

Love Hesketh Bank Newsletter

Welcome to your new look newsletter,
which replaces **Shoreline Summary**,
produced by Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council.

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Changes on the Parish Council

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking Duncan Taylor for the lovely flowers where he has once again brightened up the village centre, especially the beautiful display on the corner of Moss Lane. Secondly, I am pleased to announce that we have co-opted a new Parish Councillor and welcome back John Hunter, who has served on the council previously. However, I am sorry to advise that Maureen Baldwin tendered her resignation at the July meeting due to ill health. So, we are still not a full team and would welcome any expressions of interest from the residents to join us.



Paul Sergeant
Chairman

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, then please contact the Parish Clerk on 01772 812681 or Clerk@HwBPC.org.uk.

Introducing our new Councillor, John Hunter

John was born in Liverpool and went to the same school as Ken Dodd. After school he signed up for the Royal Navy, later leaving to join the Merchant Navy as an Engineer. Having graduated from the Open University he worked for various companies around the world on ships as an Electronics Technical Officer, finally retiring from his last employer on a Dive Support Vessel in the Netherlands. John is married with three children and two grandchildren and has lived in Hesketh Bank for 28 years. He has previously served on the council from 1996 to 2004. John said "I'm pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve as a Parish Councillor once again, especially now that I am retired".

Making 'a cuppa count'

Some of the Parish Councillors and their partners got together on 31st July to take part in The Queenscourt Hospice 'Make a Cuppa Count' campaign, raising £50. This has been added to a donation of £100 from Parish funds in memory of Councillor Julie Lancaster, who sadly passed away earlier this year after a short stay at Queenscourt.



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“Best Kept” Competition Winners!

Congratulations to all those recognised in our ‘Best Kept’ competition this year. A longlist was announced on this occasion, because Councillors felt there were so many lovely gardens all deserving of mention. This full list can be found at www.facebook.com/loveheskethbank.

Those shortlisted were as follows:

Front Gardens

Titmouse Cottage, The Brow
139 Chapel Road
127 Chapel Road
24 Silverdale
34 Beconsall Lane
28 Moss Lane
189 Moss Lane
11 Poppyfields
Sunnybrae, Rose Gardens

Allotments

9, 20, 21, 36, 37, 51

Business Premises

South View Lodge Nursing Home
Booths Supermarket

In addition, but not on the shortlist, the judges wished it to be noted that there were some roads that were a credit to the village. These were Pardoe Close, Cropper Gardens and Rose Gardens, which they felt was an example to which the whole village could aspire.

And this year’s winners, who each won two free tickets to Southport Flower Show, were:



Derek and Maureen Irving of 7 Meadow Lane who said their granddaughters were ‘thrilled’ to hear they had won.



John Birchall, who won last year for his allotment plot, number 15. John said he found out he had won from his daughter in Australia who saw it on our Facebook page!



Janet Wright from R&J Wright, who won in the Business Premises category after being shortlisted last year.

All of those shortlisted and the three winners will be presented with certificates at the Hesketh Bank Village Show on 17th September.

Councillor Steve Kirby invites you to join him on a walk around Hesketh Bank to view the shortlisted and winning gardens on Sunday 11th September starting from Booths at 13:00. Hopefully we will have good weather.

The Parish Council would like to thank this year’s judges: Liz Tyson from Landsdowne Camping, Duncan Taylor from Arden Lea Nurseries and David Rose, Chairman of The Southport Flower Show.

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW

Steam Locomotive Joffre returns to The Somme

Our very own West Lancashire Light Railway was honored to accept an invitation to send their World War One steam locomotive, Joffre, to a major commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme in May.

The commemoration was held on the last remaining WW1 trench railway, now operating as the Le Petit Train de la Haute Somme along the River Somme, South of Albert. These once extensive trench railways supplied the front lines with ammunition, food, building materials and removed the injured troops to safety throughout WW1. After the Armistice, the trench railways were used in the reconstruction of war torn France. Locomotives such as Joffre are known to have operated on this Somme trench railway.

Chairman, Mike Spall, said "An evening special train up on to the Somme Plateau was particularly moving as the sun set, silhouetting Joffre across the poppy wheat fields of the Somme where so many had fallen. A memory never to be forgotten by the travelling Hesketh Bank crew and me"

Joffre was constructed in Stoke by Kerr Stuart & Co. in 1915 for the French Artillery and was rescued in very poor condition by the founders of the West Lancashire Light Railway in 1974. Restoration took nearly 20 years.

Enthusiasts come to Hesketh Bank to see the railway operate every Sunday and Bank Holiday from April to the end of October. The Parish Council is working closely with the Railway in an effort to deliver the proposed Community Park and are actively supporting their efforts to substantially expand their operations and provide a direct link to Beconsall Old Church



Joffre at Dompierre on the Somme Plateau

Village's 'Secret Garden'

Did you know that South View Lodge Nursing Home has a secret garden?

Neither did we until they contacted us in response to their front garden being shortlisted in our Best Kept competition because judges noted they were 'most improved' from last year.



From these pictures they've sent us, it looks like they have also been putting great effort into their back garden too.



Dates for your diary

Parish Council meetings are held in Booths Café on the second Monday of every month from 7:30pm. All residents are welcome to attend, not only to hear about the work of the Council but also to raise any concerns or questions that they may have. Meetings to the end of the year are as follows:

12 September
10 October
14 November
12 December

If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise outside of these meetings then please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@HwBPC.org.uk or 01772 812681.

Hedge cutting

Please note that cutting hedges is the responsibility of the land owner and not the Parish Council. We would be grateful if all residents would ensure that footpaths and visibility are not blocked by unchecked hedges.

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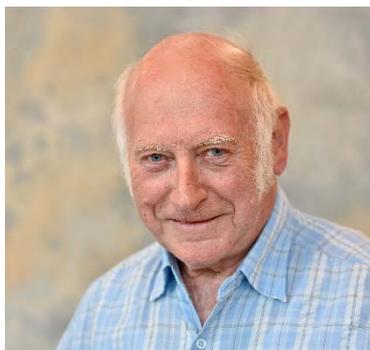
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