

Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second 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 let the Council know their views on local issues - come along and have your say!

LCC Buildings

We're still awaiting a decision from Lancashire County Council on our application to take over the running of the Young People's Centre building which we hope retain as a community facility for use by local groups and organisations.

We're also hoping to keep the youth club operating, run on a volunteer basis, and, to help with this, we would repeat our appeal from the September newsletter for anyone interested in volunteering to assist with the youth club to please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk (details to the left). Following our previous article two residents very kindly put their names forward to help and more would be very welcome.

Thanks to funding provided by Chorley Council, Eccleston Library will remain open until at least March 2018. This arrangement will prevent any immediate impact on services and is designed to allow additional time to consider the options available in attempting to retain this valuable local service.

Events

Our two most recent offerings were well attended by local residents and we received some very positive feedback on both.

Around 50 people attended the Tim Chu and Pete J Frampton concert at St Agnes Church Hall in October for an evening of classic blues, country and rock music.

A 'reet' good time was had by 70+ residents at our Lancashire Night, at Bateman Hall on 26 November with songs, humour and dialect poems performed by Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding, ably assisted by Joy Hunter and the local clog dancing troupe led by Alex Fisher. The Hotpot received rave reviews.

The next event the Committee is working on is an evening of live acoustic guitar and voice with Chris Bannister in February 2017. An evening with Chris is an evening of rare quality. Whether it is showcasing the exceptional talent of this singer-songwriter with his self-penned collection of songs, his covers of much-loved classics or undiscovered folk songs or his simply stunning tribute to the music of John Denver, it is easy to see how he has gained an international reputation which has delighted fans for over two decades.

Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Carol Singing

Come along and join members of the Parish Council at the Carol Concert around the Christmas tree on the Village Green, with musical accompaniment provided by Eccleston Brass Band, on Tuesday 13 December between 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

We issue our usual plea, due to the lack of available parking in the vicinity, for residents to, wherever possible, not come in cars.



Eccleston Parish Council wishes all
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and a Happy New Year



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Chairman's Report

I am proud to say that this season has seen a strong array of activities and events in the village, with several still to come!

To those residents who recently enjoyed Lancashire Night, at Bateman Hall, and to the Councillors who were involved in arranging the evening, I'd like to extend thanks on behalf of the Council. From Tatler's tales, through to Clog dancing and a Hotpot supper, a great evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you also to Tim Chu for delivering another well received performance in October. The Village Activities Committee, who helped arrange these evenings, have been working on more ideas for activities for the coming 12 months and we look forward to seeing many more residents attending and enjoying these events.

Councillors attended this year's Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, where a wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council. The ceramic poppies that had been previously purchased by the Parish Council were on display during the service, and served as a visual reminder of Ecclestone lives lost in the Great War. The laying of the poppies at the War Memorial by children from our two primary schools was a very moving experience.

The Carol Concert will take place on the Village Green on Tuesday 13th December, starting at 6:30pm, with music provided by members of Ecclestone Brass Band - please do join us for some early Christmas cheer.

At our Parish Church, St Mary's, residents are invited to attend the Christmas Tree Festival, Saturday 17th December - 10:00 - 4:00 and Sunday 18th December 1:00 - 4:00 (including Journey to the Stable at 3.00). £3 for adults and free for children, with refreshments and lunches available. Carols by Candlelight will also take place on the evening of Sunday 18th from 6.30pm.

In November, Gareth Thomas stepped down as a councillor and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Gareth for his contribution to council business.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of the Parish Council I would like to wish a very happy Christmas to all of our residents.

Kate Brown

Recycling Advice

With the vast amounts of packaging etc associated with the Christmas and New Year festivities we'd like to remind residents of the items which can and can't be recycled by Chorley Council.

Incorrect items in your recycling could result in either your recycling not being collected or, in the worst possible scenario, contaminate a whole collection, resulting in the entire load going for disposal instead of recycling!

Please remember to always rinse food cans, plastic milk bottles etc.

Yes please

Glass bottles and jars (wine, beer and sauce bottles, jam jars)

Plastic bottles (milk, pop and water bottles, shampoo and cleaning product bottles)

Cans (drinks and clean food cans, aerosol cans, clean foil food trays and kitchen foil)

All types of **paper** (including envelopes and phone directories)

All types of **cardboard** (clean pizza boxes only)

Garden waste (grass cuttings, leaves, twigs, weeds, dead plants, fallen fruit, cut flowers and rabbit and guinea pig bedding)

No thanks

Mirrors or glazing

Plastic bags, plastic tubs (yoghurt, butter, ice cream cartons), food trays, plastic toys, polystyrene

Paint tins, crisp packets

Polystyrene/plastic wrapping

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The campaign aims to inform residents of LCC's role during severe weather and seeks to contribute to an increased level of awareness, preparedness and resilience in the event of future floods.

Details are available at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/flooding

where you will find information, advice and short animations designed to help people prepare for, and deal with, flooding.

Footpath Link

We would like to thank Chorley Council's Ranger Team for the fantastic job they've done building the bridge over the ditch on the Recreation Ground to allow residents of Madison Chase to access the Recreation ground and to provide an alternative route to the Shopping Centre for residents of the 'Castle's' estate. The work also includes a 'chicane' style



Barrier to prevent cyclists coming onto New Mill Street at speed.

Residents of New Mill Street recently attended a Parish Council meeting to advise of incidents of anti social behaviour involving young people, including damage to vehicles and general nuisance. The residents were advised to report all incidents of the nature to the Police (telephone 101) and we would encourage all residents to report any incidents of this nature to the Police.

This also includes any incidents of anti social behaviour on the Millennium Green, where young people are congregating in the evenings.

Walking Football

Parish Councillor, Les Armstrong, is still looking for over 55's who are looking to take part in, what is becoming, a growing sport.

Skill levels are not important as the idea is to encourage participation in some light/moderate exercise.

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There has been a spate of thefts from vehicles within the village, mostly into cars that were not secured. Please make sure all cars are left locked and secure at all times, and especially overnight.



As Christmas approaches it's time for our annual reminder to not leave presents on show, and continue to keep all doors and windows locked, including shed doors. Be aware of the dangers of social media, and what information you post on it. Telling people you have bought expensive presents makes you a potential target, as does informing people when you and your family are out at an event etc. Even be aware that leaving some packaging for the refuse collection can indicate that you have purchased expensive items, such as new TV's.

Could we also ask all parents to make sure that children who use cycles in the dark have lights on them. It is imperative that your child can be seen by other road users, or the consequences could be fatal.

Here at Chorley Police, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

PCSO 7932 Maria Fetherstone

Commemorating Local Businesses

Following on from the initial presentation of commemorative plates to local businesses in recognition of the many years of great service to Eccleston residents in February, the Parish Council arranged a further presentation in November for businesses which had been subsequently identified.

The presentation, to those who were able to attend, was made by Parish Council Chairman Kate Brown and was held at Verdes Restaurant on 19 November. Our sincere thanks go, once again, to thank Gabriel for his kind hospitality in hosting the event.

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The 8 inch plates have a Gold band and carry the names and the length of time the businesses have traded. The local businesses receiving the plates are:

- D & W Motors - 45 years
- David J Killen & Co (Insurance Services) - 33 years
- Kevin Stickley, The Cottage Loaf - 27 years
- Andrew Cow, Eccleston Dental Practice - 26 years
- Eccleston Green Filling Station - 26 years
- John Trafford, Eccleston Scaffolding Services - 26 years

We hope we've now identified the local businesses which have traded for a minimum of 20 years however, if you know of any more please pass the details on to the Clerk (contact details on front page).

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- Police (non emergency): 101
- Police (Coppull): 01257 246103
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- Chorley Borough Council: 01257 515151
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