

THE CATTERALL CRIER

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Summer 2017



Your New Toddler and Junior Play Area

Friday 28th April was a day of celebration when Ben Wallace MP and 2016/17 Catterall Gala Queen Olivia Horner cut the ribbon to formally open the new Toddler and Junior Play Area watched by parish council chairman Ian Brayshaw.

The parish council is delighted that so many Catterall children are enjoying this long awaited new facility which was the first project in the playing field masterplan.

We are currently looking for funding to extend the path so that it will go all the way round the playing field and to install outdoor fitness equipment at different stations around the path.

Chairman's Report

As we begin our new parish year I would very much like to thank our team of Gillian and Tim for their continued hard work and commitment and also to Graham from Pilling for helping Tim again. I would also like to thank Councillors for all they've done. Thank you!! Our longest serving councillor, John Houghton, recently retired after 55 years and we always valued his knowledge of the village and its history. Can I also welcome our newest councillors, Kev O'Hanlon and Simon Kirkman, to the parish council. I hope you are not regretting deciding to be a councillor?

We have yet again managed our resources prudently and to put some money aside for projects around the village. The precept seems to be, in the main, accepted by everyone. I'm sure that the majority understand that they are getting value for money seeing the improvements to the Queen Elizabeth II playing field. I would also like to thank Jan and her team for the hard work they have put in so far.

It's lovely to see colour around the village which starts with our fantastic daffodil display in spring and is followed by all the planters placed by Netta and her Catterall Bloomers in early summer. We are delighted to provide some financial and other support to the Catterall bloomers again, and I look forward to seeing what Netta has in store for us all this year!

Planning remains one of our most contentious issues and we have all had something to say on that matter but Wyre has now decided a number of planning applications which will bring a lot of new houses to the village and more traffic but without any extra facilities. The Pickerings development is nearing completion and it appears some of the properties are already occupied.

Our persistent drug dealing issue blatantly continues, even though we are assured that the Police are dealing with the matter. We are suffering some wanton damage and vandalism which in my personal opinion IS linked. Vickers' old building on Catterall Gates Lane had been broken into and appears to have been used as a meeting place; it has now been re-secured.

Congratulations to Catterall Gala Committee for another successful gala on 3 June and thankfully, we were blessed with good weather. Once again thank you all very much for your support and I look forward to being able to support you and the Parish for the coming year.

Thank you
Ian Brayshaw
Chairman of Catterall Parish Council



Cardiac Risk in the Young

The Matthew Hesmondhalgh Memorial Fund

Did you know the rhythm of our heartbeat is controlled by natural electrical activity in our heart cells? Disruption of this electrical current can cause a disturbance in our heartbeat and can lead to Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS). The National Charity, CRY, affirms that each week in the UK **12 seemingly fit and healthy young people die suddenly and unexpectedly** from a heart condition they didn't know they had. But there is some good news. This disturbance can usually be detected by an ECG – a quick, painless test that simply 'downloads' the rhythmical music of our hearts to produce a printed image that experts can read and analyse.

Following the death of 22 year old Catterall lad, Matthew, to SADS Team Matt and the CRY Babies have been helping CRY raise awareness of Young Sudden Cardiac Death (YSCD). Ring fencing the funds raised in Matt's memory enables us to bring CRY's screening team to Garstang Community Academy each February to test the hearts of young people aged between 14 and 35, for these electrical disturbances. This annual event sees 200 young people given ECG's and follow up echocardiograms if necessary, and to date over 20 young people have been highlighted for further investigation, treatment or management of latent heart conditions. While the £10,000 cost of the weekend screening event may seem a lot of money (and a lot to fundraise!), it breaks down to just £50 per person tested – not a lot to potentially save a life!

From Matt's Milk Bottle Challenge to quiz nights, discos, stalls, walks, marathons, coffee mornings, Tough Mudders, LEJOG and so many more diverse events we have a great many folks to thank for helping us to do this vital testing. We really hope you managed to secure a copy of the superb paperback 'A ramble around Catterall and district', which is now sold out. We greatly appreciate the kindness of author and local resident, 'Joe Lane', who dedicated the proceeds of the book to Matt's Fund – a magnificent £868!

For more information see Facebook *The Matthew Hesmondhalgh Memorial Fund* – CRY or contact Paula 07785 106 976

Finance

The Parish Council is responsible for 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 at any time.

Receipts and Payments Account Catterall Parish Council

Receipts	2016/2017		Payments
Wyre Council Precept	£57,000.00	£33,900.44	Staff Costs
Grounds Maintenance Contracts	£4,719.00	£3,887.06	Parish/Equipment Maintenance
Administration	£968.65	£2,993.42	Administration
Bank Interest	£157.47	£81.00	CCTV
Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field	£42,492.00	£39,832.58	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field
VAT Refund	£3,053.36	£107.70	Election Expenses
Grants	£355.00	£643.13	Donations
Catterall in Bloom	£775.00	£2,031.32	Catterall in Bloom
		£149.90	Christmas Tree
		£400.00	Audit
		£1,886.04	Insurance/Subscriptions
		£2,019.64	Capital Equipment
		£987.60	Catterall Crier
		£195.00	Training
		£8,574.26	VAT Recoverable
	£109,520.48	£97,689.09	

Balance to carry forward as at 31st March, 2017 - £11,831.39.

The Parish Council accounts are audited in July, 2017, by BDO LLP.

Dog Fouling on our streets

It has been reported to the Parish Council that residents are cleaning up the pavements outside their house because the dog owners are too idle to! This is unfair and clearly disgusting; if you take a dog walking YOU have the responsibility to clean up. Tim, our Parish Lengthsman, asks that dogs are stopped from urinating on his cones when he is working in the village. It rubs off when they are collected and stinks!!! Thank you.

Your Catterall Parish Councillors

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Leonard Cheshire Home, Dimples Lane

Oaklands is a Leonard Cheshire Disability residential home with nursing care on Dimples Lane, Garstang, who provide all the necessary domestic, health and social care for our 30 residents many of who have quite complex needs.

We are always on the lookout for people who could offer some of their time to help improve the quality of life for those entrusted to our care. In particular we have a thriving gardening club, which the residents love, and acres of grounds which are lovely; but are in need of constant attention - as many will be fully aware! In addition we are looking for a number of additional drivers who can help with taking our residents on outings. However, any help would be much appreciated; be it befriending, playing cards, chatting or providing any additional outlet/activity for our residents.

I do hope that one or two Catterall residents may be interested and if so perhaps, they would like to come along and I will show them around and give more information.

Best wishes, **Martin Wintermeyer**

Volunteer Coordinator, Oaklands

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CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Catterall Village Hall at 7.00 pm. and residents are always welcome. Future Parish Council meetings will be held on; Tuesday 1st August, 5th September and 3rd October 2017.

Community Coffee Stop At Catterall Village Hall

Coffee stop provides a regular [Tuesday morning](#) meeting place for local people.

We run as a community cafe staffed by volunteers, you can call in anytime between [10am](#) & noon. Why not give us a try in July !

We will be open in Catterall Village Hall [on 11th July](#).

Our summer trip this year is an outing to Sizergh Castle [on Tuesday 18th July](#).

Coach travel from Catterall & Garstang as required. Booking essential. Coffee Stop will be closed during August but we hope you will join us when we start our new term in Catterall on the 12th of September

The Alzheimer's Society invites you to become a Dementia Friend & increase your understanding of dementia. See dementiafriends.org.uk A community training session will run in Catterall Village Hall [from 11 am on Tuesday 11th July](#). (during our regular Coffee Stop) This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to find out more. The session will take approximately 1 hour.

We look forward to welcoming you.

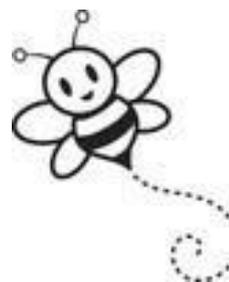
Church but not on a Sunday celebrates the end of its first year with an all age event on Catterall Playing Field. Thursday 13th July @ 6 pm Walking Treasure Hunt @ 6 pm then free hot dogs for all. Games & craft for all ages will follow.

We would love families to join us for this event so book the date, tell your friends & come and join us for this Catterall Community Event. Church but not on a Sunday will be closed during August but looks forward to welcoming you back as we begin our second year in September. For more details contact me via the church office on 01995 641175

Lesley Hardman

Catterall in Bloom - Win a free Hamper in 2017

Our faithful supporters - Dewlay and Booths of Garstang are offering the gardeners of Catterall the chance of winning a hamper this July.



Hamper One - Dewlay the Cheesemakers

This prize is for the brightest container of Summer flowers at your **FRONT DOOR**. The container can be any shape, size, old, new, even an old wheelbarrow or a bicycle.

Hamper Two - Booths of Garstang

This prize is for the most wildlife friendly **FRONT GARDEN**. We are looking for a wildlife patch, bird or bat boxes, hedgehog home, butterfly and insect attracting plants or even a Bee Hotel. The choice is yours.

**Closing date 23rd July, with the
Winners contacted 30th July, 2017**

Have Fun! Good Luck! Happy Gardening!



Catterall in Bloom Win a Hamper Competition 2017

Name

Address

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Phone

Hamper One - Front Door Container

Hamper Two - Wildlife Front Garden

Please return entry form to;

Netta Parker, 4, Stones Barn, Stones Lane, Catterall. 605385

Catterall Gardening Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Catterall Village Hall. We welcome old friends as well as new members to our small and friendly gardening club.

The Queen's Anniversary trees.

On Monday afternoon, some of the Queen's 50th anniversary trees from her Sandringham estate were planted in Keeper's Wood, Catterall. The Queen gifted Catterall parish with these 50 young native trees on the occasion of being our sovereign for 50 years. The other saplings are already thriving at the community garden on the corner of Stone Cross Gardens, and these are the remaining dozen to be planted. Tim Hoyles was assisted by two members of Catterall in Bloom, Sue Gale and Netta Parker, on the hottest day quite possibly since the 1976 heatwave! After four hours of testing and difficult work, the saplings were planted with extra nutrients added to the soil, wooden stake supports (which were donated by Haldane Fisher) and watered. It was a good job well done. Thank you to everyone who looked after the saplings in their back gardens, and who worked hard on Monday to provide Catterall with our new royal arboretum.

