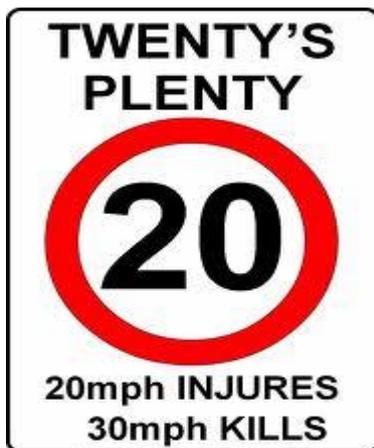


THE CATTERALL CRIER

CATTERALL PARISH COUNCIL

Winter, 2017

Please be speed aware.



On August 23rd 2017 my cat was killed on Nightingale Way. While talking to local residents about Mollie's death I realised it was not an isolated incident and several cats had been killed or injured. I also became aware of a real community concern about the speed that some people choose to drive at.

I know I can't bring Mollie back but in her memory I want to try and raise awareness about safe driving on the roads around our homes.

You may have seen the large yellow signs advertising Nightingale Way, Catterall Gates Lane and Cock Robin Lane as a speed concern area and this is part of the community speed awareness campaign. I have also dropped some leaflets and car stickers around Nightingale Way and Goldfinch Drive. The campaign recommends that a car does not travel faster than 20mph in the built up areas around our homes. If you drive at this speed you will be more in control and more able to stop if a child or an animal runs out in front of you; 20mph lowers the risk of a fatal injury.

Please be speed aware, its common sense really, 20mph is enough around our homes

Thank you for listening.
Lynne Butler, Goldfinch Drive

**Man who drives like hell,
will soon get there**



Chairman's Report

Here we are again with the darker nights upon us once more. After bonfire night we turn our thoughts to Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who gave so much to give us the life we have today. As I always mention, please take time out to make sure our elderly residents are all prepared for the longer cooler nights ahead.

Unfortunately we are still having problems in the village with people who are selling drugs from various cars both at night and at school finishing time and we have found evidence of drug use in the youth shelter. This may be linked to an unprovoked assault on a resident who was out walking through the park and who received significant serious injuries. The police are investigating this incident and the increase in vandalism with Catterall Village Hall being the latest target.

THIS HAS TO STOP BEFORE ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS OCCUR. If your child is going out at night do you know what they are doing when they are out and about? It's very easy for them to be subject to peer pressure and influenced into doing something wrong. Is it worth checking what they are doing?

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a member of the Council so if you feel you can contribute please contact the clerk; Gillian and she will let you know further what is involved.

Remember that If you are passionate about where we live and wish to contribute into how Catterall continues to develop, you are free to attend our monthly Parish Council meetings and see what goes on, it's not just the boring stuff that is discussed and we are always willing to hear what you the residents feel.



Catterall and the surrounding area is starting to see the building approved in recent planning applications and this brings with it an increase in construction traffic going to and from the building sites. Please take extra care when driving or walking, particularly in wet weather when the roads may become contaminated with mud from the sites.

Finally it 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 2018.

Thank you

Ian Brayshaw, Chairman of Catterall Parish Council

Next Steps for Catterall Playing Field

Following the installation of the new toddler and young children play area earlier this year the Parish Council has now submitted a major grant application for future projects.

The Parish Council had decided to develop the fitness trail as its next project and applied for £50,000 from Sport England's Community Asset Fund.

This summer we received both good news and bad news - Sport England was prepared to contribute £20,000 but couldn't fund the whole cost. At the same time Lancashire County Council announced another round of LEADER funding and invited applications. LEADER funding is European money designed to promote jobs and services in the rural area and we were told that the fitness trail, older children's adventure play area and wheeled play area could be eligible. On the basis that if you don't ask you don't get we decided to apply for the money for all three projects.



After weeks of work meeting suppliers and getting quotes and designs the completed application was submitted in early November and now we wait to see if we are successful in getting some or all the money we are asking for. Watch this space!

Cllr Jan Finch



Dog Fouling on our streets

Now that the clocks have gone forward and the nights are getting darker sooner dog walkers are reminded to clean up after their pets. The amount of dog fouling increases with the darker nights and residents are forced to clean up outside their homes. This is unfair and clearly disgusting; if you take a dog walking YOU have the responsibility to clean up.

Road Flooding in Catterall

During the heavy rain that we seem to be experiencing more frequently in this part of the world there are places around the village where water accumulates because it can't get away into the drains. This can lead to driveways and gardens being flooded as well as pedestrians getting drenched when cars go through the puddles.

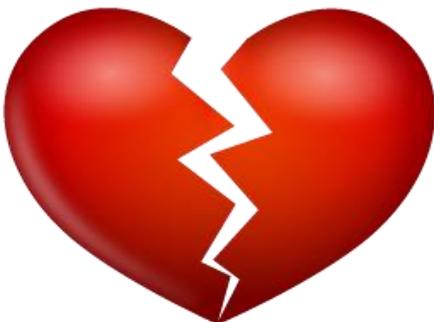
There are some simple things we can all do to stop the problem happening.

- DON'T put anything down the roadside gullies other than water
- CHECK the drain nearest your property and clear away anything that would stop water getting away
- REPORT any blocked drain to the County Council

Reporting a blocked drain is easy. If you are online, search for "Lancashire County Council". On the home page click the "Report a Highway Fault" button. The next page will ask you for a postcode where the fault is located and, if you don't know the postcode, a nearby address. It really is simple and you can use the same system to report street lights that are out, potholes etc. If you aren't online you can also report a highway fault by ringing the County Council on 0300 123 6780.

Please do your bit to help us all stay safe and dry.

Defibrillator



Catterall Parish Council is still trying to raise the money to buy a defibrillator for the village. At present and due to many generous donations from residents the fund stands at £950.00.

There are also a number of collection tins in the area, but we are only £450.00 away from the target.

Please help if you can any amount will be most welcome.

Thanks.



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 has 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

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 2nd January, 6th February and 6th March, 2018.

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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 section 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.

River Calder Bank Erosion

Since the last piece in The Crier, there have been delays to the repairs of the banking caused by Tom Myerscough's efforts to source funding, inclement weather and the availability of Tom and his team from Wyre Rivers Trust. This has resulted in the bank remaining untouched.

However, a site visit by Tom, together with the Parish Council, did take place on Wednesday 26th July 2017. During that visit Tom explained that the best method of repair, in terms of both cost and environmental considerations, was the use of live willow that would ensure, over time the embankment would "grow" and be a more sustainable "fix" than the use of hard material like stone or concrete, something the Environmental Agency would be against.

Since then the weather, as you all know, has been awful with frequent and exceptional levels of rainfall this has resulted in high water levels in the river and has again prevented any work starting on the repair. Now that we are into the winter weather cycle with continued high water levels in the river, the recommendation from Tom at the Wyre Rivers Trust is to leave any repairs to our damaged section of embankment (and another section further upstream in Catterall) until at least February or March 2018.

At Tom's request, locations have recently been identified locally for storage of the willow posts; these will be the main strength components to be incorporated in the repairs to be undertaken.

In the meantime the condition of the banking will continue to be monitored over the winter months and Tom Myerscough will be advised should there be any significant further damage.

Catterall Village Hall

Need a local venue for Children's Party's, Christenings, Family Reunions or a just place to hold a meeting or a class. . . Catterall Village Hall may be what you're looking for, ample car parking facilities and reasonable rates.

If you would like to arrange a viewing, or to check availability of dates and prices;

Please contact Debbie on 01995 602842.

Coffee Stop in Catterall

Coffee Stop provides a regular Tuesday morning meeting place for local people and we would like to warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate Christmas. Our Christmas celebration at Inglewhite Church will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 11am followed by lunch at the Green Man at 12 noon (cost £10).

Please contact Lesley Hardman on 641175 to book.

Tuesday morning Coffee Stop returns to Catterall Village Hall on 30 January.

Catterall in Bloom Wins Again

Once again Catterall in Bloom won a Silver Gilt award in this year's RHS North West in Bloom competition. Stones Lane community and Lodge Park community were also judged to be Outstanding (the highest award available) in the "It's Your Neighbourhood" category.



The parish council would like to thank all those involved in Catterall In Bloom for all their hard work in making the village look so attractive. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Netta Parker on 605385.

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year
