

Pilling Coffee Feast, 2016



The annual Coffee Feast was celebrated in Pilling on Saturday. The day started with the procession of floats through the village to St John's Church for the crowning of this year's **Coffee Feast Queen, Isabella Webster by Mrs Sylvia Hamblin**. Pilling St John's C of E school won the best decorated float with 'Welcome to the Jungle' and Stay and Play won the Moon Trust trophy for the float decorated with children's work. After the presentations, the procession of floats and classic cars continued through the rest of the village and back to the church hall where everyone enjoyed a fantastic feast followed by games and entertainment on the field. All in all it was a great day and many thanks go to all the organisers and helpers who contributed to the success of the day.

Lighting of Pilling's Christmas Tree Monday 5th December at 7.00pm. Village Green

Please come along with your children to take part in this annual occasion when our village tree will be illuminated and we shall sing carols accompanied by Pilling Jubilee Silver Band.

It is always cold at this time of year so wrap up well and perhaps Jim will be able to provide a brazier to help keep us warm. Come and celebrate this excellent start to Advent.

There will be a surprise visitor especially for all those still young at heart and the lights will be switched-on by our own Coffee Feast Queen - Isabella Webster.

Pilling Parish Council

Autumn, 2016



CCTV in Eagland Hill

Pilling Parish Council and residents of Eagland Hill have been successful in their funding bid to install two CCTV's to protect the isolated community from any burglaries. Criminals use the dark nights to carry out rustling, hare coursing and burglary in our area and you can help by reporting anything suspicious to the Police at 101,

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111,

Email Garstangoverwyreandpoulton.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk
Or log onto Garstang and Over Wyre on Facebook to be in the know.



Celebrate Pilling Event 2017

It is hoped to arrange a Celebrating Pilling Event in May/June 2017 when residents will be invited to come along to share in a community 'get together fun day' in May/June which would perhaps be held on Taylors Lane field. All residents and representatives of all local groups/businesses are invited to attend an initial exploratory meeting on Monday Oct. 10th at 7.30pm at Golden Ball. It is expected that the event will be open to all in Pilling, free of charge, so that we can celebrate living in Pilling. Please bring your ideas for activities and suggestions to the meeting when we hope to form a small organising group.

Chairman's Report

The economic policies of the Government have led to far reaching consequences which have been experienced at all levels from national to County to Borough and lastly to Parish Councils. The past year has seen cuts in services at unprecedented levels. Inevitably, those of us who live in rural areas will feel the brunt of these cuts and it is the Parish Council that responds on behalf of its parishioners to the different bodies who seek to bring about change.



The most damaging cut for Pilling was the proposed loss of subsidies to bus services. For people who depend on the buses to travel to school, work and hospital appointments as well as social and leisure activities this would have been the death knell to this and many other rural communities.

Fortunately, through the combined efforts and pressure from all levels of council a solution was arrived at and

we do have a slimmed down bus service. It is perhaps ironic that the past year has seen the erection of two bus shelters in Pilling. Cuts to the road maintenance budget have also had an effect on Pilling. As a council we keep a check on the condition of roads and bring to the attention of Lancashire County Council areas where there are potholes and road edges that need urgent repair. Sadly with most of these being on minor roads they are not high enough on the list of priorities and when they are done, they are not to the standard that we would expect. We continue to hold regular meetings with a range of bodies in what are termed the 'Water Meetings'. They enable us to bring matters of concern to the different representatives and to set out a timescale for when these concerns will be dealt with. Over the years these meetings have been held we have established a regular pattern of work and have developed a good working relationship with individuals; which helps to bring about action more quickly. However, they too are affected by the cuts to council budgets and actions cannot be brought about as speedily as we would like.

As with all parts of the country, the need for more housing has led to a large number of plans being submitted. Unfortunately, despite the promises to take greater note of local views, Borough Council planners seem to ignore these for the most part.

Despite these difficulties, Pilling still remains a pleasant place in which to live and bring up a family. The wide range of village events shows a sense of community that is not always seen everywhere.

As always the Parish Council seeks to inform, to represent and to take decisions on behalf of the parishioners. To do this requires the support of my fellow Councillors, our clerk Gillian and our Lengthsman Graham and to them I extend my thanks.

John Savage, Chairman of Pilling Parish Council

Raising funds for this year's Senior Citizens' Christmas Party



Meat Bingo
At the
Golden Ball, School Lane
On Monday 31st October
At 7.30pm

Admission £1 to include light refreshments

Burning manure

The open burning of manure as a controlled waste is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and may also be an offence under the Clean Air Act 1993, if dark smoke is emitted from the burning of waste on a business premises.

Pilling Memorial Hall Field

The play facilities on the new Memorial Hall Field are now open. The football field is mowed by the Committee and Pilling Parish Council is maintaining the grass in the children's play area. Please keep dogs on leads and clean up after them as the area is used by others.

The contractors will soon complete the fenced off area which will be surrounded by a knee high fence. The Pilling 20 20 group is applying to various bodies to secure funding with which to build the new hall, extend the children's play area, plant a woodland area and drain the large football pitch. We also are pursuing plans to provide a Multi Use Play area with tennis courts.



There is still plenty to do and we invite anyone who is interested in helping in any way, to make contact or attend our regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. More details from Katrina Bell, Tel. No. 01253 790649.

Treasure Walk

The residents of Pilling came out in force to support the Village Treasure Walk on Saturday 17th September when walkers set off from the New Community Field and followed a trail of clues around the roads and footpaths of Pilling. The community event concluded with tea, cakes and the awarding of prizes in the marquee. The bonus of good weather and good company meant that a great time was had by all. The committee would like to thank everyone who supported our first fundraising event. We are a little closer to our vision of a new hall for Pilling.

Participants were asked to complete a tie-brake which began- "We need a new Village Hall because....."

Here is a selection of the answers:

It provides a beating heart for our community

The old one fell apart and Pilling needs its heart.

Gives a community space for all to enjoy

Somewhere for the community to make happy memories.

A community gathering place

Somebody has built on the old one!

We have children who need exercise, fun and sports facilities

Everyone likes to get together for a party.

Pilling is a community which needs a focal point to meet (and we deserve it!)

To have more village events and parties.

We need somewhere to hold the great Pilling Bake Off.

Our village is growing and we need to meet together.

We want to dance the night away

To strengthen the community spirit

For fun games and laughter.

Pilling Parish Council

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



**Pilling Senior Citizens'
Christmas Party
Tuesday
13th December, 2016
From 4pm.**

Pilling Parish Council invite all residents of Pilling who are 65 years old or whose spouse/partner is or was over 65 years of age to attend our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party to be held in the Methodist Chapel. The all new programme will commence at 4pm with entertainment from our two primary schools, followed by tea and presentation of prizes at 5pm. Then follows live musical entertainment from the 50's and 60's. Start your Christmas celebrations here! There are no formal invitations so please treat this announcement as your golden ticket.

Defibrillators in Pilling

Seven defibrillators are now in place around Pilling - the latest installed at Garstang Road Garage. Many thanks to all who have contributed or helped and especially to the host venues. The fund remains open for contributions as we have not yet reached the total cost of providing



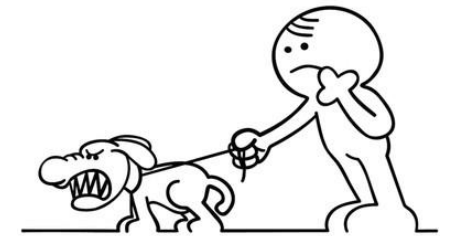
these lifesaving units. (7 x £1800 = £12600). The on-going clothing collection at St John's Church regularly brings in £150 for this fund but currently we are still £800 short. Free training sessions are run throughout the year when there is sufficient demand from those who wish to be shown how to use a defibrillator – please let Mrs D Schofield on 790046 know if you wish to attend as we can only deal with 15 –18 or so each time.

**Please walk dogs responsibly asks
NFU and Lancaster and Fleetwood MP**

The NFU in Lancaster and MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood Cat Smith have joined forces to ask people to act responsibly when walking their dogs in the countryside.

While everyone is encouraged to make the most of the open spaces in and around the area, they are being asked to remember that it is also a working environment and to make sure they act responsibly - especially when walking dogs where livestock are grazing in fields nearby.

NFU Lancashire County Adviser, Adam Briggs, said: "Farmers are rightly proud of the environment they have created which underpins the local tourism industry and provides a resource that everyone is able to enjoy. While we want to encourage people to get out and explore the county, they need to be mindful that it is a working environment. Unfortunately dog attacks on livestock are common, particularly during holiday periods when people spend more time in the countryside. All we ask is that if you are walking your dog over farmland that you keep it on a lead and clean up any dog faeces which can spread disease to cattle and sheep – in some cases causing cattle to abort if pregnant."



Lancaster and Fleetwood MP, Cat Smith, said: "We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world and much of that beauty is maintained by local farmers. As we all head out into the countryside this summer, I'm working with the local NFU to encourage people to be mindful that many stunning walks cross farmland, and as such we need to ensure the safety of all involved, whether that be walker or farmer, pet or livestock. There are ongoing reports of dogs not on leashes on farm land, and this is a risk to both the dog and livestock in the area. If you are out walking, please remember to keep your dog on its leash and to clean up after your dog."