

# Pilling Parish Council

Spring, 2018

## Pilling Coffee Feast

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

**Pilling 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 processes to Pilling Nursing Home, where it turns around to return to the Community Field for the crowning of the new Coffee Feast Queen and the fun begins. Refreshments are served throughout the day.

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

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

**THANK YOU!**

## Chairman's Report 2018

When travelling to a new location in a rural area, a visitor can often follow signposts which take them so far, then, suddenly he or she is faced with a sign that does not show the destination. In short, they are lost.

People seeking information about different services available from borough and county councils and then trying to access those services often face similar problems. One of the things a Parish Council can do is to signpost parishioners to the right department to find the required information.

Parish councils represent their local communities and while not possessing many powers, can influence decisions made at a higher level. The past year has seen the introduction of a 30 mph limit on Lancaster Road due in part to pressure brought by the council.

The extreme rainfall at the end of 2017 which caused flooding in a number of properties and also affected valuable acres of farmland reminded us of the need for regular meetings with a range of agencies to consider problems relating to water drainage. Sadly actions do not happen as swiftly as we would like and there are still times when local knowledge and information is ignored. Plans are afoot for the setting up of a flood action group which will enable villagers to respond to future situations in an effective manner. This is though dependent on the provision of accurate and up to date information by borough and county councils and other bodies.



Parish Councils are involved in making decisions and delivering services and in this respect, the introduction of ANPR cameras in England Hill will, we hope, provide a safer environment for parishioners.

The exciting plans to provide a new community hall and other facilities on the recently purchased field reached a new level with the news that the bid for monies from the lottery commission had been successful. When this is completed we will indeed have a marvellous centre for village celebrations.



Parish Councils have a role in monitoring provision by other bodies. As with many other areas of the country, Pilling suffers from potholes and decaying road surfaces; while this year has seen the resurfacing of a section of Garstang Road, the planned work on School Lane was side-lined when the parish council challenged the decision to do only part of the work needed. We expect more for our people.

Ultimately, our purpose as a parish council is to improve the quality of life for the people of Pilling and in this task I am supported by my fellow councillors, our lengthsman Graham and our clerk Gillian and to them I express my thanks.

## OVERVIEW OF PILLING 20 20 – May 2018

Pilling 20 20, is providing an excellent range of social, leisure and recreational facilities on the new field as the village hall was demolished over three years ago. The old hall was structurally unsound and beyond economic repair; 26 affordable houses have been built on the old site now renamed Memorial Road.

An adjacent 17.5 acre field on Taylors Lane has been purchased for community use. On that field we have already created two football pitches which are let each week, an extensive children's recreation area and a car park as well as having planted many trees to develop an 8 acre woodland park through which a 1,200 metre wheelchair friendly pathway and trim trail has been laid. A children's play area was built and has now been extended to provide additional play facilities for older children. We have fenced off the site and have provided a footpath along Taylors Lane and have created car parking. The new community hall expected to be built in 2019, has received funding from the National Lottery and other



groups, (approx. £730,000), and is to provide extensive and flexible accommodation enabling meetings for up to 200 along with opportunities for our isolated rural community to meet and access a wide variety of social, health and well-being facilities. The hall is planned as a village hub at which many new services can be provided. Hopefully we shall be providing a sports changing room when our hall is built, a Multi-Use Games Area and two tennis courts, which will be provided once funding for that is secured.

Pilling 20 20, set up by residents, has the support of Wyre Council, Pilling Parish Council and Lancashire County Council and this support has been fundamental in helping to bring the Pilling 20 20 scheme to fruition as, whilst our residents are resourceful and have initiative and enthusiasm, advice and help from these organisations has enabled us to plan and carry out the work necessary.

Our field is being developed and is maintained by volunteers who give up a great deal of time to keep in in order and looking attractive. We are grateful to all who help and welcome all offers of help and support. The facilities provided are free to all; 24/7 and are much appreciated by users to enjoy and relax. We have provided a picnic area and benches here and there and really Pilling can be proud of having such an attractive space to enjoy. We ask that everyone respects the area and that our simple rules observed.

**No vehicles or cycles beyond the car park**

**No horses**

**Use litter bins for all litter and dog pooh**

**Dogs on leads on the cut grass area**

Unfortunately users frequently report to us that dog pooh is not picked up by owners and that dogs are not on leads on the cut grass areas. Unsupervised children have caused damage by climbing onto our storage containers. Parents, dog owners and all users are asked to play their part in helping us maintain this wonderful facility so that everyone can really enjoy their visit.

## 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, 2018

Receipts	2017 - 2018		Payments
Wyre Council Precept	54,000.00	39,740.73	Staff Costs
Bank Interest	2.63	4,324.93	Parish Maintenance
Grounds Maintenance	1,591.14	1,202.83	Insurance
VAT Refund	1,934.59	400.00	Audit
Pilling in Bloom	1,750.00	390.42	Subscriptions
Other Receipts	1,924.19	4,113.55	Administration
Reserve Account Interest	121.45	1,272.35	Pilling in Bloom
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party	514.00	876.38	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
		781.75	Pilling News
		385.77	Donations/Grants
		7,206.34	Eagland Hill ANPR
		6,604.43	Celebrate Pilling
		2,331.29	VAT to reclaim
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£61,838.00</b>	<b>£69,630.77</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>

Pilling Parish Council has a minus balance to carrying forward of £7,792.77 and this was paid from reserves. The Audit compliance papers are available to view at [www.pillingparish.or.uk](http://www.pillingparish.or.uk)

The accounts are scheduled for external auditing in June, 2018.

### Reporting potholes

Lancashire County Councillor Salter reported School Lane is to be re-surfaced this year; however, the Parish Council is well aware of the state of Smallwood Hey Road and are still pushing for its re-surfacing too.

Should residents wish to report potholes, street lighting or other highway problems please use:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>



## Pilling Parish Lengthsman

Graham, our Parish Lengthsman for the past 10 years is to retire in September and the Parish Council is pleased to announce that we have appointed Stan Raby as our new Parish Lengthsman. He will begin his duties in Pilling on Monday 2nd July so that Graham is able to show him the ropes before he retires and help him understand the job and the tools and equipment. Graham has brought a great deal of experience and know how to his work over past 10 years, always prepared to help out no matter what, and we wish him well in his retirement. He will be missed.

Stan lives in Preesall and we are confident that he will fulfil the role superbly and will soon be getting to know us all and discovering the joys of Pilling.

## 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 Matthew Salter**

### **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. 07717 513 829

Tel. 01254 566 551

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. Meetings start at 7.00pm in St. John's Church Hall, School Lane and all residents are welcome to attend.



**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, 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 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 Billy on 790212.

### Lancashire County Councillor Matthew Salter

As this is my first feature in the Pilling Parish Council's newsletter I want to introduce myself as your new(ish) representative on Lancashire County Council. Since being elected in January I have really enjoyed meeting many local residents and discussing the issues that the community is affected by. I know one of the main problems is the state of the roads and I have had many discussions with Keith Iddon, the cabinet member at LCC about our pothole strategy. I also voted for an increase in the Highways budget in February, which hopefully will help as we move into the warmer months and can get on with repairing our roads. I notice that the Parish Council have included a link to report potholes and I would encourage everyone to report them as soon as they are deep enough to be repaired (4cm or deeper). I have also been out myself photographing the worst potholes, including the one on School Lane that acquired its very own cone, and was pleased when it was eventually filled after a few phone calls and emails.

The other issue I wanted to mention is that Lancashire County Council representatives will be present at the next Pilling Water meeting to discuss flooding strategies.

If there is anything you would like to raise with me, please feel free to ring me on 07717 513 829 or email me at [Matthew.Salter@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:Matthew.Salter@lancashire.gov.uk)

## Defibrillators and clothing collections

There are seven defibrillators located in the Parish:

1. Stakepool Stores
2. Garstang Rd Garage
3. Eagland Hill Hall
4. St John's School
5. Pilling Pottery
6. Glenfield Caravan Park
7. Pilling Nursing Home.

They are in yellow cabinets predominately placed on the front of each of the premises listed. To gain access to one in an emergency this is the procedure:

### **DIAL 999**

Ask for ambulance, the controller will ascertain if the use of the defibrillator is appropriate and if it is will direct you to the nearest

location and issue you with the key code to access the unit. Take the unit from the cabinet to the casualty and open it. A personal

message will tell you how to operate the defibrillator.

Continue to follow the instructions until trained help arrives, usually a first responder or the ambulance crew.



Pilling Parish Council has

run several training courses and is pleased to hold further sessions if residents are interested.

Initially our defibrillators and cases were bought through public subscription from residents, businesses, school and grants, and fitted free, but there are still some outstanding costs.

The maintenance of the equipment is paid for by the clothing collection. The pads need renewing every three years and new batteries are required every five years, so please continue to donate clothing by leaving it in the porch at St. Johns Church.

**NO OTHER ITEMS, NO QUILTS OR CUSHIONS, NO BOOKS, NO TOYS, NO PLASTIC, NO BRIC A BRAC, NO ELECTRICAL GOODS.** Thanks to the hosts who supply electric power for the cases and cast a supervisory eye over them with their weekly checks.

Your help is needed to maintain these vital life-saving defibrillators as in our rural situation emergency vehicles inevitably take time to arrive and every second counts when an emergency arises.

Thank You

# PILLING FUN RUN/ WALK

**Trim Trail  
and activity Stations**



**Refreshments  
Available**

**Run Distance - 500m to 3K**

Organised by the New Community Hall Committee

**“Wheelchair Friendly”**

**SUPERHERO** THEME  
Fancy Dress optional

Entry Fee  
£3 Adults  
£2 Under 16

**JUNE 9th 2018**



**REGISTRATION FROM 1PM  
RUN STARTS 2PM**



*Bring your own water bottle*

**ON THE NEW COMMUNITY FIELD - Taylor's Lane**