



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



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## Chairman's Column



Welcome once again to the June 2017 Issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details news and events in and around Euxton.

Once again the Council welcomes a new Member. At the March Meeting Helen Tune was co-opted on to the Council, congratulations to Helen and a warm welcome from all the Parish Councillors. This now brings the Council up to its full total (of 18), however if any Resident would be interested in joining the Parish Council, should another future vacancy occur, then please contact the Clerk

who will be happy to advise you on the relevant procedure, better still, attend our meetings and see what we are doing..

At the end of March several Councillors together with Residents attended the first of the CPR, AED Training Sessions, and whilst the subject was serious, all that attended said how informative it had been but enjoyable too. Thanks to Councillor Mark Jarnell both for his time and his expert advice.

Mark has also written an article regarding the Euxton Great Get Together to be held Saturday 17th June, plus Mark is also involved together with Councillors Neil Hall and Aidy Riggott and resident Lindsey Heaton in the ELF's, 'Euxton Library Friends', a meeting is arranged for June 12th.

The Council held a Special Full Council Meeting in April in order to nominate two Residents of Euxton for a 'Freedom of Euxton' honour, this hopefully will become an ongoing project.

The Bowling Green is moving at a pace now, and hopefully the works should begin end of June beginning of July, possibly allowing the Green to be ready for the start of the new season next year.

The Leisure Committee met May 11th and on its Agenda, was the new pond for the Millennium Green the next project on that site. After the work over the last months updating the footpaths, new gates etc., the Committee also discussed the planting of some trees and indigenous plants on the site.

Plus an additional project, in the early stages, is for the Greenside Play Areas to be updated, with new equipment, access paths re-laid and fencing replaced etc.

On May 23rd I will have the honour of representing Euxton Parish Council and its Residents at a Garden Party held at Buckingham Palace. The invitation arrived early April and I have purchased a hat for the occasion!

**Councillor Katrina Reed, Chairman**



## Bowling Green 'ready to roll'

At the March 2017 Full Council meeting, the contractors for the various elements of the Bowling Green project at the Greenside recreational area were chosen.

The works to provide additional parking have already been completed, as have alterations to the pavilion.

The main contractor who will construct the actual Bowling green and additional elements, is contracted to commence development mid July 2017 (or earlier if available).

It is not envisaged that the new green will be playable this year, but later in the season, we will be looking to organise taster bowling sessions on a local green for anyone who is interested (new or existing bowlers will all be welcome).

Anyone who provided their details when responding to the questionnaire last year will be contacted directly with further information, including the date when it is proposed to hold an open meeting with regard to forming an Euxton Bowling Club. This will also be publicised on the Notice Boards around the village, website, facebook and twitter.

Should anyone wish to speak to me directly, please telephone 01257 277378 or I can be emailed on [john.bamber@euxtoncouncil.org.uk](mailto:john.bamber@euxtoncouncil.org.uk)

**Cllr John Bamber**

Chair of Bowling Committee



Euxton Library Friends group is set up - 'become an ELF' - see page 3



Come and meet us at Euxton Gala - see page 3



Do you know a great 'Volunteer or Helper' - see page 7



Come and join in 'The Great Get Together' - see page 4



## New boards around Euxton

A couple of long planned projects to increase the number of Parish Council Noticeboards is finally coming to completion adding a couple of the new combination boards to the Councils' collection - only awaiting the maps to be delivered to fill the second side.

The first of these new noticeboards (below) is outside the new Community Centre at Lancaster Way in Buckshaw Village, as suggested by Cllr Mark Jarnell whilst the second is located on Chancery Road between Mimosa Close and the new Chancery Fields development.

We hope you find these useful and help to keep you informed of the Parish Councils activities as well as what is going on around Euxton.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
Chairman All Purposes Committee

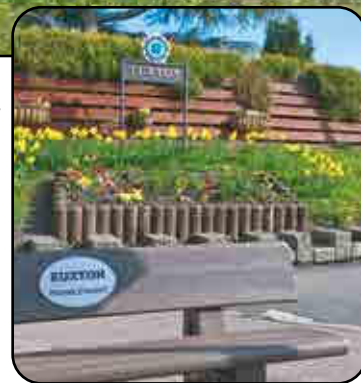


## Blooming bright show

You may remember in our December newsletter we reported that Councillors had been out planting daffodil bulbs on the grass banking, where the speed camera is on Wigan Road and on the banking behind the bed opposite the Bay Horse.

This was the result - they added great colour to the two areas earlier in Spring.

**Debra Platt**  
Clerk



Above left, and left, Councillors planting the banking; Above is how the banking looked in full bloom and right the banking opposite the Bay Horse



## The Cherries Playground

Having moved to The Cherries estate over a year ago, I was disappointed to find the small playground in such disrepair .

There was an open bin within the playground which was often full with litter and dog waste bags, rotten wooden slats on the equipment, the equipment appeared to have never been cleaned and was very dirty and there was a big hole in the play surface (see photos).

I began progressing matters myself before raising these issues at a Leisure Committee. Following that I forwarded my photos on to the Council which chased the playground owner. After some months of liaising and chasing, the owner resolved all the issues.

As you can see the 'after' pictures tell the story. The playground is now clean and safe and ready for use in the nice weather.

If you have issues regarding playgrounds in your area, please contact the Council Clerk with the details. Council can then address the issues if it is a play area of the Parish Council or, liaise with the owner of the park to resolve any issues.

**Councillor Gemma Rypel**

The play area owner and Chorley agreed with the suggestion that a litter bin off the site was better



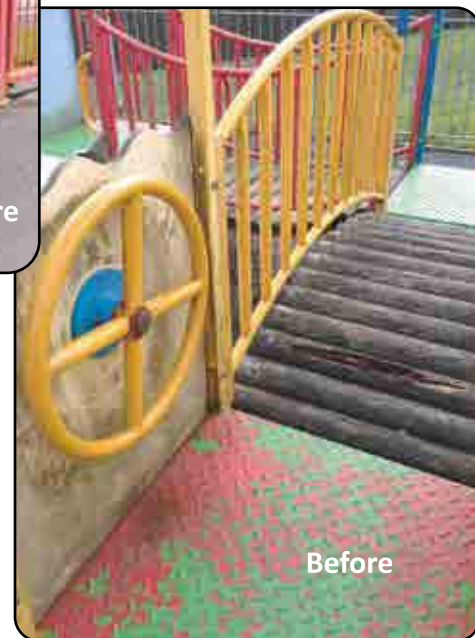
After, equipment has been repaired and jet washed



Before



Hole now has been repaired



Before





## The Euxton Chain of Survival

I am happy to report that our first two community AED and CPR Awareness sessions held at Euxton Community Centre on Thursday 30th March and Tuesday 25th April successfully saw over 40 Euxton residents become AED & CPR Aware, but most importantly have the confidence and skills to use the equipment in the event of an emergency in our village.

The Council has invested significantly in the chain of survival and as a result AED's are now available at these locations.

- ♥ Euxton Library
- ♥ Euxton Parish Church Community Centre
- ♥ Greenside Sport's Pavilion
- ♥ Euxton Villa Football Club
- ♥ Euxton St Mary's Church
- ♥ Euxton Skate Park
- ♥ Euxton Cricket Club



If you were unable to attend one of the awareness sessions then don't worry as Chorley's Angels First Aid Group, have arranged with the team at Euxton Library to run two additional daytime morning sessions as part of their Angels of Life project, at Euxton Library, St Mary's Gate, Euxton between 10:30am and 11:30am on Wednesday 7th June & Wednesday 5th July. To reserve a place simply call the library 0300 123 63703



Chorley's Angels were awarded the North-West Ambulance Service NHS Trust Gold standard Cardiac Smart Award in May 2016 as part of their ongoing commitment to delivering lifesaving awareness skills to the community.

If you are a not for profit community group or social enterprise within the Euxton area and would like a session delivering for your members at your location then please contact myself on 07964 967140 and I can discuss your requirements.

As a result of the council's commitment to the installation of a local chain of survival they have been nominated for a North West Ambulance Service Cardiac Smart Award.

**Councillor Mark Jarnell**



# Euxton Library Friends

Welcome to the first update from the 'Euxton Library Friends' which was formed on 14th March by residents who were concerned over the future of the library for future generations.

The main aim of the group is to proactively work together with Lancashire County Council regarding operations of the service as well as community involvement in your local library.

Since this meeting the group has obtained Lancashire County Council approved constituted group status which means the group is able to hold events and activities within the library premises for the benefit of the local community and promotion of the library service.

Membership is open anyone who uses or values Euxton Library as a true community asset to our village and the surrounding area, so if you attend meetings or groups at the Library, use the computers and books, or visit just to sit and read - come to discuss ways we can enhance and 'work together with our Library'.

Our next meeting will on :

**Monday, 12th June at 6pm to 7pm**  
**at Euxton Library, St Mary's Gate**

Everyone is welcome

You can become an **Euxton Library Friend** group member at any time either by visiting the library, or at this meeting. It costs just £5 to become a member. Membership fees will be used directly by the group to support and enhance activities within the library as well as library environment enhancements (so bring your £5 with you). You can speak to Library staff about this meeting or drop the group an email [euxtonlibraryfriends@outlook.com](mailto:euxtonlibraryfriends@outlook.com)

On behalf of the Library Steering Group we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 12th June.

**Councillor Mark Jarnell**  
Acting Chief ELF

## Come and meet us at Euxton Gala...

Euxton Council will attend and have a stall at the Gala, as in previous years.

Come and join in the fun of the Gala - the annual celebration of village life.

**Saturday July 1st, 2017**  
**from 1pm** on the playing fields behind Euxton CE & RC Primary, off Wigan Road.



Gala Day is organised by the Gala Day Committee - please check the Facebook page for updates and information search facebook for 'Euxton Gala Day', for more information, please contact Victoria Jayne at on the email at [victoriajjayne@hotmail.com](mailto:victoriajjayne@hotmail.com)

**Victoria Jayne**  
Euxton Gala Day Committee

## Volunteer Litter Picks

Back in March we held the first in this years set of Litter Picks and once again this was well supported by Councillors and residents alike. This time we focused on the areas around Greenside and down through Ransnap Woods as well as along Runshaw Lane towards the Library.

As this litter pick coincided with Chorley Councils Skip Day Councillors and the Clerk also helped residents clear unwanted rubbish into the skips, almost filling 4 huge skips which seems to have been acknowledged as the record for the amount of rubbish cleared in 1 day on Chorley Skip Days.



Time Credits can be earned from you attending such volunteering events - to learn more see page 8

Please keep coming along to the litter pick and clean up days, and as always if you think there is an area in need of special attention, please get in touch via a Councillor or the Clerk.

**Cllr Aidy Riggott**  
Chair - All Purposes Committee

## Millennium Green Improvements

Work on the paths, including the new ramped access from Euxton Hall Gardens is now complete. The Parish Council hopes that users of the Green will enjoy the new paths and the improvements to the old paths, and that more local residents will take advantage of them. The Green is now available to wheelchair users, pram pushers and those who find steps a problem. Please let us know ([clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk)) if there are any difficulties and we will see what we can do about them.

The Green is such a beautiful and peaceful place, tucked away behind the high walls on Wigan Road and Dawbers Lane but still easily accessible. We are amazed at the number of local people who don't know about it or, if they do, don't use it.

And ..... we are making it better.

We have engaged The Lancashire Wildlife Trust as our project managers to make a real pond to replace the part time pond in the north east area of the Green (ie nearest to the hospital and the houses). The intention is to replace it with a large, irregular and permanent pond with a wooden viewing platform (again fully accessible) on one corner. To keep the water level high the pond will have a liner and, although the water level will still go up and down to some extent, it won't dry out as it does now. The surplus material excavated from the pond will be used to create a series of rough hollows and ridges to one side of the pond that will be marshy in winter and probably dry out in summer (like the existing pond). We intend to stock both pond and the surrounding area with suitable, locally native wildflower planting. We are taking advice on the issue of stocking the pond with aquatic life - should we put something in or should we let it find its own way there?

The next step is to seek planning approval for the pond and we hope to submit an application shortly.

Many users have commented on the line of wooden stakes that have been placed across the west side of the Green - some concerned that they are the forerunner of a fence excluding users from the area beyond. *Fear not.* The area beyond the stakes on the west side will become a wildflower meadow and the stakes tell the contract grass mower not to mow that part of the Green until late in the year. This year we will just see what wildflowers are already there (first indications are 'not much') which will give us and our advisors guidance on what species will survive best. Again, we will only be using locally native species.



## The Euxton Great Get Together

On **Saturday 17th June 2017** between 12pm and 2pm residents of Euxton are invited to attend The Great Get Together at Greenside for a giant picnic.

The Great Get Together is inspired by Jo Cox, who was killed on 16 June last year. We believe there is a groundswell of people who reject divisive politics and simply want to bring our communities together and celebrate all that unites us. This is our chance.

As the Prime Minister said, when she remarked on Jo's death in her New Year's message: 2017 represents an opportunity to move forward and "bring this country together, as never before".

Jo's family and friends came up with the initiative, and The Big Lunch have teamed up with us to move their annual celebration.

The event will bring together our community to celebrate our differences and things we have in common.

So come along with your picnic and enjoy an afternoon of fun and activities.

**Councillor Mark Jarnell**

This newsletter comments elsewhere on the planning application for housing development in the Green Belt at Gleadhill House which is just

to the west of the Green on Dawbers Lane. The proposal was unsuccessfully opposed by the Parish Council and we are disappointed that it was approved by the Borough Council. However, one minor concession that the applicant agreed was that a footpath link could be made between the Millennium Green and the footpath that runs through the woodland alongside Dawbers Lane. In future residents wishing to use this footpath will not need to walk along Wigan Road to the 'Hole in the Wall' but will be able to reach it by walking across the Green. A small, but nevertheless welcome improvement to offset against the loss of green fields at Gleadhill.

**Councillor Mervyn Thornhill**



## Planning Report

Two major planning applications, at Gleadhill House on Dawbers Lane, for houses to be built in the Green Belt and for the expansion of Balshaw Lane Primary School, were still going through the decision process when I reported for the last newsletter. They have now been completed, not greatly to the Parish Council's liking.

The applicant for Gleadhill House made the argument that they could either build a rather unsatisfactory and crowded housing development keeping within the bounds of the existing developed area or build a much more satisfactory development that needed the houses to spread across the neighbouring field. This is doubtless true, most housing developments would be more pleasing if they had more space and less houses. For sure the resulting housing estate will be very attractive, from the developer's or the prospective purchasers' point of view or indeed from the view of anyone who will, in the future, pass by it. Before long none of us will remember that an open and undeveloped piece of Euxton's Green Belt was sacrificed to allow it. The Council hopes that this does not set a precedent for applications in the Green Belt, in the local area or elsewhere in Chorley. The Council was pleased to note that no new buildings will be required on open Green Belt land to replace the demolished stabling and equine exercise facilities.

At Balshaw Lane School the Council was successful in getting the County Council to carry out the missing Traffic Risk Assessment that would consider, amongst other matters, the impact on the surrounding housing areas. Unfortunately, we were not impressed with the Assessment when it came. The document was complacent and did not see any great problem with the extensive parking in the minor roads around the School - much of it on footpaths, blocking them for other users and causing friction with local residents. Indeed, the report considered that there was plenty more local road space available to accommodate increased parking generated by the School's expansion. So, residents who live just beyond the current extent of school parking, I'm afraid it's coming your way! It is interesting that the County Council, which is a highway authority, should advocate the increased use of illegal parking in order to meet its own development proposals. We did raise this issue with them but have not had a response. As many readers will know the work on expanding the School has already started.

The whole issue of parking at schools is fraught, and with no obvious solution available. All of our local schools have parking issues. For example, parking restrictions are currently going through the legal procedures for implementation near Primrose Hill School and on School Lane where parking takes place for both Euxton C of E and Euxton St Mary's Catholic Primary

Schools. Even a completely modern school in a modern designed environment, Trinity in Buckshaw, has similar problems.

A further planning application has been submitted in respect of the major development proposal for housing in the land between School Lane and Euxton Lane. Work has already started here as well, to create an entrance to the site from Euxton Lane. The site already had outline planning approval for its road access and for "up to" 170 houses and the new application is for the more detailed issues such as layout, drainage and landscaping. In fact, the developer has reduced the number of houses on the site, from 170 to 140. The Parish Council has made a number of comments about details of the application, such as the issue of access to and parking for the proposed allotments on this site (the allotments are not part of the current application but, unless provision is made for access through the new estate, it will have to be taken from School Lane). The Council has also asked about the effects of draining the site into the surface water sewers at the junction of Orchard Close and School Lane. Houses on Orchard Close were badly affected in the floods of winter 2015/16.

Another nibble at the green fields between Euxton and Chorley has been approved at Pear Tree Farm on Pear Tree Lane. This is the replacement of Pear Tree Farm with three detached houses and large detached garages. The land is safeguarded for future development use under the Chorley Local Plan so perhaps housing sometime in the future is likely. This proposal has been accepted as being acceptable redevelopment of a previously developed site in the Green Belt (safeguarded land is treated as Green Belt land). It is clear from the planning documents that officers of the Borough Council were not unanimous on this point but the dissenting view was rejected. There is no doubt that the old Pear Tree Farm and its associated buildings were a rather unattractive development but, even so, three large houses and garages is a piece of suburbia introduced into what is, for the present, an area of countryside.

An interesting retrospective application has been submitted for a facility which many local residents will already be making good use of. The Filling Factory is a public bar inside a factory, a bottling plant, in Buckshaw. The Parish Council has no objection - the bar is a novel location that many will find interesting and which, as far as we know, is not causing any problems. What did surprise the Council was that a license to sell alcohol can be obtained for premises that do not have a valid planning approval allowing it to be used for that purpose.

Lastly, we understand that Gladman Developments are, as we rather expected, appealing against the rejection of their application for the large housing site on land off Pear Tree Lane and School Lane. More of this next time no doubt.

**Councillor Mervyn Thornhill**  
Lead Member for Planning

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## The First 'Freemen of Euxton'

At a Special Meeting of Euxton Parish Council on 20th April 2017, the Council bestowed the title of Freeman of Euxton on Mr Ken Anderton and Mr George Clarke. Below and over the page are their stories - the Council will be presenting the honour to these two special residents soon, and we will include a photo in the next issue.

## Flying Horsa Survivor

Mr Ken Anderton: 39 School Lane Euxton: born 15 November 1918 (age 98), Magull, Liverpool.

Called up 1939: started training with 8th Irish Battalion (around 1000 men), Kings Regiment, Liverpool (2 years) made Sergeant, was a sniper and in intelligence.

Married Connie 1942 and had a son named Alan.

Progressed into 3 Army Air Core Regiment and started training with RAF, flying Tiger Moths and Miles Magister aircraft, then went into flying Horsa Gliders, after becoming a Pilot he graduated to Instructor went into action at Arnhem 1944.

He was the only member of his glider to return home after the war all others did not survive.

After the war Ken worked as a Gardener in the New Forrest around 1948 family moved to Surrey to work on a large Estate.

Sometime around 1980 Ken and Connie relocated to Euxton in order to be close to Ken's mother, who lived to be 102 years old. Ken has lived on School Lane for more than 36 years, sadly, Connie passed away a few years ago. Their son Alan now lives in Sweden with his family, he phones Ken daily and visits Euxton on a regular basis.

Ken thinks Euxton and School Lane is the best place to live in the world, and the residents of School Lane regard it as an honour and privilege to have Ken as their neighbour.

Written by Councillor Katrina Reed on behalf of Ken



Left to right, Ken, a friend, Ken's brother in law, Ken's father

Photos from Kens photo collection



Battleschool Air Borne Division below



## 'Freeman of Euxton'

If you know of a resident who you believe should be recognised for their *exceptional* contribution or service to the community over a *prolonged* period of time to a person of distinction - contact the Council and let us know of the person and the reasons you believe they should be considered for the Freeman award.

It needs to be stressed that this is for 'exceptional contribution' Council is instigating an award for contributions of volunteering efforts for the village - see over the page.

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**George Clarke, photographed recently after receiving the honour and wearing it proudly**

## D-Day Veteran Honoured by the French

Who would have known that in Euxton we have a hero in our midst?

George Clarke now 96 has recently been honoured by the French people. French dignitaries presented the Second World War veteran with the country's highest honour, the Legion d'Honneur. The medal was presented by the Honorary French Consul Philip Daniel.

The Legion d'Honneur, or the Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur is France's highest award. It is equivalent in the UK to the Victoria Cross the highest honour in the British system. The award was in recognition of George's part in the liberation of France in 1944.

George now 96 first tried to join up at the age of 18, but because he was working for a company doing joinery work in connection with air raid shelters he was turned down.

He moved jobs to the production of the Lancaster Bomber in Trafford Park Manchester, and also became a member of the Home Guard. Then it happened he was called up initially to the RAF, but ended in the Army and following his training became a wireless operator.



George was sent to the south coast in preparation for the D-Day landings. George was part of the 79th Armoured Division, which was a forward delivery squadron as part of the preparations for the Normandy invasion.

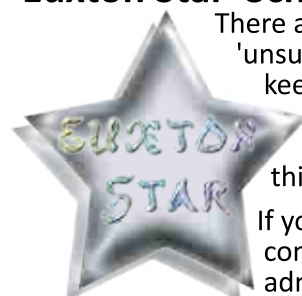
He arrived in Normandy a few days after D-Day on Sword Beach. George travelled throughout France and Belgium setting up wireless posts and repairing any problems that arose.

When the war ended his wireless skills were no longer needed, so instead he worked as a driver delivering military mail to local units and airfields all over Germany. George was demobbed in 1947 and returned to England.

On his return George worked for his father's haulage firm, he later left the firm and became a plumbing manager, which he says "was the best job he ever had". George was married to his wife Eva for 65 years, and has lived in Euxton since the 1980's.

Written by Councillor Eric Jones, on behalf of George

## 'Euxton Star' Scheme



There are so many people who do 'unsung' work, volunteering, helping, keeping things running - most go unnoticed, unrecognised but the Council would like to change this, if only in a small way.

If you know of a stalwart helper, community volunteer or someone you admire for their work in the community

- let us know. Maybe they run a club, do all the background work, or work selflessly to improve the local environment.

Write in to the Council with your nominee, let us know what they do, how often, how many years, why their work matters - as much as we will need to know to understand their contribution. It is the Council's intention to award an Euxton Star Award to local 'stars' and report on them for the newsletter so the recipient must be prepared for this. See [www](http://www.euxtonpreschool.com) for details.

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## Restoring the 'story telling chair area'

The PTFA from Euxton CE primary school asked the Parish Council for a grant to be put towards funds they had raised for their project .

Katrina, the Chair, visited the completed project in March and met Becky Edge from the PTFA, Headmaster Mr Ward and some pupils to view the new covered area.

The ground was not suitable for use throughout the year so artificial grass was the solution to enable pupils to use the spectacular 'story telling chair' and willow den.

Becky says, "Outdoor learning offers motivating, exciting, different but highly relevant educational opportunities, which is something we wish to enhance within our school curriculum"... "a young person's experience can be enhanced by maximising the potential of the outdoors."



area around the story telling chair after



finished area



area around the story telling chair before



## Euxton Wellbeing Group

The Euxton Health and Wellbeing group for senior citizens was established with the help of Professor Romesh Gupta, OBE, FRCP, Chair of the National Forum for Health and Wellbeing. This is an organisation, based in the University of Bolton, which works to promote community health awareness and to empower communities to take charge of their own health. The Euxton group meets once a month in Euxton library, a central focus point for the village.

As populations age and inevitably become increasingly frail it is crucial that individuals and communities look at ways to help the ever-increasing proportion of mature individuals to lead independent and fulfilling lives. The meetings help achieve this, for example by providing advice on healthy lifestyles, good diet, and the prevention of avoidable illnesses and falls.

It is not only the elderly who benefit from these meetings. It is also important to make relatives and carers aware of the range of health and social care services available and how to gain access to them.

The Euxton Health and Wellbeing group was established in October 2016 and

meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am in Euxton library. At each meeting the group is addressed by an invited speaker with specialist knowledge relevant to the topic of the day. A short presentation is followed by group discussion. The feedback from participants so far has been very positive.

In the coming months, there will be presentations related to:

- \* Age Concern,
- \* Galloway's Society for the Blind,
- \* Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Falls Prevention Team,
- \* A range of Complementary Therapies.

The group is also keen to explore ways of helping one another.

The meetings are free and open for anyone to attend.

Acknowledgement: This whole initiative would not have been possible without help and support from the librarian Kath Deakin who provides not only the space but also light refreshments. Kath is keen to help the local communities in whatever way she can.

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Hard to believe that we are already halfway through our WI year and we have enjoyed a variety of speakers including a talk by Marie Curie volunteers to a

Chocolatier based at Cedar Farm Choc Amir who brought along many samples which were eagerly devoured by the ladies present.

On our 95th Birthday celebration in March we had a beautiful birthday cake cut by two of our Nonagenarians and a glass of Fizz to celebrate our Anniversary and each member present was given an enamel badge with Euxton WI and the date 1922 which was when we were formed.



We have just had a Spring Lunch which was attended by over seventy people. The food as usual was super, all made by members and overseen by Angela Holmes and her merry band of helpers! The lunch was in aid of our charity this year which is Blood Bikes and included a special raffle "Bring a Bag Win a Bag" and each member went home with a delightful present in a bag.

We will also be present at Euxton Gala Day and will have our old scrapbooks dating from 1922 to the present day. We look forward to the rest of our year which includes a talk by local florist Helen from Budz and our annual trip in July which this year is to Ripley Castle.

We have a Craft group, luncheon group, reading group, walking group and of course a cinema group so there is something for everyone

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the PCC rooms on Wigan Road Euxton at 2.00pm (next to Papa Luigi's) and for further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

**Val Hough**

Jean Courtney and Beth Pickup cutting the Birthday cake

New members are always welcome. We meet every other Thursday at Euxton PC Community Centre from 2pm until 4pm

Next meetings are:  
**8, 22 June; 6 July;**  
**17, 31 August;**  
**14, 28 September**

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



## WE CREATE MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES



## We now give Time Credits

Euxton Parish Council now offer Time Credits for volunteering activities which it organises and you attend as a volunteer.

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[www.justaddspice.org/our-work/where-we-work](http://www.justaddspice.org/our-work/where-we-work)

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## Euxton Library Events

The Library holds many events and hosts a number of popular groups. All the future dates are below but here are some photos of some which took place since the last newsletter.

**Kath Deakin**

### Coffee Mornings:

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

June 1st Colin Penny "A History of Lancaster Castle"

July 6th Helen Brown "Life of a Florist"

August 3rd Sue Morris "Life of a Magistrate"

September 5th Ian Bagshaw "Celebrations in Chorley"

### AED CPR Awareness Sessions:

Wednesday 7th June 10:30am - 11:30am

Wednesday 5th July 10:30am - 11:30am

Delivered by David Forrest from Chorley's Angels as part of the "Angels of Life Project"

### Other Activities:

Saturday 8th July Chorley Model Railway Society 10:00 - 12:00

Monday 4th August Summer Crafts 14:30 - 16:00 £1 per child up to £2 per family

Saturday 16th September Storytelling session: John Kirk

"Jeremy Strong's: 100mph Dog" 10:30 am

Wednesday 20th September Talk by: Vera Waters 10:30 am

Knit & Natter ladies knitting "Egg Hats" & "Knitted Chicks" for Derian House - patterns available at the Library call Library 0300 1236704 for info.



## Gardening Club

The new Gardening Club meet every Monday afternoon at 2:00pm - come and join us.



### Library Openings

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



**Euxton Library Friends Meeting** - Euxton Library - Monday 12th June at 6pm

### Regular Groups: (\*Term Time Only)

Health & Well Being Group (\*2nd Wednesday of the Month: 10:30am - 11:30am)

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

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

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

'Learn My Way' Computer Classes Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm

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

'Health Walks' \*4th Friday of the month meet at Euxton Library at 2pm.

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





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PC 3252 Mike Payne  
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PCSO 7287 Meg Gornall

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## Neighbourhood Policing

Parish Councillors raised at the April meeting that the Neighbourhood Policing team had been reduced over the years and it had been noticed by increases in anti-social behaviour and willful damage acts in pockets of the village.

The Council wrote to the Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The local policing Inspector informed that "the current local team consists of a sergeant, a constable and two PCSOs. Resources have been reduced of late due to a temporary abstraction whilst a PC provided acting Sergeant duties at Skelmersdale. PCSO Gornall will be increasing her hours to full time from June. It is planned in the forthcoming months to align immediate response officers to the area and when not dealing with incidents will be available to default to support local policing 24/7." This was qualified with the Police - the second PCSO is only part time and not always in our area, but, will become full time in June. So the area has been depleted by a PC and a PCSO for months.

The Chorley & South Ribble Chief Inspector did say, "I can confirm that the staffing allocated to Euxton Village has not been reduced, certainly in the time I have had responsibility for Chorley and South Ribble." The second part of this sentence seems most important because just looking back to the June'15 newsletter shows that there was a Sgt, CBM and 2 PCSOs for Euxton and also the same sized team for Astley and Buckshaw - so in reality a whole team has 'gone' and now one team looks after twice the area and houses.

But - maybe we should look at what we do have - we have the best PCSO in the area - Ray - keep up the sterling work Ray.

## Councillors...



### North West Ward

Marilyn Bamber	277378
Anne Caughey	232570
Neil Hall	07557 885210
Patricia Fellows	277213
Chris Jones	272837
Tony Reed	271199
Simon Wellerd	234644
Helen Tune	411711

### South Ward

John Bamber	277378
John Caughey	232570
Eric Jones	265013
John Matson	260780
Alan Platt	234003
Katrina Reed	271199
Gemma Rypel	07908 852405
Mervyn Thornhill	274550

### North East Ward

Mark Jarnell	01772 301875
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Council will discuss again in May.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**



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## Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally each 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 meetings:

Thursday, 15 June                      Thursday, 20 July  
Thursday, 21 September           Thursday, 19 October

## Noticeboard Locations

Runshaw Lane shops; Highways Avenue shops; Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills; Wigan Road at St Mary's car park; Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive; Southport Road by the Skate Park; 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; Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields development.

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