



PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Parish Precept and Budgets 2008-2009

Your Council, at its meeting on Thursday 10th January 2008, considered the recommendations of its Committees and has fixed a **Precept of £245,000** for the financial year 2008/2009, which is the minimum amount required to meet its projected expenditure. You will be pleased to know that there has been no increase again this year, this is the same amount that was precepted for the last four financial years.

The lighting at the Haling Dene has been upgraded together with a new patio at the rear of the building and new marquee.

Money has been set aside in the budget to fence the Burial Ground and upgrade Kempson Road Play Area.

The Council's decision will now be forwarded to the South Staffordshire Council to enable the Council Tax for the district to be calculated and you should be receiving your notification of tax bands in the near future.

A REMINDER!

Your Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on **Thursday 17th April at 7.30 pm** – all parishioners are welcome and can take part in discussions. Your Chairman will give her annual report and display boards will be showing on-going and future Council projects. **Come along and let us hear what you want!**

Full Council Meetings

Meetings of full Council are scheduled for: **14th February, 13th March and 10th April** at **7.30 pm** at the Haling Dene Centre. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

VACANCY AT THE HALING DENE CENTRE PART-TIME BAR ASSISTANT

10 HOURS PER WEEK

(Friday and Saturday evenings)

£6 per hour

Application and job description from Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge, ST19 5DT

Telephone: 01785 714157

Email: lynne@penkridgeparish.org.uk

INTER PARISH GAMES

Inter Parish Games competition is a series of sports events held between February and June. There are currently over 22 different sports undertaken by parish teams. The Games are open to everyone who lives in South Staffordshire. Each parish has a representative who organises teams, of all abilities, to represent the parish at each event.

After each event, teams are awarded points depending upon the position they finish. After the final event points are totalled to determine the overall Parish Games champions.

Penkridge was awarded 5th position last year and we would ask all able bodied residents to step forward and compete in the games. You do not have to be world class standard, a local pub team or group of friends would be welcome, it is also a great deal of fun. For further information please contact either Bob Holmes on Tel: 715439 or Lynne Hames at the Haling Dene on Tel: 714157.

Vandalism & Litter Problems

There appears to have been acts of vandalism to our village islands & Bus Shelters. If you witness any vandalism please report to the Haling Dene on 714157. With regard litter, the village and surrounding areas are Litter Picked on a regular basis, if you have any complaints please contact South Staffs Council on 01902 696000.

Business Plan for 2007

Each year the Parish Council review their achievements for the year against their pre-set objectives. A copy of the Business Plan for 2007 is available on the website www.penkridge.org.uk or at the Haling Dene Centre Reception.

**VICTORIAN STREET FAYRE— 30th NOVEMBER 2007
PENKRIDGE AND DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION...**

...would like to thank Bevan Craddock, our Town Crier, PC Steve Prince, the three specials, Andy Tunney, Tim Harris and Marcus Wilkinson, our PCSO Del Slater, PCSO Daz Lloyd from Essington and Simon Kaine the PCSO from Featherstone. On behalf of the Business Association I would like to personally thank all individuals and organisations who freely contributed their time and energy to the evening and the hundreds of visitors who supported the event despite the wet weather. Next year is the 10th Anniversary of the event being organised by the Business Association and we hope that every shop in the village will enter into the Christmas spirit !!!! After lengthy discussions at the recent PBA meeting it was decided to continue with a similar event in 2008 so put Friday 5th December into your diaries—same time, same place—see you all there! Have a good 2008!

Penkridge Patient Link

We are an independent group of local residents with an interest in improving communications between Penkridge Medical Practice and the local community. Our first annual meeting is on Monday 18th February at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene—you are warmly invited to come along and hear about our work and give your views. Inquiries to Amanda Parkyn on 714520 or Ruth Goodison on 713246.

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JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2008
OYEZ! OYEZ! CALLING ALL CITIZENS

If you know a young person who is under 25 and who has demonstrated commitment to, or benefit for, the community and you think he/she deserves recognition please fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Administrator. The closing date is Friday 25th April 2008.

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JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2008

I wish to nominate _____

Reason for nomination _____

Signed _____ Name _____

Address _____

Please return to the Parish Administrator's Office by not later than Friday 25th April 2008.

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CIVIC AWARD 2008
OYEZ! OYEZ! CALLING ALL CITIZENS

If you know a parishioner who has contributed to the village community and would like to nominate him/her to be considered for this year's Civic Award please fill in the slip below and return it to the Parish Administrator. The closing date is Friday 25th April 2008.

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CIVIC AWARD 2008

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Reason for nomination _____

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