



CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN 2016



Remembrance Sunday Service Sunday 13th November 2016

At 10.45 am

War Memorial, Cronton

The Battle of the Somme was one of the defining events of the First World War, resulting in over one million casualties. The centenary of the battle in 2016 has been identified as one of the major commemorations of the First World War centenary.

THE PASTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DRAINAGE OF FACILITY

Over the last 5 years, the Parish Council and Cronton Neighbourhood Network has overseen discussions between local residents, user groups and key stakeholders interested in the development of The Pasture. Specific issues have been raised around the quality of the facilities in the Park, particularly the drainage which serves to limit local people's meaningful use of the site in the winter months.

The ambition has been to apply for funds to enhance the Pasture for other activities such as a new Play facility for the under sevens, picnic areas, community wildlife area, football pitches and quiet areas in which to sit and enjoy the environment. This has been successful, but the main factor now limiting the use of the Pasture during late autumn, winter and early spring is the damp nature of the ground making it unusable for walking, playing football and generally enjoying the area, indeed we had to cancel a summer Gala event in 2012

due to water logging and is always a worry when organising this event that is so dependent on the weather. Drainage of the facility will increase the period of usage

Cronton Parish Council envisages being a key partner in achieving this ongoing drive for improvement to this most valued facility in our Village and to this end we will apply for a Grant of £50,000 from the Cory Environmental Trust, to enhance the drainage in the flat area of the Pasture where events are held. To assist in our Application for a Grant matched funding has been pledged by the Parish Council, Junior Football Teams and Gala Committee.

Will Cook, Chairman

Coronation Gardens

A number of residents have complained to the Parish Council about the state of Coronation Gardens and the memorial. Acting on these complaints we have decided to use some of our reserves to improve the area. A new flag has been pur-

chased and a contractor has been appointed to clean the memorial, hopefully before our service of remembrance.

We are currently seeking quotes for work to be undertaken to improve the area around the base of the memorial. One option being considered is to have the soil removed and the ground levelled. Stones or slate would be placed around the base negating the need for continual maintenance and providing a level base where wreaths can be placed.

Due to us having to seek quotes before a decision can be made it is unlikely that this work will be completed in the near future.

The Parish Council will be buying suitable paint so that the benches and railings can be painted. A number of councillors have volunteered to undertake this work but any help from residents would be gratefully accepted. The painting cannot take place until the spring but it is hoped that all ground works will be completed early in 2017.

Shaun Cooper, Vice-Chairman

Each year the Queen hosts a number of Garden Parties in the garden at the rear of Buckingham Palace to which she invites guests from Parish and Town Councils, members of the armed services, rescue services and the Police.



the time by chatting to fellow guest, until, the advantage of being senior; a policeman invited us to the head of the queue.

The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace



The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by Her Majesty to invite

Doctor and Mrs. William Cook

to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace

on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m.

This card does not admit

Each year the Palatine County (Lancashire) and other Counties recommend Chairs from Chairs of their Parish Council to attend, this year Cronton was selected. Margaret and I represented Cronton at the Garden Party on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 and went down by train the day before.

Ladies wore day dress with hat and gentlemen Lounge suit. We attended the party at 4pm and had to wait in a long queue to get in; the time was taken up by a lot of security. Nevertheless, we passed

The entrance hall to the Palace is very impressive with life sized figures of Victoria and Albert on either side of the entrance into the garden. The garden was quite impressive and very well maintained, high heels were not to be recommended for women as the heel readily

sank into the lawns. There were a number of tents consisting of the Royal tent, diplomatic tent and two large tents to serve other guests. The meal was a buffet type meal with sandwiches and cakes, some of which I particularly enjoyed.

We did not get to meet the Queen; however she and members of the Royal Family were there, including Prince William and Princess Catherine. I particularly enjoyed seeing the various types of military and other uniforms and Margaret the Ladies' dresses.

We left at 6 pm, walking back through the Palace Gardens, then Green Park to catch the underground to our hotel and back to Cronton the next day.

**Will Cook
Chair**

Housing Plan Withdrawn

The proposal by Crabtree Developments to build 17 houses on land adjacent to Penny Lane was withdrawn prior to the matter being discussed at KMBC planning committee. This is the second time the application has been withdrawn. Although this is good news for Cronton Village we

have been informed by the planning officer involved that Crabtree Developments intend to submit a new application sometime in the future.

It is very important that we object to any new application in the same way as we did previously. Once we are aware of a new application we will post notices in the Parish Office window.

Shaun Cooper, Vice-Chair

Village Planters

The Parish Council would like to thank Cronton Nurseries for sponsoring the planters around the village. Without this generous support we would have been unable to maintain them from our funds.





CRONTON GALA

Cronton held their ever popular annual village Gala in June on The Pasture and everyone had a whale of a time. Attendance was up on last year despite the new £1 entry fee.

Merrymakers enjoyed a fine day with much sunshine and lots of fun and activities for the young and old alike. The fair, bouncy castles and donkey rides went down a treat with the youngsters. Also, there were craft displays and traditional games like The Stocks and Hook a Duck. Widnes Vikings did a rugby demonstration and entertainment was provided by local dance and theatre troupe 'NDTS', ukulele group 'Motley Ukes', martial arts club 'Kuk Sool', and the very talented singer and Britain's Got Talent finalist Beau Dermott.

All in all the day was a great success and the organisers are already enthusiastically organising next year's Gala.

Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Ian on 07770 395 599 or ian@linian.com

Cronton Father Christmas

Weather permitting Father Christmas will be touring the village from **around 6.00pm on Thursday 15th December** checking on who has been good and who has been bad. Santa's little helpers will be knocking on doors (in case



you didn't hear his bell) seeking donations towards next year's

Cronton Gala. It is anticipated that all residents will give generously and thus will be deemed 'good' by Santa. If it's a cold night, and it usually is, hot toddy's will also be appreciated. Please enter into the spirit and support **YOUR** community. Better still come and join our happy band by first **calling Ian on 07770 395 599.**

Cronton Website

cronton.org.uk

Take a look at your village website to see what your Parish Council is doing and what is happening in the village.

If you wish to add an event please e-mail bess.smith23@yahoo.co.uk and I will post it on the website.

There is also a 'gallery' for your photos, old and new. Please send by email and I'll add them too.

If you have any suggestions for additions to the site please let me know.



Residents can only report incidents of abandoned vehicles, dog waste, fly tipping*, litter, missed bins, noise pollution, potholes, stray dogs, street lights, traffic signs, bollards and beacons via the website

www.knowsley.gov.uk or the Knowsley Council app (available to download for free from the App Store, Windows Store or Google Play). *Fly tipping can still be reported on 0151 443 2400



Knowsley Council



Cronton Ecumenical Carol Service Tuesday 13 December 2016

7.00 pm - Tree Lighting (Coronation Gardens)

7.30 pm - Carol Service (Holy Family Church)

8.00 pm - Reception (Holy Family Club)

(Tea, coffee, juice and mince pies will be served)

Volunteers needed for Reception.
Please contact Councillors.



We are really well set up to provide something you might enjoy.

On **Mondays** from 1.30 to 2.30pm @ Holy Family Club there is **Chair-Based Exercise** run by Jeannie Embleton of the Knowsley Falls Prevention service. She has been so successful the numbers have doubled in these sessions in recent months. Why not give it a try? It's harder than you think but very useful for keeping you supple. A fee of £1 per week payable in 5-weekly blocks covers the cost of hall hire. Tuition is free.

On **Tuesdays** from 1 til 2.45pm @ Holy Family Club there are **Walks for Health**, when two walks of differing lengths are available. There are refreshments afterwards and a time to chat and make friends. A donation of 50p is requested for the refreshments, otherwise these activities are free of charge. This term we will also be doing a refresher course in Nordic walking for those who want a challenge.

At the same time and place there is **Boccia**, indoor bowls from a seated position, for those who are not so mobile. They've built up a cracking team, called Cronton Crackshots. Their trophies are on display in the Parish Council office window.

On **Wednesdays** from 10 till 12noon a **Craft Group** meets to share expertise, in the Parish Council office on Hampton Drive. Anyone is welcome to join.

In addition to these regular activities we have also joined with Wellbeing Enterprises CIC to arrange a 5 week course in Line Dancing, which was very popular. On 2nd September a 5 week 'Mindful Movement' course began at the Community Centre from 10.30 til 12noon. Check the Parish Council office window for more activities provided by Wellbeing Enterprises CIC. They are a 'not-for-profit' organisation.

Coming soon we will be having our autumn clean-up day, when we litter-pick areas of the village that have been spoilt by careless littering. All volunteers will be most welcome. Equipment is provided and Knowsley Neighbourhood Services support us by removing all the bags of litter afterwards. Check the Parish Council office window and the notice boards for posters about all these activities.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at any of these events. For further details ring **Bess or Peter on 0151 420 6326** or email bess.smith23@yahoo.co.uk

Coming Council Meetings

At Cronton Parish Council Office,
commencing at 7.00 pm

Monday 28 November 2016

Council Annual Meeting

Monday 12 December 2016

General Purposes & Environment
Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 9 January 2017

Council Annual Meeting

Monday 23 January 2017

General Purposes & Environment
Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

Monday 13 February 2017

Council Annual Meeting

Monday 27 February 2017

General Purposes & Environment
Committee

Finance and Policy Committee

**Knowsley Council
Library
Home Delivery Service
0151 443 4202**



OPEN DOOR – Monday morning drop-in at the Parish Council Office (9.00 – 12.00)

Have you called in yet? The kettle is on and the biscuits waiting. We have a growing selection of books (bring and borrow or just borrow).

There is no charge for anything – and the welcome is warm. You can drop in for a quick chat or stay awhile – we are always pleased to see you.

What is it like to live in Cronton – from your point of view? When your circumstances change do you find some things are difficult that you were not aware of before? Whatever your situation – we want to hear about it. Call in and see us. **Lesley and Hazel**

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