

\*\*\* Annual Assembly Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7pm \*\*\*

# HOTHERSALL PARISH NEWS

Spring 2018

Happy New Year and welcome to our Spring 2018 newsletter. Last year saw an unprecedented amount of activity in our community. We have a lot to look back on and much to discuss for the way forward. You will have the opportunity to hear all this and make your contribution at our **Annual Assembly and AGM** to be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7pm in the Pavilion, Hothersall Lodge. Our last Annual Assembly was very well attended and it would lovely to see everyone there. If you can come along then please do - all are very welcome. 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](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/hothersall)

## A welcome sign of spring!



Cllr Simon Thompson turning out his new lambs last year.

## Annual Litter Pick Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Hothersall will soon be looking lovely with the snowdrops and daffodils blooming. We are very lucky that most people respect our environment and dispose of litter thoughtfully.



When any rubbish is left a number of committed individuals in the parish make it their business to collect it. However, to ensure every part of the parish is covered we will be holding a **Litter Pick** on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April** at 10am, meeting at the Corporation Arms car park. Come armed with bin bags and sturdy gloves/litter pickers. We will finish up with an informal drink/lunch in the Corporation Arms. **All Welcome!**

## Save the date!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

John and Lorraine Soper, have once again been very generous and have invited us to use their marquee and garden for the Hothersall BBQ. The date is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2-4pm at Greenwood. Further details will follow.

## Dog Owners' Responsibilities

Hothersall is a haven for dog walkers with many from outside the parish coming to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Lane. Inevitably there is a minority who do not respect their environment and



do not clean up their dog mess (or bizarrely do clean it up and leave the bag behind or hanging on a branch or in someone else's bin!). Please be responsible for your dog and clean up after them and remember it is now the law that all dog walkers carry a bag with them when they are out with their dog.

## Autumn Walk

September 2018

Cllr Lynda Bateman has agreed to lead another of her popular walks. This time we will meet on a Sunday in September (date tbc) on Hothersall Lane and take a leisurely stroll through the woods on a lesser known walk ending at the Ribchester Arms for



supper. Return transport will be laid on for those not wishing to walk back! Further details will follow. As always non-walkers are welcome to join us just for the supper. Perhaps the walk will take us past the Hothersall Boggart - see picture above. Click on the link below if you want to find out more of the history of the boggart. <http://www.hothersallhall.org/history.htm>

## Community Broadband Update

Representatives from Chipping Area Internet network (CHAIN) spoke at the most recent HPC meeting. For a full account of their advice and findings please look on our web site, click on the link below. Initial thoughts were that this would be too costly for Hothersall but we would welcome anyone's thoughts on the matter. <https://evoice.org.uk/hothersall/assets/documents/minutes-meeting-15-01-18>

## Clerk to the Council

Cathy Thompson took on the responsibility of clerk on the understanding that it would be for a limited time only. That period will be up in May and she would ideally like to help the new clerk settle in. If there is anyone interested in this paid position then please contact Cathy at [hothersallpc@gmail.com](mailto:hothersallpc@gmail.com)

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## Snowdrop Season in Hothersall



Our intrepid walker and parishioner Steph Gornall shot this lovely scene whilst out and about in the parish.

## Parish Precept

The local government transparency code was issued to meet the government's desire to place more power into citizens' hands to increase democratic accountability. It was expected to make it easier for local people to contribute to the local decision-making process and help shape public services. Ironically this has increased the workload and the expenditure of the parish councils.

Hothersall Parish Council is one of the smallest in the Ribble Valley but still has to carry out the basic functions of larger parishes. Our total annual income is currently £750, this is received through the Ribble Valley Borough Council Tax Parish Precept and it has remained the same since 2005.

We have applied to RVBC to increase the precept to £1000 – this means for example a band D property would see an increase from £10 p.a. to £13.33 p.a. per household. This will be payable through their Council Tax as it is now. Please see link below for comparisons to other parishes.

[http://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/10962/council\\_tax\\_charges\\_by\\_parish\\_20172018.pdf](http://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/10962/council_tax_charges_by_parish_20172018.pdf)