



Within Euxton Borders a news sheet for residents by EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Column



Welcome to the September 2022 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

There are two welcomes to be made by the Parish Council. The first to Barrie Duckworth who was co-opted onto the Council recently and attended his first Council meeting in July.

Second welcome to Lorraine Hardman who took on the role of part time Assistant Clerk commencing in August and will be working from our new offices. Welcome both.

The allotment holders held a meeting early August to arrange the creation of the Allotment Society, also there is to be an Official Opening Ceremony for the Euxton allotment site on September 4th - which will be reported on in the December issue.

Gala day was a great success with the weather improving hour by hour. Thanks to the 'Gala Day Committee' for all their hard work after the 2 year break. Also thanks to the Parish Councillors and our Village Caretakers who set the Parish Councils stall up (and packed away), as both Debra and I were unable to attend.

Enhancement works continue at the Millennium Green, extending the wild flower meadow and, in November, further improvement work in the pond. Thanks yet again to Cllr Vyn Thornhill for his time spent on this ongoing project.

The update to the play equipment on Balshaw Lane is still on track and the Leisure Committee will no doubt have an update at its next meeting

Euxton's WI is celebrating its Centenary with an afternoon tea in September and they have been kind enough to invite both myself and Debra along, thank you Ladies, see you there!

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council, should anyone be interested all the details can be found on our website, or on page 3 of this newsletter.

**Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman**

Buckshaw Youth
Association news
and appeal

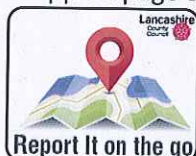


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90 Issues of the Euxton WEB



The Euxton WEB newsletter has been going since June 2000, with 4 issues released in each year at intervals of March, June, September and December - never missing.

90 issues and 22½ years later and it looks alot different - software has moved on, along with printing and design and digital photographs.

It was an ambition of Euxton Parish Council, when I joined Euxton Council in July 1999, to have a newsletter for residents to know of what the Council did in the village and ask residents what they wanted.

When I saw in the Council's plan they had a budget for a newsletter I asked when this was done, how and by whom - which was met with a short silence.

It was the plan back in '99 that Councillors would write articles and get someone to put the reports together to form a newsletter, get it printed up and distributed but, time restrictions had prevented some of the work getting started.

I asked if I could take on the project and the first newsletter was sent out in June 2000, it was only photocopied back then with photos scanned in from 'real' photos. It went to be professionally printed shortly after, it went full colour in March 2008 at issue 32.



Many news items are still relevant today or raised in conversation, only the other week there were discussions on the Euxton community facebook page about the old water pump which featured in our first issue. The Sand quarry fight was a big item in the 2008 issue when the Council issued a poster inside for residents to display in their windows.

Cllr Keith Wallbank was the Chairman back in 1999-2000 and since then the newsletter has been fronted by 9 Chairs in total: Cllr Wallbank 99-00; Wits 00-01; Wellerd 01-02; Sutton 02-03; M Gray 03-04; M Mercer 04-07; E Jones 07-09; Matson 09-14; K Reed 14 to the present issue - all dedicated to bringing the news of Euxton to its residents.

I love writing and producing the newsletter - I hope you love to reading it as much.

Debra Platt, Clerk



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Chair presented mugs to Euxton Library staff and the Heads of all our Primary Schools



All our Primary School aged residents received an aluminium commemorative drinks bottle (as above)



The Queens Platinum Jubilee

Euxton Council helped Euxton celebrate the Queen's Jubilee from June with a number of different projects.

Flags on all the flagpoles went up in June for a few months.

The Chairman, Cllr Katrina Reed laid a 70 years wreath at the war memorial.

All primary school aged children at the 6 village school sites were given each a commemorative aluminium drinks bottle. Surplus were given out at Euxton Gala.

Commemorative mugs were given out to chosen people in the village - some photos here.

The bookmarks were also given to all the primary school aged children and a big supply deposited at our library for use - and given out at Euxton Gala.

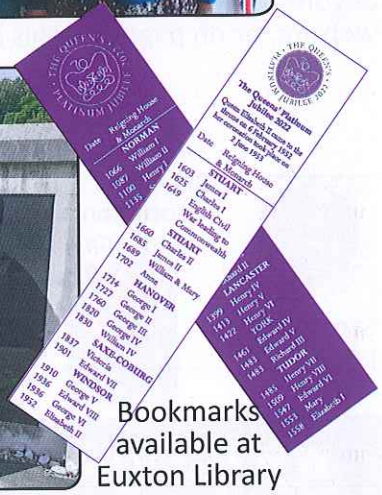
There are a limited few bottles and mugs left - send the Clerk an email if you would like one - first come first served.



Chair presented mugs to Star Award recipients. Above Historian Stuart Clewlow; below former PCSO Ray Chadwick



Below: Cllr Reed laid a wreath at the war memorial



Bookmarks available at Euxton Library

Gala Day

Euxton Gala Day returned with a splash.

I think villagers had missed the last two years of not getting together at Gala, due to Covid.

The Parish Council attended, as it has been doing for a number of years now, armed with Jubilee items and re-useable shopping bags.

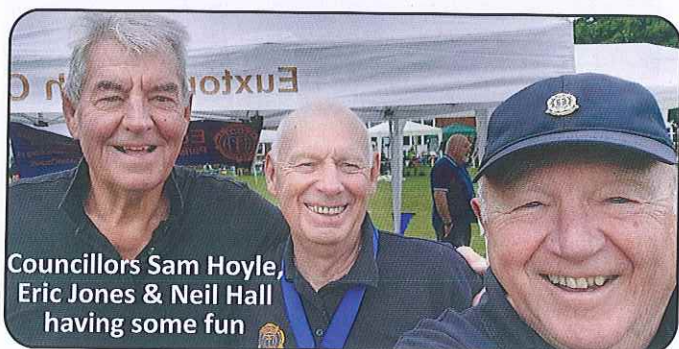
Everyone had fun catching up and meeting each other.



Councillors manned the stand: back left to right; Cllrs Aidy Riggott, Rebecca Peers, Sam Hoyle, Neil Hall, Steve Walker; front Barry Williamson, Patricia Fellows, Joan Williamson and Eric Jones



Councillors Eric Jones (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Aidy Riggott introduced themselves to Police Officers covering Euxton: left PC Lena Garnham and right - PCSO Tracey Johnston



Councillors Sam Hoyle, Eric Jones & Neil Hall having some fun

Report It on the go

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You can now report the following issues to us by using our new Love Clean Streets app:

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EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy

Euxon Buckshaw Ward



Presently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Council to be filled by co-option.

Applications are invited and any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve. If an election is not called this will be filled via co-option.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk).

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

E: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk
www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Grow Your Local Business

If you are a local business or service and wish to advertise in this newsletter please request the costs and sizes from clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

7000 copies of newsletter are printed 4 times a year, just over 6250 are delivered to individual Euxton homes and supplies are put in other public places.



Euxton WI

Our report this month begins with some sad news. We have lost three long standing members since our Jubilee Party in June. We heard the news that Rosie Russell had suddenly died on the same day as Mary Halton.

Rosie was a member of Euxton W.I. Committee and will be sadly missed by all the community (photo right).

Mary was also a long standing member and she too will be sadly missed. Then just before we went to press another of our members died in hospital. Jean Courtney who had not been to a meeting for a while due to illness but was always happy to hear about what we were doing. We offer our deep condolences to their families.

We had our annual July trip. This year we went to The Arboretum and everyone enjoyed it. Our thanks to Ann Francis for organising it.

As it is our Centenary year we have lots of fun arranged including a trip to the Alpacas, an afternoon tea in September at Farington Lodge along with our monthly meetings.

If you require further information please contact Valerie Hough on 01257 270874. We meet at beginning of each month on Wednesday and if you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough



Flowers in the village

The Village Caretakers have done a sterling job this year keeping the flowers looking healthy and alive. They have often had to water them during some very hot dry spells.

Well done to you all.





Euxton Parish Church - building reopening

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On Sunday 19th June we reopened the church building with a celebration service, following 9 months of extensive repairs. Bishop Julian, the Bishop of Blackburn joined us in a packed church as we celebrated our return.

The service was followed by a church family picnic on the lawn and then, to commemorate the occasion, the Bishop planted a new tree in the church yard. The tree is a variety of Acer very aptly called "Celebration" that was carefully chosen to replace one of the Ash trees that we have sadly lost due to Ash Die-back disease.

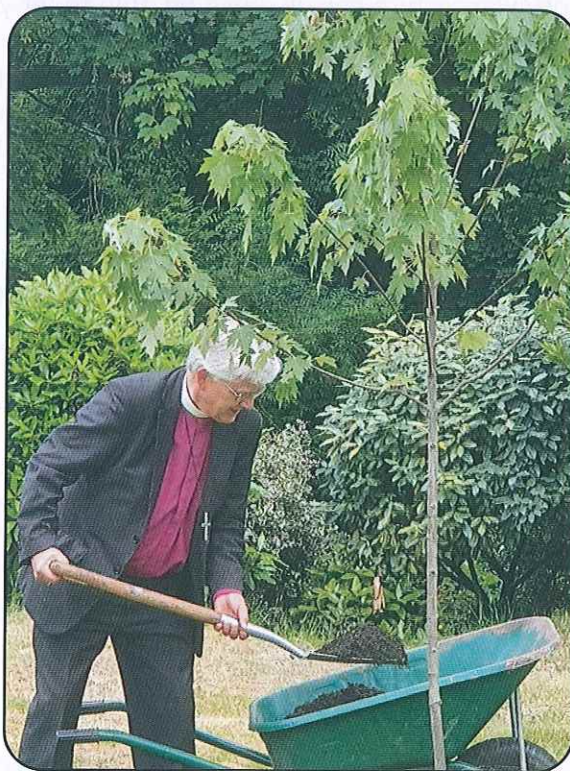
Substantial water ingress in the Grade 2* building, led to the building being closed for renovation works (which I'm know many of you watched with interest). Funerals, baptisms and weddings have had to take place elsewhere. Since September 2021, our thriving congregation has continued to meet in the Church Community Centre. Revd Jo Smith, said "it is a lot of money to spend on a building, but Euxton Parish Church has been a place of worship in the village for over 700 years. The church will continue to be a significant and important part of the community for many more years, as a place of celebration, remembrance and thanksgiving for all that God has done and is doing."

We still have a few finishing touches to complete but the expert repair and conservation work that has been so ably done by our contractors should ensure that the 700 year old church, the oldest building in Euxton, can continue to stand safely and be used as a place to worship God for many, many more years to come.

The whole project has come in at £330,000 and we only have £27,500 left to raise (as at mid August). If you are able to contribute, that would be hugely appreciated. You can donate via the church website or by contacting Revd Jo Smith (262102 /Euxton.vicar@gmail.com)

Why don't you come along to one of our services and see for yourself how beautiful the church looks once more? You will be very welcome. For more information see our website - www.euxtonparishchurch.org

Reverend Jo Smith



Above: The Bishop of Blackburn, Julian Henderson planting a new 'Celebration' tree watched on by guests at the opening - Below left: Euxton Councillors Aidy Riggott, Chair Katrina Reed (on the right) and Cllr Neil Hall and assisted by Vicar Jo Smith (centre)



Appeal for help

Now that the pandemic related restrictions seem to be firmly in the rear view mirror, the team behind Buckshaw Youth Association are looking at options for bringing back the regular Friday night offering.



However, to do this, we need new volunteers to come forward to join the team. For most of the existing team, life has moved on, jobs have changed, kids have grown up and the time they had available to offer back to the community no longer exists.

If you are interested or want to know more, please let me know either via DM on Facebook at 'Aidy Riggott BV' or by dropping me an email at aidy.riggott@lancashire.gov.uk, I will be able to let you know what we are arranging and when.

Sessions previously took up 7:30pm to 10pm on a Friday evening for circa 30 weeks a year. Other roles included banking, tuck shop stock ordering and collecting and doing some general admin. Nobody has to do everything but a regular commitment would be required from the core team to ensure there is a consistent and reliable offer that parents and young people can rely on and trust.

Many thanks

Aidy Riggott (BYA Chairman)

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Euxton Walks

There are 45 public rights of way in Euxton to walk and enjoy the village from all angles.

All the paths and other landmarks are described and mapped in the Council's 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

Pick one up at Euxton Library. Map display boards are at the Library, Union Place BV, Brookwood Way BV, and at the Skate Park Southport Road.

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IN THE HALL ON

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21st September 2022
19th October 2022
16th November 2022
18th December 2022

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Euxton Library Events

September

Author Talk - Nick Oldham, Wednesday 14th September, 2pm

Roald Dahl Event, Saturday 17th September, 10:30 -12, suitable for children aged 4 +

Author Talk - Mary Wood, Friday 30th September, 11am

October

Coffee Morning, Yvonne Pinder, "Pinny Pots" Wednesday 12th October 10:30 am

Half Term Events

Chorley & District Model Railway, Saturday 22nd October 9:30am

Lancashire Fire and Rescue, Wednesday 26th October, 2pm - Fire Engine & Bonfire Safety Talk, suitable for children

Half Term Crafts - Friday 28th October, 10 - 12 - "Making Bats", suitable for children aged 4 and upwards

November

Lancashire Adult Learning, "Basic Awareness of Paediatric First Aid", Wednesday 2nd November, 9:30 - 12:30 (#booking essential)

Celebrate Lancashire Day, with Sid Calderbank and the Lancashire Dialect Group, Saturday 26th November, 10:30am

December

"Magic Voices Choir", Saturday 3rd December, 11:30am

Regular events (*Term Time only)

Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:30am - 11:30am

Card Games Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Family History Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm (#Fortnightly, Booking essential)

*Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm

Thursday

*Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 09:30am - 10:00am

Get Online at Your Library

10:30am - 12:00pm (#Booking essential)

Friday

*Toddler Time 10:00am - 10:30am

Knit and Natter 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Quiet Hour - first **Saturday** of each month: 9:00am - 10:00am

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9 am to 7 pm

Tuesday closed all day

Wednesday* 9 am to 5 pm

Thursday 9 am to 1 pm

Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

*2nd Wednesday of the month, closed 9-10am for staff training

Euxton Girls Football Club

It's been a busy time at the club over the summer getting ready for the new season and with the success of the women's Euros a bunch of our players made it on to the TV and radio showing off their skills for the cameras as well as having the opportunity to be flag bearers and mascots at the Euro matches, we've also been having all our end of year presentations going on across all the teams.

We can't wait to get started again in September and build on all the success of the euros and beyond.

Michael Taylor
Chairman EGFC

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When the England team won their Semi-Final round and reached the Final of the Women's Euro's in late July, Channel 5 News came down to Greenside to film and interview EGFC team members for their evening news programme



Euxton Community Bowls Club

It's been a mostly sunny and warm bowling season, and this year saw a first for ECBC when they hosted the Chorley Mens Vets Deaves Cup knockout competition on 20th May (sadly, that was one day when it did rain!). The winner was John Allen from St. Pauls, and was presented with his trophy and prize by the Club's Chairman, David Fincham. Thanks to Peter Wilson for organising and the Club's greenkeepers for presenting a well received green - there were many complimentary comments.

The Club's own knockout competition concluded mid July with Ian Grimshaw coming out as winner, having defeated Tony Reed, a worthy opponent, in the final. The other semi finalists were Bryan Sutton and David Gray - well done (good to have some new names competing in the latter stages), and to Stephen Parker once again for organising. There are just a few more competitive weeks in the season with all to play for - team wise and individually.

As the green is now in its fifth year since construction, it's due an 'in depth' maintenance treatment, and will therefore close at the end of August to enable the contractor to undertake the required work (some jobs are just too big for the volunteers!)

If you've been inspired by the recent Commonwealth Games Lawn Bowls (proving age isn't an issue, just a number!) make a note to check us out next spring - it's a slightly different format, but ticks the same boxes.

Marilyn Bamber
ECBC member

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings. **2022 meetings check agenda on website and noticeboards for details, Thursdays 15 September, 20 October, 17 November. 2023: Thursdays 19 January, 16 February.**

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops

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