Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

25th September 2026

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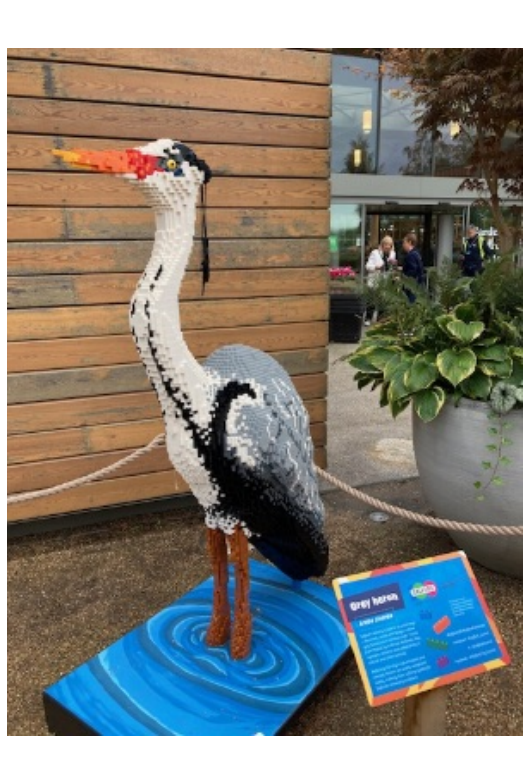

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Table Tennis News

Yes, it's finally arrived at RVH and we are back to 4 tables.

It looks like the sumup card machine is going to be a success contrary to my initial thoughts.

We are looking at new venues for our Christmas lunch, any ideas would be welcome.

Ralph

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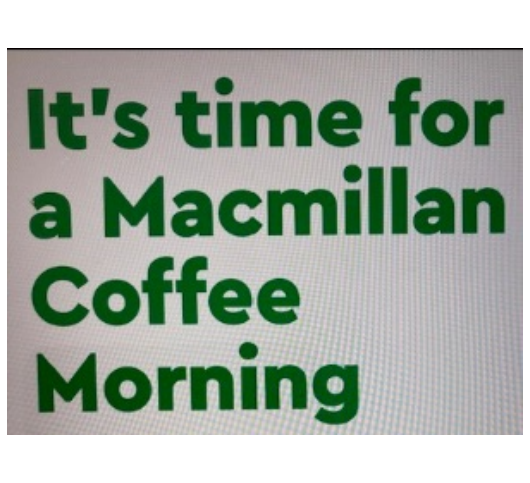
Macmillan Coffee Morning


It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Morning this year is on

Wednesday September 30th.

There will be the usual bottle tombola and also an auction.

Please bring your delicious cakes on the day - there will be no biscuits.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Arts & Crafts Showcase

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make Saturday's Arts & Crafts Showcase such a great success.
The hall was brimming with exhibits from our Art, Craft, Patchwork & Photography Groups, highlighting the amazing talents of our members.
In addition to people from Mawdesley, we had visitors from as far afield as Upholland, Wigan, Appley Bridge, Southport, Chorley, Leyland, Ormskirk, Euxton, Rufford, Eccleston, Charnock Richard, New Longton, Croston, Orrell & Lathom.

Stephen has added some of the pictures to the website.

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Art Group Annual Exhibition - Advance notice of date

The Art Group's annual exhibition of paintings and drawings will on Wednesday 18th November this year, 10 am to 12 noon, in the Annexe Room as part of the normal Wednesday Community Morning session.

The Art Group recently contributed to the successful Art and Craft Fair held last Saturday, so our annual exhibition in November will be an opportunity to view fresh and enjoyable new works of art across a variety of styles, media and subject matter.

Do come and see our work on the day.

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Art Exhibition

The Art Group leader, Norman Foulds, will once again be displaying a range of paintings and drawings at Parbold Library through October, with be a range of different subject matter and materials used for this selling exhibition.
Some of these pictures will form a loose theme of Travel, Location, and Holiday, including a steam train excursion, kite flying on a beach, and leisure / business activity on a canal, referencing Parbold's association with the Leeds/Liverpool canal nearby. There will also be some figurative and animal work on display.

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Garden Group Visit to RHS Bridgewater

The Garden Group had their annual visit to an RHS garden on Monday. A great day was had by all including those who managed to get around on an electric scooter. The weather being kind. The gardens have developed and filled out over the past 5 years and still had late summer colour in the borders. Unfortunately we were a week too early for the new Chinese Pavilion opening in the waterside garden - which is this weekend, but it did look fabulous from the fence.

We also had an opportunity to buy plants, the sale area proving very popular!!

Karen

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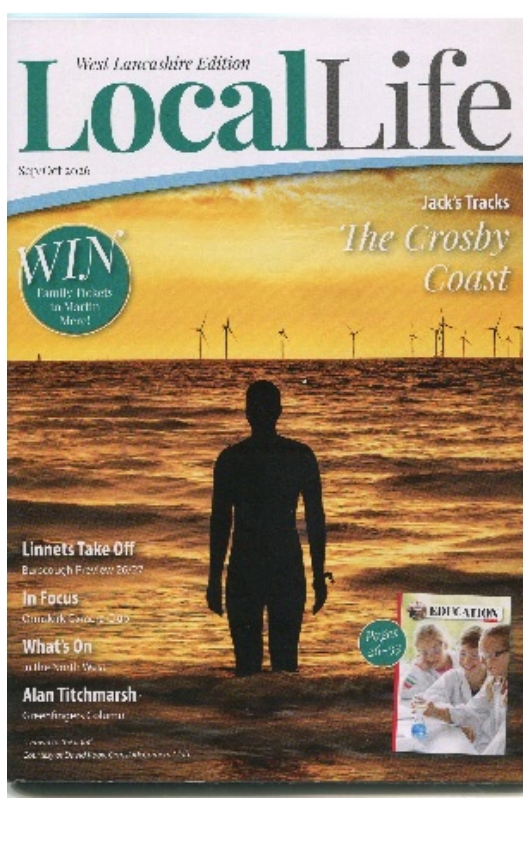
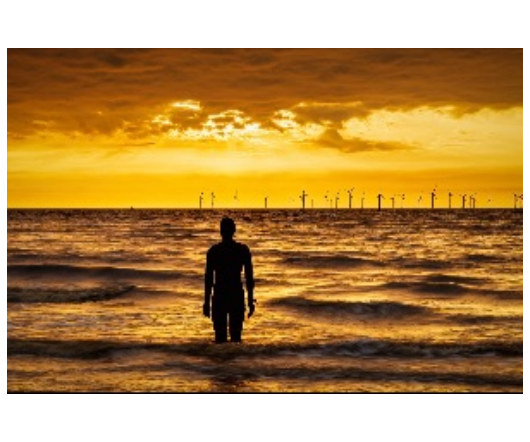
David's sees his photo in print



A fellow member of Mawdesley Villages u3a persuaded David Roby to join Ormskirk Camera Club, which he did three years ago. Like many clubs OCC is always seeking new members. With that in mind, the publishers of LocalLife magazine were approached and it was agreed that an article about the club should be written and a selection of members' photographs of aspects of West Lancashire and adjoining areas would accompany it. David was delighted to learn that his image (or rather a cropped version) of a striking sunset at Anthony Gormley's Another Place, entitled 'Drawn to the light', was chosen to appear on the front cover of the magazine.

Below is David's original photo.



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Photography Group

Tuesday 29th September at 1.15-3.00pm in the Annexe at MVH

Come and join us for an illustrated talk by Paul Williamson from Chorley u3a: **'From Arizona to Alcatraz'** is a series of photos taken on a coach holiday in the USA.

It begins in the settlement of the Sinagua Indians in the Sonoran Desert. From there we tread in the steps of John Wayne and John Ford to visit Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, Glen Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon to marvel at the geology of the land. From the sublime peace of Zion Canyon to the ridiculous mayhem of Las Vegas. Finally San Fransisco and a visit to Alcatraz Island (from where Sean Connery escaped in the movie, "The Rock").

All members welcome, cost £3.00

David

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2 tickets available for RSC Stratford trip

We have 1 ticket returned for our trip to see *As You Like It* at the RSC in Stratford on Thursday 8th October.

The cost is £66 including bus and drivers tip.

The trip will leave around 8 am and we expect to be back around 10pm.

Contact Roger on 07810 504701.

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Art Trips

A visit to the Lancashire Art and Museum Conservators

See the current items being preserved or repaired ie Art, Textiles, General items plus an opportunity to ask lots of questions.
We have been five times before. Fascinating. Not to be missed!

Included: a visit to Samlesbury Hall - with an opportunity to buy lunch in the restaurant.

Time to look around or visit the tea shop

Also included Coach transport with four pick up points.

Dates open now Booking

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 17th November

Crafts in the Pen Trip

Saturday 21st November in Skipton

230 Artists and Craft stalls, amazing, a huge variety of hand produced items by very talented people. Ideal for Christmas gifts or (to treat yourself)

Includes Coach with 4 pick up points

Ticket and the souvenir booklet

Afternoon tea at the Farmshop

This booking is also open on Wednesday

Urgent questions only by TEXT to Val on

07960 467 928

A message from Val

If you bought some cards from Val early on Wednesday morning and paid by card, please could you come and see her next week or contact her as the £8 payment hasn't gone through.

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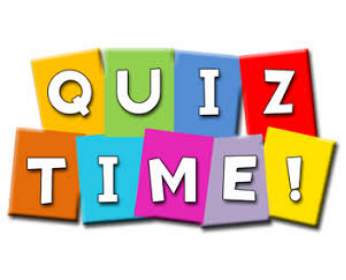

PROSPERO'S QUIZ NO. 86

End of the month - September

1. On which day in September do we celebrate Michaelmas Day?

2. The Great Fire of London took place in September of which year?

3. September's name comes from the Latin word septem. What number does this translate to, representing its position in the original Roman Calendar?

4. Which British Prime Minister addressed the nation on September 3rd 1939, to announce that the U.K. was officially at war with Germany?

5. Which two zodiac signs occur in the month of September?

6. On the 7th September 1838, which daughter of the keeper of the Longstone Lighthouse, risked her life in a small rowing boat to rescue nine shipwrecked people?

7. The birth of Queen Elizabeth I happened on 17th September 1533. Can you remember the name of her mother?

8. What did Grand National winner Red Rum, switch on in September 1977?

9. Which American said 'My favourite poem is the one that starts *thirty days hath September* , because it actually tells you something?

10. And finally, true or false? September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name, as the number of the month.

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Where am I?

Answer: RHS Bridgewater.

Members of the Gardening Group were not only blown away by how the gardens have matured over the last few years, but also by the growing popularity of Lego.

We all remember the basic bricks from our childhood, but now you can make just about anything. We saw bats (the flying variety), a kestrel and even some orchids made from Lego.

If anyone is interested in 'giving Lego a go' contact

Another brick in the wall

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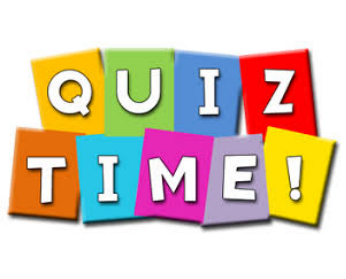

Answers to Quiz No. 86.

1. 29th September.

2. 1666.

3. Seven. It was the seventh month before January and February were added.

4. Neville Chamberlain.

5. Virgo and Libra.

6. Grace Darling.

7. Anne Boleyn.

8. Blackpool Illuminations.

9. Groucho Marx.

10. True. (Nine).

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The events below are in our neighbouring villages

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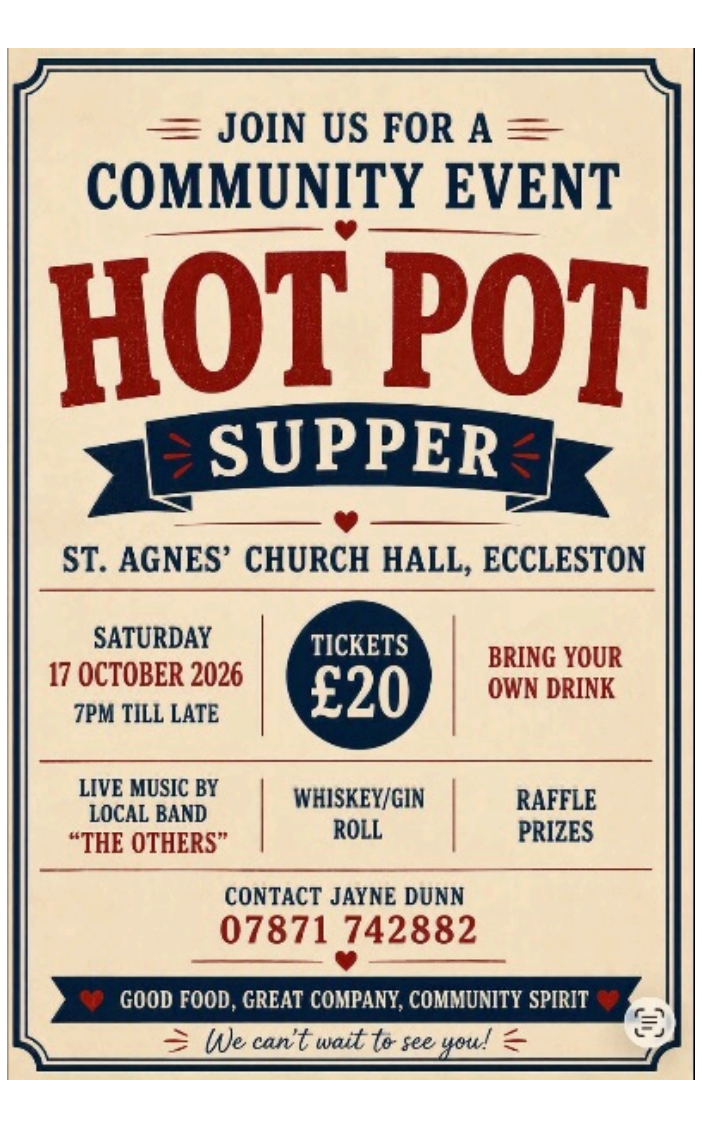
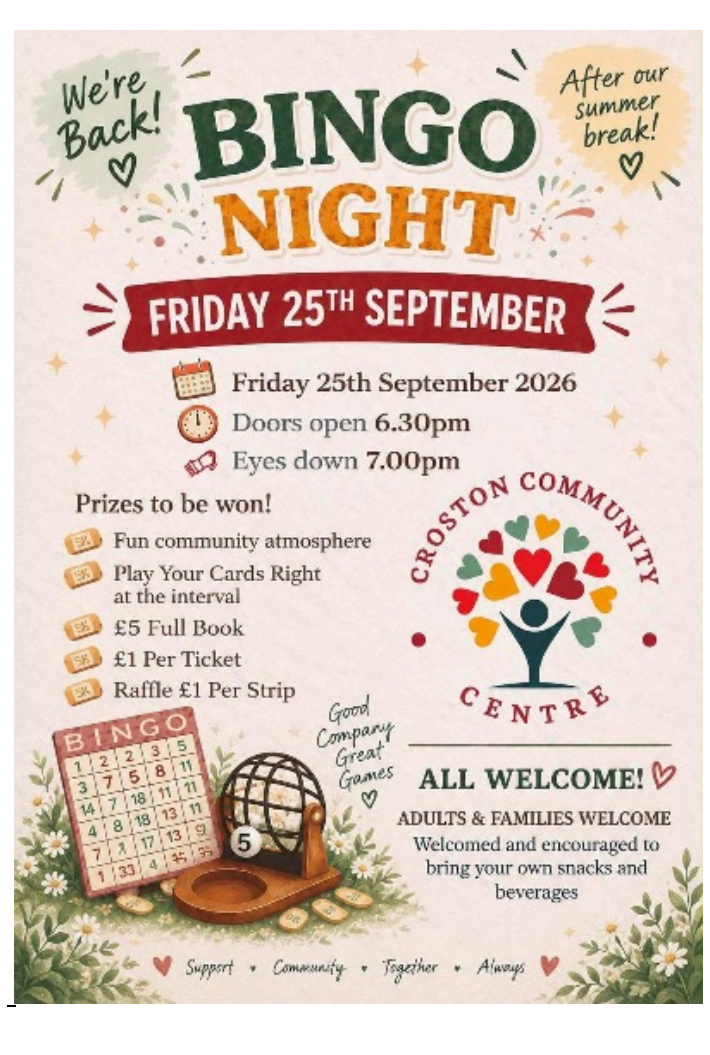
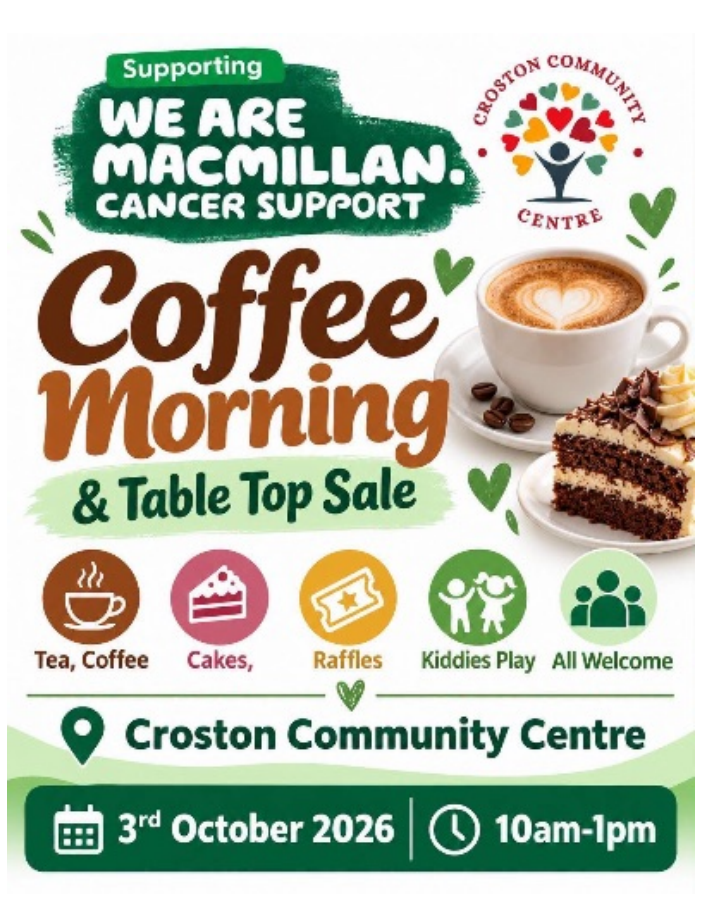


JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT
HOT POT SUPPER
ST. AGNES' CHURCH HALL, ECCLESTON
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026 7PM TILL LATE
TICKETS £20
BRING YOUR OWN DRINK
LIVE MUSIC BY LOCAL BAND "THE OTHERS"
WHISKEY/GIN ROLL
RAFFLE PRIZES
CONTACT JAYNE DUNN 07871 742882
GOOD FOOD, GREAT COMPANY, COMMUNITY SPIRIT
We can't wait to see you!



We're Back!
BINGO NIGHT
After our summer break!
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
Friday 25th September 2026
Doors open 6.30pm
Eyes down 7.00pm
Prizes to be won!
Fun community atmosphere
Play Your Cards Right at the interval
£5 Full Book
£1 Per Ticket
Raffle £1 Per Strip
Good Company Great Games
CROSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
ALL WELCOME!
ADULTS & FAMILIES WELCOME
Welcomed and encouraged to bring your own snacks and beverages
Support • Community • Together • Always



Supporting WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT
CROSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
Coffee Morning & Table Top Sale
Tea, Coffee
Cakes,
Raffles
Kiddies Play
All Welcome
Croston Community Centre
3rd October 2026 | 10am-1pm

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Thank you to all members who have contributed to this publication

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