



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



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## Chairman's Column



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

At the January Full Council meeting a new Councillor was co-opted, Mr Neil Hall, congratulations to Neil and a warm welcome from all the Parish Councillors.

However as we welcome Neil we have to say thank you and goodbye to Mark Parr who resigned at the beginning of the year. This now means that there is a further vacancy on the Parish Council so if anyone is interested please see the website or contact our Clerk who will help you through the process of applying (see page 2).

A good turnout for the singing round the Christmas tree and a most enjoyable mince pie and hot drink was enjoyed by all (photos page 2).

I was invited by Kath and the Euxton Library staff to attend the informal Christmas singing by the pupils of Euxton C of E, St. Marys and Primrose Hill School, again these were well attended and the singing was wonderful, thank you Kath for the invite and to all the children, teachers and helpers.

Euxton Lane was opened at the end of January, all work completed, thank you for your patience whilst this was going on.

Lots of news and pictures inside including an article regarding "Friends of Euxton Library" a new group led by Parish Councillor Mark Jarnell, training in the use of the defibrillators which EPC has provided around the Euxton area and of course the Litter Picks.

Hope to see you at one or all of the events and of course at the monthly meetings.

**Councillor Katrina Reed**  
Chairman

## New projects and future proofing

Euxton Council confirmed its budget for the coming financial year, beginning April 2017 running through to March 2018.

The Parish Council tax element for an average band D household will be £35.14, which is a rise, in contrast to each of the last seven years, which had all been reduced.

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

In the coming financial year the Council has a number of exciting plans to improve and enhance amenities in the village including the pond project on the Millennium Green which Cllr Thornhill updates on page 2, the delivery of the bowling green project for the village, the replacement of Greenside play area equipment, and a budget for any future service provision it may have to consider providing, if they become threatened - one such project is around protecting our library, see page 4.

A summary of the 2017/2018 budget can be found on page 5, but if you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

## Life Saving Equipment now in Euxton...

I reported in the last two newsletters on the Council's project to provide life saving Defibrillator units in the village, and now the project is nearly complete.



Public access units have been installed at the Library, Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton Villa FC entrance gate and portable units at Euxton St Mary's Church (see photo page 4) and at Euxton Cricket Club.

The final installation is now complete, adjacent the skate park facility on Southport Road.

At a recent committee meeting a final unit was ordered, which is a training unit to be used by Cllr Jarnell to train residents in the use of the AED units (see page 3 for free training places).

Get in touch if you have ideas for an AED locations.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
Chairman, All Purposes Committee

Attend the first Euxton Library Friends meeting - 'become an ELF' - see page 3

**AED & CPR**  
Free AED and CPR training - see page 3

**Euxton Open Gardens**  
details on page 7

**the big lunch**  
an eden project  
See how to join in on page 7

## Millennium Green improvements

Work on upgrading the perimeter path and construction of the new path across the Green is nearly complete. There is still a final layer of crushed stone to be placed and compacted. The Council hopes that users will be pleased with the work. All the feedback that we have had has been good.

It is our intention that the Millennium Green paths should be generally accessible for wheelchair users, pram pushers and the infirm. The way into the Green is either through steps, at the Wigan Road end, or from the car park, which we had assumed was the access for those who find steps difficult. However, it was pointed out to us that, for much of the day, it is impossible or unsafe for those on foot or in wheelchairs etc to get to the car park, unless in a car, because of all the vehicles parked in the roadway and on the footpath and that, for these people, the Green would remain inaccessible.

There is little that we can do about the hospital parking - the road alongside the hospital to the care home is not a public road. Together with our contractor, DW Groundwork, we looked at solutions for overcoming the difficulty and work will shortly start on a new ramped access with handrail in the corner of the Green where the hospital road meets Euxton Hall Gardens. We decided not to convert the existing stepped access to a ramp because this would have introduced a long ramp into the middle of the Green. It was better to keep the ramp alongside the perimeter fence. We hope that residents who find it difficult to get about will use of the new access which will make the Green available to them.

We reported in the last letter that we had to take down one of our large, mature, and apparently healthy trees because it was becoming potentially dangerous, due to disease. We know that the tall bare stump that we have left has attracted mixed reviews but hope that it

will benefit wildlife, with woodpeckers and nuthatches being possible users.

A project manager from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust has been appointed to help us take forward the project to create a permanent pond on the Green. He is preparing a design and cost estimate so that we can apply for planning permission and approach grant funding organisations.

This year we are going to leave part of the Green, at the west end (the care home end), unmown until late in the year with a view to turning it into a wild flower meadow. In this first year we will just leave it and see what wildflowers might already be there (it hasn't had weedkiller or fertiliser applied and so there may be some residual wildflowers). What we have there already will tell us more about what type of wildflower we need to import in future if we are to create a meadow that is both pretty and attractive to wildlife. We expect that some users might prefer to see the whole green mown and tidy but let's give it a try.

Other items addressed recently have been the gates, we have installed new gates to the Green, so the passenger gate is better and the large gates for the mower access can be padlocked and kept safely shut; and the fence corner which was bit by a vehicle has been repaired.

**Councillor Mervyn Thornhill**

Project Manager for Millennium Green

## Vacancy, Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Euxton Council and interested residents are invited to write in a letter of application to the Clerk.

*To qualify, a person must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, over 18 years of age and an elector, must reside within the parish of Euxton, or within 3 miles of it, or occupy as owner or tenant any land or premises therein, or have their principal or only place of work there, and must not be disqualified from holding office as a Councillor (details from the Clerk). Closing date: March 6th.*

## Christmas Event

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Christmas Carols sing-a-long outside at the War Memorial just before Christmas. It was great to see so many residents in attendance, especially those with young families coming along to join in the fun.

Judging by the number of cups of tea and mince pies consumed afterwards singing is thirsty work!

A special thank you to all those, young and old (including plenty of Councillors), who got dressed up in Christmas attire, this is something we will be continuing with next year.



I hope to see you then!

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
All Purposes Committee  
Chairman

Left: Councillors Marilyn Bamber, Aidy Riggott and Katrina Reed making the tea

Top right: Cllr Marilyn Bamber presenting prizes to three young residents who dressed up and

Right: the Christmas tree with singers around, on the night






# Defibrillator Training FOR YOU

After our successful drive to increase the number of AEDs (Defibrillators) across Euxton, which has been supported by a number of organisations, we have arranged some training for members of groups and residents who wish to know how this equipment would work in case of an emergency.



*'WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?'*

 "Join us at one of our Free sessions run by the North West Ambulance Service and learn simple life-saving skills including how to recognise a cardiac arrest, carry-out effective CPR and use an Automated External defibrillator (AED)"

North West Ambulance Service 

These sessions will be lead by Cllr Mark Jarnell who is First Responder for our area.

The sessions will take place in Euxton PC Community Centre, Annexe Building from:



7pm to 8pm on  
**Thursday, 30th March**  
and another session on  
7.30pm to 8.30pm  
**Tuesday, 25th April**

Please contact the Clerk to register your FREE place on one of the training sessions.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
Chairman, All Purposes Committee

**EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**2017/2018 Precept Budget**

Description		C/Fwd and allocated funds	Budget request 2017/18
<b>Employees</b>	Employees		60000
	Payroll Services		900
	Mileage employees		1800
	Training employees		1800
<b>Housekeeping</b>	General Office - stationery, copy,		1700
	Publicity - newsletter/AnnRep/ Other		3500
	Insurance		1950
	Subscriptions		1200
	Audit		900
	Legal Fees/Planning Investigations		2500
	Website maintenance		780
	Room hire		1000
<b>Council</b>	Elections and Parish Poll Fund	5000	
	Contingency	17900	6340
	Training Councillors		200
<b>Grants/\$137</b>	Grants		3000
	Christmas Celebrations		2000
<b>Special Events/Projects</b>	Euxton Gala		100
	Speed Indicator Device new plates	150	
	Neighbourhood Plan	2000	
	Comms and social media methods		50
	Increase public involvement work		250
	Finance software		113
	Millennium Green project	14545	
	Heritage/Sign project		1500
	Defibrillator project		2500
	Services provision		5000
	Millennium Green pond		30000
<b>Amenity/Utility</b>	Utilities		1000
	Gardens/Planting		10000
	Street Sweeping Machine Fund		4000
	All Purposes Committee		2500
	Play Equipment Replace Scheme	15124	34876
	Amenity/Open Space RRM		20000
<b>Large Project Savings</b>	Land Fund/Amenity Play	18684	
	Bowling/Boules Project	116600	
<b>Other</b>	Healthy Streets	617	
	Ransnap Brook	279	
	CIL (unallocated)	2499	
		197398	201459
	Less cash in hand		50515
	Precept request @£35.14 (per average band D property)		150944



# Euxton Library Friends

## Do You Love Your Library?

Whether you borrow books, use the internet, visit to listen to guest speakers, undertake community training or educational sessions - our local library is truly the cultural hub of our community.

As you may be aware twelve months ago, Lancashire County Council carried out a formal consultation on the future of library services as part of their programme of savings.

Euxton Library remains as a standalone library to serve our growing community. Some of our surrounding libraries have either be listed for closure or their services downgraded.

As future changes develop within the County Council's service provision, we need to ensure the local community are engaged and involved to help shape future provision of our local needs.

The Parish Council, as a proactive council, is committed to assisting with this engagement of the community in to this process and will assist with the setup of a 'Friends of Euxton Library Group'.

The new group can engage with residents to find out what services they would like to see delivered from the library site, as well as whether the community would consider taking on the running of a library should our library ever be considered no longer required by the County Council.



The first meeting of the Euxton Library Friends will be on **Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.15pm** in the Annexe building of the Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road (next to Papa Luigis).

**Councillor Mark Jarnell**  
Chairman Euxton Library Working Group

## Badged Seats

As part of its ongoing renewal and maintenance of our benches, we have added some nice new logos to our benches to help residents see the work we are doing in the community. As always, if you know a good location for a bench or have spotted one that needs some tlc, please get in touch with the Clerk.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
Chairman, All Purposes Committee





## Councillor Profile - Neil Hall

I am a Preston lad, although I have lived in both Leyland & Grimsargh, and now I am proudly part of the Euxton community. I'm married with two grown up daughters and two grandsons. My youngest daughter Rachel, a social worker lives in South Shields. She stayed in the north after completing her studies at Newcastle and Durham Universities. My eldest daughter Sian is a lawyer and associate partner at a firm of Solicitors in Preston. My wife Yvonne and I enjoy our retirement with walking, photography and our adorable grandsons. Much to Yvonne's pleasure I'm a keen cook and often take 'the helm' in the kitchen. I also have a canoe on which I take to the water from time to time.

My working life started at Leyland Motors where I took an engineering apprenticeship. On completion of my apprenticeship I joined the merchant navy. After five years at sea as an engineer officer I returned to Leyland and moved from drawing office to marketing and onto export sales in fairly short order. My last roll at Leyland was as Commercial Director for a BL subsidiary of Landrover Leyland International responsible for French speaking countries in West Africa. Post Landrover Leyland I have worked for Bedford and Audi VW Porsche in both the UK and Middle East.

When I was recently co-opted onto the Euxton Parish Council I was given a "Good Councillor Guide" as part of my induction pack. There was one paragraph within the book that I will remember for ever... "you are now part of the democratic framework of the country representing your community"... As the first tier of local government parish councils are uniquely placed to represent and contribute to our local community. When one looks at some of the projects that have been completed and that are planned in Euxton the parish council do just that and I'm both honoured & proud to be part of that team.

I have always been interested in the community where I have lived and I am now in a position to give something back using some of the skills that I have picked up along the way. Having lived and worked around the world I have developed a non-judgmental attitude and enjoyed learning about the diversity of people. I believe in inclusion for everyone. I am also passionate about the preservation of the traditional village way of life, without being a 'stick in the mud'. I don't mind expansion and growth providing it is justified, measured and needed. Furthermore I do want to preserve our green belt, which in many instances today we appear to treat in an all too commercial way. So if you see me on one of my daily walks through the village don't hesitate to stop me, whether it is just a 'hello' or if you have an issue to discuss or a question to ask.

**Councillor Neil Hall**

## Defibrillator Presentation

This was the presentation of the Portable AED unit to Euxton St Mary's Church council by the Chairman Katrina Reed.



## Euxton Signs

Inspired by an idea championed by Cllr Marilyn Bamber we have located some new bespoke ironwork in the form of 'Euxton' signs around the parish. Even though some of these are near the 'entrances' to Euxton, they are not intended as formal boundary markers (which we already have). Their location depends on where they can be safely installed in a prominent location for residents to enjoy. How many have you seen? Let us know if you like this idea.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**

Chairman All Purposes Committee



Cllr Aidy Riggott by one of the new signs on Dawbers Lane and at the Millennium Green on the new gates.





Thanks to Chorley's Development Control Committee who rejected the application by Gladman Developments for a major housing development in the land off Pear Tree Lane and School Lane (16/00633/OUTMAJ).

Councillor Aidy Riggott represented the Parish Council at the meeting and spoke strongly against the development together with local resident Sue Shannon and Euxton North Borough Councillor, Danny Gee. We will have to wait and see if Gladman appeal against the decision. Residents should be aware also that, under the Chorley Local Plan, this land remains "safeguarded for future development", probably to be reintroduced as a housing allocation under the next revision of the Plan. Still, a victory for the present!

The other major developer's assault on our green fields, and, in this case, also on our Green Belt, the proposal to replace Gleadhill House and its associated buildings with a field full of houses (16/00633/OUTMAJ) was also considered by the Development Control Committee at their February meeting. The Parish Council is disappointed that the Borough Chief Planning Officer has considered it appropriate to support this application and to provide justification for what, to the layman, seems a blatant intrusion of a development into the undeveloped green Belt. I spoke for the Parish Council and Euxton South Borough Councillor Debra Platt also addressed the meeting, both very much against the proposal. Borough Councillors Danny Gee and Tom Gray, who are both members of the Committee, also spoke against the proposal. I felt that the Committee was generally inclined against the proposal but, by a narrow margin, opted to first go and view the proposal on site and consider it again at a future meeting.

When Parish Councillors and private objectors or supporters speak at these meetings they are only given 3 minutes each (ward Borough Councillors get 5) and there is a strict limit on the number that can speak. It is very difficult to build an argument in that time and you have to think very carefully about what you want to say (as I found out when I had to remove one of my points when I saw time running out). All you can really do is make one or two simple points. There is no questioning of speakers and their arguments - in fairness, there simply isn't time. My personal view is that a written objection is a much better way of stating your argument and that appearing before the Committee is more a matter of "flying the flag" than making the argument. Even so, I did think the Committee that I attended had grasped the issues before them (on other applications, as well as that for Gleadhill) Lancashire County Council submitted a planning application for the expansion of Balshaw Lane Primary School (16/01169/CTY), one that they determine themselves but they take on board comments, support and objections from the Borough and Parish Councils, local residents and interest groups. The application is for additional class rooms, sports pitches and car parking and will eventually, if approved, increase the school size from about 270 to 420 pupils. Parking and manoeuvring at schools seems to be a problem everywhere and the situation around this school is cause of much complaint.

The additional parking might help to meet the staff parking requirements but will do nothing to solve problems of access, dropping off and picking up etc which plague Bredon Avenue and nearby roads and which would only get worse.



Cllr Aidy Riggott commented, "I spoke at the Development Control Committee on the Parish Councils' objections, also Sue Unsworth gave a fantastic speech on behalf of residents. I just wanted to say, from all involved with the joint Resident & Parish Council Working Group, a big congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped fight this unwanted application".

The Parish Council does, of course, wish to see good quality accommodation provided for all local pupils but is concerned that this large increase in capacity will make an already unsatisfactory situation much worse. The Council was irritated to note that a Traffic Risk Assessment, which should look into all these issues and which was promised in an earlier LCC report, had not been undertaken and appeared to have been quietly forgotten. The Council reminded LCC of this and asked that the application should not be determined until it had taken place.

The application was heard by the LCC Development Control Committee in January but the recommendation from the planning officer, who seemed to be alive to the local concerns, was that the Committee should view the site - to which they agreed. We still have heard nothing yet about the Traffic Risk Assessment and will press for it to be undertaken before the Committee meets to decide the application.

The Lancashire and Chorley Development Control Committees only consider applications after the proposed development has been advertised and comments (of objection or support) have been invited and received. The Committee will get a report from the Planning Officer that summarises the number and content of the objections received and responds to them. I would urge anyone who is opposing (or supporting) a development proposal to make a written objection. Don't assume that someone else will do it and don't just think "Oh they'll get it anyway, it doesn't matter what I say". Your parish councillors will be happy to raise any concerns when the Council discusses the application.

**Councillor Mervyn Thornhill**  
Lead Member for Planning

## GALA DAY

The annual celebration of village life, Euxton Gala Day, will be held on **Saturday July 1st, 2017**. The event takes place on the playing fields behind Euxton C of E Primary School, off Wigan Road in Euxton, and will open at 1pm.

Gala Day is a much-loved day on Euxton's calendar, when families and friends gather to enjoy traditional fun and games, with any luck, under the glorious summer sun.

Euxton Gala Day, which has been an annual fixture on the calendar for four decades, is organised and run by a dedicated group of volunteers who aim to create a fun, friendly event while raising funds for Euxton Methodist Church and Euxton Church of England Church. In the event of poor weather, Euxton Gala Day may be cancelled and the committee will endeavour to notify the public in advance of the event.

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

**Victoria Jayne**  
Euxton Gala Day Committee

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## national spring cleaning week

6th - 12th March 2017

### Volunteer Litter Picks

Following on from the huge success of last years litter picks we have set some more dates for the spring and early summer period.

11th March - Greenside & Ransnap Woods Clean Up (meet Greenside recreation fields)

15th April - Buckshaw Village (Meet at Tesco Car Park)

27th May - Footpaths around the Cricket Club (meet at skate park car park)

8th July - Please send in your suggestions for a location for this date

All start at 10.30am and all equipment is provided. Please get in touch for further details. For our opening litter pick in Ransnap Woods we would particularly welcome support from any Scout or Guide Group that are looking for some outdoors fun in a way that will be helpful to the community. Please get in touch with me for further details.

**Councillor Aidy Riggott**  
Chairman All Purposes Committee



### Community Skip Day

**Saturday, 11th March 2017**  
on Greenside recreation grounds  
hard-standing from 9am to 1pm.

There will be neighbourhood officers from Chorley Council available at the skip to help put items in.

If you need assistance or have a heavy item you can book these in for some of the helpers to call round and collect call Ch 515151 ask to book in assistance for the Skip Day at Greenside on Saturday, 11th March.

Here are some ideas for your Spring Cleaning week

Have a clear out - de-clutter

Clean up your area or help others to clear out

Take re-usable items to the Charity Shop

Cut down on unwanted junk mail

Sell or gift unwanted items to Schpock or Freegle or other local sites

Get collected, or take to skip day, bulky items

Remember the waste and recycling centre at Burgh Way, Chorley (The Tip) is open:

8am - 5pm 7 days a week until 31st March; then from

1st April 8am - 7pm 7 days a week



### Your New Bin Collections

Chorley Council will be changing some of your Bin collections soon.

(GREEN bin) Domestic and non-recyclable waste will not change and still be collected every two weeks.

(BLUE bin) Recyclable waste such as plastics, cans, glass etc will not change and still be collected every two weeks. The pod in the bin will not be required, making your bins space larger.

(BROWN bin) Paper and cardboard will now be collected mixed together in the Brown bin, which you used to use for garden waste. This will be collected every four weeks from July 2017.

(GREY bin) Garden waste will now be chargeable. It is a voluntary opt-in scheme which costs £30 per year. For this you will get a new 240L Grey bin and it will be collected every two weeks from July 2017.

For full details visit [chorley.gov.uk/bins](http://chorley.gov.uk/bins). You will be able to sign up to the garden waste collections from 1 March.

Free places for all three and four year olds

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## Do you want to grab some lunch together?

Have you ever thought about whether you enjoy your community? What part you play in it? Your influence and your impact?

We live in a digital age where we can connect with friends, family and colleagues all over the world in a heartbeat. But what do we know about the people who live right next door to us, or across the street? And what effect might knowing those who are our nearest, if not our dearest, have on us as individuals, on how we feel about where we live, and on society as a whole...?

The relationships we have where we live and work have a major impact on our health and happiness - people

actually live longer if they have more frequent social contact.

It's not just health that improves as a result. Having lunch with your neighbours, for example, doesn't

sound like the obvious way to tackle crime, reduce loneliness and isolation or quell community tensions. But the people who take part in The Big Lunch tell us they feel less isolated, that they feel safer where they live, and that people from different backgrounds come together and become friends.

We are looking to hold an Euxton Big Lunch event in June 2017 and would love to hear from local groups who would like to get involved in organising the event as well as artists and musicians who would like to perform for free at the event and entertain the community.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch with the council.

**Councillor Mark Jarnell**  
The Euxton Big Lunch Lead  
Euxton Parish Council

## Euxton Open Gardens

**Monday 29th May 1pm** from  
Euxton PC Community Centre.

A number of gardens around the village will be open for visitors - visit the community centre to buy a programme or for refreshments, serving Cream Teas



## Loneliness can be right under our noses

Understanding - Loneliness is described by the Campaign to End Loneliness as a subjective, unwelcome feeling of lack or loss of companionship, which happens when we have a mismatch between the quantity and quality of social relationships that we have, and those that we want.

**Loneliness can affect anyone  
at any stage of their life.**

It can affect people of all ages and from all backgrounds - from the bullied school child, to the new mother, to the pensioner who has outlived her friends and immediate family. Feeling lonely becomes a major problem when people are overwhelmed by it - when it is chronic - and can't, for many reasons, take action to tackle it.

**I pledge to start a conversation**

Jo Cox put it perfectly, "young or old, loneliness doesn't discriminate...it is something many of us could easily help with. Looking in on a neighbour, visiting an elderly relative or making that call or visit we've been promising to a friend we haven't seen in a long time." Be part of the solution by pledging to start a conversation today.

To find out more about how you can Pledge against loneliness in your own area visit [www.jocoxloneliness.org](http://www.jocoxloneliness.org) or just call or visit a neighbour regularly.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday **13th April 2017 at 7pm** in the Annexe building, Euxton PC Community Centre, off Wigan Road.

This is a public meeting for electors of Euxton who can raise questions or put forward suggestions to the meeting. Local groups are invited to attend and give a report, as this is an excellent opportunity for them to publicise their activities. Local County and Borough Councillors are welcome to attend, and speak, if they wish.

An Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory meeting open to electors and must be held once a year between 1 March and 1 June. It may be summoned by the Chairman of a Parish Council under Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12 Para 17 (1) and shall, if present preside at this meeting.

**Cllr Katrina Reed**

Chairman of the Parish Council

NB. This meeting is a Parish Meeting, not a meeting of Euxton Parish Council.

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## Helping you stay in your own home

Age Concern Central Lancashire, an independent charity based in Preston, delivers services which promote independent living for people 55 or over, their carers, family and friends in Chorley.

The free Take Home and Settle service offers practical help and support, delivered with dignity and compassion, for older people, normally independent and living at home, who have a pre-planned discharge following a stay in hospital. Referrals are made by the hospital and we work with the hospital and the older person to ensure a smooth transition and assist with immediate practical tasks, such as a crisis shop and other activities to enable a smooth and stress free return home. We undertake an assessment of need and often refer on to our Promoting Independence service for additional short-term support.

The free Promoting Independence service offers short-term preventative support for older people to help them remain independent. It provides practical and emotional support at a time of crisis, or to avoid a potential crisis, support to help maintain or develop daily living skills and to then further promote links back into the community to enable social interaction and promote engagement in activities and local groups.

This service could help if you, or anyone you know, is struggling with daily living tasks and may need support, for

example, due to a bereavement or fall, or be at risk of an injury, following hospital discharge or recent illness and is struggling to become independent again or suffering from a loss of confidence and/or loneliness or social isolation.

To make a referral to the Promoting Independence service, telephone 01772 552867 or use our website ([www.55plus.org.uk](http://www.55plus.org.uk)) and select 'Services', 'Making a Referral to Our Services', 'Promoting Independence'. We will contact you back within 72 working hours to arrange an assessment visit.

Some of the Promoting Independence team are usually at Euxton Library on the first Wednesday of each month between 9:30am and 11:00am. Stop by and have a chat if you are in the area. They will be wearing purple polo tops or fleeces.

We also provide a Home Help Service, that is more than just a cleaner, for people aged 50 plus, offering a high quality domestic and shopping support service provided at a reasonable cost to help you remain independent in your own home. Telephone 01772 552879 and speak to one of our friendly team.

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**Nicholas Higham**

Older Peoples Promoting Independence Manager

## Euxton Health & Well Being Group

Euxton Health & Well Being Group meet at Euxton Library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. On Wednesday 14th December they had a visit from The Holistic Living Group, based in Preston.

A presentation was given by Khushalbhair Kumar (Reiki Grandmaster & Homeopath)

We first determined the word "Holistic" meaning whole. We are not just a physical body to be treated on one level but have mental and emotional levels as well and all need to be looked after to be a fully balanced and healthy individual.

The group agreed that modern life puts us under lots of pressures resulting in stress. Our ever changing, dynamic environment impacts greatly on our health. Factors like the Universe, place, climate, community and family, all play their part. In turn this inevitably has an effect on our breathing. We can develop bad habits that we are not aware of that then become part of our life and can affect our health.

If we are stressed we breathe more quickly and less deeply. Emotions like danger, excitement and anxiety cause fast, shallow breathing habits.

The group enjoyed a taster session in Yogic breathing (pranayama) and learnt about the many benefits you can reap from regular practice.

It is important to remember that breathe not only has an effect on a physical level, oxygenating every cell in our body but has a great effect on our mental and emotional wellbeing. It affects our thought processes, our behaviour patterns and our communication. A reduction in anxiety and stress means that we can enjoy life as we should and be Happy, Healthy & Cheerful.

For further information on the Holistic Living Group please contact: Jaishri Mistry [jaishri.mistry@gmail.com](mailto:jaishri.mistry@gmail.com)

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## Euxton group reaches 1,000 member milestone

I started a Facebook page called "Euxton Then & Now" back in 2014 and it recently welcomed its 1,000th member.

There are members from around the world, and it has become a great resource site for anything and everything Euxton.



It was initially anticipated to serve as a page for people to compare and contrast old photographs of the village and share memories. However, it has developed over the years to become a great page for the community to share local news, events, stories and has even helped lost pets be returned to their owners and reunite lost friends and property.



The photos are of Coronation Terrace on Wigan Road showing how they were and how they look now.

Previously it was used as a platform for the Save Euxton Library campaign and recently, kept residents informed of progress with the Euxton Lane bridge closure.

As more members join and add to the site, it will continue to develop and grow in content and value. Hopefully it will be the go-to online page for Euxton news past and present for years to come.

**Stuart Clewlow**

## Chapel Brook restored



The land at Chapel Brook, just down from the CE Church wall, used by Network Rail as their works compound, has been left in tidy state following their exit in February.

The temporary surfaces were removed and the land cleaned and cleared and a new path section laid and section of fence bordering the pavement.

## Residents' Letter

We all know of the fantastic work Ray Chadwick and his team do, but I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Ray who gave up time for me and was so supportive kind and thoughtful throughout a recent difficult time.  
Many Thanks Ray.  
P. Yates + meg

## YMCA in Euxton

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We have been on Talbot Row since August 2015. We would love to see you - we have lovely things to buy at very reasonable prices.

We still need kind donations from clothes, Bric a Brac, books, electrical items, and small pieces of furniture.



We are holding a spring launch on **Thursday 6th April** and the shop will be open until 7.30pm call in for Bargains and much, much more.

**Sam, Manager**

## Tournament dates on Greenside

Friday, 6th May 2017 4pm to 7pm is the Primary Schools Tournament

Thursday, 11th May 2017 3.30pm to 6pm is the High Schools Tournament

Monday 7th August to 12th August 10am till 3pm each day is Football Summer School

Please be aware there will be a lot of cars around this area on the two schools tournament days.

**Dennis Winn**

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New members are always welcome.

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

Next meetings are:

**2, 16, 30 March**

**13, 27 April**

**11, 25 May; 8, 22 June**

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 WI

2017 is upon us and as usual seems to be passing quite quickly!

At Euxton WI we have a very busy year celebrating our 95th Birthday in March! Yes we are among the oldest clubs in Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes.

We will of course have a Birthday party and a surprise for each member!

However we have lots of interesting speakers planned for the rest of the year and we are delighted to welcome new members.

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**

Photo of Christmas Meal at Charnock Farm



## 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 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

April (6th) Melanie Lathom "Jams, Pickles & Chutneys"

May (4th) Paul Williamson "Stairway to Heaven" - Skyscrapers of New York

June (1st) Dr Colin Penny "A History of Lancaster Castle"

July (5th) Helen Brown "Life of a Florist"

### Other Activities:

Wednesday 8th March Euxton Health & Well Being Group - Speaker Natasha Mellor

Wednesday 15th March Talk: Angela Swift - "Natural Health: Essential Oils"

Wednesday 19th April - Bike Marking

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



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

NEW GROUP - Health & Well Being Group - with Dr Ramesh Gupta 10:30am - 11:30 am (\*2nd Wednesday of the month)

\*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 Monday 10:00 am-12:00 noon

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. Next walk is 24th April

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

All the events in the library cannot be featured in the newsletter as there is just not the space but, this was a visit from Santa, right, and below Primrose Hill Primary School choir singing Christmas Carols.





# *Churches Together in Euxton*

## *Easter Services*

### Methodist Church

Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday  
10.30 am Morning Worship including  
blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses

Sunday 16th April - Easter Day  
10.30 am Easter Celebration including  
Sacrament of Holy Communion and  
Dressing of the Easter Cross with Flowers

### Euxton CE Church

9th April Palm Sunday 8.00 am and 10.00 am  
Holy Communion

13th April Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm Holy  
Communion

14th April 10.00 am Messy Church for Good  
Friday (in Church Community Centre)  
and 12 noon Good Friday Service

16th April Easter Day 8.00 am and 10.00 am  
Holy Communion

### St Mary's RC Church

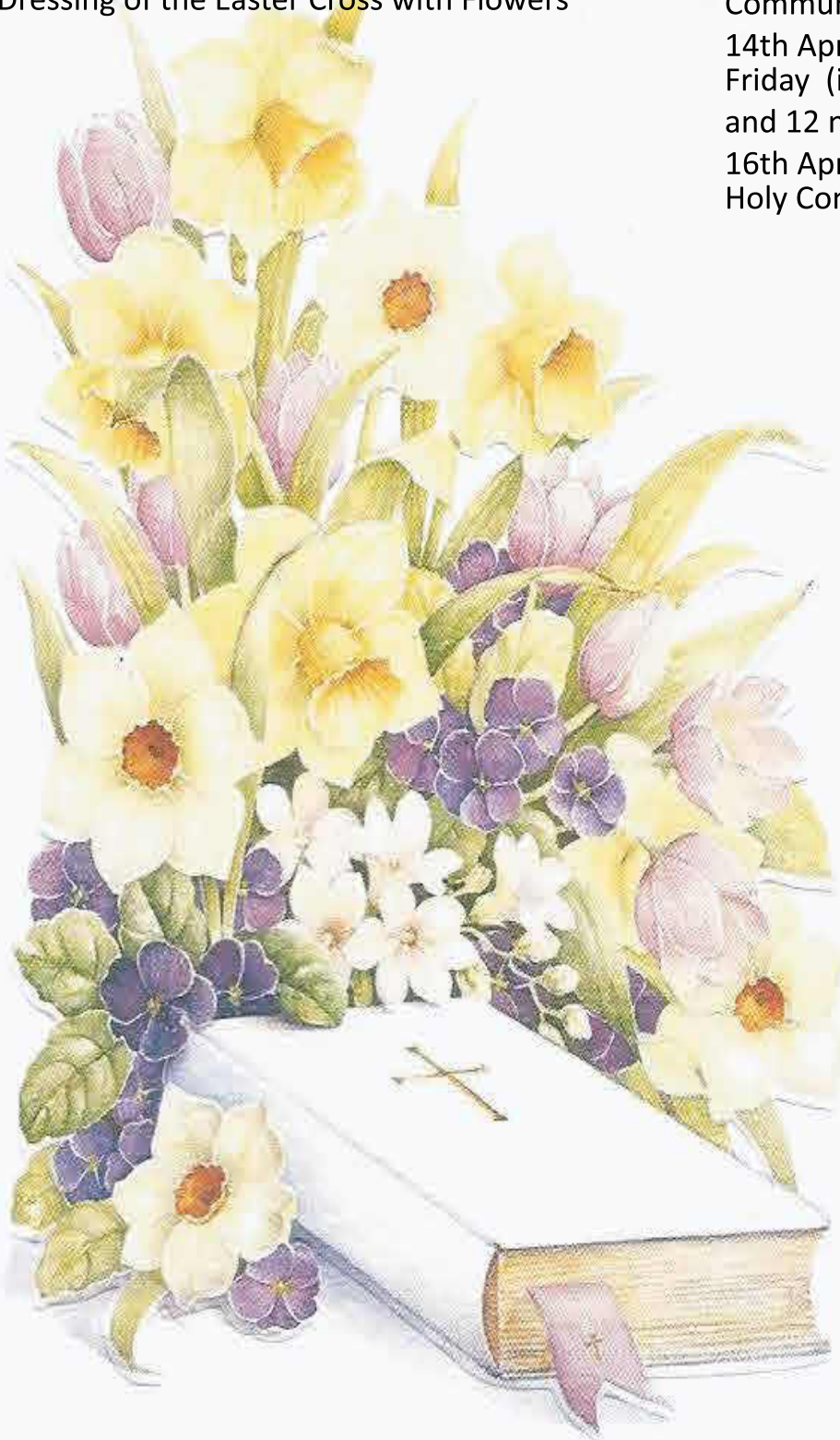
Palm Sunday 9th April  
8.30 am Blessing of Palms and Mass  
of the Passion  
10.30 am Blessing of Palms and  
Mass of the Passion

Maundy Thursday 13th April  
7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lords  
Supper

Good Friday 14th April  
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Holy Saturday 15th April  
7.00pm The Paschal Vigil. First Mass  
of Easter

Easter Sunday 16th April  
10.30 Mass of Easter Sunday



Pop In dates are:

### Euxton Library

Monday 13th March 6pm - 7pm  
Monday 24th April 6pm - 7pm  
Monday 5th June 6pm - 7pm

### Buckshaw Community Centre

Wednesday 22nd March 6.30pm-7.30pm

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[www.lancashire.police.uk](http://www.lancashire.police.uk)

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### Neighbourhood Policing Team:

Euxton, Astley & Buckshaw Villages  
PC 3932 Carl Exley  
PCSO 7696 Ray Chadwick,  
PCSO 7776 Lee Reed  
PCSO 7287 Megan Gornall

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Central Control Centre 101

Crimestoppers (anonymous) 0800 555 111

### Police Reports

**Euxton:** We have had several reports of anti-social behaviour around Euxton North. We have made regular patrols of the area engaging with groups of teenage youths who are possibly responsible for the nuisance. The ASB reports now seem to have subsided and we will continue to patrol the areas.

We are still having problems with parking issues around Euxton Schools. We are working with the schools to try and achieve a solution to resolve these problems.

**Buckshaw Village:** There has been many reports of anti-social behavior caused by groups of teenage youths, often by youths who live outside of Buckshaw Village. We have stepped up our patrols of Buckshaw Village to combat this behaviour. We are also working alongside other partners such as housing associations and schools to identify and deal with the offenders.

Thefts are still occurring from insecure vehicles and from outbuildings such as sheds and garages. Please don't leave anything of value on display inside your vehicles as this attracts offenders to commit theft. If you have anything of value being stored outside, you must make it secure.

### Councillors...

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Simon Wellerd	234644

#### South Ward

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#### North East Ward

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### Euxton Parish Council

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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, 16 March	Thursday, 20 April
Thursday, 18 May	Thursday, 15 June

### 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.



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