

PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

In this, my last letter as Chairman of PMPC, I thought that I would again raise the issue of local democracy.

You will have seen in the minutes of the PMPC meeting of 8th August that Test Valley Borough Council has its own strong reservations concerning Hampshire County Council's radical ideas about the future of Local Government in Hampshire. Add to this the move of Parish Councils to go down the Neighbourhood Planning path makes it ever more important that you, Penton Parishioners, keep abreast of what is being discussed.

Put simply costs are likely to rise, services reduced and the long term viability of the Parish called into question.

I must also ask that every reader of this Newsletter takes time now and again to go onto the Penton Mewsey website and read the minutes of the Parish meetings. It appears that of all the pages on the website the minutes of meetings, the life blood of PMPC, receive the least 'hits'!

As I leave office I implore you all to support not just PMPC, but the PRC and all other organizations that contribute to village life and that when a 'call to arms' is declared sufficient volunteers come forward.

Postscript: Chairman Cllr Fraser's letter of resignation will be submitted at the next Parish meeting on 12th September

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Test Valley Borough Council hand over Councillor Grant to PMPC



Cllr Kevin Briant accepted the cheque on behalf of PMPC.

We are happy to announce that we have been fortunate to be awarded £1000 by Cllr Pam Mutton and Cllr Phil Lasbrooke as part of their Councillor Grant Scheme. The money will be put towards the installation costs and the final purchase of our three **Defibrillator Units (AED's)**

All three units are now in place. One at the Village Hall, one at BlueBell Farm and one at Penton Corner. Our aim to provide the Pentons with brand new defibrillator units at strategic locations is now complete. Please note the item below for our Emergency Cards

DEFIBRILLATOR UNITS (AED's) EMERGENCY CARDS

Also delivered with your Newsletter is a complimentary AED Emergency Card. Please complete and keep handy by your phone just in case of an emergency. It will be useful if you need help.

Introducing Stephen Millen your New Councillor

I have lived in the Pentons for over 40 years, moving from Penton Grafton to Chapel Lodge Chalkcroft Lane in 2009 .My family of four children grew up in the village.

I am a retired solicitor and am particularly interested in encouraging residents to become involved in local affairs, and in maintaining the local environment and the well-being of the community.

If you would like to discuss any matters that concern you, please contact me either by visiting me, ringing on (01264) 772216 or by email to millen.stephen@yahoo.com.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP KEEP THE VILLAGE MAINTAINED?

We are very fortunate to have a small group of local residents who, without asking and on their own initiative often go out and cut back overgrowth, strim around the recreation ground, cut the grass at Hanging Bushes Lane or can be seen regularly mowing the grass around both the Pentons and our church yard, or picking up litter on their walks.

To name but a few, we give our thanks to Tony Stubbs, Roy Williams, Martin Smith and Tom Patterson.

However are any of you out there with a little bit of time, have access to a petrol hedge cutter or strimmer and could take a look in your immediate vicinity to see if there are areas that are in need of some T.L.C.? Just a quick tidy up would make all the difference. Especially during the summer months.

Take a look around you next time the lawn is being mown or you have the cutters handy. It will make all the difference.



Weyhill Bottom Road

We are very fortunate to have installed the 30mph traffic project in conjunction with TVBC and HCC Highways and are grateful for their cooperation. Moving on we are aware that there are vehicles that are not adhering to the limit and speeding as we know causes accidents. We have had a few over the last years:

- Car traveling East to West, hitting the curb leaving the highway and ending up in the bay window of a house
- Car traveling West to East leaving the highway and demolishing a residents fence
- Car traveling West to East leaving the highway and demolishing a road sign and part of the hedge
- Car leaving Chalkcroft Lane and hit by a vehicle traveling West to East
- Car failing to stop at the junction of Harroway/Weyhill Bottom Road whilst traveling North from Penton Corner and narrowly missing children at the bus shelter
- Weyhill Bottom Road closed to the West of the village after two car accident



We are opening discussions on the possibilities of owning a Radar Speed Sign (*smiley face*) which is portable and could be used in various locations.

However these are expensive to purchase. There is also a requirement for a group of volunteers to take turns to man them. We will keep you posted.

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PENTON MEWSEY WEB SITE <http://www.pentonmewsey.org.uk>

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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