

THE CATTERALL CRIER

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Calico Mill Sluice

The Parish Council would like to thank residents who have offered information on the history of the Calico Mills in Catterall and the part the sluice and the mill race played in our industrial past. The mills were on land now occupied by The Parklands, Duckworth Close and Drive, Nightingale Way, Keepers Wood Way, and Gold Finch Drive. The Brunswick apartments and Pincroft Drive are named after the long rows of terraced houses where the workers used to live.

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To this:



Funding has been obtained through an Awards For All Lottery grant to contribute to the cost of safety fencing, an access gate and heritage board. The fencing has been priced up and work should start before long. It was felt that for the safety of those who wished to look at what has been uncovered given that there is now a sheer drop of 15 feet, fencing is a necessity. The winding gear is still in evidence as is the mouth of the sluice, through which the

water from the River Calder was diverted to flow into the mill race to wash the many dying processes carried out in the mills. After use the water was let out into the river Wyre and as a result of its past

usage the land just behind the river bank is always wet and can stand in water on occasions.

Catterall Gardening Club

Catterall Gardening Club will start its first ever season in March 2015. The Gardening Club will run on the third Tuesday in the month from 7pm to 9pm in the Village Hall. A programme of speakers is being finalised but those confirmed so far include:



Andrew Thompson from the Barn, Scorton demonstrating planting up pots and baskets for summer;

Norah Hoyles MBE giving us a history of Garstang in Bloom;

Sue Redmayne of The Mammoth Onion offering advice on growing vegetables and

Alan Wallbank, Tree Officer, talking about trees for smaller gardens.

Further details will be published in the next newsletter and in the Garstang Focus (Green Book).

If you are interested in joining please contact the Clerk.

Lighting of the Christmas Trees and crib.

Sunday 30th November, at 6.00pm.

You and your family are invited to take part in this annual occasion when our Village trees will be illuminated and we shall sing carols. The festivities start 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 and afterwards the procession walks to Churchtown to switch on Kirkland's Christmas tree in front of the Horn's Inn followed by the tree lights and the blessing of the crib in St. Helen's Church Square.

Stone Cross Garden

The grass verge at the junction of Cock Robin Lane and Stone Cross Gardens is to be maintained by Catterall Parish Council in future after Wyre Council discovered they could no longer cut the grass. This left the Parish Council with the dilemma of an area on the main village thoroughfare growing wild, so rather than a possible mess the Parish Council is to create a pocket garden.

Daffodil bulbs have been planted to give Spring colour carrying on the theme from the A6. These bulbs were paid for through a Green Partnership Grant. The plans for the area have now blossomed into the relocation of the parish notice board, which was at the shop before the recent extensions.



The Green Partnership Award is a partnership between Lancashire County Council, South Ribble Partnership, Newground, BAE Systems and the County's local councils, providing funding and expertise to groups who want to make a difference to the areas in which they live and work.

Work on the many perennial weeds was carried out by spraying safety first weedkiller on the existing grass, dandelions, docks, couch grass, daisies etc. This weedkiller is used on other public areas in Catterall is NOT dangerous to humans or pets, but it did leave the area in a very sorry state for a while.

A stone bench, raised beds for flowers and edibles and a meandering path to link through the shrubs, perennials and seasonal planting is being planned for next year. The Parish Council will be looking to get a helping hand towards these plans through approaches to the Big Lottery Funding.

Street Snooker

In the summer edition of the "Crier" we told you that we were considering introducing street snooker on the playing field.

We did have a mobile version for people to try on Gala Day at the end of May but it did not get too many takers and, as a result, the Parish Council has decided not to go ahead and purchase one for the field.

We are looking at other options and will keep you posted.

Winter Draws On

It won't be long now before we are in the grips of Winter and if we get snow this year it is best to be prepared.

Don't be shy and make sure your neighbours are coping; many people find it difficult to ask for help. Can you clear their drive - while you're clearing yours? Can they get to the shops? Here's advice issued during the last great fall of snow;

The Snow Code issued by the Department of Transport

Clear the snow and ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will help melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.



Preventing slips

- Pay extra attention to clearing snow and ice from steps and steep pathways - you might need to use more salt on these areas
- Use salt or sand - not water
- Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery.
- You can melt snow or prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may damage them.
- If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as effectively as salt, but will provide good grip underfoot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Winter services from Lancashire County Council

Lancashire County Council will provide many winter services such as clearing local roads and pavements in your area. For information about your council's winter service, check its website.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for all the latest gritting updates, winter weather advice, schools closures and more.

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CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Catterall Village Hall at 7.30 pm. and residents are always welcome.

**Future Parish Council meetings will be held on;
Tuesday 6th January, 2015 and
Tuesday 3rd February, 2015.**

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Dance Classes at Catterall Village Hall

Julia holds regular dance/movement classes for tots, children from 18 months old on Thursday mornings. Ballet, Tap, Modern and Boys street dance classes on Thursday afternoons and children's dance parties. If your children are interested please ring 07903833950 or Facebook J A Dance Academy.

Memorial Gate at Catterall Playing field

2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War; on 28th July, 1914, when the Austro-Hungarians declared war on Serbia and subsequently invaded.

As a tribute to those men from Catterall who gave their lives in this conflict Catterall Parish Council commissioned a memorial gate and plaque to stand at the entrance of Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Catterall.

The gate was created by Austin Walmsley of Garstang and sees three poppies with the words 'Lest we forget'.

Pilling Pottery was commissioned to produce a fired plaque on which is the inscription 'This Memorial Gate was installed in 2014 by Catterall Parish Council to commemorate the centenary of World War One 1914 – 2014.

We will remember them'

The memorial was dedicated in a service held on 31st August, 2014 by Reverend Andrew Wilkinson, retired Chaplain to HM Armed Forces, and attended by many Catterall residents.

The three Catterall men were



11868 Private Ernest Hall, died aged 19,
DM2/179716 Private Richard Parker, died aged 24 and
Captain George Lawden Boyes-Stones MC, died on his 29th birthday.





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