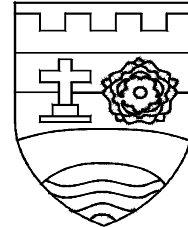


Croston Parish Council



Summer 2022

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Skip Day

Croston Station car park

Saturday, 9th July 2022
9:30am - 12 noon

Croston Parish Council and Chorley Council are holding a community skip day to allow residents to bring along unwanted household items for disposal.

Trade waste or hazardous materials/harmful items cannot be disposed of in the skip and will be turned away. These include TVs, computer monitors, asbestos, tyres, fluorescent tubes, fridges, paint and paint tins (unless empty), plasterboard, batteries, mattresses, medical waste, gas cylinders, liquids, solvents, oil, petrol, diesel and explosives.

Chorley Council will have an assistance service for some vulnerable residents - prior booking required, by Monday 4th July by calling Alan Platt on 01257 234003. **Please note: Chorley Council Officers are not permitted to enter your property and can only collect items left outside.**



COFFEE DAY IS BACK **SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2022**

We are pleased to announce that Coffee Day is back.

The Village will be closed to all traffic between 11.30am to 2.30pm approximately and barriers will be in place. We would ask that villagers who live on the route of the procession, if they would help on the day by moving their cars/vans etc. This will enable the procession to move through the village without causing any problems. We appreciate that this is not easy but would be grateful for your co-operation. Bishop Rawstorne car park maybe used. Please be aware that the prohibition of vehicles driving along these roads applies to all vehicles, including residents and people visiting businesses. Arrangements will be made for Emergency Vehicles.

The day will begin with a short service at St Michaels and All Angels Church at **11.30am**, followed by the Procession which will leave Church Street/Town Road at **12.00noon** and end at Croston Park at approximately **2.30pm**.

The Procession will proceed along Town Road and Station Road to the Railway Station returning along Station Road, Westhead Road to Riverside Crescent, where a short break will be held. During this time the children will be provided with refreshments. The procession will then return along Westhead Road and Town Road and end with bands playing to the residents of Croston Park.

There will be two decorated lorries for children under 6 years of age to ride on. These will be parked near the War Memorial from 11.00am. Please note children who have attended the Church Service will be given priority for seating on the wagon. For safety reasons children will only be allowed to get on and off the lorries when stationery. Parents are requested to contact a Lorry Steward before placing or removing a child from the lorry.

After the procession a number of events will be held in the Church grounds. In addition, refreshments which will include homemade cakes, tea & coffee will be available in the Old School. The fair is also back and a family picnic area in field on Westhead Road. The day will end with Grand Raffle draw at 3.30 pm approximately.

Thank you from Churches Together Coffee Day Committee and we wish everyone a most enjoyable and memorable Coffee Day.



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Croston and District Boules League

Playing boules in the village of Croston and the surrounding villages of Bretherton, Mawdesley and Ulnes Walton has been a tradition since our league commenced in 1996. It was originally started by the Twinning Association Committee following on from the twinning of Croston with the French town of Azay-le-Rideau in the Loire Valley and later developed into the current league format. The committee and our members are very proud of the continuing success of our league and look forward to playing boules for many more years.

Today, the league has 12 teams and over 120 members. A mix of ages, they meet each Tuesday evening at 7pm between April and September, playing at six different locations in and around Croston and we host numerous competitions throughout the year. Trophies and awards are presented at our annual Presentation Night held in October.

Boules can get quite competitive, like any sport. But we have our own set of league rules, our ethos is that all players have fun, can participate in an enjoyable sociable evening and most of all enjoy playing the game. We put our success down to the spirit and enthusiasm of our players.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Landlords and Landlady's at our venues for their continued support and for accommodating our teams over the many years and especially during these recent difficult times. We would also like to thank Croston Together and Chorley Borough Council for grants recently received, this has enabled us to upgrade and improve our boules pitches. All this support has been very much appreciated.

The league wants to encourage participation of new players who may be interested in learning to how to play boules or who may consider joining one of our teams. Sets of boules are available at each of the venues for anyone's use. Why not visit one of our venues on a Tuesday evening to watch a match and talk to some of the players? If you require any further information, please visit our website or Face book page or contact Martyn Littlewood (League Secretary) on 07862 064285.

Find out more at www.crostonboule.co.uk or on Face book

Businesses

If you would like to advertise in the quarterly newsletter please contact the Clerk, Alan Platt (details on back page) for details for advertising rates.

Croston Parish Council accepts no responsibility for items provided by third party contributors.

Croston St Michael's Scouts



When you read this our Scout sections will have had an exciting weekend at Bibby's Scout Campsite celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We tried lots of different activities from axe-throwing to climbing ending with a disco in the evening and of course some sleeping over(?).

Our 3 sections have full fun packed programmes from Beaver sleep-over to Cubs & Scouts camping out on district & county events. A big one for the Scouts coming up is Red Rose 2022, where the scouts get to meet scouts from all over Lancashire & abroad. Always a great week.

The programmes and events are organised by our dedicated leaders who all volunteer their time to help the scouts enjoy learning through scouting. We also have a supporters group who help organise social and fundraising events.

To help carry on the great tradition of Scouts in Croston we always welcome help from "interested" people, whether as a leader or supporter. If you feel that you could spare some time and would like more information can you please get in touch with a leader. Contacts on the notice board at the Community Centre, Castle Walks. Or you are invited to our Presentation evening on June 30th at 7pm.

Look forward to seeing you there. Refreshments will be served.

Croston/Azay-le-Rideau Twinning Association

The association was formed some 32 years ago and has enabled many residents from Croston and neighbouring villages to enjoy trips to France, stay with families over there, develop long lasting friendships and, in return, host visiting families to see and enjoy the delights of our Country. The initiative started at Bishop Rawstorne School and many children took part along with parents who retain links with the people they met in Azay.

Alas, many of the original people involved are getting older and we are trying to attract newer and younger people and families to join us so if you or your family are interested and would like more information please get in touch with Alan Whittaker (Chairman) or Jean Fenemore (Secretary (contact details below).

If we can attract some new members we will try and hold a social gathering in Croston, when we can give more details and hopefully look forward to some more worthwhile and enjoyable exchanges.

Alan Whittaker Tel: 01257 453456 or email:alanwhittaker1@sky.com

Jean Fenemore Tel: 01772 600572 email: jean.fenemore@googlemail.com



Croston In Bloom

Judging Dates

We can now confirm the following dates:

RHS Northwest in Bloom - Judges Teresa Potter and Brendan Cook will be touring the village on **Monday 18th July** between 2.00 - 4.00pm.

RHS Britain in Bloom - Judges Roger Burnett and Nicholas Jones will be touring the village on **Friday 29 July** between 9.30 - 11.30am

You can help us and show your support by weeding the pavement outside your property and making sure it is litter free.

Sponsorship and Donations

We would like to thank local businesses G McGavock Ltd, John McDougall Electrical Services and Maria B Evans for their very generous sponsorship.

We would also like to thank Croston Parish Council for the grant which has enable us to paint the railings along the river wall, residents of Back Cock Robin for their donation of £50 and Thyme on the Yarrow for keeping us well supplied with hot drinks whilst we're working.

Hanging Basket Challenge

Open to all with a garden voucher for the winner in each category, entering this year's competition is quite simple.

All you need to do is take a photo of your basket and email to crostoninbloom@gmail.com or deliver to 51 Town Road, Croston. Don't forget to add your name and tell us which category you are entering. Closing date is noon on Coffee Day, 2 July and winning entries will be announced on Saturday 9 July.

going for gold!



Hanging Basket Challenge



- **3 categories**
 - "Flying the Flag" (Red, white and blue flowers)
 - "The Jubilee" (Purple and White flowers)
 - "Over the Rainbow" (any colour flowers)
- Enter by submitting a photo online via our Facebook page
- Prize for winner in each category
- Closing date for entries: Noon on Sat.2 July

Project updates

Community Orchard, Out Lane Car park

In early April, a group of Cubs and Scouts added 6 fruit trees to the orchard. They learned about cross-pollination and followed instructions on how to correctly plant and stake a tree. They showed great enthusiasm and are looking forward to tasting the fruit in the autumn.

Plant Sale

Our recent sale was a great success raising £580. Many thanks to all who supported the event by buying plants or donating plants to add to our collection. Thanks also to Catherine from Feather and Twigs who joined us selling hanging baskets and donated £1 from every sale to our coffers.

Painting the Railings

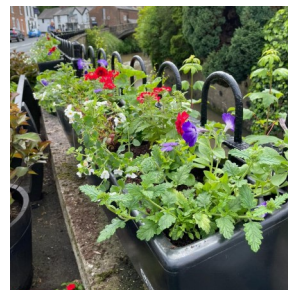
Grateful thanks to the residents who came along and helped us spruce up the railings along the river wall. It took 4 sessions, 7 tins of Hammerite, several paint brushes and wire brushes and a lot of effort but was done in good spirit with laughs along the way. What a community we have!

New Planters

How many people does it take to move a planter? Several, and a good wheelbarrow! This is one of 3 new planters we have been able to purchase thanks to our generous sponsors. They are being sited opposite the War Memorial and will be planted with perennials and small shrubs to give year round interest.

Summer Bedding Theme

All bedding has been supplied by Highfield Nurseries, Liverpool Rd, Rufford and we'd like to thank Janet for her help in selecting the plants to match our red, white and blue theme which we have chosen to celebrate the Queen's jubilee



* Croston Village *
FESTIVITIES GROUP

CROSTON YARD SALE

RAISING MONEY FOR THE

Croston Christmas Fair



SUNDAY 17 JULY 22

FROM 10AM



A yard sale trail map with all participating yards will be published before the event. Keep an eye on Croston Village Festivities' website and our Facebook page for updates.

To register your yard, contact us at crostonfestivities@hotmail.com or via our Facebook page by 10 July.



We held our AGM in March and the new planning year now gets underway.

Next month we are repeating our village Yard Sale which we introduced last summer as a fund raiser for our Christmas Fair. (see page opposite and all details are on our website and Facebook page).

Listening to comments from last year we will be adding a map this year to locate the contributors for those not familiar with the village. We will publicise outside the village wherever possible.

Our main activity is, of course the Christmas Fair and Lights which will be taking place on Sunday December 4th. All is beginning to fall into place from the planning side but here we come with the usual annual plea! Can we please have some more volunteers to help us both plan and execute this event which is quite complex to organise. I know we rabbit on about this every year but we have at least three key personnel leaving us after this years event including our Chair and Vice Chair and our very experienced Stalls organiser. Without more new blood we may not be able to stage the event in 2023 so please think about this and offer to help if you are able. I know we are not alone as other groups in the village are running short of helpers so it's time to consider how you want the social side of Croston to look in the years ahead.

Updated information is available on;

Website: crostonvillagefestivities.com

Facebook: [@crostonvillagefestivities](https://www.facebook.com/crostonvillagefestivities) or contact us via email on crostonfestivities@hotmail.com

Tots Group

Looking for somewhere to go with your toddler/baby?

Like-minded mums/grandparents/childminders meet in the Community Centre, Castle Walks on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00am (term time) and 10:00 - 12:00 (holidays). It's a great way to make new friends - we provide toys for the children to play with in a safe environment, snacks and that essential 'brew' for adults! £2.50 per session.

Fancy a FREE journey on Northern Rail?

If you join **Friends of Croston Station** you will be eligible to share our passes anywhere on Northern Rail's route.

We meet Sundays at 11am for an hours gardening, or any other time if more convenient.

Contact Kath Almond on 07904 118361 or just turn up on Sunday to see what we do.



Breathing life
into old things

The newly formed Croston Men's Shed is going from strength to strength. We started at the beginning of 2022 and our happy band of friendly "Shedders" continues to grow all the time and each week with new ideas, new activities and,

even better, with new faces.

There is no obligation or commitment to attend every week, just come when you want, join in with a project or simply enjoy the mix of members for a chat. You may well recognise familiar faces from around the village.

Some people simply enjoy the social side of being out and about while others like to be occupied doing things such as taking part in small and manageable projects.

So, if you want to pop in and see what we are all about at The Men's Shed, you will be more than welcome to come and chat over a tea or coffee. Perhaps you might know someone who'd enjoy trying the Shed out?

We meet at the Tennis Clubhouse at the rear the Sports Club every Thursday morning at 10am. See you there perhaps.....



There are a number of scams doing the rounds in the Chorley area at the moment and residents are urged to be careful.



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Constabulary**

police and communities together

Council Tax rebate - criminals contact residents requesting bank details to send a rebate to. Please note Chorley Council will automatically pay the rebate into resident's bank accounts.

Government Energy rebate - similar to the council tax rebate scam. Again bank details are requested.

Energy bills - callers purporting to be from OFGEM saying you can apply for your rebate and a discount on your autumn energy bills. The sole purpose of the call is to try to get bank account details.

Always remember, councils and genuine companies will **never** ask for your bank details over the phone.

Please do not interact with calls like this, hang up immediately and report the calls to your telephone provider Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk/

To find out what's really happening in our area, receive regular crime updates, information on road closures, information about fires and other emergencies and learn about what our local neighbourhood policing team is doing 'In The Know' is the free messaging service brought to you by Lancashire Police supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council where you decide when and how you are kept informed about the issues that matter to you. To sign up, go to <https://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know>

Croston Pre-school Announces Closure

The committee of Croston Pre-school have had to make the very sad decision to close pre-school for good at the end of this term.

Croston Pre-School has provided local families with the highest quality childcare for almost 50 years and the decision to close has not been taken lightly but with such low numbers and inadequate government funding, the charity has been left in a financial position that is no longer viable. This is, sadly, a scenario that is happening for many a setting like us.

The summer term is always busy as we help our older children prepare for school and continue to care for and nurture our younger ones and this year will be no exception. It will be business as usual and smiles on faces right up to the last day...let's make this term one to remember!

Contact Details

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Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except August), commencing at 7:30pm, in The Old School, Church Street, Croston. Details of the meetings are placed in the notice boards prior to the meetings.

Residents are always welcome to attend and part of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency): 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

British Transport Police (Station and car park): 0800 405040

National Grid (gas leaks)
0800 111999

United Utilities (Water)
Leakline 0800 330033

Environment Agency Floodline
0845 988 1188

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Notice boards

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities and details of meetings etc. The notice boards are located on the Village Green, outside McColls and by the Surgery on Brookfield.

Local non-for-profit organisations wishing to include A4 sized posters to publicise events etc should contact the Clerk.