

# Pilling News

Winter, 2014

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The weather continues to treat us very kindly as we move into November, although we appreciate that this cannot last. We are prepared for the more inclement weather when it arrives. Lancashire County Council has provided grit bins through the parish for use on the highway to ensure motorists are able to continue safely.



Winter of course brings the usual round of festive activities starting with the switch on of the village Christmas tree on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, followed in the next week by the annual Senior Citizens Party on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

All these activities involve a lot of people moving around and we are conscious of the poor state of many of the roads in the parish. Repairs to these roads are vital and this is something we as a parish council will be pressing for in the coming year.

Perhaps it is a little early, but my fellow councillors, our clerk Gillian and our lengthsman Graham, join me in wishing you a Joyful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

John Savage  
Chairman, Pilling Parish Council.

### **Lighting Pilling's Christmas Tree Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm on the Village Green**

Please come along with your children to take part in this annual occasion when the festive lights on our village Christmas tree will be switched-on and we shall sing carols accompanied by Pilling Jubilee Silver Band.

It can be bitterly cold so wrap up well and hopefully Jim will be able to provide a warming glow to keep us all cosy. All residents are invited to celebrate this excellent start to advent and herald the festive season for the birth of Christ.

There will be a surprise visitor especially for all those still young at heart and the official lights switch-on will be by our own regal **Coffee Feast Queen - Kaitlin Ward**



It won't be long now before we are in the grips of Winter and if we get snow this year it is best to be prepared.

Don't be shy and make sure your neighbours are coping; many people find it difficult to ask for help. Can you clear their drive, while you're clearing yours? Can they get to the shops? Here's advice issued during the last great fall of snow;

## The Snow Code issued by the Department of Transport

### Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.



### Preventing slips

- Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas
- Use salt or sand - not water
- Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.
- You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them.
- If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

### Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

### Winter services from Lancashire County Council

Lancashire County Council will provide many winter services such as clearing local roads and pavements in your area. For information about your council's winter service, check its website. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for all the latest gritting updates, winter weather advice, schools closures and more.

- [www.twitter.com/lancashirecc](https://www.twitter.com/lancashirecc) Share winter tweets using the #lancswinter hashtag.
- [www.facebook.com/lancashirecc](https://www.facebook.com/lancashirecc)

## **PILLING PARISH COUNCIL**

Meetings of Pilling Parish Council are held in the Comrades Room, Pilling Memorial Hall, Taylors Lane at 7.00 pm. on the second Wednesday of every month.

Future meetings will be held on

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014 and 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

## **PILLING PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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Duck Street,  
Pilling,  
PR3 6HN Tel. 790409

***Mr. William Whiteside***

The Golden Ball,  
School Lane,  
Pilling  
PR3 6AA Tel. 790212

The Parish Council can be contacted through any of the Councillors or residents may wish to contact the Parish Clerk:

Gillian Benson, 57, Hamers Wood Drive, Catterall, Garstang, Preston. PR3 1YN  
Telephone 01995 600689

Residents Surgeries are held on Monday afternoons between 1 and 4pm and Wednesday mornings between 9am and noon at Pilling Memorial Hall.

## Affordable Housing off Lancaster Road

Planning permission has been granted by Wyre Council for the building of 11 affordable homes on the site behind Bradley's Electrical, Lancaster Road. Access to the site is next to the bridge over Pilling Water, the trees and shrubs along the water course are now protected with a Tree Preservation Order and any arboreal work must be in consultation with Wyre Council.

## Affordable Housing off School Lane

This development by Partners Ltd. is about to be handed over to Regenda and filled with Pilling residents.



Affordable houses in Pilling are for Pilling residents, who wish to live in the village but are not eligible for a mortgage or do not want one and can show a connection to the village. The houses are partly for rent and partly for shared ownership, either way it is very important that those applying are registered:

### Useful Contacts

My Home Choice Fylde  
Coast  
01253 476111

Website address

[www.myhomechoicefyldecoast.co.uk](http://www.myhomechoicefyldecoast.co.uk)

Wyre Council  
01253 891000

Website address

[www.wyre.gov.uk/housing](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/housing)

Regenda  
0344 7360066

Website address

[www.regenda.org.uk](http://www.regenda.org.uk)

## Water Meeting in Pilling

Pilling Parish Council arranged a meeting to discuss the many water problems which occur in the village and beyond into the hinterland. The meeting was attended by Eric Ollerenshaw, MP, United Utilities, the EA, NE and the NFU. Due to recent and continuing budget cuts the EA has pulled back from their cyclical maintenance of water courses and are only able to clean out the latter reaches of the Broadfleet, Pilling Water, from Bone Hill Bridge to the sea wall.

This has now put the responsibility of dyke cleaning on the landowner, who must ensure that the water is running freely and their dykes are not preventing water running from adjacent land. The EA has produced a booklet to guide landowners through their responsibilities and this is available by putting 'Living on the Edge' into Google.

## **Pilling 20 20 – Things looking Rosy!!**

The project to bring up-to-date recreation facilities to Pilling is looking promising and we are hopeful that by Easter we will know the outcome of the planning applications. The design of the replacement for the Memorial hall has almost been agreed. A steel framed building with very environmentally friendly walls being favoured with underfloor heating being generated by a ground source pump. Hopefully the roof will carry numerous solar panels which should help make the hall very economical to run. Two football pitches will be provided as well as a multi sports play area which, along with the hall, should cater for all types of sports. A much improved and enlarged children's play area is planned. Villagers had the opportunity to view the plans on Saturday 15th Nov. when at the open day in the Comrades room there were several useful and constructive ideas.

### **Pilling Needs**

If you are able to help in any way we would be grateful as talents of every description are needed to bring the plans to fruition – we need anyone who can help with funding applications, design of facilities, project management - anything that will help towards the fulfilment of this exciting project which will shape the future of Pilling.

Please take part and become involved – we need all the help we can!

### **Whist and Domino Drive Thanks**

Pilling Parish Councillors wish to thank all those who attending the recent Whist and Domino Drive held at The Golden Ball. A grand total of £282.00 was raised on the night, which helps to finance the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

Thanks are also extended to the Golden Ball for the venue and providing the well received 'Pilling Tea'.

## Pilling News

This is the last publication of the Pilling News in this form; however, future copies will still be available at our local shops, businesses, public houses, schools, churches and the Parish Resident's Surgery.

Stakepool Stores  
Bradley's Electrical  
Pilling Pet Shop  
Bell Farm  
Pilling Pottery  
Village Post Office  
Fold House Caravan Park  
Glenfield Caravan Park  
Midwood Caravan Park

Woodlands Caravan Park  
Elletsons Arms  
The Golden Ball  
St William's School  
St. John's School  
St. William's Church  
St. John's Church  
Pilling Methodist Chapel

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[www.pillingparish.org.uk](http://www.pillingparish.org.uk)

If you would like a copy sent by E-mail please send your address to  
[clerk@parishes.org.uk](mailto:clerk@parishes.org.uk)

## PROBLEMS IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council employs a Parish Lengthsman to keep the Parish tidy and well maintained.

The problems of fly-tipping, flooding, damage to public footpaths or litter bins needing emptying continue. But whilst the Parish Lengthsman and Councillors find most of the problems, should any Pilling resident find such problems these can be reported to the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors listed in this edition.

Or directly to Wyre Council on 891000 or  
[Wyre.gov.uk/reportit](http://Wyre.gov.uk/reportit)  
[Wyre.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://Wyre.gov.uk/dogfouling)  
[Wyre.gov.uk/missedbin](http://Wyre.gov.uk/missedbin)



**Pilling Senior Citizens'  
Christmas Party  
Tuesday  
9<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**

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 from 5pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

**Please treat this  
announcement as your  
invitation.**

Residents who would like a lift to the party should contact your nearest Parish Councillor to arrange this.



*Pilling Parish Council  
Extends seasonal greetings to all residents*