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EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL





December 2015, Issue 63



Chairman's Column

Welcome to the December 2015 issue of the Euxton Web which again is full of news and events from in and around Euxton.

By the time this issue has published been and distributed the first Remembrance Sunday Service will have been held

at the new Euxton War Memorial, after the well attended Dedication Day earlier in the summer.

With the nights now drawing in and Christmas just a few weeks away, just a reminder that as usual there will be an early evening singing around the Christmas Tree with a hot drink and mincepies after in the Community Centre, more details below, all welcome.

The Councillor surgeries continue through to end of December 2015 at the Library, all dates and times are displayed on the Notice Boards around Euxton and at the Library. The Council recently approved the updating of the Web Site and this should be up and fully completed by the New Year.

Finally my thanks to all the Parish Council Employees and fellow Councillors for their work and contributions over the past year, I wish them and yourselves the residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

> **Councillor Katrina Reed** Chairman

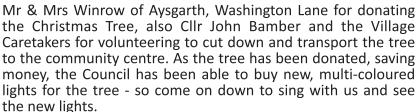
Join us for Christmas Carols

Come and join us in singing Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree with Coppull & Standish Brass Band and

followed with hot drinks and mince pies in the Community Centre.

Wednesday, 16th December at 7pm by the Christmas Tree infront of Community Centre, Wigan Road by Papa Luigis.

Euxton Parish Council would like to thank







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Village Competitions

The village was entered again this year into 'The Lancashire Best Kept Village' competition and the 'North West In Bloom' competition, run by Britain in Bloom.

Chairman, Katrina Reed picked up the Silver Gilt Award from the North West In Bloom awards ceremony on the 30 October.

In the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition the village was required to divide into two entries, as the competition does not judge areas over a population of 8,500. So this year we split in to Euxton East and West.

Euxton West was placed 3rd out of 14 entering villages and Euxton East was 5th. Also Buckshaw Retirement Village was Highly Commended in the Residential/ Nursing Home section.

Well done Euxton.



Chairman, Katrina Reed at the North West in Bloom Awards with Euxton's Silver Gilt

NORTH WEST

Website

Since our update in the June edition of Euxton WEB, the All Purposes Committee has been working hard on the development of a new website for the Parish Council.

The Communications Working Group received a presentation from a website designer who has produced a large number of websites for Parish Councils and similar organisations, and the Working Group, with support from the Clerk, mapped out what we thought should be included in a new website. Following the scrutiny of existing developed websites already bν interested parties and considering the price and package offered, a contractor was appointed.

The Working Group is now finalising the information to be included and would like to ask that any residents that would like to contribute to the website, especially on the 'About Euxton' or History of Euxton' sections, to please get in touch via a Councillor or the Parish Clerk. .

Cllr Aidy Riggott Chairman All Purposes Committee





Bag Competition Winner

Whilst on honeymoon in Malaysia. John and Charlotte Sweeting took this photograph infront of the Batu Caves in Kuala Lumpur - WOW, pretty impressive.

They win the prize for entering the photo competition of a £25 One4All Gift Card.

The competition opened on Euxton Gala Day to launch the Council's new Facebook and Twitter accounts as new to communicate methods residents.

Another, very artistic entry we have put in the newsletter header on the front page, which was taken in Humberston NE Lincolnshire.



Health Walks

Crafty Visit

Euxton Library Coffee morning on the 5th November was very well attended and the subject was "Crafts with Evie Jones". See all the library's events on page 6.

Following the article in the September newsletter, and appeal by Euxton Library many people came forward interested in having an 'Euxton Health Walk'.

The first Euxton Health Walk took place on Friday, 23rd October. Debra Platt liaised with Chorley Council to get the walk off the ground and about 25 walkers, of all ages, assembled at Euxton Library for the 2pm start.

It was a walk with a difference however, in that we were led by Sid Calderbank, the local Lancashire dialect raconteur, who treated us to poems and a song along the way.

Sid whetted our appetite with a poem prior to leaving the library and then we walked along Wigan Road to St Mary's Church and the entrance to Ransnap Woods. We paused there while Sid gave us another poem and invited volunteers from the walkers to recite a verse or two! We walked through the woods listening to another poem and a song from Sid, arriving back at the library about 3 pm.



On returning to the library refreshments were available and the general consensus from all the walkers was that the walk was a great success and highly entertaining.

The walks are scheduled to take place on the fourth Friday of every month, the next one being Friday, 27th November, which, as it happens, is Lancashire Day. Kath at the library has promised us, in addition to tea and biscuits, Chorley cakes and Lancashire cheese to celebrate.

All are welcome and it should be "a reet good do".

Alan Clegg



Nordmann Christmas Trees, Door Wreaths, Holly Pots, Grave Pots and Wreaths

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Councillor Profile - Simon Wellerd

I have served on Euxton Parish Council for almost twenty five years, and have been asked to bring my profile up to date.

Before I start I would like to mention the following Councillors who are no longer with us but gave many years of dedicated service to the Parish Council; Ena Montgomery MBE, Geoff Witts and Carole Cocking. Not only were they fellow Councillors but good friends as well.

I served under ten chairmen and was honoured to be elected Vice Chairman of the Council in 2000-01 during that year it gave me great pleasure to see the opening of the Millennium Green. Also during that year some of the men on the Council got together and dug up the stocks which were then moved and restored and can be seen at the Millennium Green. I was elected as Chairmen in the following year 2001-02 and began working on the first edition of the Footpath Walking Map for Euxton which was published in 2003.

In 2008 two teenagers came to address the Council about Euxton having its own skate board park. After many discussions the skate park project got underway and many young people of the village were consulted at almost every stage of the way.

When I see families out enjoying the Millennium Green and young people having a great time on the skate park it serves to remind me of why I joined the Council all those years ago.

It has been a great honour to serve the good people of Euxton over the years, and all the proposals I have put forward and voted upon have been, I believe, to be ithe best interest of the people of this village.

I look forward to the coming years on the Council and with new projects such as the Bowling Green, and learning how the Council can use Facebook and Twitter to communicate with a wider audience - it gives me much optimism for the future.

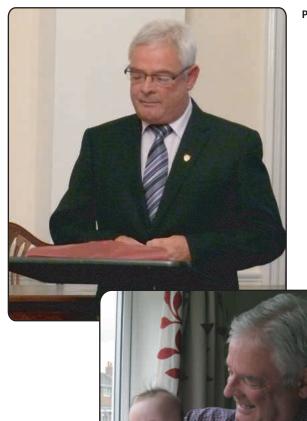
Best wishes to you all.

Councillor Profile - Eric Jones

Councillor Simon Wellerd

I was born in Preston and I have lived in Euxton for over 55 years. After leaving







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Factory on Euxton Lane. Going on to a varied career which included management experience in the Maintenance Department and later as a Production & Operations Manager. Since being made redundant at the end of 2007, I have been employed as a Project Manager for a security company in Liverpool.

I would like to keep Euxton as a community where families can feel safe and enjoy life. I have a particular interest in the youth of the village, and it is here that I would like to improve the facilities that are provided for recreational use. The Skate park being an excellent example of what can be achieved with a little hard graft.

Councillor Eric Jones



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The first two Healthy Living Pharmacy's

The staff at Rimmers pharmacy in Euxton are jubilant! Their hard work has been rewarded as they are celebrating success as the second accredited Healthy Living Pharmacy in the Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group Area. If you are wondering which Pharmacy was the first then it was Rimmers Pharmacy in Buckshaw Village 3 days earlier.

Healthy Living Pharmacy is a quality standard that community pharmacies sign up to voluntarily for which they receive no payment, covering the standard of their premises, staff development and proactive engagement in public health.

In a Healthy Living Pharmacy the staff have all received extra training to help their local community to stay well. At least two members of the pharmacy team have qualified as Health Champions. The whole team pro-actively promotes a healthy lifestyle by taking or making opportunities to open conversations with customers, public health campaigns and signposting information for customers to the help they need.

The health champion (Jane) ensures the information to do this is readily available and up to date. The pharmacist leader steers the pharmacy team to achieve the accreditation and supports the necessary changes to make it happen. This also means that services provided in the pharmacy are conducted to a high standard.

Pharmacist and business owner Michael Rimmer said, "This is a real feather in our cap and serves as an indication of how we work as a Pharmacy and the hard work done on a day to day basis.

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This is a huge accolade but also a reflection of what we do anyway as part of our working day. I feel the public are becoming more aware of what our Pharmacy has to offer particularly with the problems the NHS is facing with regard to accessibility to the patient.

An example would be that we can now provide Flu Vaccinations without appointment and actually at the convenience of patients and on demand. This means that it can fit in with patients' daily routine without the need to make an appointment or join an endless queue."

Rimmers Chemist

Free Dog Micro-Chipping

Chorley Council Neighbourhood
Officers are holding a 'Free' Dog
Micro Chipping day. The
chipping will be done by the
Animal Welfare Officer at
Euxton Library, 25th Februry
10.30am - 12.30pm



New shopping in Euxton

Angela and Julie would like to welcome residents to the new YMCA store in Euxton. We also have two fantastic local volunteers, Steven and Naomi.

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All donations are gratefully received and the collection of furniture from you is free, although we do charge £10 to deliver furniture locally. We are p.a.t. tested in store so accept and sell electrical equipment.

Please be a gift aider, sign up when you donate your goods - it only takes a moment but it benefits your local community and all money stays in the North West of England.

Phone: 01257 271 177 Opening Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sunday 10am to 4pm. What we sell - YMCA shop sella clothing, books, CDs, DVDs, shoes, bric-a-brac and new goods and also sell furniture.

Funds raised by YMCA England shops go towards helping important areas of YMCA work including giving young people a safe place to stay, creating healthy and active communities, supporting pupils in education and providing training and skills for life.

Angela, Manageress



The new store at 3 Talbot Row, Highways Avenue



2015 seems to be whizzing by and Euxton WI have been very busy celebrating 100 years of WI.

We have been on trips everywhere enjoyed and listened to lots of interesting speakers.

At our AGM meeting held at the beginning of November Karen Hartley was re-elected as our President and over 80 of us enjoyed a Hotpot Lunch beforehand!

We have a wide variety of interests for our members to enjoy, including crafts, a reading group and scrabble group together with a walking group, Luncheon group and a thriving Cinema group

So ladies if you are wondering what to do during the winter afternoons come and join us. We meet the first Wednesday in the month at the PCC rooms (next to Papa Luigi's) at 2pm. For further information please contact Val Hough 01257 270874.

Val Hough

Councillor Surgery Dates

Residents have the opportunity to raise any matter they want with Councillors for attention, surgery dates are:

10 to 11am - 5 December 3 to 4pm - 10 December

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Preparing the ground for match days after completing a 5 module training programme and becoming a member of the Institute of Groundsmanship,

Become part of our cricket coaching staff with the opportunity of assisting our experienced coaches on training night and match days.

All these opportunities are of course voluntary, but you might like to get involved if you're short of something to do during your spare time, feeling lonely and would like some company or if we can help with that first step to you gaining full time employment by adding to your CV please contact us by email giving us a little detail about yourself and what area of training you would be interested in. Email secretary@euxtoncricketclub.co.uk

Graeme Carroll

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Many activities are on at the centre such as; language lessons, puppy classes, exercise classes, Friday disco, WI, Mothers Union, 50+ Club, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Singing or Dancing, and more.

Take a look at the Community Centre's webpage on Euxton Council's website for activities.



"Some say Chorlah's a sleepy tahn, But I know a twothree that it's ta'n dahn,

For when they like, yo' cpn bet yore crahn,

They're wakken enoof i' Chorlah.

There's pratty country rahnd it, too, Green fields an' lanes to ramble through,

An' what a gradely, bonny view Fro' th' top o' th' Nab at Chorlah!

So wrote Charles Allen Clarke (Teddy Ashton) of Bolton a hundred years ago, but where's the old dialect gone today? Where's the homely warmth of "gradely, words like jannock, powfagged, gloppent?" Well, they're alive and well and living in Euxton library every Monday morning. Hosted by Euxton's own dialect performer Sid Calderbank our Dialect Reading Circle Dog Micro Chipping runs from 10.30 - 11.30 and it's FREE.

As Sid says, "the old dialect was written for public performance, it should be read aloud and shared in the home, church hall or public house - it's easier to do that way and a lot more 'Knit and Natter' Friday 2:00pm-4:00pm fun. The texts I choose are mainly Victorian and local, poems and stories from Rochdale, Oldham, Blackburn, Robert Rowe's "Cracks from Cobbler's Seat", a series of dialect tales written in the village around 1888. They come out regularly as well!"

So pop in any Monday morning, join in and have a go if you want or just sit and listen or come on our monthly dialect poetry Health Walk "Rhyming along the Ransnap!"

Sid Calderbank

Lancashire Dialect Reading Circle

Euxton Library Events

Library Openings

09:30-12:30 Monday 13:30-19:00 Tuesday Closed Closed Wednesday 09:30-12:30 13:30-17:00 09:30-12:30 Thursday 13:30-17:00 Friday Closed 13:30-19:00 Saturday 09:30-12:30 Closed

Health Walks:

4th Friday of the month meet at Euxton Library at 2pm (no walk in December).

Coffee Mornings:

1st Thursday of every month from 10:30 am-11:30 am

December 3rd Elaine Cuzner 'gift wrapping'

January 7th Graham Turner 'Dogs for the Disabled'

February 4th Margaret Brindle '40 Years of Nursing'

March 3rd Margaret Brindle 'Why I was invited to Buckingham Palace'

Other Activities:

Monday 30th November 2pm-2:30pm Christmas Story time

Wednesday 30th December 2pm-4pm Bike Coding

Wednesday 30th December 2:30pm-4pm Children's Crafts

Saturday 6th February 2016 9:30am-12:30pm National Libraries Day

Wednesday 17th February 2pm-4pm Police Children's Fun Day

Thursday 18th February 2:30pm-4pm Half Term Story time & Crafts

Thursday 25th February 10:30am-12:30pm

Regular Groups: (*Term Time Only)

*Baby Bounce & Rhyme Thursday 9:30am-10:00am

*Storytime Monday 2:00pm-2:30pm

'Learn My Way' Computer Classes Monday 10:00 am-12:00 noon

Blackpool and Manchester. And how Lancashire Dialect Reading Circle with Sid many Euxton residents remember Calderbank Monday 10:30 am-11:30 am

> Help Direct are in the Library 9:30am-11:00 am *1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month no appointment necessary.

> Shared Reading: 1st Wednesday of every month 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Kath Deakin

National Libraries Day - Saturday, 6th February 2016 9:30am - 12:30pm At Euxton Library

Euxton Parish Council

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John Matson	260780
Alan Platt	234003
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Katrina Reed	271199
Mervyn Thornhill	274550

North East Ward

Mark Jarnell 01772 301875 Aidy Riggott 07585 633025

Council Meetings

Council meets normally each third Thursday of the month at 7.15pm (except the months of July and December).

The meeting venue is mainly the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre.

Please check the website or noticeboards for changes of dates and venues.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings:

Thursday, 21 January Thursday, 18 February Thursday, 17 March

Noticeboard Locations

Runshaw Lane shops, Highways Avenue shops, Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills and at St Mary's car park, Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive, Southport Road by the Skate Park, Buckshaw Village behind the Hub and on Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco.

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Police Fun Day

The Fun Day held on the 26th October at Euxton Library went well - the children loved the Gaga Pit, Games and Police Vehicles and dressing up in the Uniforms - Don't miss the next one on, Wednesday, 17th February 2016 from 2-4pm.

Don't miss our Coding day on Wednesday, 30th December 2-4pm for all those lucky enough to get a new bicycle, board or scooter for Christmas.

PCSO's Ray Chadwick & Lee Reed Euxton Neighbourhood Policing



Kids in the Gaga Pit dressed up in uniform

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

Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt Matt Moon, CBM PC Mark Halliwell, PCSO Ray Chadwick, PCSO Lee Reed.

Euxton Police Surgeries held at Euxton Library, St Mary's Gate, next being: Monday 11th January 11am-12noon; Thursday 25th February 4-5pm; Wednesday 23rd March 4-5pm.

Buckshaw Village Neighbourhood Policing team are: PS Matt Moon, PC Mike Payne, PCSO Vicky Collins.

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PACT Meetings for Buckshaw Village are held Ravensthorpe Lounge, off Merefield in Astley Village at 7pm, next meeting: 30 December.

New members are always welcome.

We meet every other Thursday at Euxton PC Community Centre from 2pm until 4pm

Next meetings are:

10 December Christmas Meal; 17 December; 2016 - 7 & 21January; 4 & 18 February; 3 & 17 & 31 March.

We get excellent speakers, go on arranged trips and more besides call Eunice Hall on Chorley 411858 or Sheila Ball on 01772 432037 or pop along to have a look.

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Sunday 20th December 10.30 am Children's Service and Christingle

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Christmas Day
Friday 25th December
10.30 am Christmas Celebration
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Churches Together in Euxton Christmas Services

Euxton CofE Parish Church

Sunday 20th December 3.00 pm Nativity Service 6.30 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 3.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Friday 25th December 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am TOAST

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St Mary's RC Church

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 5.30 pm Carols 6.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day Friday 25th December 12.00 Midnight Mass 10.30 am Christmas Day Mass