

Pilling Parish Council

Winter, 2018

Pilling Flood Action Group

At the next Parish Council meeting John Blundell, Wyre Council's Civil Contingencies Officer for emergency planning, will be attending to talk about protecting Pilling from Flooding and looking for volunteers to set up a Flood Action Group. All residents are invited on Wednesday 14th February at 7pm at St. John's Church Hall, School Lane.

Were you flooded in December, did you have access to sandbags to protect your home and possessions and have you received any help since? Will you be part of a Pilling Flood Group able to protect yourself and your neighbours?



Eagland Hill ANPR camera



Work is ongoing to fund an ANPR camera on Woods Lane; this will be a partner to the Bradshaw Lane camera. The cameras can record number plates of vehicles passing into and out of Eagland Hill and information will be accessed by the Police to support any investigations into thefts or damage. The first camera was possible after a successful award from the Orchard End Community Benefit Fund.

Pilling New Community Hall, Community Field, Taylors Lane

Now that our bid for a new Community Centre on our Taylors Lane field has received backing from the Big Lottery Fund we are finalising specifications ready for the tendering process and are fully engaged on further funding appeals so that by the end of summer we can be ready to accept tenders.

HELP IS NEEDED to shape and carry out the plans and we are asking for your assistance to make sure that the project delivers what we need in Pilling. Our field already has two football pitches, a trim trail and children's recreation area and when ground conditions allow our 1,200m of pathways, along with the further extension of the children's recreation area will be completed. Since August 1st weather conditions have prevented our planned work but hopefully by Easter this will all be finished.



The next six months will be a very busy period and we hope that local people will come forward to help in whatever way they can. We need people who can advise and help in any aspect of building design and planning; people who can help with applications to funding organisations; people who can support our project in any way with ideas or with practical skills in order to manage our grounds. We will be planting 500 more trees this Spring so help is needed then.

Every day maintenance of our facilities is done by volunteers and we would welcome any help you can provide. We are trying to develop a safe, clean and attractive leisure facility for the benefit of all residents and visitors so let us know if there are any improvements we can make. This needs input from us all so that everyone can freely enjoy this community space.

A MUGA (multi use games area), which will provide 2 tennis courts is on the plans along with additional drainage of the football pitches and provision of changing rooms. It all needs your support and help so please lend a hand in whatever way you can.

**Details from Katrina Bell Tel. No. 01253 790649 or by email
katrinambell@hotmail.com**

Christmas Tree Switch-on



Pilling Coffee Feast Miss Jessica Forrest pressed the red button to light the tree and the Christmas story was told by the pupils of St. William's and St. John's Primary Schools Afterwards a special visitor gave out chocolates and a cold but enjoyable evening was had by all.

On-Going Clothing Collection

By collecting unwanted clothing over the past two years we have raised considerable amounts of money to help us provide defibrillators and contribute to the cost of the annual senior citizens' party. We collect unwanted clothes, belts, footwear and handbags which can be left in bin bags in St John's Church porch. Unfortunately we cannot accept bric a brac, books, plastics, duvets, pillows, cushions, or anything else so please do not include any of these in the bags but please dispose of those in another way. The collection firm has asked that we ensure that only permitted articles are included or else they will not be prepared to collect. The unwanted clothing collection has been well supported and we hope that we can continue to benefit from the funds raised.



Please only leave permitted items

DEFIBRILLATORS IN PILLING

Our seven defibrillators which have been installed in Pilling are inspected and checked each week so that they kept in readiness for any emergency. They are each kept in an accessible, weatherproof wall box mounted so that there is 27/7 access. In an emergency the process is simple - on ringing 999 the emergency operator will direct you to the nearest defibrillator and provide the code to access the box. The defibrillator in the box is then taken to where needed and it will give clear instructions when being used. The North West Ambulance Service monitors the use of the defibrillators so that once used they are returned to us to be replaced into the wall box.

Training sessions (approx. 1 hr) on the use of the defibrillators are held frequently in Pilling and all members of the public are encouraged to attend. We can arrange these at any time of day and at a variety of venues in Pilling so please let us know if you would

like to attend one of these sessions. The defibrillators (costing over £1500 each) have been provided by using money donated and raised through fund raising and from the proceeds of our old clothes collection. We invite anyone to bring their bags of surplus clothing, footwear and handbags and leave them in the

porch at St John's church. Please do not leave duvets, cushions, bric a brac, books etc. as the collection is for clothing not jumble!



Please help us to keep the defibrillators accessible and ready for emergency use.

**Annual Parish Meeting
11th April, 2018 at 7pm
St. John's Church Hall, School Lane, Pilling
All residents welcome**

Pilling Senior Citizens' Christmas Party



The party was held on 12th December, from 4pm in Pilling Methodist Hall and later in the Chapel. The guests were entertained by both St. William's and St. John's Primary Schools following their Christmas high tea with cakes, trifle and plenty of tea for all. In the evening the guests retired into the Chapel to listen and join in with the Fylde Ukulele Network.



If Pilling gets snow this year it is best to be prepared.

Don't be shy and make sure your neighbours are coping; many people find it difficult to ask for help. Can you clear their drive, while you're clearing yours? Can they get to the shops? Here's advice issued during the last fall of snow;

The Snow Code issued by the Department of Transport

Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.



Preventing slips

- Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas
- Use salt or sand - not water
- Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.
- You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them.
- If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Winter services from Lancashire County Council

Lancashire County Council will provide many winter services such as clearing local roads and pavements in your area. For information about your council's winter service, check its website.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for all the latest gritting updates, winter weather advice, schools closures and more.

- www.twitter.com/lancashirecc Share winter tweets using the #lancswinter hashtag.
- www.facebook.com/lancashirecc

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

Lancashire County Councillor Slater
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. 07803 723 958

Tel. 01254 566 551

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th February, 14th March and the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th April, 2018. Meetings start at 7.00pm in St. John's Church Hall, School Lane and all residents are welcome to attend.



Pilling in Bloom

Cllr. Billy Whiteside is organising the planting in Pilling village and would like to hear from you if you are able to care for or weed and water any of the floral displays, barrels etc. Please contact him at the Golden Ball on 750212.

New County Councillor

Lancashire County Council elections were held recently following the sudden death in office of Viv Taylor. Mr. Matthew Jacques Salter will soon take up his seat and if residents wish to speak to him he can be contacted on 07803 723 958

Garstang Road Resurfacing

From 8am on Monday 5th March 2018 until 6pm on Friday 23rd March 2018 or until completion of the works Garstang Road, Pilling will be **CLOSED** to all vehicles from the residential property "Ambleside" to the entrance to Crawley Cross Farm to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Your alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by this closure is via:-
Garstang Road - Lancaster Road - Bradshaw Lane - Lancaster Road - Skitham Lane - Longmoor Lane - Kilcrash Lane - Cartmell Lane - Black Lane - Garstang Road and vice versa.

Pilling Parish Council continues to monitor the surface of School Lane and Smallwood Hey Road with Lancashire County Council as this needs resurfacing. Should residents wish to report potholes or other highway problems please use:
<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

Water Problems in Pilling



Pilling Parish Council regularly meets with agencies, the NFU and Cat Smith MP to ensure Pilling is protected during times of heavy rain and getting the water moving. The MP recently raised Pilling's water problems with Dr Therese Coffey MP; Under Secretary of State for the Environment who explained the Environment Agency had

replaced the collapsed outfall culvert at Broadfleet in 2016 as it was causing an increased flood risk. An alternative de-silting method has been used; working from a boat within the channel to prevent damage to the protected salt marsh from machinery.

The Environment Agency has permissive powers to undertake maintenance on main rivers; however it must use its allocated funds to focus on those watercourses that provide maximum flood risk benefit to people and property, rather than agricultural lane drainage. This year the Environment Agency has carried out more than 13 miles of watercourse maintenance and maintained over 9 miles of raised flood defences in the catchment within the Pilling area.

Through the Pilling Water Group the Environment Agency has shared its annual maintenance programme, provided regular updates and built relationships with the community. Whilst the Environment Agency has explained its remit for watercourses it also clarified the responsibility of riparian owners and offered advice for local landowners wishing to undertake their own de-silt.

If your land/garden has a dyke running through it then you are the riparian owner and it is your responsibility to ensure water is not held up through weed, trees, obstacles etc. Please contact the Environment Agency at <https://www.gov.uk/permission-work-on-river-flood-sea-defence> for further advice on dykes to make sure that water flowing through Pilling is passing as efficiently as we can make it? Thanks