

Hesketh-with-Becconsall Parish Council Newsletter

Shoreline Summary

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At long last spring seems to have finally arrived. The sun is shining, flowers blooming, trees are beginning to blossom and the days are longer, which is bound to make us all feel happier

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In today's harsh economic climate and as Council Tax Bills drop through the letter box it is good news for the village that the Parish Council has bucked the trend by setting a Parish Precept for 2009/2010 of £55,000 which represents a reduction of nearly 11% over the previous year.

BUS SERVICE 202

ORMSKIRK – BURSCOUGH, TARLETON, HESKETH BANK

From 30 March 2009 Lancashire County Council will revise the timetable in order to better coordinate with train departures at Burscough Bridge Interchange and still maintain the half-hourly service between Ormskirk and Burscough in conjunction with Service 203. On behalf of Lancashire County Council, Cumfybus Ltd will take over running this route with modern Low Floor Easy Access buses.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Parish Council formally adopted the "New Model Publication Scheme" prepared and approved by the Information Commissioner, and its "Schedule of Information", at their March meeting. Information is available in different formats on 'Who we are and what we do', 'What we spend and how we spend it', 'What our priorities are and how we are doing', 'How we make decisions', 'Our policies and procedures', 'Lists and Registers' and 'The Services we Offer' (You may be charged if photocopies are required). If you want sight of documentation in the above categories or would like further information about the scheme please contact The Parish Clerk at the address below overleaf.

FENCED BALL COURT UPDATE

A Planning Application has been submitted to West Lancashire District Council.

WEST LANCASHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

On Friday 17th April 2009 the team will spend the day at Hesketh Bank Village Hall where they will provide **FREE OF CHARGE** a day of FUN activities for children aged 8 and 13 years old. The activities will include indoor football, hockey, tri golf and arts and crafts (plus other indoor games and activities). If the weather is fine they hope to organise some outdoor activities as well. The activities run from 10.00am to 3.00pm with registration taking place at 9.30am. Places are limited so look out for posters in the local shops. Further information is available from Karen or Sarah, Sports Development Team, on 01695 555570.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library visits Hesketh Bank on a Thursday every two weeks and stops at the following locations at the times listed. It will next be in the Village on Thursday 9th April 2009.

32 Moss Lane between 10.20am & 10.40am
Computer Shop Forecourt, Hesketh Lane between 10.45am & 11.00am
Sidney Avenue/Norwood Avenue between 11.05am & 11.25am
Briar Dene, Guide Road between 11.30am & 11.40am
Chapel Road/Charles Close Junction between 11:45am & 11:55am
Delta Park Drive between 12.50pm & 13.05pm
Chapel Road/Cropper Gardens Junction between 13.10pm & 13.40pm
Wedgewood, Shore Road between 13.45pm & 14.00pm
Douglas View between 14:05pm & 14:15pm
168 Station Road between 14.20pm & 14.35pm
Hesketh Bank Village Hall, Station Road between 14:40pm and 14:55pm

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

The three new dog bins have now been installed in the Glen Park Drive/Chapel Road area of the Village. However dog fouling remains a problem and there have been several complaints about stray dogs. Owning a dog can bring immense pleasure but with it also comes responsibilities, not least knowing the laws concerning dogs. Below are ten tips to being a responsible dog owner: • Know the laws concerning dogs; • Make sure your dog always has a collar and tag on; • Never let your dog stray and always keep it under proper control; • Take notice of official signs requiring dogs to be kept on leads, or which indicate where dogs are not permitted; • When your dog fouls in a public area, pick up the mess straight away and dispose of it properly; • Have your dog regularly wormed and vaccinated against disease; • Train your dog in basic obedience; • Make sure your dog is not a nuisance to neighbours; • Report strays to the Dog Warden; • Be a responsible owner at all times.

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

The Environment Action Group has continued to meet throughout the winter months. We have made some progress on the issue of Dog Fouling and this is the subject of a separate report (See above). Here are details of other initiatives we have embarked on:

GREEN TEAM

In January we were invited to a Going Carbon Neutral event at Mawdesley Village Hall. The main feature was a fascinating presentation showing how the villagers of Ashton Hayes near Chester had set themselves the challenge of going carbon neutral and the progress they had made in achieving their goal. If you would like to know more visit www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk Mawdesley has also set up its own Green Team and they have done some sterling work to promote the green agenda including producing a couple of Newsletters full of great ideas and initiatives for saving energy and of course money at the same time. You can take a look at their website at <http://greenteammawdesley.village.org.uk> We too would like to follow these excellent examples and we are aiming for a launch event during the summer. If you think you can help in any way or just want to register your support contact Steve Kirby on 812137 or 07766 367550.

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Would you be interested in joining a Community Allotment Project in Hesketh Bank? Interest in Allotments has revived significantly in recent times and not simply because of the Credit Crunch – although for those who are feeling the pinch, growing your own might be an interesting and rewarding way of saving on the cost of buying fresh produce. However a Community Allotment Scheme offers far more than a money saving venture. It gives you the chance to meet other people in the local community. You can learn new skills or share your own expertise with others. You get the satisfaction of working together to achieve something and you can enjoy the fruits of your labours fresh from soil.

Moreover it can provide a forum for young and old alike to learn about the natural world through the cultivation of food crops and wild flowers and the wildlife that they attract. The Parish Council Allotments Committee has recently decided to review the current provision of allotments at the Poor Marsh on Shore Road in order to see if the site can be divided into a more user friendly layout. A meeting will be organised during the summer for all interested parties. It might take a little time to get a Community Allotment Scheme underway, but if you are interested in getting involved in the project from the start, or renting an allotment of your own, please contact the Parish Clerk.

LOCAL FOOTPATHS

A meeting has been held with Dominic Rigby from the Countryside Service at Lancashire County Council and the team are looking into the availability of grant funding to install notice boards showing where the footpaths are.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES ACTION GROUP

The team have had a quiet winter but will shortly be meeting to discuss the Scarecrow and Photography Competition to be held later this year. However there are a number of community events taking place in the Village so look out for:

- The Chorley Compton Organ Society Dance held on the third Saturday of every month at All Saints Church Hall
- The Steam and Vintage Fair, Riverside Holiday Park 10am – 5.00pm 18th/19th April 09
- Hesketh Bank Christian Centre, Music Festival 8th/10th May 09
- Friends of Becconsall Old Church Birthday Cream Tea, 2.30pm Sunday 7th June 09
- Irish Night All Saints Church Hall 7.00pm 27th June 09 ~ Hesketh Bank Village Show Saturday 19th September 2009

PARISH COUNCIL

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