



Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter



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

A part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues - 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.

Millennium Green

Residents should soon notice improvement works being carried out on the Millennium Green. The Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee has drawn up a list of items which require attention. The list has been prioritised with items affecting safety and contributing to anti social behaviour being dealt with first. Overgrown bushes, which currently provide a hiding place, will be cut back and the hedge along Red House Lane restored.

A survey of the Fruit trees has been completed and suggestions arising from this will be looked into. Future works to be carried out will include replacement entrance gates, repair/replacement of seating and signage and some drainage works.

The Parish Council would like to hear any ideas for improvements to the Millennium Green from residents. If you have any suggestions please let us have them - just bear in mind the Council's main intention has always been to retain it as an area of public open space for the enjoyment of residents and to safeguard it from being built on at a future date. Also, under the conditions attached to the adoption of the area no buildings may be put up.

Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Parish Council which may be filled by co-option. Anyone interested should apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk (details to the left of this article), providing brief background details and stating why you would like to join the Council.

To qualify, a person must be a British subject, aged over 18 years old and an elector, must reside in, or within 3 miles of, the Eccleston Parish boundary 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.

Applicants should be aware all of the Parish Councillors terms of office come to an end in May 2011, when an election will take place.

Carol Singing

Come along and join in with members of the Parish Council at the Carol Concert, around the Christmas tree on the Village Green, on Monday 22 December 2010 between 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by members of Eccleston Brass Band and we are extremely grateful, once again, to St Mary's C of E Primary School who have very kindly offered the use of the Hall, should the weather take a turn for the worse.

Due to the lack of available parking in the vicinity residents are asked, wherever possible, not to come in cars.



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Chairman's Message

It has been a fairly quiet summer for the Parish Council with meetings mainly devoted to concerns from residents, planning matters and the seemingly endless consultation documents from both local and national government. Significant time has also been spent reviewing finance and ensuring that the Parish Council remains within its forecast budget while at the same time providing the services which our residents expect.

The Parish Council has finally become the sole Trustee of the Millennium Green. The Open Spaces Committee is establishing a programme of work to bring the Millennium Green back to a high standard and also to try to reduce the mindless vandalism. Any suggestions from residents would be very welcome and should be sent to the Clerk for consideration by the Committee.

Members of the Parish Council recently attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church where the Vice-Chairman of the Council, Les Armstrong, laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council has made a significant contribution to the recent restoration of the War Memorial.

The Carol Concert will be held on the Village Green (opposite St Mary's School) on Monday 20 December, at 6.30pm, with Eccleston Brass Band in attendance. A warm welcome is assured to any residents who would like to attend. Finally, on behalf of all members of the Parish Council may I wish all of our residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bill Mason

Eccleston Primary School

On 16th October Eccleston Primary School celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a party attended by staff, governors, parents and pupils past and present. Mrs Fletcher, Headteacher at Eccleston Primary School, marked the occasion by cutting a special anniversary cake with Mr Parkinson, the first Headteacher of the school.

Guests were able to look at displays of photographs dating back to the start of the school.

Pupils and Beechbuds Preschool children enjoyed delicious party food kindly provided by parents and took part in an exciting treasure hunt around the school

Thank you to everyone in the village who supported this event; the day was a huge success.

We would also like to announce that Eccleston Primary School has been awarded the prestigious Green Flag for our achievements in helping the environment. We are extremely proud of our pupils, especially the Eco-teams (past and present), Mrs Leeming and staff who have worked so hard to make this happen.

Census 2011

The next Census is 27 March 2011, when every household in England and Wales will be asked to fill in a questionnaire either on paper or online.

The information gathered in a Census is vital to help us, in the present day, plan for the future. It is the only way to find out how many people there are, how our lives and needs have changed and what services we will need in our area - it also provides an accurate population count.

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Help Wanted!

Bateman Hall is open to all people over the age of 60 and is supported by a membership fee and various fundraising events and is looking for assistance to carry out the Committee posts of Membership Secretary, Bookings Secretary and Treasurer.

The Hall is a popular venue, local organisations using it besides the membership and it has been used for classes set up by Lancashire College and Chorley Council. The Club is solvent with a healthy bank balance even though costly improvements have been made over the last few years.

Because of this, the club is willing to provide some remuneration to the person(s) willing to carry out Committee work.

For further details contact Dorothy Hailwood on 01257 452898.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

"I forgot half the tent", "I hate walking" "are we there yet?" are some of the comments frequently heard on a Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) Awards Expedition.

"Isn't it beautiful!", "I've had a great time", "I love camping" and "Thanks" are some less frequently heard comments but thankfully still happen now and then.

Whilst not only providing bronze and silver levels of Award, the Eccleston Unit has continued to grow to meet the demands of the young people of Eccleston and Croston and has, for the first time this year, seen 14 (now not so young) participants complete their Gold Award.

Being a D of E voluntary leader at Eccleston Youth Centre has to be one of the most rewarding jobs I have ever undertaken.

If you have some spare time and would like to support the Unit, feel free to call in on a Monday evening between 7.30 and 9.30pm to find out what we are all about.

Kirsten Bradley

Eccleston Brass Band

Eccleston Brass Band continues to go from strength to strength. They gained a creditable second place at Fleetwood in October and are to be especially congratulated as this was their first contest after the recent promotion to Second Section in both Area and National league tables.

The Training Band, reformed about a year ago, under the leadership of Danny Brooks, who plays Principal Trombone with the prestigious Leyland Band, is flourishing and has performed at several concerts. Training Band practice, starts at 6.30 pm on Fridays in the Band Room on Drapers Avenue and anyone from the age of 6 upwards (including adults), who would like to learn to play, or develop their playing, can come along and will be made very welcome. Subscriptions are just £1.00 per week and the loan of an instrument is free. Contact Band Secretary, Carolyn Musgrave, on 01772 424487 for details.

The Senior Band's forthcoming engagements are:

Sunday 12th Dec. - Croston Christmas Festival at 1.30 pm

Wednesday 15th Dec. - St. Mary's Church, Eccleston at 7.30 pm

Sunday 19th Dec - Bretherton Methodist Church Carol Service at 6.00 pm.

In addition, the Band will be out and about playing carols on Fridays and Saturdays in December.

www.ecclestonbrass.co.uk

Dog Owners.....

As we get into the dark winter months some inconsiderate dog owners think they can get away with picking up their dog's fouling.

If you spot anyone not picking up after their dog this contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151 with a description of the dog and owner, and any other information you may have.



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this winter**

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Also, in the run up to Christmas don't leave presents in the car or on view through a window.

Contact us on the following numbers:

Coppull Neighbourhood Police Team - 246103 (non emergencies only)

General Number 0845 1 25 35 45

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at the Youth Centre on Drapers Avenue - all are invited to attend.

PCSO Andy Catterall

Planning for the Future

Residents are being given an opportunity to shape the future of where they live, work and visit. Chorley Council is undertaking a consultation to find out where people would like new schools, houses, shops and businesses to be located, and also areas and facilities that need protecting for people to enjoy. It also proposes a number of local policies to guide future development.

Chorley Council received almost 400 suggestions for the future use of land in the borough and is now wanting residents thoughts on these sites.

Until the end of January, copies of the discussion paper can be viewed online at www.chorley.gov.uk/planning, your local library, or at post offices in villages with no library.

A final 'Sites for Chorley' Development Plan Document will be produced next year and once adopted, it will form part of the Local Development Framework, replacing the existing Local Plan.

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