

Ecclestone Parish Council Newsletter



September 2018

Open for Business

The former Youth Club Building is now nearing completion as Ecclestone Community Hub.

We have a well appointed meeting room, an activity room with pool and table tennis, a fully furnished kitchen and cafe area so it's suitable for a variety of events. We also intend to open it on certain nights for young people.



Armchair Aerobics in action

The meeting room

At the moment we have groups doing armchair aerobics, Craft, Art, the WI meet here, and an allotments society and the building is used for Parish Council meetings.

Anyone interested in using The Hub

or volunteering should contact Alan Whittaker on 01257 453456 or email alanwhittaker1@sky.com

Chairman's Message

I would like to start by thanking the local residents who have been tidying the Village Green of late. We are working with some residents to support a wider volunteer group to help look after our main community open spaces. Please contact us if you wish to be part of this. I hope to update you next time on some exciting work we are currently scoping out for one of our other open spaces, for the youngest members of our village.

You will no doubt have seen the Village Entrance marker now in full bloom at the Ulnes Walton end of the village. We are currently working to develop another marker at the Heskin end over the coming months.

On behalf of the council, I would like to personally thank Sandra Sherliker for her passionate, innovative and selfless mission to commemorate lives lost in many conflicts. Sandra is looking to line the Green with Lamppost poppies during the Remembrance period. She is liaising with local businesses for their support but I know that when the time comes, she will appreciate all hands on deck, to help fix the poppies to the lamppost. We are hoping to hear from lots of volunteers!

I'm pleased to, once again, confirm we will be holding a Lancashire Night, Saturday 24th November (for details see below). To those residents who came along last year, we hope to see you again for an evening of stories, tales and merriment!

Our Community Hub has had much time and effort invested into it and I'd like to thank the committee who are supporting the redecoration of this community building. We hope to see more people using it as a village facility over the coming months.

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.

Kate Brown



Ecclestone Parish Council presents

Lancashire Night



featuring Sid Calderbank and Mark Dowding

7:30pm, at Bateman Hall on Saturday 24 November 2018

Local songs, humour, and dialect poems with a Lancashire flavour. Traditional Lancashire food and a selection of Lancashire ales and other refreshments will be available from a licensed bar.

Tickets £12.50, including food. To reserve tickets call 01257 234003 or email ecclestonepc@btinternet.com

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Lamp Post Poppies

The suggestion by local resident, Sandra Sherliker, to place large Poppies on the lighting columns along Towngate and The Green is gaining momentum.

Sandra has obtained donations for well over a third of the Poppies and, with support from the Parish Council and our colleagues from Heskin Parish Council, it is hoped to continue the theme along The Green and into Heskin.

If you would like to donate towards the cost of a Poppy (and by doing so, help the Royal British Legion), either as a local business or an individual, or would be willing to help hang them on the lampposts and/or take them down afterwards, please contact Sandra on 07712 461296 or via email to s.sherliker@icloud.com



FIREWALK

Saturday 8th October

CAN YOU TAKE THE HEAT?

The shortest sponsored walk you will ever do!

Brave the heat, bare your soles and raise money for a worthy cause by taking part in the Rainbow House charity fire walk on Saturday 6th October at The Highfield, Croston.

Entertainment provided. Food, refreshments and children's soft play area on site (at an additional cost).

Registrations are now being taken and places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Just £10 to register (£40 minimum sponsorship must be pledged)

Training sessions are given to each participant before the walk.

Spectators welcome.

Minimum age of 14 years to participate in this event.

Contact Emma Parish on 01704 823276 /

email e.parish@thelegacy-rainbowhouse.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 for further details.

The Centre Venue St Mary's Church Eccleston

A multi-use base for courses, conferences, socials and parties

High spec catering kitchen

Private alcohol licensing

Seating for 50 / Buffet 100

Disability friendly/ Baby changing facilities

Ample parking

For a viewing, rates and availability contact Nick Coates

hallbookings@ecclestonstmaryschurch.org

Keep Fit, Have Fun, Be Inspired - Clog Dance Classes in Eccleston

Eccleston Heritage Clog is a Community Clog Dance class run by Eccleston's resident clog dancer, Alex Fisher. The classes take place on Monday evenings at St Agnes Church Hall.

Every September we run a course for Absolute Beginners from 7.30 - 8.15pm. This is open to all ages and levels of experience. Clogs are provided (free of charge).



Clog Dance (step-dance in clogs) is a local tradition & could be considered the precursor to Tap Dance. It has a fascinating history being very much rooted in our industrial past but more importantly, it is an excellent way of keeping both mind & body fit.

The Absolute Beginners' Course starts on Monday September 24th, 7.30 - 8.15pm at St Agnes Church Hall, Eccleston.

For further details and booking, contact Alex on 07858 456787 or email alexclod55@gmail.com

Could you help people facing court alone?

Preston Personal Support Unit (PSU) is looking for volunteers to join its small, friendly team.

The PSU helps people who are facing family or civil court alone. The role involves:

- providing practical and emotional support
- helping with court forms and paperwork
- attending hearings in Preston
- signposting to other agencies



No legal background or knowledge is needed. Expenses, shadowing days and training are provided. The PSU is based in Preston Combined Court and the work is varied, challenging and extremely rewarding.

Volunteers are aged 21 and over and need to commit to at least 2 days (10am-3pm) per month.

For more information Tel: 01772 844920 or email preston@thepsu.org.uk

NHS

BREAST SCREENING



HAVE YOU BEEN SCREENED?

Your local NHS Breast Screening service is **FAST**,
FREE and can diagnose breast cancer **EARLY**

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www.nhs.uk/breast

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NHS

Wrightington,
Wigan and Leigh
NHS Foundation Trust

South Lancashire Breast Screening Unit
Thomas Linacre Outpatient Centre
Parsons Walk, Wigan
WN11RU

Telephone 01942 774713

Women aged between **50** and **70** yrs should be invited to a **FREE** NHS Breast Screening examination **EVERY THREE YEARS**

We will shortly be inviting eligible women in the Eccleston area to attend for Breast Screening.

Screening will take place on our mobile unit Located at Chorley Hospital.

3 in **10** women living in Lancashire do not attend their **Free** Breast Screening appointment.

The earlier breast cancer is found, the better the chances of beating it.

Please contact us on the number above or your GP for further information relating to the National breast screening programme.

Home Truths Launches the 'Village Life' Photography Competition



Home Truths estate agent has launched the 2018 'Village Life' Photography Competition, to encourage adults and young people to send in images that celebrate the villages they live in and love.

Croston has much to be inspired by, with beautiful open spaces, communal spaces, hidden gems, much loved local businesses and of course an abundance of history. There really is so much to celebrate.

This year's competition is open to amateur and professional photographers alike. Adults are invited to send in images with the title 'Village Life' and for children aged 16 and under there is a special category, titled 'What I Love About My Village!'

The winners will be revealed in December and will not only win a special trophy but will also win a £50 gift voucher. The ideal prize for some extra Christmas shopping spends!

If you would like to get involved in the competition you just need to send your images to the Home Truths Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hometruthsesatesandlettings/>, via email to cathy@icepr.co.uk, by visiting the Home Truths office, or in the post to 265 The Green, Ecclestone, PR7 5TF.

The deadline for entries is 12:00pm on the 31st October.

Volunteer Group

Our small group of dedicated volunteers have been working hard to tidy up the Millennium Green and Village Green and additional hands would be very welcome.

If you would like to join them to help look after the village please contact the Clerk (details on front page). The amount you do can be as much or as little as you wish.



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Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency): 101

Chorley Police Station
01257 264225

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](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search)

National Grid

Gas leaks 0800 111999

Electricity 0800 404090

United Utilities (Water)

Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency

Floodline 0345 9881188

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!