



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



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Chairman's Column



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

Well where to start as everything has been changed by this virus since our last newsletter was delivered in March.

The only good thing has really been the weather which has enabled those able to, to take walks around the local countryside. I know the Millennium Green has seen a large increase, Ransnap Woods and the Lanes have also been well walked, including treasure hunts, painted pebble hunts, bear hunts, fairy doors, bird tables and not forgetting the Mister Men trail, you name it the residents of Euxton have tried and succeeded to help not only the children enjoy their walks but all of us whatever age, thank you who ever you are it has been much appreciated.

Whilst the Parish Council has not met for some months we are kept up to date by the Clerks, Debra and Alan and any decisions that have been needed have gone out via email to the Councillors but as you can imagine not much has been able to take place due to the lockdown. The Village Caretakers are now back at work, observing the relevant recommendations regarding their workplace and will slowly be getting on top of any work that is in need of doing however, if you see anything whilst you are out and about that you think requires attention please contact the Council on either our Facebook page or on the phone where they can be logged to be dealt with by Euxton, Chorley or even Lancashire depending on the problem.

The second Gladman appeal date for the building of houses on land around School Lane and Pear Tree lane will commence on June 23rd, a further objection has been sent by Euxton Parish Council, we await the outcome, further info on our website and Facebook the last date for objections is June 12th so if you should receive this newsletter before that date please consider sending in your own objection letters or emails.

The survey appears to have been well received and many residents have taken part, we await to receive the final results from Councillor Andy Oddy who, as I have mentioned before in previous newsletter, has taken this task on.

Parish portion down

Euxton Council agreed its budget for this financial year, beginning 1st April 2020 running through to the end of March 2021.

**Still less than £3
per month
for all the Parish
Council services**

The Parish Council tax element for an average band D household will be £34.85, which has come down again on last years by approx 1.5%.

Council will continue with any ongoing projects, such as more planting, allotment site, the planned all weather court at Greenside along with a number of new projects suggested such as replacing its now very old Speed Indicator with more modern but fixed models running on solar power; footpath/cycleway project; eco project.

The Council is always searching for areas or ways it can provide additional recreation facilities or amenity areas around Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw - so any ideas you may have are welcome.

A summary of the 2020/2021 budget can be found on page 9. If you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

Debra Platt
Clerk/RFO

For the first time in several years of being Chair I have not attended any function representing both the Council and the residents however the one act I was able to do was lay the Wreath at the Euxton Memorial on VE day. It was an honour to do so and there were several residents who were either passing by and stopped or had made their own decision to mark the day and time on the 8th May. The two minutes silence was held at 11.00am, we all clapped and then the Wreath was placed. It seemed such a small thing to do for all the men and women that gave their lives, and for those that whilst they returned home just got on with their lives after all they must have gone through. Hopefully by VJ day the lockdown will have eased a little more and we will all be able to celebrate the end of WWII but whatever happens another Wreath will be placed. Photos of the marking of VE Day are on page 2.

Stay safe and well, and in time the Parish Council will once again be able to invite you to attend our meetings.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman



VE Day Anniversary

Parish Council Chairman Katrina Reed laid a wreath on Euxton's War Memorial for the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

There was to be a small service and refreshments afterwards but during this period of lock-down this was alas not possible.

Possibly all will be different when the VJ Day anniversary comes around in August.

VJ Day 11am at the War Memorial on Saturday 15th August



Photo of Alan (Locum Clerk) planting them up



Photo of the flags flying for VE Day at the war memorial



Photo of one of the new planters, situated at the war memorial - this one is for VE Day, the second one is for VJ Day. The photo is when they were just planted up by Alan, but they will look much better when they are in full bloom.

Millennium Green - an exercise guide

Residents who use the Millennium Green regularly may have noticed some temporary signage showing some useful information on the lengths of your possible walks around the Green.

The Green has been measured out and some suggested routes to achieve particular goals have been suggested. This was a suggestion made by the Clerk (who also did the artwork) to the Leisure Committee some time ago, who agreed it may be a useful addition for the Green.

This is meant as a useful guide to those of you who might have been interested to know how far they walk when they go around or through the Green regularly. Also, those who run or jog may find this 'ready' information useful.

There are measurements for a full perimeter route, either of the two halves of the Green and, a figure of eight route.

The Bronze, Silver and Gold goals are, again only for information, suggested goals which you could try to achieve whilst doing your regular exercise.

The permanent version of this signage is ordered and will be installed, possibly by the time your receive this newsletter.

Debra Platt
Clerk



The Great Euxton Survey

The Parish Council's fact finding survey has ended and the results are excellent.

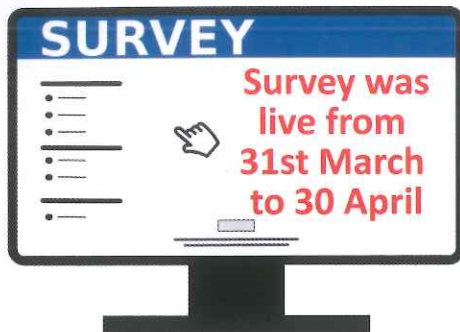
Council set about creating a survey to gather facts and information from residents to inform it of how residents feel about certain issues, what they want around the village and to gather information about current topics.

The information gathered will better inform the Council so it can tailor its activities to residents needs and defend or proactively campaign for changes or improvements in the area.

The last major survey was done some time ago and directly from that we gained information on facilities you wanted such as a bowling green, things you wanted to see such as more flowers and services you wanted more of such as litter picking and sweeping.

All the questions have not all been analysed yet but, to give an idea of the success of the exercise here are a few statistic graphs below.

The Council is very grateful to Cllr Andy Oddy for creating the survey and all the analysis he has done so far and will be continuing with until we have all the responses in a form we can use. More information will be in the next newsletter.



Election cancellations

What does it mean to Euxton?

You may have heard during the many Coronavirus announcements that elections, due in May 2020, were cancelled - but not sure how this affects you as an Euxton resident!



Euxton was not due to have a Parish Council election in May 2020 but it was due a Chorley Borough Council election. So now the Chorley Council election will be held in May 2021.

This move does though cause another hiccup as May 2021 is the year that Lancashire County Council elections will be taking place - these only happen every four years.

So in May 2021 there will now be a Chorley Borough Council election for 3 new representatives to cover the new 'Euxton' ward which takes in most of Euxton. A small area of residents in the South of Euxton are included in a neighbouring ward called Croston, Mawdesley and Euxton South and a number of residents in Buckshaw Euxton are included in the new Buckshaw & Whittle ward.

Besides the Chorley Council election residents will be voting in the Lancashire County Council elections and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections which were also cancelled in May 2020.

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EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL Councillor Vacancies in Euxton North & South



Presently there are vacancies for Parish Councillors on the Council in Euxton North West and Euxton South, following resignations. There has been no call for an election so the vacancies 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).

Co-opting will take place at the next Council 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.

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ACTIVE SURVEY

Euxton Parish Survey 2020

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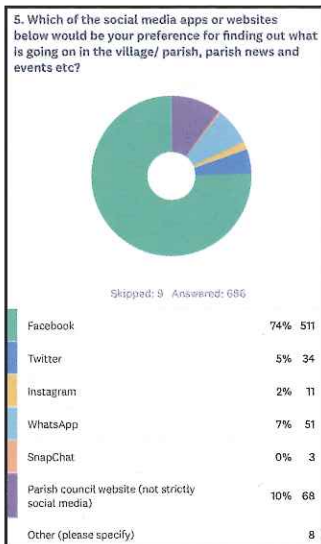
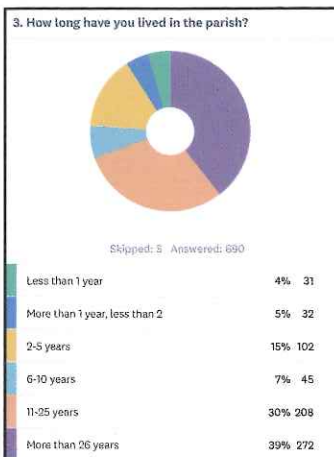
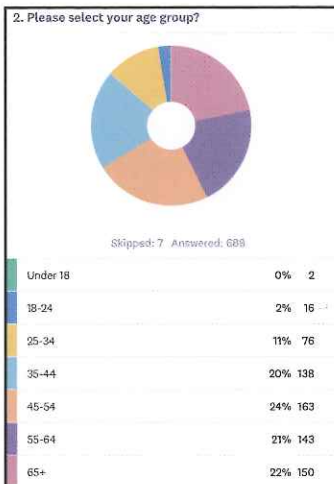
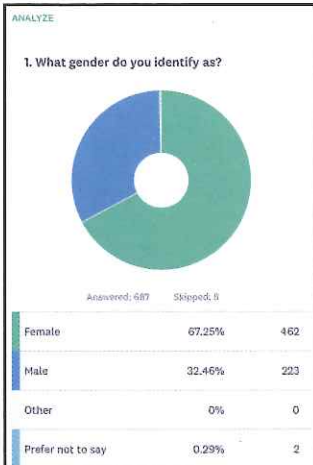
Total Responses

477

Completed Responses

Completion Rate

69%





Above: Stuart at the first service at the new Euxton War Memorial

People can also follow historical and community threads about the village on my Facebook pages "Euxton Then & Now" and "ROF Chorley" which have been running for a number of years and between them have 4,500 members engaging.

Over the years I have been given the opportunity to share my local military information and artefacts with the local schools, community centre, Euxton Gala days, and more recently the WWI Remembrance Services held at Euxton Methodist Church. I have also presented a number of displays at Euxton Library and the popularity of the facility is what drove me to run the successful "Save Euxton Library" petition in 2016.

I think the achievement I am most proud of is having been a part of Euxton War Memorial Group and to have been actively involved with the fundraising, design and construction of the village war memorial. It is certainly a fond memory to have, knowing to have been a part of something that is now such an important, valued and appreciated landmark in the village.

I am really grateful for the award and it is nice recognition for the efforts I have put in to sharing Euxton's heritage. However, I'd like to look at it that if the village feels my work has been worthy of recognition, it is actually a testament to the strong feeling the community must have in its heritage and the value it places on seeing it preserved and celebrated. And that in turn, I feel, is worthy of recognition for the village a whole.

Stuart A. Clewlow, FRHistS

Star Award for Stuart Clewlow

I am truly honoured to have been nominated and presented with an 'Euxton Star' from Euxton Parish Council.

Although sadly I don't live in Euxton any more, it was my home for ten years and I have very fond memories of my time Managing Euxton Community Centre, working at Busy Bodies Nursery and also Euxton Hall Hospital.

Regardless of having lived in Chorley for the last four years and now working in Buckshaw Village, I am still keen to be involved with Euxton heritage projects and I'm sure there will be a few more in the coming years.

The village has a great heritage and it has always been a privilege to research and share the stories and information of the past with the community.

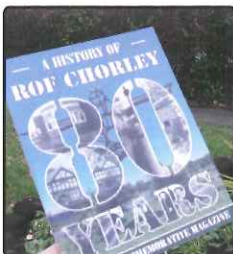
Over the years I have written books about the history of Euxton CE Primary school, ROF Chorley, and also "Euxton Then & Now" and "Euxton Remembers" with Euxton historian Susan Balshaw. The village also featured in my books about the Chorley and District Spitfire and a directory of Military Memorials in the Borough of Chorley. In addition, historical stories about the village have featured often in my history features in the Chorley Guardian and of course, the Euxton Web newsletter.



Left: Stuart at Euxton CE Primary School sharing local military artefacts and information as part of the children's learning about Remembrance and heritage



Right: Stuart, last summer, at the unveiling of the very successful Heritage project in Buckshaw Village along with members of Euxton Parish Council





Euxton Remembers



It has been a privilege to compile this very special Euxton Web supplement to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War Two. Euxton Parish Council has a great track record of commemorating the history of the village and it is hoped that this simple tribute goes some way to marking the significance of this anniversary year.

Whilst we remember the ultimate sacrifice made by 19 men of Euxton during the war, it is important to remember and show gratitude for the service of those who returned and to acknowledge the impact on the civilian population during a conflict which King George VI at the time said "...can no longer be confined to the battlefield."

Stuart A. Clewlow, FRHistS.

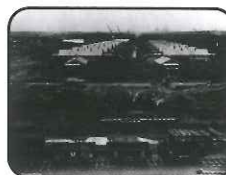
Many fund raising campaigns ran through Chorley Borough and this included the residents of Euxton. Over £6,000 was raised as part of the Spitfire Fund which led to the building of a Spitfire in 1941.

Similarly, 'Warship Week' ran through Chorley and District from 31st January 1942 to 7th February 1942 and the target was to raise enough to sponsor the pre-designated submarine H.M.S/m 'Ursula'. Above and beyond the amount was raised, Chorley duly sponsored 'Ursula' and the crew visited the town in 1943 and presented the local authority with a plaque of appreciation from the Admiralty.



The people that would once have been seen as innocent bystanders of war, were now taking an active role. Most were now viewed as contributors or defenders and as such, became seen as legitimate targets by the enemy.

The proximity of the ROF posed a very real risk for the residents of Euxton. The sound of aeroplanes would naturally cause concern that it was an enemy bomber searching for the factory. Contrary to popular belief, a number of incendiary devices did fall within the perimeter wall but did not cause any damage. In Euxton there was a plan in place that the school bell of the National School (now Euxton Community Centre) would be rung in the event of an air raid. Children from the school became well practised in using the cellar of the Parish Church Vicarage as an air raid shelter.



The famous 'Dambuster' raids of 16th/17th May 1943 by No.617 Squadron, which breached the dams of Germanys industrial heartland with 'bouncing bombs', had connections with ROF Chorley.

It was revealed after the war that the 'bouncing bombs' were filled at ROF Chorley and was visited by the mission Commanding Officer Guy Gibson. Although the successful raids did not disrupt German production for too long a period to make a difference, it was a great propaganda coup for the British and Allies.

At the beginning of World War Two, ROF employed about 1,000 people. By 1940 this figure had risen to 15,000; rising drastically to around 40,000 at its peak. At one stage, the factory became the largest ammunition filling establishment in the world. These facts and figures show the magnitude of production at the site and ultimately, just how important a role it played during the war.

A large number of employees resided at Highways Hostel (now the Highways Avenue estate) and the residential complex of what is now the Milestone Meadow estate off Euxton Lane.



Astley Hall in Chorley holds a plaque commemorating the US Armed Forces based at Washington Hall, Euxton. The plaque was presented to Chorley at the end of the war at a large social event. The Americans celebrated the end of hostilities with massive bonfires throughout the Washington Hall estate, burning amongst other things, their administration office furniture.



Towards the end of the war, the Government started to recognise the contribution of members of the Armed Forces with the award of campaign medals. However, it is important to remember that it wasn't just men who saw uniformed service. Women not only enlisted to work in the Munitions Factories (such as ROF Chorley) producing bullets and grenades, etc, they were also breaking down the social barriers yet further and becoming involved even closer with the military. Young women were being trained up as Pilots for example, and as such would ferry newly produced aircraft to their designated squadrons and airfields and many joined the Women's Land Army.



WWII 75th Anniversary Souvenir



Name: **WALTER GEORGE ALLEN**

Born: 1923, Birkenhead
Parents: David Alexander Allen & Margaret Ellen Jones
Residence: Rose Hill, Euxton
Rank: Fusilier Number: 3718685
Service: 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers
Buried: Sangro War Cemetery, Italy
Date of death: 29th November 1943, age 20
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: The 1st Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers left Liverpool for North Africa on 22nd November 1942. They experienced heavy fighting in Algeria and Tunisia. From there, they fought their way through Sicily before landing at Taranto in Italy. On 29th November the Battalion was hit by two shells from a self-propelled gun which killed 19 men, one of them being Walter.



Name: **CYRIL BALCOMBE**

Born: 1921, India
Parents: Robert Balcombe & Emily Hewitt
Residence: Central Terrace, Euxton
Enlisted: 1935
Rank: Lance Corporal Number: 4689564
Service: 2nd Battalion, King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry)
Date of death: 19th June 1942, age 21
Commemorated: Rangoon Memorial, Myanmar
Comments: Mentioned on a family gravestone in Euxton Parish Church yard.



Name: **ERIC BERRY**

Born: 1922, Leyland
Parents: William Berry & Evelyn Williams
Employed: Eastern Coach Works Ltd
Enlisted: September 1940
Rank: Sergeant (Wireless Operator & Air Gunner) Number: 1380078
Service: No. 75 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Volunteer Reserve)
Date of death: 23rd January 1943, age 20
Buried: St. Thegonnec, Communal Cemetery
Memorials: Lowestoft Eastern Coach Works Memorial.
Comments: Eric was killed whilst part of a raid deep into German territory.



Name: **WILLIAM BRADLEY**

Born: 1911, Preston Married: Mary
Parents: Thomas Bradley & Margaret Dempsey
Rank: Sergeant (Flight Engineer) No: 2209464
Service: No. 298 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Volunteer Reserve)
Date of death: 31st August 1944, age 33
Commemorated: Runnymede Memorial, Surrey
Comments: William was killed when his Halifax bomber (LL343) crashed during a raid on the night of 30th/31st August. His aircraft was shot down by flak fired from ships of the German Navy and crashed into the North Sea. It is believed that the Halifax was taking part in a secret mission, which could refer to anything from targeting a specific location or dropping agents behind enemy lines. The file relating to the operation that William was taking part in is still closed to public viewing, but it is believed that the aircraft was dropping supplies to partisans near Diest or taking part in a SOE mission, under the code name Osric 122.



Name: **JOHN BRIERS**

Born: 21st March 1926, Leyland
Parents: Samuel Briars & Elizabeth Southworth
Rank: Private Number: 14746538
Service: 1/5th Battalion, Welch Regiment
Date of death: 11th April 1945, age 19
Buried: Becklingen War Cemetery, Germany
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton (also mentioned on his parents gravestone there)
Comments: The 1/5th Battalion, Welch Regiment arrived in Normandy on 29th June 1944, and was straight into the thick of the action pushing the enemy eastward. They took part in heavy fighting at Falaise, Martigny, Eindhoven, Arnhem, Hertogenbosch, Baexem, Menil and in the Reichswald Forest. John was killed during an offensive to clear the German town of Rethem and sadly the war in Europe would be over within a month of his death.



Name: **HERBERT DAVIS**

Born: 1914, Preston
Parents: Harry Davis & Agnes Jones
Married: Florence May Davidson, St Wilfred's Church, Preston
Occupation: Bus Driver for Ribble
Enlisted: 1939 Rank: Driver Number: T/95773
Service: Royal Army Service Corps
Date of death: 30th May 1940
Buried: St James's Cemetery, Dover
Comments: Bert got off the beach at Dunkirk with two other friends from his unit. On board the ship the three of them went into the wash house, to try and 'put some metal between them and the enemy' for protection. Unfortunately, the ship was bombed and a piece of shrapnel tore through the ship and into the wash house. It passed by both of his friends but struck Bert severely injuring him. The ship stayed afloat and made it across the Channel to Dover. Bert's friends stayed with him to ensure he was taken safely into Hospital but sadly he succumbed to his wounds.



Name: **THOMAS GILSON**

Born: 1917, Sculcoates, Yorkshire
Parents: Thomas Gilson & Mary Cooney
Married: Alice Patricia Vincent, in Greenwich
Rank: Leading Stoker
Number: D/KX.88235
Service: HMS Gloucester, Royal Navy
Date of death: 22nd May 1941, age 24
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial
Comments: Thomas and Alice had a son Daniel. He and Alice were evacuated to Euxton during the war and resided in St Mary's Presbytery and Alice worked as Fr Skeehan's Housekeeper. On 22nd May 1941, while in the Kithera Channel about 4 miles north of Crete, HMS Gloucester was attacked by German Stuka Dive Bombers and sank. Only 85 from 807 men survived.



Name: **PETER ROBERT GORNALL**

Born: 1916, Worcester
Parents: John Gornall & Annie Midgley
Married: Mary Alice Bilsborrow, 1941
Rank: Fusilier
Number: 3454832
Service: 2/5th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers
Date of death: 17th July 1944, age 27
Buried: Fontenay-le-Pesnel War Cemetery, Normandy
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: The Lancashire Fusiliers landed in Normandy on 29th June 1944 and suffered heavy casualties as they fought eastwards. They launched an offensive on 16th July at Tessel Wood, Landet and Vendes. The following day they received tank support and were able to take their objectives. Private Gornall was killed during this attack.



Name: **CLIFFORD JOHN GROVES**

Born: 1924, Bootle
Parents: Henry Groves & Hannah Pursglove
Residence: Strathyre House, Shaw Green, Euxton
Rank: Private Number: 14203165
Service: 1st Battalion, Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
Date of death: 30th April 1943, age 19
Buried: Massicault War Cemetery, Tunisia.

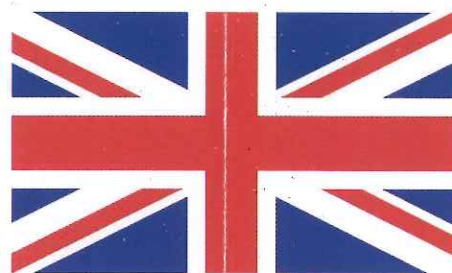


Name: **ROBERT PETER HARRIS**

Born: 1924, Abbassia Barracks, Cairo, Egypt
Parents: Robert Harris & Catherine McEvoy
Residence: ROF Chorley
Rank: Able Seaman
Number: D/JX.170148
Service: HMS Niger, Royal Navy
Date of death: 6th July 1942, age 18
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: HMS Niger was a Minesweeper serving on the Russian Convoys. En route from Murmansk to England, the ship strayed into an allied minefield close to the Denmark Strait. They hit a mine and sank with the loss of 149, only 9 men were saved.



Euxton Remembers



war years 1939 to 1945

Name: **WILFRED CHARLES HARROP**

Born: 1909, Little Hulton
Parents: Robert Harrop & Harriet Louise
Married: Irene Thistlewood, 1933
at St Ambrose Church, Leyland
Enlisted: 6th May 1943
Rank: Lance Corporal Number: 14603613
Service: 1st Battalion, Green Howards
Date of death: 22nd June 1944, age 35
Buried: Florence War Cemetery, Italy
Comments: Wilfred is mentioned on a family gravestone at Euxton Parish Church. He was educated at Farnworth Grammar School and became a Master Joiner by trade. He moved to Euxton to live with his parents at Pear Tree Farm. Wilfred and Irene had only one daughter Kathleen who was born 1934. Wilfred was killed when the Green Howards were carrying out a diversionary attack across the River Moletta, whilst a main attack moved towards Rome.



Name: **WILFRED JACKMAN**

Born: 16th October 1903
Parents: William Jackman & Martha Ellen Clitheroe
Rank: Private Number: 3852367
Service: 7th Battalion, Manchester Regiment
Date of death: 22nd October 1944, age 41
Buried: Kruishoutem Cemetery, Belgium
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: It is thought that Wilfred was a pre-war Regular Soldier or Reservist.



Name: **ALAN MAHONEY**

Born: 15th November 1920
Parents: James Mahoney & Mabel Matthews
Residence: Woodlands, Euxton
Rank: Sergeant (Observer) Number: 1125296
Service: No. 218 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Volunteer Reserve)
Date of death: 24th October 1942, age 21
Buried: Euxton Parish Church
Memorials: Chorley Grammar School
Comments: Alan was killed setting out from his base on operations over France. Alan's Father was Verger at Euxton Parish Church. Alan is buried with a Commonwealth War Grave in a family plot.



Name: **KENNETH MONK**

Born: 1927, Kidderminster, Worcestershire
Parents: John Allen Monk & Harriet Marsden
Residence: Euxton
Rank: Ordinary Seaman
Number: D/JX.292650
Service: HMS Spartan, Royal Navy (Ship's crest shown)
Date of death: 29th January 1944, age 17
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial
Comments: HMS Spartan took an active role in supporting the allied landings at Anzio, Italy. The Cruiser was hit by a Henschel Hs293, which was a German anti-shipping radio controlled guided missile. The missile exploded in the engine room and caused extensive fires which could not be controlled, and the ship capsized and sank. 46 of the 530 crew were killed, including Kenneth.



Name: **JEREMIAH PARKER**

Born: 1914
Married: Ethel Smalley, June 1938 (they had a daughter)
Residence: Runshaw Lane, Euxton
Occupation: Postal worker (Clerk)
Rank: Flight Sergeant (Air Bomber) No: 658844
Service: No. 467 Squadron, Royal Air Force (Volunteer Reserve)
Date of death: 10th May 1944, age 30
Commemorated: Lezennes Communal Cemetery, France
Comments: Jerry (as he was known) worshipped at Leyland Congregational Church where he was also Choirmaster and organist. He had originally joined the Royal Army Service Corps as a Driver but transferred to the Royal Air Force in September 1940. He died when his aeroplane, an Avro Lancaster bomber LM475 PO-B (B for Baker), crashed during a raid on Aachen, Germany



Name: **FRANCIS PARKINSON**

Born: 11th May 1915, Euxton
Parents: Edward Parkinson & Mary Roscoe
Residence: Pincock Street, Euxton
Employed: Grove Mill, Eccleston
Enlisted: June 1940
Rank: Private Number: 3913263
Service: 1st Battalion, South Wales Borderers
Date of death: 9th June 1943, age 28
Buried/Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: He was the brother of Peter Roscoe Parkinson who is mentioned in the inscription at the base of Francis's gravestone. Francis fought in the Middle East where the Borderers took heavy casualties. Sadly, he died as a result of an accident whilst the Battalion was back in England.



Name: **PETER ROSCOE PARKINSON**

Born: 23rd June 1917
Parents: Edward Parkinson & Mary Roscoe
Residence: 4 Anderton Road, Euxton
Employed: Brook Mill, Leyland
Enlisted: October 1940
Rank: Ordinary Seaman (Submariner)
Number: D/JX.237788
Service: HM Submarine Traveller, Royal Navy
Date of death: 12th December 1942, aged 25
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial
Memorials: St Mary's Church, Euxton
Comments: Presumably because Peter was lost at sea and his body was never recovered, that is why his parents chose to have his name inscribed on his brother's gravestone. HMS Traveller was based at Malta and departed on her 5th war patrol, in the Gulf of Taranto. The submarine and crew was reported overdue on 12th December 1942 and it was concluded that it had probably struck an Italian mine and lost with all hands.



Name: **JAMES SOUTHWORTH**

Born: 1919
Parents: James Southworth & Sarah Ann Sharrock
Married: Marion Fairbrother, 1941, Euxton Parish Church
Residence: Pincock Street, Euxton
Occupation: Farm Labourer
Enlisted: 1940 Rank: Able Seaman No: D/JX.198617
Service: HMS Lawford, Royal Navy
Date of death: 8th June 1944, age 22
Commemorated: Plymouth Naval Memorial
Comments: HMS Lawford was in the thick of the action on D-Day. On 8th June 1944, HMS Lawford was struck by what was believed to be an early type of guided missile, which dropped down the funnel. A large internal explosion broke the back of the ship and it sank with the loss of a third of the crew.



Name: **FERGUS BOWDEN SQUIRE**

Born: 1912, Hesse, Hull
Parents: Samuel Squire & K. Douglas
Residence: Euxton
Rank: Fusilier Number: 3862218
Service: 10th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers
Date of death: 23rd December 1942, age 31
Buried: Taukkyan War Cemetery, Myanmar
Comments: Fergus saw active service in Burma.



Euxton's War Memorial

Euxton War Memorial 5th Anniversary 2020

Around Chorley borough new war memorials and additions to existing ones, have continued to be erected. Many of these memorials have been to specific groups of men, such as the Chorley Pals, or to rectify omissions to an existing memorial, such as with the addenda panels on the Adlington & District War Memorial.

Sadly, some additions are in relation to current casualties of conflict. However, Euxton saw a unique project in the borough because a voluntary group sought to erect the first all-inclusive public war memorial monument in the village.

'Euxton War Memorial Group' was formally established on 21st February 2011. Although Euxton had Church war memorials and a Memorial Club, there was not a public memorial; ie/ one that could be accessed at any time, regardless of religious or licensing protocol. With the support of Euxton Parish Council and Euxton Parish Church (with the backing of Blackburn Diocese), Euxton War Memorial Group identified an eligible roll of honour of casualties from 1914 to the present day. Through constant

fund raising the group acquired the necessary funds to erect a war memorial for the community to take ownership of and take pride in.

The memorial was eventually unveiled and dedicated on Sunday 12th July 2015 and as we approach its fifth anniversary, in 2020 we also acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two, a conflict which saw a further 19 Euxtonians make the Ultimate Sacrifice.

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Euxton War Memorial Group Committee

Chairman: Jim Brotherston

Secretary: Steve Berry

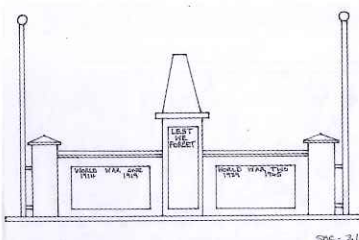
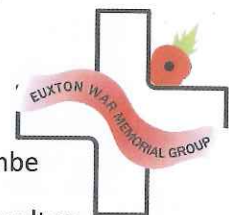
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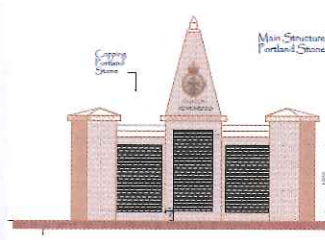
Stuart A. Clewlow and Ian Balcombe

Researcher: Susan Balshaw

Members: Brian Leyden, Brian Moulton, Julie Snape, and Lynn Longton.



Above: One of the preliminary design sketches, 2013



Above: Final design

The following prayer was used at Euxton Methodist Church during World War Two and regardless of religion, the message of safeguarding the men and women of our Armed Forces is just as relevant and valued today as it was then:

Almighty God, King of Kings, God of Battles, Prince of Peace and Father of all men, hear our prayer for the safety of all our friends in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Give them cheerfulness in enduring hardships, succour such as are in peril, bestow patience and ease on those in pain of body or anguish of spirit. Bless the sick and wounded and let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoner come before thee.

Guard, sustain and comfort our loved ones. Save and deliver them and if it be Thy will, give unto us Victory.

These things we ask with the forgiveness of our sins through the merits of Thine Only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Above: Members of Euxton War Memorial Group as work began



Start of construction and the footings going in



Above: The Euxton War Memorial Group handed the monument over to the Parish Council for its continued care and upkeep

Euxton Community Bowls Club

Following Government Advice in relation to the Coronavirus Crisis, the Parish Council closed the Bowling Green, which coincided with the British Crown Green Bowling Association suspending all League bowling. The Bowling season didn't get underway - such a small sacrifice in light of the ongoing crisis throughout the Country.

Adhering to strict guidelines and social distancing, maintenance of the Green has continued by Club members in readiness for when bowling can resume, but the priority will always be everyone's safety.

Any updates on the situation will be available on the Bowling Club's Facebook page.

Keep safe all

Marilyn Bamber
ECBC member



Facebook
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EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2020/2021		Carry fwd from 19/20	Total Budget 20/21
Budget sections / Titles			
Employees			
4000	Employees		90000
Housekeeping			
4010	Payroll Services		1200
4070	Mileage		3000
4075	Employee Training		3000
4080	General Office		5200
4090	Communications		4100
4100	Insurance		3500
4120	Audit		1250
4130	Legal Fees/Planning Investigations		5000
Council			
4211	Councillor Training		250
Grants/S137			
4250	Grants		6000
4260	Christmas Celebrations		3000
Special Events/Projects			
4300	Euxton Gala		1500
4310	Road Safety		2500
4320	Footpaths/Cycleways Projects		250
4340	Community Engagement		250
4350	Eco Projects		8000
4380	Heritage Projects		3000
4390	Defibrillator Project		4000
4410	Monarch Passing		500
Amenity/Utility			
4500	Utilities		1400
4510	Gardens/Planting/Competitions		10000
4520	Allotments (none infra-structure items)		17000
4530	Millennium Green		10000
4540	All Purpose Committee		2500
4560	Multi/all weather area Greenside (none infra-structure items)		1500
4570	Amenity/Open Space RRM		35000
4581	War Memorial		500
Earmarked Reserved Funds			
320	Emergency Fund	22564	
330	Land Fund	65000	
340	Street Machines	4000	
350	Ransnap Brook	279	
360	Elections and Parish Poll Fund		3500
370	Community Infrastructure Levy funds 'CIL'	201973	
380	Balshaw Villa land	6522	
		300338	226900
	Less cash in hand/income		62108
	Precept request @£34.85 (per average band D property)		195178

Fault reporting to Lancashire Council

Reporting faults to Lancashire County Council is quite quick and simple using their fault reporting system. LCC deal with roads, pavements, street and traffic lights, drainage grids at the side of the road, and more. Go to the Lancashire website:

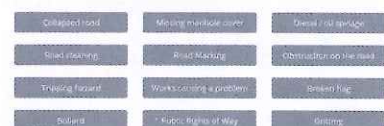
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

Below the large red 'Report It' button are the following options to choose from.

Most popular issues



Other issues you can report



For an example, if you choose 'Pothole' you would be presented with some instructions about the size of potholes and how to report and below that a 'start now' button. This leads you on to inputting a location from a post code or 'use my current location' and then on to a map where you can pin point the pothole but, it also gives information about other reported potholes in that area, also recently completed jobs.

Most of the reporting buttons present you with a map so the exact location can be pin pointed - if there is an asset such as a street light then these will be identified on the maps when you push the button to report.

Here on the map the street light columns are indicated as a yellow triangle with a number - click on the one which is faulty and it takes you to a form to complete.



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Euxton WI

We met in March to celebrate our 98th Birthday. We celebrated with Processco and Birthday cake, we even had Roger Brown and his entertainment to help us. Little did we know what was coming next. Along with other groups when the lock down happened the PCC closed its door and therefore the Committee and Euxton WI could not meet.

The Committee under our President Karen Hartley decided that the monthly newsletter would go out as usual and also that the committee would each telephone our members every week to keep them in touch. So that's what has happened.

We keep in touch with each other by telephone and also every so often we are sent a news item which we think our members may be interested in. An example is WWII - one of our members thought that we should know what happened to Euxton WI during the war so Freda Jenkins (a Past President) went through the minutes of the meetings held during the war and every member received a copy of her account. There were 15 members present at the beginning of the war we now have 100!

At the time of writing we do not know when we will be able to meet again but we are keeping smiling through..

If you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month except for the first week in July when we will have our Annual trip. 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



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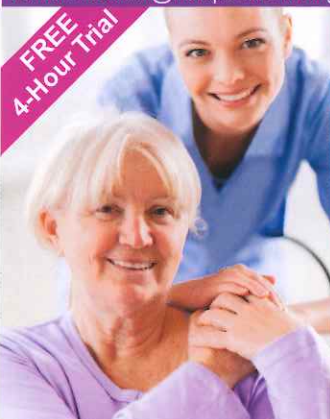
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You're welcome to join us when we resume.



Facebook
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Do you live in Euxton?

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**Phone our friendly coordinator
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

Meetings for the foreseeable are cancelled but will resume when we can.

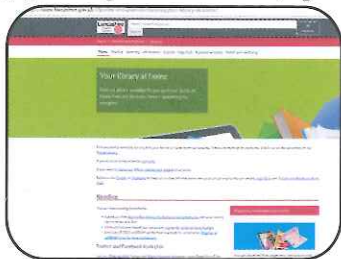
We get excellent speakers, go on arranged trips and more besides call Sheila Ball on 01772 432037 or pop along to have a look.



Euxton Library

Presently there is no information of when the Euxton Library will be re-opening but, there is a wealth of information and resources on the Lancashire Libraries website which can be accessed via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y8oq7zuf>



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Fault reporting to Chorley Council

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Reporting faults to Chorley Borough Council is quite quick and simple using their fault reporting system. CBC deal with some play areas, home bin collections, litter bins in the village, environmental problems such as dead animals by the road, fly tipping and such items.

Go to the Chorley website:

<http://main.chorley.gov.uk/> or www.chorley.gov.uk



It is a good idea to set up a 'My Account' for Chorley's site as this will make reporting much easier for you, then you can monitor progress of the reports each time if you log in to the account.

The icons on the site help guide you to reporting and the one you want will be the 'Report It' icon

When you click the 'Report It' icon you get further set of 6 sub category icon options, seen on the bottom line of the site capture here:



For this example we will report a litter bin problem so you would choose 'Clean Streets' in the above menu, then 'Litter bins' in the next drop down menu



When you click the litter bin icon you are presented with a map near to your address (if you are registered) or, put in a postcode at the top and it reveals all the litter bins locations in that area (or move the map to your required location).

Click on the problem bin - it will put a yellow circle around the bin you choose then click 'NEXT' at the bottom of the page and proceed to fill in the questions on the form and submit.



The process is similar for other assets or reports, just ensure you use the correct 'picture icon' at the start to reveal the correct asset registrations such as litter bin locations, fly tipping, graffiti etc.

So as another example, for a dead animal at the side of the road, from the example icons above you would choose the 'Animal Welfare' icon to reveal three further reporting sub-categories to choose from.



Another example, if you click through 'Grounds Maintenance' icon you are presented with the following icons to choose from.



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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:
2020 meetings: It is hoped the Council may be able to meet on 20th August

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
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Neighbourhood Policing Team: 'Town West'

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