

# Windmill Post Summer 2024



**For the Communities of  
Rogiet, Llanfihangel &  
Common-y-coed**

**Edited by Cllr Phil Ellwood**

## **What we have been doing**

As your local council we have continued to maintain and improve valuable services to the community, including play park equipment, grass-cutting / hedge clearing (we pay MCC to do this), emptying of dog waste bins, responding as a consultee to planning applications, and helping residents to access services from MCC. We have also continued to maintain the Rogiet Hub (Pavilion) building, which provides facilities for several local organisations: Little Tigers Daycare, MonLife Youth Club, and Severn Tunnel Football Club.

We have recently repaired and improved the external lighting on the pavilion building, plus commissioned various internal inspections and carried out follow-up actions to ensure conformity with applicable regulations (fire, lighting, gas, legionella, etc).

We have improved our CCTV provision by adding a new external camera to protect the playing fields car park and its boundary with the allotments. Overall, we have been very pleased to see that there has been little vandalism in the protected areas since we commissioned the CCTV system and put up our signage.

Another tangible improvement has been the repair and upgrade to the lighting in the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). We have replaced the old and mostly broken lamps with brand new state-of-the-art LED equivalents. Over the coming months we will be looking at ways to promote the MUGA to sports organisations and residents, to make best use of our investment.

Other examples of things we have done in and around the village: reinstatement of one dog waste bin following a review of the provision; support to various community groups, including Rogiet Community Junction and Rogiet Wildlife Friendly Village; maintenance of defibrillators; provision of Christmas trees and lighting; purchase of remembrance wreaths; and organisation of the annual outdoor remembrance service.

Also, for the summer season, we have cleared and re-planted four of the village's wooden planters and also the stone troughs by the memorial. (We have kept the wooden planters going for another year but next year we intend to replace with self watering ones, similar to those in Magor).

As well as all the above, we have managed the routine activities of running the council as a corporate body: controlling the finances (budget, precept, payment of staff, payment of invoices for services, day-to-day banking, etc); managing policies, staff, council meetings, social media, and so on.

From all of us at RCC, we wish you all a very pleasant summer.

## **Our future plans**

A few months ago we submitted a response to MCC's Active Travel proposals for the B4245, in which we included improved crossings, and better lane markings on the Llanfihangel bends. This was received positively; and we continue to monitor.

We continue to keep a close eye on the proposed developments to STJ Station and access from the B4245 and M48. We will continue to participate actively in any meetings related to the Local Development Plan (RLDP), including raising the concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure. Alongside this we will continue to lobby to get a crossing placed nearer to

the Rogiet petrol station garage to provide safer crossing there. We will also continue to press for a resolution to the on-street commuter parking problems.

Our Five-Year Plan continues, albeit slowly, owing to other pressures. The Plan will shape our strategic vision on important topics such as energy conservation, climate change and maintaining our green spaces, including the green belt between Rogiet and Caldicot.

For this coming summer of 2024, we have planned some councillor surgeries, where residents can come to speak to us about their concerns and learn more about what we actually do, and how they can report faulty street lights, potholes, overgrown footpaths and other things that we do not control. We are hoping to invite along MCC Officers and other agencies. Any further suggestions would be welcome.

Also for the summer we have decided to organise some free-to-use 'Stay and Play' sessions for the children, on four consecutive weeks in the school holidays. These sessions will be funded by RCC and provided by MCC's MonLife play team. Please see our lovely advertisement later in this booklet and also on our social media.

Finally, at the MUGA, the tennis nets and free racquets / balls are back!

## **Rogiet Hub - update**

In the last issue of Windmill Post, we announced that we were putting the Rogiet Hub project on 'pause', while we 'saved up' into our earmarked reserves and explored funding opportunities. We also said that we would look at ways to improve the current pavilion building—especially the provisions for the nursery setting but also to provide more facilities for the use by the community.

We have recently re-engaged our architect and instructed them to create feasibility designs for a refurbished pavilion. The main improvement points are:

- \* Retain facilities for the daycare provision, with some material improvements, such as a sleep room, plus all-weather cover for the external play area to the rear.
- \* Move the sports changing facilities to a new extension or outbuilding.
- \* Convert the space currently occupied by sports changing into a hireable community spaces, possibly divided with a flexible partition.
- \* Extend the kitchen space and convert it into shared usage (daycare / community).
- \* Provide office space for the Clerk.
- \* Improve the natural light throughout the building (more / deeper windows).
- \* Make the building more attractive and welcoming (new / improved entrances).

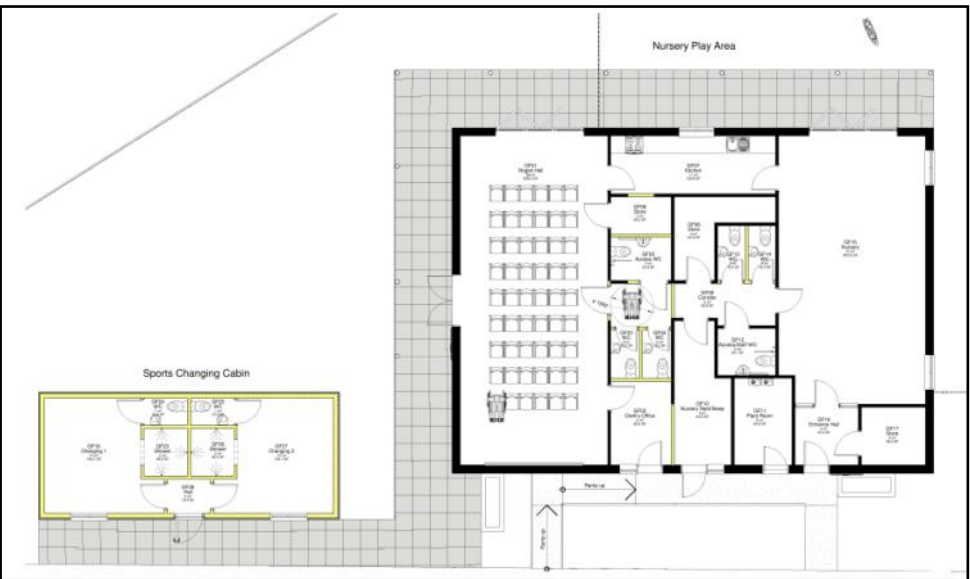
Overleaf we are pleased to show you what we have come up with. Our next step is to seek pre-application advice from MCC Planning. We hope to do this over the summer.

Currently a design / build budget has not been set. This will come later, when we have planning permission and the designs are matured to a more detailed level.

# Current feasibility designs for the refurbished pavilion



Perspective view showing access improvements and new sports changing cabin



Floor plan of reconfigured building showing new community facilities and clerk's office



*Perspective view showing new main entrance (covered) and sports changing cabin*



*Perspective view showing improved natural lighting and weather shelter for nursery*



## D-Day 80th Anniversary Memorial Service

The D-Day or Normandy Landings were the landing operations and associated airborne operations on 6th June 1944 of the Allied invasion known as Operation Overlord during World War II.

The operation began the liberation of France and the rest of Western Europe, laying the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front and the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

A short service of commemoration to mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings was held at the Rogiet Memorial on Thursday 6th June at 2pm. It was well attended by councillors and residents. Also present were the head teacher, Mr Paul Hamer and several 'School Ambassador' pupils from Rogiet Primary School; and Peter & Julie Wilson and Bob Reid from the Royal British Legion.

The service was beautifully conducted by Reverend Gaynor Burrett. Poppy wreaths were laid by Cllr Phil Ellwood (RCC Chair), and by Cdr Bob Reid on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Cllr Beverly Cawley (RCC Vice Chair) read a bible passage, and Peter Bray played the Last Post and Reveille.

The service was followed by refreshments in the Pavilion, organised by Cllr Janet Fowler.

Rogiet Primary School kindly flew our special D-Day 80 commemoration flag for the week.



## MUGA: new lighting, taster sessions and future hiring

Over the past months, we have carried out repairs and upgrades to the lighting system in the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).



Last year we arranged the replacement of the vandalised and weather-damaged timer control box and its enclosure. In March this year we had the defective and obsolete floodlight heads replaced with state-of-the-art LED equivalents.

In addition to the above, we have carried out general maintenance and cleaning on the kickboards and playing surface.

Now that we have made the necessary investment in the equipment, especially the lighting, we would like to make the facilities available to the community, including in the dark evenings of autumn and winter.

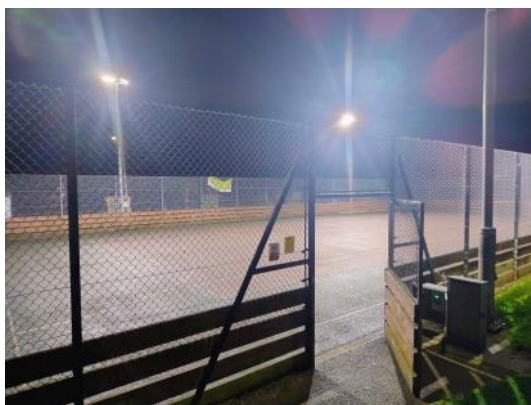
Initially we are thinking of hosting free taster sessions in various activities, led by experienced coaches or club leaders, in the hope that interest may be generated quickly so we may then move to a regular hiring scenario.

Regular evening activities in the future could include five-a-side football, basketball, netball, tennis (we have a new net), circuit training, aerobics, and so on.

In order to do this, we will need help from the community in the form of:

- Coaches and club leaders to run taster sessions and, later, regular activities. As mentioned above, we would require the initial taster sessions to be run free to users, before any regular business-like club operations commence.
- Volunteer(s) to manage access to the MUGA and to put up / take down equipment.
- Volunteer(s) to manage the lighting control system. This would include the holding of timer tokens and / or override keys for the timer control box.

**We invite enquiries from interested groups and individuals. Please contact the Clerk using the contact details on the back cover of this booklet.**



## **A TRIUMPH OF FRIENDSHIP OVER WAR** (article by Peter Strong)

*At this time of war and strife around the world—Ukraine, Palestine, Sudan and elsewhere—it is worth remembering that friendship can triumph over fear and hate, as this article from the South Wales Weekly Argus (3rd October 1974) shows:*

"It was a sentimental journey for West German Mr Wilhelm Trinter when he visited Rogiet for three weeks. The purpose was to see a friend he met over 29 years ago when he was a prisoner of war at Chepstow and Llanmartin. The friend, Mr Clifford Davies of Woodland View, was in charge of twenty prisoners of war who worked at Ifton Quarry. Mr Davies, who was a sergeant in the special police for 21 years, worked at the quarry as a fitter. Mr Trinter, from Thorwaldsenanlage, Wiesbaden, was a prisoner for four years. For three of them he worked at the quarry.

At one time the POWs from Chepstow lived in horseboxes at the racecourse, said Mr Davies. He fetched them every day in a lorry.

"I didn't trust them at first," he admitted. But after a while he began to give them cigarettes, bread, cakes and cotton, which they could not afford on their shilling a day pay. He attended Newport Technical College for night classes in German because, at first, the prisoners would not listen to him. "They used to say they could not understand me," he said.

The prisoners' job was to load stone into drams with shovels. "Although they were not forced to work they preferred that to staying in the camps," said Mr Davies. The quarry has now changed a great deal. It has become fully mechanised and the motorway runs through part of it, but Mr Trinter was eager to walk over the site where he used to work.

After the war, Mr Trinter, now 65, became a civil servant. He has a son, a daughter and two grandchildren. Mr Davies continued to work at the quarry until he retired in 1968



*Mr Trinter and Mr Davies at Ifton Quarry in 1974*

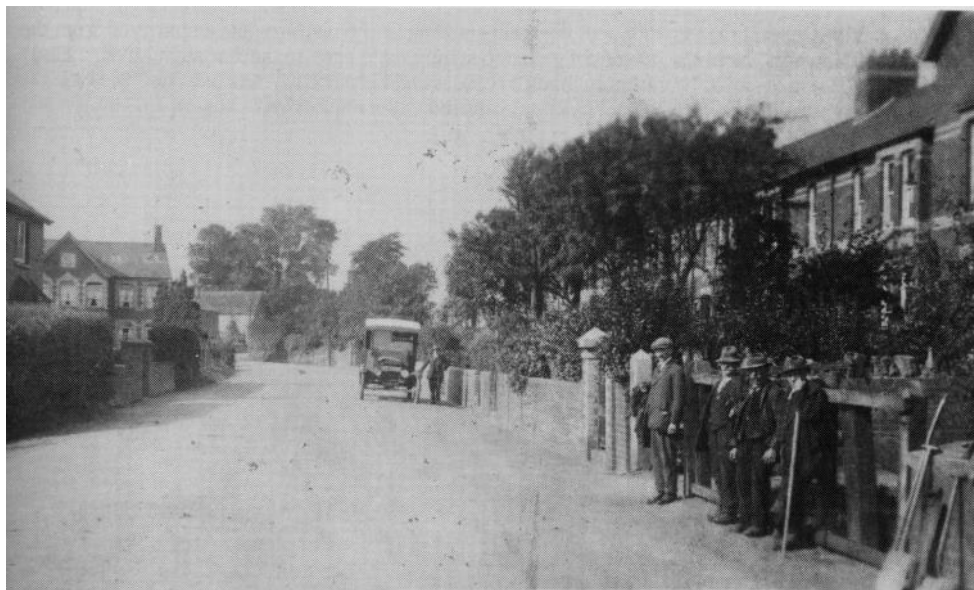
after 49 years. He has been to Germany five times to visit Mr Trinter. This was Mr Trinter's second visit to this country. The friendship that began behind barbed wire has certainly stood the test of time. The other POWs have not forgotten Mr Davies either. Every Christmas he receives cards from eleven of them.



**Photos of old Roggiett** (from 'Caldicot and the Villages of the Moors in Old Photographs', by Malcolm Jones. Old Bakehouse Publications, Abertillery 1995).



*The Roggiett Hotel in 1904. The market was behind the hotel. The stone barn visible in front of the trees dates from c.1797. The tall house on the right was Cartright's Bakery.*



*Station Road in 1910. The Roggiett Hotel is on the left and Sea View Terrace on the right. During this year Rogiet Parish Council heard complaints that vehicles were speeding on Station Road, breaking the speed limit, which was...20mph!*



## **Greetings from Rogiet Community Junction**

In case you haven't heard, we've been awarded the rest of the money to start building the Shop and Café from the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme. We are absolutely thrilled! It's been a long journey to get here but, as a community, together we have made this happen.

We have contractors in place and will be beginning the build within the next few months. As soon as we have our confirmed timescales and schedules we'll share the details with you. There is quite a lot that will be going on behind the scenes including building the frame of the new Shop and Café which will happen off site. Once delivered then our main contractors will be onsite to complete the rest of the works.

To celebrate the help that our project funders, our project partners and you have given to our village we are holding a Celebrate with Cake event on Saturday 6th July from 10am-12noon on the land by the Pavilion. We'd love to see you there to mark the beginning of the build journey. There will be a few speeches and a photographer to capture the event.

Funday on Saturday 7th September will be a little different this year due to the build being on the site of fun day! We'll still be celebrating our 9th birthday by having a hog roast from 5pm-7pm but it will be at Rogiet Community Church Hall. There will also be live music from a local musician.

Volunteering: As always we welcome anyone who would like to get involved in the project. Contact us through Facebook - [Rogiet Community Cafe](#) - or on email [rogietcommunityjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rogietcommunityjunction@gmail.com)

Thank you to all of you who in many different ways have helped achieve an exciting future for the village.

# Rogiet Community Church Hall

The hall is available for hire at weekends please contact Ailsa Thomas on 01291 420552 for more details

## Regular weekly events taking place in the hall:-

Tuesday evening **Social Evening (Bingo) eyes down 6-8pm**

*Contact : Ailsa Thomas 01291 420552*

Wednesday - **Rogiet Community Cafe 10-12**

*Contact: rogietcommunityjunction@gmail.com*

Wednesday evening - **Circuit Exercise 6-7pm**

*Contact : Dave Horton 07713251223*

Thursday - **Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30**

*Contact : Ailsa Thomas 01291 420552*

Thursday evening - **Yoga 6.00-7.15pm**

*Contact : mandy.east@yahoo.co.uk*



## Regular Monthly Events

1st Tuesday in the month - **Rogiet WI 2-4pm**

*Contact Pam Fox 07510376656*

1st Wednesday in the month - **Rogiet Cheerful Club 2-4pm**

*Contact Ailsa Thomas 01291 420552*





## Stay & Play Sessions - Summer 2024

**Playday** is the national day for play and is the biggest play sector event in the UK. As well as a celebration of children's right to play, Playday is a campaign that highlights the importance of play in children's lives being fundamental for children's enjoyment of childhood, and it is vital for their health, well-being and development. It is coordinated by Play England, in partnership with Play Wales in this country.

To celebrate Playday, Rogiet Community Council have arranged an exciting opportunity for four Stay & Play sessions, FREE to the community, to be held in and around the Pavilion; co-ordinated by Play Wales in collaboration with MonLife.

Sessions are for 2 hours and are for families to come together to play. Children are free to choose from a variety of resources and play activities and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Resources can include creative play with arts and crafts, modelling, playdough; physical play including sports such as football, rugby, tennis, cricket, dodgeball; board games, den building, role play and more. There is no age range set for these sessions and the numbers will be limited to how many the Pavilion can hold so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. The equipment will be provided, and two MonLife Staff will be on hand to coordinate and advise.

**The sessions will take place from 10 am until midday on:**

**Tuesday 30th July**

**Tuesday 7th August**

**Tuesday 13th August**

**Tuesday 20th August**

PLEASE NOTE FOOD AND DRINKS ARE NOT PROVIDED



# ROGIET PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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## Will Millard



Year 4, 5 and 6 were fortunate to have a workshop with Will Millard. Will Millard is a British expedition leader, writer and broadcaster. He has presented BBC programmes including 'Hunters of the South Sea', 'The River Taff', 'Hidden Cardiff' and 'My year with the Tribe'. Will talked about the importance of working hard, dreaming big, and the personal characteristics it takes to be resilient and succeed. He spoke about the importance of caring for the environment, and brought in animals including his pet tortoise, and lots of artefacts including masks, wood carvings, and shells for the pupils to view and hold.



## Daily Mile

We were visited by J. Griffiths (MS) and Cath Bingham, Young Persons Physical Activity Officer. They joined in and chatted with pupils about their daily mile routines. The pupils really impressed our visitors with their determination, resilience, and fitness levels!



## Outdoor Classroom

Almost complete. The finishing touches are being made to the outdoor classroom that has been constructed by @Playwood. During the build, pupils from some classes carried out authentic learning by construction of their own scale classrooms using reduced specifications. The learning included area, perimeter, ratio and spreadsheets.



Date	Event
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day (9:30 to 10:30 Y5/Y6), (11:00-12:00 Y3/Y4), (1:30 to 2:30- Y1/Y2)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May (pm)	Sports Afternoon for Reception 1:30pm
Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Eisteddfod Week
Week 27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM WEEK
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming Festival
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Parents Invitation to Caldicot Comprehensive
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Scooter Training for Y3 and Y4
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Proposed transition day in school (TBC) and Y6 to Caldicot Comprehensive
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of term, Break for Summer Holiday.



# Rogiet PTA Update

## WHAT'S BEEN RAISED SO FAR THIS YEAR?

Rags 2 Riches £300

Halloween Parties £334

Christmas Eco Fayre £735

Mothers Day pop up shop £176

Spring Neon Disco £326

Sports Day Refreshments £189

Easy Fundraising £202

Grow Eco Grant £200



## What's been spent?

Climbing Wall and Yard £6100

Buses to the pantomime £680

Class Teachers choice- £1200

Electricity for outdoor classroom £1500

Easter Eggs £97

Gardening Equipment for Eco Club £202

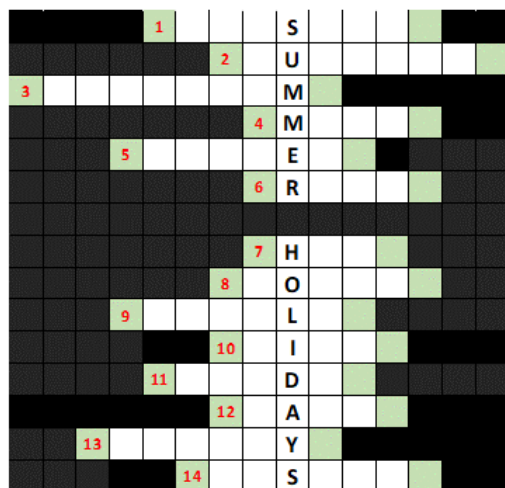
**A massive thank you for your continued support over this academic year.**

**As we approach the end of this school year, we would like to inform you that some of our volunteers are stepping down from their roles.**

**The PTA will not be able to continue without volunteers and with additional cuts forecast, the PTA funds are needed now more than ever to provide those added nice bits and enhance your children's experience of school.**

# Just for Fun - Puzzle Page

For the younger ones!



1. You will find water and sand here?
2. Where you go to ride the dodgems?
3. One of these you eat to keep cool?
4. Your ice-cream might do this if it is hot?
5. You might take this with 11 to the beach?
6. A long round piece of sweet candy?
7. You might need one of these to keep your head cool?
8. You need this to dry yourself after swimming?
9. You need to take your shoes and socks off to do this in the sea?
10. If its windy you could fly one of these?
11. Your Father might use this to dig the garden?
12. Its full of air and you might kick it about on the beach?
13. What animal might you see on the beach and at Christmas?
14. You might build one of these out of sand?

And for those just a little bit older!

1. Name the five beaches that were part of the D-Day landings?
2. The Allied Invasion was along a 50 mile stretch of coast on which region of France?
3. Who commanded the Allied Forces landings on D-Day?
4. Another name given to the D-Day Landings was Operation \_\_\_\_?
5. In one of his speeches Churchill said we would fight them where?
6. Made famous in a film entitled 'The Dam Busters' in which area of Western Germany were the Dams sited?
7. Churchill's nephew and the nephew of King George VI were prisoner in this Schloss?
8. What organisation was the precursor of the RAF?
9. SOE was the British organisation responsible for espionage, sabotage and reconnaissance in German-occupied Europe during WWII – what was the American equivalent?
10. What organisation was known for the provision of tea and refreshments to troops?
11. What was the name given to the bomb shelter many people had at the bottom of their gardens?
12. In what month was the unconditional surrender signed in Europe?
13. Which country did Hitler invade on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1939?
14. Who was Prime Minister at the outbreak of WWII?
15. Who was one of the structural designers of the R100, more famous for a game changing bomb?
16. Who commanded the German troops in Europe at the time of the D-Day landings?
17. Which British aircraft carried and dropped the 'bouncing bombs'?
18. Tea was rationed to 2oz per week. What year was food rationing introduced?
19. During WWII Churchill's youngest daughter served in the ATS, with which other world-renowned person?
20. What iconic WWII aeroplane is famous for its Roundel and Merlin engine?

See bottom of Page 16 for answers...

## Speeding and dangerous driving – if you see it, report it!

Over a century ago, in 1910, Rogiet Parish Council reported that there were complaints about traffic speeding in or through the village.

The problem continues today.

Although there are differing opinions on the 20mph limit in Rogiet, the majority of people recognise that lack of enforcement is a problem. Traffic going through the village at 40, 50, 60 m.p.h. or more is not acceptable and can be a danger to life and limb.

Responsibility for enforcement of speed limits in Wales rests with the Wales Road Safety Community Partnership, otherwise known as GoSafe. Amongst other things, GoSafe operates speed vans and mobile enforcement cameras (e.g. 'speed guns'). The mobile enforcement cameras can also identify drivers using mobile phones or failing to wear seatbelts.

Although there are no approved camera van sites in Rogiet, it is important that GoSafe is made aware of the speeding problems in the village because how and when GoSafe use cameras depends on the history and road safety problem at each location. They may be placed in areas where speeding is a concern or where there is a history of road casualties.

You can report incidents through

**<https://www.gosafe.org>**

At present, GoSafe receives very few complaints about speeding in Rogiet. This may be because people are not aware of where to report incidents. Hopefully, this article will correct this.

You can also report incidents of dangerous driving to GoSafe and download relevant footage from a dashcam. This is often very helpful to police.

### **PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS**

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS:** 1 Seaside, 2 Fun Fair, 3 Ice Cream, 4 Melt, 5 Bucket, 6 Rock, 7 Hat, 8 Towel, 9 Paddle, 10 Kite, 11 Spade, 12 Ball, 13 Donkey, 14 Castle.

**WW2 QUIZ:** 1 Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah & Omaha, 2 Normandy, 3 Eisenhower, 4 Overlord, 5 On the beaches, 6 Ruhr Basin, 7 Colditz, 8 RFC, 9 OSS, 10 NAAFI, 11 Anderson, 12 May 1945, 13 Poland, 14 Chamberlain, 15 Barnes Wallis, 16 Rommel 17 Lancaster Bomber, 18 January 1940, 19 HRH Princess Elizabeth, 20 Spitfire.



## **Rogiet Community Council**

### **Councillor Surgeries**

**Come along and meet your local councillors. We can help with local issues, concerns or just come along to learn more about the area.**

**Monday 1st July 6-8pm at the Pavilion.**

**Monday 5th August 9-11am at the Church Hall**

**Monday 2nd September 6-8pm at the Pavilion**

**Monday 7th October 9-11am at the Church Hall**

**Monday November 4th 6-8pm at the Pavilion**

**Pavilion, Westway NP26 3SP**

**Church Hall, Green Close NP26 3SW**



**Best wishes**  
**to all residents of Rogiet**  
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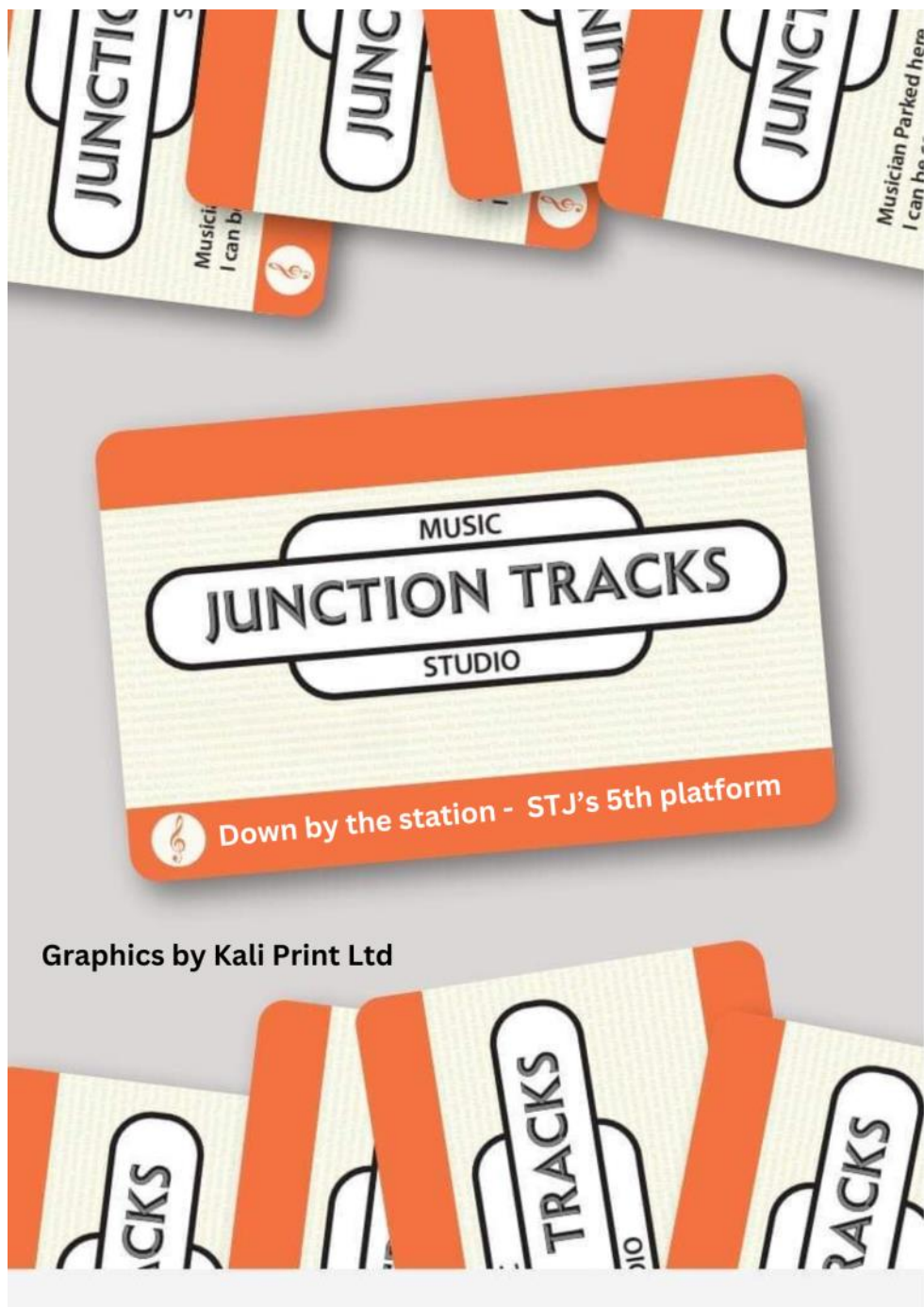
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The Council has its own website [www.rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk](http://www.rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk) which will give you up to date information on our projects and other community activities.

We also have a Facebook page, where we post important information; and a Facebook group, to which members of the community can contribute and where we welcome local business advertisements (on Mondays only).

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