



Chairman's Column



Welcome to the March 2018 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details some of the news and events in and around Euxton.

A Council meeting took place on the 14th December 2017, where the precept was set for 2018/2019, the minutes being passed on the 18th January 2018 meeting, details (right), page 5 and on the EPC website.

Progress continues on both the Greenside Play Area with work commencing to replace the old equipment during the last week of February, with the Millennium Green Pond Project starting 12th February (weather permitting). 6000 English Bluebell bulbs were planted on the Green during 24th-26th January by both Councillors and volunteers, thanks to everyone who helped and hopefully we will all soon be able to enjoy both the sight and smell of the flowers (see page 4).

The proposed yellow parking lines along both School Lane and Primrose Hill Avenue will be put before Lancashire CC in April, and hopefully should be implemented shortly after, any information will of course be on EPC website (see report page 3).

EPC Annual Meeting is this year being held on 22nd March, and the Election date for Parish Councillors is 3rd May, again further details inside the newsletter.

Euxton Community Bowls Club is growing apace with its inaugural Annual General Meeting held on the 25th January with a high attendance of residents. The Bowling Green on Greenside is now only awaiting notice boards, seating, and a canopy these should all be in place by the end of February early March.

Two Star Awards have recently been awarded to Mr Steve Berry and Mr Ray Chadwick for their individual work in the local community. Pictures of the presentations to both gentlemen will be in the next issue.

All meetings, Full and Committee are on the website and notice boards - we look forward to your attendance plus if you have any project/ideas regarding the Euxton area please let us know and we will try our utmost to help.

Councillor Katrina Reed
Chairman

New projects and future proofing

Euxton Council confirmed its budget for the coming financial year, beginning 1st April 2018 running through to the end of March 2019.

The Parish Council tax element for an average band D household will be £35.83, which is a 2% rise on last year.

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In the coming financial year the Council will continue with its ongoing projects, which have been started, through to their completion; the finishing of the Bowling Green creation, the new permanent pond on the Millennium Green, the new play area refit at Greenside play area.

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

A summary of the 2018/2019 budget can be found on page 7, but if you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

Debra Platt, Clerk



Question for you?

Should your Council pursue the purchase of an area of land - see page 7. We need your feedback...

Take a look in to what is happening at Greenside

See page 3 for latest news and views of the Greenside play area refit.



News about Parish Council elections

See page 6 for information on the 2018 parish council elections.





Outside with the tree, residents singing

Christmas carol singing

There were many residents joining Councillors this year for the annual singing of Carols around the Christmas tree, ably accompanied by Coppull & Standish Brass Band featuring our very own Kath Deakin from Euxton Library.

Following the singing Councillors and helpers served residents with hot drinks, warm mulled wine and warm mince pies which all went down very well.

Christmas Jumpers were optional but as you can see many got into the spirit and were dressed to impress.

Debra Platt, Clerk



Above, Chair Cllr Katrina Reed with Cllr Aidy Riggott serving tea



Above, Cllrs Marilyn Bamber, Aidy Riggott, Alan Platt and Clerk, Debra Platt in the kitchen

Right, washing up Phil Loynes with Cllr Aidy Riggott and Debra Platt



Euxton Bowling Green and Club

The open meeting held 30th November 2017 was a successful and enjoyable evening, especially the 'mini-bowls' competition which Debra Platt kindly organised.

27 Residents joined the Bowls Club on the night, and a further 8 people have joined since. Most of the 35 new members have opted to register with the British Crown Green Bowling Association and are keen to bowl in the teams in the three leagues in which the Club have been given places (ie, Men's Vets, Chorley and District, and, Leyland and District Vets).

The seating and notice boards for the Green have arrived and the canopy has been ordered - all will be fitted over the next few weeks. It has been decided at this stage not to erect a shelter as the costs (particularly for the solid base) were excessive - the length of the canopy will provide adequate shelter.

The members of the Wymott Bowling Club at Ulms Walton very kindly allowed our bowlers to utilise their Green on Wednesday afternoons. This has given any new bowlers the chance to get the feel of outdoor bowling before the season starts in April. Our thanks go to the Wymott Club with particular mention of Rita Kitching and Joyce Bee for their encouragement and overseeing the sessions.



There'll now be a quiet few weeks before the Bowling season starts in April. An 'official opening' of the Green will be arranged for later in the year when the weather will (hopefully) be better and it can incorporate a social day of friendly bowling for all.

Good Luck to all bowlers in the new season!



Social evening at the end of November playing indoor carpet bowls for fun

Councillor John Bamber
Chair, Euxton Community Bowls Club



These designs can be viewed on the Council's website where you could enlarge for a better view

All GO for Greenside Play Area

Following on from previous articles, it can now be confirmed that the contractors will have started on site in the last week of February.

The play area is long overdue a revamp and it is very exciting that the works should be completed for use in Spring.

This means the official opening will be in time for children, parents, grandparents and friends to enjoy the new equipment during the Spring and Summer months.

As you can see from the designs it is very eye catching, colourful and packed with lots of fabulous new equipment. The Committee would like to thank all the residents who visited the Consultation Session last September and gave us input into the surfacing and types of equipment desired.

The play area flooring will be replaced with 'wetpour' featuring colourful designs, as the Committee decided to move away from bark chippings in this site due to it being quite a naturally wet area, and confirmed by residents' feedback.

"I am personally looking forward to seeing children enjoying the new features, especially the combined parent and toddler swing piece."

Councillor Gemma Rypel
Chair, Leisure Committee



Safer Roads For Residents

The Parish Council was consulted on two schemes, one for School Lane and one for Primrose Hill Road and surrounding junctions, in March 2017 and again early in 2018.

The Parish Council was pleased Lancashire County Highways (LCC) listened to the Council and residents' feedback from last year and amended the plans.

Councillor Gemma Rypel of The Cherries said, "School Lane becomes a single track road at busy times. This is a problem as cars are then forced to use the pavement to pass. This is dangerous when children are walking to school. It is very clear that users do need to use this road for parking, so I'm pleased that LCC haven't proposed restrictions on the full length of School Lane, under the bridge area. I'm pleased as the proposal will make School Lane safer for both pedestrians and drivers."

Parish and County Councillor Aidy Riggott commented, "I have been pressing to bring forward the revised proposals for double yellow lines and waiting restrictions along School Lane and all around the Primrose Hill Road area to be as soon as possible.

I am really pleased that LCC listened to residents concerns from the first consultation and have responded with much improved, revised proposals for the Primrose Hill Road area. LCC are working to submit the final scheme for approval by April".

Debra Platt

Photo courtesy of Cllr Rypel



Left: Cars and coaches using the pavement to get down School Lane past parked and oncoming vehicles



Cllr Chris Jones, resident of Primrose Hill Road with Cllr Aidy Riggott looking at the junctions proposed for parking and waiting restrictions.

Millennium Green Improvements

Bluebells

The Council ordered 6000 bluebells for planting in the three copses on the Green. Bluebell bulbs are sold "in the green", which means they are already sprouting when they arrive and have to be planted quickly. They can't be left lying around for a while as with bulbs bought in the Autumn.

Although we ordered them last year the supplier could not give any dates or long notice of their arrival because it depended upon the weather etc. So, with only one day notice of their despatch we made an urgent appeal for help and posted notices around the Green. A check of the weather forecast showed that Friday 26th January (two days after the bulbs arrived) promised fine, if cold, weather and we went for it.

We had about 20 willing volunteers turn up in total and the operation only took about two hours. Those amongst us who might still have been planting them without the extra help were most grateful and we hope that in future years you will enjoy the results of your work.

We concentrated our efforts in the large copse that the new path runs through but also planted a few hundred each in the two smaller copses. The supplier's advice is that they are "shy to flower" in their first year so there won't be much to see this year. Hopefully, next year there will be some impact and, as they spread, and in future years we will see a carpet of blue in April/May throughout the three copses.

And yes, they are the real English bluebells - see photos right.

The pond

The contractor (Lancashire Wildlife Trust) "cleared the decks" by removing the willows from around the existing, part time, pond in December and, at the time of writing (early February), we are awaiting their start on site in earnest on the 12th February. By the time you read this, the works should be well underway.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhil
Project Manager



Work beginning on Monday 12th February - moving the plant on



6000 bulbs planted by volunteers one cold Friday morning

Brightening up the village

Last year the Parish Council submitted a project to the Chorley Neighbourhood Working Committee for a wildflower area.

A wildflower area was created on Euxton Lane - it was very successful and as you can see extremely colourful. This will be repeated this year and a larger area created on the opposite side of the road, where currently the land is rather unkempt - both will be prepared and seeded and will be flowering like this from around June to September or longer.

As Euxton Lane was mentioned to us by residents as appearing bare the committee has also planned for displays to be installed on each of the two large central reservations - when they are in place and are in flower please let us know what you think of them as this will be a trial year.

We are still seeking a way to add more flowering planters to the village centre, around the School Lane/Bank Lane crossroads but please note we cannot use lamp posts or the railings.

The Committee at a meeting late in February discussed a list of projects which Council collated and which could be funded by future CIL money receipts (Community Infrastructure Levy) to see if current project ideas can be progressed into live projects.

Cllr Chris Jones

Chair, All Purposes Committee



Euxton Lane central reservation



Photo
21/08/17

Ginnel Repair

The ginnel between Countessway and Balshaw Lane was brought to the Council's attention early September by a resident, and the Leisure Committee meeting discussed it a couple of days later, when it met.

A plan was discussed to cure the flooding problems which renders the pathway impassible during heavy or persistent rain spells. The Committee suggested using CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) received monies to pay for the infrastructure repair to this location.

Council agreed with the plan, costings were obtained and Lancashire County approval to connect to the main rain water drain with a newly installed grid was applied for.

Permissions obtained, work booked and hopefully, by the time you get to read this newsletter the new rain drain will have been installed and working in this location, as the work was arranged for February half-term week.

At the Council meeting in February the Council discussed the wider issue of pathways, ginnels, cut-throughs which have been in existence many many years but are not looked after - Council is pulling together a project to try to get LCC to adopt all the pathways and this may assist in future maintenance worries. Watch this space.

If you have ginnels near you - let us know so we can make sure they are on the list.

Debra Platt
Clerk

Photo courtesy of Mrs E Heaton



Left: The reported flooding problem in the ginnel from Countessway, through the play area, to Balshaw Lane.

Below: Work started on Monday 12th February to install a new rain drain in the path which floods.



Dog Mess?

Blame the Owner not the Dog!

'Dog Mess' continues to be a problem around the village. It is not unreasonable to expect dog owners to clean up after their dogs, and failure to do so can result in the owner concerned receiving a fine; it is, after all, illegal. Euxton Parish Council will continue to liaise with Chorley Council to make sure that the village is checked by Environmental Officers who have powers of enforcement delegated to them.

It is sad to have to recognise that in almost all cases the mess concerned is being left by Euxton dog owners, not by people simply passing through. Please clean up after your dog; pet shops and other places sell poo – bags for the purpose, and nappy bags can be bought at supermarkets in packs that work out at fraction of a penny per bag.

Whilst EPC is very concerned about the lack of common decency on the part of some dog owners it does not have any powers of enforcement; the contact for this problem in Chorley Borough Council are the Environmental Officers who have powers of surveillance available to them, so if anyone is caught walking away from something that their dog has just done they will only have themselves to blame.

The All Purposes Committee discussed in late February measures EPC can do on its own land to alleviate problems or initiatives which can be used around the village.

Cllr Chris Jones
Chair, All Purposes
Committee



Chorley Council, Neighbourhood Officer commented: New Public Spaces Protection Orders have been introduced in Astley Park and are currently being rolled out across the borough. These are replacing the existing Fouling of Land by Dogs (Chorley Council Area) Order 2007 and include enforcement of dog fouling, failing to produce a device for removing dog fouling, being in charge of a dog not kept on a lead, being in charge of a dog in a designated area, and failing to observe a direction to keep a dog on a lead, with increased penalties of £100 for each offence.

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Planning Report

The Gladman development off School Lane

Old news by now but the Inspector refused the appeal by Gladman Developments Ltd against Chorley BC's refusal to permit the construction of a large new housing estate on land between School Lane and Pear Tree Lane. The inspector's decision was based on work and evidence given by Chorley officers and their advisors and the Parish Council has thanked Chorley for their successful efforts.

Tree Preservation Orders in general and along the west side of Wigan Road in particular.

Each month there are usually a few applications to remove or to do work on trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Sometimes this work will be for the good of the trees such as cutting out dead wood, removing competition from other trees or restoring a healthier shape. But more often it is intended to reduce the impact of trees on nearby property.

The Parish Council appreciates and is keen to retain, and keep healthy, as much as possible of Euxton's stock of trees. As a general rule, one which we think would be supported by the Euxton community, we would wish to see as little work as possible done that leads to a reduction in Euxton's tree cover. For this reason, we object to works on trees when they seem excessive or simply intended to get rid of something that the owner doesn't like. When we do not object we often send out standard letters to applicants asking them to keep tree works to a minimum.

One area of trees that is of particular concern to the Council is the border of trees, a border of varying thickness, that runs along the west side of Wigan Road from near St Mary's Church, with minor gaps, down to Pincock. They are part of what Euxton is and give an impression, on one of Euxton's busiest roads, of a village with good attractive tree cover. They are nearly all covered by Tree Preservation Orders. However, many of them are now pretty old and possibly coming towards the end of their natural life. Occasionally a strong wind brings one of them down. We are concerned that this border of trees, which we feel is important to the character and appearance of Euxton, is steadily being eroded. Many have gone and some of those remaining appear more like telegraph poles than trees.

There are regular applications for works to these trees. Of course, we are sympathetic to the wishes of the owners to remove shade, or the risk of root damage or the risk of a tree falling on their property, but we will continue to oppose works that we think are excessive. We would also like to see measures taken to replace lost and reduced tree cover but there is little that the Parish Council can do as we generally have no control over any of the land concerned. We can only ask that owners of the land, as they reduce the impact that the existing trees have for outsiders looking at them, take steps to make some replacement in a way that will contribute to the appearance of a healthy cover of trees in the village whilst minimising the impact upon their homes.

Councillor Mervyn Thornhill
Lead Member Planning

Euxton Northern Green

Euxton Millennium Green, for those who haven't been there, is a lovely piece of countryside cum park off Wigan Road near to Euxton Hospital. It offers the local community an opportunity for casual exercise or relaxation, space,

air, nature - be they mums and kids, boys and girls, dog walkers, joggers, strollers, sitters down and watch the world drift byers, naturalists, community groups such as scouts, schools and nurseries, old, young or anywhere in between. There is a small car park but most users arrive there on foot.

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

2018/2019 Precept Budget

Description	C/Fwd and allocated funds	Budget request 2018/19
Employees		
Employees		73000
Payroll Services		1100
Mileage employees		1900
Training employees		1200
Housekeeping		
General Office - stationery, copy, post, IT, tel		2000
Publicity (newsletter, AnnRep etc)		3842
Insurance		1800
Subscriptions		200
Audit		1250
Legal Fees/Planning Invests/Area Plan		5000
Website maintenance		800
Room hire		600
Council		
Elections and Parish Poll Fund	5000	
Emergency Fund	23000	0
Training Councillors	0	150
Grants/S137		
Grants		3500
Christmas Celebrations		2000
Special Events/Projects		
Euxton Gala	0	1000
Speed Indicator Device (new plates/devices)	150	1000
Increase public involvement work	0	250
Finance software	0	125
Heritage/Sign project	0	1500
Defibrillator (parts, repairs, new sites)	0	1500
Millennium Green pond	29610	
Amenity/Utility		
Utilities (electricity, water, waste)		1150
Gardens/Planting (bedding, repairs, replacements)		18000
Millennium Green (repairs, grass cut, maintenance)		10000
All Purposes Committee		2500
Play Equipment Schemes	50000	10000
Amenity/Open Space (Repair, Replace, Maintenance)		25000
Large Project Savings		
Land Fund/Amenity Play	18684	46316
Street Machines (sweepers, machines)	4000	
Bowling/Boules Project	15835	
Bowling Green diff budget/actual	7107	
Other		
Greenside Pitch Drainage (CBC grant)	10656	
Healthy Streets (residual grant, restricted use)	617	
Ransnap Brook (residual grant, restricted use)	279	
CIL (see breakdown below)	47176	
	212114	216683
Less cash in hand/income		57683
Precept request @£35.83 (per average band D property)		150944

It is a great feature of Euxton and one that the Parish Council is proud to be responsible for. But, like most of the community facilities and assets that the Parish Council offers - such as the Millenium Green, the skatepark, playgrounds, the new bowling green and the Greenside playing fields - it is in the south or more central parts of the Parish. Your Parish Council is very conscious of this and also that if you live in the north of the Parish, in areas such as Buckshaw, Milestone Meadow, Mimosa Close and Cedar Avenue for example, or on the new estates now being built off Chancery Way and Euxton Lane, you have to go a bit farther to enjoy these facilities.

An opportunity has arisen, however, for the Council to try and redress the balance and to create an attractive and exciting new facility in the more northern part of the Parish. Some fields of roughly the same size as the Millennium Green, have been offered for sale to the Parish Council by the owners. The price of the fields is up for negotiation but the Council considers that it can come to agreement with the owners for a price that it considers reasonable. Now, we want to know what you think.

What the Council has in mind is for the fields (*let's call them Euxton Northern Green for the present*) to serve the same function, for a similar wide range of users with a similar wide range of interests in the north of the Parish that the Millennium Green does in the south. If we can build on what is already there to create something offering the same opportunities as the Millennium Green, but with its own features and character, then our two Greens can work together to serve the different parts of the Parish but also to be of sufficient interest to attract users from throughout the Parish and beyond. We would seek professional assistance to prepare and implement a design.

The Council does not expect the project, if it goes ahead, to have any major impact upon the Parish precept. For several years now the Council has been running a series of projects (such as the skatepark and the bowling green) which have been part funded from the annual precept and part funded from grants. Euxton Northern Green could be the next such project and the Council could either use funding from the precept at a similar rate to that used previously, use additional funds it will receive in the future such as CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy), or other sources of funding such as loans and environmental grants etc could also be explored.

So, what do you think? Do we have your support if we pursue such a project? We will of course report again in a future newsletter to keep you aware of future decisions to be made by your Council but it will help us if we know the views of the Euxton community.

If it helps make up your mind, do go for a stroll around the Millennium Green and see if you think something like this would benefit the northern parts of the parish - and let us know. You can contact us by letter or e-mail (addresses are on this newsletter) or through Facebook or Twitter.

If you could feedback to the Council by end of March or attend the Annual Parish Meeting for electors (see back page) with your feedback.

Land Working Group



Four Year Election

Parish Councillors are elected on a four year cycle. This year is the year all of the Euxton Parish Council seats are up for election, as the last election was in May 2014.

It is predicted, if no other elections are called, that the election date will be Thursday, 3rd May 2018.

With Euxton Council being a larger Council, the whole village is split into wards, Euxton having three with a total of 18 Councillors.

Euxton's wards are: Euxton South and Euxton North West both with 8 Parish Council seats, and Euxton North East which has 2 seats.

How to apply

Nomination papers are available from the Elections Officer at Chorley Council from 27 March 2018 and need to be completed and submitted back to the Elections Officer before the deadline of 6 April 2018.

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What is a Parish Councillor

Councillors are members of the Parish Council, whether elected or co-opted. They are volunteers and as such receive no payment. They give their time freely to attend meetings. There are 11 programmed full council meetings and a number of Committee's with meetings, which its members attend. There is a wealth of information on the website.

What exactly is a Parish Council

"A local council is a body corporate with perpetual succession, and a name" composed of a chairman and councillors. The number of councillors is fixed by the district council and in England must not be less than 5, Euxton is 18.

As a body corporate the council is a person and is distinct from its members (either as individuals or collectively) and its' lawful acts, assets and liabilities are its own and not those of its members.

The Parish Council's funds mainly come from the local element of residents' Council Tax bills.

To qualify to be a Councillor...

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.

Local Government Act 1972 s79

'Euxton Star' Scheme

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

If you know of a stalwart helper, community volunteer - let us know.

Details of the Star scheme are on the Councils website.





Gala Day

Save the Date! Euxton's famous Gala Day will be held on Saturday July 7th 2018, in the usual location on the playing fields behind Euxton C of E Primary School, off Wigan Road in Euxton.

This year we're hoping to bring you your favourite stalls and family fun-filled activities and are working on introducing some new attractions to the event. Gala Day is open to the whole community in and around Euxton, and the much-loved day brings together friends old and new to enjoy some traditional fun and games - and hopefully a bright, sunny, warm day!

This year we'll have the usual favourites like Pillow Fight, Chuck a Welly, Donkey Rides, Face Painting, Egg Throwing, The Great Euxton Bake Off cake making competition (open to all, details to follow on Facebook!), entertainment from local groups and bands, ice creams, delicious cakes and sandwiches and amazing bacon butties.



This village institution, which has been an annual fixture on the calendar for more than 40 years, is organised and run by a dedicated group of volunteers who aim to create an opportunity for everyone to gather and celebrate our fantastic community. Funds raised are always donated to Euxton Methodist and Euxton C of E churches.



Check our Facebook page for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/Euxton-Gala-Day-259027701099804/>) - we look forward to seeing you on July 7th 2018 at Euxton Gala Day!



Victoria Jayne
Euxton Gala
Day Committee





Euxton casualty, James Johnson left
Interpretation panel
(above) and the Euxton
War Memorial (below)



Internet Find

In 2015, the first public war memorial was unveiled in Euxton and alongside it is an interpretation board detailing the casualties. I am proud to have been on the Committee which oversaw the memorial project and I know just how hard we all worked to ensure every individual was honoured and where possible a photograph of them was included on the information panel. Sadly there were a couple of individuals which we couldn't find a photograph of and they are represented with a silhouette.

Recently amongst a collection of ephemera which was advertised for sale online by an antiques dealer in the midlands, I made an interesting find. Within the collection was a postcard of a soldier and his details had been written in ink on the reverse and these corresponded with some of the other paperwork in the collection. Nearly a century after his death, a photograph can finally be shared locally of James George Johnson, who is remembered on Euxton War memorial.

James was born in Worcester in 1898 and was the son of William. At some point he moved north and lived in Rose Hill Cottages, Euxton. During the war he joined the Grenadier Guards and was killed in action on 27th August 1918 at the age of 21.

Although we move further away from the events of World War One, it is clear that the internet has enabled us to gather more information than ever before.

Stuart Clewlow

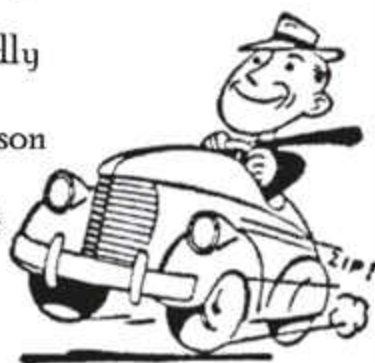
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Euxton Open Gardens

**Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May**

Once again, this annual event promises to lift the lid on some of the best-kept horticultural secrets in the village. Armed with a map, visitors are invited to take a look at well-tended lawns, perfectly planted borders, wonderful water features and glorious greenery around the village, whilst meeting new people and visiting old friends. You can collect your map from Euxton Community Centre on the day, or at any of the gardens taking part - more details to follow.



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**We Warned You!**

The advert for our last astronomy event came with a warning... (right)

From Wi-Fi to prosthetic limbs, GPS to artificial hearts, many of today's modern technological advancements are in our lives thanks to the studies made by the humble astronomer. Professor Brad Gibson, Director of the E.A. Milne centre for Astrophysics explained just how during an hour of mind-blowing revelations on Friday 5th January through his presentation 'How Astronomers Control Your Lives.'

The evening at Euxton Community Centre attracted a full hall of children and adults who were wowed by the countdown of astronomical insights which affect each one of us.

Euxtronomy hold many events throughout the year, varying from public lectures to practical workshops on how to set up a telescope, or nights stargazing and watching meteor showers.

We also have many social nights and you can often find Euxtronomers at the pub quiz at the Bay Horse Pub in Euxton. We are a community group who have varying interests in astronomy from photography to meteorites, looking through telescopes or watching sci-fi.

We welcome everyone to our events, you don't need to be a member and you don't need to own a telescope or have a degree in astrophysics to enjoy looking at the night sky with us or listen to one of our talks.

We would love to meet you at our next event and share more about the group. You'll see telescopes, try on VR headsets and we'll be on hand to chat about all things astronomy. Bring the family for some kids' activities like choco treasure hunt and enjoy finding out about how we use Jaffa Cakes to talk about astronomy and why we explode watermelons to explain the origins of the universe!

If you would like to get in touch or know more about the group you can see our website www.euxtronomy.org.uk

We're also on facebook, twitter and Instagram @euxtronomy and you can email us at euxtronomy@gmail.com we look forward to hearing from you!

Steve Berry



Euxton Astronomy
Chairman, Steve
Berry with
Professor Brad
Gibson

"Euxtronomy has grown from strength to strength over the last 4 years and the talk given by Brad at our January meeting really shows that the level of interest in the group locally is growing. We are looking forward to welcoming more people to Euxtronomy and another year full of exciting events." Steve Berry

"I thank the 50 brave souls who came out and supported my talk in Euxton, one of the most supportive, enthusiastic and passionate groups I have had the pleasure to address! Thank you for making me feel so welcome, I may have delivered a hundred of these over the past few years, but I can say without hesitation that this one stands apart from all the rest. I would be thrilled to come back and talk to you again." Brad Gibson



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Community projects

Following on from the War Memorial project for Euxton and the formation of Euxton Astronomy 'Euxtronomy', local Euxtonian Steve Berry is now turning his attention to two other community projects that he is keen to get off the ground over the next 12 months.

Euxton Community Radio will be one of the projects that Steve will be looking at and is on the lookout to recruit local volunteers to help get the project off the ground, the second project is Euxton Community Cinema and again Steve is looking to the local community to request help to start the project.

Speaking in January Steve said, "I am really keen to get these projects going, Euxton is a very special place for me and anything that I can do to make it a better place to live in for fellow residents - I will."

The radio and cinema projects will be community based and family orientated and will hopefully help to enrich the local community by giving Euxton residents something that is more local to them, improving community cohesion and creating another means of getting together in a social setting.

We will start with a clean sheet of paper so it would be great to get peoples ideas on what they would like these projects to look and feel like."

Steve is holding a meeting at the Parish Church Community Centre in May for both groups, anyone who wishes to take an active role in these projects is welcome to come along and join in.

Details for the meeting dates will be published soon on the community notice boards and in the local newspaper.

Steve Berry



A small change makes a big difference...

My journey on the Couch To 5k started one cold winter night in January 2016, my daughter who had done the previous Couch said "come on Dad give it a go".

I was 62 at the time and had never done any running since school and I didn't like it then. I had also just come back from the hospital where I had been told my kidneys were only functioning at 24% any further deterioration would lead to dialysis or a transplant.



The problem had been caused through high blood pressure 180/130, at the time, and losing weight and exercise could halt the decline as well as a shed load of tablets.

So I joined the Couch and had a go and from that day I have not looked back, I won't lie the first six weeks were hard but I got through it. Along the way I made some new friends who I'm still in touch with today. I have done all the Couches since and recently became a volunteer helping to encourage the new runners. I have also gone on to enter other 5k runs in the area.

You don't have to be fast or fit to start, we go at a pace that suits everyone and no one is left behind.

As a aside with a good diet and the Couch To 5k I have lost two stone with a blood pressure now of 120/80 reduced the number of tablets I have to take and have a stable kidney function.

So come on give it a go, help is at hand and you will enjoy the friendship.

Councillor Eric Jones

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Charnock Farm Christmas lunch



Euxton WI

So we ended 2017 with our December meeting when our speaker Elaine Knuzner showed us how to wrap presents superbly and then we went to Charnock Farm for our Christmas celebration meal which we all enjoyed greatly.



Cinema Group

As we are a very large WI (over 80 members) the easiest way to know members is to join smaller groups who attend our cinema outings or walking group or even the reading circle (we are hoping to set up a second group within the next few weeks)!



For our 2018 programme we have lots of interesting speakers planned together with a Spring Lunch which is in aid of our Charity for 2018 which will take place in early April. We are also planning some outings to special places such as Piece Hall in Halifax so do come and join us.

We meet each month on the first Wednesday at Euxton PC Community Centre on Wigan Road, next to Papa Luigis at 2pm. If you want further information please ring Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough

New members are always welcome. We meet every other Thursday at Euxton PC Community Centre from 2pm until 3.30pm

Next meetings are:
1st, 15th & 29th March
12th & 26th April
10th & 24th May
7th & 21st June

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Euxton Library Events

Coffee Mornings:

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

March (1st) David Hewitt "Joseph 1917"

April (5th) Blood Bikes

May (3rd) Sharon "Preston Care and Repair"

Other Activities:

*Saturday 3rd March "LEGO Robotics" 10:00 - 12:00

*Saturday 10th March "Coding in the Class" 10:00 - 12:00

Wednesday 11th April "A Taste of Spain": Lifestyle Food & Culture 10:00 - 12:00

* For ages 4 -11 years old. Ideally one parent to one child - booking essential - Telephone: 0300 123 6703

Thursday 12th April to 10th May "Make the most of your tablet/iPad" Free course - *5 weeks - booking essential Telephone: 0300 123 6703

Half Term Events

*Wednesday 28th March Easter Crafts 2:30pm - 4:00pm

* £1 per child up to a maximum of £2 per family

Regular Groups: (*Term Time Only)

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

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

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

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

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

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

'Health Walks' *4th Monday of the month meet at Euxton Library at 10.30am.

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

21st February Collage

7th March Pop up Easter Cards

21st March Mug Painting



Father Christmas at Christmas Baby Bounce & Rhyme with Matthew Bolton



Euxton C of E School singing Carols in the Library



Reading Hacks: Mara, Ella & Lucy with Zea Callandar at our Winter Craft Session



Christmas Storytime - PCSO's Ray Chadwick, Megan Gornall & Tracey Johnson Read a story & sang to children from Busy Bodies Nursery, Euxton Pre-school & Nature Trail Nursery

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Craft Group enjoying an activity



Lancashire Dialect Group - celebrating during National Libraries Week

Library Openings

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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

Churches Together in Euxton

Easter Services

Methodist Church

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday
10.30 am Morning Worship including blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses

Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday
10.30 am Easter Celebration including Sacrament of Holy Communion and Dressing of the Easter Cross with Flowers

Euxton CE Church

Holy Week and Easter Services

25 March Palm Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am TOAST (in Parish Church Community Centre)
10.00 am Morning Praise
11.00 am TOAST (in Parish Church Community Centre)
3.00 pm Holy Communion

29 March Maundy Thursday
7.00 pm Holy Communion

30 March Good Friday
10.00 am All Age Service (in Parish Church Community Centre)
12 noon Good Friday Service

1 April Easter Day
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion

St Mary's RC Church

Holy Week & Easter Services 2018

Palm Sunday 25th March
8.30 am Mass and Blessing of Palms
10.30 am Mass of the Passion and Blessing of Palms

Maundy Thursday 29th March
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lords Supper

Good Friday 30th March
12.00 noon Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion

Holy Saturday 31st March
7.00pm The Paschal Vigil. First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday 1st April
10.30 Mass of Easter Sunday



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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 22nd March 2018 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.

Councillors...



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Chris Jones	272837
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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:

15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 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; Euxton Buckshaw Village at the Lancaster Way Community Centre; Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields development.

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