

# KIRKLAND NEWS

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## Chairman's Report

Well, I was waiting for the Summer to properly arrive, then the next thing you know it's Autumn! Not sure how that happened? Saying that, we did have some sunny days over the summer, and so far Autumn has been a fairly mild one. I have spent some lovely days outdoors over the last few weeks and it has been really warm and sunny. Apparently, we are set to have the coldest Winter for 50 years, bringing 'heavy snowfall and Arctic winds,' so I for one am making the most of the sunshine whilst we have it.

Halloween was a great night! My children had their costumes weeks before the event and were so excited on the night. We went trick or treating around the village and met up with other children, it was great fun. Christmas is just around the corner; it seems to have come around again so quickly this year. As always, we will have our wonderful Christmas tree positioned outside the Horns Inn and invite everybody to the tree switch-on ceremony. This involves singing Christmas carols around the tree and then a walk to the tree and crib in Church Square, where refreshments will be available. It's held on Advent Sunday at the end of November. Last year this was a fantastic event and really got us all in the Christmas spirit, so I hope you can make it.

Miss Southern is our new head teacher at the school, taking over from Mr Hamblett at the beginning of this academic year. She was deputy head prior to this post and has settled well into her new role, making many positive changes within the school. Sadly however, the school has just lost one of its most popular teachers, Mrs Murray, who has moved to another school nearer her home; we wish her all the best!

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank Gillian our Parish Clerk for her continued endeavour and commitment to the Parish Council and also to Tim our Parish Lengths man, who does a fantastic job in maintaining the Parish and keeping it looking wonderful.

Any issues or problems from fly tipping, street lights out, sign posts broken to pot holes, please let us know and we will do our best to resolve it. Please also remember that our Parish Council meetings are held bimonthly at the Memorial Hall and residents are welcome to attend the early part of the meeting.

I would like to thank our serving councillors for all their hard work Siriol Hogg our Vice Chairman, Keith Ellin and Colin Lambert. We have a vacancy to fill on the parish council, so if you would like to represent your community then please contact either myself or our Clerk, Gillian.

## **Lighting of our Christmas Trees and Crib.**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November, at 6.00pm.**

You and your family are invited to take part in this annual occasion when our Village Christmas trees are illuminated to the sound of carols. The festivities start on the Memorial Garden in Catterall at the top of Cock Robin Lane at 6.00pm when Catterall's Christmas Tree is lit. Afterwards the procession walks to Churchtown to switch on Kirkland's Christmas tree in front of the Horn's Inn followed by the Christmas Tree lights and the blessing of the crib in St. Helen's Church Square.



## **Kirkland Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly and residents are more than welcome to attend, Public participation is encouraged. Meetings are held in Kirkland Memorial Hall, The Avenue, at 7.30pm.

The next meetings are: 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 and 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

## **Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor**

Can you make a difference to your community? Kirkland 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 meeting and abide by the Code of Conduct.

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

### **Kirkland Parish Council**

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## DAFFODILS ON THE AVENUE

Dewlay, the Traditional Cheesemakers, funding kick started the planting of daffodils in the grass verge from the Horns Inn towards Ainspool Lane. The bulbs are to be extended through the Kirkland Parish Council budget and will produce a bigger Spring display to brighten up the outlook under the canopy of the trees.

## Defibrillator for Churchtown

Kirkland Parish Council is looking to provide our village with a defibrillator to be used in case of emergency. It will be part of the emergency service for anyone using 999, who 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 Kirkland with its first defibrillator which may well prove to be a life saver.

The site chosen will be the old telephone box at the cross on Ainspool Lane as a central location for the village. The unit requires an electric supply, which the kiosk can provide, and will be sited inside giving 24 hour access. 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.

If you wish to contribute to this worthwhile project in potentially saving the lives of residents please contact any member of Kirkland Parish Council or the Clerk, Mrs Gillian Benson or post your donation to

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## HELP US TO HELP OURSELVES



## **Names and Addresses of Kirkland Parish Councillors**

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## **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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads)

Tel: 0300 123 6780 Email: [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk)

## **Kirkland Parish Council new Web Site**

The Parish Council has renewed its web site at [www.KirklandParish.org.uk](http://www.KirklandParish.org.uk) in line with recent legislation concerning transparency in Councils with an income less than £25,000. You can view minutes, documents, photos, meeting dates, Councillors etc.

## **Claughton Community Recycling and Re-use Centre**

Opened in September, last year the centre operates four days a week Friday to Monday including Bank Holidays. Hours vary between Winter and Summer and at the moment will be 10.00 am to 5.00pm. There is also a Re-use Shop run by Refurb selling bric-a-brac electrical goods, furniture, spare parts etc.

Call in and bag yourself a bargain!