

***** Annual Meeting Friday 26th May 6.30pm *****

HOTHERSALL PARISH NEWS

Spring 2023

Welcome

Happy 2023 and welcome to all our residents, new and old. We're sure that everyone is looking forward to the longer lighter evenings and to getting out again and meeting neighbours. While you're strolling on the Lane, keep an eye on the noticeboard for updates on your Parish Council activity. Meanwhile, here's a quick review of what has happened recently and what's to come in 2023.

Annual Litter Pick 25th March 2023

Whilst the Lane is generally kept litter free thanks to diligent residents an annual tidy up is always welcome. This year we will meet in the Corporation Arms car park at 11 am. Pickers and bin bags will be provided, please bring sturdy gloves. All ages welcome!

We have several packets of wildflower seed bomb oddballs available if anyone wants them. Please contact the Clerk if you can make use of them.



Our missing bus shelter

Many of you may have noticed that the bus shelter on Ribchester Road was removed in error. Bus users, including children waiting for school buses, are exposed to the elements. We are in touch with County and Borough councillors to try and get this resolved. Let us know if this has affected you too.

Hothersall Annual Meeting and AGM

26th May 2023 6.30pm

The Pavilion Hothersall Lodge

The Parish Council is required by law to have an Annual Assembly and AGM every year to be held within 6 weeks of each other. We have decided, as in previous years to hold them on the same evening for your convenience. The AGM is usually a formality, lasting 10-15 minutes followed by the Assembly consisting of the Clerk giving details of the previous year's events and activities, followed by a chance for the public to participate by asking questions or giving their views and concerns about the Parish.



This year our guest speaker will be **Victoria Bateman** of Quaker Root, who last year climbed Kilimanjaro in support of **Corporal Andy Reid MBE**. See below for more information.

The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours. Food and refreshments are provided, all proceeds going to charity. Details will be posted on the notice board at the top of the Lane and on our web site:

www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall

Speeding in Hothersall

Speeding continues to be a concern on the main road. As we reported in our last Newsletter it is only by building up a bank of data can we argue against the current situation. If you see or are involved in an incident, please report it to LCC and/or Lancashire Police. If you feel you wish to register your views, you may contact the following: -

Lancashire County Council Highways

lhscustomerservice@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire Constabulary

<https://www.lancashire.police.uk/>

Lancashire County Councillor

Rupert.Swarbrick@lancashire.gov.uk

Ribble Valley MP

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CCTV cameras

Your councillors have been looking at ways to tackle some of the dangers for cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles on the stretch of main road between the reservoir and Asturian Gate. We've contacted Lancashire County Council about speed limits and road signage. We've taken advice on various accident prevention ideas. There is a scheme to support Parish Councils interested in installing CCTV cameras and nine other local Parish Councils are interested in bidding for funds. We'd like to hear your thoughts about installing cameras on the Corporation Arms junction and at the top of Hothersall Lane. The idea is that they would act as a deterrent to reckless motorists and would enable us to build a body of evidence to make the case for a lower speed limit on that section of the main road. Please contact any of your councillors with your thoughts before the end of March.

Corporal Andy Reid MBE lost both his legs and an arm after standing on an IED pressure plate whilst serving with the 3rd Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment in Afghanistan in 2009. Andy has always had a positive mindset that he is a



survivor not a victim and works tirelessly raising funds to help others through his charity The Standing Tall Foundation. Andy has achieved many things despite his disability but the biggest one yet was summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in October 2023

with Vicki Bateman his prosthetist and a rehab team. Vicki will be giving a talk on this massive achievement at our Annual Meeting (see above).

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Victoria-Bateman3?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Victoria-Bateman3&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=47d286c88cee42fe8a670648f24cbac0

Social Media To catch up on what is going on in Hothersall, to share with fellow residents and to advertise any events sign up to: -



Follow us on your_hothersall



To join the WhatsApp group Your Hothersall please contact Andrew on 07775 637290

Website

<http://www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall>

Obituaries

Mabel Armitage

20th March 1921 – 15th September 2022



It is with great sadness we report the passing of Mabel Armitage a former resident of the Parish, reaching the great age of 101. We celebrated her 100th birthday in our Spring 2021 newsletter. Mabel with her husband Reggie farmed at Meadow Head Farm. Mabel was very active in the

community and was the Parish Clerk for 12 years. She was a longstanding member of Ribchester Church and was a mainstay of the choir with her wonderful voice. Mabel will be well remembered for her wonderful selection of hats; she was rarely seen without.

Mabel and husband Reggie pictured on honeymoon in Morecombe September 1941.



A more detailed account of Mabel's life will shortly be posted on our website if anyone wishes to view it.

Cllr. Steve Warren

8th September 1950 – 15th October 2022

Steve sadly lost his 5-year battle with cancer in October and with that we lost a very special person.

Almost 30 years ago Steve and Christine moved into Fell View cottage from Blackburn. They quickly embraced the very different country life and became very good friends and neighbours to so many of us.

Of his many outstanding qualities, one which stands out was that Steve was always so keen to help others. In his various careers as teacher, head teacher, student mentor and latterly senior steward at PNE, Steve's kindly, determined manner helped so many people to be the best that they could be, and he will be fondly remembered by so many in all walks of life.



When Steve joined the parish council many years ago, it wasn't for any self-gain but because he felt a duty to help keep Hothersall the special place we know it to be. Steve served as chairman of the council and was Mr. Reliable, if he said he would do something, he did it with a quiet efficiency, on some occasions he was the only one who turned up for the spring litter pick!! He represented the council at many and various meetings and served his fellow residents admirably.

He served as chairman of governors during a very difficult period at Hillside School and fought determinedly to make LCC see sense over the lack of speed restriction past the school. Sadly, the stupidity of the rules prevailed.

Devoted to Christine, his girls and his grandchildren, Steve found so much happiness in life's simple pleasures, latterly developing their beautiful garden into a very special tranquil corner.

His life ended as he had lived with determination and still a sense of humour. Even in the darkest days, time spent with Steve was time well spent.

We have lost Steve far too soon, but our lives have been enriched by having known him. Thank you, Steve.

Simon Thompson.

A tree planting in Steve's memory will take place on Sunday 5th March

Anyone who wishes to attend meet at 11 am at the notice board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

King Charles III Coronation



Following on from all the Coronation festivities, Monday 8th May 2023 is a bank holiday, and it is suggested communities get together as part of the Big

Help Out. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions then please share them through the clerk or social media.

Hothersall BBQ

Our annual get together has been held at Hothersall Lodge and is usually a picnic or BBQ, or more recently has been hosted by a resident in their garden. If anyone feels they are interested in hosting, please contact the Clerk.

Autumn Walk

The Autumn walk is well attended and takes in lesser-known walks around the Parish, usually ending with supper in a local pub.

Details of this year's walk will be sent out later in the year.

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

27th March 2023 Hillside School

20th September 2023 “

4th December 2023 “

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Local council elections are to be held on 4th May 2023 when all sitting Councillors are up for re-election. There is a vacancy for an additional councillor. Please register your interest with the Clerk. hothersallpc@gmail.com

Your Parish Councillors

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Mrs Maria Gee, Bashalls Farm, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall, PR3 2XN Tel: 01772 782419

VICE-CHAIR

Mr Andrew Upton, Long Meadow Barn, Hothersall Lane, PR3 2XB 01772 387295

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Debbie Gale, Meadowhead Farm, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall, PR3 2XB. Tel: 01772 785032

Mrs Steph Gornall, Ash Tree Barn, Ribchester Road, Hothersall, PR3 3XA

Mr Bob Pell, Welch House Barn, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall PR32XB

Mrs Lorraine Soper, The Greenwoods, Hothersall Lane, Hothersall, PR3 2XB, Tel: 01772 202202

CLERK - **Deborah (Deb) Groves**, 16 Church Street, Ribchester, Preston, PR33XP. 01254 878617

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