

# Pertenhall & Swineshead Parish Council

## A Quality Parish Council.

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## NEWSLETTER March 2008

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### Dates for your diary

**Parish Council meetings in the year 2007/8. All dates are Thursdays.**

**These are all open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.**

- **Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Parish Council - Swineshead – 8.00 – AGM.

Dates for 2008/9 will be decided at this meeting.

**Other dates to note.**

- **Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Litter Picks
- **7<sup>th</sup> June** – Police Day in Swineshead.[see below]
- **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Bulky Waste Collections 12.00 till 15.00
- **Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Litter Pick.
- **Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Bulky Waste collections.

### Highway Matters Pertenhall

**Thomas Bates [01480 860 275]**

Thomas Bates reported at the March meeting that the road edges along the road between Pertenhall and Swineshead are in a very poor condition. Mr Bates had a list of work promised by the Highways Dept., but none of the work had been started. High on this list was the road edging.

### Swineshead

**Michael Whitlock [01234 708 362]**

In his report at the March meeting Michael Whitlock commented on the very satisfactory work which had been carried out in Green Lane and Sandye Lane. The surfaces are greatly improved.

### Seats and Notice Boards,

Three seats and one notice board in Pertenhall, 2 seats and 2 notice boards in Swineshead have been refurbished. Thanks are due to Michael and Betty Thomas who have made a painstaking and splendid job of this.

### Flies at Sunny Farm

Great efforts have been made to prevent a recurrence of the plague of flies which happened two years ago, and to a much lesser extent last year. The Parish Council were told that the matter was now in the hands of the Env. Agency, but this proved to be incorrect. In event of problems the authorities to ring are The Env. Agency and/or Beds. Borough Council.

**We recommend that you contact Barry Williams, Env. Health Manager(Pollution Control), on 01234 221 765 or [bwilliams@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:bwilliams@bedford.gov.uk)**

He suggests that "it might be advantageous if you could capture some specimens of the offending flies", and he has sent to the clerk copies of Written Records of Nuisance to be completed. The clerk will be happy to make copies of these record sheets available to you.



### 999 calls

Concern has been expressed about the fact that 999 calls are often accepted at call centres some distance away from our two villages. PC Rob Smith, at a recent parish council meeting, advised that **when making a 999 call you should stress that you wish your call to be dealt with by the Bedfordshire police.**

### Bus timetables

A complete timetable for bus services is available in each village. In Swineshead it has been placed in the church porch because there it is accessible and dry.

In Pertenhall it is in the notice board outside the village hall. The side notice board has a section on the right which is not locked and the timetable will be placed there.

### Ouse Valley Living

Copies of Ouse Valley Living, a useful source of information, will also be placed in the church porch in Swineshead.

### Good Neighbourhood Car Policy

The above matter was raised at the January meeting to discuss Parish Plan Actions. It was felt that in both villages an informal car policy works very well already. However, the clerk was asked to put in this Newsletter the telephone number of a useful local taxi service.

**Kym Cars 01480 861 333.**

## From the Chairman's desk

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At the Meeting for the Electors which was held in March the chairman gave his annual report. This is available in full on the attached sheet.

**Brian Stevens – chairman.**

## Neighbourhood Watch.

### Pertenhall

Iain Johnson, of Mulberry House, 52 Wood End Lane, Pertenhall, has agreed to take on the position of Pertenhall Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator from Maurice Hickling who had very generously fulfilled the role for many years. **Iain, on behalf of all Pertenhall residents, past and present, would like to thank Maurice for his many years of effort.**

Iain and his family moved to Pertenhall two and a half years ago from St Neots. Iain is a software developer and works in Cambridge, whilst his wife, Nicola, is a part-time primary school teacher. Their two children, Emma and Alex, are 8 and 6 years old. Fortunately Pertenhall is a peaceful village with incidents of crime relatively few and far between. However, if there is anything you would like to discuss with Iain please get in touch with him on 01480 860 914 or [iainjohnson@tesco.net](mailto:iainjohnson@tesco.net)

## Neighbourhood Watch Swineshead

Information about the Swineshead Neighbourhood Scheme has been made available by Area Coordinator Jean Constant, 01234 708 671. Your Street Coordinators are Pat Tate on 01234 708 171 Pauline McManus 01234 708 018 Denise Nash on 01234 709 604 Josie Thompson 01234 708 571.

The number for Riseley Police is 01234 275 175.

Much more detail is available on the parish council web site and on the village notice boards.

## Trading Standards

Paul Marsden, Senior Enforcement Officer from Beds. County Council Trading Standards, came to the meeting for the Electors. He said, "You may have noticed signs round the county which declare a **No Cold Calling Zone**. The signs are there to remind you to take steps to protect you and your neighbours against cold callers.

As the evenings get lighter you may find an increase in people cold calling at your door. Trading Standards and Beds. Police with their partners such as Neighbourhood Watch are advising you to take care when answering the door to anyone you don't know.

To report an unwanted cold caller telephone the hotline on **08454 04 05 06**.

For more information on home security call Beds police on **01234 841212**."

# PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 12th APRIL 2008

12 noon - 4 p.m.

**PERTENHALL VILLAGE HALL**  
Swineshead Rd. Pertenhall  
(2 miles south of Kimbolton on B660)

Clematis, Unusual Perennials, Shrubs,  
Auriculas, Alpines and Pelargoniums etc.

*Professional Stalls from  
well-known Nurseries*

Refreshments available

Entrance £1.50 (ample parking)

In aid of Village Hall upkeep

## Police Day in Swineshead

This will take place in Swineshead Village Hall on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June. This follows a successful event in Pertenhall last year. There will be details available nearer the time, and in the next Newsletter.

If you can help with refreshments please let us know.

We hope you can benefit from meeting your local Beat Officer, members of the Fire Brigade, Trading Standards, Homewatch reps. etc.

## Your Parish Council

### Your Parish Councillors

◆ **Thomas Bates [Pertenhall]**  
**01480 860 275**

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