

## **PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

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### **Parish Precept and Budgets 2009-2010**

Your Council, at its meeting on Thursday 11th December 2008, considered the recommendations of its Committees and has fixed a **Precept of £245,000** for the financial year 2009/2010, 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 five financial years.

The windows in Room 1 at the Haling Dene have been replaced together with a new wall at the rear of the building.

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

The burial ground bedding areas have been re-planted and it is proposed to review the lower pond area.

The Council's decision has been 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.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Your Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Thursday 30th 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:  
12th February, 12th March and 9th April at 7.30 pm at the Haling Dene Centre.  
Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

### **Penkridge Christmas Celebrations - 5th December 2008**

#### **Penkridge and District Business Association...**

...would like to thank Bevan Craddock, our Town Crier, Darren Munnerly, the Specials Constables, our PCSO Del Slater and his colleagues, for all their support on the night of the Christmas Celebration.

The Business Association would like to thank all individuals and organisations who freely contributed their time and energy to the evening and the hundreds of visitors who supported the event the weather.

This year's event will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – put the date in your diary now!!!

### **Business Plan for 2008**

Each year the Parish Council review their achievements for the year against their pre-set objectives. A copy of the Business Plan for 2008 is available on the website [www.penkridge.org.uk](http://www.penkridge.org.uk) or at the Haling Dene Centre Reception.

**JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2009**  
**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 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

JUNIOR CIVIC AWARD 2009

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the Parish Administrator's Office by not later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

**CIVIC AWARD 2009**  
**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 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

CIVIC AWARD 2009

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Reason for nomination \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

**YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:**

**Gailey Ward**

Mr A Minshall

**North East Ward**

Mrs S Chambers, Mr B Craddock,  
Mr J L Eastwood, Mr D G Vaughan.

**South East Ward**

Mrs A J Geoghegan (Chairman),  
Mr P Geoghegan, Mrs P Hughes,  
Ms T McGuinness,  
Mr J McPheat, Mr D Murphy.

**West Ward**

Mrs I G A Ford (Vice-Chairman),  
Mr P M Jones, Mr S MacDonald,  
Mr S A Wright,

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE  
COUNCIL**

**North East & Acton Trussell Ward**

Mrs I G A Ford , Mr G M Spandler

**South East Ward**

Mr R Holt, Mrs C J Raven

**West Ward**

Mr D E Cartwright

**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY  
COUNCIL**

Mrs V Downes

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**

Mr D Kidney MP

**EURO MP**

Mr Michael Cashman

For contact information for all above tel: 01785 714157 or see website.

**Parish Council Meetings** are held at 7.00 pm in Room 1, Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road, Penkridge.  
See list on next page for dates of meetings.

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### **Web Site**

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(click on Parish Council link)