

WELCOME TO OUR

# *Autumn Newsletter*



## AUTUMN 2025

Please come along to our Parish Council meetings 7pm at the council office -

Monday 10th Nov  
Monday 8th Dec

## Village Life.....

Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter, we hope you enjoy reading it.

Summer was certainly a busy time for the village with our annual Gala and music festival taking place in the pasture.

Huge thank you to everyone involved who worked so hard to make the event a huge success.

Autumn brings darker nights but there's plenty going on around the village to keep everyone active, so please don't feel isolated, come and join one of our events.

Please could we again ask everyone to check any bushes and trees that are overhanging footpaths from your property and please trim back.

Happy reading

Cronton Parish Council

## Dates for your diary:

Oct 29th - Halloween Party - Community Centre

Oct 29th - Ranger event in the Pasture

Nov 9th - Remembrance Sunday

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Ecumenical Carol Concert 7pm

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> - Seniors' Christmas Lunch - Community Centre



## Preserving the Memory of Our Village Servicemen

Over the past few months, members of the Parish Council have been carrying out detailed research into the names inscribed on our village cenotaph from both the First and Second World Wars. The aim is simple but important: to ensure that the men commemorated there are not forgotten.

So far, we have been able to trace records for almost every serviceman listed. Using Commonwealth War Graves Commission documents and historic census information, we now know much more about their backgrounds, families, and the circumstances of their service. One name remains unconfirmed James Nuttall, but we are confident that with further effort, we can complete the picture.

As part of this work, we are preparing a commemorative booklet and will updating the imperial war memorial website. These will bring together the stories, service records, and local connections of those who gave their lives.

However, there is still more to be discovered. We would especially like to find photographs, letters, or family stories relating to the men named on the memorial. These personal details will bring their memory to life for future generations and ensure their sacrifices are remembered not only in stone, but also through the lives they lived.

If you, or anyone you know, have material that might help – however small it may seem – please get in touch with the Parish Council. We would be very grateful for copies or information, and will ensure all items are treated with care and respect.

Together, as a community, we can ensure that the names on our cenotaph are more than just inscriptions – they remain living memories.

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## Rose Farm Development – Parish Council Update – Decision on junction delayed whilst committee considers Safety by a site visit

Residents may be aware that Halton Council has now approved the Rose Farm development. However, the matter of the proposed site junction – which falls within the boundary of Knowsley Council – is still under investigation.

Earlier this year, the Parish Council raised concerns about the traffic assessment submitted by the developer. In particular, we highlighted issues around road safety and the potential impact of additional traffic on local residents. Following our representations, we have been in consultation with the planning department to ensure that an independent assessment of these safety concerns is carried out.

In addition, the Parish Council has lodged a formal objection to the heritage report provided by the developer. In our view, this report significantly downplays the importance of Redmyre (formerly Holly Farm), which is a Grade II listed building directly affected by the proposed development. We believe its heritage and setting deserve greater consideration and protection than has been acknowledged.

We will continue to support local objects and to make the strongest possible case on behalf of the village. If any residents have historic information, photographs, or documents that show the significance of Redmyre and its relationship to the land opposite, we would very much welcome your input. This evidence could play an important role in strengthening the case for safeguarding our local heritage.

## Knowsley Flower Show

The annual Knowsley Flower Show took place on Sunday 3rd August – it was a fabulous event and many of our residents were able to attend thanks to the Parish Council sponsoring a free bus to take people to and from the Court Hey site. Highlights of the event were the show's prize classes which included knitting, vegetables, flower arrangements and children's displays. Many stallholders attended and a dog display, fairground rides and music entertained the crowds.



## Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council has recently approved the start of the consultation process for creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This is an important step in shaping the future of our village and ensuring that our voice is heard alongside the wider Knowsley Local Plan.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan allows the community to set out what is most important to us. It provides a formal framework that helps protect our heritage, safeguard the Green Belt, and support our vision of the village as a safe, accessible, and welcoming place for walkers and visitors. By setting out our priorities clearly, the NDP will give us stronger influence when future planning decisions are made.

Equally important, the consultation process ensures that the plan is not just shaped by the council, but reflects the views and aspirations of local residents. We want to hear from the community about the things that matter most – whether that be housing, transport, green spaces, heritage, or local facilities.

To make this a success, we are looking for volunteers to work with the Parish Council on the creation of the plan. Your involvement could include gathering ideas, helping with events, researching local history, or simply sharing your views. Every contribution will help to build a stronger, community-led vision for the future.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Parish Council. Together we can create a plan that protects what we value today and future-proofs our village for generations to come.

## Ranger Event

Come along for a Halloween trail and some crafts in the Pasture on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1pm – 3pm .

Everyone is welcome., no booking needed – just turn up and join in the activities.

The event is ran by our local ranger Gordon who is on hand to answer any of your questions and queries.



## Gala and Music Festival

Our annual event was held on Saturday 13th September, and whilst the start was hampered by heavy rain, which again came down later in the afternoon, for the most part, we had a very good day which was once again well attended. We had new additions of a Samba band to open the event, and a dog show which also proved popular. Cronton C of E Primary School Maypole Dancers and Natalie Dignam Theatre School both gave us some fantastic dance displays. The entertainment then turned to the stage where there was a variety of performances from solo acoustic artists, a duo and local all female trio. A fair brought a number of fun rides and there was variety of stalls selling a range of crafts and goods. If you're interested in helping with our events please get in touch through our social media (facebook; The Cronton Gala, Instagram; the\_cronton\_gala or contact Rosanne on 07787 121911.

## Community Policing Event

There will be a Community Policing event for Cronton and Whiston on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at Bryer Road Community Centre.

The ward policing officers will be in attendance and you will be able to raise any concerns that you may have in person.

## Local Transport Upgrades

We're pleased to announce that the Parish Council have secured funding from Knowsley Council and Merseybus to make changes to some of the bus stops in the village to make them accessible for all.

The work is scheduled to start in January so we will keep you informed.

***CRONTON GALA CELEBRATIONS***



## Spotlight on local resident – Sheila Scott

Recently one of our councillors went to pay a visit to Sheila Scott, who they've known for many years, to talk to her about her life and a book she has written. At 97 years old she has led an incredible life and has recently written her life story with the help of the 'Halton Life Stories' project.

Sheila was born in Everton but has lived in Cronton for almost 50 years. Whilst living in Everton during WW2 Sheila was evacuated to Wales, but soon returned home, and remembers the Blitz which destroyed an air raid shelter in her road, killing and injuring several people.

She moved to America in her 20s and spent a year working on a local newspaper in Pasadena, California. After returning home she was the first woman to work for Ford Motor Company in Halewood, helping to promote Liverpool as a place Ford's Dagenham workers could relocate to, helping them with housing and other needs. During her time there she met her husband Phil, who sadly passed away in 2009. She has also worked at the Liverpool Echo and ended her career after 35 years at Littlewoods as a Personnel Manager.

Amongst her achievements she has fundraised over £1M for liver cancer research, having survived a diagnosis of bowel and liver cancer in her 60's. As part of this, she wrote to then Prince Charles and invited him to the University Hospital in Aintree to meet the doctors and nurses where she had her treatment.

Sheila has brushed shoulders with several well-known people throughout her life and has lots to tell about Liverpool in days gone by, her family, friends and achievements. Her book has already had 50 copies made which are all gone, and she's looking to have this made into a hardback version. Hopefully a copy will soon be available to borrow from the Cronton Book Club in the future, it's a really fascinating read.

## PAT GREEN

Just a few words to remember Pat Green, who sadly died on 3rd of August. Pat was a cherished wife, loving mother, a proud grandmother and an inspiration to everyone who met her.

Pat was a member of Cronton Parish Council for many years and a great servant to our village. She was instrumental in the villages Remembrance day commemorations and Christmas carol service and was also school governor for Holy Family.

Pat had a career in teaching and in later years worked for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Her contribution to athletics was immense. She was a guiding figure to young athletes and to women's athletics and had an uncanny knack of cajoling you into helping her and husband Jimmy at athletics meetings.

A wonderful lady who is sadly missed by family, friends and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Pat.



## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November

The Livingwell bus will be in the village on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November for our winter visit.

The services include

- Health Checks
- Flu Vaccine
- Covid Vaccine
- Shingles / MMR Vaccine

No need to pre-book, please just turn up

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## HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Keep your eye on the Facebook page for information on how to book: [Cronton Community Centre \(Friends of\) | Facebook](#)



### Village Christmas Carol Concert

The wonderful head teachers from Holy Family and Cronton C of E have been in touch following their meeting with Father Michael from Holy Family Church to organise this year's Ecumenical Carol Concert, which will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 7pm.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**