

Clothes Collection

Once again we are collecting old clothes, footwear and handbags which should be left in black bags in St John's church porch from **February 1st**. Our Autumn collection raised £285 which went towards the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party.



This time any funds raised will be used to provide a further defibrillator to be sited at Pilling Pottery. Last year Pilling Parish Council's defibrillator campaign enabled us to provide Pilling with five defibrillators which are all currently in place and "in service". They are checked each week, available 24/7 and

are part of the NW Ambulance Service's network. Pilling was awarded the Gold Award from Cardiac Smart to recognise the community's efforts. Please support us once again and any local group or individual who wish to contribute directly to our appeal should contact Mrs Gillian Benson, clerk to Pilling Parish Council, who holds Residents Surgeries at St John's Church Hall each Monday pm and Wednesday am or any Parish Councillor.

Pilling Parish Council

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in Pilling Reading Rooms, 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. Johns Church Hall Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, or contact a councillor below;

Pilling Parish Councillors

Mr. John C. Savage (Chairman)

Rivendell, Taylors Lane,
Tel. 790707

Mrs. Elizabeth Cookson

Wyndale, Lancaster Road
Tel. 790537

Mr. John Barton,

Bone Hill Farm, Bone Hill Lane
Tel. 790657

Mr. Neil Cookson,

Copper Garth, Smallwood Hey Road
Tel. 790875

Pilling in Bloom

Pilling has entered Wyre in Bloom for a number of years and has been successful on many occasions. As a result our village looks more colourful and attractive through this involvement. Many thanks to Mr W Whiteside who has led our efforts in recent years planning and planting the displays around the village. The team has shrunk; yet the tasks grow and we now have to ask whether or not we can continue. The team needs to expand and we invite villagers to help; perhaps by undertaking the upkeep of displays close to their homes and also, if they wish, be involved with the planning and planting. Please help us to continue taking part and let us know before the end of February if you are prepared to lend a hand as early in March we have to let Wyre know of our intentions. More help "on the ground" is necessary and it would be a pity if we withdrew so please let our clerk or Billy Whiteside know if you are prepared to help in any way.



Let's keep Pilling blooming lovely!

Mr. Graham C. Curwen,

Carr Holm, Fluke Hall Lane
Tel. 790502

Mr. Stewart Morley

Barn House, Morley Lane
Tel. 799124

Mrs. Debra Schofield,

Bradshaw Lane Nurseries, Bradshaw Lane
Tel. 790046

Wyre Councillor Graham Holden

County Councillor Viv Taylor
Cat Smith MP

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. 810234

Tel. 01254 566 551

Pilling 20 20

The wet weather has delayed our plans a little but we are hoping that by Easter the car park on our new field will be complete and the new children's play area will be opened for use. The newly seeded grass on the first of the two football pitches is growing well and we hope that in 2016 we will have a pitch in full service. Plans for the new hall are taking shape and we



would be pleased of offers of help to bring all of our plans to fruition. We could use the services of anybody who is able to contribute to ideas and is prepared to come along to our monthly meetings when we plan the development of this exciting project. Much of the time is spent on designing our hall, applying for grants, dealing with planning matters as well as more practical matters such as grass cutting, marking out of pitches, expanding the children's play area, fencing and signing and day to day management. Pilling 20 20 is a major project, still in its infancy, and has been planned by local people for the benefit of Pilling. We invite anyone interested in the future of Pilling to contribute and help shape the facilities needed locally. Please contact meetings secretary, Mrs Katrina Bell, katrinambell@hotmail.com or Mr E Moorat, tel. 790464 or any member of our Pilling 20 20 group.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Garstang and Over Wyre Police

Are you protecting your neighbours? Criminals use the dark nights to carry out rustling, hare coursing and burglary in our area. You can help by reporting anything suspicious to the Police at 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, email Garstangoverwyreandpoulton.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or log onto Garstang and Over Wyre on Facebook to be in the know.

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Christmas Tree Switch-on

Pilling's own Coffee Feast Queen **Matilda Davis** pressed the button to switch on the Christmas Tree lights on 7th December to start the seasonal festivities.

A blessing was given by Pilling Ecumenical Council with both the primary schools taking part. Carols were accompanied by Pilling Jubilee Silver band, a truly Pilling event.



Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

Held on the second Tuesday in December and open to ALL Pilling residents aged 65 and over and their partners. The evening starts at 5pm with dinner and cakes. Followed by a free raffle and entertainment, both St. Johns and St. Williams Schools sang to their grandparents and the Pilling Puppets had the audience in stitches.



Why not join us for next year's celebrations? There is no formal invitation but if you are eligible you will be made most welcome, meet up with your friends in the village and make new ones.