



# PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Volume 6 December 2009

## Chairman's Christmas Message

Greetings.

Writing this Christmas greeting to Penkridge on a beautiful sunny Spring day on the Cape Peninsula of South Africa seems a little strange. This fabulous, diverse country which has suffered so much in the apartheid years is such a contrast in its way of life to that of the village which I call home and which I am proud to serve as Chair of the Parish Council.

So, on behalf of my fellow councillors, the Vice Chair Cllr Mrs Petula Hughes, the administrative staff at Haling Dene and myself, I wish all the people of Penkridge a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2010.

Anne J Geoghegan

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

A very successful Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday 8th November 2009 at the War Memorial. Many thanks to all those who took part, all of the voluntary organisations especially the Royal British Legion, for organising the event.

## Penkridge Civil Burial Ground

The Parish Council is to apply for Planning Permission to erect a fence and gates around the boundary of the Burial Ground which will be opened in a morning and locked in the evening. If parishioners have any comments they would like to put forward to the Burial Ground Committee with regard to the application which includes fence type and height could they please forward these to Lesley at the Haling Dene Centre or via email [lesley@penkridgeparish.org.uk] no later than Friday 8th January 2010. Thank you

## Haling Dene Centre

The Haling Dene Centre is licensed for Civil Wedding Ceremonies, Partnerships, Blessings and Namings.

It is also an ideal venue for meetings as we have a variety of different sized rooms, all at reasonable prices to hire.

To avoid disappointment book now for your ceremony, party, special occasion or meeting.

Please telephone 714157 for further information.

## Haling Dene Centre Bar

The Haling Dene Bar is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7.00 to 11.00 pm.

Outside Seating is now available.

Come and relax in quiet and friendly surroundings.

## PENKRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Lynne Hames—tel: 01785 714157  
e-mail: lynne@penkridgeparish.org.uk

## 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 (Vice-Chairman),  
Ms T McGuinness, Mr J McPheat,  
Mr D Murphy.

### **West Ward**

Mrs I G A Ford, 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

## **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 every second Thursday of the  
month except August

## **Office Contact**

Haling Dene Centre, Cannock Road,  
Penkridge. Opening times 9am-1pm,  
2pm—5pm (Monday-Friday)  
Tel: 01785 714157 or e-mail:  
info@penkridgeparish.org.uk

## **Web Site**

www.penkridge.org.uk  
(click on Parish Council link)

### Grants Policy

The Council have changed the format for considering grants. Applications will only be considered twice per year; at the October and February Full Council Meetings.

All applications must be received by:-

30th September for October meeting

31st January for February meeting.

Any further information please contact Lynne Hames on 714157.

### Dog Owners

May we, once again remind residents that it is a Criminal Offence to let their dogs foul and not dispose of it in the Dog Loo Bins provided around the village. There have been a number of cases reported where dog owners have thrown the bags in the hedges or left them along the Towpath/Open Spaces, this is still an offence. If you have a complaint regarding dog fouling please contact South Staffordshire Council's Animal Fouling Department on 01902 696203.

### Meeting Dates 2009/10 - Penkridge Parish Council, Haling Dene Centre (A public participation session is held at all of the following meetings)

Thurs 10 Dec	Planning and Full Council	7.00 pm
Thurs 14 Jan	Planning and Full Council	7.00 pm
Thurs 28 Jan	Planning and Recreation and Amenities	7.00 pm
Thurs 11 Feb	Planning and Full Council	7.00 pm
Thurs 25 Feb	Planning and Haling Dene Management	7.00 pm
Thurs 11 Mar	Planning and Full Council	7.00 pm
Thurs 25 Mar	Planning and Recreation and Amenities	7.00 pm

### Christmas Card Recycling

The Haling Dene will **NOT** be a venue for recycling Christmas Cards.

These can be put in the white recycling sacks for the fortnightly collection or taken to **WHSmith, Tesco, TK Maxx or Marks and Spencers** between 2nd and 31st January 2010.

### Christmas Tree Shredding

Your Council has arranged for tree shredding to take place at the Haling Dene. Please bring your Christmas trees between **12 noon and 4.00 pm on Saturday 9th January 2010** and bring your own bag if you wish to take away chippings as a mulch for your garden.

### Christmas Presents

Don't forget that the following are available from the Haling Dene Centre (at greatly reduced prices):

The Story of Penkridge	£1.50	Penkridge Plate	£4.99
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### Haling Dene Centre - Christmas and New Year Closing

The Haling Dene Centre will be closed from 12.00 noon on 24th December, re-opening on Monday 4th January 2010.

The Haling Dene Centre Bar will be closed from 25th December, re-opening on Monday 4th January 2010.

Members of the staff would like to wish all Penkridge parishioners a Happy Christmas and a

prosperous and peaceful New Year.