

Pilling Parish Newsletter

AUTUMN 2022

OCTOBER

The late Queen Elizabeth II



We were saddened to learn of the death of our late monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. Her reign of 70 years was one of duty, service and faith. We send our condolences to her family and to all who mourn her across the world.

**On Sunday 11th September, at the war memorial, as chairman of the parish council, I read the proclamation of Prince Charles, Philip, Arthur, George as King Charles III.
God save the King!**

PILLING VILLAGE HALL

To enable the new village hall to be completed, Pilling Parish Council provided a loan of £49,000 from Parish Council reserves, this money is being recouped through the parish precept over a five year period.

There appears to be a misconception that households are paying £12 a year in their council tax to facilitate this loan.

This is not the case.

To keep the parish precept at the same level as in previous years some projects have been put on hold until reserves have been replenished.

The Village hall has already (well ahead of schedule) started to repay the loan and this will be subtracted from the parish precept final figure each year as repayments are made.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee*
- *Pilling Community Action*
- *Christmas Lights*
- *Pilling In Bloom*
- *Pilling Village Hall*
- *Highway Reporting App.*

Pilling's QEII Platinum Jubilee

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE

On the weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2022 the nation celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen Elizabeth II. Recognising 70 years since her coronation Pilling Parish Council introduced Pilling's celebrations with the Over 60's Jubilee Afternoon Tea and lighting of a Jubilee Beacon at Lane Ends on 2nd June.



The celebrations commenced on 1st June with the Over 60s Jubilee Afternoon Tea. The event was a great success with over 80 people attending. During the Tea Alan Cookson played a selection of music taken from 70 years of the Queens reign. This was followed by a film show of past Jubilee Celebrations provided and shown by Joe Jenkinson.

On 2nd June the Jubilee Beacon was lit at Lane Ends by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor John Savage. Another successful event attended by over 150 people.

Refreshments of Bacon Barms, Hot Dogs, Tea, Coffee and soft drinks was served.



The Council owes a special 'thank you' to all the extra people who helped, in whatever capacity, making both of these occasions memorable events.

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**We're on the web
Pillingparish.org.uk**

PILLING COMMUNITY ACTION



This is a community led initiative bringing free creative and healthy activities to Pilling.

Pilling Parish Council have received funding from the National Lottery to support the project. This funding has allowed us to offer these workshops free of charge so please try to book as the number of places is limited.

You can try your hand at something new and meet friends at the same time

So far, we have had craft sessions, for all ages and abilities, including a children's nature walk and craft day, Macramé and upcycling a small table. The workshops are led by professional artists and crafters.

The workshops have been fun, and we aim to be inclusive so that everyone in our village can take part and find something they enjoy.

We are planning more workshops and would particularly like to hear ideas from young people 11 +.

If there is something you'd like to learn more about or have a skill you'd like to share.....we want to hear about it.



Follow us on

Or Call/text me on 07517396313 or email judyajudkins@gmail.com



Parish Council Chairman's Report

Twelve months ago, we were beginning to emerge from the cloistered life thrust upon us by the pandemic and despite the Omicron variant which caused a slight derailing of progress, we are (with the help of the vaccine) starting to return to a more 'normal' life.

However, there are still many things that are still with us; we went into the first lockdown with the closure of Taylors Lane due to problems with the sewers and it beggars' belief that two years on we have another closure and a piecemeal approach to solving the problem. We are told that lack of funding prevents the job being completed at one go but when you consider how much has been spent over the past two years that money would probably go a long way towards funding the whole job.

There are not only problems under the roads, but there are also difficulties on the roads with respect to safety. The Lancaster Road/Amenity Area corner continues to see a number of accidents, indeed the A588 is frequently quoted as one of the most dangerous roads in the country. Whether the scheme to track vehicle speeds from Lancaster through to the end of Shard Bridge will have any effect on accident numbers remains to be seen.

In addition, the surfaces of some roads in the parish leave a lot to be desired and no doubt contribute to some of the problems. While it is true to say that the parish council is able to influence district and county councils in areas that are in need of work, it does sometimes appear that Pilling has a low priority compared to some places and therefore, our pleas are not noted.

Pilling has, despite the sea wall, still suffered from flooding, so the idea that an inter tidal lagoon be created that would look at the way in which land can be used for storage during high tide to allow breathing space before releasing the water to the sea is worthy of consideration. Accordingly, a working party will be set up facilitated by the parish council to consider this proposal.

While the parish council works on behalf of residents to develop and enhance facilities, there are times when residents need to play their part. An increase in dog fouling (and the refusal to pick up after dogs) has been noted; in addition, there is a responsibility of landowners to make sure their dykes and ditches are cleared. Only if everyone does this can water run freely thus avoiding build up and flooding. While the parish council can speak to landowners and if necessary refer cases to district and county councils, it should be understood that we do not have powers to force work to be done. This remit lies with higher authorities.

Our Pilling in Bloom team ably led by our lengthsman Stan have worked tirelessly to show the village off to best advantage and it is pleasing to note that their efforts were rewarded with second place in the Best Kept Village Competition and a Gold Award in Wyre in Bloom.

In my report last year, I mentioned the completion of the new village hall and my hope that it would be a focus to bring people together as we moved out of restrictions. I can only say that my hopes have been surpassed; the hall has been open for just under a year to major acclaim both for the building and for the facilities that it provides. Many new activities are taking place in the hall and as we move into June it will be the centre of four days of celebration to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen Elizabeth II. This will include an afternoon tea to replace the Senior Citizens party which had to be cancelled due to omicron. It will be yet another occasion when the people of Pilling can come together as a community to remember and to celebrate.

Seeing your community change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of pride and achievement.

This is what we strive to do as councillors, and in leading the council, I am grateful for the support of my fellow councillors, our lengthsman Stan and our clerk Gillian.

John Savage
Chairman, Pilling Parish Council.

Pilling's Christmas Tree

**Pilling's Christmas Tree Switch-on
Monday 5th December at 7.00pm on
the Village Green**

Families are invited to take part in this annual occasion when our village tree will be illuminated and sing carols

accompanied by

Pilling Jubilee Silver Band.

It is always cold at this time of year so wrap up well.

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 switch-On



**The lights will be switched-on by
Daisy Beattie,
Pilling Coffee Feast Queen 2022**



Pilling Parish Council Notice

**Access to the foreshore is for the
parishioners of Pilling only**

Pilling Foreshore is a protected SSSI and Ramsar site.

Dogs are a threat to both livestock and wildlife.

**The owners of the land and Pilling Parish Council accept
no liability to any person for any injury, loss or damage
whatsoever or however caused, whether by negligence,
breach of statutory duty, or, in any way**

Pilling Parish Council Financial Report

Pilling Parish Council Financial Report, 2022

Carried forward:		Year end:	
Nat West:	£5,571.46	£12,642.93	
Furness Building Society:	<u>£23,781.99</u>	<u>£44,233.73</u>	
	£29,353.45	£56,876.66	

Income:

The impact of the Covid pandemic has affected everyone and Councillors did not wish to put further burden on residents by raising the precept, but it became necessary to increase by £3,000. The Parish Council has supported the work of Pilling Village Hall; in the final construction months the committee appealed for funds to complete the build. £49,000 was loaned from the Reserve Account. The Village Hall will repay the loan from yearend balances. The Reserve Account being recouped through the precept.

Pilling in Bloom, who use the Parish Council's financial facilities, raised an extraordinary amount in sponsorship, thanks wholly to the tireless efforts of Stan Raby. These include both local and surrounding businesses, Wyre Council and local residents. The Parish Council is rightly proud of his diligence when, with his team, planted up the village and extended areas of floral displays. This resulted in a RHS North West in Bloom Gold Award, the ceremony was held in Pilling Village Hall by Wyre Council, who were delighted with the facilities.

The bank interest is pitiful at this time, £1.69 and due to an increase in transaction amounts, a new bank is being sought. Funds are transferred into the Reserve Account to attract interest, £77 this year. The Parish Champion grant was used to provide office furniture in the new Pilling Village Hall office to be used a base for the Parish Clerk. The Over 60's Party was again cancelled due to the pandemic, there was a donation, to be used towards the Jubilee Afternoon Tea for our older residents in June.

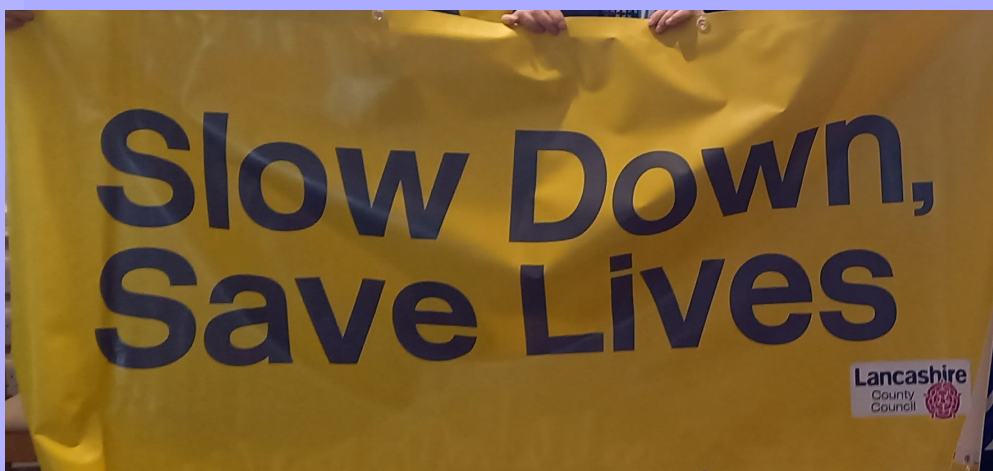
The Parish Council's ground maintenance contracts include At. John's Church and Pilling Chapel graveyards, Lancashire County Council grass verges, and Lune Valley Housing. Cllr. Mrs. Judy Judkins was successful in applying for Community Arts Projects and Heritage Walks grant from the Lottery for £9,300

Expenditure:

Staff costs increased due to a last-minute wage settlement notified in March 2022 and back dated to April 2021. Pilling in Bloom has undertaken an expansion of floral beds and plants needed to fill them. Christmas tree lights were purchased for the new tree located at Stakepool Stores. The Pilling Newsletter saw two prints and the first for two years. There have been marginal increases in insurance, audit and subscription costs. Councillors took advantage of the new training courses offered by Lancashire Association of Local Councils.

Gillian Benson,
Responsible Financial Officer, Pilling Parish Council

Slow Down, Save Lives



Lancashire County Council recently launched a Road Safety initiative.

Pilling Parish Council has displayed a large poster at Jim Browns, but grey bin stickers are available from the Stan, the Parish Lengthsman .

Please ask him when you see him about the Parish.

Pilling in Bloom

Pilling in Bloom

We have had another great year in Pilling, maintaining some of the more successful aspects of last year's planting and introducing some new ideas.

Verges

We've managed the verges differently using staged mowing to create pollinator patches and encourage insect life. These small areas are allowed to grow and then cut once a year after the grasses and flowers have set seed. The thatch is then removed. The result has been more wildflowers such as selfheal, bird's foot trefoil, red clover and purple loosestrife. You've probably seen pyramidal orchids on Back Sands Lane too.

Planters

These are full of colour, texture and bees! We're using peat free compost mixed with a good heap of manure. Perennials have been used to extend the flowering period.

New Bug Hotel on School Lane



Designed by Stan and made with the family at the Old Ship who also made signs to encourage visitors

Sensory Garden

This lovely quiet area now has three fruit trees and a 'help yourself' herb patch. The raised beds will be replaced with new ones in the winter; we have funding for this from Moon's Trust. The garden is maintained by Stan and volunteers.

Pyramidal Orchid



If you'd like to sponsor a planter, do a litter pick, donate your time or spare plants or bulbs, then please contact Stan or Judy 790919

Many thanks to everyone who has supported us this year to keep our village looking so attractive.

Pilling Parish Council

The Role of Pilling Parish Council

There are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Pilling:

- Lancashire County Council
- Wyre Borough Council
- Pilling Parish Council

What is a Parish or Town Council?

'Parish and town councils are the foundation of local government. They are the level of government closest to the people and have a vital role to play in improving local quality of life. They can influence decisions that affect local people, help bring life to local communities and offer a way of making sure services meet the needs of residents'.

Parish and Town Council Charter in November 2008

Parish councils were formed in 1894 and are the smallest area of civil administration in England. They are the level of local government closest to the people. Councillors serve for a maximum period of four years.

Parish & Town Councils Role in the Community?

Parish councils have a wide range of duties and powers. A council may resolve to call itself a town council if it so wishes. Councils must be given the power by law before they can act. They are led by the chairman and advised by the clerk. Meetings are open to the public. Time is allowed for residents to give their views and ask questions. Meetings are held mostly in the evening. A good council listens to its electors and represents their views. It also works in partnership with other authorities and various organisations to bring benefit to the parish/town. Councillors must sign a declaration of acceptance of office upon election and must agree to the Code of Conduct before they may act as a councillor. Money for projects is raised from local taxation (precept) and from grants. That money is spent wholly within the parish/town and will add value to the services provided by the principal authorities.

Pilling Parish Council

Ten local people serve as Councillors on the Parish Council. They are all volunteers and receive no pay for the work they do on behalf of the Parish. Elections to serve as a Parish Councillor are held every four years, unless there is a resignation when the casual vacancy is advertised on the notice boards and the Parish Newsletter.

An important part of the role of the Parish Council is to represent the views of the Parish in response to various public consultations.

Proclamation of King Charles III



Pilling Parish Council met on Sunday 12th September 2022 to proclaim the Accession of Prince Charles Phillip Arthur George to King Charles III.

Many residents attended on the lawn in front of St. John the Baptist Church. Finishing with the National Anthem 'God save the King'

Possible Excavations in Preesall

Pilling Parish Council replied to scoping document submitted to Lancashire County Council

SCP/2022/0003

PROPOSAL: SCOPING OPINION REQUEST FOR SAND & GRAVEL EXTRACTION

LOCATION: LAND OFF BOURBLES FARM, PREESALL

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scoping document of a proposed sand and gravel extraction project in Preesall which will impact on Pilling residents.

Firstly, Pilling Parish Council fully support the comments and supporting information submitted by Preesall Town Council, and trust that Lancashire County Council will fully consider these comments when considering the document.

The Parish Council objects to the document and wishes to add the impacts this proposal will make on Pilling residents from the interruption in local life through traffic conflict, air borne particles, noise and mental health stress.

Traffic Conflict - The access to the proposal uses the A588, the third most dangerous road in Britain, directly through the centre of Stakepool. Head Dyke Lane is closely bordered by dykes and hedges HGV's passing other traffic including other HGV's may result in running off the edge into the dykes. The corner at Fold House is particularly narrow and difficult to negotiate followed by the narrow Pilling Water bridge. This is a predominantly agricultural area with farming vehicles widely using the roads and parking at businesses in Stakepool.

Lancashire County Council highways must be consulted for a suitable traffic management plan and their requirements upheld as to the state of the infrastructure of local roads with the increase in heavier vehicle use. Is Garstang Road to be considered as an access route?

Air Pollution - There is little information in the scoping document on the potential impact to local community from air pollution arising from the proposed sand and gravel extraction, mineral processing and construction vehicle movements. Air borne particles both from the works and traffic carrying the material needs to be investigated as to the impact on Pilling residents and what mitigating measures will be employed. This investigation must include the noise impact to be made with the increased number of HGV's to be used for transporting materials out and those returning to fill the voids.

Various sizes of air borne particles will be produced from these works which will be blown from the site as the prevailing wind blows from the coast and these will be detrimental to those living in Pilling. Will monitoring be conducted into the wider community?

Residents Health - This document, even at this stage, is causing great stress and unrest to our residents within close proximity as to the immediate detrimental effect on them and the wider community with the potential effect on their quality of life.

Lancashire County Council will be aware that the site has Biological Heritage Status under its RAMSAR status and trusts Lancashire County Council will include this in their decisions.

**Other consultee replies can be read at www.pillingparish.org.uk
Selecting 'other' documents.**

Pilling Village Hall



HIRE CHARGES

PLEASE NOTE: All bookings must include set-up and clear-up time.

CHARGE PERIOD	MAIN HALL	MEETING ROOM	COMMENTS
Session Rate	£60	£30	Sessions are morning, afternoon or evening with actual times agreed when a booking is made.
Hour Rate	£20	£10	
Full Day Rate	£150	£75	09.00 & 23.00 but may be modified by arrangement.
Kitchen	Shared use	Shared Use	Use of the Kitchen is subject to agreement and included in the Hire Charge.
Bar	By Arrangement	By Arrangement	

We aim to be as accommodating as possible to provide a great venue
For hirers of Pilling Village Hall.

Please phone 790649 to discuss your requirements, particularly, if your you are planning a special event, party or looking for a regular block booking.
Alternatively, e-mail info@pillingvillagehall.co.uk outlining details of your event and contact details

Pilling Village Hall

Pilling Village Hall - Chairman's Report

Pilling Village Hall was opened on June 5th 2021. Not the grand opening we had hoped for as Covid prevented that, but since the beginning of June we have gone from strength to strength. When representatives of the BIG LOTTERY came to visit, they were "satisfied" with the development of the building and the progress we were making.

We began with a name change, from Pilling Memorial Hall to Pilling Village Hall, a new beginning for our community.

Since opening, we continue to attract new volunteers to work both in the hall and in the grounds which are maintained to a high standard. As a result the hall and fields have been booked extensively for a wide variety of sports and social activities.

Over the year we have established Friday Night Social with activities including darts dominoes, bingo and live music. We have many regular customers. Because of the demand for the use of the hall for functions, we have been able to employ bar staff on a casual basis. We have also engaged a cleaner for five hours a week.

The café is open regularly 3 times per week with volunteers undertaking training in order to comply with hygiene regulations. We now have 14 staff with hygiene certificates. Customer numbers have steadily increased and it is now a popular meeting place for locals and others from further afield.

When we were inspected, we were given a five star rating for the café and bar by Wyre Borough Council. We also have started a "Meet And Eat" luncheon club once a month which is proving very popular

We provide a wide variety of sports facilities. Football continues to be well supported with 12 teams using our facilities for their home matches. Many people make use of the trim trail for daily exercise. Regular fitness classes now take place over three nights and one daytime class, gentle exercise for the elderly, is proving very popular.

Recently a line dancing class has been a new addition to our weekly activities. Badminton is played regularly on Sunday evening, with families attending. The outdoor table tennis table is now installed and used regularly.

Recently a bike rack has been installed and is well used by visiting cycling groups and locals.



Pilling Village Hall

We have formed a separate Social Subcommittee that has attracted lots of younger volunteers. They plan a wide variety of social activities to help with fundraising for the hall. These include discos, fun days, live music nights, kids café and Christmas craft fair which appeals to a wide variety of people

We also fundraise for good causes, including a very successful Race Night for Ukraine. The hall is often booked by other charities to raise funds.

Most days, the hall is used for fitness, private functions and performances. Theatre performances have made a comeback with Pilling Drama Group returning to the stage and visiting performers such as Pilling Jubilee Silver Band, Garstang Musical Productions and the Houghton Weavers have graced the stage.

We have continued to attract funding from sources including The Princes' Countryside Fund, Peoples Postcode Neighbourhood Fund. The Arts Council and Moon Trust. These funds have been used to further develop our facilities, including stage lighting and car park lighting and CCTV,



Over the recent Platinum Jubilee weekend, the Village Hall has been the centre of events, from Afternoon tea for the over 60's to a Tea Dance and quiz, family fun day and very successful "Last Night Of The Proms".

The weekend concluded with an Ecumenical church service to celebrate both Platinum Jubilee and also the first birthday of the Village Hall, where the hall was officially opened by Garry Payne.

Our first year of operation has been most successful with a vibrant social committee enthusiastically exploring exciting and innovative new ideas for events. Their efforts have been appreciated by residents who have responded, volunteered and supported each activity. Our aim to provide something for all, regardless of age or disability, has increased our client base and provided a financial boost to hall funds.

As our plans for the future are being shaped, which include development of the car park to increase capacity, and additional improvements to our hall and site, we will continue to look for funding for other projects to maintain and develop our facilities.

Paul McWhirter
Chairman, Pilling Village Hall

Reporting Problems

Dog Fouling

Report directly to Wyre Council

<https://www.wyre.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling/1>

Reporting potholes, street lighting, gullies etc.

Please use:

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

Reporting problems with Watercourses

Environment Agency hotline: 088 80 70 60 goes to division to act on.

United Utilities Leakline

0800 33 00 33

United Utilities Floodline

When sewers are overtopping
0345 6723 723

Pilling Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Gillian Benson

RESIDENTS SURGERIES IN PILLING
Pilling Village Hall
Monday and
Wednesday

Phone: 017477472526
E-mail: clerk@pillingparish.org.uk

Report speeding complaints directly to the Police

to www.lancsroadsafety.co.uk where you then simply need to follow directions from the 'Contacts' link.

OUR Lancashire

Our Lancashire is the Lancashire wide initiative to bring groups and communities together to make Lancashire a greater place to live work and play.

Supported by public services and organisations across Lancashire this is the one stop shop for groups and events.

Lancashire Police are using this site to network with groups and communities. This includes promoting our In The Know messaging service.

More info at www.ourlancashire.org.uk

The link to report CoVID19 Breaches is as follows:

https://doitonline.lancashire.police.uk/covid19/Create?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn

Pavements are for PEOPLE



Please park safely and show you care.



*If you do park on the pavement then.....
we can't get by.*

So please think before you park.

Thank you



Lancashire County Council has launched an app, free for residents to download to their device via the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

You can report the following issues via the app:

**Pothole Streetlight Blocked drain Footway problem
Vegetation Damaged sign Damaged bollard Traffic light
Damaged bus stop Grit bin Trip hazard**

Information about the app and what is available can be viewed here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/> As new items are added to the app, we will update the website with the information.

You can now use your mobile phone to report highways faults to @lancashirecc. Download the 'Love Clean Streets' mobile app to report potholes, streetlights, blocked drains and more on the go.

bit.ly/3EBN7VI #LoveLancashire #LoveWhereYouLive

If you spot a problem on the highway – you can report it to @lancashirecc on their website.

You can now also use their new mobile app to report a pothole, faulty streetlight, blocked drain and more on the go.

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