

# Pilling Parish Council

## Summer, 2017



# THANK YOU

**To all those who made Celebrating Pilling a great success**

**Pilling In Bloom**



Pilling in Bloom is looking for residents able to spare the time to weed or water the many floral displays through the Village, which bring a sense of pride to residents and visitors alike.

If you would like to be part of the 'In Bloomers' please contact Gillian on 01995 600689.

## **Chairman's Report**

One of the first roles of the parish council is to represent the parishioners. This is particularly important given the government policy of moving responsibilities downwards from central government to borough councils and then to the parish council. Bearing this in mind, it is a concern to hear of possible capping of parish and town council precepts. It seems unreasonable to expect a greater range of services to be provided, when at the same time the amount that can be raised to pay for these services is limited. In many cases parish councils are raising their charges to pay for services which have been withdrawn by these larger authorities!

Despite these potential setbacks, we continue to work towards improving facilities within the village. After a concerted effort, Back Sands Lane was resurfaced at the end of last year and the programme of works for the coming year includes a number of roads in Pilling. Whether these will be completed to the standard that we expect remains to be seen, but it is at least a start.

An ANPR camera to cover the approaches to Eagland Hill has been purchased and we are expecting that this will aid the police in detecting crimes in an outlying area of the parish. If this is successful, the scheme may be extended to other parts of the village. As the number of houses in Pilling increases – a good number of these being what are termed affordable housing – we have held meetings with Regenda to discuss their lettings policy; it is only fair that such properties should be offered to people who have a direct Pilling connection in the first instance.

The 'water' meetings where a group of representatives of organisations meet to discuss problems within the village and to come up with a solution continue. This past year has seen extensive work on the outfall through the seawall and this should help the quicker drainage of water as will the clearing of ditches to allow for the free flow of water. As with many things the timescale for works does not always satisfy our needs.

We also seek to provide opportunities for the people of Pilling; in preceding years a number of defibrillators have been located around the village and training in using these devices has been on-going. The field where the new community hall will be sited has been opened to the village and a number of events have taken place on here, while work to improve the range of facilities has continued. A celebration to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of HM the Queen was held last year during which commemorative medals were presented to the children of Pilling.

Pilling remains a pleasant place in which to live and to raise a family; the variety of occasions when everyone comes together to celebrate is a regular part of the pattern of village life. To commemorate this; an event 'Celebrating Pilling' will be held in May on the new field, where there will be exhibitions, displays, food, fun, games and music. Indeed it will be a day to celebrate all that is good about living in Pilling.

To improve facilities and to provide opportunities for the people of Pilling requires the support of my fellow councillors, our lengthsman Graham and our clerk Gillian and to them I extend my grateful, thanks.

John Savage,

Chairman, Pilling Parish Council

## Pilling 20 20 is Marching On

Our Pilling 20 20 project has been boosted by a grant of over £61,000 to lay paths through the country park area and install a trim trail and also to extend the children's play area to include equipment suitable for "older" children. The funding is from Leader, a fund administered by Lancashire County Council; the cash coming from DEFRA and from Europe. Hopefully work will begin in early August and should be completed during autumn (weather permitting) and the 1200 metres of pathways will be suitable for walkers, joggers and wheel chairs. Benches are to be placed along the trail.



The pathways will be safer for joggers who at the moment have to use busy, pot-holed roads facing dangerous traffic conditions. The trim trail will have six stations where those so inclined can exercise on their jog around and there will be benches for the less active or tired.

The equipment on the extended children's play area should also be installed by the end of autumn and has been chosen after extensive research involving both of our schools and young people from our village.

Please use these facilities when they are ready – more is in the pipeline as our bid for funding for our village hall is now at Stage 2 with the National Lottery. We will have the decision about Stage 2 by the end of this year and if successful we enter the final stage when designs, tenders etc. occur. The Leader grant of £61k+ was an opportunity too good to miss and has not delayed nor hindered us in our work towards achieving the goal of securing funding for the new hall. What we really need are more people prepared to help us achieve success so please come forward to offer support and help.

Contact Mrs Katrina Bell, secretary. **01253 79064** if you are able to help in any way. We need people with IT skills especially but anyone willing to contribute ideas and support is very welcome to join the planning group.

### England Hill ANPR camera

Work has begun on the erection of an ANPR camera on Bradshaw Lane. Information will be accessed by the Police to support any investigations into thefts or damage.



**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.

### **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

## Financial Matters

The Parish Council is responsible for the proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. The Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed by residents at any time.

### Receipts and Payments Account for Pilling Parish Council Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017

Receipts	2016 - 2017		Payments
Wyre Council Precept	51,000.00	37,346.69	Staff Costs
Bank Interest	4.53	2,447.73	Parish Maintenance
Grounds Maintenance	2,278	1,152.46	Insurance
VAT Refund	2,410.99	2,234.26	Pilling in Bloom
Pilling in Bloom	1,401.83	461.38	Subscriptions
Parish Lengthsman	1,026.88	430.00	Audit
Other Receipts	18,491.20	4,025.76	Administration
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party	606.40	801.51	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
		289.75	Pilling News
		107.70	Election Expenses
		355.19	Christmas Tree
		45.15	Training/Advertising
		242.96	Donations/Grants
		2,175.00	Defibrillators
		505.00	Queen's Birthday
		1,290.48	Celebrate Pilling
		1,893.68	VAT to reclaim
		5,678.78	Reserve Account
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£77,219.83</b>	<b>£61,483.48</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>

Pilling Parish Council is carrying forward £15,736.35 to start the new financial year.

The accounts are scheduled for external auditing in July, 2017.

### Road Repairs

School Lane is to be surface dressed from Damside to Smallwood Hey Road.

Taylors Lane will be closed to traffic on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am to 3.30pm to allow utility works to be carried out.



## **Celebrating Pilling**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

# **THANK YOU**

**Your help in organising and managing this most successful event is greatly appreciated.**

A substantial number of people helped to make this event the success it was in so many ways. From the initial meetings in October 2016 and subsequent planning meetings each month in 2017, many have worked with enthusiasm and imagination to bring our event to such a resounding success on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. The hours of planning, the long evenings spent on the field by so many during the week leading up to the event truly underlined that Pilling is blessed with a community spirit which must be the envy of all. This willingness to pull together to get the job done and the determination of all to make sure that everything was prepared ensured that not even the weather could upset things. On the day all our efforts were rewarded with a thoroughly excellent event which was enjoyed by all and which has received very favourable comments from many who attended. Whether you were a chicken, tea maker, cook, bottle washer, band player, face painter or dog, tent builder or grass cutter, you have contributed to a memorable occasion in the life of our village and your help is valued and appreciated. Even the tidying up and finishing off on Sunday was accomplished in meticulous fashion, and in sunshine, with the packed Churches Together service bringing the event to its close.

## **WELL DONE EVERYONE**

### **MEMORIAL ROAD PILLING – ALLOCATIONS**

**6 X 3 BEDROOM HOUSES AND 6 X 2 BEDROOM HOUSES FOR SOCIAL RENT**

The properties were advertised through a variety of outlets which included Local Magazines, flyers in shops in the villages of Hambleton, Stalmine, Knott End, Preesall, Pilling, Garstang and Great Eccleston as well as on notice boards via the parish of Pilling. Local schools were also approached in order to promote the accommodation to families.

There were 26 applications received for the 3 bedroomed properties 13 of which had a connection to Wyre

There were 57 applications for the 2 bedroom properties 28 of which had a local connection to Wyre

On allocation of the accommodation 7 applicants had a direct local connection to Pilling whilst the other 5 had a local connection to the surrounding villages

# Pilling Coffee Feast

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The **Coffee Feast** is an important annual event in our community. Not only does it include all the Churches and schools in Pilling, it is a family event that involves all ages.

It is believed that the Coffee Feast (in one form or another) was first celebrated back in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by the monks of Cockersand Abbey and the tradition continues today.

This year the Grand Parade will leave the Community Field, Taylor's Lane at 1.45pm. It will be led by Pilling Jubilee Silver Band and will include the retiring and new Coffee Feast Queens and their retinues, visiting queens, decorated floats, morris dancers, people in fancy dress and much more.

The parade will progress to Pilling Nursing Home, where it will turn around. It will stop at St John's Church for a short family service and the crowning of the new Coffee Feast Queen. Finally it will return to the Community Field, where refreshments will be served.

There will be lots of special attractions suitable for the whole family from 4.15 pm, including children's sports and games, bouncy castles, face painting, a barbecue and a bar.

## **Where does the money go?**

In order to pay for the event volunteers visit each household and invite them to make a donation. You can be assured that any money you give will only be used to fund this and future Coffee Feasts.

Thank you to the Scout Group for helping us with the collection of donations.

Your donation will help us to ensure that this great family day for all the community can continue and grow.

**THANK YOU!**

# Pilling Coffee Feast

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

1.15pm Safety briefing for all participants at  
Fold House Caravan Park

1.45pm Grand Parade leaves the Community Field,  
Taylor's Lane

Procession continues to Pilling Nursing Home and then  
returns to St John's Church

Approx. 3pm Family Service and crowning of  
the Coffee Feast Queen at St John's Church

4.15pm Refreshments and activities on the Community Field



- Refreshments
- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting
  - Barbecue
  - Tuck Shop
- Sports and Games
- Bar (provided by the Elletson Arms)



EVERYONE IS WELCOME ☺

The Morris Dancers will dance at the start of the procession, at the Golden Ball, the old people's bungalows on Smallwood Hey, Pilling Nursing Home, the Methodist Chapel and Pilling Pottery.

4 cups will be awarded for the decorated trailers:

Charlie Curwen Cup - the best decorated Pilling Queen's trailer

Vi & Jim Cross Glass Vase - the best decorated visiting queen's trailer

Wyre Borough Cup - the best decorated trailer

Moon's Trust Trophy - the best decorated trailer involving children's work

Any help would be appreciated throughout the day, but we particularly need more  
volunteers to help serve tea in the Community Field