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### NEIGHBOUR HOOD WATCH

A very big thank you goes to Patrick Midgley who has run the Pentons Neighbour Hood Watch over the last 15 years and has now retired from the role. His work and dedication have been greatly appreciated.

The Parish Clerk has taken over this role on a temporary basis to ensure consistency and awareness of safety issues and important updates that we all need to be aware of.

We have an email list for The Pentons householders who wish to be kept informed and up to date on safety issues. We would like everyone to be included.

**Should you know of anyone who does not have access to the internet or does not wish to use it, then we can deliver a paper copy of our updates to them. Please let the Clerk know.**

Or if you would like to be added to the email listing please email the Clerk (All details at the bottom of this page).

*Please be assured that this list remains confidential and will never be used for any other reason.*

### VILLAGE EMBLEM/LOGO

We hope you like the NEW Village Logo that features for the first time in this Newsletter. The final design is based on the winner of our village competition.

Our intention is to use as a Village Emblem, however costs of this had to take second place due to the purchase of our new SID last year. It is hoped that this year we will be able to progress the purchase of the Emblem itself.

### Supporting our Hedgehogs

After writing to our MP Kit Malthouse, he kindly put us onto the Member of Parliament for Highways who has written to Hampshire County Council with our request for Highway Road Warning signs to be installed at Foxcotte Lane near the stables.

These are to alert drivers of our wildlife crossing the main road. The newly released signs are similar to the 'Deer Warning' signs and show the outline of a Hedgehog within a Red/white triangle

We are waiting to hear back from HCC on this subject. Meanwhile we have put two temporary signs in place that we hope will alert drivers to slow down and take care, especially at night time when the little creatures are mostly active.



### SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) & SPEEDWATCH

Our new SID along with our existing device has yielded some good and promising results as seen in a noticeable reduction in vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit in place at Weyhill Bottom road, both traveling East to West and West to East.

However, the monitoring of the Speed Watch has shown that over a period of 5 Speed Watch days each between 09:00 to 09:30am we can report the following results: Total number of cars 358. Total cars exceeding 30 mph = 72. A figure that shows 1 in 5 of the cars counted were travelling too fast.

Our aim is to present Hampshire Constabulary with figures taken over the coming weeks to back up our request for a Police presence in the area.

### PENTON RECREATION CENTRE

Remember you can look at availability and make booking requests online ([pentonvillagehall.org.uk](http://pentonvillagehall.org.uk)) – go via PMPC website or just search for Penton Village Hall.

November was the highlight of recent months, starting with the Penton Bonfire Night. Rescheduled to November 9th due to weather, the event thrilled 240 people. Thanks to Rodney Bennett for hosting it on Bluebell Farm, and the team who served hotdogs, hot drinks and a great soundtrack.

The Penton Players staged "Confusions" by Alan Ayckbourn on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> to audiences of over 160 in total. This was under a new director, Stephen Farmer, a cast of eleven with stage crew of nine more. To join for their next production, contact Heather Carrick on 01264 772917.

We completed the November schedule with "Rockin' the Pentons", a live band spectacular for the Village Hall playing classic rock covers from the '60s to the present day. Masterminded by Glenn Woodthorpe, it was a sell-out event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running. The hall was packed with dancing and merriment. Keep an eye out for next year's event and book your tickets early!

PRC has just started to focus on what we'll probably call the 2020 Penton Festival, as we hope to extend the traditional afternoon fete format into the early evening with additional music. It's likely to be Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July so book the date in your diaries. Join in with the Pentons' biggest showcase of what our community can do when it works and plays together.

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**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 along with all details of your local Parish Councillors, Pages for LOCAL GROUPS and more.**

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