



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



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Chairman's Column

Welcome to the March 2024 issue of the "Euxton Web" which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

Thanks to all the residents that turned out on quite a rainy night to attend the annual singing around the Christmas Tree. The community Centre was almost full to bursting and we all enjoyed the mince pies, sweets and drinks. Thanks to all the Parish Councillors that attended, working in the kitchen, serving and clearing up afterwards. Ian, Joan, Dez, Eric plus as always Debra, Alan and Lorraine.

Once again I had the pleasure of listening to some of the children from four of our local Primary Schools singing in the library during the weeks leading to Christmas. The sessions were well attended, as usual, by parents, grandmas, granddads plus friends etc. Over the past ten years as Chair, these four dates in my diary are the ones I look forward to the most and hope that they continue for years to come. Thanks to the children and the teachers from all the schools may they continue for many Christmases to come.

The Council has a new "Footpaths" sub-committee and as the name suggest it will be looking into how we can improve and help maintain our footpaths with Euxton. Any resident wishing to attend will be able see times, dates etc on the Councils website. We hope to start meeting asap, and input from residents will be helpful.

Friends of Euxton Library have recently started meeting up again and have some events lined up already. If interested in joining, please call into the library and leave contact details. There is a "Bavarian Supper Night" to be held in the Community Centre in April and a Craft Fair in the library in May plus a Lancashire Night later in the year. Some will be ticketed events because of numbers, so look out for the posters in local shops, notice boards and of course the Library. All the events will be listed in this newsletter.

Euxton Community Bowls Club is looking for new social and playing members so if any resident is interested, please contact me in the first instance. My phone number is in the newsletter and I can forward your details on to the membership secretary. There are five teams who play some evenings and afternoons in three local leagues.

There is still a vacancy on the Council so if anyone is interested. Contact the either of the Clerks and they will take you through the process of becoming a Parish Councillor.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman



At the next General Election residents of Euxton South will vote to elect the South Ribble MP



Euxton South is the part of the village south of Chapel Brook and west of the railway. If you live on Church Walk, Park Avenue, the southern part of Wigan Road, Anderton Road, Dunrobin Drive, Fieldside Avenue, Dawbers Lane or other addresses around them, then you are in Euxton South. At present you are in the Chorley Parliamentary Constituency and your Member of Parliament is Sir Lindsay Hoyle.

At the next General Election though, this changes.

Euxton South is in a ward with Croston and Mawdesley and, when the next General Election comes round, as it soon must, Euxton South will be in the South Ribble Parliamentary Constituency. The current Member of Parliament for this constituency is Katherine Fletcher. The borough ward was contested late 2023 in a local election for a seat on Chorley Borough Council vacated on the death of Councillor Keith Iddon.

The change arises from the work of the Boundary Commission for England reviewing parliamentary constituency boundaries and proposing changes,

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Parish portion

In January, Euxton Council agreed its budget for the financial year, 1st April 2024 to the end of March 2025.

**This is 71p* per
week for all the
Parish Council
services**

The Parish Council's tax element for an average *band D household will be £36.97, this is an increase of 81p for the whole year.

Council will continue with its ongoing services, such as planting and looking after the flower displays, eco projects, maintaining its own play area and recreations sites, keeping the village litter picked and swept. As well as new projects which will happen through the year which we feature in this newsletter.

The Council welcomes new ideas from its residents about improvements or ways it can provide additional recreation facilities or amenity areas around Euxton and Euxton Buckshaw.

If you have any questions please contact the Clerk or a Councillor. The full budget can be seen in the minutes of the January meeting, on the website.

Debra Platt, Clerk/RFO

At the next General Election residents of Euxton South will vote to elect the South Ribble MP... continued

where necessary, to ensure that constituencies are of similar size. This requires consequent changes to local ward boundaries that make up the parliamentary constituencies.

Euxton Parish is far too large to be a single ward. Part of it, in Buckshaw, is in a ward together with the part of Buckshaw that is in Whittle-le-Woods Parish. This ward remains in the Chorley Parliamentary Constituency. The remaining part of Euxton was still too large for the Boundary Commission for England to retain as a single ward and part of it, Euxton South, had to be removed and placed in a different ward. The resulting ward, Croston, Mawdesley and Euxton South, is the largest in area in either the Chorley or the South Ribble Parliamentary Constituencies.

All a little confusing, but one boundary unaffected by these changes is that for Euxton Parish Council. The Parish continues to be made up of the 'whole' of the village, Euxton, Euxton South together with the part of Buckshaw which is in Euxton.



Cllr Vyn Thornhill

Euxton '2024' Calendar

The 2024 calendar proved popular and helped out four local groups who help distribute them whilst raising funds for their local groups.

Euxton Cubs & Scouts, Euxton Brownies & Guides, Euxton Singers and Euxton WI sold calendars and were able to keep the funds to help them carry out new projects in the village.

2025 theme 'Sights of Euxton'

The All Purposes Committee has decided to do the calendar again for 2025 so your photos are needed to make up the months.



We are asking for residents to send in photos of sights around Euxton, whether that is your favourite view, building, or an unexpected encounter with wildlife as long as it was in Euxton.

Email in or Whatsapp to 07484 538376, calendars will be available from late October through the Council or through local groups in the village.

All Purposes Committee

Footpaths Focus

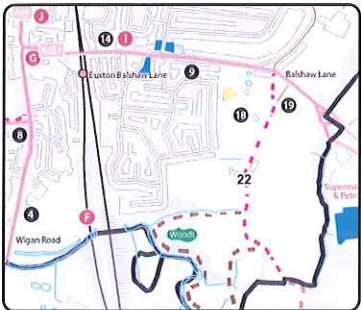
The All Purposes Committee recently set up a Footpaths Sub-Committee to focus on improving Public Rights Of Way and paths throughout the village.

Part of the work of the committee will be to update and have reprinted the popular Walkers Map and also to have an interactive virtual version of the map and its information.

If you feel you could assist the group with information, going on walks to identify problems, local points of interest for the

revised walkers map or anything footpath focussed - get in touch.

All Purposes Committee



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
Councillor Vacancy -
Euxton Buckshaw Ward



Presently there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on the Council.

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. If an election is not called this will be filled via co-option.

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).

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.

clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk
www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
Apprenticeship Opportunity



This is an exciting opportunity to work as a Horticulture apprentice for Euxton Parish Council.

The apprentice will be trained to use a range of tools in undertaking their duties throughout the village of Euxton. The apprentice will undertake their duties to the highest standard, providing a quality service to the residents and visitors of Euxton.

Working alongside the Village Caretaker team of 5 employees - working and training on the job, at a variety of tasks and projects.

Find out all the information you will need by linking through the Apprentice vacancies on Oldham College website: Horticulture Level 2 Apprenticeship Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

The training you will be getting:

- Horticulture Apprenticeship Standard
- Emergency first aid: Level 3 award in emergency first aid
- Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides Guidance OR Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides

Primrose Play area re-vamp

All but 3 items on the Primrose Hill Play Area are to be removed and new equipment installed in the latest project of upgrades to Euxton Parish Council's play areas.

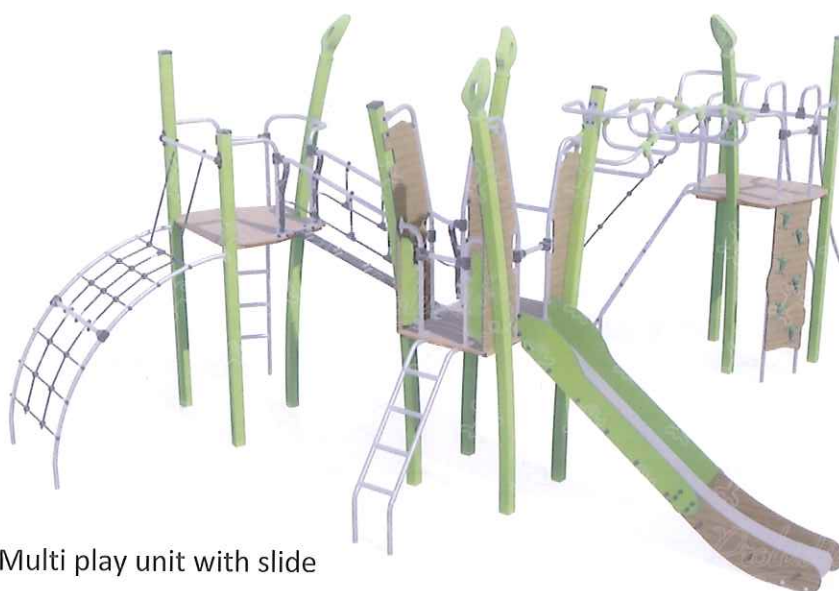
From additional Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies the Council will be spending approximately £65K in bringing new and exciting equipment items to this play area.

Display boards have gone up on the play area for young people to let us know their thoughts on the suggested equipment, some items are displayed here.

This upgrade work is programmed to be completed before Summer.

Let us know if you like the look of this equipment by emailing the Council, Text or WhatsApp 07484 538 376.

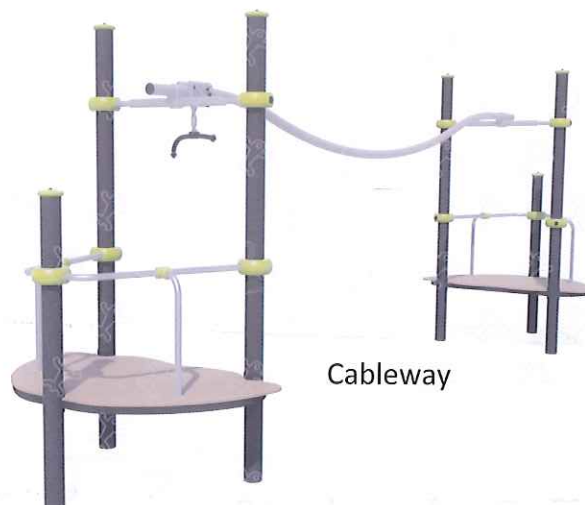
Leisure Committee



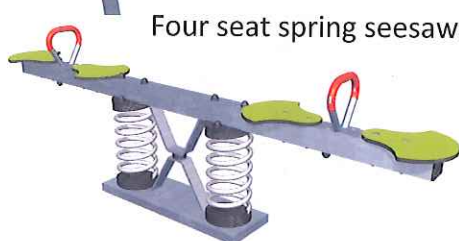
Multi play unit with slide



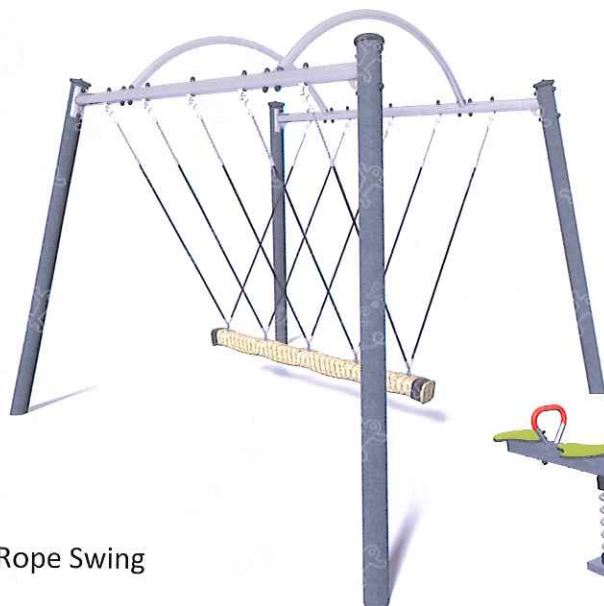
Rodeoboard



Cableway



Four seat spring seesaw



Rope Swing

Play area changes

Euxton Council's play areas, throughout the year are inspected and repairs and upgrades made.

Recently Greenside and Primrose play areas entrance gates have been changed to being yellow, this is recommended for partially sighted residents to help them locate the entrance and exit gates more easily. They also have had auto closers fixed to them so they automatically pull the gates to a closed position.

Balshaw Lane fencing is being reviewed with quotations for all the posts to be reset, gates coloured and fixed with auto closers, alternatively all the fencing may be replaced, whichever is most cost efficient.

If you see a fault or problem with any part of the play areas the Parish Council maintain, please let us know so the faults can be rectified. All Council play areas and open space have clear white signage informing they are Euxton Council sites showing contact details.

Leisure Committee



Left, Primrose Play area gate



Right, one of the gates to Greenside play area

Euxton WI

The members of Euxton WI continue to be very busy with activities such as the craft group which meets monthly. In March the group will be trying their hand at egg decorating.

The walking group recently enjoyed a visit to Preston to follow the Blue Plaque trail.

The Members' meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month and in March we celebrate our 102nd birthday with cake and fizz.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the President, Ann Francis, on 01257 412013.

Karen Hartley



Fond Farewell to Rosie

After so many dedicated years of service as a school Foundation Governor, Mrs Rosemary Goodwin has decided to step down from this long-standing position.

Rosie started being involved in the life of Euxton C.E. Primary School back in 1968. She worked at our school for 42 years and only retired when she was 80 years old! In that time, as well as being a school governor, she has been the school bursar, worked in the school office, helped children to learn and more recently been a volunteer to hear children read.

With her many years' experience, Rosie knew all our families so well and she is well known for her incredible memory for names and faces of past pupils. She knows generations in Euxton! She has made such a difference to so many children and families over the years. Last year Rosie received a special recognition award from Lancashire County Council for her outstanding contribution to our school.



The whole of the school family would like to say a HUGE thank you to Rosie for her invaluable support in all aspects of school life over the years and know she will continue to be a treasured friend of our school community.

Mrs Mairi Ash
Headteacher

Euxton Church of England Primary School

EUXTON WAR MEMORIAL CLUB



***** Cash Bingo *****
Sunday & Monday evenings

Snooker, free Pool, Darts,
Dominoes and more
SKY & TNT Live Sports,
large TV screens



Free function room bookings
Birthdays, Weddings,
Christenings, Funeral
receptions etc



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For details 01257 228043 (after 5.30pm)
Membership available (£10 life)



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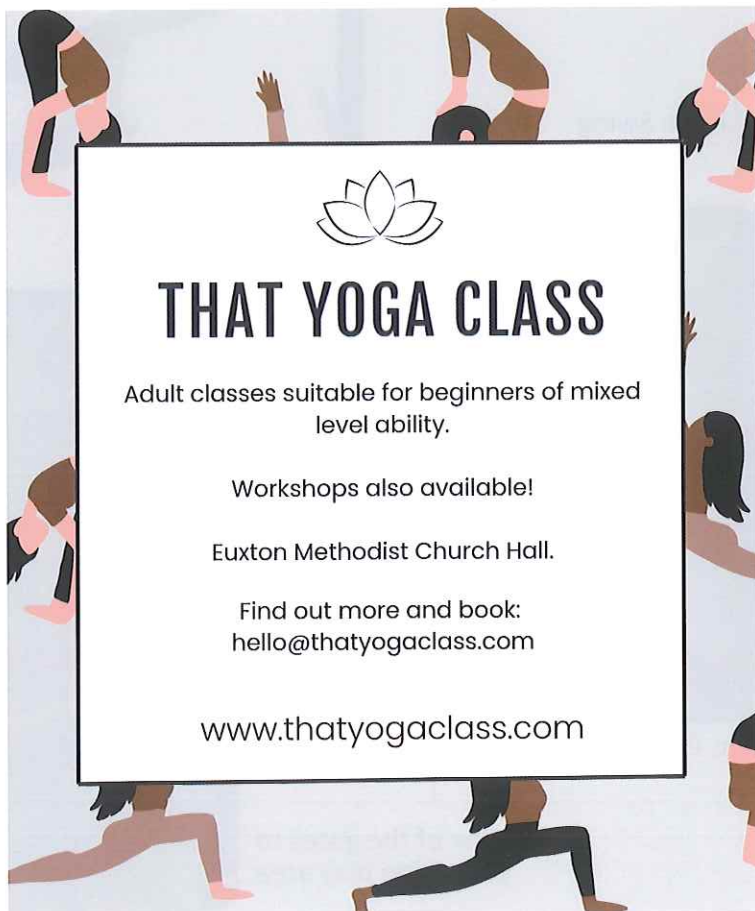
Adult classes suitable for beginners of mixed level ability.

Workshops also available!

Euxton Methodist Church Hall.

Find out more and book:
hello@thatyogaclass.com

www.thatyogaclass.com



The Euxton Singers support local charities

- and have lots of fun doing it!

The Euxton Singers once again staged a sell out three night concert at the Community Centre before Christmas and raised a fantastic £2,750 for the mental health charity Lancashire Positive Minds. This was followed by an evening singing at the local Tesco store when they raised a further £350 for St. Catherine's Hospice. These are remarkable achievements and thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

The great work which St. Catherine's Hospice carries out is well known and truly valued by the people of Euxton and elsewhere, whilst the charity Lancashire Positive Minds may be new to some.

This charity was founded by a lady who was born and raised in Euxton, Susie Marsden, and whose eldest child sadly suffered from mental health problems, with her youngest child suffering from autism and ADHD. Susie soon realised that there was no provision to support parents and carers who are affected by such issues. There was clearly an un-met need and so with the support of the NHS and along with other parents who were in a similar position she formed a new charity - Lancashire Positive Minds.

They currently meet in Leyland and Preston and have plans to expand into Chorley in the near future, placing Euxton at the centre of their activities.

The group offers face to face meetings and online support to parents and carers who find themselves in a similar heart breaking position to Susie. They recognise that you never stop being a parent and so they not only support families with younger children, but extend that support to those with adult children in their 20's, 30's, 40's and beyond. Families whose children have passed away whilst suffering from mental health trauma are not forgotten and are encouraged to contact the group.

Of the donation the founder Susie said "We are extremely grateful to the ladies of the Euxton Singers for their incredible generosity, dedication and time. All of us in the group were blown away by the work they have put in and by their willing help towards an often overlooked cause. This donation will make a real difference and will be used to purchase self harm first aid kits and overnight emergency crisis bags for parents and carers.

If you are a parent or carer and need support, please do get in touch with us as strength often comes from knowing you are not alone. Just contact me, Susie, to talk it over on 0771 3337182 or email enquiries@lancashirepositiveminds.co.uk We are here to help you!

Euxton Singers were themselves given a big financial boost by the generosity of Euxton Parish Council who kindly provided them with safety rails to fix to the back of the stage (see photo). As with all safety features such precautions are never headline grabbing but are really essential to the well being of the choir. The gift was warmly received and acknowledged on each night of the performance. Thank you, Euxton Parish Council, and thanks also for the provision of delightful calendars with photos depicting Euxton in all it's glory, the sale of which proved a useful boost to our funds.

The next Euxton Singers' charity concert is to be held on 22nd, 23rd, 24th November in the Community Centre, and it promises to be one of the best yet with many songs which you are bound to know. So save those dates in your diary now, and wait for further details nearer the time. In addition we hope to



hold one or two social evenings throughout the year, so keep an eye out for those!

The ladies of the Euxton Singers have been delighting audiences for well over 40 years and meet every Wednesday in the Community Centre for practices. Their main aim is to promote the joy of music in a relaxed and fun setting.

There are currently well over 40 members, but they are always looking for more and would make any new members really welcome. There are no auditions, and all ladies are encouraged to join. If you are interested please contact the secretary, Jill Mitchell, on 07946 388872 or by email at jill@mitchellmail.org She looks forward to hearing from you.

Jill Mitchell
Euxton Singers

EUXTON PARISH CHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE

COFFEE MORNING

IN THE HALL ON

Third Wednesday's

20th March 2024

17th April 2024

15th May 2024

29th June 2024

FROM

9.30am to 11.30am

TOMBOLA STALL, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE
CAKE STALL, GOOD AS NEW etc.

Admission £1 includes coffee and biscuits

All money raised goes to community funds

Euxton Library

Future Events:

Thursday 20th March 9:30- 11:30 and **Monday 8th April** 9:30 - 11:30

PCSO Lewis Deary from the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at Euxton Library on the dates below signing people up to the alert system "In The Know"

Saturday 23rd March Chorley & District Model Railway 9:30 - 12 Noon "Big & Little Trains Show"

Saturday 30th March *Children's Easter Craft Session 10:30 - 12:00 "Easter Egg Characters & Easter Cards" *suitable for children aged 4 and upwards, children must be accompanied by an adult

Wednesday 1st May Talk by Colin Penny - 10:30 - 11:30
"Convict Transportation"

Saturday 11th May Friends of Euxton Library Craft Fair 9:00 - 13:00 (for more information please contact the Library)

Saturday 25th May *Children's Easter Craft Session 10:30 - 12:00 "Flower Power" *suitable for children aged 4 and upwards, children must be accompanied by an adult

Regular Events:

Monday

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

Card Games Group 2:00pm
- 3:00pm

Storytime 2:00pm -
2:30pm*

Wednesday

Family History Group
10.30am - 12.00 #

Craft Group 1:30 - 3:00pm \$

Thursday

Baby, Bounce and Rhyme
9:30am - 10:00am*

Get Online at Your Library
10.30am - 12.00 #

Friday

Toddler Time 10:00am -
10:30am*

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

Saturday

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

*Term Time only; # Booking
essential; \$ Fortnightly

Library Opening Hours

Monday 9 am to 7 pm
Tuesday closed all day
Wednesday* 9 am to 5 pm
Thursday 9 am to 1 pm
Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

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



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

Euxton Library

"In the Know Event"

Come and have a chat with your
Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO 7094 Lewis Deary will be at Euxton Library on

Wednesday 20th March 9:30 -11:30

Monday 8th April 9:30 – 11:30

You will be able to sign up to the alert system, "In the Know" and
discuss any issues you may have.



Big and Little Trains Show

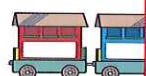
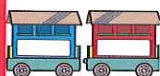


Chorley and District Model Railway
Club are bringing their amazing show
to Euxton Library

For one day only, the library will be
jam packed with trains, displays and
railway fun!

Saturday 23rd March

**9am-12:30pm
Euxton Library**



lancashire.gov.uk



Visit us at:



Convict Transportation Talk by Colin Penny

Well-respected speaker Colin Penny will be
sharing his knowledge and insights about
the topic of Convict Transportation

**Euxton Library
Wednesday 1 May 2024
10:30am-11:30am**

lancashire.gov.uk/libraries



Safe Trader Scheme



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reputable trader?

0303 333 1111
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Euxton Walks -

Euxton has 45 public
rights of way all
described and mapped
in the '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.



ISTD Ballet, Tap & Modern,
Exams and Shows,
Acrobatic Dance

**New class beginning soon,
Mother & Baby Ballet, call
me for details**

Classes held at St Mary's Social Club,
Euxton

Telephone Rachel Macaree on

01257 220049

www.prestigeschoolofdancing.co.uk
or email

rachel@prestigeschoolofdancing.co.uk

Churches Together in Euxton

St Mary's RC Church

Maunday Thursday - 28th March
7pm Mass

Good Friday - 29th March
12 Midday stations of the cross
3pm Good Friday Service

Easter Saturday - 30th March
7pm First mass of Easter

Easter Sunday - 31st March
10.30 Mass

Methodist Church

Palm Sunday - 24th March
10.30 am Morning Worship
including Blessing & distribution of
Palm Crosses

Good Friday - 29th March
2.00 pm Service for Good Friday

Easter Sunday - 31st March
10.30 am Easter Celebration
including Sacrament of Holy
Communion and Dressing of the
Easter Cross with Flowers

Euxton CE Church

Maundy Thursday - 28th March
6.15pm Holy Communion with a church family meal
included - in the Church Community Centre

Good Friday - 29th March
10am All Age Service
2pm Last Hour at the Cross (quiet, reflective service)

Easter Day - Sunday 31st March
8am BCP Communion
9.15am All Age Communion
11am Holy Communion



Euxton Parish Council

All Council correspondence to: Debra Platt, Clerk.
Unit 16 CBTC, East Terrace, Euxton, PR7 6TE
T: 01257 234004 M: 07484 538 376
Email: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk

Council Meetings

Council meetings are normally the third Thursday of the month at 7.15 pm and held in the Annexe at Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton. Please check the website or noticeboards for the dates and venues. Members of the public are very welcome to attend all meetings.

2024 meetings Thursdays: 21 March, 18 April, 16 May, 20 June, 18 July.

Noticeboard Locations

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



Councillors...

Euxton Ward

Patricia Fellows	277213
Ian Hamer	267280
Eric Jones	265013
Paul Morton	07771 848604
Andy Oddy	07717 895242
Rebecca Peers	277821
Dez Rigg	273986
Helen Tune	411711
Steve Walker	07766 695316
Barry Williamson	460168
Joan Williamson	460168

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

Barrie Duckworth	07580 247222
Vacancy	
Cheryl Parker	07894 966145
Katrina Reed	271199
Aidy Riggott	07585 633025

Euxton South Ward

Sam Hoyle	07740 945139
Vyn Thornhill	274550





25 years of excellent early years education and care. With football, swimming, and dance lessons alongside our very own allotment and visits to Euxton care home and library, our children thrive and develop into strong, confident, unique individuals



Funded places for 2, 3 & 4 year olds

Dedicated qualified practitioners
Unrivalled indoor and outdoor environment





What makes us unique?
Come and see for yourself.
We look forward to meeting you.

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