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Summary

Hesketh Out Marsh

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Continuing our series of 'Meet your Council' - Our Vice Chairman and Borough Mayor, Iain Ashcroft.

Well over 20 years ago Iain changed his job to work for the General Electric Company in Liverpool as their Export Manager. This career change resulted in the need to move house and home, hence together with his wife Beverley and children Andrew and Bethany, they moved to Hesketh Bank from Marple in Cheshire.



Iain originated from the small Scottish market town of Crieff in Perthshire (*population hardly the size of Tarleton*) where he was brought up and schooled. His mother and her family were from a farming background, whereas his father was from a business family in Manchester, WW2 was the catalyst that brought them together.

In retrospect, Iain says that he always wanted to be involved in engineering, and heavy electric power held that fascination, large power stations held for him a strong magnetic pull! Hence as a teenager he joined Ferranti in Manchester in their Power Division, then one of the largest transformer manufacturing plants in the country. He studied Electrical Engineering at what is now Salford University, and followed this with a career in Export. He had the good fortune during his working days to extensively travel worldwide marketing British product overseas. It was during these thirty years overseas that he became a most keen observer of people and cultures.

He remains an active person and has always enjoyed helping people, hence he now finds himself fully involved locally with All Saints Church and School both as a Governor and Warden, and both Parish and Borough Council as Vice-Chairman and a Cabinet Member respectively. He has been honoured this year by being elected Mayor for the Borough of West Lancashire.

Iain says that he is indebted to those in the village that share his ambition and work for its collective benefit and community. He firmly believes that in the recent past Hesketh Bank as a village had both growth and accelerated change placed upon it without the necessary comforts of supportive infrastructure, i.e. roads, sewers, sports facilities, shops, parking and parks to name but a few. He is however encouraged that the Village needs are now being recognised in other quarters, and hopefully, with continued active representation will, be addressed in the near future.

I was born in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada in April 1944 says **Councillor Maureen Baldwin**. My Father was serving in the RAF when he married my Mother in 1942 and was posted to Canada. As it was a two year posting Mum eventually joined him there and the two of us travelled back to the UK on the Queen Mary in June 1944.

The family lived in Birmingham until 1956 when we moved north to Crosby and then to Ormskirk in 1963. On leaving school I worked as an office clerk before joining the Women's Royal Air Force in 1963. Unfortunately my time in the service only lasted eighteen months as I developed problems with my knees, all that stamping on the parade ground! I was invalided out in 1965 and joined Midland Bank where I remained until the problem with my knees forced me into early retirement in 1986.

My parents were both involved in Scouting and Guiding so I suppose it was inevitable that I got involved too - I became a Guide Guider in Ormskirk in 1965 staying with that Company until retirement from active guiding in 2005. During those forty years I held



many posts within the Guide County of Sefton including County Commissioner and have some very happy memories of the annual camps, water sports holidays in France and visiting the mountains of Switzerland. I was also privileged to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party and met Prince Charles.

I married Terry in 1975 and we moved to Hesketh Bank in 1978 and I got involved in volunteering in the village when my guiding career ended. I was involved with the library that opened in the front Village Hall and when that closed I joined the Village Hall Committee as treasurer and took on the task of booking secretary a number of years ago as booking and invoicing seemed to go 'hand in hand'.

My involvement with the Parish Council started when I 'volunteered' to be on the 'Parish Plan Committee' in 2007 and I stood for election to the Parish Council in 2008. I felt that as I had lived in the village for thirty years it was time I involved myself with village matters. I sit on a number of committees and am Chairman of the Poor Marsh Committee having involved myself from the very beginning of the regeneration of the Poor Marsh Site. I am extremely proud of the work the Parish Council has done to provide over 60 allotments and the Permaculture area for local residents benefit and enjoyment.

Hesketh Bank has changed beyond belief since I came to live here and continues to change and expand and I feel privileged to be on a Parish Council that has both the vision and integrity to ensure that the changes are for the benefit of the people who live here. I enjoy the opportunity being a Parish Councillor gives to me to meet local residents and to help with their queries and problems where possible.

Finally if I have one 'grump' it is the number of people living in the village who are dog owners that fail to clean up after their pooches - my plea to you all is 'swallow your pride and pick up the mess' it is unsightly and unhealthy and mars the image of a great place to live.



Rose 'Dorothy'

Hesketh with Becconsall Village Community Centre Trustees recently planted a rose named 'Dorothy' in the Community Garden at the front of the Community Centre Site in recognition of the invaluable work in the Community undertaken by Mrs Dorothy Trippier during her time on the Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council and as a Trustee of the Village Hall

Police And Communities Together

PACT is the open forum for Hesketh Bank residents to have their say, raise concerns and find out first-hand what is happening with policing in the village.

Meetings are held informally with ECSO (Emergency Community Support Officer) Andy Curry in the Coffee Shop, Booths Supermarket, Hesketh Bank, on the first Thursday of every other month from 1pm until 1.30pm.



**Future Meetings: Thursday 6th March 2014; Thursday 1st May 2014;
Thursday 3rd July 2014**

Find out more about PACT at www.heskethbank.com; Police Non Emergency Number: 101
Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111



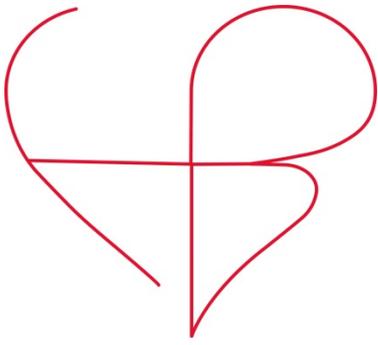
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Do you love Hesketh Bank?

There are many reasons to take pride in our village: thriving businesses, a low crime rate and coming fourth in the best kept village competition of 2012. But it's what makes you, the residents, love Hesketh Bank that's important. It's why you stay here, enjoy living here and contribute to the community.

This is our opportunity to celebrate everything that is good about Hesketh Bank and make it even better.



Paul Sergeant, Chairman of Hesketh with Becconsall Parish Council, got the ball rolling saying: "I love The Village Community Centre, The Centenary Sports Ground, and the adjacent Sports Complex and Community Facility, The Shore Road Recreation Ground, The Poor Marsh on Shore Road and all the Play Areas."

Here are more thoughts from some of our Parish Councillors:

"I love the fact that local children helped plant the trees and shrubs on the permaculture site on Poor Marsh Development. Also the local children have good manners, they will move out of the way, and let me get through with the dog where the pavement is narrow." Councillor Julie Lancaster



"I love the rural aspect of the village, the fact that most shops know who I am and how parishioners feel able to ring me with parish problems." Councillor David Maughan

"I love the walks around the boatyard and River Douglas, the panoramic views looking out to the fells in the east, the old farm buildings and agricultural cottages and the sound of the West Lancashire Light Railway running their trains."

Councillor Steve Kirby



"I love the fact that as a village we keep to the traditional events and fundraising fairs like garden parties, crowning of the local rose queen, bands playing village shows and lots of uniformed groups for the young children to join." Councillor Jillian McKean

"I love the friendliness of everyone you meet in the village."

Councillor Norma Goodier



Last but certainly not least, Ian Cropper, Parish Clerk said

"I love that I am Clerk to the most active Parish Council in West Lancashire, which has delivered real benefits to local residents."

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share for you.