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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 rodingtonpc@gmail.com

What's happening with s106 money from Barley Fields development?

Telford & Wrekin Council are currently drawing up designs to install new signage at the entrances of the Parish, two in Longdon and two in Rodington. The Parish Council has requested these signs to be installed with white entrance gateways at each side of the road if possible. We are expecting to be able to review the designs in December.

These signs will be funded through section 106 agreement funds from the Barley Fields development and a possible shortfall to be covered by the Parish Council.

Please contact us to receive further information or pass your comments on as it is important that what is installed is what the community wants.

Council meeting dates

The next meetings of the Council will be 8th January at Longdon Village Hall and 5th February at Rodington Village Hall. Residents are welcomed to attend and there is always an opportunity at the start of each meeting for residents to ask questions to the Council.

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Parish News

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



A message from the Chairman

Cllr David Johnson

2019 is drawing to a close and we can say it has been a successful and busy year for our Council. The

Cemetery drive-way has been completed and this has made a significant improvement for the community. The next stage is to renew the front railings, when completed we shall look at improving the cremated burials area.

We are part way through our Parish Plan and have sent a copy of our survey to every household in the Parish seeking your thoughts on issues needing attention and around 25% of residents have so far completed the survey. The data is being reviewed and will provide ideas for next year's plans.

We have joined a scheme to install speed indication devices in the Parish and another scheme to introduce Smartwater technology to the Parish, both initiatives are for the benefit and security of our residents and we are hopeful that we can have these in place next year.

We have been proud to serve this community and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all at Rodington Parish Council.

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Funds available for community groups or events...

We have set the Parish budget for next year and have set aside £3,000 for community projects. Please get in touch for further details.

We need your views on the future of our Parish...

Rodington Parish Council is reviewing its Parish Plan, last reviewed in 2004 and it is done so that our Council sets realistic aims to achieve results for its community, but we cannot do it without you!

Since September 2019 we have been consulting with residents through a survey and we have so far only been able to hear back from around 22% of households in Rodington and Longdon-upon-Tern. It is so important that we ensure we have as broad a view as possible to reflect the desires and aims of the whole community we love to serve.

Deadline for taking part in this survey 31st January 2020

**Please take 5 minutes to give us your views by visiting;
www.rodingtonpc.org.uk**



On the beat with the SNT...

Welcome from Safer Neighbourhood Inspector Gary Wade

If I can take this opportunity to introduce myself as your local Policing Inspector an area I have covered for the past 4 years.

I am a Police Officer of 29 years, wholly within West Mercia Police, starting at Wellington and hopefully concluding my service within the same area which I have called home for all of that time. It is important for me to give my background so that there is a full understanding that the policing of the local area is as important to me as it is to you, not only as a professional but also as a resident, a parent of children who attend our schools, and someone whose family live and work within this community.

As someone who has lived and worked through much of Telford's progression as a new town it is with pride that I now manage and affect local policing within the area.

Telford with its thriving Market towns is an area that continues to grow and develop but I believe still maintains a local community attitude. As the Local Policing Inspector I am fortunate to see the huge amount of charity and voluntary work that takes place which helps to embed new communities and look after the most vulnerable within our areas.

Within the next year there will be an increase within our policing numbers which I believe will start to be felt within our market towns not only with police addressing crime and anti-social behaviour but most importantly identifying those in need of help. This early identification ensures we work with our partners in delivering that help effectively and at the point where it prevents any possible negative impact on our communities.

Superintendent Moxley in closing his last letter thanked you for your support in helping us to achieve our overall aim to protect people from harm and make our communities safer. I am going to ask for more than this. Your community needs you to be proactive in alerting us to where there are problems, where things could be better and above all how we can best safeguard those most vulnerable, those who are less able and the young and elderly.

Only recently I was fortunate enough to attend the Telford Recovery Conference where I heard stories of people who had spiralled into crisis and many who had contemplated taking their own lives. Through the countless charities and voluntary groups they gave story after story of re-building lives and presented people who were now giving back to their community.

Please feel confident in contacting police and also our partners and charities who I know are working with us with the common goal in protecting those most vulnerable within our society.

If there is one thing I have learnt after 29 years living and working in Telford it is this:

'Telford Cares'

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team in Rodington Parish are;

PC 1377 Nigel Barnsley; PCSO 40013 Zoe Bevan; PCSO 40424 Gareth Rhodes

What is a Street Champion?

Street Champions is a volunteer scheme that is part of the Pride in Our Community programme run by Telford & Wrekin Council to encourage residents to take a more active role in their community.

By becoming a Street Champion you can put something back into the community and help improve the environment you live in. It's simple and easy, all you have to do is tell us about your concerns ranging from damaged street lights to graffiti and Telford & Wrekin Council will do the rest.

You can sign up by emailing;

pride.officer@telford.gov.uk or call 01952 380455



About the Shrewsbury & Newport Canal Trust...

Of all the canals of the Shropshire Union that were abandoned by the 1944 Act only the Shrewsbury & Newport is not either fully open or under very active restoration.

The Trust was formed in October 2000 in the belief that it is not too late to save the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals. Very little of the line of the canals has been built on and no insuperable engineering problems lie in the way of restoration.

Aims of the Trust; To protect, conserve and improve the route of the Shrewsbury and Newport canals, and branches, for the benefit of the community and the environment, with the ultimate goal of restoring a continuous navigable waterway linking Norbury Junction to Shrewsbury.

If you are interested in volunteering please visit www.cms.snct.co.uk

Rodington Cemetery updates

Now that the entrance and front gates have been completed this brings a close to the original proposals, however this project has inspired us to do more for the community and make more of an amenity of the cemetery grounds. Therefore we have installed a water tank which will collect rain water and enable residents to water flowers/plants without the need of bringing water with them. We have also recently approved a contractor to replace the front section of fencing and restore the original pedestrian gate so bring it all back to its original glory.

For this work the Parish Council was very honoured to be awarded the Jan Snell Award by SALC, the Shropshire Association of Local Councils. This award is given to Councils for delivering projects that are not part of their ongoing services.

On receiving the award the Chairman of the Council said that this was “a team award for all the input the Parish Councillors and Clerk have had in making this happen”



Cllr Addiss, Vice Chair of SALC presenting the award to Cllr David Johnson, Chairman of Rodington PC and Connor Furnival, Clerk to the Council.

There will also be some planting around the water tank and cremated remains, for this

and some other works we are planning to put together a community environmental works session next year, so that residents who may have family or friends buried at the cemetery or simply wish to help can come along to the cemetery and help us with some shrubbery cut back or planting and potentially installing a new bench. If you feel this is something you would like to get involved with then please contact the Clerk to the Council at rodingtonpc@gmail.com or call 07948 324085.

What's on the big screen...

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STICKS** Flicks in the Sticks are showing Downton Abbey at Rodington Village Hall on Saturday 25th January 2020, please arrive at 7pm for 7:30pm start.

Help or need some help in the snow?

The potential of a snowy Christmas is upon us and there's snow time like the present to prepare...

Snow Wardens are volunteers who play an active role in their community when the weather takes a turn for the worst.

They help clear side roads and pavements of snow and ice in their local area. This will not only help your neighbours but also our more vulnerable residents who can't help themselves.

How much time they put in is up to them - all we ask is that they do as much as they can. Snow Warden duties are seasonal and at times they will need to be reactive to the weather conditions.

We have registered Snow Wardens in our Parish who are willing to help you in your time of need, so if you need help clearing a safe path on your driveway or you need grit salt in your area we need to prepare now. The Parish Council will ensure both our grit bins in the Parish are always topped up but if you have any concerns or need some help please email rodingtonpc@gmail.com or call 07948 324085.

If you'd like to become a Snow Warden please email pride.officer@telford.gov.uk or call 01952 380455



We Don't Buy Crime in our Parish...



Rodington Parish Council is committed to taking whatever steps necessary to protect its community. As a Parish Council we have decided to join the We Don't Buy Crime initiative being led by the Police & Crime Commissioner of West Mercia, John Campion. This scheme is aimed at registering as many homes or businesses with Smartwater technology as possible.

What is Smartwater?

A Water based solution with a unique forensic code. It's made invisible to the naked eye but can be seen under UV light. Only a small amount needs to be applied to an item and left to dry and then the property is marked. Each bottle is unique which enables the police/Smartwater to identify the owner of property and therefore return it if stolen, link it to any associated crime and prosecute offenders. West Mercia Police officers now have a UV light to detect the presence of Smartwater when arresting or stopping and searching suspects. Second hand stores are also being offered UV lights which they can use to establish whether property is marked and possibly stolen.

What is the Parish Council going to do?

We have agreed to join this scheme with the PCC and will soon purchase these kits for the Parish. Once we have received them we will be carrying out a variety of door knocking sessions with Officers of West Mercia to deliver and register you with a Smartwater kit right from your door-step, this is a very fast process and we will offer any additional support should you need it.

If you have any questions or you wish to register your interest early to make sure you get a kit please contact the Clerk at rodingtonpc@gmail.com or call 07948 324085