

**LOVE HESKETH BANK
NEWSLETTER**

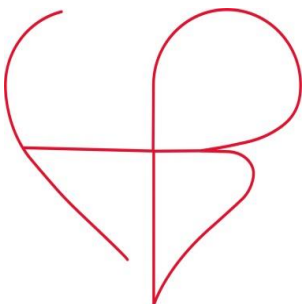
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT May 2014

The present Council is now half way through its four year spell and it's pleasing to note that all eleven of us have stuck together and worked really well.

Once again our Village is continuing to evolve with the new Beconsall Gardens residential development taking shape. Late last year Alty's proposed a huge development to the old brickworks site and fields behind. In response to public concern we held a public meeting earlier this year to hear and document our resident's concerns or issues regarding the proposed new development.

We had already responded to the Consultation exercise carried out last year and several of the issues had been included. We did also at that time express our concern regarding the lack of detail in the delivery of the Linear Park, and this has been specifically raised in our current response. We have specifically requested an additional submission by the applicant in respect of the Linear Park after full consultation with the 'Linear Park Delivery Group' which of course includes the Parish Council as its founding member. We have to be aware that it is likely that some form of development will take place in the future and I think we are right to try and be actively involved rather than objecting outright.

The "Love Hesketh Bank" campaign was launched on Friday 14th February which was of course Valentine's Day. The year-long campaign got off to a flying start with local shops giving away bags, car stickers and key rings whilst sporting Love Hesketh Bank badges. I particularly would like to thank Councillor Diane Earles for driving this project forward and also involving the council with a "Love Hesketh Bank" Facebook page and Twitter account. Last month we continued with the 'Loved up' theme by funding three new kissing gates to replace old styles on the river Douglas path through the village. The brand new kissing gates, which are part of a wider project to set up a village trail and ultimately a Linear Park, were installed in response to feedback from residents that the styles were old and difficult to use.

During the last 12 months we have also seen The Council's Permaculture site at the Poor Marsh on Shore Road being awarded the prestigious "BEST PRACTICE" award by the Lancashire Environment Fund. The site is as you are aware is managed on behalf of the Council by the "New Shoots Permaculture Association" (NSPA).

Across the way at the Recreation Ground in March The Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor and Mrs Iain Ashcroft with Parish Councillor Norma Goodier officially opened the new £75,000 Community Sports Pavilion. The building was financed by the Parish Council in partnership with the Borough Council, Hesketh Bank Association Football Club and local business. This is a fine example of local groups working together to finance and deliver a project.

One of those businesses was Cuadrilla who has recently announced that they will not be carrying out any more work other than to record data for 12 months and then return the site on which they had carried out preliminary investigations to its former condition.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate my Vice-Chairman Iain Ashcroft following his stint during the past 12 months as the Mayor of West Lancashire Borough Council.

I thank all the Council past and present for the hard work that they voluntarily undertake for the whole community within the Parish of Hesketh-with-Beconsall and look forward to at least the next two years and hopefully beyond.

Finally I also thank our Clerk Ian Cropper for his continued support and guidance to myself and all the other councillors he has dutifully served under over the years and long may this continue.

Cllr Paul Sergeant

MORE FROM 'MEET YOUR COUNCIL'

Councillor Norma Goodier was born and educated in Liverpool and left the city (and the Beatles) when I was 18 to live in Wigan. I had several jobs in a variety of secretarial roles moving on to be the Personal Assistant for a Chief Executive Officer of a large multinational company which was challenging and interesting. I worked at Thorn Colour Tubes, a new start up venture, where I met Jim my husband. By then my real ambition was to teach so I enrolled in night school achieving my HNC in Business Studies and Certificate of Education and started teaching at Skelmersdale College. After several years I took the plunge and set up and ran my own Secretarial College in Penwortham which kept me and 4 other members of staff very busy for over 10 years. During this time I was approached by Y Training to run a training centre in Southport. I accepted and ran the centre for several years which made me realise that training had become my real passion so I applied for and got a job to work for a specialist software company that developed and supplied clinical computer software to the NHS. My role was to train Doctors, nurses and other staff members in GP surgeries on how to use the software. This involved a steep learning curve on how the NHS actually delivered its complex services to the public but came with the bonus of travelling all over the country visiting places that I had only seen on a map. I found the work incredibly demanding but very rewarding and met some extremely interesting medics, until I retired In May 2011.

I moved to Hesketh Bank with my husband Jim and our two boys, Mark and Ian in 1978.



My daughter Jane was born in 1980 which meant we had a local in the family at last! We now have 2 granddaughters who live in Hesketh Bank, and a grandson in Australia which involves a lot of travelling. We were lucky that my parents Fred and Madge Gorse were able to move to the area and they lived in Cropper Gardens for over 30 years, with Madge being a stalwart in the local church choir, and Fred living to 102 years.

Throughout my life I have been a lover of horses and until recently hacked out our pony around Hesketh Bank and Tarleton.

I have loved living in the area and have always felt that everyone should try and put something back into the community where they live, so I became secretary when Hesketh Bank scouts and cubs were started, I also became a school governor for two local primary schools for a number of years, have helped raise money for many charities and local groups over the past 20 years, and this has been a great source of enjoyment and satisfaction for me and my family.

I became a Parish Councillor in 1992, and have served as Chairman and been on many of the committees. As a Parish Councillor I have felt privileged and fortunate to have served the residents in Hesketh Bank.

Councillor Steve Kirby has been a member of the Parish Council for the last 10 years, serving as Chairman for 2 years.

Steve was born and bred in Preston, moving to Hesketh Bank in 1981 when he got married. He was educated at Preston Catholic College before starting a career in Local Government with Lancashire County Council. Amongst a range of roles he worked in Committee Administration, Human Resources and Health and Safety. Towards the end of his time with LCC he spent five years in a full time trade union role before finally hanging up his boots in 2011 after almost 40 years.



Retirement has allowed Steve to devote more time to community work and he has been actively involved in the development of the Poor Marsh Allotments and New Shoots Permaculture Community Garden, the setting up of the newly formed Becconsall U3A and the development of the Hesketh with Becconsall Heritage Trail, which is due for completion later this year, as well as being a Trustee of the Hesketh with Becconsall Village Community Centre.

Steve is married to Margaret who spent many years working at the Nat West Bank both in Hesketh Bank and Tarleton. They have two children - Amy who now lives and works in London and Joe who works at the local Booths store.

Steve was heavily involved in the development of the Parish Plan and says that his ambition is to see some of those plans come to fruition, particularly the long promised River Douglas Linear Park and the construction of a footbridge across the River Douglas from Hesketh Bank to Hoole.

Becconsall U3A: A local success story.

Since its Inaugural meeting in July the newly formed Becconsall U3A has proved that there is a clear demand from local residents who are retired or semi retired for a local University of the Third Age Group. Membership now stands at well over a hundred and there are about a dozen activities on offer including Art, Backgammon, Badminton, Bridge, Crafts, French, Gardening, Golf, iPad for Beginners, Table Tennis and Walking.

Recent popular events have included:

- * A Gardeners Question Time attended by 34 keen members of the Gardening Group.
- * A guided walk following the newly created Hesketh with Becconsall Heritage Trail attended by 16 enthusiastic walkers.
- * A Theatre Trip to Leyland Civic Hall to see the excellent play "Troupers" performed by the Mikron Travelling Theatre Company.
- * A Film Club evening at the Village Hall when over 40 members came to see a DVD made by the late husband of one of our members called "Hesketh Bank and Tarleton: When Time Stood Still"
- * A Luncheon Club visit to the Cock and Bottle, Tarleton, where 25 diners enjoyed an excellent three course meal.



100th U3A member 'signing up' at the Village Show in September.

- * A coach trip to Grassington Christmas Market and Skipton enjoyed by more than forty trippers.

The year was rounded off with a Jacob's Join Christmas Party on 12th December at All Saints Church Hall enjoyed by more than fifty members.

Anyone wishing to join in the fun should come to one of the weekly U3A Coffee Mornings held at the Front Hall of Hesketh with Beconsall Village Community Centre, Station Road, Hesketh Bank every Thursday morning from 10.00 to 12.00.

To find out more about the U3A visit the website at BeconsallU3A.org or call Steve Kirby on **01772 812137**.



Top Award for Top Shop

At an award ceremony held in London in October Carl and Katrina Pickering's Top Shop Newsagent in Hesketh Bank won the 'Independent News Retailer of the Year Award 2014' beating over 16,000 other competitors.

Congratulations Carl and Katrina.

The shop you bought 22 years ago is certainly very different today.

Alty's Development

At the October Parish Council meeting it was noted that outline planning permission had been granted for the Alty's brickworks site, which residents will be aware has been earmarked for development. Several councillors have now formed a working party to investigate possible employment opportunities on this site, working alongside West Lancashire Borough Council's Regeneration Team. Following their initial meeting in November, which reviewed suggestions put forward during the public consultation, the Parish Clerk and Borough Councillor Ashcroft will be meeting with Alty's.

Clock repairs

The Parish Council has made a donation towards the cost of repairing All Saints Church public clock, which is a much loved village landmark.

Parish Council Meetings

Are held on the second Monday of every month in the Village Community Centre's front hall at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome to attend. A session at the beginning of the meeting is devoted to any questions, queries or concerns that members of the public may have.

The Minutes of the Council Meetings are posted on the Council website, <http://www.hwbpc.org.uk>. You can notify the Clerk to the Council that you wish to be notified of any changes to the website by contacting him at the address below.

And last, but by no means least, an enormous '**THANK YOU**' to Duncan Taylor of Arden Lea Nurseries for once again enhancing the village in summertime with the hanging baskets and making the village look festive at Christmas with the wreaths on the lamp posts.

Love Hesketh Bank is supported by a Facebook page (facebook.com/loveheskethbank) and Twitter account (@loveheskethbank) and residents are encouraged to use them to communicate what they love about the village. In addition, activities that normally happen during the year, such as The Best Kept Village Competition, will be branded with the Love Hesketh Bank logo.

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