



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



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Chairman's Column

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



Another great Gala Day, thanks to the Gala Day Committee members who put their time and effort into making the event such a pleasure to attend. It will be the **50th Gala Day** next year so should be even better, if that is possible. Euxton PC's stall was busy and the bags and pens went down well as usual, thanks to the PC's that helped out and to Debra, Lorraine, Steve and Stuart for setting up, erecting the gazebo etc.

The Skip Day was very busy too. Again thanks go to all that turned up and helped out.

Judging took place in July, at the Allotment site for the Northwest In Bloom Competition. The Judges seemed impressed with the progress made on the site since their last visit and the fact that our apprentice Ryan had a small plot of his own to cultivate, hope his broad beans tasted as good as they looked. We await the results for the awards.

Friends of Euxton Library have several events happening over the coming months, some held in the Library and others at the Community Centre all details are inside, plus the ones arranged by Kath our Librarian.

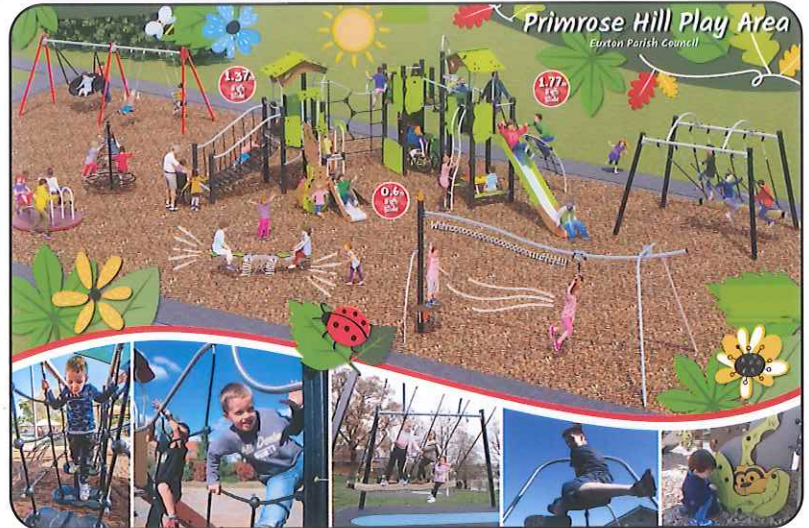
The Leisure Committee are in the process of looking to develop the land on Southport Road, opposite the Skate Park, see inside as we need your input.

There are also 4 new Village signs going up, 2 will have flower beds. First one is in place see inside for details.

Several Parish Councillors and the Clerks attended a 'Code of Conduct' training course held at Chorley Town Hall.

There are two Parish Councillor vacancies on the Council. Details overleaf, on the web site or contact Debra for additional information.

Cllr Katrina Reed
Chairman



Primrose Hill Play area, new equipment due

The Play Area's new equipment has been ordered and on its way. Due to the major works needed on site to dismantle and remove some old units, the play area will need to be temporarily closed, this will be some time in September.

The removal then installation of all the new items should take about two weeks so the new area is planned to be open for action again in October, or sooner if the weather is kind to the contractors.

Leisure Committee

Euxton South project

Euxton Council needs your input on a potential project in Euxton South - see overleaf to assist.



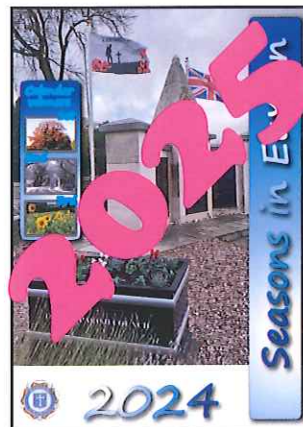
Leisure Committee

Theme is 'Sights of Euxton'

Final chance to submit photos for the 2025 calendar before they are judged and chosen. We still want residents' 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





2024 Gala Day

This year's Gala Day in July was well attended - the weather was kind'ish, if not a little windy - just like last year.

Many of our Councillors dropped in and helped on our stall, spoke to residents and gave out shopping bags and information to passers by. Photo caught as many as we could in one place at one time - sorry if you were missed off.

2025 is to be Euxton Gala Day's 50th year and the 'Euxton Gala Day Committee' will be busy planning for it.

Skip Day had decent weather!

Skip day in July was very busy again at the Greenside site.

Thanks to all the Councillors visiting to help our residents get items into the skip. Also a big thanks to the Chorley Council staff members who were working hard for all the event - including metal scrap merchant Mark who took the metal items to recycle.

There were many pre-bookings from elderly or disabled residents for the Chorley men in vans to go and pick up and bring back to the skip for the volunteers to help get in to the skip.

Photo left to right: Parish Cllr Dez Rigg, County & Parish Cllr Aidy Riggott, Euxton Clerk and Borough Cllr Debra Platt and Borough Cllr Alan Platt. Not caught on camera were Parish and Borough Cllr Joan Williamson with Parish Cllr Barry Williamson.



Councillor Profile - Cllr Geoff Vickers



I was born in Bolton where I have lived for many years. I spent six plus in the armed services where one visited many places.

I have three daughters all married, one step daughter and a step son, all with loving families which I am very proud of.

I started my own business and ran it for 30+ years. A year last September I sold it as a going concern to a company which now runs it from the Midlands, still having an input from time to time or when the need arises.

In 1992 I became a Magistrate sitting in Wigan, Manchester & Tameside, I still hold the position to date.

We moved to Euxton in September last year and since we have been here we have found the people and area delightful.

I became a Parish Councillor this year to get involved with the local community to assist and help in any way possible.

Cllr Geoff Vickers

EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Euxton Councillor Vacancies



Presently there are two vacancies for Parish Councillors on Euxton 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.

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Southport Road

Euxton Council has an opportunity to create a new recreation area on land which currently is under utilised in the South of the village.

A much needed facility in Euxton South is an all-weather games area similar to the one Council provided in the North of the village at Greenside last year.

With Community Infra-structure Levy (CIL) monies it could be possible to provide such a facility along with accompanying items such as shelter, seating and activity based equipment for the teen and above age range.

A few images of products being looked into are shown on the right, but Council wants to **gather your input**, feedback or suggestions for activity based equipment - let us know or send a picture if you have seen a product or used a piece of equipment you feel might be good to have in Euxton.

When scheme views have been worked up they will be shown in the newsletter and on site to gather opinions and feedback before progressing, if planning permission is required.

Leisure Committee



New roundabout deer!

We're doe eyed over the new deer on Buckshaw roundabout????

The new roundabout featuring deer was jointly funded by Chorley Council's Neighbourhood Priorities Fund and Euxton Parish Council!

The idea was thought of to strengthen the local identity and provide a new low growing plant design. The placement of the deer was suggested by Euxton Parish Council as deer are often seen around Buckshaw??

100 Photinia Red Robins and 100 emerald and gold Euonymus Fortunil have also been planted on the roundabout after it had been cleared of higher planting.

The lower planting will aid visibility, when crossing the roundabout, the previous planting was obscuring the view of cars on the roundabout previously.

Euxton Council has a wicker canon on one of the roundabouts, now referred to as the 'Canon' roundabout - this one the 'Deer' roundabout so what's in store for the roundabout in the middle?

Well that is the next project and all we can say at this time is 'blue flower'!!

Cllr Aidy Riggott & Debra Platt



Shopmobility in Chorley

On a blustery, but mainly fine, 7th June Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility celebrated the National Shopmobility Awareness Day.

Chorley's Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Allistair and Jane Morwood proved very enthusiastic in their support, donating some hanging baskets for the unit and joining in the scooter manoeuvring over a mini "test track". They left vowing to return as Mayor and Mayoress next year.

The Awareness day gave Chorley Shopmobility an opportunity to showcase its service to help people access town centre shops and facilities through new equipment bought this year with the help of the National Lottery, WO Street Foundation, County, Borough and Parish Councils. Many of the sponsors attended during the day including Councillor Joan Williamson who used the test track to try out the mobility scooter funded by a grant from Euxton Parish Council, along with Council Barrie Williamson.

Thank you for Euxton Parish Council's grant of £1,000 towards the new equipment.



New signs

Euxton Council has continued to upgrade its signage around the village with the same design already seen along the roads.

This is the new replacement sign just off the roundabout on Southport Road leading on to Balshaw Lane.

There are three more to go up, two with flower beds, near the former Railway pub thanks to Nature Trail Nursery, Shaw Green and sign at Pincock Bridge.



App success!

The Love Clean Streets app continues to show successes with residents reporting all highway faults such as; potholes, streetlights out, flooding, blocked drain, footway problems.

Here are a couple of recent ones noticed, from reporting to action.

Hedgerow overgrown near Shaw Green - reported through the app by the Clerk from a residents email then followed up by Euxton's village caretakers with a sweep and pavement weed to make it look totally refreshed.

The App is simple to use and your issue can be logged in seconds. Reports go directly to Lancashire highways team but you will be able to report issues on-the-go on your mobile whilst you're out and about.

You will also be able to keep up to date on progress of your report via the app.

Download the app its free. Simply search for 'Love Clean Streets' App store or type in this URL bit.ly/3EBN7VI or Scan the QR code.



Euxton WI

On Wednesday 7th August, the members of Euxton WI met for their first meeting after the summer break and were treated to an excellent talk from a former Police Hostage Negotiator; even though it concerned a serious subject, the talk was peppered with some of the lighter moments in her career.

The programme for the coming months includes a wide range of speakers to keep us informed and entertained. The interest groups will find plenty to do both indoors and outdoors and there is a tour of Pendle Witches Country planned for October. Then it's all downhill to Christmas!

The weather was kind to us on all the summer outings - members of the Walkers and Strollers enjoyed a Walking Tour of Manchester in glorious sunshine and the sun shone on the group who visited Bridgewater Gardens where the highlight was the Chinese Streamside Garden. The July outing involved a visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills (a spending spree for some), moving on to Queen Street Mill where two very knowledgeable guides took us on a trip down Memory Lane. Many members have personal knowledge of life as spinners and weavers through family members or their own experience.

The guests of honour at the Community Drop-In were the two PCSO's for Euxton who chatted with the visitors and described their duties in and around the village - their district includes areas of Buckshaw and Astley Villages as well as Euxton itself.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 2.00pm at Euxton PC Community Centre should you wish to come as a visitor please contact the President, Ann Francis 01257 412013.

Karen Hartley



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Claire Powell
Absolutely fantastic service, professional yet very friendly. The clean was very thorough and of a really high standard.



Zandra Taylor
Very happy with our experience to date. We have been paired with someone very local to us and things are working well.



Bethany King
Jaine was fabulous she's really lovely and did a great job all around the house.



Julie McLaughlan
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Euxton Library

Future Events:

Saturday 21st September 10:00am Singing Group: "Trouble at Mill"

Wednesday 25th September 10:30am Talk: Colin Penny "The Life and Films of Errol Flynn".

Thursday 26th September TBC "Lancashire Night" with Sid Calderbank & Mark Dowding * admittance by ticket only - contact Library for more information.

Wednesday 2nd October 2:00pm Author Talk: Nick Oldham

Monday 14th October 11:00 - 12:00 "In the Know session with Euxton Neighbourhood Policing Team

Saturday 19th October 9:00 -12:00 Chorley & District Model Railway Club

Saturday 2nd November 7:30pm FOEL "War Time" evening Community Centre, *admission by ticket only - contact Library for more information

Saturday 16th November 9:00 - 1:00 FOEL: Craft Fair

Wednesday 4th December 9:30am Lancashire Adult Learning: "Making Festive Decorations" - * booking essential.

Saturday 7th December TBC Hindley Ukulele Band

Wednesday 11th December 9:30am Lancashire Adult Learning: "Make you own Festive Wreath" - *booking essential.

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

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

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Euxton Parish Church Take On Ironman 70.3 Bolton

Last Sunday (30 June), over 1600 athletes took part in the Ironman 70.3 Bolton event; these included a team from Euxton Parish Church who competed in the event as a relay team, achieving 3rd place in the Relay Teams Women category. With a fundraising target of £2,500 in the form of sponsorship, the team embarked on the difficult challenge to raise much needed funds for their church.

The Ironman competition is a familiar event to this church community, as their vicar, Rev Jo Smith, has been an Ironman chaplain since 2016, supporting numerous events across the country. The Euxton Parish Church relay team comprised of Rev Amy Bland (the curate at Euxton), Becky Edge and Beth Palmer (both also school governors of Euxton CE Primary School).

Starting at 6.15am, Amy swam a 1.2 mile lap of Pennington Flash before handing over the timing chip to Becky, who proceeded to cycle the 56 mile route around the villages local to the lake then 2 loops around Bolton and Horwich. Beth completed the event, running a 13.1 mile route around Bolton Town Centre, with the team culminating the competition with a 100 metre run together down the red carpet to the finish at Bolton Town Hall, where they were presented with their medals by Rev Jo Smith. The atmosphere was electric as crowds gathered in their thousands to support all the athletes, and the team all agreed the local support spurred them on, with a couple of personal records even being achieved!

Completing the full event in 5 hours 44 minutes, the team proudly took 3rd place in their category, and received their trophies at Bolton Town Hall that evening. This was the first time any of the team had participated in such a big endurance event which made it all the more exciting, with the result proving all the months of hard training was worthwhile, and the team agreeing with Ironman's slogan - Anything is possible! (Especially with God's help.)

The amazingly supportive local church community, family and friends have all supported the team both personally and in their fundraising endeavours over the past few months. Donations received currently total just over £2,200; just a few hundred pounds short of their £2,500 target.

Rev. Jo Smith said: "This has been an incredible effort from within our church family to raise funds for Euxton Parish Church, the money raised will enable us to do more to share the love of Jesus with our community and beyond".

Goodbye Amy!

Revd Amy Bland came to Euxton Parish Church as a curate in July 2021, as a training post. Over the past 3 years Amy has been an integral part of our church family and community of Euxton. Now though is time for her to move on to where God has called her next. She has been appointed as Site Lead Chaplain at Westmorland General Hospital in Kendal.



Her final Sunday at Euxton Parish Church will be on Sunday 29th September. All are welcome to join us, at any of our services (8am, 9.15am or 11am) as we celebrate her time here, give thanks for her and pray for all that is to come.



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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.

2024 meetings Thursdays:

19 September, 17 October, 21 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
- Chancery Road opposite Chancery Fields
- Highways Avenue shops
- Southport Road Skate Park
- Runshaw Lane shops
- Allotment site

Councillors...

Euxton Ward

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| Joan Williamson | 460168 |

Euxton Buckshaw Ward

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| Katrina Reed | 271199 |
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Euxton South Ward

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| Vacancy | |
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