



Within Euxton Borders

a news sheet for residents by
EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Chairman's Column

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

The Parish Council has two new Councillors. David Maltman was co-opted at the September meeting and Christine Turner at the October meeting. The Council now has its full quota of 18 for the first time in a while.



During October I again was invited to afternoon tea by "Careline" together with the volunteers and their clients. The Mayor of Chorley and his wife also attended so Michael had his work cut out to provide his usual cakes and pastries, again they were delicious. Thanks to him and his team for providing everything including raffle prizes!!

I also had the enjoyable task of attending Primrose Hill School where the pupils had for the fourth time in a row won the "Reading Heroes Trophy", together with Kath from Euxton Library the children, from Reception to Year 6, received their certificates for their reading of books during the school summer holidays. Well done again. I'm looking forward to seeing some of them once more, plus the children for our other Euxton schools during December for the Christmas singing in the Library.

On Sunday the 9th of November was the Remembrance Service at Euxton War Memorial, but, as the weather was extremely wet St Mary's Church kindly hosted the event. The service was very well attended by residents and the The Last Post was expertly played by local resident and Cornet player Eleanor Waring - thank you Eleanor.

Christmas Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree will be taking place Wednesday 17th December from 7pm, hopefully if the weather permits we will be singing outside under the tree - if the weather does not, then we will go inside. Please join the Council afterwards for warm mince pies and mulled wine. See you all there.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, to you and yours, from all the Parish Councillors.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Farewell to Ron and Stuart

Council said farewell to Ron Bridge and Stuart Bailey who both retired and finished at the end of September.

Ron had worked for Euxton Council since September 2002 so putting in 23 years of dedicated service for our residents.

Stuart began working for Euxton Council in January 2019 and put in over 6 years service to the village.

Both will be missed but we do hope you enjoy being retired.

Christmas Carol Singing

Wednesday 17th December
7pm at the Christmas Tree

Euxton Parish Council invites everyone to
carol singing around the Christmas Tree

followed inside with warm mulled wine and mince pies or hot drink
@Euxton PC Community Centre

Musical accompaniment by
Coppull & Standish Brass Band

Euxton Calendar for 2026

The 2026 Calendar residents' photos around Euxton is out now.

This year there is an A4 version and an A5 version containing 12 beautiful photos taken around the village.

On the front is a photo of a Kingfisher, expertly taken by David Smith who gave us permission to put this on the front of the Calendar. The Kingfisher had been visiting the Millennium Green and despite my many efforts for a good photo it took his patience to capture this photo. Thanks David.

The photos will be judged by Council and we will present a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize - photos in the next issue.

The calendar helps raise funds for local groups and are purchased through the groups - or you can contact the Clerk and we can get these to you. £2.50 for the A5 and £3 for the A4 size.

All Purposes Committee

Yellow, purple and red poppies



outside the Community Centre as did representatives from Chorley Council, the WI and the villages Uniformed Groups.

Residents and organisations attend to lay wreaths of red poppies to remember the fallen and this year we had the addition of a wreath which is Yellow.

A project by a group of ladies who met through the Buckshaw WI have been reasearching the former ammunitions factory (ROF) and have embarked on a project to raise the profile of the Canary Girls (see paragraph on Yellow Poppy).

Euxton Parish Council has approved a grant for the Canary Girls project which will include the group creating an information board and webpage to display more of the history of the Canary Girls for people to link to - more on this in the next newsletter.

Remembrance in Euxton

In centre of Euxton this year the service could not be around the War Memorial, as the rain was so bad, so we moved into the beautiful St Mary's church.

The Remembrance Walk in Buckshaw Village was again well attended with County Councillor Aidy Riggott thanking the organisers and commenting how nice it was to see those residents from Buckshaw Retirement Village who came out (as the walk passed by them) to show their respects too.

County Councillor Aidy Riggott and Parish Council Chairman Katrina Reed laid wreaths together



The red poppy

is a symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. Poppies are worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.

The poppy is a well-known and well-established symbol, one that carries a wealth of history and meaning with it.

Wearing a poppy is still a very personal choice, reflecting individual experiences and personal memories. It is never compulsory but is greatly appreciated by those who it is intended to support.

But what is the inspiration and history behind the poppy becoming a symbol of Remembrance?

During WW1, much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. The countryside was blasted, bombed and fought over repeatedly. Previously beautiful landscapes turned to mud; bleak and barren scenes where little or nothing could grow.

There was a notable and striking exception to the bleakness - the bright red Flanders poppies. These resilient flowers flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, growing in the thousands upon thousands.

In the Spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was moved by the sight of these poppies and that inspiration led him to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

Parish Council Grants

Euxton Parish Council has a budget for grants which it can allocate to local groups, projects or to buy necessary equipment for local groups, for the benefit of Euxton residents.



The Committee considers grant applications against a Council policy - which is attached to the website in the documents section if you wish to read and apply for your group.

Local groups can apply to help support a project, as part of other funding from other sources or for a piece of equipment it may need.

The Yellow Poppy

Since the First World War, the poppy has been used as a symbol of remembrance. As well as representing all those who have lost their lives on active service, it also honours the contribution of civilian service.

At this remembrance day service, as well as the traditional wreaths of red poppies, you will see that a wreath of yellow poppies is being laid by members of Buckshaw Village Women's Institute.



This is to honour and remember the contribution of the women who were conscripted to work in Royal Ordnance Factories during the World Wars.

In World War II, Royal Ordnance Factory Chorley was the largest ammunition filling factory in the UK. Women were conscripted from all over the country to work here

and it was very dangerous work. When the factory was decommissioned it was developed as Buckshaw Village and its railway station became Buckshaw Parkway.

The women who worked in ammunition filling, like those at Chorley, were nicknamed "Canary Girls" because their skin turned yellow due to the exposure to dangerous chemicals in their work.

Hence the yellow poppies in the wreath.

Source: Buckshaw Village Women's Institute

The Purple Poppy

When we think of Remembrance Sunday, we most likely think of red poppies. However, there are several colours of poppy, each carrying different meanings.

The purple poppy was created in 2006 by the charity Animal Aid and this represents and commemorates animals who served during wartime.

The Royal British Legion see no conflict in wearing a purple poppy alongside a red poppy, or any other colour poppy that an individual chooses to commemorate with.

Approximately eight million horses and donkeys were killed during WW1 alone. Other animals who served include cats and dogs, who were trained to hunt rats in the trenches. Homing pigeons were also trained to carry and deliver vital messages and canaries were used to detect poisonous gases.

In 1943, the Dickin Medal was established to honour the work of animals during WW2. The first recipients were three pigeons – White Vision, Winkie and Tyke – who were awarded on 2 December 1943. They saved Allied air crews by delivering crucial messages.

The 'Animals in War Memorial' was created by David Blackhouse and was unveiled in Hyde Park, London in November 2004 by Princess Anne.



Source: written by Gillian Sharples

Euxton Singers sell out - again!

At the time of writing, the annual concert held at the end of November looks like it will be a three night sell-out - again. This is really good news for this year's chosen charity, the Rainbow Hub based in Mawdesley.

Rainbow are a charity which can support up to 85 families a week who typically have children suffering from a brain injury, and have a track record of helping each child reach their full potential. Their motto is 'Every day is a life changing day.' The Singers are pleased to help by giving a significant donation towards their vital work. Thanks to everyone who supports us in any way.

In addition to this, the Singers will again be appearing at Tesco (Foxhole Road) on Monday 22nd December from about 6-30pm (see last year's photo). So please come along and support us while doing your Christmas shop. As is usual with our Christmas outing, all proceeds will go to St. Catherine's Hospice.

We have a well earned rest over Christmas and the New Year, but aim to start rehearsals for the 2026 concert on January 14th at 7-30pm in Euxton Community Centre and we always welcome new ladies to join us - so put the date in your diary! We



will be singing our usual mix of popular music, some show tunes, and the occasional 'oldie.'

The ladies of the Euxton Singers have been delighting audiences since 1980 and meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Community Centre for practices. Their main aim is to promote the joy of music in a relaxed and fun setting.

There are currently well over 40 members, but they are always looking for more and would make any new members really welcome. There are no auditions, and all ladies are encouraged to join.

If you are interested please contact the secretary, Jill Mitchell, on 07946 388872, by email at jill@mitchellmail.org or just turn up on the 14th and ask for Jill. She looks forward to hearing from you.

Introducing the High Sheriff of Lancashire

No one was more shocked than me at being asked to be High Sheriff of Lancashire. An incredible honour for an ordinary lad from Chorley.

How was I appointed? Alongside Cornwall, Lancashire is a Duchy and the Duke is the sovereign. As such the appointment is made personally by the King at an historic ceremony called the Lites in the presence of the Privy Council. The Sheriff is entitled to their own coat of arms which is hung in Lancaster Castle as the next in a line of more than 650 previous office holders at an ancient ceremony held in June. High Sheriffs are chosen from people in the county who have been very much involved in voluntary service and have usually held unpaid public appointments.

What is involved in being High Sheriff? Well gone are the days when it was an all powerful role, the King's representative in each county. Hanging, flogging and the ultimate judge and jury, not to mention tax collector and if the Sheriff collected too much, the excess could be pocketed, but if short it had to be made up personally. (A clue here to the antics of a certain bad boy in Nottingham).

Thankfully today much of the official work has been passed to professional government agencies but I still have certain duties such as swearing in new magistrates and coroners and taking

the annual renewal of the Judges' oath of allegiance to the King. I am the official returning officer in elections and have a special role on the death of a sovereign. It is my obligation to look after High Court judges whilst they are sitting in court in the county but these days rather than having them staying in my home an occasional meal will suffice.

What does it mean for me to be High Sheriff? Accompanied by my wife Annabel, I have the honour and privilege of meeting with, and hopefully making a difference to, many of the hundreds of voluntary organisations in the county. The work they do is truly humbling and we do not know how society would fare without the thousands of unpaid heroes. It is also a joy just to be at some of the many formal events.

It is common for each High Sheriff to have a project for their year of office and having been involved in Chorley Youth Zone since its inception, my energies are being targeted at an initiative to help to keep young people out of trouble.

Having lived in Euxton for 31 years, Annabel and I have a special fondness for our home town and look forward to seeing many of you as my year progresses.

Jim Carter DL



James F Carter DL
High Sheriff of Lancashire
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Euxton Walks

Euxton has 45 public rights of way all described and mapped in the 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'. Pick a map up at Euxton Library

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

COFFEE MORNING

IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

21st January 2026
18th February 2026
18th March 2026
15th April 2026

FROM

9.30am to 11.30am

TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE
CAKE STALL, GOOD AS NEW etc.

Admission £1 includes coffee and biscuits

All money raised goes to community funds

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter drop the Council and email on: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Euxton WI

President for a fourth term and is looking forward to another successful year. The Tellers came from Buckshaw Village WI and told us of their campaign for a lasting memorial of the work undertaken by the Canary Girls. These were the women and girls who worked at the Royal Ordnance Factory during WW2 and whose skin turned yellow due to the chemicals they handled in making the munitions. As Buckshaw Village 'replaced' the ROF at Euxton the WI is honouring the women by telling their story and wearing yellow poppies as part of the Remembrance commemorations. Ann presented a cheque for £500 to Newtrees in Chorley, a support group working in conjunction with Mencap but which is totally dependent on local donations.



At the AGM the Annual Report recorded the many activities and events that we have enjoyed during the past twelve months. A recent outing was to Gorton Monastery in Manchester and as we neared the venue members swapped memories of their visits to the attractions of nearby Belle Vue. Graham, one of Gorton Monastery's volunteers, gave an illustrated presentation of the history from its consecration in 1872; its place

in the community, its dereliction and its subsequent restoration thanks to a couple who set up a Charitable Trust. Members were then free to explore the Church and gardens and to read the many information boards.

The groups have also been busy. The Walkers joined forces with Standish WI and spent a lovely afternoon in Haigh Woodland Park - we will host a walk in Spring. The Craft group, supported by other members, responded to a Lancashire Federation appeal for a Charity Make and knitted scores of premature baby hats. These were collected by Christine Tierney from Neonatal Outreach at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester. Cinema and theatre outings continue to be popular and a group of book club members took the opportunity to attend a talk given by the authoress, Kate Mosse, at Chorley Theatre.

Forthcoming events include the Christmas meal on 4th December at Farington Lodge.

The programme for 2026 is in hand thanks to Marilyn Porter who, for more than 25 years, has been the Programme Secretary. She 'retired' at the AGM and was presented with flowers and a voucher in grateful appreciation of her sterling work over the years.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2pm at Euxton PC Community Centre, should you wish to come as a visitor please contact the President, Ann Francis on 01257 412013. Although visitors are still welcome, the waiting list for members is currently closed.

Karen Hartley



Cheque being presented to Newtrees in Chorley, a support group working in conjunction with Mencap by Ann Francis



Flowers presented to Marilyn Porter for her 25 years as Programme Secretary



responding to a Lancashire Federation appeal for knitted premature baby hats



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EUXTON LIBRARY**

Hindley Ukulele Band

Saturday 13th December

11:00 – 12:00

*Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies
will be served*

Euxton Library

Future Events - see posters:

Wednesday 3rd December 1pm -3pm "Genesis & Raising the Roof"

Saturday 13th December 11am-12pm Hindley Ukulele Band

**Christmas Singing
in the Library**

Euxton C of E
School
Monday 1st
December 2pm

Balshaw Lane
School
Monday 8th
December 2pm

Primrose Hill
School
Wednesday 17th
December 11am

Visit us at:   

Euxton Library
Opening Hours from
1st November 2025

Monday	9am - 6pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9am - 5pm
Thursday	9am - 2pm
Friday	9am - 5pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

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lancashire.gov.uk/libraries 

GENESIS CARE (NORTH WEST) LTD

We are holding a
Raising the Roof sing-a-long session
with cake and tea
for Christmas

Wednesday, 3rd December 2025
1.00-3.00pm

at Euxton Library,
St Mary's Gate, Euxton, Chorley PR7 6AH

Everyone welcome!

Free admission—booking essential
Tel: Lorna 07845969442
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Euxton Library Regular Group and Activities

Monday	Lancashire Dialect Every Monday 10:00am-12:00pm	Card Games Every Monday 2:00pm-3:00pm	Storytime Every Monday 2:00pm-2:30pm (Term time only)
Wednesday	Family History Every Wednesday 10:00am-12:00pm	Craft and Chat Fortnightly 2:00pm-3:30pm	
Thursday	Baby Bounce and Rhyme Every Thursday 9:30am-10:00am (Term time only)	Digital Support Every Thursday 10:30am-12:00pm	
Friday	Toddler Time Every Friday 10:00am-10:30am (Term time only)	Knit and Natter Every Friday 2:00pm-3:30pm	
Saturday	Quiet Hour Every Saturday 09:00am-10:00am		

Euxton Methodist Church

Sunday 14th December

10.30 am Euxton Methodist Church
Christingle service

Sunday 21st December

10.30 am Euxton Methodist Church
Nativity service

Sunday 21st December

4.00 pm Euxton Methodist Church
Carol Service

Thursday 25th December

Christmas day 10.30 am Euxton
Methodist Church service

St Mary's & St Catherine's Church

Saturday 20th December

Charity Carol Concert, refreshments
in the Social Centre to follow

Wednesday 23rd December

Christmas Eve Carols at 6.30pm with
the First Mass of Christmas at 7pm

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day Mass at 8.30am and
10.30am

Church Services

Euxton CofE Parish Church

Sunday 30th November

4pm - Remembering with Love
Service

Wednesday 17th December

11am - Carol Service

Sunday 21st December

9.15am - DIY Nativity Service
6pm - Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

4pm - Celebrating Christmas
11.15pm - Christmas Eve Midnight
Mass

Sunday 25th December

10am - Christmas Day Family Service



Churches Together in Euxton

Euxton Parish Council

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Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Barrie Duckworth	07580 247222
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Christine Turner	07747 179555
Katrina Reed	271199
Aidy Riggott	07585 633025

Euxton South Ward

David Maltman	270311
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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.

2026 meetings Thursdays:

15 January, 19 February, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July.

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
- Allotment site

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Krysia Cogollos

Stevie, our current cleaner, has been an absolute gem so far and we couldn't be happier.



Raymond McDaid

Very pleased with the service, very responsive and flexible.



JP

Very happy with the level of service and communication. Dawnn was helpful arranging for us to get a reliable cleaner.



Rebecca Procter

Great first clean from Suzanne. I look forward to many more!



John Bennet

Have used twice and both cleaners have been excellent.



Ruth Poar

Really pleased with the high quality of service.



Claire Powell

Absolutely fantastic service, professional yet very friendly. The clean was very thorough and of a really high standard.



Zandra Taylor

Very happy with our experience to date. We have been paired with someone very local to us and things are working well.



Bethany King

Jaine was fabulous she's really lovely and did a great job all around the house.



Julie McLaughlan

Fantastic service, delighted with results!