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# Editor's Comment



A MEETING is planned, as this edition of Culcheth Life goes to press, between local councillors and Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner John Dwyer, to discuss the controversial new operating model for policing in the county.

Cllrs Chris Vobe (Culcheth), Russ Bowden (Birchwood) and Mary Greenslade (Rixton) will no doubt tell Mr Dwyer of the disquiet the new system is causing in the local area and they will have a petition signed by more than 1,000 people to back them up.

The issue that is causing most concern is the fact police officers and PCSOs in outlying areas like Culcheth, Croft, Glazebury, etc. now have to start and finish their shifts by travelling back and to between their "beat" and Warrington town centre to be "briefed."

As we pointed out in this column last month, the changes effect the whole county, not just the Culcheth area, with some officers having to travel longer distances than our local team. Some areas are more affected than others – and some communities are more concerned than others. Some see no problems at all.

We have heard the police argument for making the changes from various senior officers, including admissions that they are not just for operational reasons but

also to save money. Worryingly, we have been told the police had to either bring in the changes or make people redundant.

Assurances have been given that local police stations will not be closed – but some communities have since discovered that while their police stations are technically still "open" they are unmanned most of the time and rely on the use of a video link.

So there will be plenty for our local councillors to talk about when they meet the Commissioner – enough for there to be no need for time-wasting party political point scoring. We all know the police, like most other public services, are required to make savings they would probably prefer not to have to make, so there is no need to spend time on that.

But it would be helpful if the police could explain how officers "commuting" to a central point for daily briefings can save money when technology exists that should make their journeys unnecessary.

If they cannot provide such an explanation satisfactorily then they should be reminded of their pledge that the new system is flexible enough to be changed if it falls short of expectations.

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# Daisy to star in television drama

**A CULCHETH school girl is to appear in a three-part drama starting on ITV1.**

Daisy Cooper-Kelly, aged six, a pupil at Twiss Green Primary will appear alongside Ray Winstone and Amanda Redman in "The Trials of Jimmy Rose" – playing Ray Winstone's granddaughter.

The story tells of hardman Jimmy Rose, played by Winstone, who is released from prison after serving

12 years for armed robbery, to find that his family has been getting on without him.

Amanda Redman plays his long-suffering wife and Daisy plays his granddaughter, India.

Daisy has been attending the Little Stars stage school at Appleton, since she was three and was signed

to a Manchester casting agency last year.

She loves all aspects of musical theatre and acting.

She auditioned for the role last summer – only her second ever audition – and got the job!

Filming took place last December in Alderley Edge.

Daisy has also been involved in a Channel 4 show called "Minted" which has yet to be aired.

Other than acting, she loves drawing and painting.

She also attends ballet lessons in Culcheth.



Daisy is pictured with Ray Winstone.

## Accountants help boost beer festival coffers

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# Business leader launches new telecoms venture

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Paul said: "We're changing the way people think about communication technology. Instead of frustration and constant issues we can show businesses how to have their technology work around them so they can get on doing what they do best."

He added: "When we upgraded the Internet on Taylor Business Park we went all out and delivered what is still the fastest business internet connection offered to tenants in Cheshire and Warrington. The first thing we noticed was that tenants immediately wanted to upgrade their phones and IT equipment to make the most use of the speed and reliability. We did so ourselves and noticed how much it changed the way we worked. It improved the way we communicate with our customers, each other and it made our own workloads much easier to manage. We realised everyone should be able to do this and we've become quite evangelical about getting our message across. The more successful our businesses are, the better it is for the town and everyone else."

"For years now all we've heard



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# Care home residents adopt a donkey

**WHEN residents from Holcroft Grange, in Culcheth, visited a donkey sanctuary, it quickly became clear that it was not a one-time trip.**

After much deliberating, the residents decided that Cocoa the donkey was in need of some extra help, and so they asked whether the home could adopt her. Cocoa now receives regular support, and visits, from residents at Holcroft Grange, who are delighted with their new friend!

Two carers from Holcroft Grange took nine residents to the sanctuary in Manchester, where ill, neglected, and homeless donkeys are taken in, nursed back to health, and cared for. Residents and staff alike were moved to tears by the stories of how some of the donkeys came to be at the sanctuary.

However, the day was by no means a sad occasion. The visit ended with a lovely picnic in the blistering summer sunshine, and the residents were given the chance to get up close and personal with several of the more sociable animals, including Cocoa! One resident, 95-year old Edna Daintith (pictured), seemed to make very good friends with Cocoa during her time at the sanctuary.

Nicola Newens, Activity Co-ordinator at Holcroft Grange, commented on the visit: "The trip to the donkey sanctuary brought a tear to my eye. The residents fell completely in love with the

donkeys, and they made them all so happy – seeing them all bonding over these brave rescued animals was too much for me!"

Shirley Paton, Home Manager of Holcroft Grange, also commented: "Animal interaction is incredibly beneficial for older people, particularly those who are struggling with mobility, or have become more withdrawn in later life. I am thrilled that the residents took so much joy from visiting the donkeys. Having adopted Cocoa, we can now go and visit her on a regular basis, which will be great for keeping the residents active and engaged."

Studies have repeatedly shown that regular animal interaction has a positive impact on mental health in older people. This effect is particularly pronounced in people already living with conditions such as dementia and Alzheimer's.



Activity Co-ordinator Nicola Newens (centre), with residents Cath and Joyce enjoying a picnic.



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# Lift off for new look

AFTER all the hard work, planning and preparation that has taken place at Bents Garden & Home over the past 18 months it's now time to celebrate.

To mark the official launch of the new look store Bents' threw a party full of fun and entertainment for its customers and colleagues.

Central to the event was a celebratory balloon launch in aid of in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Bents' Charity of the Year when hundreds of balloons were released through Bents' Open Skies Glass House; an activity which brought Bents' annual fundraising total to a staggering £16k for the first six months of its fundraising year and well on track to smash all previous fundraising figures.

Visitors to the event were also greeted on arrival with their own Bents' Passport to Summer, taking them on a journey of discovery around the new-look Centre where they were able to check in at various destinations with tasters, treats, sampling and demonstrations.

A pamper lounge, hosted by The Potion Shop, was on hand and provided the perfect place to relieve tired limbs whilst enjoying all the entertainment which included cookery demonstrations, entertainment from the Kathleen Atherton Dance School, children's activities, Bents' Plant Doctor and a visit from Crocodile Joe, who challenged a team of colleagues to their own Bush Tucker Trial, won by the Centre's very own Matthew Bent.

Matthew, managing director at Bents Garden & Home said: "We are now one of the largest and longest established garden centres in the UK and we thought it was important to mark the completion of the latest stage in our journey with a special celebratory party.

"Despite our growth, we are proud that Bents is still a family owned and run business, now in its third generation, and with a fantastic team of colleagues. The party was not only a celebration for our customers, but also a big thank you to members of our team all of whom are responsible for making Bents the success it is today."

## WI line dancing led to hilarity

MEMBERS of Croft WI enjoyed an evening of fun and hilarity when Eric and Lucy Robinson arrived to demonstrate line dancing. The members enthusiastically joined in the dancing, some even wearing the traditional country and western outfits, which certainly added to the atmosphere of the evening's entertainment.

Prior to the frivolity, treasurer Ann Lamming gave a brief resume regarding the centenary AGM of the WI held in June at the Royal Albert Hall. The Queen as president of Sandringham WI and the Princess Royal, a long standing Associate WI member, both attended the meeting.

The Queen received the baton, which had travelled around the country over a period of 18 months covering 69 Federations starting in Llanfair PG in North Wales (the first WI in the UK) and finishing at the Royal Albert Hall. The Queen spoke about what women had achieved over the last 100 years, including votes for women, the first female prime minister and the increasing roles women now play in the business world. Her Majesty then declared the meeting open.

The Royal Party then left the stage to partake of the centenary birthday cake. The guest speaker was Dr Lucy Worsley, historian and curator of all unoccupied Royal Palaces, whose topic was 100 years of WI from its inception in Canada to the present day, a most interesting and informative talk. Overall the centenary AGM proved to be a fantastic day for all who attended.

The next meeting of Croft WI will be September 16 – WI birthday celebration "Posh Frocks and Hats". Competition – WI memento.

## Culcheth WI meeting

PRESIDENT Joan Jarvis opened the monthly meeting of Culcheth WI and welcomed two visitors, Eleyne Hutchinson, and Wendy Williams, and then thanked Barbara Hartley for the lovely roses for the president's table.

Speaker for the afternoon should have been Andy Reid but unfortunately he was not able to attend as he was indisposed.

Joan then gave birthday congratulations to Fanny Hainsworth, Jean Coulton, Ann Brew, Myrtle Gerrard and Shirley Bennett who all had birthdays in July and August. Joan had also celebrated her birthday in July.

Members were told about the autumn meeting of the Mosslands Group on October 28.

Details were given of the Cheshire Federation Autumn meeting in October where the speaker would be Ann Diamond; the recording of the centenary meeting held at the Albert Hall in June which is now available on line, and a book entitled An Illustrated History of the WI which could be ordered.

The president read out a card from Isobel Harris (who had recently been in hospital for 10 weeks) thanking those people who had sent cards and visited her while she was ill.

After tea and biscuits, served by Lynn Bates and Lydia Howard, members enjoyed a quiz with clues concerning the names of different sweets they had all enjoyed as children (and as adults). Prizes went to Brenda Pinion, Margaret Barron and Lorraine Yates.

Raffle prizewinners were Isobel Harris, Brenda Pinion, Janis Porter, Ann Brew, Helen Slattery and Margaret Barron.

The next meeting is on the afternoon of Tuesday September 15 when the speaker will be Keith Vigurs "The Mystery Shopper".

# Open Evening

## Thursday

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# Anger over 'mas

**ANGRY residents who fought and won a battle over public rights of way across farm land at Culcheth claim they are now the victims of vindictive retaliatory action.**

Hedges have been "massacred", a dangerous barbed wire fence erected and rubbish has been left piled at the side of paths.

Now the residents, who have sought advice from the Ramblers' Association, are calling on Warrington Borough Council to take action over what they see as breaches of footpath regulations.

It was only in May that residents were celebrating after a planning inspector ruled that footpaths which had been used for more than 20 years were, in fact, public rights of way.

The paths ran across farm land owned by Peel Estates between Culcheth Hall Drive and Withington Avenue but were ploughed over by a tenant farmer.

Residents complained – and the borough council decided they had been used for more than 20 years and, as such, were public rights of way.

Peel Estates appealed against the decision but after a public inquiry, an inspector ruled in the council's favour and ordered that the footpaths be reinstated.

Residents were delighted and said an attractive walk through a wooded area and along a stream had been preserved as a valuable amenity for Culcheth.

But now they say the findings of the public inquiry are being flouted. Hedges at the rear of houses in



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# 'sacre' of hedges



Culcheth Hall Drive have been cut back and in some cases uprooted and a four feet high barbed wire fence erected along the footpath which runs behind the houses.

One resident said: "I have walked the path at the back of Culcheth Hall Drive. What a mess!

"Huge tree branches, easily 10 inches in diameter, have been ripped off and the tree limbs left in a ditch. Shrubs have been hacked back, uprooted and left lying there. I had to move some to get passed.

"The barbed wire fence is dangerous – particularly for children – and the designated path

is too narrow.

"In another area left-over tree trunks, soil and rocks, etc. have been piled on an existing hawthorn hedge.

"I can only see this as an act of total vindictiveness to make things awful for walkers and for the environment."

A spokesperson for Warrington Borough Council said: "Following an initial site visit, further inspections will be taking place to determine if highway laws have been breached and any potential future action will be discussed with the tenant."

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Individual successes included Elizabeth Yarwood who gained a double Distinction\* for Music and Distinction\* for BTEC Level 3 Business Studies. She is set to continue her music studies at LIPA in September. Kara Hunte who plays Handball for England is going on to study Sport & Exercise Science at Brunel University in the Autumn, having gained a strong set of grades, including an A grade in A Level PE.

As with previous years Birchwood College students have achieved the necessary grades to enable them to progress onto a wide variety of future pathways,

including Kieran Thomas who plans to study Journalism at University of Chester, Michael Richardson who will study Psychology at MMU, Jake Pirie who will also attend MMU to study History and Lucy Shipton who has gained an apprenticeship with Barclays in Digital & Technology Solutions. This will include time working towards a degree on a day release basis.

Katie Griffiths, having attained 3 Distinction\* grades in her Level 3 BTECs, plans to study Events Management at Sir John Moores University. Ben Herriman and Jack Hutchings will be pursuing their degrees through the University of Buckingham but will be based on the specialist campuses at Burnley FC and at Wembley stadium respectively.

John Burnham, Head of Birchwood College said, "We are delighted for all our students this year who have gained the results they deserve to enable them to progress to the next stage in academic life or employment. They and the staff who support them have all worked incredibly hard. It is testament to the ethos and environment of our college, where we aim to focus on every individual student, meeting their needs and developing their aspirations to give them the best chance of success."



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# Jay heads for the Horse of the Year Show

**SHOWJUMPER Jay Buxton will take in the International Classes at the Horse of the Year Show in October after winning the wild card qualifying class at the British National Showjumping Championships.**

Jay, aged 24, from Croft, had only just regained fitness after fracturing his back in a fall at a show in Valencia in March.

He was riding his girlfriend Paige Law's horse "High Offley Arturos Catch" which he has competed on for two years.

The competition ran over three days and, after competing on the Friday and Saturday, he decided not to compete on Sunday.

But at the last minute he changed his mind and decided to enter the last class.

He said: "I had no expectations

for the class and was surprised when the results were announced and I was the highest point scorer."

Jay has been riding since he was 10. When he was 16 he went to work for leading showjumper William Funnell and has since trained in Holland before moving to Croft where he and Paige have set up their own yard where they intend to produce showjumping horses.

Paige, originally from Essex, had the horse as a five-year-old and competed with him up to Foxhunter level before passing him on to Jay.



## Sophie's a champion four times



AMATEUR horse rider Sophie Rogers, 29, from Glazebrook took four champion titles at the SEIB Trailblazers National Championships at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire - including overall reserve Supreme Champion in both the Ridden and In Hand sections.

The championships are the culmination of the hard work put in by every amateur rider through two rounds of qualification competitions at more than 65 venues across the UK.

Sophie, who works as a dosimetry assistant for a nuclear power company, had attended the championships twice before and having really enjoyed the previous years she decided to try and qualify again this year.

She said: "I have been involved in showing for as long as I can remember. "I first started out at local riding clubs."

Sophie was thrilled to have successfully qualified both of her two horses, O'Malley III and Erw-Wastad British Lion, for this year's championships.

O'Malley III, a 17-year-old gelding, was in a winning streak taking the title of In Hand Hunter, In Hand Veteran and Ridden Veteran Champion and went on to stand Ridden Reserve Supreme.

Sophie's success continued with two-year-old Erw-Wastad British Lion. This was the colt's first year at Trailblazers and he won the In Hand Best Condition Championship and was also In Hand Reserve Supreme.

A jubilant Sophie said: "The highlight for me was winning with both ponies but for each to achieve reserve supreme was beyond my wildest dreams, I felt so proud to own such super ponies." said Sophie.

With no registration fees for horse or rider, Trailblazers is increasingly popular across the country. Classes at the Championships include showing, dressage, show jumping and combined training. First round qualifying competitions are already underway for next year's event.

To find out more about the range of classes available and qualifying dates and venues visit, [www.trailblazerschampionships.com](http://www.trailblazerschampionships.com).

## Rotary Club welcomes improvements to venue

NEW President Keith Woodward is assured of the wholehearted support of members as they continue their work in the community and worldwide - including recent improvements to access at Culcheth Sports Club (Daten).

A new remodelled ramped access at the main entrance provides safe and legally correct access for disabled persons. It also incorporates a tactile surface to assist blind and partially sighted persons.

Newton & District Jubilee Rotary Club members approved the funding in recognition of the management's continued enthusiastic agreement of allowing use of the premises for the Halle Concerts, the Culcheth Beer Festival (pictured right) and other events they organise.

More recently they have supported Warrington MENCAP, Warrington Integrated Sports Club (WISC), Action on Hearing Loss, Brainwave, Cheshire Search & Rescue, Orford Football Club, Winwick Athletic Football Club, Warrington Disability Partnership, local Scout and Guide groups, to mention but a few.

As another school year approaches, they presented Language, Mathematics and Technology prizes and their special Rotary Centenary Prize given to Students who have made a significant contribution to school or community life.

As the Carnival season draws to a close, Rotary can also look back with happy memories on Culcheth Community Day and the Croft Carnival, making new friends and collecting money for their charities. Meanwhile it is time to remind connoisseurs of the HOP, and those who just enjoy a sociable atmosphere, with live music that the 5th annual Culcheth Beer Festival takes place at Culcheth Sports Club on September 11 and 12.



# Have guitar – will travel!

GUEST speaker at the monthly meeting of Newchurch WI, Neil Smith, was a delightful surprise with his talk "Have Guitar. Will Travel!"

He has actually got seven guitars and he treated members to some wonderful tunes from his wide repertoire – jazz, rock, classical, country and western. He did not turn professional until 1968, when he gave up the "day job" as an engineer with the MOD.

He had already played in clubs and dance venues in the North West and narrowly missed going to Hamburg with the Merseybeat and the Beatles. As a full-time musician he travelled throughout Britain and in the USA and many parts of Europe, including Greece and the former Soviet Union.

He met lots of interesting people, including Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton and his own Greek bodyguard, an ex-partisan.

He was not always lucky, however, as he had a narrow escape in Belfast during the Troubles and there was a worse incident when a murderer on the run crashed into his car. In fact Neil recalled at least nine serious crashes in his touring years. Paddy Poulter gave the vote of thanks and after tea served by Anne Wharton and Beryl McGuire, Neil chose the August competition winners - Leslie Lloyd coming first, followed by Irene Bromilow and Sylvia Brown.

Earlier, president Doreen Procter welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting of Culcheth WI in the newly decorated Parish Hall.

Eileen Griffith had brought yellow begonias which added another cheerful note.

Doreen thanked her and gave members good news about the very successful Garden Party in July and Irene Bromilow appealed for more recruits for the Newchurch Christmas Choir.

Paddy Poulter reminded everyone of the November Photo Competition and Doreen reported on her recent visit to Olive Lee, a much-loved member confined to hospital just now. The September meeting is to be a Centennial Celebration Supper with entertainment and will start at 7.00pm.

# Garage campaign

COUNCILLORS in Culcheth have launched a campaign to refurbish and regenerate a disused garage site – by inviting Warrington Borough Council chief executive Steven Broomhead to see the problem for himself.

The eyesore site in Newchurch Lane is home to around 30 vandalised garages and is being used for fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Chris Vobe and Cllr Matt Smith discussed the situation with local residents – and then invited Professor Broomhead.

Cllr Vobe said: "It seems to us the site has been forgotten by the council and we are keen to put in place a plan to transform it. It is not acceptable for it to remain in its current state."

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## Northwest Home Owners Set for Moderate House Price Growth

Predictions for house prices are often vague and based on the unknown, however recent research conducted by several bodies including surveyors, estate agents, lenders and the treasury predict a steady but slow growth over the next 5 years.

The treasury forecasts now expect prices will rise by 7.4% in 2015, 5.9% in 2016, 5.8% 2017, 5.1% in 2018 and 3.8% in 2019. In total, house prices are anticipated to increase by 31.4% by the first quarter of 2020.

Prestigious estate agent, Savills, said that after a period of strong house price growth, affordability constraints and new mortgage regulators have begun to slow the rate of growth, which combined with interest rate rises, will cap the potential for future growth.

London, which had experienced the strongest price growth in 2014, will be most affected and it is predicted that it will flat line this year with 0% price growth and the lowest expected five year price growth totalling 10.4%.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 year
UK average	8.5%	2.0%	5.0%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%	19.3%
London	15.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%	10.4%
South East	12.0%	3.0%	6.5%	6.5%	4.0%	4.0%	26.4%
South West	7.5%	2.5%	5.0%	5.0%	3.5%	3.5%	21.1%
East of England	11.0%	3.0%	6.0%	6.0%	4.0%	4.0%	25.2%
East Midlands	8.0%	2.0%	5.0%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%	19.3%
West Midlands	7.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	3.0%	3.0%	18.2%
North East	5.0%	1.0%	3.5%	3.5%	2.0%	2.0%	12.6%
North West	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	2.0%	13.7%
Yorks & Humber	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	2.5%	2.5%	16.5%
Wales	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.5%	2.5%	15.3%
Scotland	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	2.5%	2.5%	17.6%

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