

Caring for Croston

Our Service of Remembrance

Sunday 12th November 2023



We depart from St. Michael's & All Angels Parish Church at **1:00pm** for the walk to our War Memorial, where a short service will take place. Following this, participants will proceed back to church, for the Service of Remembrance.



Our War Memorial commemorates the residents of Croston who were killed or missing in both World War I and World War II. It was unveiled on Saturday 30/10/1920, by Capt. Douglas H. Hacking who was the M.P. for Chorley at the time. Constructed in granite, the Memorial is a Grade II listed structure containing the names of all those servicemen who lost their lives in both World Wars.

There are eight Commonwealth War Graves in Croston (St. Michael) Churchyard Extension. Croston Village Archive carried out a project called Croston Remembers, which involved arranging commemorative plaques for the 52 lives given by Croston servicemen in WWI and WWII, to be placed on the houses where they lived in the parish.

Another plaque, above right, commemorates US Pilot Kenneth V Burnett, aged 22, who was killed when his P-38 plane came down in the field behind the bridge in Meadow Lane.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.”

CROSTON COFFEE DAY 2023 by Richard Guinness

Although a windy day, the weather stayed “traditionally” fine for this year’s Coffee Day. The Walk of Witness procession, led by Reverend Michael and the Clergy Team, followed the usual route through the village stopping for a breather and drink at Riverside Crescent and ending at Croston Park where its arrival was much enjoyed by many of the residents. The procession included children from the Sunday School and Trinity and St Michael’s School, the Eccleston and Scout Bands, a number of village groups, some wheel chaired Croston Park residents and, bringing up the rear, the two horse drawn lorries so kindly provided and manned by David Jackson and his team. Both lorries were beautifully decorated by our team of expert paper blowers and looked magnificent. Due to the windy conditions, the Church and Sunday School Banners had to be carried “flat” but they were there none the less.

After the Procession, the Church filled for a brilliant concert by the Magic Voices Choir from Chorley, while outside the Eccleston Band entertained the expectant crowd and, situated around the back of the Church, the Magician had the children enthralled. Those needing a brew and a cake were amply provided for in the Old School.

So a grand day was thoroughly enjoyed by many, achieved by the efforts of numerous volunteers. The Church and the Coffee Day Team salute them and offer them their deepest thanks. **Looking to the future, the Coffee Day AGM will be on Tuesday 24th October 2023 in the Vestry. Anyone interested in keeping the tradition of Coffee Day flourishing will be most welcome.**

Heritage Open Days 2023

Croston Old School will be open to the public Sat & Sun, Sept 16th & 17th, from 1-5pm. Croston Village Archive will display a **History of Croston through the Ages**. Refreshments available. Free Admission.



The Horseshoe Inn, Croston – demolished in the 1930’s for road widening.



Councillor Keith Iddon

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of Councillor Keith Iddon on 30th June 2023. Keith was an important and highly-respected figure across Lancashire, having been deputy leader of Lancs. County Council and more recently the Chair of L.C.C. He also represented our area on Chorley Borough Council and of course was a Croston Parish Councillor for many years.

However, despite his prominent position in local politics, Keith never forgot his roots in Croston. He attended Croston Parochial Primary School (now Trinity and St. Michael's) and then went on to Bishop Rawstorne High School. As a teenager, Keith developed a passion for motorcycles and trucks and followed in his father's footsteps with a long career in the haulage business.

Keith was never afraid to express his love for Croston and its people. This could be seen in the way in which he showed a great interest in village life and supported a range of village initiatives. He provided grants for Friends of Croston Station, Croston in Bloom and more recently he provided invaluable advice regarding the proposed developments at the Sports Club – Project SPACE. He gladly attended meetings of the project team and spoke passionately in favour of the plans when they came before Chorley Borough Council Planning Committee.

During his political life, Keith would often rub shoulders with the 'great and the good' and yet he never lost the common touch. He retained his HGV licence and often drove the trucks in the family business, which is now run largely by his twin sons William and John Iddon. He also retained his life-long love of pigeon racing. All who knew Keith will remember his warmth, his smile and his great ability to win the respect of everyone he met.

Thank you from everyone in Croston and rest in peace Councillor Keith Iddon.

We are grateful to Neville Norcross , Chair of Croston Together and Keith's friend for the above tribute. Our sincere condolences go out to Keith's family.

Croston Parish Council

Litter Fact File: cigarette ends are toxic litter

- More than 60% of litter collected around Croston is cigarette ends or butts. Cigarette ends are made of a type of plastic (plasticised cellulose acetate) so they are not biodegradable.
- A cigarette end in Croston takes 14 years to break apart into microplastics that stay in the environment .
- Gov. survey found that 87% of ends were on the ground, only 13% in bins. 39% of smokers, equivalent to 3.6million in the UK, admitted to throwing a cigarette butt down a drain within the past month.

Facts Source: Keep Britain Tidy website 2023

- Chemicals (arsenic, lead, formaldehyde and nicotine) from discarded cigarette ends on the ground in Croston , leach into the earth and water and harm plants, animals, fish and affect whole ecosystems
- 1 cigarette end thrown into the River Yarrow from Town Bridge, can contaminate 100 litres of water. Please put your cig ends in an ashtray and then a bin. Cigarette ends thrown down the drains in Croston, end up in the River Yarrow, River Douglas, River Ribble then the Atlantic Ocean.

**Caring for Croston - Bin the Butt
Keep Croston Tidy Thank you**



Caring for Croston

In the Spotlight :

Affy & Staff at Panshi Restaurant Tackling Cigarette Ends Disposal

Many thanks to Manager Affy and the staff of our much loved Indian restaurant here in the heart of the village, for addressing the harmful issue of discarded, polluting, cigarette ends.



We caught up with Jay and Hassan of Panshi's (here left) who told us that cigarette boxes had now been attached to both the front and side walls of this restaurant in an attempt to reduce or hopefully completely stop cigarette ends being thrown down on the pavements by the restaurant on Town Road. It's particularly concerning that there is a large drain by the door of the restaurant where toxic cigarette ends can enter the local water-course.



Cigarette box on the front of the building

Hassan informed us , " The manager and staff actually politely ask customers who go outside to smoke, to please use the metal boxes for their cigarette ends and we believe people do respect this ".

It's made a huge difference to the cleanliness of the pavement in that area of Town Road since Panshi introduced the boxes and encouraged people to actually use them . Thank you so much Panshi and your considerate customers!



Cigarette box on the side of the building in Castle Walks.

Croston Methodist Messy Church

Croston Methodist Messy Church is an inclusive and safe space for children and their families to find out about God, through a Bible story, crafts and conversation. All are welcome, but all children must be accompanied during the session by an adult.

Messy Church is a free monthly Tuesday gathering (including a children's meal). Our next sessions will be Tuesday 26th September, October 17th , November 21st , December 12th 2023
4.30pm – 6.00pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Westhead Road, Croston PR26 9RQ

Encounter - Worship Prayer

Sunday October 8th and November 12th at 6.30pm 2023
All are welcome to come and enjoy our monthly worship evenings. Encounter the presence of God, as we worship Him through songs and times of prayer.
Venue – Croston Methodist Church

Croston Methodist Open Doors

Our doors are open from 9.15am – 11.30am on Friday August 25th September 22nd , October 27th , November 24th 2023

We offer refreshments and a warm invitation to meet and chat with friends, so please come and join us. Everyone is Welcome.

On October 27th our monthly free pre-school Little Fishes Storytime and Singing Sessions will begin from 9.15am- 9.45am. Again, please come and join us and enjoy refreshments after the session.

Save the Date!

Eccleston Brass Band
will be performing at
Croston Methodist Church
at 7.45pm on Friday 17 th
November 2023
All welcome.



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Always wanted to join a choir? Why not come along to our next choir practice to see what we're about.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 7.30pm at Croston Sports Club.

For more information call Rachel on 07753 494361
or find us on Facebook [@TheCrostonSingers](#)

5 REASONS why singing in a choir is good for you!*

1. SINGING MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER

There's an increasing amount of evidence that singing releases 'happy' chemicals that boost your mood and make you feel good about yourself. Scientists believe that's one of the reasons why people report being on a high during choir sessions and continuing to feel positive, uplifted and motivated afterwards.

2. SINGING COUNTS AS AN AEROBIC ACTIVITY.

Singing introduces more oxygen into the blood leading to better circulation – and a better mood.

3. SINGING ENHANCES LUNG FUNCTION

The way singing requires you to breathe makes you increase your lung capacity as well as engaging the muscles around the ribcage.

4. SINGING HELPS YOU BEAT STRESS AND RELAX

As well as benefiting our lungs, breathing properly and with more awareness is good for releasing anxiety and helping us transition to a state of rest and relaxation.

5. SINGING BUILDS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Singing with other people can help build connections and feelings of togetherness. To put it simply: you'll meet new people and make friends!

On top of all that, singing also helps boost memory and improves confidence.



CROSTON *Women's Institute*

WHY NOT JOIN THE WI?

Make new friends

A great opportunity to socialise and make new friends. Even better over a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Guest Speakers

We welcome guest speakers that cover a variety of topics from the light-hearted to the more serious issues of the day.





Spin-off groups

Join one of the many sub-groups relating to crafts, dining out, cinema and more.

Trips

Enjoy days out such as visiting Christmas Markets, stately homes, National Trust venues and theatre trips.

WHEN & WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

-  First Thursday of each month, 7.30pm
-  Croston Old School, Church Street, Croston
-  Karen Goodyear (President) 07545 454429
-  Sheila Baxendale (Secretary) 07932 813933

We look forward to meeting you!





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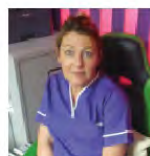


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Councillors had a great evening visiting

INSPIRE Youth Zone in Chorley. What a fabulous place !

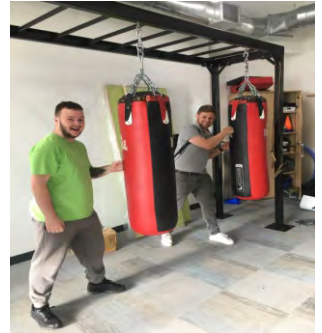
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CPC can support Croston youth visiting **INSPIRE** if we can find 4 adult volunteers to help with back up support & driving the minibus on the eve we choose to visit. **Please can you volunteer to help ? Do get in touch with CPC.** All training and DBS checks provided.

Croston Young People

Would you like to find out more about visiting **INSPIRE Youth Zone ?**

If "Yes", please contact CPC on our new website crostonpc.org or email crostonpc@btinternet.com



NEW Website: crostonpc.org
**Do visit to catch up on forthcoming
Autumn & Winter events.**



Friends of Croston Station

desperately need an extra pair of hands. No pay, but we have shared use of passes on Northern trains. We normally meet Sundays 11am. Contact Kath Almond on 07904 118361 for information.

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