

THE CATTERALL CRIER

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report

Well, where has this year gone? It doesn't seem two minutes ago that I was writing the summer edition of The Crier. As I'm sitting here taking in the last of the evening sun I just wonder how long this will last the nights are drawing in and the clocks are due to go back in a couple of weeks, then winter will be truly with us.

When I write at this time of year can I ask that you give a little thought to your elderly neighbours, making sure they are managing as the weather changes and the evenings get a little cooler. They may need the odd light bulb changing or that small job doing that didn't seem too important a few months ago.

Also as winter approaches and we get nearer to Halloween and mischief night, can I ask those of you with children that participate in these celebrations to show, as you have done in the past, consideration to those who perhaps don't want to be disturbed late at night and that the younger children please take care when crossing the roads or walking down some of our 'darker' side streets, even consider taking a hi-visibility jacket and torch with you.

Planning is still causing the Parish Council concerns and we are seeing still more large building applications being submitted to Wyre Council for consideration. Let me assure you that the Parish Council is working tirelessly with other Parishes, Wyre and the County Council to ensure that we can get the best results for the areas and that a joined up thinking approach is used in all planning applications. The parish is very aware that new houses are needed for sustainability but we are trying to encourage a considerate and sensible approach making sure that the right type of house is built in the right area, and taking into consideration, all existing amenities and infrastructures that such plans will inevitably have an impact on.

We all have our own opinion on where and what should be built in the area and I encourage everyone get involved by looking at Wyre Council's planning applications at; <http://www.wyre.gov.uk/planningsearch> and making your comments known to the planners. Each planning application is considered on its own merits.

The sluice gate is nearly finished and Tim has built a plinth which has a map that Gillian has researched showing how the water was fed into the mills in the area. I would like to thank those of you who have kindly given the clerk items of diligent research about our area. We intend to put all this information onto our new website so that others can share this knowledge.

If you are passionate about where we live and would like to contribute to how Catterall continues to develop, there is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. You can contact the Parish Council office or one of the current councillors and they will be able to give you more information. Alternatively you are welcome just pop into the monthly Parish Council meeting and see what happens.

Which leaves me one last thing, and as always, it seems a little early but may I wish all of you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2016.

Ian Brayshaw,
Chairman of Catterall Parish Council



PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY - SHINY SHOE PROJECT

Following an upgrade of Catterall's Public Footpath no. 14 by Lancashire County Council's Public Rights of Way an opportunity arose to pilot the Shiny Shoe project.

The surface of footpath no. 14, accessed from Stones Lane, was upgraded in May 2015 and installing the Shiny Shoe signs gives potential users of the footpath a visual message that the walk would be suitable for normal footwear. Many people are put off walking if they are unsure of the standard of the surface and the pilot was an opportunity to encourage people who would otherwise be hesitant.



Like all pilots we need feedback on the project and would appreciate views on the potential of the signs. Also, the idea is to encourage users on the network and any ideas relating to how that could be achieved would be gratefully received - Linda.Andersen@lancashire.gov.uk .

Remembrance Sunday



The Parish Council holds a short remembrance service at the Memorial Garden at 2.00pm on 8th November, with the Reverend Andrew Wilkinson taking the service. This is now an annual event and all residents are welcome to join the Councillors and other residents.

Reporting fly tipping, street sweeping or a missing bin?

Contact Wyre Council on 01253 891000

Online reporting at www.wyre.gov.uk/reportit

Inglewhite Church welcomes you to our
Community Coffee Stop.
We operate in a cafe style so you can call in anytime
between 10am & noon.

We are open every fourth Tuesday serving drinks &
homemade cakes.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

October 13th

November 10th

December 6th, including carol service

Watch your community notice boards for details of
our special Christmas Event

Further Details from Lesley Hardman at
Inglewhite Church 01995 641175

Lighting of Catterall's Christmas Tree

Sunday 29th November, at 6.00pm.

You and your family are cordially invited to take part in this annual occasion when our Village Christmas tree will be illuminated and we shall sing carols. The festivities take place at the Memorial Garden in Catterall on the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Garstang Road, at 6.00pm when Catterall's Christmas Tree will be lit. Wrap up well as it tends to be a cold night.



Highway Services

Lancashire County Council requests that all contact is directed via the following dedicated communication channels. This will ensure that we robustly record, action, monitor and manage all your highway related reports and requests and in doing so will provide you and the people of Lancashire with the very best service.

Report a defect (i.e. pothole, cracked flag/trip hazard, cracked/missing manhole cover, streetlight out, blocked drain, missing/damaged sign and public footpaths).

Report it online: www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads

Tel: 0300 123 6780

Email: highways@lancashire.gov.uk

Garstang Road Speeding

Following numerous complaints of vehicles travelling at excessive speed along Garstang Road, a speed survey was completed in an effort to determine if there is actually a problem or merely a perception of excessive speed. This was done by manually timing vehicles that appeared to be speeding over a pre-measured distance located between the junctions with Duckworth Drive and Catterall Gates Lane and by simple calculation determining the average speed of those vehicles. The results were sadly disturbing. (Note **No** registration numbers were taken so please don't worry as no action can, or was ever contemplated being taken)!

From the total of 215 vehicles checked at various times over a four day period, and using only whole numbers, the results fall into the following categories: -

36 to 42mph = 136 vehicles.

43 to 49mph = 67 vehicles.

50mph plus = 8 vehicles (with two of these being in excess of 60mph)! Only four vehicles fell within 30 to 35mph. The average speed over the four days involving 215 vehicles was: -

42.44mph.

As we know this section of Garstang Road and its adjoining footpaths are heavily used by local children walking to and from the Garstang Academy and is on a bus route. Consequently the Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety was contacted, in the hope that remedies (preferably in terms of traffic calming measures) could be put in place to reduce the speed of vehicles on this stretch of road, with additional routine enforcement as the last resort. During discussions the Parish Council were able to suggest a location near the Village Hall that the speed camera van can be safely situated. It is hoped that this will act as a deterrent for those who continue to speed through our village putting our residents at risk.

PLEASE, PLEASE, do not become a prosecution statistic, and remember the posted **30mph** speed limit is there for a reason and is to be regarded as the **MAXIMUM** speed to travel at **WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

Catterall Community Café



Would you like to see a café in the heart of Catterall? Where a decent brew can be enjoyed without having to travel too far? With a space for groups to meet together? Where any profit is put back into the community? Do you have skills to share or time to volunteer? We'd love to hear from you.

Find us on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Catterallcommunitycafe

Or email: catterallcommunitycafe@gmail.com



Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

Can you make a difference to your community? Catterall Parish Council is seeking a resident to become a councillor. Councillors are not employees; they are elected or co-opted representatives who volunteer their time for free to work on behalf of their communities. As a Councillor you will engage with the local community and keep up to date with issues of local concern, provide a voice for all sections of the community, mediate between individuals and organisations, campaigning on behalf of the Parish Council and residents and manage public funds, whilst seeking best value. There is a legal requirement to attend Parish Council meetings and abide by the Code of Conduct.

If this is you please contact a Parish Councillor or the clerk.

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 3rd November, 2nd December, 2015 and 5th January, 2016.

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Defibrillator for Catterall



Catterall Parish Council is looking to provide our village with defibrillators to be used in case of emergency.

It will be part of the emergency service for anyone using 999. You would be directed to the defibrillator in the first

instance so that prompt help can be provided to the “patient” as quickly as possible. Defibrillators are user friendly, come with spoken instructions and supported by North West Ambulance Service.

It is hoped that the cost of approx £1,400.00 per unit will be raised through donations from local businesses and individuals, initially, with the Parish Council making up the difference. We invite everyone to support our effort to provide Catterall with its first defibrillator which may well prove to be a life saver and which we hope will followed by others sited around the village.

The first site chosen will be the telephone box on Cock Robin Lane as a central location for Catterall. The units require an electric supply, which the kiosk can provide, and will be sited on the outside wall to give access 24 hours. Publicly accessible defibrillators have already proved to be highly effective in saving lives and are easy to use. They are positioned in areas where there is a concentration of people and are vital in rural areas where emergency services may take a little longer to arrive. It is also hoped that it will be possible to provide further defibrillators in other parts of Catterall.

If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile project in potentially saving the lives of residents please contact any member of Catterall Parish Council or the Clerk, Mrs Gillian Benson Tel No. 01995 600689. Contributions can be dropped off at the Residents Surgeries held in Catterall Village Hall on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons or post to 57, Hamers Wood Drive, Catterall, Garstang, Preston, PR3 1YN

HELP US TO HELP OURSELVES

Catterall Sluice, Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field



The information plinth has been constructed by Tim, the Parish Lengthsman and information as to the background of the sluice and Catterall's industrial past is available at www.catterallparish.org.uk

Stone Cross Garden



Thanks and congratulations are extended to Netta and her band of 'bloomers' at Bloom in Catterall, who have not only brought the village to life with the many floral displays seen for the first time this year, but have been awarded recognition in North West in Bloom. The presentation will take place on 30th October in Southport.

Well done to all those residents who took part and all the best for next year.

