

Pilling Parish Council

Autumn, 2017



Lighting Pilling's Christmas Tree Monday 4th December at 7.00pm on the Village Green



Everyone is welcome with your children to take part in this annual occasion when our village tree will be illuminated and we 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 of us young at heart after the lights will be switched-on by our own **Coffee Feast Queen - Jessica Forrest**, who was crowned by Mrs. Hilda Safford this year.

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Community Field, Taylors Lane

The wet weather has delayed the start of work to install a 1200m pathway and trim trail which was scheduled to start on August 1st. However, we hope that the installation of the six trim trail “stations” will be completed by the time you read this and perhaps also the pathways may have been laid. Dry weather would make things easier so let’s hope we have an Indian summer this year. We have extended the car park and installed two picnic benches and also will be increasing the children’s play area with three additional items of equipment. Disappointingly damage is being done by children climbing over the fencing and some children have also been seen climbing to the roof of the storage containers; parents are asked to encourage their children in acting responsibly. Neither horses nor motor cycles are permitted on the field as these too have caused damage. Please help us ensure that the field and its facilities are respected as we are striving hard to provide Pilling with an attractive area and village centre. Joggers will soon be able to use our pathways where they should be safer than running along our poorly surfaced and dangerous roads. When the pathways are ready we shall invite interested runners, joggers etc. to an opening event so keep an eye and ear open for this which we hope will be before the end of 2018.



Each weekend our two football pitches are hired to a local football club and we are currently exploring the possibility of changing rooms which could also provide facilities for any “field” event (Coffee Feast etc.). Our funding bid to build a new hall is with the National Lottery and we should know before Christmas whether or not we will be invited to the final stage of the process. Recently a lottery funding officer came to Pilling to meet us and review our application and we were encouraged by his comments.

Dog walkers using the new field are depositing their bags in the bins, but there are still those who chose to leave the mess and endanger other users. Dog faeces carries a toxin which can blind children, please clean up after your pet? Wyre is providing ‘Goliath’, an extra-large bin on the car park; hopefully this facility will encourage usage by everyone.

Grass cutting is undertaken by a team of volunteers who spend hours each week keeping the grounds and the two football pitches in good order and we are sure that all users appreciate the efforts being made. Several people have given donations to help with the cost of diesel and we recently held a Treasure Walk to help raise funds. Thanks to all who support our efforts and we are keen to include other residents, if you can help in any way, as a volunteer or by donating towards expenses, please contact any member of the Management Committee or secretary Mrs K Bell, 01253 790649.

Please support our attempts to provide Pilling with attractive, modern village facilities for us all to enjoy

Wyre Council's Local Plan

Publication Draft 2017

Public Consultation

The purpose of the local plan is to guide how the borough physically develops over the next 15 years - **Make your views known!**

Pilling Parish Council is holding a drop in session for Pilling residents to view the plan and make comments to Wyre.

Monday 23rd October between 7pm and 9pm
St. John's Church Hall, School Lane

The Publication Draft Local Plan and associated Sustainability Appraisal are available for inspection. Representation forms will be provided and information on completing online.

COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5.00PM FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 2017.



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**Orchard End Community
Benefit Fund**

Fund Update

Eagland Hill School Room have been awarded £2,022 to purchase new chairs for the Community Centre and the Eagland Hill Community Fund who will receive £1,600 to undertake essential repair works to the Old School Room building.



Eagland Hill ANPR camera

Work is now completed on the ANPR camera on Bradshaw Lane. The camera can record number plates of vehicles passing into and out of Eagland Hill. Information will be accessed by the Police to support any investigations into thefts or damage. This was possible after a successful award from the Orchard End Community Benefit Fund.

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

Pilling Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Tuesday
12th December, 2017
From 4pm.

Pilling Parish Council invite all residents of Pilling who are 65years old or whose spouse/partner is or was over 65years of age to attend our annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party to be held in the Methodist Chapel. The celebrations begin at 4pm with entertainment from our two primary schools, followed by Christmas tea and presentation of prizes at 5pm. Entertainment will include the Ukulele Band seen at Celebrate Pilling.



Start your Christmas celebrations here!
There are no formal invitations so please treat this
announcement as your golden ticket

Pilling has bloomed – will it do so again?

This year the various displays around the village have been magnificent and much admired by residents and visitors and they have been a joy, cheering up a



fairly miserably wet summer and autumn. We are hoping that they will continue to cheer us up during the winter, too. However, there is a problem and we need to find the solution before spring. An organiser and more volunteers are needed otherwise we may have to abandon the planting and upkeep of the displays. We have “muddled” through this year but it is clear that we require someone to undertake the task - we can help with advice and equipment etc. but hope that volunteers will come forward so that next year's displays can be planned and organised. Can you help in any way? More

hands make light work (and flowers bloom!) so please be prepared to have a go as it would be a pity if we gave up on this. Contact Mrs Gillian Benson, Parish Clerk who is in Pilling at St John's Hall each Monday pm and Wednesday am, Graham Armer, our lengthsman or any parish councillor. You won't get paid but honestly it is very rewarding.

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 remind drivers St. John's School warning lights also flash at school times and St. William's School on Garstang Road has 20MPH flashing signs. Please respect our children and keep to the speed limit?

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

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. 01254 566 551

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th November in St. John's Church Hall with the meeting of 5th December being held at Pilling Reading Rooms. Both meetings start at 7.00pm and all residents are welcome to attend.

Hedge Cutting

All roadside hedges should have been cut back by this time of year; it is a matter of road safety and no farmer will lose out on their stewardship payment. The safety concerns extend to residential hedges all these must allow for pedestrians to use the footpath in safety without overhanging trees and hedges. Lancashire County Council has the responsibility of highways and may cut your hedge and charge you!!

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Pilling Coffee Feast 29 the July, 2017

This year's parade was led by the Morris Dancers and Pilling Jubilee Silver Band and started from the New Community Field. The procession walked through the village to Pilling Nursing Home returning to St John the Baptist for the crowning of this year's Coffee Feast Queen, Jessica Forrest, by Mrs Hilda Stafford.

Winning floats were: Sparklers Nursery, St John's C. of E. School and Hambleton Queen. The ceremony finished with singing by Lucy Schofield and Kaitlin Ward. After presentations, the procession of floats and classic cars returned to the New Community Field where a fantastic feast was enjoyed by all; 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.