

*** Covid – 19 Awareness ***

HOTHERSALL PARISH NEWS

2021

Welcome to our 2021 Newsletter. At the time of writing the COVID crisis still hangs over us all but hopefully with the uptake of vaccinations an end could be in sight. We would normally have held our **Annual Assembly and AGM** in May but could not yet again due to Government restrictions. When we have definite news, we will be in touch, via email, the notice board and on our web site: www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall

Hothersall Parish Noticeboard

Thank you to Mr. Brain Walker for making and donating to the Parish this excellent new notice board.



The notice board is situated at the top of the Lane and is an important way for residents to keep up

to date with local news. For the last number of years our old wooden notice board was heroically maintained by Cllr Warren, but unfortunately last winter's weather saw its final demise.

Mr. Walker of Lower College Farm stepped into the breach and offered to make a new metal notice board that you see above already in situ and should need minimal maintenance in the future.

Mabel 100!

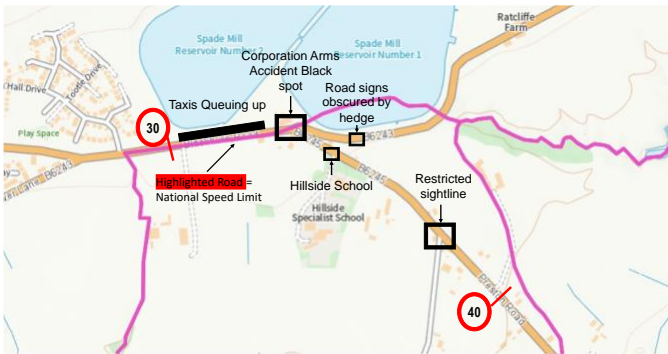


Many of our longer-term residents will know Mrs. Mabel Armitage. A former resident of Meadow Head Farm, Mabel was Clerk to the Parish Council for many years and an even longer member of Ribchester Church and choir. Mabel, together with her husband Reggie and son Frank moved into Meadow Head Farm in December 1959, having bid for the Farm at an auction held at the Corporation Arms. Reggie and Mabel kept a small holding with cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. They successfully bred Welsh Cobs and heavy hunters travelling to shows all over the country. When Reggie died in 1987 Mabel sold Meadow Head Farm and moved to Grimsargh where she lived for many years until moving into Alston Lodge. Since moving away from Hothersall Mabel has kept strong links with the Parish, visiting friends and always attending our Annual Meeting as an honoured guest. This Council was thrilled to be able to congratulate her on her 100th birthday with flowers and card.

Speeding in Hothersall

A number of residents have contacted this council regarding speeding on the main road and the accident black spot at the Corporation Arms junction. The Parish Clerk and others have written and lodged complaints with Lancashire County Council but to no avail. LCC takes the view that with no 'serious accidents' taking place at either junction they are not prepared to act.

The map below shows the areas of concern and is available to view in greater detail on our website.



The main issues of concern are:

- Traffic travelling on the B6243 Lower Road and turning onto either the B6243 Blackburn Road or the B6245 Ribchester Road has road signs obscured by uncut hedges and worn road markings making drivers unaware of the existence of the junction. This has resulted in drivers driving 'straight through' the junction to their cost.
- There is the perennial problem of taxis queuing up for Hillside School on both Ribchester Road and Blackburn Road
- A little while ago speed restrictions were imposed further down Ribchester Road for reasons which are unclear. This has resulted in traffic reaching the National Speed Limit and accelerating at the junction with Hothersall Lane which has poor sightlines to the right, resulting in numerous near misses.

If you feel you wish to register your views you may contact the following: -

Lancashire County Council Highways
lhscustomerservice@lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire County Councillor
Rupert.Swarbrick@lancashire.gov.uk

Ribble Valley MP
evansn@parliament.uk

Hothersall Calendar



The Hothersall Calendar is in its final stages of production ready for sale in the autumn. But, if you have any shots of snow, daffodils, snowdrops and bluebells or any shots showing Hothersall at its best, then please let us see them. This is a picture of our resident owl often seen hunting at dusk but

occasionally as here in the daytime. Please submit your photos to hothersallpc@gmail.com

Annual Litter Pick

Unfortunately, we were once again unable to hold our Annual Litter Pick due to Government restrictions. However, residents have been diligent in looking after 'their' part of the Lane and certain hotspots (mainly the layby at the top of the Lane) with the result that the Lane is looking lovely. Please do your bit and if you see any litter, please pick it up.

Hothersall BBQ

We were hoping to reinstate the annual BBQ this summer but have decided to wait until things are a little more normal. If anyone can offer a suitable venue for next summer, then please contact the Clerk. It will be a joy to meet up with one another once again after such long periods of lockdown.

Dog Owners' Responsibilities

Whilst lockdown has seen a huge reduction in traffic on our roads dog walking has been on the rise and large numbers of dog owners have discovered the peace and quiet of Hothersall Lane. But once again a few manage to spoil it for the many by not picking up their dogs' mess. This has driven some residents to distraction with people's thoughtlessness. We

have asked Ribble Valley to provide us with a dog litter bin and whilst we await their response, they have given us these posters. (Laminated and mounted for us by resident Mr. Joe Dewhurst and Cllr Thompson).



Let's hope this will encourage dog owners to be more responsible whilst still enjoying the Lane.

Autumn Walk

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Cllr Julie Parry has kindly agreed to organize the walk again this year. Whilst a date has not yet been set, we hope this will be September/October. Please look out for notices being sent out shortly.

History of Hothersall

The Parish of Hothersall has a long history and despite being aligned over the years with Preston, Ribchester and Longridge it has retained its own identity. Inspired by Mabel Armitage's milestone birthday and thinking about what changes have taken place in her lifetime we thought it would be interesting to hear from residents about their time living in Hothersall, and that of previous generations.



There are a number of notable properties in the Parish, and it would be interesting to know more about the history of your homes. We thought we could include this in a History of Hothersall section of our website. So, if there are any historians or genealogists in Hothersall who have researched their families and homes we would love to hear from you. Please email the Clerk hothersallpc@gmail.com



The Hothersall Hop Challenge



Dear friends and neighbours

Many of you may remember the talk we had from Bowland Mountain Rescue two years ago. That, and our other volunteer led emergency service, the NW Air Ambulance, have been hard hit in their essential fundraising during our lockdowns. Events have been cancelled; shops have been closed. At the same time, many more of us have turned to the great outdoors for exercise and comfort. The demand for their help has never been greater.

Both organisations face a perilous financial future, so we want to help them with their emergency fundraising campaigns. There are 160 of us grown-ups in Hothersall. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were all able to support these brilliant organisations to carry on their essential work?

Here are a few thoughts - I'm sure you'll come up with some great ideas of your own too.

- Count your steps as you walk down the Lane or along Ribchester Road and donate 1p or more for every step you take. You might even be able to get family members to sponsor you.
- Organise a zoom 'hopathon' with as many family members or friends as possible - who can keep hopping the longest?
- A 'hop' used to be the word for a spirited dance - try recording yourself dancing to your favourite music and get your friends to reward your efforts with a donation.

We have three objectives

1. Enjoy yourself doing something a little out of the ordinary
2. Share it with friends and family to spread the joy
3. Raise some money for cash strapped good causes

We'd love to raise £500 between us and split the money 50/50 between these two great charities. You can post your donations (anonymously if preferred) through the letterboxes of any of your Parish Councillors. (See website for details www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall)

Please mark your envelope **The Hothersall Hop Challenge** and add a note of your name and address if you'd like a receipt. The charities will be able to claim Gift Aid under the Small Donations Scheme so there's no need for any form filling.

If you'd like to find out more about the vital work of the two charities just follow the links below.

Thank you for your support. We hope none of us will ever need to call on their services but - if we do - we'll all be glad we helped keep Bowland Mountain Rescue and the NW Air Ambulance going through hard times.

<http://www.bowlandpenninemrt.org.uk>

<https://nwaanet.org/our-story>

Maria Gee

Your Parish Councillors

For further details please see website

www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall

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Mrs. Maria Gee – Vice-Chair

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