

# Pilling Parish Council

Spring, 2017



**Where will you be on  
20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017?**

## Chairman's Report

As we look forward to what 2017 has to bring, it is good to reflect on the past year. 2016 was a year of change internationally, nationally and locally, some of it good and some perhaps not so good. As a community we draw strength from our traditions and once again the past year saw many occasions when we were able to come together to celebrate.



In December we had the switching on of the Christmas tree and the senior citizens party, both events that were well attended and well enjoyed.

We have been fortunate with the weather so far this winter allowing people to get out and about and as the year progresses the continuing pattern of events in the village will unfold. There will also be new ventures taking place. Celebrate Pilling (of which you will read more in this newsletter), promises to be a time when the whole of the community can come together and celebrate and give thanks for what it means to be part of the Pilling family.

John Savage,  
Chairman of Pilling Parish Council



**Smallwood Hey Road and School Lane** are designated 20 MPH. Pilling Parish Council has supported this safety initiative and wish to remind residents to respect those who live on these roads and keep to the speed limit.

The speed restriction runs from Mill Bridge past St. John's School and the Village Green and play area through to Smallwood Hey Road, taking in Carr Lane, parts of Fluke Hall Lane and the first part of Wheel Lane.

To further remind drivers St. John's School warning lights flash at school times.

## Celebrating Pilling



On May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 a grand field day and evening entertainment on our new community field on Taylors Lane is being planned to celebrate our Pilling community.

This will be a family fun day with picnic/barbecue and is open freely to all residents of Pilling. Plans are being drawn up to make sure the day has something for everyone so that we

can all join together to enjoy fun and fellowship. Ideas so far include stalls, displays, games, a fun run, entertainments, classic cars and tractors, Pilling Jubilee Silver Band and much, much more.

All local businesses and organisations are invited to take part in the planning and organising activities and on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm in St John's Church hall there will be an open meeting for anyone interested in helping in any way.

Ideas for activities and help of any sort will be most welcome and with your involvement, help and support this village-wide event will be a really successful and enjoyable occasion proving that Pilling really is a good place in which to live. Whatever talent or skill you have will be helpful as there are all sorts of things to arrange from erecting event tents and marshalling to planning and organising. Please spread the word to friends, neighbours and relatives and come along on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to learn more and be involved.

It is your village and everyone is invited so please help to make this an occasion to remember. We have two football pitches so perhaps someone could organise a mini football/cricket/sports competition!



### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Will be held on  
Wednesday  
**12<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.**  
7.00 pm

St. John's Church Hall,  
School Lane

Residents welcome

## Pilling Community Centre

We are now able to give you an update on the current position regarding this exciting venture. A small group have been working to produce an application to the Lottery Fund for the New Community Hall.

This began with an informal interview with representatives from the Lottery Fund, which was successful, and we have now submitted a formal application on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017. They have been very impressed by the standard of our application so far and this has encouraged us to press on to the next stage. We hope to hear the outcome very shortly.

We already have developed two football pitches, a new children's recreation area, car park and provided a foot path along Taylors Lane as well as having planted over 500 trees.

In order to be successful at the next stage, we are looking for members of the community who are able to help with gathering evidence and putting together a business plan. We will have a twelve-week period to complete the Stage Two application. We are looking for people with enthusiasm and skills to take us forward. If you can help in any way, please contact Katrina Bell, secretary of the group.

Thank you,

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## PILLING AND OVER-WYRE DRAMA GROUP



Many years ago, when the Memorial Hall was out of action, Pilling Drama Group were nomadic by nature, performing in Cockerham Village Hall and (the old) St Oswald's Church Hall. The group returned to Pilling when the hall became habitable, but since the deconstruction of the Memorial Hall we have returned to our nomadic ways. To reflect the wider recruiting area for both members and audience we have renamed ourselves Pilling and Over-Wyre Drama Group.

Our next production is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in St Oswald's Church Hall. Further details for both membership and tickets are available from myself.

John Savage

## **Pilling Parish Council**

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in St. John's Church Hall, School Lane, at 7.00pm and residents are more than welcome to attend. If you wish to raise matters between meetings the clerk holds Residents Surgeries in St. John's Church Hall on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings, or you can contact a Pilling Councillor below;

## **Pilling Parish Councillors**

### ***Mr. John C. Savage (Chairman)***

Rivendell, Taylors Lane,  
Tel. 790707

### ***Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson***

Wyndale, Lancaster Road  
Tel. 790537

### ***Mr. Graham C. Curwen,***

Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane  
Tel. 790502

### ***Mr. Paul McWhirter***

Arndale, Wheel Lane  
Tel. 790995

### ***Mrs. Debra Schofield,***

Bradshaw Lane Nurseries, Bradshaw Lane  
Tel. 790046

### ***Wyre Councillor Graham Holden***

### ***County Councillor Viv Taylor***

### ***Cat Smith MP***

### ***Mr. John Barton,***

Bone Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane  
Tel. 790657

### ***Mr. Neil Cookson,***

Copper Garth, Smallwood Hey Road  
Tel. 790875

### ***Mr. Edward Moorat***

1, Stakepool Drive  
Tel. 790464

### ***Mrs. Brenda Schofield***

Shawlands, Shaws Lane  
Tel. 790747

### ***Mr. William Whiteside***

The Golden Ball, School Lane  
Tel. 790212

Tel. 813116

Tel. 810234

Tel. 01254 566 551



## Flood prevention in Pilling

Many of the fields and gardens in Pilling carry dykes which are essential for the draining of the land on which we live and in order to minimise flooding this Winter the Environment Agency have issued the following information.

### Your responsibility as a landowner

Landowners are legally responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of watercourses (rivers, streams, dykes) on their land so as not to cause flooding, drought or pollution to other people's land.

-You must let water flow freely through your land without any blockages, pollution or diversion, i. e. you must ensure that water flows off your land in the same state and quantity that is arrives.

-You should keep the bed and banks clear of anything that could block the flow of water and increase flood risk.

-You are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks.

-You must clear away any litter and animal carcasses, even if they did not come from your land, and these must be disposed of appropriately.

-You must not build structures (including fences) too close to the banks of the watercourse as you must ensure there is easy access in case any maintenance or inspection is required.

-You must keep any structures, such as culverts (where watercourses run underground); trash screens, weirs and mill gates clear of debris.

-You should not cause any blockages that would stop fish passing through, even for a short time.

-Legally, you must tell the Environment Agency or relevant authority if you would like to build or alter a structure that blocks a watercourse, such as a bridge.

Note: You may need permission to carry out some of these works from the Environment Agency.



## Environment Agency responsibilities

The role of the Environment Agency is different to a landowner in that we have permissive powers to maintain 'main river' watercourse to reduce flood risk where our resources allow.

As well as maintaining watercourses, Environment Agency maintenance works can also include:

-Constructing and maintaining flood defences structures such as walls, embankments and storage basins.

-Operating defences and pumping stations during a flood incident.

-Managing levels of gravel and silt to reduce flood risk where required.

**The Environment Agency Customer service line 03708 506 506**

**Incident hotline 0800 80 70 60**

**Floodline 0845 988 1188**



## Pilling Parish Precept

Each year a sum of money called the parish precept is collected through your council tax. In simple terms this is calculated by subtracting what the Parish Council will receive in income: from the amount it needs to spend in the Parish. This money is invested back into your neighbourhood by the Parish Council to improve facilities and services for you and your neighbours. Pilling Parish Council applies for grants to fund many projects in the Parish.

The itemised precept for the year 2014 - 2015 is;

Estimated Income	2017 – 2018		Estimated Payments
Estimated Income	£3,000.00	£43,583.57	Employment Costs
For 2017 - 2018		£1,900.00	Audit/Insurance/Subscriptions
		£3,000.00	Administration
		£3,000.00	Equipment and Parish Maintenance
		£200.00	Training
		£650.00	Donations/Section 137
		£600.00	Parish Newsletter
		£30.00	Advertising
		£150.00	Christmas Tree
		£100.00	Pilling in Bloom
		£1,600.00	Capital Equipment
		£2,700.00	Contingencies
	£3,000.00	£57,513.57	

Estimated Income £ 3,000.00

Estimated Payments £57,513.57

**Precept -£54,513.57 (Rounded to £54,000.00)**

**Your Council Tax Bill: Parish Precept**

A Band D household should pay £67.80, which amounts to £1.30 per week.

This is an increase of £2.13 or 40 pence per week on this year's.

## Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 2016



Guests were entertained by the pupils from St. William's and St. John's Schools dressed seasonally in their jumpers for the occasion. Tea and handmade trifle and cakes were followed with prizes, local 'turns' finishing with a carol sing song.