



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



March 2015, Issue 60



### Chairman's Column

Hello to you all and welcome to the first issue of the Euxton Web of 2015, as our Clerk has noted the 60th issue to be published.

At the January meeting a new Parish Councillor was co-opted, Mr Terry Cook, after the resignation of Mr Keith Wallbank and at the February meeting we hope to have another

new Parish Councillor co-opted onto the Council to replace Mr Barry Mason who resigned in early December.

During January myself and the Vice Chair Cllr John Bamber have attended several of the initial consultations regarding the expansion of both Primrose Hill Primary School and Buckshaw Trinity Primary School, our understanding was if every thing goes ahead as planned a new intake of 60 Reception Class pupils at Primrose Hill and a 90 pupil Reception Class at Buckshaw Trinity would start in September 2015, whilst building work commences.

The other consultations were regarding a new supermarket being built on Buckshaw together with a second Community Centre. The planning application for the supermarket is in the pipe line at present. No doubt more will be known on all these developments by the next Euxton Web issue.

In February Councillors enjoyed visiting the National Libraries Day event held at our own Euxton Library, see photo below, where we met and chatted to residents about our new questionnaire, which is in this issue on page 5.

Again an open invitation to all Residents to attend any of our Parish Council or Committee Meetings to discuss any topics regarding Euxton, we look forward to seeing you.

**Councillor Katrina Reed**  
Chairman

### Congratulations on your 60th!

The Euxton WEB newsletter is celebrating its 60th issue this month - its first issue was published way back in May 2000, and has had an issue every quarter since. That's 15 years of unbroken publications.

As Editor, I personally would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed to the issues over the years and for all the feedback from residents - it is all much appreciated.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

### 6th year fall for Euxton

In January Euxton Council confirmed its budget for the next financial year of 2015/2016.

For the 6th consecutive year, the element paid by Euxton residents for the Parish Council has reduced, and this year will be just £27 (for an average band D property).

This is just under 52p per week per household for all the Parish Council services.

This year the Council has precepted monies for new and ongoing projects.

New, such as the Balshaw Lane Ponds project. This was introduced to you in the last newsletter by Cllr Thornhill. Projects already planned in, such as the replacement of the Toddler equipment on the Balshaw Lane play area, the Council has increased the budget for.

There are other new budgets included in the next financial year such as a Heritage budget, a Communications heading for projects to increase public involvement in the Council's work. Also a budget for a new redesigned website and possibly adding social media to our methods of communication.

A summary of the 2015/2016 budget can be found overleaf, but if you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

### National Libraries Day

Parish Councillors attended the National Libraries Day at Euxton Library in February to meet and chat to residents.



It was a well attended morning event with other organisations such present such as Chorley Council's Neighbourhood Officers, our Neighbourhood Policing team, Euxton War Memorial Group and Euxton Healthy Streets group members.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

## Councillor Profile - Marilyn Bamber



When I retired a few years ago, I started to take an interest in Euxton Parish Council matters and regularly attended the monthly meetings.

I was elected as an Euxton Parish Councillor in May 2014 and joined my husband John, who was re-elected at the same time, on the Parish Council. I've lived in Euxton over 30 years, close to one of its lovely rural areas.

With the vast expansion of the residential areas in recent years within Euxton Parish boundaries (which actually includes large parts of Buckshaw Village), it is important that our green spaces are retained. I enjoy walking around Euxton's lanes for exercise and it's surprising what a variety of wildlife you can see - even deer! I also join like minded ladies in a weekly keep fit class, but I must admit, our vocal chords get the most exercise! A couple of years ago when John fully retired from work, we took up crown green bowling during the summer and indoor bowling in winter. We have both become involved with Euxton Parish Council's project to develop a Bowling Green and I feel, if successfully delivered, it will be an excellent amenity for Euxton Residents.

My main passion though is singing/performing, having been a member of Euxton Ladies choir for over 25 years. Our annual productions are great fun but more importantly have raised many thousands of pounds for local charities, and if you've not already seen one of our shows, check us out, you'll be surprised!

I aim to positively approach the challenges of being a Parish Councillor and to help make decisions relating to village matters which will benefit the Euxton community. All are most welcome to attend Parish Council meetings - please come along.

**Councillor Marilyn Bamber**

## Bowling & Boules Committee

The Committee has been working hard on the project to provide more amenities in the village, specifically a Bowling Green and possibly two Boules Pitches.

The Project location is land to the side of Euxton Cricket Club and the Cricket Club members along with Council's Committee members have been meeting and discussing the feasibility of using the land.

Committee meetings are open to the public, as are the Council meetings, and the last committee meeting was attended by a number of Bowlers from the village who gave the committee invaluable assistance with some of the more physical aspects of what is needed to keep a bowling green. Look out for the meeting dates on the meetings page of the website.

**Councillor John Bamber**  
Committee Chair

## Toddler Park re-fit

The Toddler Park side of the Play Area off Balshaw Lane (on the right from the road) is due to be re-fitted in the Summer.

The Council has allocated more funds to the project as the cost of removal of the old equipment is quite high and there would not have been many new items if the budget was not increased.

There is now enough in the budget to remove all the old equipment, except two items which were only fitted a few years ago, the springy and roundabout which will be moved on the site.

The new equipment will be chosen for the toddler age group up to early years, then the children normally move on to the activity equipment on the other side of the site.

There will be a period when the site will be out of action and closed, so please bear with us. When completed it should look much better and offer some new and interesting items for the younger children.

**Leisure Committee**

## Budget for 2015 / 2016

Budget		Carry Fwd/ Allocated Funds from	Budget request
Codes	Description	2014/15	2015/16
01	<b>Employees</b>		51500
01	Employees		
02	<b>Housekeeping</b>		
02-1	Employee Mileage		1600
02-2	General Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tele		1400
02-3	Publicity - newsletter, annual report etc		3000
02-4	Insurance		2500
02-5	Subscriptions		250
02-6	Audit		1000
02-7	Legal Fees/Planning Investigations		2500
03	<b>Council</b>		
03-1	Training/Conference Fees		350
03-2	Elections and Parish Poll Fund	5000	0
03-3	General Reserve	22803	0
04	<b>Grants/S137</b>		
04-1	Grants		3000
04-2	Christmas Celebrations		1000
05	<b>Special Events/Projects</b>		
05-1	Euxton Gala		700
05-2	Balshaw Lane Pond	4500	2500
05-3	Neighbourhood Plan	2000	0
05-4	Quality Status renewal	200	50
05-5	Website		2000
05-6	Comms and social media methods		250
05-7	Increase public involvement work		250
05-8	Finance software		2050
05-9	Heritage Fund		212
06	<b>Amenity/Utility</b>		
06-1	Utilities		1100
06-2	Gardens/Planting/Competitions		3250
06-3	Street Sweeping		
06-4	War Memorial	2500	0
06-5	Millennium Green - grass cuts, maint	1000	2000
06-6	All Purposes Committee	4000	0
06-7	Greenside Pitch Maintenance		3000
06-8	Play Equipment Replace Scheme	11774	13350
06-9	Amenity/Open Space RRM		13500
07	<b>Earmarked Reserve/Carry Forward Money</b>		
07-1	Land Fund/Amenity	18684	0
07-2	Street Sweeping Machine Fund	3500	500
07-3	Greenside FF Drainage Project		0
07-4	Bowling/Boules Project	60000	2500
08	<b>Other</b>		
08-1	Healthy Streets	1129	0
08-2	Ransnap Brook	279	0
08-3	BT Wayleave/Available	788	0
		138157	115312
	Less cash in hand		7496
	Precept request @£27 per average band D property		107816





## Summer JAM!

Saturday, 30th May 2015 the 3rd Annual Jam will be held at Euxton Skate Park.



This year, organisers are working with Derian House so the Jam can raise money for the Derian House Children's Hospice.

As in previous years, the Jam will have Competitions, Prizes, Music and refreshments!

You can access the park all day, competitions begin at 12, Skateboard, Scooter and BMX.

There will be music and refreshments.



**Matt Haworth**  
Event Organiser

## All Purposes Committee

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Recently, the Committee has been considering how the Council communicates with residents and how it might add or improve on this.

The Committee has included a survey in this issue for you to respond to, just tear out the page, fill it in and put it in a post box (it's freepost so no need for a stamp).

It would be most helpful to receive as many completed questionnaires as possible, so Council can assess the value of its current methods or maybe improve on them. See pages 5/6.

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

## Consultations

Over the last couple of months the Parish Council has been contacted by a number of organisations for various consultations.

Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document, Primrose Hill Primary School expansion, land off Euxton Lane 'strawberry fields' development, Buckshaw Trinity Primary School expansion, Aldi at Buckshaw and others.

There are often many consultations happening at one time and some do not always fall in time to go in the newsletter. If you wish to keep up to date, or read more about a current consultation affecting Euxton, visit Euxton Council's website, and go to the 'consultations' page where they have been listed with links to take you to the pages or to the sites where the consultations are being displayed.

The Parish Council is interested in hearing views on any of the current consultations if you wish to send to the Council.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

## Euxton Healthy Streets Group

Following on from a very busy year renewing the Ransnap Woodland pathway, the annual Family Bike Ride event, two Free Compost and Seed giveaway events, the group now are looking for new ideas.

If you have an idea which could improve walking to school, health and wellbeing in our streets then please contact us.

In the Winter Mark and Debra planted some of the Daffodil bulbs donated by Chorley Council to the Parish Council and then on to us to plant.



County Councillor Mark Perks  
and Debra Platt planting Daffodil bulbs



They were planted them at the entrance to Ransnap Woods by the information board.

Debra and Mark also attended the National Libraries Day at Euxton Library in February to speak to residents about new ideas.

They also and give out some of the free seed packs left over from the compost giveaway day in September.

**Euxton Healthy Streets**  
Email: [euxtonhealthyst@gmail.com](mailto:euxtonhealthyst@gmail.com)





## Euxton Astronomy Society

After a very successful first meeting the Society now plan to hold 6 gatherings a year with observing evenings and other events taking place between meetings.

The next gathering is on Sunday April 12th, 2pm at the Euxton Parish Church Community Centre. An evening under the stars is being organised for late March and a trip to Jodrell Bank is in the planning stages for some time in May.

More details can be found on the group website at: [www.euxtronomy.org.uk](http://www.euxtronomy.org.uk)

**Steve Berry**  
Group Founder

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**IDEAS** (Invisible Disability Education & Access Service) aims to promote opportunities for Adults who have Autism.

We are a group of people who are on the Autistic Spectrum and/or have a relative or friend who is. Our main activities are:

- >Spreading awareness of autism
- >Promoting social clubs
- >Running training

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with what we are trying to do, please email [info@ideaslancashire.com](mailto:info@ideaslancashire.com) or call Denise on 07707 954592 or Pauline on 07779 966617



## Skip Day, Greenside



Clean up event on Saturday 28th March 2015 the skip will be available from 9am – 1 pm and we will have limited assistance to help people with bulky items, if people can contact us beforehand to arrange this on 01257 515151. Look out for the posters for the skips' exact location.

The skip will be available for people to get rid of bulky household waste, no paint or tyres.

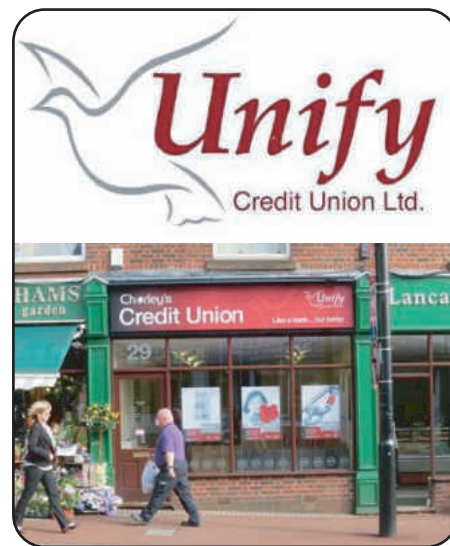
We would also like to ask any members of the local community and the parish council that may want to come along and help with litter picking on the day to come along and we will issue everyone with time credits for the hour they participate.

**Natalie Holt**  
Neighbourhood Team

## £75 Fine on Pear Tree Lane

Neighbourhood Officers from Chorley and the Police are stepping up Dog Fouling patrols in Euxton.

On 10th February a £75 penalty was issued on Pear Tree Lane for failure to pick up dog foul.



Did you know that we have a credit union in Chorley. Or are you not sure what a credit union is?

Unify Credit Union is a community bank providing savings and loans to members across Wigan, Leigh, Chorley, Skelmersdale and Leyland.

Members save with a credit union and those savings are used to give low cost loans to members.

As a not for profit member organisation, any profits are given back to the members in the form of an annual dividend, which has been between 1 and 3 per cent over the last five years, probably much better than you are currently receiving on your instant access savings account with your bank.

Loans from Unify are assessed on affordability so even if you have had problems in the past, Unify may still be able to help.

One of the unique things about Unify is that members' savings and loans are insured, at no cost to the member, providing life insurance for both the member's savings and loan.

Unify is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority and members' savings are protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, in the same way as banks and building societies.

The Chorley branch of Unify opened in August 2013 and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am to 4pm and every Saturday and Wednesday from 10am to 1pm.

Further information is available on Unify's website [www.unifycu.org](http://www.unifycu.org)





## Can Euxton Council communicate better with Euxton residents?

Euxton Parish Council is undertaking a review of its Communication Methods with residents of the village. Your views on the methods and importance of the Council's communications to you would be much appreciated.

The Council communicates through quarterly Euxton WEB Newsletters, its Website and 7 notice boards around the village.

It is also thinking of possibly adding Twitter and Facebook to its methods and would like feedback about these, and its current channels.

Residents communicate with the Council either over the telephone, email, speaking to Councillors, letter or via the website response form.



Detach this page, fill in the response boxes, turn over and fold where shown, secure shut with a bit of tape and put in post box (no postage required).

### Euxton WEB Newsletter

The Newsletter has been distributed quarterly in the first week of March, June, September and December to every house in the village since it began in the year 2000.

Newsletter	Yes	No
Do you read the quarterly Euxton WEB newsletter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you think quarterly is about the right frequency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have an opinion on the frequency of the Euxton WEB newsletter?		
In the newsletter what types of articles have you found to be interesting or informative? Or can quote examples...		
Would you like to see anything additional in the Euxton WEB newsletter? Would you, or do you know of anyone who may contribute interesting or informative articles?		
Do you have any suggestions to improve any part of the Euxton WEB newsletter?		

Twitter	Yes	No
Do you use Twitter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the Council had a Twitter address, might you follow it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is Twitter your preferred method of communication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What else would you expect Tweets about from the Council?		

### Website

The Council's website ([www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk](http://www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk)) is kept up to date with news, events, meetings information of Council projects. It may be re-built in 2015, and we need your input.

Website	Yes	No
Do you/have you used the Council's website?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have visited the site recently, what were you looking for, and did you find it?		
Is there information you would have liked to have seen on the website which was not there?		
How could the website have been better for you?		

Facebook	Yes	No
Do you use Facebook?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Council had a Facebook page, might you link to it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is Facebook your preferred method of communication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
What would you like to see on a Council Facebook page?		
If you needed to know something about Euxton Parish Council or from it, such as when its next meeting is, a Councillors name, a piece of information etc – which method of communication might you go to first, or how might you find it out?		
Do you have internet access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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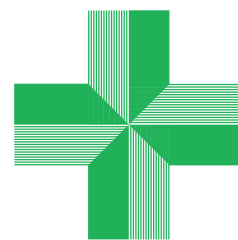
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## An Illuminating Talk

At Euxton Library.... Gordon Medlicott -  
On Thursday 4th December we invited  
Gordon Medlicott to speak at our  
Monthly Coffee morning. This was very  
well attended by members of the local  
community.

Gordon lives in Wigan and was a  
Lighthouse Keeper for over 32 years  
and serviced 22 lighthouses. The  
industry went through massive changes  
before he was finally made redundant  
in 1998 when automation took over

His story began in 1966 - a time when  
oil lights were rotated by hand-wound  
clockwork mechanism and keepers  
handled explosive fog signals. He  
travelled extensively around the coasts  
of England, Wales and the Channel  
Islands. His 22 postings varied from  
offshore lighthouses, such as the  
famous Needles Rock at the Isle of  
Wight, where the men were confined to  
just a handful of tiny rooms and often  
spent hours in the dark to those  
located on beautiful islands such as  
Lundy in the Bristol Channel where the  
accommodation was more spacious.  
Life in the offshore lighthouses was very  
basic - no running water, heating or  
working toilets!

Gordon was awarded a medal from the  
Royal Humane Society for his  
involvement in a rescue. He was  
manning the South Stack in Anglesey  
where two young boys came to him for  
help. Their climbing instructor had  
fallen down a cliff face.

South Stack Lighthouse



The Association of Lighthouse Keepers  
asked him to write a research document  
- on completion this was snapped up by  
a publisher and entitled "An  
Illuminating Experience".

Most of Gordon's "retirement" is spent  
doing after-dinner speeches and talks at  
schools and WI meetings. He is retiring  
"completely" at the end of this year  
after 30 years.

A big thank you to Gordon and to  
Euxton Parish Council for their donation  
towards Gordon's fee.

**Kath Deakin**  
Euxton Library

## Euxton War Memorial Group

At the time of going to print plans had  
been made for the foundations of Euxton  
War Memorial to be constructed.

A detachment of the Royal Engineers will  
be on site outside Euxton Community  
Centre to begin clearing the ground and  
excavating prior to installing the reinforced  
concrete foundations. Simultaneously,  
another detachment of the Royal  
Engineers were transporting tonnes of  
Portland Stone to the stonemasons yard in  
Lancashire. The stone will then be worked  
and prepared so that the stonemason can  
erect the memorial in pieces like a large  
jig-saw puzzle.

A roll of honour of 50 casualties from 1914  
to the present day has been approved and  
is already in the final proof reading stages  
with the stonemason. The memorial will  
consist of three plaques which will list the  
casualties of World War One, World War  
Two and Other Conflicts.

A final fundraiser for Euxton War Memorial  
has been arranged. A Race Night at Euxton  
War Memorial Institute will be held on  
Friday 27th March at 7pm. Tickets are just  
£1 each. Any enquiries please call Sue  
Balshaw on 07825368672.

## Howzat !

Once again the nights are getting lighter and  
the cricket season is almost upon us!

Euxton Cricket Club continues to be  
extremely successful both on and off the  
field with the 1st XI narrowly missing out on  
promotion last season but the 2nd XI  
securing promotion with weeks of the  
season to spare!! Highlight however was a  
very young 3rd XI who finished an extremely  
creditable 2nd in the league against some  
much older and more experienced teams.  
Always keen to welcome new players of any  
age/ability! Contact Andrew 07519 350974  
or Richard 07871 222429.

The Junior teams continue to be a source of  
extreme pride to the Club and, in particular,  
the Junior Academy Coaches and Parents.  
Achievements last season are literally too  
numerous to mention and training nights on  
Tuesdays from mid-April onwards will no  
doubt be a true Community occasion! To  
enquire about junior coaching facilities  
please contact Phil 07966 154334 or Willie  
07808 164462

The well-appointed function room is  
available for hire 52 weeks of the year and  
the Clubhouse is open every weekend and  
midweek nights during the summer months  
for a cup of tea or coffee (or something  
stronger!). Last year we had a very regular  
calendar of social events including BBQs,  
Quiz Nights, Comedy Nights, etc and would  
love to see you there – follow us on  
Facebook or Twitter for more details.

**Andy Stringfellow**



# Euxton WAR STORIES

The supplementary project, "Euxton War Stories" has continued to work with schools around the borough to assist in teaching pupils how to conduct their own research into World War One. Stuart Clewlow and Susan Balshaw, released a book last year called "Euxton Then & Now" and as part of the project, they are putting the final touches to a new book about the casualties that will be honoured on the Euxton War Memorial. Once released, it is anticipated that copies of the new book will be available from Euxton Library or by contacting Stuart at [saclewlow@yahoo.com](mailto:saclewlow@yahoo.com)

Another element of Euxton War Stories was to produce some short online educational documentaries and these can be seen by searching for the project on Facebook or by visiting the website [www.vimeo.com](http://www.vimeo.com)



## Euxton WI

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We began the year on a high note by entering 3 teams in the Lancashire Federation quiz. The Eggheads, The Duck eggs and the Pickled Eggs and we came 1st 2nd and 3rd so well done to all concerned.

We celebrate our 93rd Birthday at our March meeting and as National WI celebrate 100 years in June, we are not too far behind!

Mind you, one of our members celebrates their 100th birthday in April so many congratulations to Mrs Hope. However, we do have several members over 90 as well as newcomers in their 40s and 50s so we try and have a varied programme.

As well as a walking group, we have a reading and also a scrabble group together with a craft, entertainment and luncheon club and we have recently formed a cinema group for outings to films. So you can see there is plenty for everyone to enjoy!

We meet the first Wednesday in each month at Euxton PC Community Centre on Wigan Road at 2pm. For further enquiries please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874. Visitors are always welcome.

Val Hough



### Free Dog Micro-Chipping

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Officers are holding a 'Free' Dog Micro Chipping day. The chipping will be done by the Animal Welfare Officer at **Euxton Library, 23rd April 10am-12noon**



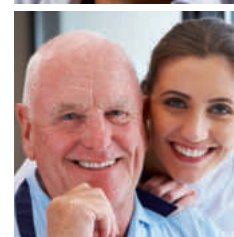
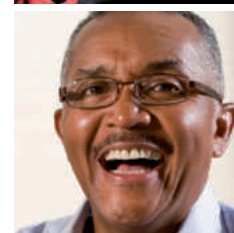
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## BUCKSHAW YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The trustees of Buckshaw Youth Association were delighted to receive the news that their Youth and Community fund grant application from the developers section 106 funding was successful. The grant of £4,500 now ensures that their Friday evening Youth Offer based at Buckshaw Community centre will continue for another year.

Cllr Mark Perks who is the on duty youth worker said, "Our Friday evening sessions recommenced in January and operate between 8pm and 10pm. The new programme of art, craft and media activities can be viewed on our website and runs alongside the usual core activities of: badminton, basketball, pool, table tennis, table football, video games and tuck shop.

Membership remains at £1 and, so far in 2015, some 50 young people have been turning up at our Friday evening sessions to take part."



BYA continues to offer Discovery, Explorer and Bronze Art Awards accreditation and specialist awards such as AQA's, FA Level 1 Football coaching, Mountain Biking and Orienteering.



The current commissioned work with Young Lancashire has given opportunities to some 25 young people

to gain accreditation awards and trustees are hoping to see this important work continue in 2015.

For details of what BYA offer check out their twitter account @Buckshawyouth or the following websites:  
[www.buckshawyouth.wordpress.com](http://www.buckshawyouth.wordpress.com) or  
[www.yps.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.yps.lancashire.gov.uk)

### Buckshaw Youth Association



## Euxton Library Events

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

2nd April Tammy Finlayson, Chorley Council Neighbourhood Officer for Euxton  
7th May Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines "Winton Train"

4th June NW Ambulance Service First Responder Defibrillators

Other Activities:

8th April Angela Madigan : Dog's Trust Talk & Craft Activity 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

9th April Easter Rabbits & Easter Crafts 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Regular Groups: (\*Term Time Only)

\*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-2:00 pm

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

Help Direct are in the Library 9:30am-1:00 pm \*1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month - no appointment necessary.

NEW GROUP Starting 4th March  
Shared Reading 1st Wednesday of every month 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Opening Hours: Following a public consultation in June/July there will be no change to the Library opening hours.

### 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 Girls Need You!

We are currently recruiting girls to join us at our football club. If your daughter is interested in playing football please bring them along to the following training sessions for their age group where our coaches will be happy to help you.

Development squad ages 5-9 yrs Saturday morning 11 - 12am at BV

Under 10 - Tuesday 6-7pm at BV

Under 11 - Monday 6-7pm at Euxton

Under 12 West - Monday 5-6pm at BV

Under 12 North - Wednesday 6-7pm at BV

Under 13 - Wednesday 6-7pm at BV

Under 14 - Friday 6-7pm at BV

Under 14 - Friday 6-7pm at BV

Under 15 - Friday 6-7pm at BV

Under 16 - Friday 7-8pm Bat BV

Under 18 - Wednesday 7-8pm at BV



Buckshaw astro turf, Old Worden Avenue,  
Buckshaw Village PR7 7DG

Greenside Playing Fields, Euxton PR7 6BL





Lesser Celandine in  
Bank Lane Woods,  
flower March to May

## Attractive Euxton !

A local resident is looking to help start a group for people who are interested in preserving and encouraging plant and wildlife in and around Euxton. Initially the group will focus on what can be done to encourage new plant life into Bank Lane Wood.

If there are any green fingered residents, horticulturists, ecologists or conservationists! (or just enthusiastic amateurs who want to learn) who would like to get involved in helping to make Euxton even more attractive than it already is please contact Steve on 07740 112587. If there are enough people interested then a community group will be formed.

## Lower Burgh Meadow Conservation Group

Here's to the next 5 years... Lower Burgh Meadow Conservation Group is beginning its sixth year, from April 2015.

It's carried out an array of tasks over the five years, improving the meadow and woodland for the wildlife and a better place for the public to be, put a note in your diary to come up and see the meadow or look in on us on one of our work days.

Last year Chorley Council had an independent ecology management plan drawn up for all parties to work towards, which will increase the diversity of wildlife on the meadow and 2015 will be the first full year the group is working towards this plan.

Exciting projects such as reducing the Reed Canary Grass in the meadow mown last September and bringing those areas back to grassland/wild flower areas. This year the group is eradicating an area one third the size of a football pitch, with the rest taking 5 years.

The ecologist management plan is on Chorley Councils website, [www.chorley.gov.uk](http://www.chorley.gov.uk) search 'parks and nature' or on our website.

The Groups events this year include a meadow awareness day, Balsam bash day, our first coach trip this year is on June 21st, going to Bowness, including a Boat trip on Windermere and we are



## Men's Society

Euxton Parish Church Men's Society - Many will have noticed "the annexe" behind the Community Centre. This is where the Euxton Parish Church Men's society meets every second Thursday of the month from September to March each year.

Our programme usually comprises travel and topical presentations, often by means of either power point or DVD and the presenters themselves are a mixture of "home grown" volunteers and guest speakers.

To give a flavour, this last year we had topics including travel to the foothills of the Andes, a lifetime of railway photographs, the Western United States, a journey to the Arctic Circle; last March we were even able to secure the services of a speaker who now lives in France telling us of his work with Interpol. We always offer our speakers a donation to a charity of their choice.

I must not forget to mention our occasional quiz nights and the annual pre - Christmas Dinner. We are looking to attract new members, we are aware that it is difficult these days for busy working people to commit themselves to regular attendance but our annual subscription is only £10 (light refreshments included) so we don't think that is unreasonable even if members can't make every meeting. We would also welcome new ideas, we know that there are many Dads who bring their children to the "Toast" or other services in church, you may be the one who could help us move forward, enquiries welcome 01257 265894.

**John Davies**

again supporting the Scarcrow festival at Charnock Richard 12-13th September.

[www.lowerburghmeadowconservationgroup.org.uk](http://www.lowerburghmeadowconservationgroup.org.uk)  
Please view our full programme of events on our website. If you wish to join and help us out with all our projects, please contact Eddie on 01257 232100 or contact page on our website.

**Eddie Langrish**  
Group Secretary



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## In The Know

The Neighbourhood Policing teams are always looking at ways of engaging with their community. Currently we have in place a free messaging service called 'In The Know'. This allows the Police to send out alerts by e-mail or text message to those registered. These messages inform people of what Police events and crimes are happening in their local areas.

To register for 'In the know' visit the website [www.stayintheknow.com](http://www.stayintheknow.com)

Alternatively you can go into Chorley Police station or Euxton Library and sign up using one a registration card.

For more information visit the Lancashire Constabulary website or speak directly to your local officers.

## Secure your vehicle

Don't just lock your vehicle, CHECK IT'S SECURE before you leave it.

Over recent months in Euxton, we have had a number of incidents where vehicles have had items taken from them during the early hours.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the **21st April 2015 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 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.

These vehicles are frequently left insecure and the items being taken are often of low value. Therefore please check your vehicles are secure after locking them and do not leave any items on display.

If you see or hear any suspicious activity, report it to the Police immediately.

## PCSO's Ray Chadwick & Lee Reed

Euxton Neighbourhood Policing

Chorley Police Station 01257 269021

Central Control Centre 101

Crimestoppers (anonymous) 0800 555 111

Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt Azz Khan, CBM PC Mark Halliwell, PCSO Ray Chadwick, PCSO Lee Reed.

Euxton Police Surgeries are held at Euxton Library, St Mary's Gate, the next being: Monday 23rd March 11am-12pm, Wednesday 8th April 2pm-3pm, Friday 15th May 4pm-5pm, Wednesday 24th June 2pm-3pm

Buckshaw Village Neighbourhood Policing team are: Sgt Azz Khan, CBM PC Mike Payne, PCSO Chris O'Lone, PCSO Wade Brown.

PACT Meetings for Buckshaw Village are held Ravensthorpe Lounge, off Merefield in Astley Village at 7.00 pm, next meetings are: 11th March 2015, 22nd April 2015, 3rd June 2015.

## Neighbourhood Officer Work

Chorley Council Neighbourhood Officers deal with many local issues such as Stray Dogs, Dog fouling, issuing tickets for littering and dog fouling, arrange dog chipping (see page 9), fly tipping and much more.

The Officers provide a service and you can call them on Chorley 515151 to report items such as dog fouling, letting them know as much detail about incidents as possible.

In the last year Officers have dealt with 274 stray dogs and issued 88 dog fouling tickets since the 1st January, across Chorley.

The Team has arranged a Dog Seminar on Saturday 27 June at 2pm to be held at Eaves Green Community Centre on how to recognise aggressive body language from dogs and what you can do about it. You can also learn emergency first aid for your dog should he/she be in a fight.



**Tammy Finlayson**  
Neighbourhood Officer

**Chorley  
Council**

## Euxton Parish Council

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Vacancy	

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### North East Ward

Mark Jarnell	01772 301875
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## Council Meetings

Council meets normally each third Thursday of the month at 7.15pm (except the months of July and December).

The meeting venue is mainly the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre.

Please check the website or noticeboards for changes of dates and venues.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings:

Thursday, 19 March

Thursday, 16 April

Thursday, 14 May

Thursday, 18 June

## Noticeboard Locations

Runshaw Lane shops,  
Highways Avenue shops,  
Wigan Road opposite Euxton Mills and at St Mary's car park, Euxton Lane junction with Wentworth Drive, Southport Road by the Skate Park, Buckshaw Village behind the Hub.

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