

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.

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Councillors Wanted

Following the local elections on 5 May 2011 the Council was, due to a shortage in nominees, left with several places unfilled.

If you would like to serve as a Councillor please apply, in writing or by email, to the Clerk (details to the left), 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.

The Council would like to thank former Councillors Phil Ascroft, Helen Bradley, Jim Haines, Andy Love and Joyce Morris for their past service to the village.

Family Cycle Ride

Come along and take part in an organised cycle ride around the village - the Eccleston Village Family Cycle Ride will be held on Saturday 25 June 2011. It's free, fun & will help keep you fit !

Eccleston Primary School, on Doctors Lane, is the Start and Registration Point, and you can turn up anytime between 10.00am and 11.45am to register.

To take part you will need to come along and register, have your bike checked (to make sure it is road worthy) and be wearing a cycling helmet!

The event is open to all, however under 8's must be accompanied by a responsible adult and under 16's require parental consent.

For more information please ring 01257 234003

This event is supported and made possible by The Cycling Project, Ribble Valley Junior Cycling Club, Eccleston Parish Council, representatives from local voluntary groups, the local Policing Team and is part of the Intergenerational Project in Eccleston supported through Chorley Council Neighbourhood Working.

Recreation Ground

Following complaints from residents concerning youths playing football on the car park the Council had a 'Goal End' constructed on the Recreation Fields.

Also, the safety surfacing around the play equipment has been replaced with the aid of a grant of £9300 from Chorley Council's Play and Recreation Fund. The Fund consists of monies collected from developers throughout the borough as part of the planning process and we would like to thank Chorley for the grant.

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Eccleston PR7 5QL

Eccleston Parish Council Annual Report 2010 - 2011

At the January Council meeting the budget for the next financial year was set. Careful budgeting and prudent financial management allowed a 5.1% reduction in the cost of the Parish Precept to residents, without affecting the services currently provided by the Council. This reduction, and the zero increases applied by Lancashire County Council, Chorley Borough Council, the Police and Fire Services meant that, for the first time in many years council tax actually decreased!

The year saw the Parish Council finally assume responsibility for the Millennium Green and the initial priorities have been to attend to years of neglect. Further improvements will be carried out over the next year.

The Speed Indication Device, purchased in the previous year has been regularly deployed at the various sites throughout the village and the data taken from it forwarded to the Police. The data did not highlight major speeding problems but the figures will continue to be monitored.

In answer to requests from residents the Council had a 'Goal End' constructed on the Recreation Fields to try to address a problem with youths playing football on the car park. If the Goal End proves successful the Council will look at improving the playing surface around it. Chorley Council awarded a grant of £9300 towards replacement of the safety surfacing for the play equipment on The Recreation Ground. £3100 was received in the year, with the balance to come now the work has been completed. During the year the Council also received £150 in criminal damage reparation from one of the younger residents who had damaged the slide.

Grants were awarded to local organisations including St Mary's Church, towards the repair of the War Memorial and village activities supported included Apple Day, the Christmas Carol Singing and the Older People's Christmas Party at the Youth Club.

The Council continues to employ the Clerk, Alan Platt, who provides advice and support to the Council. Village Caretaker, Mike Marsh, and Lengthsman, Malc Hayes, continued to provide excellent service, even through the worst winter for many years, attracting a great deal of praise from many residents.

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2011

Income (£'s)	2010/11	2009/10	Expenditure (£'s)	2010/11	2009/10
Parish Precept	43240	43840	Staff Costs	19375	19320
Interest	61	55	Administration	2621	2786
Changing Rooms	2035	6241	Insurance	1816	1748
Adverts	435	540	Donations	1208	1100
Sundries	225	200	Grounds Maintenance	4815	5038
Grant	4497	6768	Country Trail	0	7250
VAT Reclaimed	2284	0	Repairs/replacements	2995	2068
Total	52777	57644	Changing Rooms	5979	7620
Opening Balance	38183	38188	Loan repayments	2479	2479
Income	52777	57644	Millennium Green	2832	0
Sub total	90960	95832	Village Activities	1224	726
Expenditure	48177	57649	VAT	1417	3099
Closing Balance	42783	38183	Total	48177	57649

No Change at the Top

At the Parish Council's Annual Meeting in May Bill Mason was re-elected as Chairman of the Council, with Les Armstrong again occupying the role of Vice Chairman.

KAIZEN UK SELF DEFENCE

CHILDRENS JUJITSU CLASSES

Jujitsu (The Gentle Art) is a new fun martial art in your area. Jujitsu is a complex art incorporating punches, kicks, throws and groundwork.

The lessons are taught in a fun and interesting style within a friendly environment.

The Jujitsu club also encourages the basic family values of respect, discipline and courtesy.

Classes are held at Eccleston Scout Hut,
Drapers Ave, Eccleston
Thursday 16:00 - 17:00

FIRST LESSON FREE

COME ALONG AND HAVE A LOOK
WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND

For further details contact: Sensei Peter

Tel: 07730 666573 email: peterdibley1611@aol.com

30 Years +

I would have served a shorter sentence for murder!! On the whole I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Parish Council.

My first meeting was daunting when faced with Councillors Bateman, Arthur Gwillam, Ernie Marsden and Jack Kelly - all with years of council experience.

Whilst I was Chairman we took on the "Going for Green Project, which turned out to be good value for Eccleston and Chorley, raising awareness of green issues and increasing recycling.

Eccleston was the first village to raise funds to install a Pelican Crossing. This came about due to overhearing two elderly ladies planning their day around when they could get across The Green.

The increase in recreational fields has also been down to the efforts of the Council and I am proud to have been part of it.

The development of the Mill into a retail area caused a lot of consternation in the village at the time. There were public meetings and the provision of the Library was given to "sweeten" everyone. Unfortunately the sports and social provision that was also promised never materialised I hope that the library service (on the ground floor) will continue to be available to all residents in the future.

I look forward to keeping in touch with the Parish Council and will attend to listen to the debate from the other side of the room.

Helen Bradley

Note from the Clerk - on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank Helen for her many years of tireless service to the village. 30 years as an unpaid volunteer councillor represents a tremendous contribution to the village and we hope she will now enjoy her time off for good behaviour!!

Dog Fouling....

remains an issue in the village, with the Millennium Green being mentioned by residents, along with the Recreation Fields.

As highlighted in the press recently a resident of Parr Cottage Close was successfully prosecuted for not picking up dog fouling and Chorley Council's Neighbourhood Officers, Dog Wardens and our local Police will be keeping an eye out for other inconsiderate owners.

If you see anyone not picking up their dog's waste please report it to Chorley Council, on 01257 515151, who will investigate further. All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.

Millennium Green

Work has continued on the Millennium Green.

Gaps in the hedges, which were revealed following the first cutting back of the hedges in many years, have been planted up and the temporary entrance fence on Red House Lane will shortly be replaced.

Best Kept Village

The village is, once again, entered into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2011.

Any assistance residents might be able to offer by keeping the area around their properties neat and tidy would be greatly appreciated.

Local Business Success

The Parish Council offers its wholehearted congratulations to everyone at local business J & A Rigbye and Sons for the fantastic achievement of receiving the Citroen La Passion Du Client 2011, awarded to the top Citroen Dealership in the whole of the UK for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction.

Rigbye's is one of the largest employers in Eccleston and is a credit to the village.



Body and Sole

**Keep your feet healthy
this winter**

**In winter our feet need special
attention. Make sure you:**

Keep yourself warm, especially your feet and legs

If you tend to get cold feet try wearing warm tights/socks, trousers, underwear or thicker soled shoes

Warm up your bed with a hot water Bottle and wear clean bed socks

If your feet do get cold don't warm them up too quickly as this can cause chilblains

Moisturise your feet everyday

Make sure your shoes fit well, especially when wearing thicker socks/tights

Vary the shoes you wear each day

Do plenty of gentle exercise to improve circulation

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Job Vacancy - Caretaker Bateman Hall, Ecclestone

The Over 60's Organisation in Ecclestone are looking for a Caretaker to oversee the day to day running of the Hall, including bookings, general maintenance etc.

This position would not include cleaning duties as cleaners are already employed.

If anyone is interested, please apply in writing to:

Bateman Hall
Sagar Street
Ecclestone
Chorley
PR7 5TA

Lancashire Constabulary

Firstly I would like to thank the village and the Parish Council for all the support and positive comments when there was uncertainty about my position with the cuts to the Police service. PCSO funding has been confirmed following Chorley Council agreeing to continue with its part funding.

Over the next few months residents should make sure doors and windows are locked whilst in the garden or out and about. This also includes car and sheds.

Recently Ecclestone has fallen victim to increased thefts of cycles. Please make sure bikes are secured when not in use, and get them security marked. I will be holding a session soon in the village and will let the schools know and advertise in the village.

Finally, I would ask young people not to go swimming or playing in water. Every year there are tragic accidents that could be avoided.

PCSO Andy Catterall

Contact your local Policing Team on 0845 1 25 35 45 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Ecclestone Library News

Don't buy the latest best sellers, come to the Library at the Carrington Centre and borrow them for **free**!

You can use our **free** broadband computers to log on to the Internet and surf the web - or keep in touch with family and friends.

Older children can look out for the annual Summer Reading Scheme in July, when you can collect stickers, prizes and a certificate for reading your favourite books over the summer holidays. Or, ask about the Monster Reading Challenge that runs all year! - just follow the signs.

Opening hours:

Monday 10.00-12.30, 1.30-7.00

Wednesday 10.00-12.30, 1.30-5.00

Friday 10.00-12.30, 1.30-7.00

Saturday 10.00-12.30

Tel: 01257 451825 for information.

Trustees Wanted

VIP, a local charity based in Croston, is looking for volunteers to join as Trustees. If you have a few hours a month to spare to help this small local Charity, please give us a call.

If you are interested, please contact the office on 01772 603591 or email vip@villagesinpartnership.org.uk



Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non emergency):
0845 1 25 35 45

Police (Coppull) : 01257 246103
Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Chorley Borough Council
01257 515151

Report any problems with roads and pavements, including street lighting and obstructions, to Lancashire County Council on
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National Grid (gas leaks)
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