

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!

Councillor News

The Parish Council is, once again, complete. The vacancies, which arose following the local elections on 5 May 2011, have now been filled by co-option and we would like to welcome Joan Delve, Steve Harris, Bryan Harrison, Danny Holborn and Charles Lilley to the Council.

Steve and Charles took their seats in June and were joined by Brian, Joan and Danny at our August meeting.

Millennium Green

The Council has continued with the improvements to the Millennium Green. The entrance gates have been replaced with drop down bollards to allow access for the mowers etc and the Open Spaces Committee is looking at the next phase of works to be carried out.

This will include the removal of dead fruit trees and investigating the drainage of the eastern side of the path. Eccleston resident Steve Edwards, has offered to arrange a pruning course for the healthy fruit trees and, once the time and date for this has been set, details will be on the Council noticeboards. If you can't get to the noticeboards please contact the Clerk for information (details to the left of this article).

Be a Bright Spark

Residents are being urged to be 'Bright Sparx' and stay safe over Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night.

Youngsters will be going out trick or treating on October 31 and bonfires will be held on November 5, so the message being given out by Chorley Council along with the Police and Fire Service is: "Have fun - but stay safe". We also want them to think of others and the consequences of their actions. Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night are not an excuse for anti-social behaviour and causing trouble.

Parents - please be aware of where your children are and ensure they don't buy or take eggs and flour out from your house over Hallowe'en and the other message to an official, organised bonfire event and have fun, but stay safe.

Remembrance Day

All residents are invited to this year's Parade, Wreath Laying Ceremony and Service on Sunday 13 November 2011.

Meeting at 9.15am, the Parade will leave Eccleston Primary School, Doctors Lane at 9.30am and walk to St Mary's Church for the Service of Remembrance.

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.

Eccleston Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for items contributed by third parties.

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Chairman's Message

In May all twelve Councillors reached the end of their four year period of office and were eligible to stand for re-election. Five Councillors decided not to seek re-election and I would like to thank them for their services over many years. Apart from the remaining seven Councillors no other candidates put their name forward for election and so the new Council year began with a much depleted Council. Fortunately the Council received applications for co-option from five residents and the Council is now at full strength once again.

The Parish Council has met on twelve occasions during the last year to discuss matters relating to the village of Eccleston.

Planning continues to be the most controversial subject discussed by the Parish Council. Whilst decisions are made by Chorley Borough Council, the Parish Council endeavours to promote the views of local residents to the Planning Committee. To assist in this a Lead Member of the Council has been appointed to review applications in detail and report to the full Council for decision. The proposed re-development of the Carrington Centre has caused much local interest with large numbers of residents attending Council meetings to express their views.

The Parish Council has been supported by our elected representatives on Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council as well as the Community Police Team. As Chairman I have represented the Parish Council at the local PACT meetings. The Open Spaces Committee of the Council is working hard to ensure that all our recreation areas, particularly the Millennium Green, are kept in excellent condition.

Bill Mason

Cavity Wall/Loft Insulation

To help you beat the rise in energy prices, and help the environment, Chorley Council is offering grants to help you insulate your home.

As part of their commitment to Energy Efficiency and Affordable Warmth, they are working with Rheinegold Insulations to provide your home with loft and/or cavity wall insulation.

Under our CHEERS initiative (Chorley Home Energy Efficiency Raising Scheme) discounted prices are currently available, from £89 for cavity wall insulation and £89 for loft insulation. If you are a householder or tenant renting from a private landlord, and you are in receipt of qualifying benefits, you may be able to receive insulation free of charge.

Funds will be limited, so please contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151 to register your interest in this scheme.

Eccleston Brass Band

The Band has had a busy summer as usual, playing for Walking Days, fêtes and carnivals at the weekends, including, of course, Eccleston Walking Day .

The Band is giving a concert in aid of Cancer Research UK at Chorley Town Hall on Sunday, 11 September 2011 at 2.00pm. There will be a bar and a raffle.

Tickets, priced at £7.50, are available from:

Cancer Research UK Shop,
33 Chapel Street, Chorley
or 01772 424487 (Leyland)
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or pay at the door.

Everyone concerned is hoping for a good turn out in support of this worthy cause.

www.ecclestonbrass.co.uk

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Keep Your Right to Vote

Residents are being urged to return their electoral registration forms being delivered by Chorley Council between now and October.

Householders are required, by law, to provide the information requested on the forms and, even if there are no changes since last year, you still need to provide it.

Whether it is Local Borough or Parish, General or European elections, householders will not be able to vote if they are not on the register. Not being registered can also affect credit ratings and your ability to take out loans, mortgages or other credit facilities such as mobile phone contracts.

For further information contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151 email to contact@chorley.gov.uk or visit the website at www.chorley.gov.uk

Road Closure News

Residents who travel west from the village are advised of a couple of road closures which are to come. Moor Road, in Croston, will be closed from 07:00 hours on Monday 24 October 2011 until 17:00 hours on Friday 28 October 2011 to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Lancashire County Council has also announced plans to close Meadow Lane, Croston (A581) at Great Hanging Bridge and Little Hanging Bridge from 07:00 hours on Monday 9 January 2012 until 17:00 hours on Friday 11 May 2012 to allow bridge strengthening works to be carried out to Great Hanging Bridge and replacement works at Little Hanging Bridge.

Dog Fouling... (June Newsletter)

The Parish Council has been asked to point out the resident of Parr Cottage Close prosecuted for not picking up dog fouling was **NOT** Mr Dave or Mrs Jackie Croasdale.

Planning for the Future

Very soon residents will have another opportunity to shape the future of where we live, work and visit.

Chorley Council is undertaking another round of consultation on the 'preferred options', for inclusion in the Local Development Framework, which have come out of previous rounds of consultation.

Chorley Council stresses it is vitally important that we plan ahead to set aside enough land to secure local jobs, housing and community facilities for the years to come. Without this plan development could occur in inappropriate places or in a haphazard manner.

This is an opportunity for residents to influence what will happen in the local area. The preferred options for sites are still at the consultation stage but will go ahead if better, or alternative, suggestions are not put forward.

Eccleston Bowling Club

New members are welcome at the Bowling Club, situated on The Green, between Eccleston St Mary's School playground and the Methodist Church.

Current membership fees are:

Full Member (male & Female) £20
Social and Junior Members £1

Green fees for non-members are £2 per session. The Green is available for private parties.

Apart from Competition days The Green is open mornings, Wednesday afternoons, Thursday evenings, Friday afternoons and evenings, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

For further details, including our Junior Bowling, contact

Dennis Whittle, Club Secretary, on 01257 451620

Doreen McDermott, Treasurer on 01257 451059

www.ecclestonbowlingclub.co.uk



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Unfortunately the best treatment for this aggressive childhood cancer, is not always available in the UK.

We aim to work in alliance with J-A-C-K and NB Alliance to secure funds for Corey, and other children with Neuroblastoma, and also to work towards the best treatments being available in the UK for future treatment.

For details of how to donate visit

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Lancashire Constabulary

The big news is that we have a new Community Beat Manager, PC 2316 Loz Elphick, who has taken over from Caroline Plummer, who has retired.



Residents are asked to be security conscious about sheds and garages as there have been two incidents of thefts of property from them in the last six weeks. There has also been an increase of bicycle thefts in Chorley and Coppull, something we don't want in Eccleston. On a positive note, crime and incidents in the village are forty percent down from last year.

Part of my role now is working for the Ambulance Service as Community First Responder, which entails carrying more advanced first aid equipment like oxygen and a defibrillator for cardiac arrests. This means I can respond to medical emergencies in the rural areas. I am also working for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service carrying out Home Fire Safety Checks. These are free and, if needed, I supply and fit smoke alarms where required. If any residents of the village require a Home Fire Safety Check they can arrange a visit by myself by contacting Chorley Fire Station on 01257 262919 and ask for the Safety Check or freephone 0800 1691125 to book an appointment.

It is also good to see the community spirit within the village for the Corey Ashcroft Appeal. I am very pleased with the way the youths of the village have been taking part. They are a credit to village and their parents - we are quick to criticise but not praise. I believe the crime figures for the village are low due to the spirit of the people who live and work here.

PCSO Andy Catterall

Eccleston Library News

Do you need help to use a computer?

Are you interested in researching your family history?

Do you struggle to send an email?

Would you like some help with online job applications and searches?

We have a volunteer at Eccleston Library who can help you to brush up your computer skills.

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Library Opening Hours:

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Friday	10.00-12.30, 1.30-7.00
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