



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



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## Chairman's Column



Welcome to the December 2020 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

First I have the pleasure of welcoming two Parish Councillors who were co-opted onto the Council at our October Meeting. They are

**Rebecca Peers and John Matson**, congratulations to both. They introduce themselves more on page 3.

As you may not be aware our Meetings, whether Full or Committee are held by Zoom at the moment, and any resident who wants to can join in the Meetings. The details are on the website showing date and relevant code numbers etc..

Councillor Aidy Riggott and I laid wreaths on Saturday 7th November at 10.00am both at the War Memorial on Wigan Road and at Buckshaw Village next to the Community Centre. Obviously, due to Covid regulations this was not what EPC had planned to do but again as in May and August, we remembered not only those that had given their lives in both World Wars but also those in the conflicts since then.

On a lighter note, the planters around Euxton have now all been planted up with spring bulbs and winter flowering plants, unfortunately due to the first lock down the summer planting was unable to be completed. We also have several new Flag Poles around the Village. We are also already making plans for 2021 Gala Day, watch this space!

The Allotment Committee met and another meeting is due quite soon. Hopefully we should have some news before the end of the year on when the site will be handed over to us by Chorley Council and then we can move on the planning of the site etc. In the meantime Cllr Eric Jones and the Clerk visited an allotment site in Ormskirk in particular looking at the type of "Cabin" used by the allotment holders, to give us some idea of size for our requirements. Cllr Jones has put an article in this issue, showing the Council's plans - see centre pages page 4 & 5.

The Christmas tree will be placed as usual on Wigan Road and whilst we may not be able to hold our usual Christmas singing around the tree and of course the mince pies etc., may I wish you on behalf of all the Councillors a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe 2021.

**Cllr Katrina Reed**  
Chairman



## Christmas Celebrations

Christmas for 2020 may be a little different this year due to Covid but the Council will still be putting up the tree with lights. At the time of writing it is difficult to say if the rules on having a gathering would be relaxed so much to be able to have the outdoor carol singing so we are not advertising such an event but, if the rules do give us late permissions we will endeavour to try to arrange hastily.



## See the plans for Euxton's allotment site

Project Manager Cllr Eric Jones introduces the plans for the new allotment site in the centre pages 4 & 5

## Meet Euxton's newest Councillors

Two new Councillors introduce themselves on page 3





## Remembrance time

The period of remembrance was different this year. As we could not have gatherings, the wreaths were laid separately by Councillors and residents.

The Chair of the Council Katrina Reed and County Councillor Aidy Riggott laid their wreaths early so residents visiting the memorial at Buckshaw Community Centre and Euxton War Memorial would see them there.

This year Council erected, thanks to the All Purposes Committee, additional flag poles around the village. These are for another project but we have utilised for this Remembrance time. Thanks to the Village Caretakers for fixing them in and to Debra and Alan for putting up the flags.

New flag locations are: Runshaw shops, Buckshaw Village Community Centre, Balshaw Villa Garden, Highways shops and the already present Euxton War Memorial.



Buckshaw Community Centre garden



Highways Avenue corner



Balshaw Villa Garden



Runshaw Lane shops

## Solar powered Speed Indicators

The All Purposes Committee has ordered four, permanently located solar speed indicator devices for the village.

The portable device we have presently is now over 10 years old and the Committee has been looking for a replacement.

The solar powered devices don't need to be taken down and recharged as they have a solar panel attached which does this work for us.

The locations for the devices must be passed and approved by Lancashire County Highways (LCC), as they will be installed by the road side. The positions requested are:

Southport Road in to the village westbound, near to the skate park entrance;

Euxton Lane westbound in to the village where it drops from 40mph to 30mph;

Wigan Road A49 northbound entering the village where it has dropped from 60 to 40 to 30mph near to the Methodist Church; and,

Runshaw Lane westbound from the Bay Horse lights towards the shops, adjacent to the Library.

When LCC approves its preferred exact positions the units will be installed.



## Nature & Recycling go hand in hand

The All Purposes Committee has been busy recently, coming up with ECO ideas for helping residents to recycle and look after our nature.

But we need your help so thought we could offer our younger residents a challenge to write/email in with their inventive, tried and tested, or favourite methods of recycling - anything!

So we want to know your ideas for how we can recycle household items, found items, rubbish items into useful tools or re-use items in a new way.

See full details on the website in the News section - this is not a competition but a giveaway for the first 90 submitted ideas - the giveaways are kit form Bird, Bat and Insect boxes for your garden - so the children can make, decorate and use the boxes themselves at home to encourage wildlife in to their own homes.



Bat, Bird and Insect box making kits



## Councillor Rebecca Peers

Rebecca was co-opted on to the Council in October 2020.

I have lived in Chorley since 1992 and in Euxton since 2001. I'm married to Ian with two adult children aged 23, both attended Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School where I volunteered during their time at the school.

My husband and I took early retirement in 2017 to enjoy a more balanced lifestyle and to support our ageing parents who also live in Euxton. I worked for Barclays Bank for 25 years working all over the North West in branches and central offices. I then accepted Voluntary redundancy to become a School Business Officer at Charnock CE Primary School until I retired in 2017.

In my spare time I have been a Guide Guider for 23 years, helping young girls have fun and fulfil their potential. I also enjoy the outdoors, regularly getting my fix of 'Blue and Green', my husband and I can often be seen walking the lanes and fields around Euxton enjoying the beautiful village we live in. When possible we travel and enjoy a good holiday, though during 2020 like many this has been extremely limited

I'm interested in helping the environment and ensuring Euxton remains the lovely place to live we all know and love.

Rebecca Peers



## Councillor John Matson

John was co-opted on to the Council in October 2020. He has previously served on the Council for period of 25 years until May 2018.

I was born in Hampshire and have lived in Euxton for the last 35 years. I have two grown up sons, who were schooled at Balshaw Lane CP and Parklands. Both are married and still live in the Chorley area, and I have 5 grandchildren.

I served at HMP Preston as a Prison Officer for 20 years and 5 years as a school caretaker at a primary school in Charnock Richard. I live in Euxton with my wife Diane and in a couple of years will celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

My spare time is taken up with stamp collecting, gardening (weather permitting) and doing a Family Tree (which is very time consuming).

I am keen to do whatever I can to keep Euxton a wonderful place to live and hopefully as a Parish Councillor I can go some way in achieving this.

John Matson

## Committee working

Euxton Parish Council meets 10 times in the year, normally, which 2020 has not been. The whole Council meets every month except August and December.

It also operates through Committees, and Councillors choose and serve on any or all of the Committees, of which there are presently 4 standing committees as follows:

**Leisure Committee** - deals with 'leisure' items such as play areas, Millennium Green, skate park, sourcing new items such as the Bowling Green, which for a time was a Committee of its own because of the amount of work creating a Bowling Green from scratch would take.

**All Purposes Committee** - looks after gardening and planting around the village, machines such as the vacuum and the speed indicator devices, seats and noticeboards, grants, Christmas, Gala attendance and many other subjects.

**Personnel Committee** looks after the employed staff of the Council and all associated matters.

**Allotment Committee** has been planning and developing the allotment site off Euxton Lane and will continue following the creation and occupation of the site with plot holders and become the committee responsible for the site.



## Euxton Parish Church - the roof!

Many of you will, over the years, have come into Euxton Parish Church - whether for services, Christmas or Easter celebrations or for family events such as baptisms, weddings or funerals. (If you've never been in then know that you are very welcome).

In recent years, it has become increasingly evident that our beautiful 17th century church roof is leaking with copious amounts of water coming through. During lockdown, we have removed the plaster from the arch inside church, but we still need to repair the roof and stop the water coming in. We have been advised that we need to act quickly so that the situation doesn't get any worse (especially with winter approaching).

We have been informed that estimated costs may be in the region of £220,000!!! This was a devastating blow. As you will appreciate this is an absolutely huge amount to raise, especially in the current climate. However, we are keen to address the building as soon as possible. We want our church to continue to be a place of worship for our community not just for current generations, but for generations to come.

Over the coming months there will be a number of fundraising events, all the details are on our website [www.euxtonparishchurch.org](http://www.euxtonparishchurch.org) and our Facebook page (@euxtonchurch). These will include an online auction of promises, a virtual Christmas fair and some surprises for 2021. We would love to see our community embrace these events as part of our roof appeal. Furthermore if anyone would like to make a cash donation towards the roof repair and help us reach our target, details on how to make a donation are available at [www.euxtonparishchurch.org](http://www.euxtonparishchurch.org)

If you would like more information about the roof, what the problem is in a bit more detail and how you can help then do have a look at our website or give me a ring or email.

Many thanks, Revd Jo Smith  
[Euxton.vicar@gmail.com](mailto:Euxton.vicar@gmail.com) 01257 262102



## Euxton's Allotment Site

It's been many months now since Euxton Parish Council (EPC) asked its residents who might be interested in having an allotment plot. You might be wondering just where are we now?

The Council has been working hard via many zoom meetings during the Covid pandemic to try and progress this project to a point where we could reveal our plans.

We have now reached that point and attached with this report is the plan of what we think will be the best allotment facility in the area. See over on page 5.

We have tried to consider all eventualities and have included many of the resident's suggestions within the plan. All allotments will come fenced with a shed, hard standing and 200L water butt to reclaim rain water. The whole area will also have a 2m security fence and car parking for 20 cars approx. There will be smaller more manageable plots available for the disabled and possibly a "Men in Sheds" project, which was an initiative set up by Age UK.

At the time of writing this report we are preparing the planning application and selecting contractors with a view to starting the groundwork's in spring of 2021. We would like the allotment holders to be fully engaged in the future running and management of these allotments and it is hoped that an Allotment Society can be set up with all the allotment holders. Keep your eyes on the village notice boards where more information will be posted.

**Cllr Eric Jones, Project Manager - Allotment Committee**

## School Project Fund

Euxton Council is soon to open up a Grant fund specifically for our 5 primary schools in our village.

The fund will be open for PTFA or project groups connected with our primaries to submit their projects to and request funds.

The Council is looking for projects which are orientated to nature, environmental, outdoor space, ECO, well-being, exercise etc.

It is hoped the fund will launch after the Council's November Council meeting, at which the criteria will be set.



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- Site Ownership Boundary
- 2m High Green Weld Mesh Fence
- 2m High Green Weld Mesh Double Leaf Vehicular Gate
- 2m High Green Weld Mesh Single Leaf Pedestrian Gate
- 1m High Post and Rail Timber Fence
- 1m High Post and Rail Timber Field Gate
- Proposed Permeable Stone Car Park Area  
Car parking bays to be identified by timber markers
- Proposed Compacted Stone Footpath
- Proposed Concrete Flag Paving
- Proposed Site Office
- Proposed Allotment Produce Exchange
- Proposed Timber Garden Shed  
(Indicative location shown)
- Proposed 200L Water Butt
- Proposed Compost and Storage Bay
- Existing Underground Services and Easement
- Existing Manhole
- Existing Trees to be retained
- Existing Hedgerow to be retained
- Existing Drainage Ditch
- Proposed Fruit Tree  
As per Planting Schedule
- Proposed Native Hedgerow Planting  
As per Planting Schedule
- Flexible Plots (7,8,9 & 10)  
Potential to subdivide the Plots for DDA use or combine plots for a "men in shed" use. Men in Sheds is a service run by Age UK to support older men who want to get together, share and learn new skills - all in the welcoming space of a "Shed".
- Site Entrance  
To include vehicular and pedestrian entrances
- Site Office  
To include a toilet, flexible office space and a small kitchen
- DDA Car Parking Provision  
Provision for 3 vehicles
- Car Park Area  
Provision for 17 vehicles
- Proposed Water Storage and Tool Wash Area  
Water harvested from Site Office roof
- Proposed Allotment Produce Exchange  
Excess Fruit and vegetables left available for others or donation
- Storage Area  
Composting, Recycling and Storage
- Fruit Orchard



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## Euxton Girls Under 12s team wins FA Cup Final

After a lot of work and effort back in June to be as Covid secure as possible we were able to finally get all our girls across all our teams back to football after lockdown, all be it in a socially distanced manner, and with a new open age and a new under 9 team.

By August we managed to finally start playing games in training and competitive matches again which is just what everyone needed after so long away. And it paid off with all the teams starting their league fixtures in September and a delayed Lancashire FA cup final from May for our then u12s West team with a fantastic 2-1 win Vs Preston North End in a tense game at the LFA ground in Leyland.

Well done and thank you to all the girls, coaches and parents for their continuing support over the last few difficult months.

**Michael Taylor, Euxton Girls Football Club**

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## Euxton Community Bowls Club

The only result of 2020 to report is the Club Knockout competition, which concluded on 13th September.

On a lovely sunny afternoon, and abiding by all Covid Government guidelines, the few spectators were able to see Bryan Sutton receive the trophy as the Club 2020 Champion, following a very close final against Marilyn Bamber - a worthy runner up. Congratulations to them both, and also the two other semi finalists, Dave Prest and Joe McLoughlin.

Thanks must once again go to Club member Stephen Parker for organising the competition, and acknowledgement also to (Parish Councillor) Eric Jones who produced the required Risk Assessments with the help of Kath Sutton.

Mega thanks to Cheryl Marshall for running the booking system, allowing for Track and Trace if required (thankfully it wasn't).

The Club must also thank Euxton Parish Council for allowing bowling to continue when allowed and, now that the green is closed, its volunteers will continue with the required maintenance over the closed season ready for Spring 2021 when, fingers crossed, life may be (more or less) back to normal.

In the meantime, take care everyone and Best Wishes to All.

**Marilyn Bamber**  
ECBC Member





In an attempt to support our local shops and businesses in Euxton we are featuring some in this newsletter and hope more of our businesses will input to be featured in future newsletters.

Some local establishments have been generous and inventive during this pandemic period by changing their working practices, opening different hours, adapting to takeaway orders, making deliveries, offering free food over school holidays, supplying local people with essentials when they couldn't get out or needed help - we should all bear this in mind and support our local shops as we need them to stick around. Here are only a few of our great shops and retailers.

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They opened soon after the first lockdown and were doing very well - with rave reviews on Facebook from Euxton residents. Presently they have had to close in second lockdown but with all our help we can make its re-opening a busy success with all your support.

During the lockdowns our take-away food establishments throughout the village remained open along with the life-line shops such as Spar, Nisa, Premier and Rowlands Chemist.

The Talbot pub on Balshaw Lane re-opened again in mid July after keeping residents entertained during their lockdown with an online quiz. They adapted to serve pizzas in late October but still had to succumb to the second lockdown closing early November.

During their brief Summer opening they packed in entertainment inside and outside from quiz nights competitions, live sport and offers.

During the second lockdown they opened a food bank collection point on the car park in an inflatable tent and sending donations to the LW Storehouse - Chorley Food Bank - they report, "we are just so overwhelmed with everyone's generosity!!"

Let's hope our Euxton businesses survive the lockdowns and restrictions and we all go out and support and appreciate our local businesses, shops and services - as we would have been lost without them this year. Let us wish them well for 2021.

**SHOP LOCAL** we need them and they need us.

## Business as 'near to usual' as can be!

I was delighted to be asked to write another piece for the Euxton Parish Council Newsletter, especially as we head towards the end of a what is a tough year for most of us. This year has meant many have been apart from their families, many have been furloughed or even lost their jobs and every time you turn the news on or look on social media there seems to be negativity and disagreements, and that's without the dreaded B word!

This winter, more than any other we have experienced, we will need each other. Dark nights and bad weather will make it a really tough time and rather than this winter being remembered for being a depressing time wouldn't it be great for it to be remembered for communities pulling together to help each other!

We were pleased to be able to offer free meals for kids at half term, and it was great to see some many other businesses joining in. We had offers of help from many people and a lovely lady called Lynn baked cup cakes, cookies and donated fruit, I am reliably informed that the cup cakes were amazing! It just goes to show what communities do when they come together and it's nice that through all the negativity about that community spirit can make a huge difference!

Our shop will be able to continue trading through this lockdown (barring isolations if they are required), the changes we implemented over the summer should keep

everybody as safe as possible, it good to see businesses adapting to keep trading but as we start to see light at the end of the tunnel business are going to need everyone's support to get them back on their feet. If I can help anyone by advertising their business on our screens or if I can help in any other way please get in touch.

To help the fish and chip sector I have just built a website you can use to find great fish and chip shops all over the UK, once we are allowed to travel again and have days out it could be useful in finding these independent businesses. You can find the website at FishandChipGuide.com (pic left).

I hope everyone has a great festive period, if not a little different, and lets look forward to a brighter 2021! Keep safe everyone.

**Andrew Crook, Skippers of Euxton**  
President National Federation of Fish Friers





# Councillors...

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## Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm.

The meeting venue is mainly 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:  
**2021 meetings: Council will meet via Zoom on 21 January, 18 February, 18 March, 15 April.**

## 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 development
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops



## Neighbourhood Policing Team: 'Town West'

Chorley Police Station 01257 269021  
Central Control Centre 101  
Crimestoppers (anonymous) 0800 555 111



Town West consists of Euxton, Buckshaw Village, Astley Village, Chorley North West and sections of Chorley Town Centre.

For more information see Chorley Police Facebook page or via "In the Know" or email us direct via the Lancashire Police website:  
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