

# Pilling News

Summer, 2014

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014

The government is increasingly encouraging parish councils to deliver more services and to play a greater part in their communities. When you consider that for this council this could include areas such as planning, highways, traffic, community safety, housing, street lighting, litter, war memorials, seats, shelters and rights of way, it can be seen that this is a wide ranging remit.

The council seeks to work in cooperation with other tiers of government, although this can only be effective when other bodies subscribe to the same viewpoint and timescale. Pilling Parish Council comments on all planning applications that come before us, however, this can be difficult when guidelines on building in Pilling seem so confusing. Furthermore, on occasion, planning conditions are not complied with, but sadly rising costs have led to a fall in enforcement from the borough council.



The annual meeting with representatives from other agencies continues to be fruitful in considering problems identified within the parish and working towards a solution. Talks with the Environment Agency have created a more cohesive plan for clearing dykes and identifying whether the responsibility lies with the EA or the landowner.

Smaller bodies do have influence though and as such, the council has been involved in discussions with the bus operator, leading to the restoration of the bus route through the centre of the village. This is a vital service for many of our parishioners and the recent decision not to axe bus services in the evenings and at weekends has to be applauded. The about turn though was brought about by pressure from individuals and from bodies which included this council.



The enhancement of life for locals is at the heart of what we do as a council and given the rural location of Pilling, transport routes are a key issue. We continue to put forward roads that are in need of repair and improvement, although these are not always taken on board or if they are, they are not given the priority that we would like.

Throughout the year, councillors attend regular meetings both of the full council and of sub-committees. They also represent the council at other meetings, attend training courses, listen to parishioners and act as a visible presence at many village events.



One of these of course, is the annual senior citizen's Christmas party, organised by the parish council. Those who attended this year will have noticed the new arrangement of tables - the first alteration in many years. Some may have doubted whether it would be successful, but when tried it worked. In our communities we are faced with change and perhaps we view this with uncertainty. But, if we face change with an informed and positive outlook and have the ability to make variations based on local knowledge, then it can only be to our benefit. The development of Pilling in a planned way will contribute to a longer term, more thriving local community.

In closing, it only remains for me to thank my fellow councillors, our clerk, Gillian and our Parish Lengthsman Graham, for their hard work and support as we face up to the challenges of taking Pilling forward.

John Savage  
Chairman, Pilling Parish Council.

## **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, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2014



**Accident on Lancaster Road**

A recent accident on Lancaster Road, Pilling in May was attended by the Police.

## Financial Matters

The Parish Council is responsible for the proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets and taking steps to prevent fraud and other irregularities. There are accounting policies and procedures in place to mitigate exposure to major risk, which are reviewed annually. The Councillors believe they make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. The accounts are a matter of public information and can be viewed by residents at any time.

### Receipts and Payments Account for Pilling Parish Council Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014

Receipts	2013 - 2014		Payments
Wyre Council Precept/Rural Grant	£48,054.00	£35,358.55	Staff Costs
Bank Interest	£ 7.89	£1,857.78	Parish Maintenance
Grounds Maintenance	£2,900.24	£6,599.70	New Equipment and Maintenance
VAT Refund	£1,894.04	£877.74	Insurance
Pilling in Bloom	£925.00	£949.70	Pilling in Bloom
HMRC refund	£1,163.14	£ 659.65	Subscriptions
Other Receipts	£852.28.00	£360.00	Audit
Senior Citizens' Christmas Party	£931.00	£569.07	Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
		£765.43	Administration
		£659.70	Pilling News
		£197.77	Christmas Tree
		£6,254.96	Reserve Account
		£25.00	Training/Advertising
		£699.00	Donations/Grants
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£56,727.59</b>	<b>£55,834.05</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>

Pilling Parish Council finished with a balance of **£893.54**

The accounts are scheduled for external auditing in July, 2014

## Pilling In Bloom



This year sees the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Royal Horticultural Society and to mark this occasion the planting in Pilling will include gold as a prominent theme. Pilling in Bloom is looking for residents able to spare the time to weed or water the many floral

displays through the Village, which bring a sense of pride to residents and visitors alike.

If you would like to be part of the 'In Bloomers' please contact Billy on 790212.

## **PILLING PARISH COUNCILLORS**

***Mr. John C. Savage, Chairman***

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Taylors Lane,  
Pilling  
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***Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson***

Wyndale,  
Lancaster Road,  
Pilling  
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***Mr. Graham C. Curwen,***

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Fluke Hall Lane,  
Pilling  
PR3 6HA Tel. 790502

***Mr. John Edmondson,***

The Olde Ship,  
School Lane,  
Pilling  
PR3 6HB Tel. 790946

***Mr. Donald W Lawrenson***

Bonds Farm,  
Duck Street,  
Pilling,  
PR3 6HN Tel. 790409

***Mr. Edward Moorat***

1, Stakepool Drive,  
Pilling.  
PR3 6BU Tel. 790464

***Mr. Stewart Morley***

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Morley Lane,  
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***Mr. Graham G. Morris***

The Swallows,  
Smallwood Hey Road,  
PR3 6HJ Tel. 790029

***Mrs. Brenda Schofield***

Shawlands,  
Shaws Lane,  
Pilling.  
PR3 6SA Tel. 790747

***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.



## **New Shop and Café Now Open**

### **Cafe at the pottery**

Come in and enjoy our bright new cafe, a changing home made menu and warm welcome awaits you, in our unique gallery environment.

**Pilling Pottery**

## Pilling 20 20

Pilling 20 20, the exciting project to provide a comprehensive recreational facility and new village hall has reached the beginning of Phase Two, application for planning permission. Phase One, (which has been long and difficult), was to identify and secure a suitable site and at the end of May the trustees entered into an agreement to sell the Memorial Hall site, for 26 affordable houses and purchase the 18 acre field, for the new Village Hall and sports facilities on Taylors Lane subject to planning permission. The new recreational facilities include football pitches, a Multi Use Games Area, children's play facilities, a country park/fitness trail as well as the new Village Hall providing accommodation for many types of use in Pilling. Funds to develop these facilities are being applied for and it is expected that each element of the development will attract 100% funding from the grant providers.



Now the time has come for **YOU** to become involved. We have various groups working on different aspects of this project and would welcome **YOUR** input. Join in and help to shape what will be a marvellous facility for everyone in Pilling. We are looking for people who have ideas and skills that can enable us to take the project on to the next stage. Please contact John Savage, secretary, Pilling Memorial Hall if you can help. Tel:790707

We also have people who are working on grant applications to different bodies but would welcome assistance from anyone with experience in this area.

Please join in and help to make Pilling 20 20 a lasting resource for the

# Pilling Coffee Feast

village.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

The **Coffee Feast** is an important annual event in our community. Not only does it include all the Churches and schools in Pilling, it is a family event that involves all ages.

It is believed that the Coffee Feast (in one form or another) was first celebrated back in the 12<sup>th</sup> century by the monks of Cockersand Abbey and the tradition continues today.

This year the Grand Parade will leave St John's Church at 1.45pm. It will be led by Pilling Jubilee Silver Band and include past and present Coffee Feast Queens and their retinues, decorated floats, Morris dancers, people in fancy dress and much more.

The parade will go through the village turn around at Pilling Nursing Home and return to St John's Church for a short family service. This will be followed by the crowning of the new Coffee Feast Queen. The parade will end at the Memorial Hall where refreshments will be served. There will be lots of special attractions suitable for the whole family from 4pm to 10.30pm (approx.), including children's sports and games and live entertainment.

## **Where does the money go?**

In order to pay for the event volunteers visit each household and invite them to make a donation. You can be assured that any money you give will only be used to fund this and future Coffee Feasts.

Your donation will help us to ensure that this great family day for all the community can continue and grow.

THANK YOU!

# Pilling Coffee Feast

Do come and join us on the day!

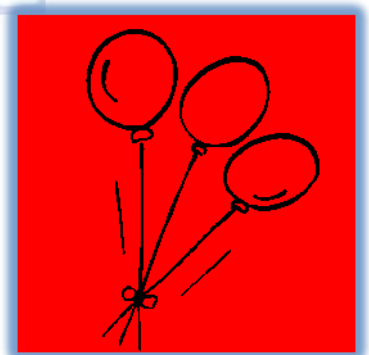
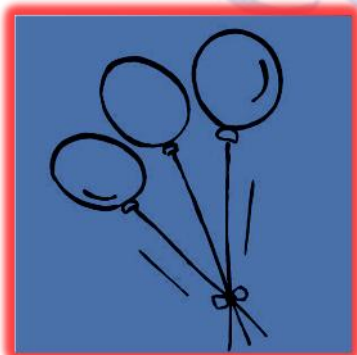
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

1.45pm Grand Parade  
departs St John's Church

2.45pm Family Service and  
Crowning of the Coffee Feast Queen  
at St John's Church

Followed by activities  
at the Memorial Hall  
from 4pm to 10.30pm (times only  
approx)

- Refreshments





- Stalls
- Barbecue
- Live entertainment
- Sports and Games
- ...and much more!!

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME**



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