

Pilling Parish Newsletter

AUTUMN, 2019

SEPTEMBER

Parish Council Chairman's Report

As August draws to a close, it is time to reflect on the Summer period. While not reaching anything like the level of last Summer; 2019 has provided some spells of bright hot weather to enjoy.

Unfortunately the annual Coffee Feast did not fall during one of these periods, but despite that the indomitable Pilling spirit saw that the day went ahead.

Autumn should see the commencement of work on the new village hall, an exciting occasion in the life of the village; you can read more about this later in this issue.

In amidst the holidays and celebrations of the summer, the work of the council goes on. Planning applications, roads, water and policing continue to be areas that we are involved with discussing and monitoring. District and County Councils have a wider remit, but Pilling Parish Council have at their heart the interests of the people of Pilling.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Pilling Parish Council has co-opted three new Councillors*
- *Pilling Community Hall and Recreational Field latest update*
- *Residents help is needed to complete the building of our new Community Hall*
- *Success with Pilling Coffee Feast despite the weather.*



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Meet Stan Pilling' Parish's Lengthsman



You will all have seen Stan working around the village. He has been our lengthsman for just over 12 months. It's his responsibility to keep the verges neat and tidy. But beyond this Stan has used his skills and hard work to make our village look very attractive. Keeping the village looking it's best means that he has to pick up a lot of litter and appeals to everyone to take their rubbish home or put it in the bin.

Stan says he loves every aspect of his work and regularly puts in extra hours to get the job done especially for important village events like the recent Coffee Feast



When he's not working Stan enjoys a game of bowls and spending time with his wife Elaine, their 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

We are grateful to Stan and all the people who have given their time to plant, water and maintain the colourful displays around the village.



Following an incident at Lane Ends Amenity Area when a car transporter was unable to access the barrier and remove a vehicle; the Environment Agency has erected a new sign giving their incident hotline for information.

Flooding Seminar in County Hall

In July County Cllr. Matthew Salter organized a Seminar discussing flooding issues and the County's response. Cllr. Neil Cookson attended from Pilling Parish Council with other flood vulnerable areas such as Croston, Rufford and Churchtown represented. In the course of discussions it was clear that Wyre Borough's flood response has advanced better than most district councils in Lancashire and that Lancashire County Council aims to improve it's efforts. There was agreement that rural communities will have to take responsibility for their own needs in any future flood event due to resourcing issues and that Pilling Flood Action Group (FLAG) will serve as the 'conduit' for this.

PILLING COMMUNITY HALL AND RECREATIONAL FIELD



Completed so far

1. Demolish existing hall to build new Community Centre
2. Acquire new site – *adjacent 17.5 acre field off Taylors Lane purchased*
3. Affordable housing for local people – *26 houses built 2015 at Memorial Road*
4. Footpath provided along Taylors Lane.
5. 3 Football Pitches created and let weekly to local teams
6. 3,000+ trees planted along with flower bulbs to create 8 acre country park and picnic area provided
7. 1,200metres of all-weather, wheel chair friendly pathways and Trim Trail
8. Children's Play area built & extended to cater for older children
9. Car park area created and extended
10. Field fenced and river fenced-off and appropriately signed for public safety
11. Volunteer group of residents formed to maintain and supervise site
12. National Lottery funding of £500,000 and further £330,000 secured towards hall build. Contractor appointed after extensive tender process.
13. 2018 Winners of Wyre Sports Awards and Winners of Lancashire Sports Awards 2

Expected Autumn 2019:

Hall build start and Sports Changing Rooms installed



We are at a very exciting time with our ambitious plans to build a New Community Hall for the people of Pilling. This facility will provide a large community space for sports, the arts and recreational facilities, somewhere for the whole village to come together. Already, after a great deal of effort, we have over **£835,000** in grants from the BIG Lottery, Sport England and other funders. This is a huge sum and we have almost reached our target. A new community space for Pilling is within our grasp! All planning has been granted and the hall build has been out to tender and we are now in the position to begin building this autumn but still require another £75,000.

We are now asking for your help to raise this final amount. We would like all local groups, businesses and individuals to get involved in helping with this enormous task and there are many ways in which you can;

Look out for our **“buy a brick”** scheme - *details in this newsletter*
Make a personal donation. If you are a taxpayer, this can be gift aided to enable us to claim 25% extra – *a form in this newsletter*

Support our fundraising events such as the **Treasure Walk, and the Houghton Weavers Concert.** (*The “Trip Down Memory Lane” event held at the Oddfellows Hall on Taylors Lane on 24th & 25th August raised over £1100 with thanks to John and Renee Higginson and family*)

Hold your own fundraising event with your organisation.

Volunteer your time and skills or donate a raffle prize for our next event.

Donate to collection boxes in local shops

We know this is a huge amount of money to raise and it is going to “take a village” to do it. How can you help? Could you raise money to buy a brick or two?

Get in touch for more information.

(Katrinambell@hotmail.com) or 01253 790649

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Thanks to John and Renee Higginson and their family for hosting this nostalgic event at the Oddfellows Hall on Taylors Lane on Aug 24th/25th to raise funds for our new community hall. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed two magnificent days of convivial fellowship as they shared memories of Pilling's past.

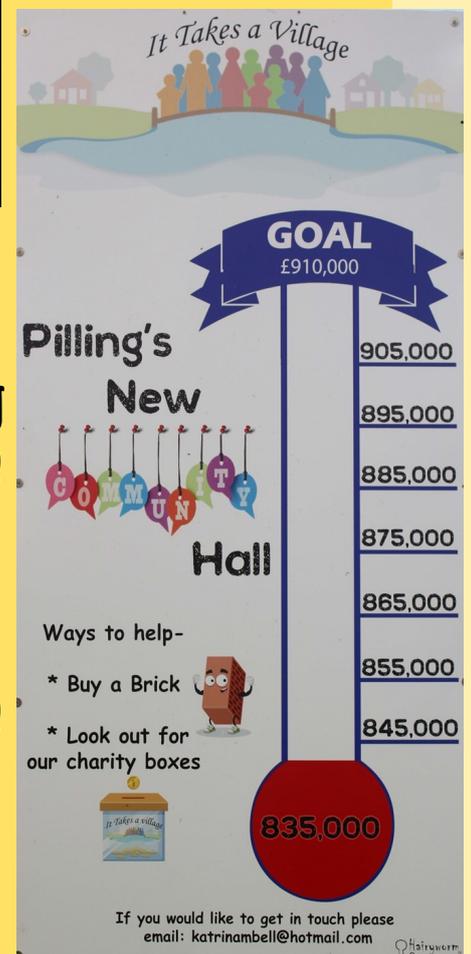
**Over £1100.00 was raised towards our funding gap of
£75,000**



We are urgently looking to raise funds to close the £75,000 funding gap. The £1,100 raised from above event is a tremendous start.

If you can help in any way please contact Katrina Bell and encourage friends and family to buy a brick.

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Pilling Coffee Feast, 2019

After months of preparation, Pilling was ready to celebrate the Coffee Feast 2019. The marquee was up and beautifully decorated floats were trimmed, Queens prepared speeches and houses along the route of the procession were festooned with bunting and balloons.



The crowds assembled at 2pm and the parade began, following Pilling Jubilee Silver Band, who played valiantly despite the continuous rain. The route was lined with well-wishers, brollies in hand, waiting to cheer us on our way.

This year we were celebrating 60 years of Coffee Feast Queens and many former queens had returned to take part once again in the annual village celebration.

This year we also welcomed visiting queens from Eagland Hill, Preesall, Hambleton and out Rawcliffe as well as our own retiring queen Twiga and queen elect, Emily. They all looked radiant on their beautifully prepared trailers.



Pilling Coffee Feast, 2019

The winner of the Wyre Trophy was St Williams with their float "The Lion and Albert". The Moon Trust Trophy was won by Sparklers Nursery with "The Darling Buds of Sparklers."

In a first, Sparklers Nursery treated the crowds to a very memorable maypole dance!



The crowner this year was Mrs Clements, who spoke about village tradition and the importance of community before performing her duty crowning Queen Emily.

Then it was into the marquee for afternoon tea, followed by a

barbeque and disco. As usual, the food was delicious and there was plenty for all who came to the party.



PILLING PARISH COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the last Pilling News three residents have come forward to serve on Pilling Parish Council; they are Judy Judkins, from the village, Anna Richardson, from Duck Street and Steve Phillpotts from Scronkey, we look forward to their ideas and contributions to our debates.

Lancashire County Council has responded to our requests regarding highway flooding by repairing and jetting the drains on Smallwood Hey and installing new gullies in Carr Lane. They also took the simple and inexpensive measure of placing reflective marker posts on the bad bend on Garstang Road, near Calcalds



Farm where numerous vehicles have left the road recently.

We continue to liaise with the Environment Agency on drainage issues especially regarding the level of the Broadfleet and issues with the gates on the outfall. I would also ask that landowners keep their ditches and watercourses well maintained and this will hopefully reduce the risk of flooding to the community.

The Coffee Feast was a village success, despite the atrocious weather, the marque on the community field proving to be the saviour. The next community events to look forward to are the switch-on of the Christmas Tree lights and the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in early December. We continue to be proud to represent the Parish and residents and ask that you approach us with any issues or concerns and we will endeavour to resolve or at least forward to the relevant authorities.

Councillor Neil Cookson

PILLING COMMUNITY HALL AND RECREATIONAL FIELD

BUY A BRICK - Build a Hall

Would you like to see local sports facilities such as badminton or carpet bowls on your doorstep?

Fancy going down the road instead of into town to visit the theatre? Want to meet up with friends for coffee or for a celebration?

Pilling Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Gillian Benson

RESIDENTS SURGERIES IN PILLING
St. John's Church Hall.
Monday afternoons and
Wednesday mornings

Phone: 01995 600689
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Then help us build a Community Space for the village of Pilling

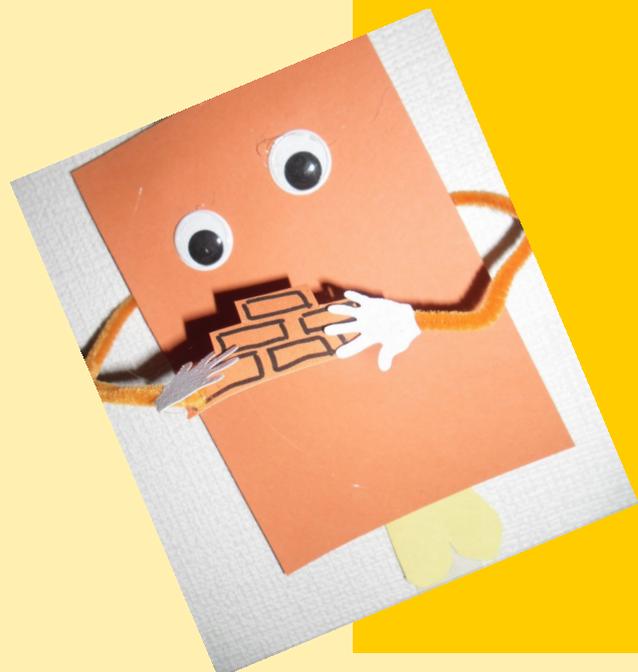
You can contribute by "buying a virtual brick" which costs £20 and all of the money goes towards the cost of building our new community hall.

Consider buying a brick for your family or in memory of a loved one. To buy a brick, contact Katrina Bell, katrinambell@hotmail.com or on 01253 790649. Don't forget to Gift Aid it. You can boost your brick donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. As a registered charity we can reclaim Gift Aid from the tax you pay – it doesn't cost you anything – it is just a great way of deciding where some of the tax you are already paying goes!

For your donation you will receive:

A certificate of appreciation, your name recorded in the fundraising Book of Thanks and be included on the donor wall at the new hall.

Form on
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**PILLING COMMUNITY HALL AND
RECREATIONAL FIELD**

Please use this form to make your donation

Pilling Memorial Hall

(Reg. Charity No. 515897)

PILLING NEW COMMUNITY HALL

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