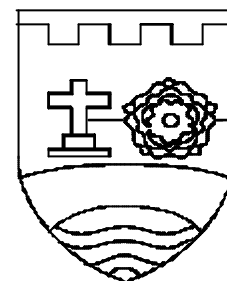


Croston Parish Council Newsletter



June 2010

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Council meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month, in The Old School, Church Street, Croston.

All residents are welcome to attend and a section of each meeting is set aside specifically for residents to air their views on local issues - come along and have your say!

Noticeboards

Keep up to date with Parish Council activities. The noticeboards are located on the Village Green, outside the Co-op and in front of the Police Station.

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

If you contact any of the advertisers in the newsletter please tell them where you saw their advert.

Community Flood Plan

The Parish Council is working alongside our partners at Chorley Council, the Environment Agency and the Emergency Services to provide a Flood Plan for the village.

Many residents may not be aware that the ultimate responsibility for the flood defence of a property lies with the owner/occupier and, in order to clarify this, and other issues, relating to flooding a public meeting has been arranged for 7.00pm, Wednesday 7 July 2010 at The Old School (for full details see the insert in this newsletter). All residents who may be affected by flooding, and anyone else who is interested, or may wish to help, are asked to come along.

Coffee Day 2010

We would like to remind residents that Town Road and Westhead Road (A581), and Station Road (B5247) will be closed to all vehicles on Saturday 3 July 2010 between 1.45pm and 4.15pm for the annual Croston Coffee Day Procession.

Highfield Road (A581) and Grape Lane/Syd Brook Lane will also be closed (except for access).

Vandalism

Mindless vandals have been 'enjoying' themselves smashing beer bottles on the Recreation Area and making fires inside the Youth Shelter. As a result of this we are arranging for the removal of the Youth Shelter in the near future.

Also one of the Heritage Trail noticeboards, on Grape Lane, was broken off its legs and pushed into the river. Fortunately the board was recovered and is awaiting repair.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police.

No Change for 2010

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in May Anne Peet was elected Chairman of the Council for the eighth successive year, with Steve Parkinson re-elected as Vice Chair.

The Parish Council also welcomed new Councillor, Stephen Bentley, to his first meeting following his co-option.

Colour Supplement

Readers will note an additional sheet, printed in full colour in this edition. We intend to continue with this and any organisations with colour pictures they might want publishing are asked to forward them, electronically, to the Clerk at crostonpc@btinternet.com

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Annual Report

The Parish Council continues to support the residents of Croston by raising a variety of issues with the relevant authorities. The Chairman and Clerk have attended Borough/Parish Liaison meetings and Councillors have attended Recreational Funding Seminars.

Problems have been experienced with the deployment of the Speed Indicator Device (SpID), bought in partnership with Heskin and Bretherton Parish Councils. Faults with the Device resulted in it spending quite a time at the manufacturers for repair and the bad winter weather meant it was unsuitable to deploy the device for safety reasons. We are happy to say these problems appear to be behind us and we will be deploying the SpID on a regular basis.

The Parish Council received several requests for grant funding during the year and was pleased to support the Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team, North West Air Ambulance, Victim Support Lancashire, Croston Community Centre and Croston Old School.

Once again, the Council entered the village in two competitions, Lancashire Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom, in which we were placed joint 2nd in our category. The Council would like to express their thanks to all residents who voluntarily help with the care and maintenance of the floral displays around the village and John and Annabelle Pearson who have, once again, secured a wonderful donation of plants from Michael Coxhead (Coxhead Nurseries) for the river wall on Town Road.

The Council continues to employ the Clerk, Alan Platt, who provides advice and support to the council. Kevin Greenhalgh has also continued to work conscientiously as the Village Lengthsman, to the extent that the Village achieved the Tidy Britain Clean Sweep Award in the North West in Bloom Competition.

Thanks go to Clive Barbour and his Associates who have maintained the Village Green and several other grass areas to a high standard.

The Parish Council's quarterly newsletter has continued to inform residents on matters of relevance to the village and we intend to improve on this with the addition of a full colour sheet in this, and future, editions.

Parish Council Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

| Income | £ | Expenditure | £ |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Parish Precept | 21870 | Staff Costs | 8771 |
| Interest | 98 | Administration | 1473 |
| VAT Reclaimed (i) | 0 | Insurance | 1236 |
| Adverts | 570 | Donations | 2260 |
| Grant received (ii) | 4248 | Grounds Maintenance | 2110 |
| Sundries | 75 | Repairs & replacements | 1046 |
| | | Newsletter | 894 |
| | | Village Green Project | 6600 |
| | | Sundries | 448 |
| Total | 26861 | VAT | 1220 |
| | | Total | 26058 |
| Opening Balance | 19121 | | |
| Income | 26861 | (i) Awaiting refund of £358 | |
| Sub total | 45982 | (ii) Received from Lancashire County Council for Japanese Knotweed eradication project | |
| Expenditure | 26058 | | |
| Closing Balance | 19924 | | |

Flood Risk in Croston

Have your say in developing Croston's Flood Plan.

Parts of Croston are at risk of flooding and the Parish Council would like your help in developing a Community Flood Plan. This Plan will be a vital part of helping



our community prepare for flooding so that everyone knows what to do if flooding should happen.

The Parish Council is holding a meeting at 7.00pm on 7 July 2010 at The Old School, Church Street to discuss what preparing a community flood plan involves and what it should include. They will also explain how you can have a role in this.

Being involved in flood planning will enable your community to take control and help during a flood, when other organisations could be overstretched or unable to reach you. Communities that are involved in developing flood plans are more likely to be flood resilient.

A community flood plan will also help to improve communication before, during and after flooding, making sure the right people are involved at the right time.

The Environment Agency will be at the meeting to highlight which parts of Croston are at risk of flooding and to help in preparing the community flood plan. Chorley Council will also be there to offer help and advice and, even if your home isn't at risk of flooding, you can still be involved as you may be able to help others during a flood.

We hope you can come along to the meeting to find out how you can help to prepare your community, and your home, for flooding. Further information on preparing for flooding is also available by calling the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or by going to their website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

Please can you let the Parish Council know if you will be going to the meeting by phoning Alan Platt on telephone number 01257 23400, or by email to crostonpc@btinternet.com

We hope to see you there.

Health Trainer Service

Frances Gaskill, Villages in Partnership's Health Trainer, will provide you with choices and information on services and activities in your area that can improve your health and wellbeing.



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Tel: 01772 603591 (office)
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email frances@villagesinpartnership.org.uk

What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

Well, now you can sit and stare. Croston Residents Environment Workers (CREW) asked Quantil Farms Limited if they could site a seat on Sumners Lane, halfway round the moss, so that walkers could sit and enjoy the view.



Not only did they agree, but Mr.Symondson, the owner, offered to pay for it! The view over to Harrock Hill and Mawdesley is superb.

Thank you, Mr. Symondson and Quantil Farms.

Poppy Appeal 2009

The total collection for Croston for 2009 has been confirmed as £1468.84 - an increase of £111.25 over the previous years total.

Once again, thanks go to all contributors, and the Village businesses who allowed a poppy tray and collection box on their premises with very special thanks to our Door-to-Door Collector and the Ladies from the Royal Bank of Scotland for counting the collection boxes.

If you would like to help with this years collection, either with door-to-door collections or as a business willing to have a collection box on your premises please contact Alan Platt on 01257 234003 or via email at crostonpc@btinternet.com

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Competition Entries 2010

The Village has been entered in this year's North West in Bloom and Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competitions.



Initial judging for this year's North West in Bloom Competition will take place on Thursday 29 July 2010. The village was placed joint second in last year's competition, and was awarded the Tidy Britain Clean Sweep Award for the cleanest area in the competition. Church Street, The Orchard and Trinity and St Michaels Primary School also received awards.

Judging for the Best Kept Village takes place throughout the summer. Last year the village was placed fourth in the Champion Village Class, with The Friends of Croston Station The Old School, both Jubilee and St Michaels Terrace Almshouses, Croston Corn Mill and the Cricket Ground also receiving awards.

RHS
Britain
in Bloom



Any assistance residents might be able to provide, from floral displays/hanging baskets to keeping gardens/areas around your house tidy etc, would be of great help.

Croston Subscription Bowling Club

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Otherwise - it's easy to join. Just come along and we can issue a card for you to take books out straight away. Phone 01257 451825 for information.

Also, if you need a bit of help to get online, or would like to keep in touch with family and friends via email or just need assistance to get confident on your computer we have a volunteer in the library on Wednesday mornings who can sit with you for a half hour session to show you how to get over these small problems. This is not a course but we can assist you to get your own email account and tackle things like online shopping, booking a holiday, job searching, family history, access to public services etc.

There is no charge for this service. You will need your library card or, if you haven't been before, staff will be happy to provide you with a membership to the library which will also enable you to use the other Library services.

So if PCs, keyboards, internet and computer-speak is like an alien language to you, then contact the library to book an informal session and start to use and understand.

Opening hours are:

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|-----------|--------------------------|
| Monday | 10.00-12.30 1.30-7.00 |
| Wednesday | 10.00-12.30 1.30-5.00 |
| Friday | 10.00-12.30 1.30-7.00 |
| Saturday | 10.00-12.30 |

Croston Flower Crafts and Produce Show

Local resident Ian Coggin is hoping to start an annual event in the village. The initial Show will take place on Saturday 18 September 2010 at Croston Community Centre and, providing sufficient interest is shown, it is hoped it will become an yearly fixture.

The Show is open to all - 'if you make cook or grow please show' and will include children's classes.

Acceptance of exhibits will be from 09.30am to 10.30am with Judging 11.00am to 1.00pm.

The Show will be open for public viewing from 2.00pm, with free admission and refreshments will be available.

Trophies will be awarded at 3.00pm, and at 3.30pm an auction of all donated exhibits will take place, with proceeds for local charities.

Classes will include fruit, flowers, vegetables, jams, chutney, cakes biscuits, photographs with children's classes for baking, making, art work and paper plane flying competition.

A full schedule, or further information is available from Ian Coggin on 01772 601168 or 07710 035372 or email at ian.coggin@btinternet.com

Car Wash

Croston St. Michael's Scouts are holding a car wash on Saturday June 26 at the Sport's Club.

Watch out for further information.

Bastille Bay

Join members of Croston Twinning Association for the Annual Bastille Day Celebrations on the Village Green on Saturday 10 July 2010.

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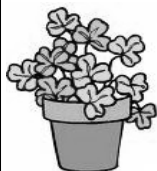
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carolineplummer@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

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Crimestoppers can be contacted on: 0800 555111



Croston St Michaels Scouts

We would like to say 'Well Done' to our Scouts who entered the Bowlander Challenge in April for the first time and came a brilliant 12th out of 38 teams.

Also at the beginning of May we held our 2nd family camp, the weather wasn't too kind to us but that didn't stop Beaver's, Cub's Scout's parents and siblings, a total of 77 in all, having lots of fun doing activities which included zip line, archery, pamper pole, climbing, rope course, camp fire and, of course, a b-b-q. Here's to the next one in 2012. At the time of going to press our Scouts are getting ready to go to Waddecar for the county camp, Beaver's are off to the Science Museum and Cub's are preparing for their County Cub Camp in June - so a busy time for all.

We would also like to thank Mayor's at Ulnes Walton for their generous donation of wood for our raised flower/vegetable plots, that all the Scouts are getting involved in making, at our meeting place.

The Scouts are holding a car wash on June 26th at the Sport's Club.

Watch out for further information.

Tots Group

Tot's - why don't you come along and bring Mums/Dads/Carers to the Community Centre on Castle Walks for a chat and play between 9-30 and 11-30am on Tuesday or Thursday mornings.

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