

PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS LETTER



Welcome to this our first Parish News Letter.

While we don't yet 'Tweet' or use 'Facebook' it is essential that we make every effort to communicate with all parishioners.

Together with Parish Council meetings, the web site and notice boards our NEW NEWS LETTER will keep you updated with both the strategic and routine issues that the Parish deals with.

Localism Bill

The much heralded Localism Bill for planning, which became law on 15 Nov 2011, will present us all with a new set of challenges.

We will need to decide whether we require a formal Neighbourhood Plan to complement the Test Valley Local Plan, which will form the overall Development Plan for our area.

This Development Plan is the first of just four statutory planning instruments that reach all the way to Brussels!

It should mean that we would have a formal say in what sort of housing we wanted and where to put it or it may be that the Local Plan will provide these answers precluding the need for us to have a Neighbourhood Plan. Incidentally a Neighbourhood Plan must be agreed, by vote, under a formal referendum. By the way the definition of 'Neighbourhood' is quite broad and need not be confined to existing Parish boundaries.

However these are early days and we have yet to discuss the way forward with Test Valley Borough Council. We will keep you informed.

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INVITATION TO OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & PARISH ASSEMBLY:

THE AGM IS BEING HELD ON MONDAY 14TH MAY STARTING AT 7.30PM FOR REFRESHMENTS
PRIOR TO THE MEETING STARTING AT 8.00PM.

COME ALONG TO THE VILLAGE HALL – JOIN IN AND MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. HEAR
WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED OVER THE LAST YEAR, FUTURE PLANS AND LET US KNOW WHAT
YOUR IDEAS ARE!

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When we introduced the concept of a Community Responder Scheme for the Pentons, many people hesitated to join through lack of knowledge of basic skills. We are hoping that by introducing the **BRITISH RED CROSS SAVE A LIFE COURSE** we may be able to not only offer residents the opportunity to learn, but hopefully gain confidence so that we may try and adopt the CRS for our villages

If there is sufficient take up Penton Mewsey Parish Council will assist with the costs of the course for any one interested. If you are interested in taking part contact any one of your local Parish Councillors who can tell you more about it:

BRITISH RED CROSS SAVE A LIFE

This is the shortest first aid course offered by the British Red Cross. It covers key adult life-saving skills and provides an opportunity to practise your newly acquired skills.

Who should attend?

Those who are looking for a quick introduction to basic first aid skills.

Course Outline

Respond to the needs of unconscious casualties
Includes placing an unconscious person in the recovery position
Perform cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)

Participants will be taught how to lift the chin to open the airway, give effective rescue breaths and perform chest compressions. All learners will be given the opportunity to practice their skills on a resuscitation manikin. The course also includes how to deal with choking.

Duration:

Two hours minimum-course can be lengthened in accordance with the needs of students.

Assessment and certification.

This course is assessed and participants will gain a certificate of competence valid for three years or a voucher acknowledging attendance

Cost: £120 for up to 12 people

FASTER BROADBAND FOR HAMPSHIRE

It is essential that as many parishioners sign up to support 'Faster Broadband in Hampshire'. The roll out schedule will be based on the best use of public funds. While everyone will get a minimum of 2 Mb/s by 2015 not all will receive the optimum 24Mb/s which will, for example, provide the seamless streaming of data. Public demand will be important in planning the delivery therefore please sign up now (only seven signatures so far from Penton Mewsey), the web site is

www.hants.gov.uk/broadband-signup.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2012

GENERAL MEETINGS

May 14th AGM/APA, June 25th, July 25, August 13th, September 24th, November 5th and December 17th

PLANNING MEETINGS

June 11th, July 26th, August 13th, September 3rd, October 16th and November 26th

YOUR COUNCILLORS:

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QUEEN'S JUBILEE

CHILDREN'S GIFT:

A total of 81 children of 16 years or under have been recorded within both the Parishes of Penton Mewsey and Grafton to receive a beautiful keepsake gift from your Parish Council - if you have not responded it's not too late to do so now

PENTON MEWSEY WEB SITE <http://communities.hants.gov.uk/penton-mewsey-index>

Don't forget that we have our dedicated website with information on News and Events and what is happening in the village month by month.

For insertions into the pages contact the Clerk by email or telephone 01264 772989