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Defibrillator for Churchtown Village

A consequence of the rise in mobile phones BT began removing their public telephones and selling off the iconic red telephone boxes. Kirkland Parish Council purchased the one in the village and has recently upcycled it to house a defibrillator, which is now up and running. The telephone box, being listed, was refurbished with care and advice to and the help of villagers, Roger Barnes, Ray Truswell, Pam and Neil Buck, and Alastair Campbell. The Rotary kindly donated the funds to buy the defibrillator itself.



Roger Mason President of Garstang Rotary is shown cutting the ribbon, with Margaret McLeod, Chairman (left) of Kirkland Parish Council and councillor Siriol Hogg who coordinated the installation.

If you see someone has had a cardiac arrest, it's vital to **call 999** and start CPR. The ambulance service will talk you through the process and tell you of the nearest defibrillator and how to access it.

These defibrillators are often known as public access defibrillators (PAD) as anyone can use them in an emergency. You shouldn't be afraid of using a defibrillator if someone has had a cardiac arrest.

Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

Can you make a difference to your community? Kirkland Parish Council is seeking to co-op a new councillor. Councillors are not employees; they are representatives who volunteer their time for free to work on behalf of their communities. Councillors engage with the local community and keep up to date with issues of local concern, 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.

Chairman's Report

This is my first newsletter as the new Chairman of Kirkland Parish Council. The Parish Council is keen that the precept it raises every year from the residents of the parish is used for the benefit of the local community. The annual accounts show that we have a healthy balance going forward and the Council would like to help support any local projects that people feel would be of benefit to the local community. Please contact any of your parish councillors – details below – with any suggestions.

Beware of invasive plant species! Japanese Knot weed has been found in the village and the Council informed Lancashire County Council who has now visited the site which is on public land. However, if you find it in your own garden, then you need to see to its removal yourself. In addition, Himalayan Balsam is an increasing problem and not just on river banks. Members of Kirkland WI recently spent a morning with Wyre Borough rangers tackling some of it on the river bank near the footbridge.

The Environment Agency has begun work on addressing the low spots on the river embankment between Kirkland Bridge on the A6 and the sewage works. Thanks go to Churchtown Flood Action group for their hard work in helping to bring this about.

Dog fouling is still a problem in the village, most dog owners are very responsible but it only takes one or two to spoil it for everyone else. Please pick up after your dog. It makes the village safer and a much nicer place for everyone else.

It is lovely to see the tubs around the village filled with summer plants and many thanks go to Mr and Mrs Myerscough for doing this on behalf of the Parish Council. Finally, a reminder that the shop and café are open in the Sunday School and the Council wish the venture well.

Margaret McLeod
Chairman Kirkland Parish Council

Churchtown Flood Group

The flood group and representative on the Parish Council are still campaigning vigorously on behalf of the village and have been assured that work will start in September. It is intended to increase the height of the bund at the back of the Sewerage works and work on any depressions in the bunds.

The group is working on obtaining more sensitive telemetry so that Churchtown does not receive erroneous Flood warnings. There was one in June that turned out to be a false alarm but it makes those of us who have been flooded, unnecessarily anxious knowing what can happen.

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:

12th September and 14th November, 2017



Kirkland Parish Council Accounts

The Parish Council is responsible for the 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 for Kirkland Parish Council

Receipts	2016 - 2017		Payments
Precept	10,000.00	332.24	Insurance
Subscriptions	189.00	259.45	Subscriptions
Bank Interest	3.72	100	Audit
L C C Grass Cutting	304.00	6,719.36	Staff Costs
VAT Refund	194.01	107.70	Election Expenses
Rights of Way Scheme	250.00	1,522.20	Administration
Web site/office exp.	480.00	88.28	Newsletter
Flood Conference Grant	5,101.00	396.12	Grounds Maintenance
Donations	117.48	0.00	Christmas Tree
Brought forward	7,606.46	1,965.28	Donations
From 2015 - 2016		635.94	VAT Reclaimable
		2548.04	Flood Conference
Total Receipts	24,245.67	14,674.61	Total Payments

The balance to carry forward for 2017 – 2018 is £9,571.06

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KIRKSTOCK

In aid of:



CancerHelp

Some *fantastic* local musicians, supporting
a wonderful *local charity*.

September 1st 2017. Kirkland Village Hall. 7:30pm - Midnight

Featuring:

FRETZ

A classic rock covers band

+

The Simon James Band

Original Country Rock music

+

Support

£7
per ticket

There will be a *fully licensed bar* available, plus food on sale.
This is a ticket only event. *Tickets can be purchased on the door.*