

Eccleston Parish Council Newsletter



December 2018

Thanks

We would like to thank Mr Beck and Mr Entwistle and all from HMP Wymott involved in the production of the silhouettes which took pride of place on the Village Green to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The display in the flower bed was arranged by Jean, Judith and Sandra (members of the Volunteer Group mentioned in previous issues) and complemented the display of Lamppost Poppies through the village which Sandra worked so hard to bring to fruition.



Carol Singing

Come along and join members of the Parish Council singing Carols on the Village Green, on Tuesday 18 December between 6.30pm and 7.15pm. Musical accompaniment provided by Eccleston Brass Band,

As usual, due to the lack of available parking in the vicinity, we ask residents, if at all possible, not to come in cars.

On the subject of village events, the Lancashire Night, on 24 November, at Bateman Hall proved a great success. Entertainment in the form of songs, humour and dialect poems with a Lancashire flavour was provided by Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding, with a guest appearance by Champion Clog Dancer, Ruth Bibby. Hotpot, black pudding and local ales provided the perfect accompaniment.

**Eccleston Parish Council would like to wish everyone
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

Chairman's Message

For the third consecutive year, I am happy to report on a very successful Lancashire Night, held at Bateman Hall and would like to thank the residents who attended and the Councillors who were involved in arranging the evening. Once again, Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding, entertained us with songs, tales and lyrical humour, all delivered in the best regional dialect, supported by performances by Champion Clog Dancer, Ruth Bibby. Accompanied by a hearty helping of hotpot, black pudding and apple pie, a great evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

Councillors attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, particularly poignant with this year being the Centenary of the end of the First World War. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council and the Ceramic Poppies, from the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red art display which had been placed in the Moat of the Tower of London in 2014 to mark the outbreak of the War, were placed by children from our two primary schools to serve as a poignant reminder of Ecclestone lives lost in the Great War.

The Carol Concert will take place on the Village Green on Tuesday 18th December, starting at 6:30pm, with music provided by members of Ecclestone Brass Band. Please join us for some early Christmas cheer.

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

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.

Yes Please

Blue bin - 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 (empty), clean foil food trays and kitchen foil

Brown bin - all types of paper (including envelopes and phone directories), cards (no glitter) **cardboard** (clean boxes only)

No thanks

Mirrors or glazing, crockery, drinks glasses

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

Paint tins, crisp packets, wires.

Cardboard with food residue, juice cartons, hard backed books, wallpaper

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Dog Owners

We've received complaints that some owners are allowing their dogs to run wild on the Recreation Ground and would like to remind these owners that not everyone wants to be greeted by your animal and not all dogs want to play. One of the more common issues is the modern day disease of owners wandering around playing with their mobile devices and not paying attention to what their dog is actually doing.

We'd also like to advise the small minority of inconsiderate owners to pick up after their dogs. The fields are used by both young children and grown ups for competitive football games and the officials have better things to do than scour the pitches for dog fouling before playing.

If you can't do this then please don't bring your dogs onto the Rec or any other Parish Council owned land.



No fouling

Eccleston Library

There is lots going on in your busy library! All these groups and activities are on regularly, and are free and open to everyone. Why not come along and start learning something new, or improve your computer skills? We also have other events, talks and make-it sessions for adults and children. Pop in to ask for more information.

- Baby bounce and rhyme
- Storytime
- Book club
- Creative writing
- Learn My Way computer courses
- IT help
- Card and board games
- Family history group
- Knit and craft group
- Health Walks

Free talk - Lancashire's Lost Castles, 10:00am - 12:00, Wednesday 19 December. You might know about Lancaster and Clitheroe Castles, but there are quite a few more that have also been identified. Come along and learn the history and development of these fascinating structures, and their famous and infamous owners.

The Centre Venue St Mary's Church Eccleston

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Nick Coates

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email debhoylepilates@hotmail.co.uk**

Milestone

Observant residents may have noticed the renovated Milestone, located at the entrance to The Hawthorns. A thorough clean, followed by several coats of paint has made a huge improvement to the appearance.

The painstaking work was carried out by our Village Caretaker, Mike Marsh.



Community Hub

As mentioned in the last issue the Community Hub is now open for business and available for hire.

Anyone interested in using the building should contact Alan Whittaker, the Chairman of the Hub Committee, on 01257 453456 or by email to

alanwhittaker1@sky.com

Local Businesses

Would you like to reach around 1900 households in Eccleston?

Full colour ads in the newsletter cost £20 (quarter page), £40 (half page), and £60 (full page).

If you would like to advertise in the quarterly newsletter contact Alan Platt on 01257 234003 or email ecclestonpc@btinternet.com

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ARE YOU WEATHER READY?

- Get your flu jab
- Check your heating – your home should be heated to at least 18 °C
- Have basic supplies and documents in a bag in case a storm takes out power, water and phonelines
- Check your pipes are insulated and know where your stop tap is
- Think about what may be impacted by strong winds or floods – in your garden or on your house
- Consider alternative commuting plans for severe weather and childcare plans if schools are closed
- Top up screen wash, check your tyres and think about winter kit for your car

www.metoffice.gov.uk/WeatherReady

Are your friends and neighbours Weather Ready? Share this checklist and see if you can help them to prepare #WeatherReady

Help Us Help You this winter



Winter is a challenging time for the NHS, with more people feeling unwell with seasonal illnesses and a rise in the number of people admitted to hospital.

NHS and social care organisations across Chorley, South Ribble and Greater Preston are working together to prepare for this busy period, but there are things you can do to Help Us Help You stay well this winter.

Protect your health in the cold

- Have the free flu jab if you are over 65, have a long term condition or are pregnant. Children aged 2, 3 and those in up to year 5 in school can also have a free flu nasal spray.
- If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or cold, don't wait until it gets worse. Seek advice from a pharmacist.
- Make sure you have stocked up on your repeat prescriptions or medication during weekends and over the bank holidays.
- Keep warm by heating your home to at least 18C (65F).
Avoid visiting any loved ones who are in hospital if you are feeling unwell, particularly from suspected flu or the winter vomiting bug. Doing so will put your loved ones and other patients at risk.

Know which service to use

If you need urgent medical advice or treatment, call NHS 111 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The trained operators can offer advice on the correct service to use.

Visit your local pharmacy for advice on how best to treat minor ailments and injuries.

Remember, GP practices across Chorley, South Ribble and Greater Preston are working together to offer additional weekday evening and weekend appointments. Phone your surgery to book an appointment, or call 111 out of hours.

Urgent care centres are available 24/7 at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley and South Ribble Hospital if you need urgent treatment but it is not a life-threatening emergency.

Be prepared for bad weather

- Keep an eye on severe weather warnings issued by the Met Office.
- Avoid slips trips and falls by wearing suitable footwear.
Look in on vulnerable relatives and neighbours during periods of bad weather.

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The online form is quick and easy and takes 10 minutes or less to complete. It is also mobile friendly and allows you to upload any images or CCTV relevant to your incident.

The reporting form is for non emergencies only. Always remember to call 999 in an emergency.

As Christmas approaches it's time for our annual reminder to not leave presents on show, both in cars when you're shopping and at home when you're out.

Also, please keep all doors and windows locked.

On behalf of Lancashire Constabulary, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

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Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Chorley Borough Council
01257 515151

email: contact@chorley.gov.uk

Lancashire County Council
(roads and pavements, including street lighting): 0300 123 6780
report faults online at
www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search

National Grid

Gas leaks 0800 111999

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United Utilities (Water)
Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency
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Environment incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in The Community Hub, 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!