



## Chairman's Column



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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Remembrance Service and also the Singing around the Christmas Tree, seems a while ago now but there was plenty of residents at both events,

with hot drinks etc after. The rain forced us into the Community Centre for the singing but everyone seemed to have a good time and pleasing to see so many families attending.

I also had the great pleasure of giving another Star Award to Mr Tim Steele who for 20 years has been "the man" behind the ladies of the Euxton Singers, who have over the years held Christmas Concerts raising thousands of pounds for local charities and other good causes. Having attended these productions for 4 years now they seem to get better and better and are always sell outs, even rehearsals are ticketed. Tim was most surprised at their latest rehearsal to receive the award as were some of the singers as we had tried and it would seem succeeded to keep this a secret. Tim was put forward by Councillor John Bamber.

If there is anyone you feel is deserving of such an Award please contact our Clerk with the details and these will be put before the full Council for consideration.

Welcome also to our 2 new part-time Village Caretakers, Andy and Stuart, they started work 14th and 21st January. Several residents have already welcomed them on their rounds and I am sure they will be more than pleased to pass on to our Clerk, Debra, any issues regarding the upkeep of Euxton, in regards to litter etc., that you wish to inform them about.

There is also a Councillor Vacancy due to the standing down of Mr Paul Boyd, all details are on our website, and within this issue together with pictures taken of some of the events mentioned above.

All Parish Council meeting dates are displayed on the notice boards around the Village and on our Website so please come along with any ideas you may wish the Council to take on and any problems you may need help with.

**Councillor Katrina Reed**  
Chairman

## Parish portion down

At the December meeting, Euxton Council agreed its budget for the coming financial year, beginning 1st April 2019 running through to the end of March 2020.

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

The Parish Council tax element for an average band D household will be £35.34, which has come down on last year by just over 1%.

Council will continue with any ongoing projects, along with newer projects such as installing lighting on the skate park, which has just gained planning permission, and installing an all weather fenced play space at Greenside (subject to planning permission). It also continues to talk to Chorley about handing over the allotment land off Euxton Lane so the parish council can create allotments within a couple of years.

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

A summary of the 2019/2020 budget can be found inside. If you have any detailed questions please contact the Clerk.

**Debra Platt, Clerk**

## Local Plan Call For Sites

The process for the submission of sites to the Review process of the Local Plan has been **re-opened until the 8th April 2019**.



Because Euxton is attractive to developers our Green Belt is at risk to new house building, continue reading and see how you can help on page 2.



New jobs and employees around the village



New Star recognised page 5







## New Info point

A new noticeboard and map board showing our 47 public rights of way in the village has been installed in Euxton Buckshaw recently.

Thank you to RMG for arranging the position for the board with Cllr Riggott which is on Brookwood Way near to the new Atlas Avenue houses and open space.

Here are Cllrs Chris Jones the Chairman of the All Purposes Committee, the Council Chair Katrina Reed, Aidy Riggott and from RMG Jack Apperley and Stuart Clewlow all welcoming the new board with its new flower bed around it.



## New Interpretation Board at the Millennium Green

Local Euxton resident Lucy Marland recently unveiled the new Pond interpretation board on the Millennium Green.

Expertly designed by Andrew Gray, Curator of Herpetology at The Manchester Museum, for free, and revealed by Euxton resident Lucy Marland.

Euxton Hall Hospital also came over to watch Lucy unveiling the new board.

Andrew Gray commented: "Lucy has been our amphibian ambassador here at Manchester Museum, receiving a letter from David Attenborough and meeting the Ambassador of Costa Rica at the launch of the new programme named after her. She is a real star and a credit to the community of Euxton. Here is a link to the short video clips of her featuring in our global environmental education programme 'Learning with Lucy'. Hope you enjoy." <http://bit.ly/LearnwithLucy>

Who better to unveil the new board.



Left to right: Andrew Gray who designed the board, Dawn Sumner, Head of Clinical Services and Debbie Throup, Operations Manager from Euxton Hall Hospital, Lucy Marland, Chair Katrina Reed and Chris Greenslade Director of Euxton Hall Hospital



## Euxton Walks

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

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

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

The condition of public rights of way are overseen by Lancashire County Council (LCC) in so much as they control the definitive Public Rights of Way map and orders and take action on blocked up pathways. Often the condition of the path is down to a land owner.

As Lancashire, and Euxton alone, has so many paths LCC cannot be expected to visit and effect repairs on every one, they run a Public Rights of Way Scheme for Parish Councils which Euxton is part of this year. Our Village Caretakers will action minor repairs and maintenance on some paths and work has already taken place. Caretakers have tended to footpaths 1, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 42 and have plans to revisit some of those when growing begins, and others which are reported to us.

Last year Cllr Andy Oddy spent hours walking many (if not all) of our PROWs and sent in reports for any major issues.

An interesting PROW is No 1 which originally began at Runshaw Lane, just opposite the Library near to the traffic lights and run through fields past Rough Nook Wood to Holt Farm.

This now is split into two by the 'trees' estate and there is a short stretch from Runshaw Lane coming out at Briar Avenue which we all now call the 'ginnel'. In early February Lancashire County re-surfaced the ginnel and our Village Caretakers went along afterwards and cut back over arching shrubbery to lighten up the passage.

Lancashire County Councillor Aidy Riggott commented, "Like many residents, I am overjoyed that Lancashire County Council have relayed this important and popular Public Right of Way, it will make a big difference to all those who use it. A big thank you is also due to the Parish Council's Lengthsmen for all their work in this area and for cutting back all the vegetation to improve safety along this pathway."

New Village Caretakers Andy and Stuart have been initially tasked to assist with these new areas of work and have tackled the path from Village Croft through to Oak Avenue, the path above and a number of others. Also they have begun an extensive village wide task to cut back growth from the pavements (see pictures).

A down side to making improvements is a mindless few residents who think they can do better. A 'cut' fence was repaired one day and sawed off again another. This was stopped up by order of the land owner because it goes through their land which is **not safe** for walkers, a safe route has been created by the land owner of PROW 43 which



Public Right of Way No 1, Runshaw Lane to Briar Avenue

Continued from front page.

The 'Call for Sites' process is open to anyone including land agencies, builders and developers to suggest ANY area of land to be re-classified for 'housing land'.

Because of the numbers of houses approved under the current Chorley Local Plan, allocated land for building being carried forward to the new plan will be low so, for this Local Plan Review process, more areas within Chorley (as a whole) WILL need to be identified for housing.

**This puts Euxton's Green belt at risk.** Euxton is an attractive place for house building (as you are witnessing) because it has many amenities and local facilities many other villages outside of Chorley don't - excellent access to two major motorways, two railway stations, buses, shops, schools, doctors, dentist, community facilities and the list goes on.

But being so appealing sometimes attracts attention which you may feel we can do without, such as even more housing projects. If there are no more plots left the Green belt fields may be next to be assessed in the sites investigation process.

**What can you do...** Go to the 'Call For Sites' website, choose a piece of Green belt you would like to see protected and remain Green belt and complete the form then, tell your neighbour to do the same, process closes 8th April 2019.

Central Lancashire, Call for Sites consultation form: [www.centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.centrallocalplan.lancashire.gov.uk)

If you need assistance with a map for an area, let the Clerk know and she can send one to you. Or if you require a paper copy of the form.



Path edging started on Balshaw Lane

comes out further down the perimeter fence line of the Millennium Green. If you know who did this, report them as it is time wasting, money wasting and puts walkers and their dogs in danger, the land has dangerous broken metal fence parts sticking out of the ground.



Repaired left, vandalised on purpose soon after, right



## Councillor Joan Williamson

Joan was elected to the Parish Council in May 2018.

I have lived in Euxton for over 9 years and feel adopted here by the friendly folk. I was born in East Lancashire in Burnley but have lived in other parts of the country, once on the other side of the Pennines!

Most of my working life has been spent in the public sector although I have worked for private companies too. Fortunately, whilst student grants were available, I was able to complete a BA honours degree and went on to study for a Master's degree which I self funded by teaching English as a Foreign Language. I have taught in this subject area both at College and University level.

Volunteering at an Advice Centre, I was a client advisor and helped train new volunteer advisors, work vital for community, enabling people to have confidence to progress issues themselves.

Now retired from paid work, I feel able to give time to the community I live in. Having both used libraries and worked in one, keeping our library open is high on my list of priorities. Euxton Library is such an asset for all residents.

I am a member of The Religious Society of Friends in Chorley and serve in various roles. These include Pastoral matters, facilitating various groups and contributing to the wider body of Pendle Hill Quakers.

Dance, keep fit classes, reading and walking Willow, my neighbour's dog, in the tranquil beauty of Ransnap Wood are other pursuits I enjoy. I am also a member of Unison Retired Members Group having served as a union representative in my work life.

It is humbling to have been selected to serve on the Parish Council and I am looking forward to learning from other Councillors to be able to do justice to the role.

**Councillor Joan Williamson**



## EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillor Vacancy in Euxton South

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has arisen on the Council in Euxton South, following a resignation. There has been no call for an election so the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

Applications are invited and any person wishing to serve as a Councillor should write to the Clerk giving details of interests, experience and reasons for wishing to serve.

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

**Closing date 11 March 2019**

Further details of eligibility, procedures of a vacancy, guidance of being a Parish Councillor for Euxton are all available on request from the Clerk or linked on the Council's website to the vacancy notice.

## Councillor Andy Oddy

Andy was elected to the Parish Council in May 2018.

Andy moved to Euxton from Yorkshire 20 years ago, initially intending to stay for 3 just years!! A proud Yorkshireman he has, nonetheless, made Euxton his home.

As a longstanding governor at Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School and chair from 2005 to 2017 he steered the school to one of the best Ofsted inspection results in England in 2012.

Andy was also a governor at Parklands Academy for 3 years. Recently he has ensured that the expansion of the school happened with minimum disruption to neighbours and preserved the schools' culture and ethos.



He brings a wealth of experience having been a local government lawyer and trade union branch secretary at West Lancs and Harrogate Councils and then lawyer and a switch to Strategic IT Management at Chorley Council before setting up a management consultancy in 2005. He is now a freelance business/data analyst working predominantly with major insurance companies.

Andy has a keen interest in the public realm, especially open spaces and public footpaths and can be seen out and about in the village and surrounding countryside accompanied by the family's young border collie, Charli. He is also keen to ensure that the local infrastructure including drainage, healthcare, schools, policing and communications has adequate capacity to meet the needs of the ever increasing demand for housing and businesses in the parish as well as protecting the village rural aspect and heritage.

He lives with Alison, his partner of almost 30 years, and they have an Euxtonian daughter at Aston University. Andy has a keen interest in rugby league, cricket, theatre, family history and pub quizzes (he is a 1/3rd of the "Screwed Up" quiz team at the Bay Horse). Andy is, by his own admission, totally obsessed with the rock band The Who.

**Councillor Andy Oddy**



## Star Award for Tim Steele

Tim, a lifelong resident of Euxton, became leader/musical director of Euxton Singers ladies choir in 1998 following the untimely death of the founder, Denis Broughton, and the retirement of the co-founder, Lois Caesar.

Under his guidance (and imagination) the choir has gone from strength to strength - he soon introduced a 'production value' for the charity fund raising concerts held annually, usually over four nights in Nov/Dec in the Community Centre.

Over the years, tens of thousands of pounds have been raised by the singers for local charities, and charities slightly further afield from which local residents can benefit.

The latest (2018) concert - featuring songs from Aladdin - achieved a fabulous donation of £3400.00 to St Catherine's Hospice. (St Catherine's also received a donation in 2011 - a show which featured songs from The Rocky Horror Show!

Other Charities to benefit (and featured songs) have included:-

- The Ring a Rainbow Childrens Charity (Phantom of the Opera)
- Miles of Smiles (Little shop of Horrors)
- Donna's Dream house (Evita)
- Sue Ryder (My Fair Lady)
- Derian House (Les Miserables)
- Christie hospital (Chicago)

With approximately 40 members, new ladies are always welcome to join - the choir is open to all ages and abilities - no previous experience or auditions required - and for a small weekly sum (currently £2), it



provides a fun and friendly 'get together' with like minded ladies, with the opportunity to make new friends, and socially interact within the community.

In recent years, Tim's increased responsibilities in his working life at the University of Central Lancashire has meant that he's had to travel overseas several times a year, but such is his commitment to this community organisation, undeterred, he arranges for his trusty 'back up team' to oversee rehearsals in his absence - THE SHOW MUST GO ON!!

The annual concerts have become a much anticipated event in Euxton and tickets for all nights soon sell out, and this, together with the sale of raffle tickets and donations for the (free) refreshments, helps boost the amounts given to the charities.

In light of Tim's selfless contribution to the community of Euxton I feel he is a well deserving recipient of an Euxton Star Award.

**CLlr John Bamber**

## Chorley Council Electoral Review

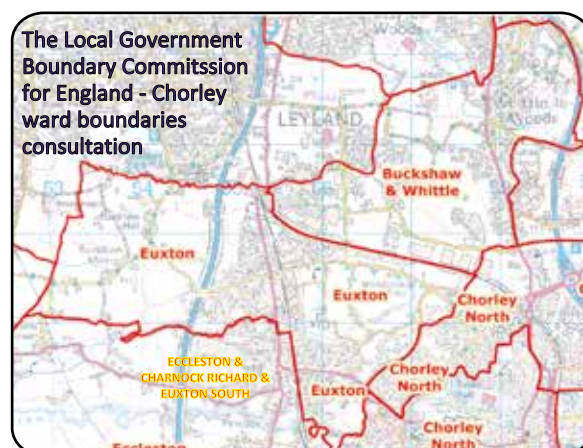
The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) issued its draft proposal in November for consultation until January of this year.

From the original submission made by Chorley Council which carved Euxton in to five different electoral wards - the Boundary Commission responded to this by changing the Euxton boundaries and reducing the impact down to three ward splits and renamed one ward, which some Euxton residents will fall in to, by adding 'Euxton South' to the title.

Chorley Council submitted its suggested amendments to this plan, one of would take out more Euxton residents and put them in to a different neighbouring ward.

Everyone's consultations will now be considered by the Boundary Commission and the resulting report will be issued on 26 March 2019.

All the electoral ward changes will come into being at an all out Chorley Borough Councillor election in May 2020 where every ward of the proposed reduced number from 20 to 14 and reduced Councillors from 47 to 42 will go to election.



The houses which fall out of the main named 'Euxton ward' or 'Buckshaw ward' electoral boundary and in to one of the next door wards still remain in the village of Euxton. They will continue to be covered by Euxton Parish Council - this review is purely to re-size the wards to a more even number for Chorley Councillors covering those wards.





## Friends of Euxton Library

The Friends of Euxton Library held their AGM on 11th January at a well attended meeting in our beloved library.

Reports were presented for the period '18 - '19 by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary as well as an open discussion about the journey the group has been on and its plans for the coming year.

Officers were re-elected unanimously and thanks given to all those who have played a part in the groups formation and early stage development as well as all Committee members who play a keen and hands-on role in the groups activities.

Officers '19 - '20:

Chairman - Aidy Riggott  
Vice-Chairman - Anne Caughey  
Treasurer - Katrina Reed  
Secretary - Lindsey Heaton



As per the requirements of Lancashire County Councils Friends Groups Constitution (which the group are signed up to) the group voted on their Membership Fee for '19 - '20 and this has been set at £0 (FREE) as the group are focussing on growing Membership and raising awareness.

The group also discussed their event plan for the coming year which includes a Bingo Night, a Beetle Drive, further Coffee Mornings and a Lancashire Hot-Pot Night with Sid Calderbank.

A shortened version of Chairman Aidy Riggott's report to the AGM is copied to the right:

"It would also be amiss not to thank Kath and Gill who provide so much support to the Friends of Euxton Library and in my opinion set the gold standard for partnership working with Lancashire County Councils Library Service. Long may we continue to be blessed with such support.

We have started holding our own fundraising events including our first stand-alone Coffee Morning and Raffle, as well as working in partnership with the Library to support a wide variety of events. Alongside the Library Service we also attended Euxton Gala on a beautiful summers day helping to raise our profile and engage with the community.

Our Facebook page is proving popular in keeping the community informed of our activities and we are looking to develop and grow this in the coming year: **Facebook.com/FriendsofEuxtonLibrary** also with the addition of a twitter account – all subject to the guidance received from LCC in this area.

We must also thank Euxton Parish Council who have been hugely supportive of our development with the awarding of a set up grant of £1000 of which we have used funds for new tables for the library as well as the purchase of some games and arts and craft materials."

If you would like to join and become a 'Friend of Euxton Library' please email the group for a Membership Form or call in the library to complete a form. Email: **FriendsofEuxtonLibrary@gmail.com**

**Aidy Riggott**

Chairman - Friends of Euxton Library

Pictured with the official Lancashire County Council 'Friends Group' window sticker at Euxton Library (L to R):

The Friends Officers:  
Lindsey Heaton  
Anne Caughey  
Katrina Reed  
Aidy Riggott



## Eco Garden Polytunnel up and ready for planting



**EUXTON  
PRIMROSE HILL**  
Primary School  
*"Together we will make a difference."*

The Chair of the PTFA, Hazel Cook, contacted the parish council recently to ask if the Council might be able to help the school develop an Eco garden.

The aim of the project is to develop an eco garden within the school premises, providing planting beds for the pupils to grow their own produce and further develop our Eco status and forest school work.

It is hoped the project will include a Polytunnel for growing fruit and vegetables and also high rise planters to ensure that all pupils, regardless of physical ability, can fully engage in growing their own produce.

Hazel asked the Council for £500 for the Polytunnel and this was granted and in January the Chairman, Katrina Reed met with some of the members of the Eco Team and Hazel to see the new Polytunnel up and ready for planting.



## 10th year of Buckshaw Youth Association



Buckshaw Youth Association recently celebrated the start of their 10th year. The popular Youth Club, based in Buckshaw Village, was formed in November 2009 and is still going strong today.

BYA Chairman and long-time volunteer Aidy Riggott

commented "It is amazing to reach our 9th birthday and find that our offering is still as popular as ever! When we started this years program back in September we were

unsure as to whether there would still be many young people wishing to attend, especially since the opening of the Youth Zone in Chorley."

Attendance however has remained high at the popular Youth Club with almost 70 young people through the door each week and more new members signing up all the time to take part in the youth clubs long standing program of arts and crafts, sports and games as well as the ever popular gaming sessions.

Buckshaw Youth Association are always open to more volunteers joining the team. BYA Trustee and Secretary Alan Platt added "Volunteers can join the team and come along as frequently as works for them. Most of the team are here every week, but we do have some volunteers who can only join us every now and then and that is absolutely fine."

The Youth Club is open from 8pm to 9-30pm and is for those aged 8 to 14 and entry is just £1 per week. More details can be found on their Facebook page at [Facebook.com/BuckshawYouthBV](https://www.facebook.com/BuckshawYouthBV) or by contacting Chairman Aidy Riggott at [aidy.riggott@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:aidy.riggott@lancashire.gov.uk).



**Aidy Riggott**

Chairman - Buckshaw Youth Association

## Euxton Community Bowls Club



Even though we're (generally) in the non playing winter months for Crown Green Bowling, much has been keeping the Committee and members busy.

During the Autumn, a few members have been regularly clearing leaves and twigs from the playing surface to give the grass the best possible chance to establish for the new season. Also, nominated members, together with the Parish Council lengthsmen, are soon to undergo a greenkeepers course and will take on the responsibility of the green's maintenance during the year.

Many pre season league meetings have been attended by the relevant team captains, and a Club team has been accepted into another league from the start of the 2019 season - Thursday afternoons - Chorley Mixed Vets - that now makes 4 leagues the Club will be involved in competitively.

Much research and preparation work has been done by Club member Kath Sutton and Chairman David Fincham relating to the (compulsory) Safeguarding policy for 2019 onwards.

A Social quiz night was to be held at the 'Insty' mid February, which will have hopefully attracted more new members, having been publicised on Social media and the Parish Council Noticeboards around the village.

The Club's Social Secretary (Cheryl Marshall 01772 466287) is planning several social bowling Sundays for when the season starts, and hopefully some taster/coaching sessions can also be arranged for anyone looking to take up Crown Green Bowling and becoming a member of the Club. (Membership Secretary - Mike Marshall - 01772 466287).

Thanks to all for continued support.

**Cllr Marilyn Bamber**  
ECBC member

## 'Euxton Star' Scheme



There are so many people who do 'unsung' work, volunteering, helping, keeping things running - 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 or someone you admire for their work in the community - let us know.

Maybe they run a club, do all the background work, or work selflessly to improve the local environment.

Write in to the Council with your nominee to let us know as much as we will need to know to understand their contribution. It is the Council's intention to award an Euxton Star Award to local 'stars' and report on them for the newsletter so the recipient must be prepared for this. See Council's website for details.

**EUXTON COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB** will be open for bowling at Greenside from April 2019



New members are most welcome to join

Please contact Mike Marshall 01772 466287 for details

Any ladies who are interested in joining the Ladies Team, please contact Anne Caghey 01257 232570



## Euxton

### Commemorates The Armistice

Throughout November 2018 events reached a peak across the Borough of Chorley as the usual Remembrance Sunday events were enhanced by a number of extra acts to mark the centenary of the World War One Armistice.

The month saw the culmination of over four years of events to mark centenary anniversaries connected to the Great War. One of the first events, back in August 2014 was "Lights Out" at Euxton Methodist Church. The service was part of a national act of commemoration which consisted of the turning off of lights and candles to signify the beginning of the war.

All sorts of tributes have been paid in the last four years and the Borough has certainly done its bit in keeping alive the memory of the men and women who gave so much to ensure we enjoy the lives we lead today. There has been memorial unveilings, memorial fields appointed, floral displays, military displays, concerts, parades, services and of course, a number of Euxton Web articles.

On Buckshaw, RMG Buckshaw and John Sharples produced a life size 'Tommy' soldier outline in metal, which with specifically installed lighting, produced a 20ft silhouette against the wall of Buckshaw Community Centre. The Friends of Buckshaw Village also lined the village with poppies, including a large poppy on the Green Man sculpture.

In Chorley, at sunset on 2nd November, Sir Lindsay Hoyle formally welcomed invited guests and members of the public to the newly illuminated Chorley Pals Memorial. The work was carried out by Chorley Council and Contractors Eric Wright as part of the scheduled Flat Iron works. There was of course, men from Euxton amongst the ranks of the Pals.

Euxton Methodist Church hosted a "Lights On" event which followed on from the very well received event of 2014. The event, arranged by myself and Lydia Goodliffe, saw the lighting of three candles (representing the three Euxton Churches) which had been used at the service four years earlier, to symbolise the return of peace to the world. The service and exhibition of local artefacts and militaria was again well received by those who attended, which included Church representatives, Councillors, member of the public and the Chair of Euxton Parish Council.



Euxton War Memorial



'Tommy' outside Buckshaw Community Centre

Victoria Clewlow with one of the candles at "Lights Out" 2014



Candles relit at the 2018 "Lights On" service





Chorley Pals statue illuminated

Poppy arch made at Euxton CE Primary School and Wreath made by children at Busy Bodies nursery



Sadly not all the acts of commemoration can be included within this summary but with the addition of parades at Euxton War memorial, poppy tributes at virtually every local Primary and Secondary School, and all kinds of personal tributes expressed through social media, the Borough of Chorley has certainly done its bit to mark the Centenary of the World War One Armistice.

Far from the occasion being a celebration of conflict, November was a celebration of peace. The commemoration has been with the remembrance and acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by the people of our community over hundred years ago.

**Stuart Clewlow**



Display at Euxton Methodist Church



Display at Euxton CE Primary School (with Victoria and James Clewlow) and in Reception at Euxton CE Primary school.



## Euxton Open Gardens - put it in your diary!

The annual celebration of all things horticultural in the village, will be held on **Monday May 27th 2019** (Bank Holiday Monday).

We're delighted to announce that many of our village's private gardens will be available to view, where you can chat to residents, pick up gardening tips and enjoy a day out in the sunshine - hopefully!

As usual, you can collect a map from the Community Centre in School Lane, where there will also be strawberry teas and a tombola.

More details available soon!



## Why you need advice on mortgages



The comparison between comparison sites and professional advice.

In this day and age, we are all becoming more tech savvy and buying more of what we need online, sometimes just

at the click of a button on our phones. But when it comes to your mortgage, should you make this kind of decision in the same way? After all, for most of us, there is no greater financial commitment. It is tempting with comparison sites seemingly doing all the hard work for us and making it so we don't need to meet a total stranger or even leave our living room.

However, there are many compelling reasons why advice from a mortgage professional is even more valuable now than in the past. When the Mortgage Market Review was adopted in April 2014, it became tougher for many to match banks' and building societies' criteria; and every year since has seen a rise in people using mortgage brokers to arrange their finance rather than going directly to the lender – hardly surprising given the inflexibility of some organisations.

If you employ a professional, trust them to get the job done – by a professional we mean a qualified whole of market mortgage broker or Independent Financial Adviser (IFA) who works for you. Not a bank adviser who can only sell their own products. Also remember estate agents are rarely qualified and do not have the same set of regulations protecting you as the above will have; and the broker/IFA is working for you, nobody else. Trust them with the market, they have nothing to gain by recommending you the wrong product and are professionally bound to recommend the most suitable one for your needs. If you look online and find a 'cheaper' deal it is almost certainly one not suitable for you in terms of borrowing what you want.

Remember, if you buy online through a search engine, you are making an 'informed choice' and have no comeback if it goes wrong; using a broker gives you the peace of mind

that they are taking responsibility and you are protected by their regulations.

Also, it's not uncommon for mortgage deals on comparison sites to be out of date. This could mean going through to a lender, sending them all your documents, only to find weeks later that the deal they offered through the site has gone – imagine your disappointment as you discover that the bank now charges more than several others. Brokers' systems are updated daily and they usually get notified if products are going to be withdrawn, at least a few hours in advance, meaning they can reserve the old rate for you, if the new rate is higher.

Importantly, everyone's situation is different and a broker gives you bespoke advice. Perhaps you have missed credit payments, have a lot of outgoings, are borrowing the maximum you can, are short term self-employed / contracted or have little or no deposit equity. Or if you are new to the UK, or even your job, or are using an elaborate tax plan recommended by your accountant to declare minimum income – there are other scenarios too – picking out the 'best rate' from a search engine is useless to you as that company will probably not lend to you. A broker will know who can lend to you, what they will need from you and how long it might take, as well as what it will cost. Your broker will also deal with all the calls, emails, document requirements and inevitable curveballs from the lender to save you the stress.

An experienced broker has picked up other information over the years too, like good solicitors to use, how to handle the agent or even haggle the price and they have good contacts at all major banks and building societies which can prove very helpful should the path not be a smooth one; sometimes they even get better rates than you can get going direct. What's not to like?

We have an experienced team of advisers who will be only too pleased to help you and we are free to use.

So remember Euxton Mortgage Market and No Broker Fees when looking at mortgages.

Call us  
**01257 208946**

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5 East Terrace Business Park  
Euxton Lane, Chorley  
[info@euxtonmortgagemarket.co.uk](mailto:info@euxtonmortgagemarket.co.uk)



# Euxton Library Events

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

March 7th Ian Bagshaw "Royal Mail & the secret language of postcards"

April 4th Elaine Taylor "Astley: a picturesque park"

May 2nd Paul Robinson "Compost"

June 6th Joan Helliwell "Betsy the Scullery Maid"

## Other Events

Wednesday 13th March Lancashire Adult Learning "Discover the 5 Ways to Wellbeing" 9:30 - 11:30

Wednesday 3rd April Lancashire Adult Learning "Zentangle" 9:30 - 11:30

Wednesday 17th April Easter Crafts 2:30pm - 4:00pm

\*From age 4 and upwards £1 per child up to a maximum of £2 per family

Family Beetle Drive = Saturday 27th April = 2-3pm

Family Bingo = Saturday 29th June = 2-3pm

**Get Creative Week** Saturday 11th - Saturday 19th May

Wednesday 15th May Euxton Craft Group 2:00 - 4:00  
"Making Baskets using recycled magazines/newspapers/wrapping paper"

Friday 17th May Knit & Natter 2:00 - 4:00  
"Come and join us - beginners welcome!"



Chorley & District Model Railway Club



SEU Family History Group



St Mary's School

**New Opening Hours**  
Library Opening times  
Monday 9am to 7pm  
Tuesday closed all day  
Wednesday 9am to 5pm  
Thursday 9am to 1pm  
Friday 9am to 5pm  
Saturday 9am to 1pm

**Christmas was busy with carol singing from Euxton St Mary's, Euxton CE and Primrose Hill Primary Schools**



Christmas Story Time with Jon and Ray



Euxton CE School



Knit & Knatter Group



Primrose Hill School



New Year Craft with reading hacks Max, Ella, Lucy & Sophie



Author visit with Alice Broadway with Friends of Euxton Library

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

Card Games Club every Monday 2:00pm - 4:00pm

\*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 10.30 am to 12 noon

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

\*Health Walks - changing to the 3rd Monday of every month - starting Monday 18th March

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

\*Toddler Time, sing-along songs and rhymes, movements and actions, meet and chat with other parents, just drop in no need to book - Friday 10:00 - 10:30 am



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Litter Picking Kit

The Litter Picking kit is available for groups to borrow to do similar community minded days or clear up your area. Contact the Clerk to request the kit which is a collection of hi-viz jackets, litter rings, gloves, pickers and bags.

Community Day benefits Euxton

Five colleagues from ROQ recently completed a litter pick in the local area.  
ROQ is a software testing consultancy based on Chorley Business and Technology Centre, just off Euxton Lane. ROQ is a people focussed company, recently accredited Investors in People Gold.

One initiative that ROQ run is called Community Days, whereby they offer all their employees the opportunity to take one working day per year to carry out work in the local community.

On a cold morning in November, ROQ colleagues Craig, Dave, Nick, John and Joe started on Pear Tree Lane, opposite ROQ's Test Lab, and spent 3 hours tidying and litter picking using kit borrowed from Euxton Parish Council. They utilised the second half of their Community Day competing in a charity football tournament, raising money to buy medical equipment for children's hospitals.

Joe Horrocks, Internal Communications and Engagement Co-ordinator at ROQ said "it's always a pleasure to take part in these Community Days and we are very lucky to work for a company that offers such an amazing initiative, amongst many others! While on the litter pick, we crossed paths with a number of locals who voiced their gratitude and we even managed to spot some deer! Thanks to Euxton Council for allowing us to use their litter pick kit and making the day possible."



Community Garden

Every year the Borough Council and Parish Council's get together to do a Neighbourhood Project. Last year Chorley and Euxton completed the 'reading' area in front of Euxton Library, with a paved area, seating and a specially commissioned reading seat with artwork designed by Primrose Hill Primary school pupils.

This year, the area of land at the bottom of Highways and Hawkshead Avenues is having a make-over.

This land is very very wet so a design which incorporated an access path was essential but also there are raised beds, for a future planting project and there are to be a couple of seats and about a dozen dwarf fruit trees to be planted late February to complete the garden area.

The one play item, which is a kick wall, will be relocated to another area in Euxton as it is little used here because the ground is so wet and muddy.

Well done Chorley Council for this project.



Raised beds above, one more to be built, and right, the path where the seats will be installed

Precept budget from article on page 1

PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2019/2020		
Budget sections / Titles	Carried fwd from 18/19	Total Budget 19/20
Employees		
4000 Employees		95000
Housekeeping		
4010 Payroll Services		1200
4070 Mileage		2600
4075 Employee Training		2500
4080 General Office		4500
4090 Communications		4000
4100 Insurance		1900
4110 Subscriptions		200
4120 Audit Requirements		1250
4130 Legal Fees/Planning Investigations		5000
Council		
4211 Councillor Training		250
4220 Elections and Parish Poll Fund		10000
Grants/5137		
4250 Grants		6000
4260 Christmas Celebrations		5000
Special Events/Projects		
4300 Euxton Gala		1500
4310 Road Safety		2500
4340 Community Engagement		250
4380 Heritage Projects		3000
4390 Defibrillator Project		4000
Amenity/Utility		
4510 Gardens/Planting/Competitions		10000
NEW Allotments (none infra-structure items)		7500
4530 Millennium Green		10000
4540 All Purpose Committee		2500
NEW Multi/all weather area Greenside (none infra-structure items)		1500
4570 Amenity/Open Space RRM		30000
EMR's		
9320 EMR Emergency Fund	22364	15136
9330 EMR Land Fund	65000	
9340 EMR Street Machines	4009	
9350 EMR Ransnap Brook	279	
9370 EMR CIL	211606	
	303258	227286
Less cash in hand/income		62108
Precept request @£35.34		195178



## Balshaw Lane Primary School expansion complete

Euxton residents will have noticed a lot of activity going on at our school over the last year. If you've driven or walked past, you may have seen our fantastic new expansion being built.

The building work is now complete and our new facilities look great. We have several new classrooms, as well as three intervention rooms for small group work. The hall has been expanded, as have the two playgrounds.

The children's favourite is our new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which you can see from the road. This is a superb development for the school because we can use it for PE and sport throughout the year. We are looking forward to hosting competitions on it with the other Euxton schools.

Although the school has increased in size, parents have commented on how 'cosy' it still feels, 'like a family school'. This means a great deal to us because we have a warm, supportive ethos in school.

We recently welcomed our local neighbours into school for a tour and coffee morning. They were very impressed by the new expansion - and the children's singing. It was a lovely opportunity to share our new development with the local community. Similarly, the senior citizens, who came to our Christmas party, commented very positively about the improved hall.

We now have 60 Reception places each year. The increased intake

means that we can take in more children than previously. The children are placed in two straight-age Reception classes. Parents have praised the supportive induction which the children receive before starting school and into the autumn term.

The autumn term was very busy as usual. A highlight was our Curriculum Week focusing on faith through art. We invited the other three Euxton schools to a workshop where the children mixed together to produce artwork for a shared exhibition.

We continue to strive for high academic standards. Last year's results for Year 6 in Reading, Writing and Maths were again above national averages for the expected standard. The Combined result was again above the national average too. However, we are not all about results because we also focus on a rich curriculum for each child. The children love coming to school - and that's how it should be!

Any prospective parents are welcome to visit school. Please call 01257 278722 to arrange a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

**Ms Helen Gregson**  
Headteacher



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## Euxton WI

It is 2019 already and our Christmas celebrations are long gone so we began the New Year with our annual Tea party. It enables everyone to chat and get to know one another better which is one of the aims of WI and sometimes difficult in a club the size of Euxton as we have over 90 members and regularly see over 75 to 80 ladies present each monthly meeting.

So we encourage members to join one of our subsidiary groups such as our Reading group or Walking group or our luncheon group to get to know members better more quickly!

We continued into February with a very enjoyable talk about "Sweets" by Mrs Jackie Masi which evoked memories of our younger days!

We look forward to the rest of our programme which is very varied so if you are new to Euxton or if you recently retired 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**



A trip to the cinema and below our February meeting



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**14th & 28th March 2019**  
**11th & 25th April 2019**  
**9th & 23rd May 2019**  
**6th & 20th June 2019**

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## We give Time Credits

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If you want to find out more of how you can spend Time Credits in our area, or beyond, visit the website.

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Events which we currently offer Time Credits for are the Litter Picking volunteering events, and Community Improvement events. Look out for events on noticeboards or on the website.



# *Churches Together in Euxton*

## *Easter Services*

### **Methodist Church**

Sunday 14th April - Palm Sunday  
10.30 am Morning Worship including blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses.

Friday 19th April - Good Friday  
7.00 PM - Service for Good Friday

Sunday 21st 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

14 April Palm Sunday  
8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Family Service  
Both services to include distribution of palms

17 April Wednesday in Holy Week  
10.00 am Holy Communion

18 April Maundy Thursday  
7.00 pm Holy Communion

19 April Good Friday  
10.00 am All Age Worship for Good Friday  
in the Church Community Centre  
12 noon A Service for Good Friday

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

### **St Mary's RC Church**

Holy Week & Easter Services 2019

Maundy Thursday 18th April  
7.00 pm evening Mass of the Lords supper

Good Friday 19th April  
12.00 Noon Stations of the cross  
3.00pm Liturgy of the lords Passion

Holy Saturday 20th April  
7.00pm The Pascal Vigil. First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday 21st April  
10.30 Mass of Easter Sunday







### Neighbourhood Policing Team:

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## Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm.

The meeting venue is mainly the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings:

2019 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 19 Dec.

## 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; Euxton Buckshaw on Brookwood Way; Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields development.



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