

Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter

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Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in The Young People's Centre, 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!

You have been warned!

In our June newsletter we asked parents whether they were aware of what their younger family members were up to when out and about. The village has been suffering more than its fair share of anti social behaviour, drug taking and vandalism and we would like to reiterate our plea for residents to report all incidents to the Police by calling 101.

We will only get action by continually reporting these incidents and, to demonstrate this point, Community Beat Manager Sonja Prescott has provided the following report on a Police operation on the night of Saturday 9 September:

"Following on from weeks of complaints by residents in Eccleston, about anti-social behaviour in the area, extra patrols were drafted in on Saturday night to try and prevent further incidents.

Most complaints have been coming from people living on Drapers Avenue, New Mill Street and Red House Lane, in relation to large gangs of youths congregating, smoking cannabis, shouting and swearing, littering, playing loud music from vehicles, noisy mopeds and general anti-social behaviour. This kind of behaviour is intimidating to law-abiding citizens and will not be tolerated.

Members of our Special Constabulary joined up with myself (CBM) and PCSO Maria Fetherstone as part of an operation designed to disrupt and desist this behaviour. Officers were both visible in full uniform and covert. Following on from comments on social media, please be reassured that no patrols were taken away from other areas but were in fact gained from the Special Constabulary, who carry out their duties on an entirely voluntary basis and are often used in situations like this when extra resources are required.

Even in the early evening by about 8:00pm, a massive group of about 30 youths had already congregated outside the Scout Hut on Drapers Avenue. They were confronted by myself and Maria and eventually dispersed onto New Mill Street, where they were met by the Special Constables.

Names and addresses and numerous searches were conducted and we are gradually now building up a picture of who is frequenting the area and who the 'ring leaders' of this behaviour are.

The same group separated into smaller groups, which 'lingered' in the area for the majority of the evening and were eventually dispersed from Millennium Green.

I must point out that it was not only the Eccleston youths who were out in their numbers, but they were joined by others from Hoghton, Leyland, Tarleton, Croston and Clayton. Most of the youths range in age from approx. 14 years old up to 17/18 years old - a mixture of both males and females.

One 17-year-old was reported for a public order offence and cycling up and down The Green without lights on his bike and breaching a red light.

A 16-year-old, found to be under the influence of alcohol, was also taken home (out of the Eccleston area).

These extra patrols will hopefully be on duty now on a regular basis at weekends. I would urge people as parents/carers, to know exactly where your children are and what they are doing. Arrests will be made if this behaviour continues and, as appropriate adults, you will be asked to accompany your child/children to the police station."

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Chairman's Report

The planning application for houses on the land off Parr Lane (behind the houses on Conway Road) has been submitted and details of how to comment on the application are contained in the article below.

We've recently had a couple of sessions of Street Soccer on the Recreation Ground, provided by our friends from Freestyle Urban Soccer. A similar event, in June, was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather.

Following a lull for the Summer, the Village Activities Committee has been busy arranging 2 events, an evening with Chris Bannister and a Lancashire Night. These are repeat events, following the success of the originals and details of dates and ticket arrangements are on the adjoining page.

As always we extend an invitation to residents to join our Council meetings. You may have a concern that you would like to raise, a view you wish to express regarding a current issue, or indeed just want to hear about current Council matters.

I would like to end by thanking the local residents who have been tidying the Millennium Green of late. We are hoping to provide assistance with the formation of a volunteer group to help look after the Millennium Green and, possibly, other areas.

Kate Brown

More houses.....

Residents may recall an article in our June newsletter relating to a public consultation for a proposal for housing and allotments for the field adjacent to Sandringham Road and Parr Lane. The consultation focused heavily on the allotments, with any reference to the housing kept to a bare minimum.

The planning application (ref no.17/00792/OUTMAJ), for up to 33 houses on the site, has now been submitted to Chorley Council and details of how to comment are available on Chorley Council's website at:

<http://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Planning.aspx>

Alternatively email dcon@chorley.gov.uk with your comments quoting the application number.

Eccleston Community Hub

The first meeting of the Eccleston Community Hub Committee took place on 6 September to formally agree a constitution. This will be the management committee for the former Young People's Centre which will look after the running of the building.

The Committee's ambitions are to provide a facility which caters for groups in the community, including crafts, painters and aerobics and to facilitate one or two evenings for a youth club to cater for our young residents.

The youth club will only be possible if it can be run on a volunteer basis and we are, yet again, appealing for volunteers to assist with the youth club so, if you would like to help please contact the Clerk (details on front page).

Your village needs you

A small group number of residents, living in the vicinity of the Millennium Green, have been working to tidy up the area and the Council's Open Spaces Committee is very keen to provide whatever help it can.

We are hoping the group will develop in a similar manner to the one in Mawdesley, with regular organised days to carry out clearing of overgrown vegetation and general tidying up of the area and that the group can be extended to, possibly, look at other areas of open space in the village which are in need of a bit of care and attention.

If you would be interested in joining the group, or would like more information on what we're trying to achieve please contact the Clerk (details on front page).

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We are also repeating a Lancashire Night, again featuring 'Tackler's Tales' (Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding) on Saturday 25 November. The one last November was a huge success with many of those attending asking for a repeat this year.

Local resident, Jo Atherton, has arranged the staging of the Eccleston Musical Showcase Concert St Agnes' Church on Friday 13 October. The Musical Showcase will provide an opportunity for musicians of all ages, instruments and abilities to perform and will feature Langonet Quartet, a professional string quartet with two players from the village.

Eccleston Musical Showcase Concert

7:30pm on Friday 13 October at St Agnes Church

Featured artist Langonet Quartet

Interval drinks available

Tickets £8.00 (free for children under 12)

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Lancashire Night

(a celebration of all things Lancashire)

7:30pm, at Bateman Hall on Saturday 25 November

Tackler's Tales (Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding)

Local songs, humour, and dialect poems with a Lancashire flavour. Traditional food and drink, including hotpot, black puddings and apple pie and a selection of Lancashire ales and other refreshments will be available from a licensed bar.

Tickets £12.50 each, including food.

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There have been a number of reported burglaries in the village recently. Can we remind everyone to keep windows and doors locked whenever you are not home, and particularly overnight.



Please report anything suspicious to 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed and it is an emergency.

PCSO 7932 Maria Fetherstone

Let the train take the strain!

Some people are unaware that Eccleston sits between two rail stations - Croston and Euxton Balshaw Lane and both have free car parks. Croston to Preston takes 12 minutes whilst the 113 bus takes 90!! Car? - depends on traffic and roadworks. Likewise, Euxton to Preston by rail is 15 minutes.

Going south, Croston (or Rufford) feeds into the frequent Merseyrail service via Ormskirk, whilst Euxton also goes to Liverpool via Wigan. In all cases the train wins in terms of time saved and also helps in trying to travel in an environmentally friendly way by leaving the car at home. Timetables are on the Northern Rail website.

Within the next year it is hoped that an hourly service between Ormskirk and Preston, via Croston will be inaugurated. Trains both ways at Euxton are hourly and use the much quicker refurbished electric trains.

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