

Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month in The Changing Rooms, Drapers Avenue commencing at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues - please come along and have your say.

Noticeboards

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities. Noticeboards are located inside the Carrington Centre by POA and on the path by the Changing Rooms, off Drapers Avenue.

Local non-for-profit organisations wishing to display A4 sized posters to publicise forthcoming events etc should contact the Clerk.

If you contact advertisers in this newsletter please tell them where you saw their ad.

Allotments Anyone?

The article in the June newsletter provided some indication of the level of interest for allotments within the village and, in order to try to progress this issue, we are launching this final appeal for residents who would be interested in having an allotment in the village to come forward.

We need to demonstrate a definite requirement within the village to support requests to the Borough and County Councils for the provision of land so, if you would be interested in having an allotment, please contact Alan Platt, the Clerk to the Council (contact details on this page).

Obviously we can't have allotments without land so, if you know of land which might be available or are a landowner with 'spare' land please let us know.

Country Trail

Unfortunately the Lancashire Environmental Fund saw fit to refuse our application for grant funding towards the project to create a useable footpath all the way around the Recreation Fields for walkers and pushchair and wheelchair users.

In considering the application the Board felt 'the scheme did not represent good value for money and that the case for creating an all access path had not been demonstrated'. An appeal, in the June newsletter, for support from residents received a disappointing response so, as we may be able to re-apply in the future, could we once again ask for letters/emails of support from residents who feel a path around the Recreation Fields would be of benefit.

Got the Hump?

Back in 2007, following the Parish Council's request for traffic calming measures for Drapers Avenue and Doctors Lane we were presented with a scheme which, in addition to the areas requested, included other estate roads within the village.

When we queried this with Lancashire County Council staff and our local Councillor we were advised it was an all or nothing, take it or leave it, situation which a clear majority of residents were in favour of and that the estate roads were included to avoid them turning into 'rat runs' - a statement which probably bemuses the residents of Beechfields, Red House Lane, Larkfield etc as much as it did the Parish Council. In the interests of users of Drapers Avenue and Doctors Lane we, rather reluctantly, accepted what was offered.

A number of residents have approached the Council requesting the speed humps be removed from several of the estate roads, as it is felt they cause more problems than they solve, and we would like to make sure the opinions of as many residents as possible are taken into account. Please let us have your thoughts. Contact Councillors or the Clerk to the Council (details on this page).

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Chairman's Report

I would like to begin by welcoming new Councillors Mark Frost and Janice Lilley to the Parish Council, and thank them for answering our appeals for new members.

The Parish Council Newsletter is now in its fifth year of publication and has become a very regular contribution to life in our village. My thanks go firstly to our clerk, Alan Platt, who is responsible for publication and also to other contributors and, of course, to our advertisers who help to cover the cost of printing and distribution. Please remember that contributions are welcome from all residents.

The Parish Council continues to meet monthly to discuss matters of importance to the village and residents are always welcome to attend.

On 20th July, it was my privilege to represent the Parish Council at the Licensing of Revd Jayne Ward as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary The Virgin, Eccleston. The service was conducted by the Rt Revd Nicholas Reade, the Bishop of Blackburn. As part of the Service the Revd Ward was welcomed firstly by Iris Smith, Mayor of Chorley, and then by myself representing the Parish Council and all the residents of Eccleston, both young and old. As part of my welcome, I told Jayne that she was joining what was probably Lancashire's friendliest village, which was met with applause from the congregation. Afterwards everyone departed to St Mary's School for refreshments in a very sociable environment.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will be in a position to adopt the Millennium Green before the end of 2009. Watch this space!

The Parish Council continues to work closely with PC John Howard and PCSO Andy Catteral to make our village a safe and pleasant place to live. Any resident with concerns is welcome to discuss these at the monthly PACT meetings held in the Youth Centre, Drapers Avenue on the first Tuesday of every month.

Bill Mason, Chairman

Welcome

The Parish Council would like to welcome our new Priest-in-Charge of St Mary the Virgin Church, Revd Jayne Ward, to the Village (for full details see Chairman's Report above).

Photo L-R Iris Smith (Mayor of Chorley), the Ven John Hawley (Archdeacon of Blackburn), Revd Jayne Ward, Rt Rev Nicholas Reade (Bishop of Blackburn), Bill Mason



(Chairman of Eccleston Parish Council). Photo courtesy of Alun Jones (Eccleston).

Orchardwatch

Now that the fruit trees in the Millennium Orchard on the Millennium Green, Red House Lane, are developing this year's crops, we ask all residents if they will keep an eye open for anyone interfering with this natural process. Each of the trees was donated and planted by a local family, often in remembrance of a loved one. Taking unripe fruit is pointless as, when mature, it could provide a treat for number of people. 'Scrumpters' Honour' says take one and leave one.

Joyce Morris

Eccleston Library Celebrates its 21st Birthday!

To celebrate we are having a week of Community and Local History events. From Monday 21- Friday 26 September there will be:

An exhibition of heritage photographs of Eccleston - come along and see if you, or your friends and relatives are pictured!

A Local History informal drop-in session - first look at family history. See how to get started tracing your family history. We use the family living at the Blue Anchor Inn in the late 1800s as an example of how to make use of the resources available at Lancashire Libraries. Free event with limited places.

Coffee Morning on Wednesday - browse our exhibition and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with friends and former staff members.

Eccleston Reminiscences - local historian Miriam Wadge, will be bringing to life some of our photographs with stories and anecdotes from Eccleston in times past. Free event with limited places.

A Family Picture Quiz - pop into the library to pick up an entry form, then walk through the village to try and spot our mystery locations! with a prize for one lucky family chosen from correct entries.

Childrens Colouring Competition - children can paint or draw their own house. There are 3 age categories.

Call in to the Library for more information on any of these events.

Eccleston Apple Day

Eccleston Apple Day 2008, held last October, designed by Creative Minds and St Mary's Primary School, received a Green Partnership award in June, for the contribution made to improve the environment for the benefit of the community through the use of a Green Partnership Grant. School Representatives received the award at County Hall.

Besides promoting a day of advice, information and activities, the highlight was the Apple Den designed and made from willow recycled from the Millennium Green. The commissioned artist was Samantha Aylwin. Funding is being sought for an Apple Day in 2009 to keep alive the tradition and heritage of Eccleston orchards and to support the nationwide revival of interest in the culture of English apples.

(Joyce Morris)

St Mary's Churchyard *(Alma Calf, Churchwarden)*

It has been noted that more and more artificial flowers and embellishments of various kinds eg extra vases, toys, plaques etc are being introduced on graves and cremation plots.

We have been given a directive from the Diocesan Advisory Committee that these are not allowed and should be removed. Your co-operation, as soon as possible, will be greatly appreciated.

Digital Switchover

The Digital Switchover in the Granada TV region begins on 4 November 2009, when the analogue BBC2 signal will cease. On 2 December the remaining analogue channels will also be switched off.

Residents with Freeview, Top Up TV or BT Vision will need to re-install/retune their receivers on both dates.

All non-digital TV's will need a digibox to receive a signal and these can be obtained for around £20 from most major supermarkets/electrical retailers.

Most homes will not need replacement aerials so don't fall for any sharp sales practice from TV aerial suppliers.

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Lancashire Constabulary

Our local Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are held at the Youth Club building on Drapers Avenue. Next meetings are 6 October, 3 November and 1 December. All are welcome to attend.

PC 2610 John Howard



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Planning

We were pleased to find Chorley Council's Planning Committee took account of the objections submitted by the Parish Council and residents, refusing outline permission for the building of houses on the land between Bannister Lane and Larkfield.

Most people accept there will be development of some sort but the proposed 2.5 storey houses were totally out of keeping with our rural setting and neighbouring properties.

On behalf of local residents we would like to thank Borough Cllr Kevin Joyce for speaking to the Committee against the application.

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