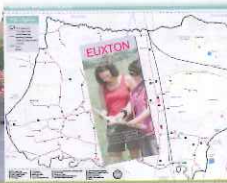




Within Euxton Borders a news sheet for residents by **EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**



September 2021, Issue 86

Chairman's Column



Welcome to the September 2021 issue of the 'Euxton Web' which details both news and events in and around Euxton.

Firstly I have sadly to report the sudden death of Parish Councillor Mr John Matson.

John was a long serving Councillor of over 25 years and served as Chairman of the Council for 5 years from 2009 to 2014 leaving the Council in May of 2018. He was recently co-opted back on the Council in October 2020 and joined several Committees including the Allotment and All Purposes. Debra Platt, the Clerk, has known and worked with John most of her time as our Clerk, as have the majority of the Village Caretakers. All Councillors past and present together with the Clerk and the "Lads" offer their sincere condolences to John's family at this sad time.

An update on Zoom Meetings of both full Council and Committee Meetings. The Council hope to be back to normal "face to face" Meetings, the first being September 16th, after the decision being made first week in September by Council members.

The allotment holders are now on site, the sheds and water butts in situ. Living close by and passing almost daily I can see how busy the site has already become. An opening ceremony is to be arranged at a later date to be announced. In the meantime BBC Radio Lancashire will be visiting the site in October for one of their Sunday programmes. Once again many thanks to both Debra and Cllr Eric Jones for the work put in to completing this project. See a full report on page 2 with photographs.

The Bowling Season will close at the end of September and despite the topsy-turvy summer weather and Covid restrictions it was able to be used by Bowls Club Teams with varying results! Report on page 5.

School Lane was closed for a few weeks due to both a sink hole in the road and collapsed road surface. Whilst a short term inconvenience the situation could have easily escalated resulting in the Lane being closed for some time - see a fuller report on page 4.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman

Chapel Brook land

The Council has purchased the land in Chapel Brook dip, between the new houses and the CE Church wall - with the public right of way up to the rear of the churchyard going through it.

The land went up for sale, some time ago now, and the Council saw the land as a patch of green in the centre of the village and felt it could protect it from development by purchasing it. It was for sale by the Diocese (not our Euxton CE Church) but in the sale negotiations we requested that some of the monies be diverted to the Church roof fund so the village received the benefit of a portion of the sale monies rather than none - this was agreed as part of the sale to the Parish Council.

When it becomes legally owned by the Council it will be carrying out some much needed tree maintenance following a full tree survey which identified some dangerous trees and branches in need of surgery.



The Council will be considering ideas to improve the land so if you have any ideas please contact the Council.

Euxton Allotment Gardens - we made it!

It has taken some time and a great amount of effort but the site is completed. The cabin and store arrived first week in September (below) - see full report and photos on page 2.



Euxton Allotment Gardens - we made it!

It's taken over two years with many committee meetings and hurdles to jump through on the way, but we have got there in the end with the allotments opened to the plot holders on 6th August 2021. The pictures below show a little of the fantastic journey, the first allotments in Euxton and the first in the Chorley area for many a year.

The photos show the start on the 12th April to the completion of the plots 6th August 2021 with a photo of the cabin and store arriving first week in September on page 1.

Since August the allotments have been a hive of activity. Over 90% of the plots are now being worked on. From footpaths to raised beds, shed painting to compost bins being constructed and even on some plots crops planted and growing. It's plain to see the community and friendships that are being developed and the camaraderie between plot holders is heartening.

By the time you are reading this article even more will have been achieved. Everyone had been invited to get mucky over the August bank holiday weekend. A large quantity of quality manure was delivered for all who wanted to get mucky and take some. Many took up the offer, can't wait to see how this has improved the soil.

On Friday 3rd September the new storage unit and office building was delivered and put in place on the large concrete pad near the main entrance. Following the installation we will be cracking on with the electrics to the office building and the gutter to collect the rain water for the tool wash area.

But we are not stopping there, as you can imagine a new allotment site is a rarity and has attracted the attention of the media. So much so Radio Lancashire have been in touch. The Maria Felix Vas radio show with Stephen Lowe their countryside roving reporter will be broadcasting live from the allotment site from 2pm Sunday 24th October 2021. Please put this date in your diary and come down to the site, enjoy the atmosphere even if you do not have a plot at present come and look at what has been achieved.

What next? Euxton Parish Council is committed to improve and make an allotment site to be proud of. We would like the site to be self managing by the allotment holders themselves with the Parish Council there for advice. To do this we would like the plot holders to form an Allotment Society who can bring ideas and suggestions to the Council for consideration similar to how the Euxton Community Bowling Club interacts with the Parish Council. Let's see if we can make Euxton Allotment Gardens the envy of the Chorley Borough.

Lastly on a personal note I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Clerk Debra Platt and the Allotment Committee for their tireless work over the last few years to bring the plots to reality. Also a big thank you to our main contractor John Finnamore & Son for their excellent work in the construction of the allotment site.

Cllr Eric Jones
Project Manager



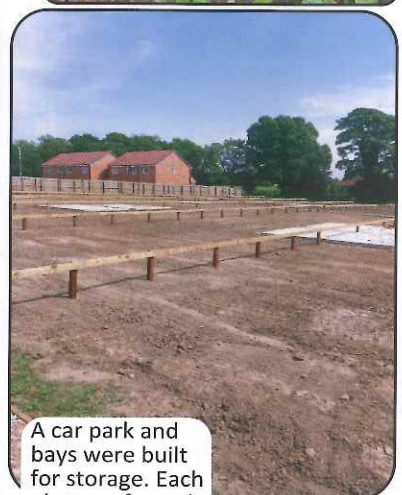
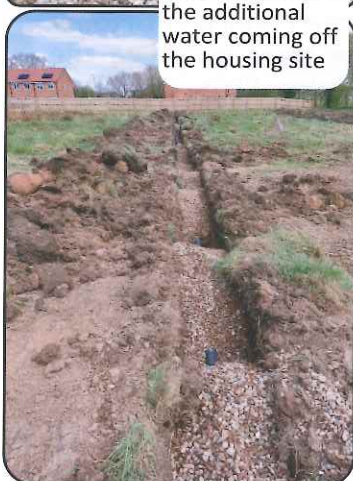
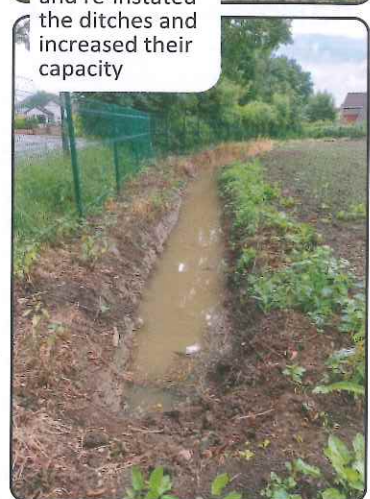
The land was allocated for allotments in the Local Plan adopted in 2013



We cleared out and re-installed the ditches and increased their capacity



Land drains were installed due to the additional water coming off the housing site



A car park and bays were built for storage. Each plot was fenced and had a pad for a shed installed



Each fenced off plot has a shed and accessible path to walk to each plot

Solar Spids up and working

The four new solar powered speed indicator devices (Spids) have been installed in the village and are working well.

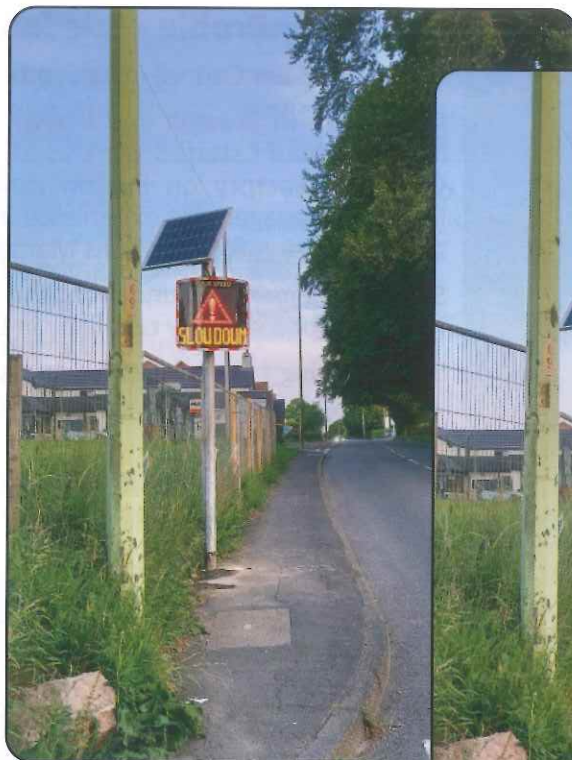
The photos show a car approaching above 30 and the warning to slow down, and another approaching at 29 with a Thank You.

Lets hope everyone takes notice and make our village safer.

This one is on A49 Wigan Road just before the former Railway Pub entering the village from Leyland.

Others Spids are entering the village 30mph zones from Charnock Richard, Balshaw Lane and Euxton Lane.

Debra Platt
for the All Purposes Committee



*Feedback
on this
subject
welcome*



Village Flowers

The flowers got off to a late start due to supply issues. Normally we would have a contractor plant up all the planters and beds but this year we bought in the plants and our village caretakers (Steve and Stuart) planted them all up.

Residents stopping to talk to them and ask questions whilst they were planting made their day and they wanted to try with the winter planting too.

Thank you residents for your support of our work.

Debra Platt
for the All Purposes Committee



Councillor Profile - Eric Jones

I first joined the Council in November 2002.

I was born in Preston and I have lived in Euxton for over 65 years. After leaving school I started work as an Apprentice Electrician at the then Royal Ordnance Factory on Euxton Lane. Going on to a varied career which included management experience in the Maintenance Department and later as a Production & Operations Manager.

Since being made redundant at the end of 2007, I was employed as a Project Manager for a security company in Liverpool until 2019 when I retired.

Since retiring I have been filling my time running a walking club, gardening and constructing a model railway and working as project manager for the allotments in Euxton.

I love Euxton it is an excellent place to live. As a councillor I will try and get Euxton the amenities it deserves for example the new Allotments.

Councillor Eric Jones

Councillor Profile - Katrina Reed

I have lived on School Lane in Euxton since 2009, moving to be near to my son and his family. I have been a member of Euxton Parish Council for some time now.

I enjoy being a member of Euxton Community Bowls Club and play on a Thursday afternoon as regularly as possible. I am also a member of the Friends of Euxton Library group.

I hope to continue being on the Council for some time yet, helping to ensure Euxton and it's residents retain the green spaces we all appreciate.

Councillor Katrina Reed

Cllr Reed has been Chairman of Euxton Council since May 2014.



EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Vacancy

Euxon North West Ward

Presently there is a vacancy for Parish Councillors 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).

Closing date 13th October 2021.

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.

E: clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk
www.euxtoncouncil.org.uk



Sink Hole Danger - Averted!

by eagle eyed Andrew....

Left is a photo of Mr Andrew Heyes, resident of Oak Avenue, off School Lane.

Whilst walking home up School Lane, sharp eyed Andrew noticed a hole and a depression on the bad bend. After contacting a neighbour, they rang the Parish Clerk who arrived with a cone to alert traffic of the problem.

Soon after Chorley BC arrived with further cones to cordon off the area. Later Lancashire CC installed traffic lights and further cones.

The next day after excavating around the hole the problem appeared to be a dropped drain and the job was passed over to United Utilities who then took around three days to repair the drain.

Lancashire CC workers then returned dug up the depressed area and completely in-filled the whole road surface.

Thanks Andrew!



Euxton Community Bowls Club

We're now nearing the end of a full and competitive season and the Club teams are doing very well - we have had a new B team in the Mixed Vets League and they have had some good team and individual successes for their first season - a big 'thumbs up' to the relatively new bowlers who have taken the plunge into competitive bowling - well done!

The A team is strongly tipped for promotion into the higher 2nd Division, and the Monday night team into Division 6 of that league (going to be a close finish!)

The Club's 'World Cup' style knockout competition reached it's conclusion, the semis and final being played on a lovely sunny afternoon. Despite their valiant efforts, the two ladies - Kath and Marilyn - lost out in the semis to Steve Hart and the eventual winner, Bryan - Congratulations!

The other knockout club competition is nearing the semi final stages - the results will be reported in the next Newsletter edition

Thanks must once again go to the greenkeepers who do a continuing great job, but a special mention of thanks to Anne Caughey for establishing some lovely planters and



climbing roses, clematis etc around the green - (all as volunteers) - making an overall very pleasant area and asset for the village - there have been many complimentary comments from visiting clubs, even though they have not always managed to 'get to grips' with the tricky run of the green!

Marilyn Bamber, ECBC member

 Facebook
Facebook.com/EuxtonBowlingClub



Euxton WI

I am delighted to announce that Euxton WI will be meeting each month from the 1st September and we had a Strawberry Tea to thank our members for their loyalty on 18th August and it was so good to see everyone.

We will be meeting at beginning of each month on Wednesday and If you require any further information please contact Val Hough on 01257 270874.

Val Hough



Friends of Euxton Library

The Friends of Euxton Library are eager to return to activities when Covid allows in Euxton Library.

If you want to know more about the Friends group, visit them on Facebook.

Euxton Library Friends



Facebook.com/FriendsofEuxtonLibrary

The Club will not be able to re-open due to there being no willing volunteers to take the reins from the two organisers who are not wishing to return to running the club.

If anyone 50 or above would like to resume or take over the running of this very popular and long running club please call Sheila for information. Sheila Ball on 01772 432037.



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AND HELP MAKE PET THEFT
A SPECIFIC OFFENCE

Find out more on all of the
above and more at
ourwatch.org.uk/ProtectYourPooch



Euxton Girls FC news

Euxton Girls received the Lancashire FA club of the year award and Dennis Winn received a 50 year long service award for his contribution to grassroots football, with an award ceremony to be held in September at the LFA.

We've also been a part of the opening ceremony of the new Westway development in Chorley, which was opened by Lindsey Hoyle on the 21st August, with the help of our girls. We're all looking forward and ready for the season to start!!!

**Michael Taylor, Secretary & Coach
Euxton Girls Football Club**



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Alternative sports are also for Girls!

I can't really remember the first time that I got on a bike, all my family ride and we all do it together so I was introduced to the sport at a young age. Biking has always been a part of my life, whether that was hitting jumps at the bike parks or just riding at my local trails it's always fun to be on my bike. Where I live we don't have access to many bike parks so when pimbo bike park opened near skelmersdale it gave us an opportunity during the pandemic to hit big features and send it locally. When I was about 9 I started racing 'downhill mountain biking' and I loved the excitement and nerves that I got from racing, I often have to race girls a lot older than me as there aren't that many girls my age racing but recently I have raced in the British Nationals and was the youngest female there at 12 years old. I also played a few seasons with Euxton Villa Club and made some great friends.

Skateboarding was never something that my family got me into or knew anything about I sort of came across it myself, in 2018 me and my friend would skate down the roads near her house and I just found it so much fun, I instantly wanted to skate more and more so I used some birthday money on a board and I started going to skateparks locally like Euxton and Preston skatepark, eventually we went to Manchester and I just started to progress really quick at projects and graystone. Graystone action sports has been such an amazing environment over the last 3 years and I've learnt almost every trick I know at graystone, all of the coaches there are so much fun to skate with and they just push you to land your tricks.

Alternative sports like skateboarding and mountain biking are so rad! I used to play football playing for Euxton Villa Girls but when I started to skate I loved the adrenaline I got from trying new tricks and the resilience that you build for falling and having to get back up every time.

Recently there have been so many more girls skating and it's awesome as they can be scary sports to get into but with events like girls nights at graystone every fortnight we can bring girls together and help progress with each other in a good environment.

With alternative sports now being in 2020 Olympics (in 2021) it shows the public the amount of effort that we put in to our sport and is also inspiring the younger generation to try these sports and not be scared to get involved. There are now so many people like myself wanting to show girls that opportunities do exist for us to take up alternative sports.

Darcey Eve Turner, Instagram @darceyturner_



Downhill mountain biking



Darcey at Euxton's skate park





EuxFest

After the enforced Covid break in 2020 **EuxFest** was back over the recent August Bank Holiday weekend at Euxton Cricket Club.

The weekend was opened on Friday night by multiple World Super Bikes Champion and King of the Jungle Carl Fogarty in association with Derian House Children's Hospice.

On Saturday WBO number 1 challenger and Derian House Ambassador Jack Catterall helped out pulling pints behind the bar.

There were over twenty ales and sixteen gins available to enjoy whilst watching and dancing to the live bands and singers over Friday, Saturday and on the Sunday Family day.

The Grill Reaper, Dough Boy and Gangsta Wraps ensured no one went hungry and with archery, air soft, bouncy castle, a Samba band and dance performances from JSK Dance. Along with the other stalls the children were happy all day.

There was also two victories on the cricket field for the Club on Saturday and Sunday.

The weather was kind and volunteers from the Cricket Club; Derian House, the Buckshaw Women's Institute ensured the weekend was a massive success.

Funds were raised for the WI, Derian House and the Cricket Club allowing all their excellent work in the community to continue after a difficult time during the pandemic.

Thanks to the everyone who attended and helped over the weekend... now time for a well earned rest as the season comes to a close... and begin to start planning **EuxFest 2022**.



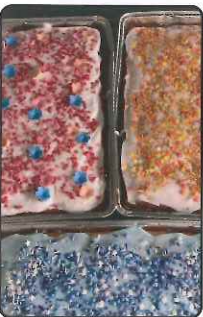
Buckshaw Village WI



We are a busy group of women who meet at Euxton Cricket Club on second Thursday's of every month at 7.30pm 'normally'.

Most of us work during the day (paid or unpaid) and find a bit of 'me time' recharges the batteries.

You're welcome to join us when we resume.



Here we were at **EuxFest** with lots of yummy cakes like these tray bakes.

We're raising money for Derian House.

Summer bake sales are different to the

Winter Sparkle - our feet are warmer for a start. Many of you popped along to EuxFest at Euxton Cricket Club for fun activities and cake!

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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. **2021 meetings check agenda for details, Thursdays 16th September, 21st October, 18 November**

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
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