

## Contact your Council

### Your Parish Councillors

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### Your Telford & Wrekin Councillor

Cllr Seymour	01952 380221
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### Parish Clerk

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## Could your advert be here?

We want to support local businesses in our Parish and we are offering the opportunity for your business to advertise here for a very reasonable cost. The cost to advertise here would go directly to the producing of this newsletter giving value for money to residents. Please enquire to the-[clerk@rodingtonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@rodingtonpc.org.uk) or call

## Council meeting dates

Our Council generally meets every first Wednesday of the month, except for August.



The next meetings of the Council will be 4th September at Longdon Village Hall and 2nd October at Rodington Village Hall. Residents are welcomed to attend and there is always an opportunity at the start of each meeting (under item public participation only) for residents to ask questions to the

## Join our email mailing list

Producing a Parish newsletter is a good way to keep us connected to you but it costs money. You can help us save money by joining our e-mailing list. The more people who join, the more we are able to reinvest the printing costs in other areas of the Parish. You can join by emailing your name and address to the-

# Rodington Parish Council

# Parish Newsletter

Serving the communities of Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern since 1978

We are pleased to announce that we have re-introduced the Parish Newsletter for Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern villages with a new look. The last newsletter for our Parish was done in 2016 and thanks to good financial management we are able to bring it back. We hope that you find the content useful and this encourages you to get more involved with your Parish Council. We are open to criticism so please get in touch with us if you have any suggestions of what you would/wouldn't want to see in the newsletter.

## Your new Council

Following the local elections on 2nd May 2019 we have now entered a new local government term. We have 7 Councillors on our Council who all represent the villages of Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern and the Councillors are supported by the Parish Clerk in their work. The Council is also supported by your re-elected Telford & Wrekin Borough Councillor. Details for all Councillors and Clerk details are on the back of this newsletter.

Following the Councils AGM held 14th May 2019, Cllr David Johnson was duly elected as Chairman and Cllr Mandy Crump Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2019/20.

## We're on social media!

We are now active on Facebook and Twitter so that it is easier for you to contact your Parish Council and receive regular updates on what's going on in the area. Please take a look at our pages and click the "Like" button on Facebook and the "Follow" button on Twitter to keep up to date with what we're doing.

[fb.com/rodingtonpc](https://www.facebook.com/rodingtonpc)

[twitter.com/parishrodington](https://twitter.com/parishrodington)

## Chairman's Corner

**Every issue of the newsletter will have the “Chairman’s Corner”, here the Chair of the Parish Council will focus on a range of topics or interests—This issue is focusing on some of Longdon-upon-Tern’s history...**

A settlement at Longdon-Upon-Tern dates to at least the Normans, as it is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 as *Languedune*, held by St. Alkmund's Church. It continued with the church until the 12th century when it passed to Lilleshall Abbey until its dissolution in the 16th century. Its Domesday assets were: 2 hides, 5 ploughs, and a mill worth 5s.

The village is particularly notable as the location of the world's first large-scale cast iron navigable aqueduct. Designed by Thomas Telford, the aqueduct opened in 1797 as part of the Shrewsbury Canal. Telford built the 57 m (187 ft) cast iron aqueduct to replace a stone aqueduct, originally built by Josiah Clowes, which was swept away by floods in 1795. Although the canal was abandoned in 1944 due to the shift in traffic to the rail networks, the aqueduct remains. It is Grade I listed and a scheduled ancient monument, situated in fields astride the River Tern. The monument is signposted and visible from the road. Clearly marked footpaths lead directly to the monument from a small roadside car park.



## Our Partners Piece

In this issue of our newsletter we focus on... **CPRE Shropshire**

The Campaign to Protect Rural England Shropshire branch are celebrating their 70th anniversary by launching a photography competition in our county.

This is a very exciting competition and you could win the chance of having your photography being displayed at Attingham Park and many other prizes.



## Grants Information

At Rodington Parish Council we are proactive at working with the community and have for many years supported the Village Halls of Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern with annual grants. As of the 1st April 2019 we are pleased to be able to offer a wider range of grants to the community of our Parish.

### Village Hall Grants

We offer both Village Halls of the Parish the opportunity to apply for up to £500 to improve the usability of the facilities. We think this is very important for our Villages as it helps the halls thrive and offer the wider community so much more.

### Community Grants

We are proud to offer grants towards community projects in the Parish. So if you are a voluntary group or a charity then please contact us as we would love to hear about your project, this can be an event or project to improve the area. The total budget of this grant is £500 which we may use on one or a variety of projects, depending on what applications are made.

## Upcoming events in the area

### What's on at Rodington Village Hall?

There are plenty of regular classes available at Rodington Village Hall such as arts class, Karate classes and of course Rodis café on a Saturday plus so much more. For more details visit: [www.rodingtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.rodingtonvillagehall.org.uk)

### What's on at Longdon Village Hall?

#### Pilates

Monday mornings  
Contact: Karen Pardoe 01952 770040

#### Cocktail Chorus Singing for pleasure

Alternate Monday evenings 7.30  
Contact: Claire Broderick 01952 770636

#### Easy Line Dancing

Alternate Monday evenings 7.30 and Tuesday afternoons 1.00  
Contact: Janet French 01952 770677

#### Tai Chi

Thursday evenings 7.30  
Contact: Jo Lendon 07741417792

#### High Ercall WI

First Wednesdays most months, afternoons.  
Contact: Judy 01952 541419

#### Severn Sisters WI

Third Wednesdays, evenings  
Contact: Janet Powell mickjan36@hotmail.com

## Reporting matters locally

Out and about and need to report an issue in your local area? - there's an App for that!

The free App - **Everyday Telford** - makes it easier and quicker for you to report issues when you are out and about in your local area. And it's available on iPhone, Android and Windows platforms! You can take a photo of the issue and use your phone's GPS to store the location so it can be found easily.

Simply download Everyday Telford to your phone, report things as you see them in just a few clicks and then use the App to monitor progress and make sure the issue is resolved.

Make the App part of your day, every day and help us to make improvements in your local area.



## Rodington Cemetery Works

Following continued requests from members of the Parish we began works at the cemetery in March 2019 and we are pleased to have finished the entrance project. The new entrance gives a more welcoming feeling to visitors and will allow better access for hearse during a burial service. As part of the project we have re-opened the old pedestrian gate which will give service attendees the option of not overcrowding the vehicle entrance and be able to view from a safe distance of the vehicle. We have also installed a new communal water tank for watering plants, the tank is to be self filling and will have plants introduced around it to make it look more attractive. Going forward we are embarking on other projects to improve fencing, planting and the hedgerows in the cemetery.



## Sunningdale Noticeboard

After some years of decay in the condition of the Sunningdale noticeboard the Parish Council has secured funds thanks to Borough Councillor Jacqueline Seymour's Pride Fund and some funds from the Council's noticeboard maintenance budget to purchase a new noticeboard to be erected.

The content in the noticeboard has been managed very kindly by Parish Councillor Anne Fletcher for some time and she raised concerns of the condition of this noticeboard last year.

Thanks to help from the Clerk and Cllr Keith Smith for their work to install the noticeboard.



## Parish Paths Project

Following a public meeting earlier in the year which was well supported a group has continued to meet to focus on what can be done to improve our local footpaths and rights of way. An outline proposal was made to the National Lottery which received a very encouraging response and the group will now focus on a detailed funding application. This is for everyone so that you and generations to come can enjoy open access to footpaths and rights of way in the Rodington, Longdon on Tern and Upton Magna areas and beyond. We need your continued support, not to raise funds, but to consider volunteering time to walk and report on (and perhaps to help restore and repair) footpaths, working in conjunction with the Parish Council and local authorities. The next meeting of the Pathways Group is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm at The Bull, Rodington.

A Facebook group has been set up and you can find it by searching for Footpath Fixers Maps of the routes will be uploaded to the Rodington Parish Website in the near future. Cllr Brian Gaskin will liaise with Telford and Wrekin Council Senior Rights of Way Officer to request improvements to footpaths and other rights of way. The latter might also include access to canal towpaths and bridle-ways. If you are interested in walking the routes, please contact: brian.gaskin@rodingtonpc.org.uk



## Community Safety in the Parish

The safety of our parishioners is our top priority and over the last few years we have been thinking of ways to make the parish a safer place for all.

By working with partner organisations we are delivering on this priority and we'd like to share some of this with you...

### Road Mirrors for Isombridge Lane

We are installing two new road mirrors adjacent to Isombridge Lane. It is hoped that the mirrors will improve driver safety, especially for those driving out of the lane onto the B5063.

### SID's for both villages

We are working in a partnership with other Parish Council's in the Borough to bring speed indication devices (SID's) to Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern. The SID's will be placed on some of our most dangerous roads for structured times during the year and will collect data that can be shared with the Police, Borough Council and public.

### Defibrillator at Rodington

We have been working with West Mercia Police to deliver a project of installing a potential life-saving defibrillator at the phone box by the Rodington Bull Ring. This project should be completed by the end of June 2019 and some community training will be organised.

If you have any questions on the above or want to suggest any community safety ideas to us then please contact our Clerk who's details are on the back of this newsletter.