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CRANTON PARISH COUNCIL SUMMER 2025

WELCOME TO OUR

Summer Newsletter



Village Life.....

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

Spring was certainly a busy time for the village with our Easter activities, our wonderful VE Day celebrations and the re-opening of our village book club, which is held every Monday from 10.30am-1.30pm.

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

Summer brings lighter nights and there's plenty going on over at the Community Centre to keep everyone active.

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

Plus of course we have the Gala to prepare for, a highlight of the Cranton calendar plus we have a few surprises for you!

Dates for your diary:

15th Aug - VJ Day

13th Sep- Cranton Gala & Music Festival
Dog Show

Summer 2025

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

Monday 14th July

Monday 8th September



LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

I am Constable Vincent and I am one of the dedicated ward officers for Whiston and Cronton, based at Huyton Police Station. I love my role in Local Policing as every day is different, and I love serving the community of Cronton, as it reminds me of my old home in rural Devon!

Local Officers have been taking a proactive approach by conducting area and person searches, as a form of hi-visibility policing and disruption of crime, disorder, and antisocial behaviour. Further to this, Local Officers have been working in partnership with Licensing Enforcement Officers to conduct checks of the local businesses to ensure that they comply with licensing regulations and address any concerns early on.

I have regularly discussed issues of reporting in the Parish Council meetings, as residents appear to be using local social media pages to “report” crime or antisocial behaviour. It is very important that a crime is reported through the appropriate channels as this means that your Local Policing Team can be made aware of the issue, and deal with it effectively. We are led by the information and concerns the community raise to enable our Local Policing Team to tackle any emerging issues and provide support to those at risk.

There are a range of ways to report a crime:

- Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries
- Contact @MerPolCC on Facebook, Instagram, or X
- In an emergency, call 999
- Report anonymously via Crimestoppers
- Make an online report via the Merseyside Police website

I post regular updates on NextDoor if you want to see what events we have on, and feel free to stop me for a chat when you see me out and about! 😊

101 FOR NON EMERGENCIES



COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Spotlight on Cronton Community Centre

A group of dedicated volunteers are working tirelessly to bring Cronton Community centre back to life. Our aim and ethos is to make the centre the hub of the community, a safe space and haven for local people as well as a useable space for hire and community events.

Since April, the Centre has hosted VE Day celebrations with a craft event and cream tea, both incredibly popular. The Cream tea benefited from a lovely ballroom dance display by one of our user groups for entertainment. New courses have been popular such as the history of Cronton course, wreath making and currently flower arranging. Our community cafe continues to thrive on a Wednesday morning where tea and toast is served. Our visitors love the relaxed atmosphere and conversation and no-one goes away hungry thanks to our lovely cafe volunteers. A huge amount of work has been done on the outside of the Centre in the garden, patio area, car park and bowling green. Our volunteers are there every Wednesday and Sunday morning.

There is still so much to do both inside and outside to improve the Centre so if you have any spare time at all please come and see us on a Wednesday or Sunday morning or contact Helen Wilde @ helenwilde18@icloud.com for a chat about what is going on and how you could support. We also need skills such as joinery, plumbing, painting, decorating, electrical, landscape gardening – anything at all! If you have a desire to give back to your community and come on the journey with us – we need you!

To make our Community Centre dreams come true and achieve our ultimate goal of being the heart of Cronton, funding is incredibly important, every penny raised goes into improving the Centre and hosting events. If you can spare a few pounds why not become a member – a one off fee of £5 to be a member until the next AGM in November. To become a member please contact Karen Melling @ klmuk1966@yahoo.com

As a final note, everyone is welcome at Cronton Community Centre either as a volunteer or visitor you can guarantee a warm welcome.

COMMUNITY CAFE - WEDNESDAY 10AM



VE DAY CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who made VE Day such a wonderful success.

The tea and scones in the Community Centre was perfectly arranged with flags and pictures from the craft club and the dancing was brilliant - everyone who went said how much they'd enjoyed the day.

later in the day, we had a visit from the Mayor who officially opened the official ceremony with bell ringing.

Natalie Dignam dance groups put on an incredible performance, it was lovely to see so many of the Village support this amazing Day.

The formalities ended with the official lighting of the beacon at 9.30pm.

So many people commented on how much they love living in the village.

The next community event will be for VJ day, so please keep a look out for further information.



80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



LOCAL BUSINESS – NATALIE DIGNAM THEATRE SCHOOL

Natalie Dignam Theatre School is based in Cronton Community Centre and is now in its 12th year after opening in May 2013. Over the past 12 years, NDTs has grown into a thriving school teaching over 150 students per week. At NDTs, we believe every student matters and make sure there is a safe, fun, and caring environment to learn in. We focus on the three disciplines of dance, drama and singing and pride ourselves on how we build children's confidence. We are proud to say that we have a 100% success rate of pupils gaining a place in their dream dance/theatre college after leaving High School.

NDTS has a fantastic team of dedicated and professional staff who work on bringing out the best in each child. We see children as individuals, and we are proud of the family feel we have at NDTs.

Since opening, NDTs pupils have been given the opportunity to perform in some incredible venues. Our most recent amazing experience was in July 2024 when 37 pupils made the trip to Disneyland Paris and gave a superb performance on the Videopolis Stage. We have also performed in Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End, Cinémagique in Disneyland Paris, Teatre Auditori in Salou, The M&S Bank Arena, and the Liverpool Empire to name a few. In 2026, 71 of our pupils will once again take to the stage in Disneyland Paris and 2027 will see 38 pupils make the trip to America to perform in New York City.

We are proud of the work we do for our community and charities. Over the years we have raised money for the DEC Humanitarian Appeal, Macmillan Cancer Support, Zoe's Place Children's Hospice, The NHS and the Sands Stillborn and Neonatal Charity. We have also performed in multiple care and retirement homes, helped raise money for our local community via Cronton Gala committee and taken part in the VE day events and Remembrance Day.

If you would like more information, see what classes we offer, or to book a free trial session please email Natalie on natalie@ndts.co.uk.

PLEASE SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



Cronton Gala and Music Festival will be back on Saturday 13th September, 11am - 6pm at The Pasture.

There will be a fair, lots of stalls, food stands, a bar and much more going on throughout through the day for all the family to enjoy. We will also be welcoming some new and exciting entertainment - to be announced soon - plus we'll have a number of music acts to sing along and dance to, or just relax and soak up the atmosphere.

We hope to see you there.

For updates please follow our socials - The Cronton Gala on facebook, or the_cronton_gala on Instagram.

If you can help out on the day please contact a member of the Gala committee.

DOG SHOW!!

A new edition is coming to the gala this year!!

Crontons' very own dog show....

We're thinking:

Scruffiest Mutt

Golden Oldie

Dog most like its owner

Fastest sausage eater

Waggiest tail..

It's all just a bit of fun - please see social media for more details.

The gala and events team look forward to seeing you on 13th September.



SOROPTIMIST WIDNES

It was lovely to meet the ladies of Soroptimist Widnes who came to our Annual Parish Meeting.

They are fundraising for baby bags for Liverpool Women's Hospital so if you are a knitter or crocheter please keep them in mind if you have any baby blankets or cardigans spare.

They also support 'Against Breast Cancer' and will be having one of their Bra Banks at the entrance to the Gala on 13th September. You can drop any donations into the Parish Council office.



Congratulations to Cllr Gordon Thomas who became Chair of the Parish Council at our Annual Parish Meeting.

We look forward to seeing Cllr Thomas out and about.