



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



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Jubilee Edition





The Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Council has had produced personalised aluminium reusable/ refillable drinks bottles which will be given to all the primary school children who go to school in Euxton along with some commemorative book marks.

There are also a small quantity of commemorative china mugs which Council will distribute.

If your primary school aged child does not go to an Euxton primary school and wants a drinks bottle - get in touch with the Clerk.

Chairman's Column



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

Prior to the May Council elections on 5th May three Parish Councillors stepped down from their seats, Chris Jones, Gillian Sharples and Phil Preston.

Chris had been on the Council for ten years, and had served as Vice Chair plus Chair of the All Purposes Committee, Gillian and Phil had also been on the Council for several years and had sat on several Committees, they will all be missed for their input and local knowledge and we wish them all the best for the future. After the uncontested election the Councillors remained the same with the addition of Sam Hoyle on the Euxton South Ward. Sam attended the April Meeting and also helped at the Skip Day, more of which later. Welcome Sam. There are still two vacancies on the Council, any resident that may be interested, first contact the Clerk who will help you through through the application process.

With the Platinum Jubilee almost upon us, the Council is to distribute the Jubilee water bottles to all Euxton Primary Schools, we hope the children like them as a very special useful keepsake of this momentous occasion (see above).

The Leisure Committee is consulting on a new play area in a section of Balshaw Lane play area. Some really exciting pieces of equipment to enhance the area and the decision of what should be placed on there is yours (see pg 3).

Skip day was extremely busy from 9.30am onwards, with residents dropping off various unwanted items from three piece suites to electrical goods, toys, bikes and just good old fashioned rubbish! Thanks must go to the Clerk Debra, who was there until 2.00pm awaiting collection of the last industrial size skip, we filled three in all, as well as recycled two truck loads of metal items from bikes, electrical goods and anything metal. Thanks also to all the Parish Councillors who helped on the day.

EPC has opened a new office, after nearly 20 years of using the Clerks home. It is situated on the industrial estate off East Terrace we are advertising for a part time assistant to the Clerk (right). Busy times ahead, just for a change!

Looking forward to Gala Day, hopefully the weather will be kind, come and meet your Councillors at our stall. Hope you all enjoy both the May Bank holiday and the Queens's Jubilee weekend.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Council Office

As Chair says in her column, the Council has grown, with the village, alot over the years!

On starting with Euxton Council the villages' population was 7000+ moving to now with approx 13,000+ residents - nearly doubling in the time.

The Council now has 5 Village Caretakers working around the villages, back in 1999 when I started it only had one who just covered its play areas.

Euxton is set to be expanding further so the Council is preparing in good time with an additional staff member to 'earn the ropes'.

Debra Platt - Clerk



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Euxton Parish Council

Assistant Parish Clerk (Parish Clerk Designate)

Part Time: 15 hours per week

Salary range: LC2 (points 18-23 £13.21 to £14.67 per hour) plus business mileage – dependent on experience and qualifications.

Attendance at some meetings which are mainly in the evening, and occasional event weekend work.

Euxton Parish Council is looking for a motivated individual who cares about Euxton, to support the current Parish Clerk/RFO.

This role is for an assistant to the present Clerk/RFO and in time following training, qualifications and experience can be expanded to take more responsibility and assume more hours. Working from an office in the village.

In recent years Euxton has grown with many additional houses and its services have also expanded in line with this growth. Euxton has over 13,000 residents spread over Euxton and a large part of Buckshaw Village.

The Council presently employs five village caretakers who look after the village, litter picking, maintaining and keeping the village a pleasant place to live and work. Included in this work is the maintenance of three equipped play areas, large skate park, recreation land, park land, an allotment site, village flower planters and the Council's assets and street furniture.

There are supplementary documents to this advert available which contain more details of the role – www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Applicant should email in a letter of application, accompanied with a CV to: Email: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 21st June 2022

Creating a new play space on Balshaw Lane

The play area is split in to three distinct areas of, small childrens play equipment on the large area, to its left are two more spaces - one for older childrens play equipment and the mini skate park.

Over the years, since the building of the concrete skate park further up the road the mini equipment has been little used and is now at the end of its life.

On this page, is a selection of exciting new pieces of equipment which the Leisure Committee thought would be unique to our play areas and some items unique to the Chorley area. Not all will fit but at least 5 items could make up the new area with a colourful wetpour surface. The committee is looking for feedback on these items - which would you like to see on the new area?

Top right - Roll Runner - much like a hamster wheel for children

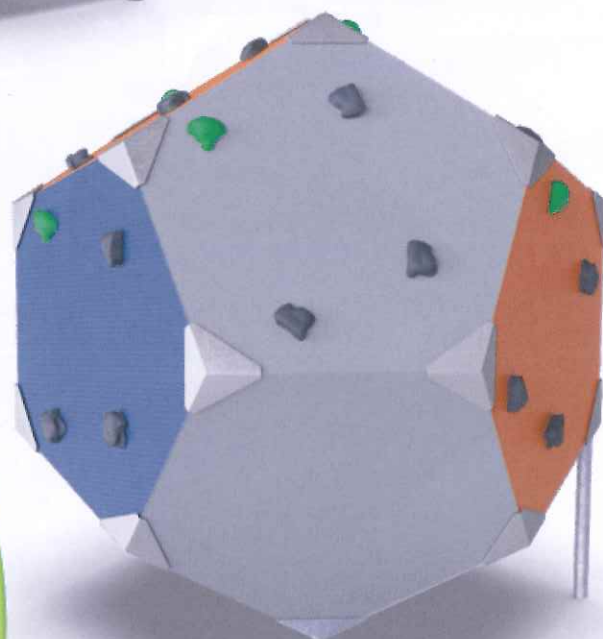
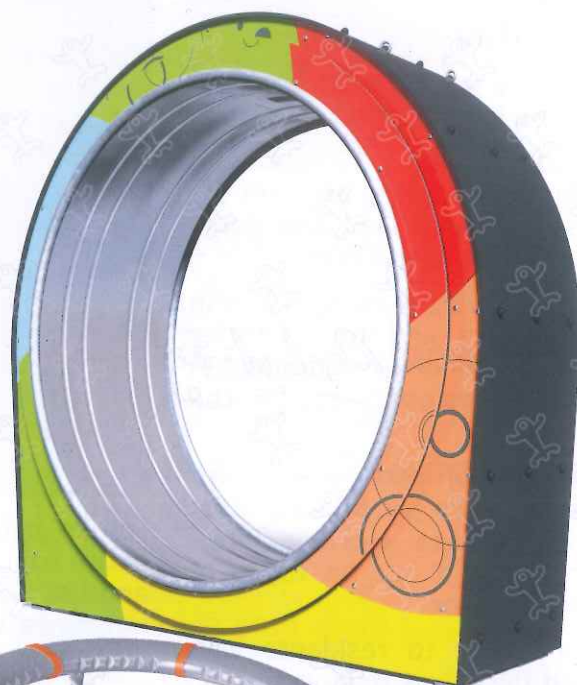
Under that - Supernova - turns around whilst running on its surface

Left middle - Cliff Rider - mimics pole volting in mid air from platform to platform

Right middle 2 pieces - similar to each other spinners, one as a full bowl but the other in separate compartments

Bottom left - Cocowave - large multi person pendulum swing

Bottom right - Bloqx - climbing equipment



Skip Day

Skip day in April was 'busy' to say the least...

Resident filled 3 35 feet sized skips from starting at 10am the first one was filled and doors closed on it by 10.15am.

There were many Parish Councillors and four Chorley ward Councillors joining in helping residents to fill the skips.

Chorley officers were also around to do pre-booked visits to homes to pick up items which could not be taken to skip in person.

Thank you to residents who used this event to have a clean up, Euxton Council for arranging and Chorley Council for the skips and staff help and not forgetting all the volunteer Councillors.

Garden solved

You may not have noticed if you don't pass that way but there is a new small garden been build to protect the large tree roots, which were very exposed and often wuld get driven over.

The new garden will help the tree by protecting its main roots from being damaged but also gives a very pretty solution to a problem.

This is just down from the Runshaw shops area leading to a small section of houses.



Left to right: Parish Councillors Joan and Barry Williamson, Dez Rigg, former parish councillor Tony Reed, parish & borough Cllr Gillian Sharples, Deputy Clerk and borough ward Cllr Alan Platt, Parish Councillors Helen Tune, Katrina Reed, our newest Cllr Sam Hoyle and Neil Hall and taking the photo the Clerk and Euxton borough ward Cllr Debra Platt



Election results 2022

These are the results of the Euxton Parish Council elections:



Euxton Buckshaw ward - 5 seats

Councillors Neil Hall, Katrina Reed & Aidy Riggott
2 vacancies remain - see below.

Euxton ward - 11 seats

Councillors Patrica Fellows, Ian Hamer, Eric Jones, Andy Oddy, Diane Patterson, Rebecca Peers, Dez Rigg, Helen Tune, Steve Walker, Barry Williamson, Joan Williamson

Euxton South ward - 2 seats

Councillors Sam Hoyle & Vyn Thornhill.

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL Councillor Vacancy in Euxton Buckshaw ward



Presently there two vacancies following the election for Parish Councillors on the Council in Euxton Buckshaw ward which are to 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 and on the website).

Co-opting will take place at the earliest 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.

E: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk
www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk



If you are coming to Gala Day - come and visit Euxton Council's stand, meet Councillors and maybe pick up a gift.



Euxton's Gala Day **Saturday July 2nd 2022** on the playing fields behind Euxton C of E Primary School, off Wigan Road in Euxton from 12 to 4pm

We're planning to bring most of the regular elements of Gala Day, including smaller rides, entertainment, food and refreshments.

**Put the date in your diary -
we can't wait to see you all again!**

Could you spare a few hours to help organise Euxton Gala Day in the run up, or on the day itself?

The organising committee is a small group of volunteers who meet once a month in the run up to Gala Day, and organise the day itself.

We're always looking for more people to help with the planning, and to set up/take down on the day.

If you'd like to volunteer, please email Kate - k.sage74@btinternet.com

Euxton Community Bowls Club

At a time when some Bowling Greens have sadly either closed or are under threat, it's very pleasing to see the Euxton green looking so good and the Club going from strength to strength - thanks as always to the continued work of the volunteer greenkeepers.

The early good weather enabled a couple of pre season social Saturdays to take place, kindly hosted by Bryan Sutton, who was on hand to give friendly bowling pointers and welcome some new members.

The League teams are ready to get stuck into the competitive games and are hoping to build on their successes from last season. Once again the Club knockout will feature through the season, so members who have entered need to keep their eye on the notice board for draw and date details - Good luck to All!

The Club would like to take this opportunity to send Congratulations to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the momentous occasion of her Platinum Jubilee - a marvellous achievement and example to us all on many levels, primarily for her enduring commitment in everything she undertakes.

Marilyn Bamber
ECBC member



Allotments

Allotmenters have been working hard with many putting a lot of effort in during the bad winter weather to get a head start.

It is quite amazing the transformation from an unused, overgrown field to allotment gardens, some with flowers, many with veg already growing and many showing much potential ahead of the main growing season.

Three plots changed hands at the start of the season and the three new allotmenters took over with enthusiasm.

Many of the ploholders have got together to create an Allotment Society and joined the National allotment society - this group will start to get together to help shape the site and make it a real community.

Some ducks already approve and have moved in!



Euxton library news

Gill is retiring on Wednesday 1st June from our Library family.

Gill has worked for Lancashire County Council for over 49 years, ever since leaving school.

She has been at Euxton Library for the last 10 years and has become a key component of the village community and a well-loved member of our library family.

Gill will be missed by her colleagues for her supportive nature, extensive knowledge and positive attitude.

Have a great retirement Gill.

Kath



Euxton Library Events

Author Events

Wednesday 6th July 2pm Roger Price

Wednesday 14th September 2pm Nick Oldham

Children's Events

Saturday 16th July - 10 - 12

Children's Author: Dom Conlon

"Readings from Dom's book Meet Matilda Rocket Builder and space facts to amaze you. Lots of space-themed crafts for all the family.

Monday

Lancashire Dialect Group 10:30am - 11:30am

Card Games Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Family History Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm (*Fortnightly, Booking essential)

Storytime 2:00pm - 2:30pm (*Term Time only)

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme 09:30am - 10:00am (*Term Time Only)

Get Online at Your Library 10:30am - 12:00pm (*Booking essential)

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

*2nd Wednesday of the month, closed 9-10am for staff training

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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15th June 2022
20th July 2022
17th August 2022

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All money raised goes to community funds

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am - 10:30am (*Term Time only)

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

Quiet Hour - first **Saturday** of each month:
9:00am - 10:00am

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Euxton Walks - Euxton has a large number of public rights of way for you to walk and enjoy the village from all angles.

45 specific paths are described and mapped on the Council's 'Walkers Guide to Euxton'.

Pick one up at Euxton Library. Map display boards are at the Library, Union Place BV, Brookwood Way BV, and at the Skate Park Southport Road.





Above: photo of the celebration cake



Euxton WI President Karen Hartley with a former president 2011-2015 Val Hough



Above: President of Lancashire Federation Jackie Hobson with Euxton president Karen Hartley

Euxton WI

We held our 100th Birthday Celebration tea in March which was attended by the President of Lancashire Federation Jackie Hobson and our Federation Treasurer Lynda Williams.

We also welcomed Debra Platt the Clerk to Euxton Council as our guest.

We have started a book about our experiences during the Pandemic which we think will be of interest to future members of WI.

We continue to collect for the Food Bank each month and we have various plans for the future months including an afternoon tea at Faringdon Lodge in September. Watch this Space.

We meet at beginning of each month on Wednesday and if you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough

Balshaw Lane Primary School

We are delighted with the generous donation of funding by the Parish Council which has enabled us to revitalise our pond area. We are fortunate to have this great resource in our grounds for science and nature work. This adds to our outdoor learning environment, along with our garden area, large field, gazebo, trim trail and multi-use games area.

Since our school expanded in 2018 due to our Ofsted Outstanding grade, we have been gradually growing in size. We will be fully two-form entry by September 2023. We take up to 60 children in Reception each year. This means that we have two straight-age classes in each year group. Our children now come from a wider catchment area, than before our expansion. As well as Euxton, our children come from Buckshaw Village, Gillibrand, Chorley and Astley Village. We have a few children from Coppull and Leyland too.

Parents tell us that our school still retains its welcoming, family ethos even though it is growing. This is great to hear because we have always had a strong values-based ethos at Balshaw Lane.

Most of our children move on to Parklands but several go to other high schools, including St Michael's. Our school is a community school but our children can, of course, still move on to church high schools.

We enjoy working closely with Parklands and loved seeing many of our ex-pupils in their recent, excellent dance show. Two of their head pupils are also from our school, as is current U19 cricketing star Josh Boyden.

Since the spring, it has been brilliant to enjoy whole school events again, following the pandemic. It has been a joy to welcome in parents for our class assemblies, sing as a whole school and see all our year groups working together again. Our vibrant Balshaw Lane culture is certainly back!

At the time of writing, we are excited for our forthcoming Jubilee events. We will be focusing our curriculum work on the history of the royal family and creating artwork based on the commonwealth. We will be having a Jubilee celebration 'street party', complete with decorations, party food, a 'coronation' and singing to round off the afternoon.

Then in June, we will be holding our 'Last Night of the Pops' evening, celebrating the music of the Jubilee decades whilst families enjoy a picnic on our field. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Whatever you and your family are doing, we hope you enjoy the Jubilee celebrations too!

Visits to the school are welcomed from prospective parents. We have a few remaining places for September 2022. Phone 01257 278722.

There will be Open Days in Autumn 2022 for Reception 2023.



Ms Helen Gregson
Headteacher

Councillors...

Euxton Ward

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| Patricia Fellows | 277213 |
| Ian Hamer | 267280 |
| Eric Jones | 265013 |
| Andy Oddy | 07717 895242 |
| Diane Patterson | 431111 |
| Rebecca Peers | 277821 |
| Dez Rigg | 273986 |
| Helen Tune | 411711 |
| Steve Walker | 07766 695316 |
| Barry Williamson | 460168 |
| Joan Williamson | 460168 |

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

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| Neil Hall | 07557 885210 |
| Katrina Reed | 271199 |
| Aidy Riggott | 07585 633025 |

2 vacancies, see page 2

Euxton South Ward

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| Sam Hoyle | |
| Vyn Thornhill | 274550 |



Euxton Parish Council

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings. **2022 meetings check agenda on website and noticeboards for details, Thursdays 16 June, 21 July, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November.**

Noticeboard Locations

- Wigan Road, St Mary's car park
- Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills
- Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive
- Euxton Buckshaw Village behind the Hub adjacent to play area
- Euxton Buckshaw Village Barnes Wallis Way behind Tesco
- Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre
- Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops

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