.

Apart from providing the only facilities for youngsters to get together and enjoy informal ball games in the entire Parish it should give them a more attractive place to collect than the Village Hall car park.

However, we need community involvement and expression of interest to aid a successful fund application.

We spent £300 in production and posting a survey for the proposed Ball Court and regrettably there was little response.

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So this is a plea for community action.

There was until recently NO CHILD PLAY areas in Longdon and Rodington.

Now there is a modern safe play area for youngsters.

Now we are determined to provide facilities for our Teens.

We need urgently;

Facebook posts of support on the above page.

Letters of support posted to the Clerk

Or Emails to the Clerk

Many of us are too old to use this facility but we are not too old to find five minutes to help make this happen for the teens of today and the future.

ACT NOW



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

An Evening with a difference
19th October at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Ludlow Artist Diane Jennings will paint two pictures and chat about her life as an artist.

Very entertaining and will include a glass of wine and nibbles for just £5.00

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sun. 2nd Dec. At 9.45 am at St Bartholomew. Informal service for all the family oranges and Dolly mixtures

CHRISTKINDLE MARKET

Sat. 2nd Dec. At 5.00 pm at the Village Hall. Mulled Wine, German Beer, Stollen, Frankfurters plus other goodies cakes, gifts, and crafts. Tombola, Lucky Dip and raffle.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Thurs. 20th Dec. At St. Bartholomew Traditional Carols and lessons followed by Punch and Mince pies

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE

Tues 25th Dec. 9.45 am at St. Bartholomew



RODI'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

Fri. 19th Oct. 7.30 pm
Whalebone, acoustic Music from guitar and fiddle trio.

Fri. 9th Nov. 7.30 pm

BluZone and guests,
Six piece band with vocalist and musicians and singers from TADLOP

Fri. 14th Dec. 7.30 pm
The Gallery Singers
Mixed small choir giving great Entertainment

Fri. 15th Feb. 7.30 pm
The Telfordaires
Our local barber's Shop Choir
Tickets from Rodington Village Hall Committee or phone 01952 770259 or 770524

Officer and his lengthy emails but it should not be his role to educate me. 12 months ago we were confused by the inconsistencies in planning decisions. At the present time I have no idea what Telford & Wrekin's planning policy is or what fancy title is attached to it.

Last year I told you about our plans to put play equipment in Rodington for older children. We have accumulated a pot of money and established that we can take on the safety inspections but we are still about £5000 short of our needs. We are looking for grants to help us out but are hindered by not having any title to the land. We are still looking for a solution.

We have no offer of financial help from the Borough despite the complete lack of facilities for youngsters in the Parish. We know the young people in the urban parishes have decent play areas plus they can get on a bus or walk to other amenities. This is just another example of the Borough Council's neglect of the rural areas.

CLOSE



Chacewater Resident on Superfast fibre Optic

RURAL BROADBAND AROUND THE UK

Broadband In Hereford

The Borders Broadband project is a partnership with Gloucestershire Council, which uses government and council funding. We aim to bring the best, most reliable and affordable superfast broadband coverage in rural England. The project area covers all homes and businesses that we don't expect to be provided with faster broadband without government intervention.

Broadband in Shropshire

The Connecting Shropshire Programme has secured just over £8 million from the government to roll out faster broadband across our county. Shropshire Council has added to this, bringing the total to £16.4 million. The aim of the project is for all our businesses and communities to have access to faster broadband by 2015

Broadband in Devon

A project to bring faster broadband to Devon has been extended. Bath and North East Somerset Council will invest £700,000 in the project led by Somerset County Council.

Broadband in Cornwall

Villagers in parts of Cornwall can now surf the internet at the same speed as business leaders in London. Chacewater and Blackwater near Truro are thought to be the first rural villages in the UK to get so-called "superfast" broadband.

BROADBAND IN RURAL TELFORD

T & W rejected joining the Central Government scheme to improve Rural Broadband without reference to Rural Parish Councils or ratepayers, action was not seen as necessary.



A view not shared by Government and virtually every other rural Council within the UK.

After our campaign of complaint to Borough Councillors we have been told officers will be reviewing the state of broadband in Parishes with surveys so we can make them "fully informed."

You might wonder what they do not understand about Rural connections on copper wire running long distances; equals slow download and upload speed, frequent downtime with old exchange faults.

Whilst urban users can download a movie in minutes, most us Rural folk do not bother, start your download 9.00 pm it might have downloaded by breakfast.

Can they not understand the Rural business is totally disadvantaged by not only slow download but even lower upload speeds.

Designers, marketers, website owners have to upload large complex documents to various places. Farming is now very dependant on Internet to file numerous returns and forms and Government forms can run to pages galore. What is taken for granted on fibre optic or cable becomes a daily challenge in the Rural area. Central Government want to see more start ups in Rural areas however some business propositions would simply be a no-go on our broadband. You will not find a web hosting Company in Rural Telford

Officers and Borough Councillors tried to bury this issue and rejected its inclusion at a recent Parish Forum meeting as "not of widespread interest". Rural ratepayers need and expect to enjoy the benefits of the digital age just as urban areas and not be condemned to a slow speed service..

Help us put our case by telling us what your experience of broadband is in Rodington Parish, either by email or through Facebook or the Rodington Blog page. (See Page 4 for contact details)

We will use your feedback in completion of the survey and in future dealings on the matter. We will respect your privacy in our use of the information and use the information provided without identification of the individual.



OLD PHOTOS OF RODINGTON

The Rodington History Group are holding their first slide show of old Photographs of Rodington in the Village Hall on Monday Evening 29th October 2012, at 7.30 pm, Admission £2.00 per head including refreshments.

Come along and share these memories and if you have any photos you would like to have included in the groups final presentation bring them along and we can scan them into our data base while you wait.

For further information Contact Ann Davies on 07881816689, or any member of the Rodington History Group.



The original St Georges Church was listed in the Doomsday book.



THE BULL'S HEAD AT RODINGTON REOPENED

After a period of six months of uncertainty of its future, the "Bulls Head" at Rodington has reopened under the stewardship of local Shrewsbury man Rory Wallin. Rory has been in the hospitality trade for over 15 years, and has been working in the licensing trade in Yorkshire for the past six years. He has returned to his home county to put The Bulls Head back on the map.

In addition to an excellent menu and variety of Beers, every Wednesday at 8.30pm is Quiz Night, with free supper for participants. A big screen television has been installed in the Bar, to show live sport throughout the week. Bookings are being taken for the restaurant, with food available seven days a week. The specials board is changed weekly, giving a wide variety of dishes using locally produced food.

Rory would like to thank all his customers for their support and optimism since he took over, and extends a warm invitation to everyone to come along to the Bulls Head and enjoy the nice relaxing atmosphere in a friendly and welcoming environment with great food and value for money.