



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



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Chairman's Column



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

Firstly, another vacancy has occurred on the Council due to the standing down of Mr Anthony Reed. Council thanked Tony for his time as a Councillor at their meeting in October, all information regarding applying for this position is within the newsletter and of course on our website and all the notice boards in the Parish.

Work commenced over the past couple of weeks fitting the lights for the Skate Park, these should be up and running by the time you receive this Newsletter, plus the area of land at the corner of Balshaw Lane / Wigan Road is now open.

Just before half term I had the pleasant task, together with Parish Councillor Aidy Riggott, of attending Euxton C of E Junior School to present the certificates to the children who had participated during the summer holidays in the SCART project held at Euxton Library, all local school children were allowed to take part and represent their Primary/Junior School and Euxton C of E were the winners whose ages ranged through the whole of the school classes from Reception to Year Six, plus there were several siblings who took part. I, also with Aidy, represented Friends of Euxton Library and on the last day before half-term presented an award, on the Friends behalf, to the school at their morning assembly for them to keep in their Trophy Cabinet. Let's see which school wins next year!

There are several articles regarding the Friends of Euxton Library within the Newsletter one in particular was The Lancashire Evening held recently, 60 tickets sold with a waiting list in case any were returned. What a great night, delicious hot pot, glasses of wine and beers were available, the entertainment provided by Sid and Mark could not be bettered; don't miss next years. A good time had by all! If you wish to become a friend, forms are in the Library. Thanks must go to Kath our Librarian and all the staff for helping over the past two years, from all on the Committee. Information regarding AGM, etc again is within the Newsletter.

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Local Plan Review - next stage

The review of the current local plan began with a 'call for sites' which we publicised in this newsletter*.

The next stage of the Review process is the publication of a document called 'Issues and Options' for consultation.

This consultation document is available from **Monday 18th November 2019 to Friday 14th February 2020.**

This is your chance to input in to the process to guide future development in our area.

This article continues with vital information overleaf, on page 2.



Christmas Carol Singing

Wednesday, 18th December

7pm at the Christmas Tree

Euxton Parish Council Chairman and Councillors would like to invite everyone to Carol singing around the Christmas Tree - then inside the hall afterwards for warm mince pies and a hot drink

Musical accompaniment
By Coppull & Standish Brass Band

Dress Festively or wear festive hats and jumpers

Local Plan Review - next stage

The consultation runs from Monday 18th November 2019 to Friday 14th February 2020.

It can be viewed in a number of places; online, in the Library, at Chorley Union Street Offices or at any of the open/drop in events.

Online it can be found at
<https://centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk/>

The drop in events for our area are:

Wednesday 27/11/2019 4-7pm

St Mary's Church, Euxton

&

Tuesday 28/01/2020 4-7pm

Euxton Methodist Church, Euxton

The consultation is asking members of the public a great many of different questions on a number of different issues and this is your chance to input in to the process. There will be a number of headings to choose from, you don't have to answer every question or every section, you could just choose the one most important to you - or answer it all.

*Articles in Issue 75 December 2018 and Issue 76 March 2019.



Remembrance Reminders

Three years ago Cllr Aidy Riggott asked the Council if it could put up large poppies on lamp posts through the village as a visible reminder for people leading up to Remembrance Sunday. More poppies have been bought for new locations.

This year they have been affixed to two more major junctions, the Bay Horse crossroads and junction of Balshaw Lane and Wigan Road, also outside the War Memorial Club as well as the junction with School Lane where the Euxton War Memorial monument stands.

Cllr Riggott says, "Like many residents, I am thrilled and really really pleased to see how this project has grown and developed since I brought it to the Parish Council. Long may it continue."



Remembrance Day Peace Service

The Parish Council co-ordinates with Euxton Churches Together to bring the Peace Service to the War Memorial in Euxton. Churches Together organise the service and priest. The Clerk of the Council organises the flags and bugle player. Everyone who wished to lay a wreath at the foot of the war memorial were welcomed.



Allotments for Euxton - update

Following the articles in the last two newsletters, we just wanted to update that this project is progressing and we have repeated the waiting list process below for those interested.



On site works have been carried out such as investigation works and tree trimming, next is to check and maintain the drainage ditches.

Waiting list process

To get on the Allotment Waiting List you need to fill out an 'Expression of Interest' form. Fill and return the form to Euxton Council before the end of the year (31st December 2019). The form will be available on the Council's website under 'Documents | Others' or email to request one be sent back to you.

+ If you are an Euxton resident and you are already on the Chorley Council allotment waiting list (prior to 1st June 2019) you will be contacted separately but, if you still want to fill in an expression of interest and answer the questions your name will be linked with that place.

+ If you are an Euxton resident and not on any waiting lists and do not have a plot on another site in Chorley and wish to go on the Euxton waiting list - then you will need to get an 'Expression of Interest' form, fill and return it to Euxton Council before the end of the year (31st December 2019).

+ If you are an Euxton resident and already have an allotment plot somewhere in Chorley, you will have been contacted by Chorley to ask if you may wish to re-locate to a plot in Euxton. Euxton Council will have your details already, but if you want to fill out a form that is ok, you will be linked back.

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The land between School Lane and Pear Tree Lane, the Gladman site, a meeting is due at the Town Hall on the 12th of November. An Euxton Parish Councillor will be attending and speaking on the Council's behalf as will a representative of the residents from the School Lane Residents Group, at the time of this Newsletter going to press Chorley Council have published their recommendation "Refuse Outline Planning Permission".

Euxton Community Bowling Club held an end of season Hot Pot supper where I was pleased to attend both as a member bowler and as Chair of EPC to present the Awards to the different winners, again, good food, lots of raffle prizes, fun and games, again more info and pictures inside.

At the time of writing, I am looking forward to seeing residents at both the Remembrance Day Service in November and also at the Christmas Carol singing around the Christmas Tree in December.

On behalf of all Euxton Parish Councillors may I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

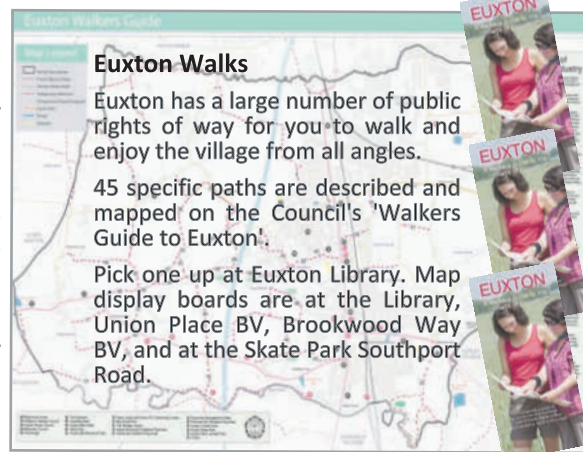
Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman



Balshaw Villa Corner

The garden land was transferred to the Council and opened early October for people to use and walk through.

We will be holding an official opening ceremony and ribbon cutting but, just not in time for this newsletter.



A Millennium Green year

The pond's second summer is over and, thank goodness, was a much more sympathetic one than 2018. When the pond, the staging, the tree planting, wildflower seeding and planting were completed by our contractors, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, in late spring 2018. The weather started on a long, hot, dry spell that lasted through the summer. The pond was never more than half full and many trees and plants died. The Parish Council resorted to watering the young trees by hand and eventually rented a water bowser to make the task easier. Our thanks to any users of the Green who took a turn at watering the trees from the bowser. The efforts were successful and enough trees survived although the Council will watch their progress and, if necessary, supplement the tree planting in the future. Few of the wildflower plants made an appearance last year. The most successful was a tough and ugly pink flowered plant, redshank, which was not planted on purpose but which took advantage of the bare ground to invade and occupy the site.

So much for the pond surroundings, but the pond itself did little to raise the spirits. It has a bentonite liner with about 300mm of excavated material replaced on top (to protect it and to provide a base for plants and creatures in the pond). Unfortunately, the material was mainly a very fine and colourful clay which has been slow to settle. Google Earth at present shows the pond as it was in summer 2018 - a sort of pale orange colour. It wasn't helped by the number of dogs that enjoyed a dip, but churned up the bottom of the pond. Eventually, the Parish Council had to resort to putting up notices asking owners to keep their dogs out of the pond. All told, 2018 was rather disappointing.

2019 has been much better. The pond has gradually filled up - but only during this wet October has it finally reached its full depth and size. The water colour is slowly but surely fading as the clay settles and as the water-based plants start to stabilise the bottom of the pond. The small trees have got themselves established and are starting to grow. The redshank has had its day and disappeared. Some of the planted wildflowers, in and around the pond, survived the 2018 drought and have also got themselves established - indeed the Council's challenge in future might be too much plant life in the pond, not too little. Some plants have been especially impressive - the purple loosestrife, both in and around the pond, gave a spectacular and long-lasting display. There may be some need for future management to assist the plants that are wanted and to discourage those that aren't, or it might be better just to let nature take its course from now on. As the 'natural' area around



the pond becomes better established it will become more difficult for dogs to enter the pond.

The pond is also attracting wildlife. Frogs have been seen - there was a small amount of frogspawn early in the year. Creatures like pond snails, whirligig beetles, backswimmers and pond skaters have found their way in and dragonflies (I saw three different species of dragonfly in a single day) were present and were laying eggs on pond vegetation. Mallard ducks have paid fleeting visits and black headed gulls more frequent ones. (And what is the bird that regularly marks its visit by the residue it leaves on the handrail of the pond staging?)

The staging now boasts a splendid information board provided designed by Mr Andrew Grey, Curator of Herpetology at the Manchester Museum.

We look forward to 2020 and a bigger 'crop' of frogspawn, perhaps visits from toads or newts, to a still clearing pond with a more natural fit into the surrounding Green. If you haven't been to the Green, recently or at all, the Council would recommend it to you. It is a beautiful and restful green space, made more interesting by the pond and new paths, and shows a totally different side of Euxton to that on the other side of the busy and bustling Wigan Road.

Councillor Vyn Thornhill

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy in Euxton North West



A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has arisen on the Council in Euxton North West, following a resignation. There has been no call for an election so the vacancy can 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.

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).

**Closing date for the receipt of applications is
6th January 2020, co-opting will take place at the
16th January 2020 meeting.**

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

Councillor Helen Tune

Helen was co-opted to the Parish Council in March 2017 and was elected in May 2018.

I grew up in Adlington, bought my first house in Chorley where I started a family and moved to Euxton in 2014 as this is where I wanted to raise my growing family. I live with my husband Chris and our three children aged 12, 10 and 8 years old. We have recently added a puppy to our family who is keeping us active and though training him is proving to be a slow process it is also great fun.

I have been a Parish Councillor for over two years and was re-elected in the 2018 local elections (my grateful thanks). I am the Chair for the Leisure Committee and I am a member of all the other sub-committees.

As a new resident I quickly learned that Euxton is a very special place to live and that the Parish Council were active and successful in making Euxton so outstanding. I felt a duty to contribute to my local community in some way which prompted me to respond to a vacancy and seeking co-option onto EPC. I was thrilled to join EPC and I enjoy working with the other Councillors at meetings, on projects and activities (even climbing into the pond to collect water for the surrounding new trees during the heatwave last year on Millennium Green).

I work part time at Tesco Chorley Extra as the Community Champion. Within this role I am responsible for managing large quantities of requests, varying from local charity fundraisers and external organisations whom require support, assistance or advice. This has given me a wealth of experience in supporting individuals from all walks of life. You might also see me on the Customer Service Desk or if we have a charity fundraising event I am usually front and centre in some form of fancy dress costume.

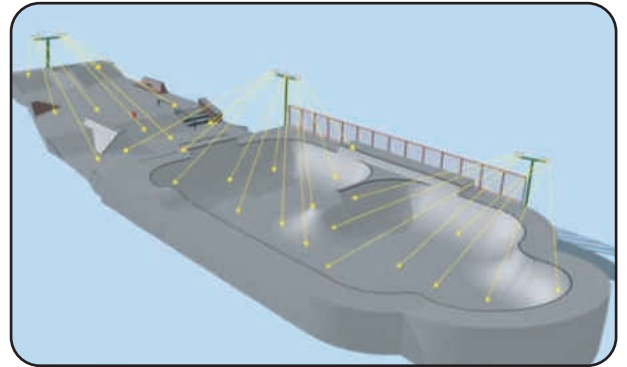
I am not sure how I find the time to do all the things I do (I'm a student too!) but quite simply put, I believe that it's nice to be nice and the grass is green where you water it. If you can spare a minute or an hour a week by doing something to help your neighbour or community, you should. Euxton and its residents are worth it!

Euxton Skate Park

By the time this newsletter is distributed the skate park lighting scheme should be in action giving everyone who wishes to use the facility past 4.30pm in the Winter the opportunity to carry on until 10pm.

There has been much interest shown by the park users for this scheme and many calls to the Clerk asking when the lights will be working, because the poles and lights went up weeks before the electricity supply could be brought to the site and fixed up.

We will be doing an official event in November.



In terms of personal interest I enjoy caravanning and I also enjoy walking both in the surrounding hills, as well locally around the lanes of Euxton with my dog. I also enjoy playing golf which can often be best described as "a good walk spoiled".

Councillor Helen Tune



Back in August, the long running project to install our Wicker Cannon on the roundabout near to Buckshaw Hall finally came to a close.



The plants chosen to be around the outside are, fern in various colours, heathers in three colours and poppy plants in two varieties which should flower at different times of the year.

Following on closely from the ROF Streetlight, Fire Hydrant and Interpretation Board recently installed outside the Community Centre, our Wicker Cannon is part of a theme of heritage based and inspired projects the Parish Council has been working to deliver in the Buckshaw Village part of the parish.

This project had been brought to the Parish Council a couple of years ago by Councillor Aidy Riggott following a Neighbourhood Meeting at Chorley.

Whilst it has taken longer than anticipated to turn the idea into reality, there has been a lot of hard work from the Clerk in negotiating permissions and the All Purposes Committee now under the Chairmanship of Councillor Chris Jones in getting a design confirmed. I hope you agree this was worth the wait!

By the time you are reading this, the remaining work and planting should be all in place and the Wicker Cannon should be stood proudly for you to enjoy every time you pass this historic site.

Councillor Aidy Riggott



Couch To 5k is a Winner

The Couch to 5k running and walking program has won the Chorley Sports award for the "Community Project of the Year". This award is given to active and well run community sporting projects that have undertaken great work in running development programmes which attract and encourage new participants and which help their members to develop their sporting potential.

The Couch To 5k has reached out to the wider community and engaged

with people who would not usually participate in any active sports. At the time of writing this article we have been put forward into the last five for the Lancashire Sports Awards to be held in November 2019.

The program is open and free to all above the age of 7 years old, meeting Monday and Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Saturdays 10am at Astley Park Chorley. As mentioned this program is free to all, however this would not have been possible without the generous grants from Euxton Parish Council to cover the annual running costs of insurance and first aid provision. The Chorley Couch To 5k would like to thank Euxton Parish Council for this support and look forward to seeing some of the councillors taking part on the next program which starts early January 2020.

Eric Jones

Obstructions and pavements - follow ups

We introduced this initiative in the last newsletter and have some positive responses from residents and partnership agencies.

Many residents have sent in reports of blockages such as overgrown hedges etc and these have been reported on to the correct people, not all get solved immediately and some do take time to encourage residents to trim up trees, bushes and hedges.

Lancashire County Council has agreed to line-paint some no parking areas next to some dropped kerbs on Cotswold Avenue to allow prams, wheelchairs, cycles etc to use the dropped kerbs, as they were often parked over.

Chorley Council has confirmed that, in negotiating its new household bin collection contract, the issue of bins being put back where they were found was one of its specific criteria and Chorley Council confirms:

The Councils waste contractor FCC are required to return bins to their collection point once emptied i.e. the same position as the bin is presented for collection.

As you know we operate a kerbside collection service for residents. However, we are aware of some locations where there is no obvious kerbside, so bins are presented in other locations to avoid obstruction.

There is a specific performance target in the waste collection contract that relates to complaints received in relation to bins not being returned to their collection point.

If you can advise of any specific locations where this a problem, I am happy to investigate further.

So if you have trouble with the issue mentioned above, take some photos and either report to Chorley or through the Clerk.

Some simple but effective ways YOU can help:

Think carefully when putting the bins out for collection - push to the wall, tuck out of the way or on your drive if you can - take a look at how you have placed them and if they are an obstruction?

Do not park over dropped kerbs - these are for wheelchair or pushchair users to safely cross roads and side road - Don't be the obstruction to safe crossing.

Do not park too far on a pavement that no one can pass on the pavement beside your vehicle.

If you see an obstruction of any nature, whether it is a sign, a post or anything - take a quick photo and email it and the location to clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk and we can report it and try to tidy up our pavements.

Christmas Decorations & Fire Safety by Councillor Dez Rigg

Christmas is coming and the decorations are coming out of the box. The real Xmas tree is purchased from the seasonal stalls that spring-up at garden centres. The tinsel is festooned anywhere there is a hook! Electric lights are removed from the packaging they were bundled into 11 months ago and unkinked!

Take a moment to consider. Would you place suspect electrical wiring onto a dead tree that was drying out to the state of kindling in any other circumstance? If you don't believe me then look on the internet at Xmas tree fires. Also, would you drape flammable fabrics (tinsel and streamers) in the form of tapers all over your living room? What can you do to make it better?

First thing is to banish candles, including T-lights etc. from any room or space with Xmas decorations. Candles and Xmas trees together could only be made more dangerous by placing a hungry tiger under the tree! Remember a couple of years ago when a celebrity's daughter was burned in a Halloween costume. That conflagration was started accidentally by a candle. Second, make sure the lights are in good condition. If the lights conform to BS EN 60598-2-20:1998 then that is even better. But if they show any signs of damaged wiring or they do not operate as they should (flickering etc.) then discard them. A repair may be possible, but it is likely to cost many times more than replacement. Third, water the tree.

Tree watering may not be as mad as it appears (after all this is a dead tree). If you have cut flowers in the house, then you would place them in vase full of water. Watering a Xmas tree uses the same principle. If buying a cut tree, then slice an inch (25mm) off the base and place in bucket of water until ready to bring it inside to trim with lights and baubles. Place in a firm clamp with a vessel under to allow the Xmas tree base to be submerged in water. If you let the tree base dry-out, then it is necessary to slice a further inch from the base because it forms a resin 'skin' which is impervious to water.

Another alternative is an artificial tree. However most artificial trees are from China. That may not be a bad thing, but few appear to be flame retarded. That means that all the safety factors required for the real tree are required, except for the watering.

All the above applies to the home and recommended for safety but are not mandatory. If you have responsibility for a public space or workplace then guidance should be followed. The benchmarks are to keep trees and decorations away from escape routes (stairways and corridors) and flame retard the decorations and tree.

It sounds good advice for the home! Particularly because families get together during the festive season and there are often more sleeping in homes than at other times of the year. Remember to keep your escape routes clear and smoke alarms working.

Additional fire safety messages are available on Lancashire FRS website.

Happy Christmas.

Euxton Community Bowls Club

The Club's 2019 season ended on a high, with the 3 existing teams finishing in the ascendancy, and the newly formed Chorley Mixed Vets team finishing 5th in its first season in Division 3).



Well done to the Captains and all in teams, but special mention to Barrington Riding who won the overall merit in the Division 2 Men's Vets league; also to John Bamber who finished 2nd in the League Divisions of both the Chorley and District, and the Mixed Vets.

Members Steve Parker and Dave Prest (and also 'stand in' David Gray) are to be congratulated on reaching the Final of the Chorley Mens Vets Deaves Double knock out Competition held in August at St Georges' Bowling Green - playing and winning their semi final game on a very wet day on an unfamiliar green took them into the final, but unfortunately, they just lost out - well done on getting so far.

The Club's end of season presentation night at the end of October was a big hit:- the season's league Club Merit winners were Barrington Riding and John Bamber; commended as runners up were Steve Parker and Bryan Sutton; Tom Musker was presented with the engraved Tankard for 'most improved bowler'; John Bamber won the Club knockout trophy - Bryan Sutton was the runner up. Thanks to Katrina Reed, Chair of Euxton Parish Council, for making the presentations and huge thanks to the event organising members Cheryl Marshall, Anne Caghey, Bryan and Kath Sutton and Steve Parker.

As a newly developed green, there have understandably been some issues in its first two seasons. Ongoing, establishing the integrity of the green is paramount, therefore it is not proposed at this stage to introduce any more competitive teams - even though there may be enough interested members, this decision is in accordance with Euxton Parish Council's Bowling Green operational management plan - members patience and understanding is appreciated.

Best wishes to all members for a Merry Christmas and looking forward to a Happy and Healthy New (Bowling) Year!!

Marilyn Bamber
ECBC member



Euxton Remembers

I was invited in to Euxton CE Primary School again this year, to share local military artefacts and information as part of the childrens learning about Remembrance and heritage.

The whole school was able to view the items and each class had time for separate sessions focusing on certain aspects and very much led by their own interests and what was catching their curiosity.

The children were already very knowledgeable about the subject and aware of the Euxton War Memorial. They were all extremely respectful of the subject matter and they did their school and parents proud. Euxton Remembers.

Stuart Clewlow, Historian



The Countdown to 2026

We have until January 2026 to save our historic rights of way.

Well over 140,000 miles of public paths criss-cross England and Wales. This network has evolved over centuries with many paths dating back to medieval times - or earlier!

These paths link villages, hamlets, roads and towns – they describe how generations before us travelled to the pub, field or shops and reflect the changing patterns of human interaction with the landscape.

To this day, millions of people across our towns, cities and countryside, use this fantastic network. However, miles and miles of our public paths are unrecorded and if they are not put on the map by 1 January 2026, they will be lost for ever.

You could help by volunteering to help cross-reference maps in your area to identify any possible paths which are un-recorded.

For more information please contact DLYW@ramblers.org.uk

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Euxton Library Events

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

January None

February 6th Joanne Helliwell "Of Witches and Wenches"

March 5th David Forrest Chorley's Angels - Defibrillator Session

April 2nd Vikki McCann Lancashire Archives

Other Events

Saturday 7th December "Magic Voices Choir" 11:30am - 12:30

*The Friends of Euxton Library" will be serving coffee and mince pies from 11:00am

Friday 3rd January "New Year Crafts" 10:00 - 12:00

Friday 21st February "Half Term Crafts" 10:00 - 12:00

Regular Groups: (*Term Time Only)

Card Games Club every Monday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

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

*Storytime Monday 2:00-2:30pm

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

Learn My Way Computer Classes Thursdays 10:30am-12:00

Lancashire Dialect Reading Circle with Sid Calderbank Monday 10:30-11:30 am

*Health Walks - 3rd Monday of every month meet at Library 10:00am

Euxton Art & Craft Group meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday in the month - 1:30-3:30 pm

*Toddler Time, sing-along songs and rhymes, movements and actions, meet and chat with other parents, just drop in no need to book - Friday 10:00-10:30 am

NEW Lego Group - Monday's 4:00-5:00pm

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9am to 7pm

Tuesday closed all day

Wednesday 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9am to 1pm

Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 1pm

School children will be singing in the Library



Wednesday 11th December
Primrose Hill School 11:30am

Monday 16th December
Euxton St Mary's 2:00pm

Wednesday 18th December
Euxton C of E 10:00am



Below:

Bike Marking -
PCSO 7696 Ray
Chadwick &
PCSO 7711
Tracey Johnston



Suzanne Dennis



Right:

Jessica Holden - Gold
Certificate - "Lancashire
Reading Trail"

Below:

Sarah Riggott from ROQ &
Primrose Hill School -
Chatbot Session



Right:

LAL Libraries Week -
Johanna Pitblado from
Lancashire Adult Learning
& Linda Vernon from NHS
Orb



Lancashire Night down t'Library

The Friends of Euxton Library held their first ever 'Lancashire Night' on Thursday evening after the library had closed for the day. Entertainment was provided by the well-known Lancashire pairing of Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding who performed a variety of traditional Lancashire songs, poetry, dialect, rhymes and jokes.

The Friends group served a traditional hotpot and sold an assortment of beer and wine which was a first for the library! Friends of Euxton Library Chairman Aidy Riggott thanked everyone who played a part in making the evening a huge success and praised Sid and Mark for sending everyone home with huge smiles on the faces from all the laughter at the jokes and joy of joining in with the sing-alongs.

Aidy went on to say "I am really proud of the whole team who pulled the night off without a hitch with everyone pitching in and contributing to a real team success. It would be totally amiss of me to fail to mention Kath (Library Manager) for all her help with the night and the rest of the library staff who give the group great support all year around."

Aidy added that the group were looking to repeat this event next year and will confirm their 2020 events in January following their AGM. To get involved or keep up to date with the groups activities follow or get in touch with them at [Facebook.com/FriendsofEuxtonLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofEuxtonLibrary)

Aidy Riggott

Chairman - Friends of Euxton Library



Above: group shot

Right: Sid (L) and Mark (R) getting tucked into their hotpot

Below: Friends of Euxton Library Chairman Aidy Riggott (C) with Mark (L) and Sid (R) thanking everyone for coming and talking about the groups development and future plans



Poetry Competition

In conjunction with the Library staff, we recently held a poetry competition and big congratulations to the winners - Kira (Ages 9-12) and Anya (Ages 5-8).

The winning poems have been on display in the library for you to read and enjoy. Both winners were awarded a £10 book voucher for their efforts.

Book Sale

We have also held our first ever book sale which proved to be really popular, thank you to everyone who donated or bought books!

Aidy Riggott

Chairman - Friends of Euxton Library



@FriendsofEuxtonLibrary

If you would like to join in with 'Friends of Euxton Library' there are forms available in the library on the counter or drop us an email on: FriendsofEuxtonLibrary@gmail.com



SCART Club Competition

Katrina Reed with Mr Nick Ward and Aidy Riggott with the Trophy

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Euxton WI

Our "Drop In" Day was a great success Gosh we approach the year end and I am sure that I am not alone in wondering where this year has gone!

We have had alot of interesting speakers over the last months and for that we thank our speaker secretary Marilyn Porter.

We have also had some good trips out and before the year is out we intend visiting Barton Grange and our Christmas Meal this year will be held at Farington Lodge Leyland. Our thanks again to Ann Francis for her super organisation of these events.



Committee will remain the same as we all work together very well.

We meet the first Wednesday of the month except January 2020 when we will meet on the 8th as the hall is closed on New Year's Day. We are delighted to meet new members so do come along. We meet at Euxton PC Community Centre on Wigan Road, next to Papa Luigis at 2pm. If you want further information please ring Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough



At the beginning of November we held our AGM and as usual we started our proceedings with our Hotpot lunch and had over 85 members present and we do thank Angela Holmes and the Catering Crew for the superb array of puddings which we enjoyed after our Hotpot.

We have now nearly 100 members and I am delighted to report that Karen Hartley has been elected our President for another year and the

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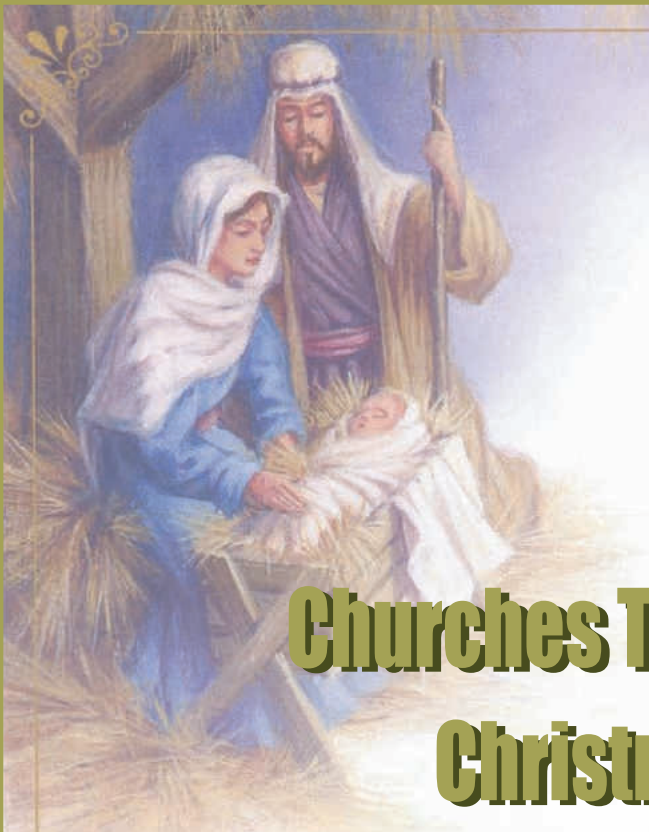
Michael Thompson on 07766 066094

New members are always welcome. We meet every other Thursday at Euxton PC Community Centre from 2pm until 3.30pm
Next meetings are:

**28th November 2019
First meeting in 2020 Jan 9th**

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





St Mary's RC Church

Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24th December - 5.30 pm

Carols followed by Christmas Vigil

Mass at 6 pm

9 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December

10 am Christmas Day Mass

Churches Together in Euxton

Christmas Services

2019

Euxton Methodist Church

Sunday 1st December - 10.30 am

Church Service with Community & Messy Sunday and Christingle in the Church Hall. Everyone most welcome to these services and are open to all, Church or non church children. The children will parade into Church with the Christingles they have made.

Sunday 22nd December - 10.30 am

10.30 am Nativity Children's Service
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6.15 pm Family Carol Service

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Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December - 10.30 am

Christmas Celebration

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Euxton CofE Parish Church

Sunday 22nd December

5.00 pm Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December

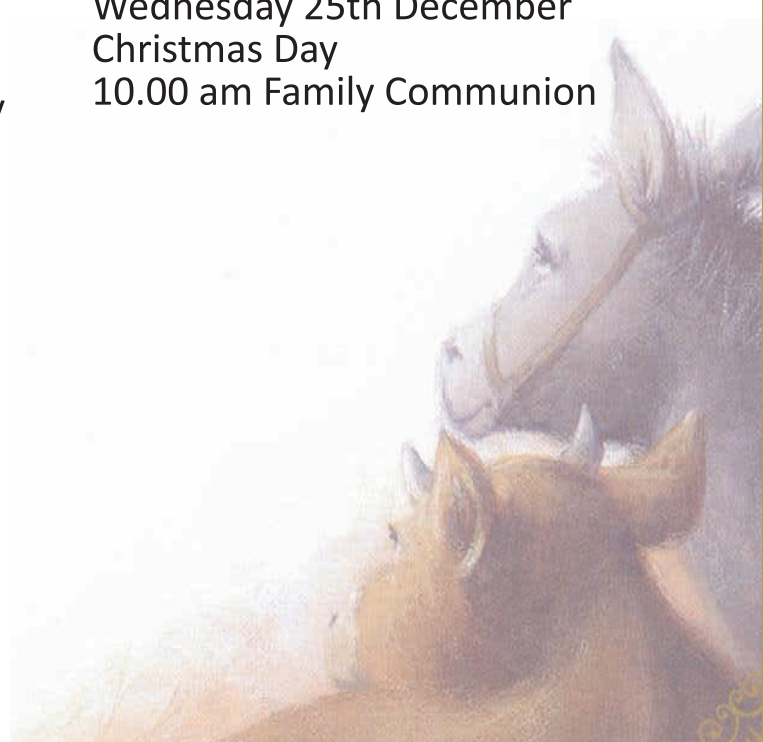
3.00 pm Crib Service

11.15 pm Midnight Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Communion



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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:

2019 : 19 December 2020: 16 January, 20 February, 19 March, 16 April

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- 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
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