

# PENTON MEWSEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

I am pleased to be able to report several items of good news. After some hesitation and delay, the County Council has confirmed our participation in the Lengthman's Scheme which means additional funds will be available for ground maintenance items around the village.

Also, our 'Smiley Face' has arrived and is now installed showing the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. It currently tracks traffic from Weyhill Bottom but can be repositioned to face towards Charlton. The next stage is for our volunteers to record the speed of vehicles on occasions and provide details to the police who will send advisory letters where appropriate. I would like to stress that the emphasis of the scheme is education. First reactions are that the device is having a beneficial effect.

A separate special Newsletter has been distributed with full details of the recent Survey and our submission to the Boundary Commission on the Test Valley Wards Review.

Along with other local parishes, we are continuing to press Test Valley and Hampshire Councils to secure the reinstatement of the camera based computer system used to enforce restrictions on the routes used by goods vehicles visiting Andover Business Park which has been out of operation for several years. The site owners have lodged an appeal against Test Valley's refusal to remove the restrictions for one plot (5). Please contact me for more information.

Finally, I would like to welcome two new Parish Councillors, David Atkinson and Paul Williamson who write their own introductions in this Newsletter  
Stephen Millen

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## PENTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN TABLE

In response to comments made in the Penton Survey, we plan to take a 'surgery' table at the monthly Village Hall coffee mornings, the first of which will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am

Come along and meet us there.

## PENTON'S SPEAKERS CORNER

This is a new section that will be included within every Newsletter. We invite editorials, comments, ideas etc., from all residents of 'The Pentons' - Penton Harroway - Penton Corner - Penton Grafton - Penton Mewsey.

To have your say please write to the email address on page 2 or put use any of your councillors letterboxes.

We are happy to publish items anonymously if you provide your contact details so we can be sure that the piece is genuine. So have your say and write to us.

Editor.



## SPEED WATCH CAMPAIGN



A big helping hand to fix the solar panel and the Speed Indicator Device in place!

**Paul Williams**

Paul has lived in the Andover areas since 1983. He moved into the village 3 years ago and has since been busy settling into village life before deciding to join the Parish Council.



**Due to one of our councillors moving home and one on a secondment overseas we have filled these vacancies by co-opting two new councillors.**

**Both David and Paul bring a wide range of expertise and knowledge to the council and we are pleased to have them join us.**

**David Atkinson**

David is a retired sports journalist who has lived in the village since 2004. He has been involved with Village activities before and was a member of the PRAM team that helped raise funds for the modernisation of our church.



**SITES FOR HOUSING IN TEST VALLEY**

This item is by way of reassurance (particularly) and information. TVBC are inviting the submission of sites to be considered for development (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment is the term - SHELAA). The invitation ends on the 20<sup>th</sup> October after which the sites will be published. In response to our inquiries the Planning Office has confirmed that the list will be available annually for public comment. More importantly, though, the inclusion of a site does not imply that planning permission will be granted for its development nor that it will be allocated for building. The process is information gathering only. The reassurance is welcome but we should still be vigilant.

**Village Maintenance**

Prior to the removal of the old phone box, work will be undertaken for the area around the footpath, up to and around the bus shelter.

A general clear up and a good trim back of the hedges and trees to raise the canopy of low branches along the path will enhance this rather neglected untidy area.

The phone box is scheduled for removal before the end of this year.

**THE VILLAGE POND AREA**

We have been successful in obtaining the Lengthsman Scheme grant for Penton of £1000, plus another £1,000 for being the Lead Parish who administers the requirements.

All of this grant will be put towards the maintenance of the village but we are also planning a project for the Village pond area which will benefit from the removal of overgrown saplings and brambles and the removal of some old shrubs. The aim is to renovate the area whilst keeping parts natural to encourage wild life.

New planting is planned for the banks of the pond and flowering bluebells and other native species. The trees will benefit from the removal of ivy and the 2 existing benches will also receive some much needed attention.

**The Village Hall has an updated website and can now take online bookings.**

<http://www.pentonmewsey.org.uk/>

or direct on: <http://www.pentonvillagehall.org.uk/>

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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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