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Editor's Comment



The pros and cons of HS2 have been much publicised in recent times, especially in the local area, with the high speed rail track at one time destined to go through Taylor Business Park.

While the route has now been changed there are still great concerns about the impact on the local area.

With HS2 claiming the proposed

new high speed line will help reinforce Warrington's status as a transport hub, there are still lots of unknown factors.

Well now local residents have a chance to quiz those responsible for the project at three drop in events.

I would urge local residents to turn out in force and make your views known as HS2 is still going to have a major impact on the area.

Organisers say these events will provide everyone with an opportunity to have their say and play a part in ensuring the best possible railway is delivered.

How much notice will be taken is another thing.

If everyone who goes in says they

don't want Hs2 coming through the area will they listen? I very much doubt it.

But I would certainly urge everyone who has concerns to make their views and voices heard.

Meanwhile I would like to congratulate everyone involved in organising the annual Community Day which, thanks to glorious weather, was a great success, raising in excess of £10,000 for local good causes.

Deadline for the July issue of Culcheth Life is June 19

'Ladies Day' will benefit cat charity

A 'LADIES Day' is being organised at Winwick on Saturday August 11 to raise money for the charity group Kitten Karers.

The event, at Five Pines, in Myddleton Lane, will be the 4th held to raise money for the self-funding charity, which is dedicated to rescuing cats and kittens and is always on the lookout for loving homes for its feline friends.

Last year, the event raised £503 and organisers hope to better that figure this year.

Spokesperson Debby Hughes said: "We have been lucky with the weather up to now and are hoping the sun will be shining again this year."

During the event there will be a competition for the three best-dressed ladies.

The event will be supported by a number of shopkeepers in the Culcheth area.



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'HS2 will reinforce town's status as a transport hub'

TEAMS from HS2 Ltd will be visiting locations in Culcheth, Lowton and Rixton to talk to people about how the design of Britain's new high speed railway is progressing.

Three community information events will be held in June and July as part of a wider engagement programme along the entire route between the West Midlands and Leeds, and Crewe and Manchester.

The Government confirmed its preferred route for Phase 2b of the railway last year. Achieving this significant milestone has enabled HS2 Ltd to spend the last 10 months progressing its early design and construction proposals.

HS2 Phase Two director Paul Griffiths said: "The benefits that HS2 will deliver are significant and should not be underestimated. The new railway will play a crucial role in rebalancing Britain's economy,

driving business growth, creating jobs and securing investment right across the country.

"Understandably, people have questions and concerns about the construction and operation of the railway, and how it will affect them. These events present an ideal opportunity to talk to us about the project and find out more information."

At the events, HS2 representatives will be on hand to answer questions about a range of topics including engineering plans, environmental mitigation, and the impacts on land and property. Members of the public are encouraged to attend so they can review the plans and talk to the team

about the emerging designs and understand what this means for them.

A public consultation on HS2 Ltd's draft environmental statement and proposals to minimise the railway's potential impacts will be held later this year. This provides everyone with the opportunity to have their say and play a part in ensuring that we design and deliver the best possible railway.

The arrival of HS2 services at Warrington Bank Quay will reinforce the town's status as a transport hub

and its reputation as a great place to live, work and do business. With journey times from Warrington to London cut to just over an hour, HS2 represents a significant uplift in connectivity for the three million people who live within 30 minutes' drive of Warrington.

The drop-in events will be on June 29 from 2pm until 8pm at Rixton Community Hall, on July 2 from 2pm to 8pm at Culcheth Sports Club and on July 3, from 2pm to 8pm at Lowton Social Club.

New Chairman elected

AT Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council Annual General Meeting Cllr Mrs Margaret Webber was elected Chairman for 2018 – 2019.

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Cllr Ben Alldred was elected Deputy Chairman.



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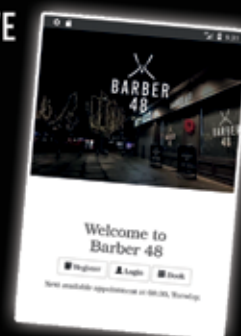
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Kaitlen is crowned a European Street Dance champion

A 12-year-old pupil of Birchwood High School, has been crowned a European Street Dance champion after competing in a prestigious competition in Germany.

Kaitlen Williams went to European Street Dance championships with the Aim Sky High dance company from Manchester, where she has trained for three years.

She danced solo, with a partner and in a group and got through to the European competition with her partner, Zara, in a duo

performance when they achieved first place in the British heats.

They travelled to Kalkar in Germany along with other qualifying members of the company, 71 of them virtually taking over the plane! At the competition, they competed against dancers from all over Europe.

Kaitlen and Zara performed

against 14 other duos and secured first place, making them European Champions, and carrying off a medal and an enormous trophy.

Winning this competition automatically qualifies the girls to compete in next year's final in The Netherlands.

When Kaitlen was told that she had qualified to compete she said that she was really excited to take part. She also said that it was

"scary" as she was performing with someone else and was worried about letting her partner down as the dancing and timing had to be really tight and that was really difficult.

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An adventurous Victorian Lady

THE life of "An Adventurous Victorian Lady" entertained members of Culcheth WI at their monthly meeting.

Frances "Fanny" Duberly, nee Locke, was the lady in question and the subject of the talk by guest speaker David Bushby.

Born in 1829, she was an excellent horsewoman, and was also fluent in French.

In 1845, she married Henry Duberly, a soldier. When he was sent to the Crimea, she managed to go with him. People such as her went just to observe and had no role to play.

Fanny witnessed the Charge of the Light Brigade. She kept a diary, which was later published and highlighted the incompetence of the officers.

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Sizzling fun at Culcheth

ONE of the hottest days of the year brought huge numbers of visitors to the annual Culcheth Community Day with sunscreen, hats and shades the order of the day.

Organised by the Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council this year's event was a fun packed day for all the family. Officially opened by the Parish Council chairman, Peter Holmes the annual jamboree was a massive success for all.

The aim of the community day is to support local charities by assisting their fund-raising activities and there were many different causes with stalls, selling cakes, BBQ food and drinks, and running tombolas, lucky dips and a host of different fun ways to raise money for their respective charities.

Radio Warrington 1332 AM were on hand to provide music and announcements from their outside broadcast studio and over the road a ukulele band serenaded their audience with tunes from yesteryear. A cavebus proved very popular with the more adventurous children.

For the tots there was Kevin the clown and his balloon animals act, fairground rides, a circus workshop

and a host of fun things to do. For the older children and adults, a classic car and tractor show was really well supported as was the bird of prey exhibition.

A sensational trapeze act by Above and Beyond Ariel trapeze in the main arena brought gasps from the excited crowd. A Karate display and pet show also took place in the arena.

As usual, the event not only raised money for worthy causes and local businesses but also provided a great day out for many residents - and what could be more quintessentially British than a coconut shy on the village green.

Afterwards, Cllr Sue Bland said: "It was a huge success...the sun came out for us as well. Which was great. People came out to support the numerous charities that took part.

"The approximate ball park figure made to date is about £10,200."



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Village will be packed for Historic Transport Day

WHEN Lymm resident Alan Williams organised the first Lymm Historic Transport Day in June 2013 it was meant to be a one off to help raise funds for the ten day Lymm Festival.

But it was so successful, in spite of atrocious weather, that it has now become a key event on the region's transport event calendar as well as generating a wide range of education and heritage spin-off benefits.

"We do have a unique setting" explained Alan, who is still the Event Director.

"The Bridgewater Canal cuts right through the heart of our beautiful Cheshire village. We also

have access to a glorious seven acre main event field close by and a tarmacked area next to the canal that can accommodate over a dozen traction engines." And this year for the second time the show takes to the skies too with a flypast by a Battle of Britain Memorial Fund Spitfire marking the centenary of the RAF.

"There are some great contributions from the Warrington area too. North West Casual

Classics Car Club has been supporting the event since year one and describe it as one of their favourite events in the calendar while the Burtonwood Association will be marking the 70th anniversary to the day of the start of the Berlin Blockade. This year too for the first time Network Warrington will be getting more involved by providing a vintage double decker shuttle for the centre of Warrington.

"The trick is to try and provide something for everyone from transport enthusiasts to families" field manager John Parry said.

"I suppose I could be described a bit of a 'petrol-head' and there will certainly be plenty that I am looking forward to seeing, but for the grandkids there's Lightning McQueen, LEGO and dinosaurs too. That's the complete package for lots of kids"

The event prides itself on being largely self-funding with some top-up sponsorship from local businesses. Key sponsors this year are local building supplies company MKM and Central Self Drive who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. H&H Classic Cars, Urban Building, Redex and

KC Autos complete an impressive line-up who can see the value in putting their name to an event that has earned a great reputation.

It all happens on Sunday June 24. The aim is to create an all-day experience with six buses providing park and ride facilities from local car parks as well as nearby Warrington town centre.

The village will be buzzing with traction engines, historic working boats and model railways on what is the first weekend of Lymm Festival which this year celebrates its own 20th anniversary.

Profits from the event have helped fund the setting up of the newly established Lymm Heritage Centre close to the canal. The Centre tells Lymm's story which has been so heavily influenced by the arrival of the canal in the late 1760s. It has received over 6,000 visitors in its first six months. The project has also received important support from The Heritage Lottery Fund.

To find out more about the event go to lymmtransport.org.uk There are still a few opportunities for volunteers to help staff the event and a free pair of tickets plus an invite to the after-party. Details again on the website.



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May Day art winners

TMAG – the Culcheth Thursday/Tuesday Morning Art Group – held their annual exhibition on May Day at the Centre on Jackson Avenue – and as usual asked all visitors to vote for the "best in show."

Joint winners were Ken Bullocks's watercolour entitled "Spring is

on it's Way" and Kathy Guest's pastel called "Man with Yellow Headwear".

The group meet from 10am until 12.30pm at The Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and are always happy to welcome new adult members of any skill level.



Parent and pupil power provide new playground

PUPILS and parents teamed up to ensure the "best play area ever" at Glazebury CE Primary School.

Pupils asked for a playground that had three things: could be used by all, helped to provide exercise and was FUN!

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A local Contractor supplied the astro turf and a company sought

to ensure that above all, the equipment selected was safe for the children to use.

An exciting trim trail was installed, alongside monkey bars (for the older pupils) and two wigwams for den making.

The PTA are determined to find the remaining £2500 needed to pay for the project, with plans for a WW1 Afternoon tea, and sports

day events to name a few.

One Parent Mr Campbell and his partner completed the "Three Peak Challenge" and have raised over £800 to help and was asked to cut the ribbon at the grand opening recently.

Warrington Wolves "Wolfie" turned up to share the excitement with the children, with archery and fencing taster activities provided by Premier Sports.

Children were heard to say "this is the best play area ever!"



College students' musical spectacular

BIRCHWOOD College students lined up some spectacular musical entertainment for parents, staff and fellow students.

On two successive Wednesday evenings in May they put their talents on show - first by performing music from the 80s onwards, giving many people a chance to revive their youth.

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The newly crowned queen was joined by her attendants, Ella Ross, Lilly Ross, Olivia Ariane and Sophia Ariane along and crown bearer Tom Ebert.

Following the crowning they led the congregation on a walk of witness to the Parish hall where refreshments were served.

Natalia takes over the role from her sister Elisabeth who was last year's Rose Queen.



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14th May 2019

Culcheth Centre, Jackson Avenue, Culcheth

Publication of information

The Parish Council has adopted a publication of Information scheme. Details of who we are, what we do and how the public can access information is published on the main notice boards, Common Lane, Culcheth and Churchill Avenue, Mee Brow, Culcheth Library and on our website www.culchethandglazebury.org.uk

How Jane encountered hope after years of anxiety

ENCOUNTER Hope – the free, confidential programme helping people with emotional problems and addictions – has now been operating in Culcheth for more than 18 months.

Based at Culcheth Christian Fellowship, in Hob Hey Lane, it runs on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm.

One person who has been helped by the group is Jane, who struggles with anxiety.

She has written an article about how she has been helped by attending the group's programme.

Jane wrote: "As far as I can remember, life has always been a struggle.....from being second best, controlled, told what to do as a child and adult, abused, bullied, divorced, having long periods of physical and mental illness and now lately, coping with the love of my life having a terminal illness. Life sucks!

"Life is all about balance. Wheel balancing on cars means they run better, smoother and with less damage. The problem is the damage may be on the inside and not easily seen. Encounter Hope is my tow truck. It can't fix me! It can't make me a new creation underneath. However it CAN support me with my journey through

life, direct me and transport me to a 'garage of grace' where the Almighty Mechanic God can repair and renew me.

"I am not invincible, but He is! I am human. I fail, I sin, and I struggle. Through Encounter Hope, I realise I am not alone in this. I am not judged I am supported. I am not shunned, I am loved. I am a sinner....aren't we all! Welcome to the club!

"Confidentiality really is everything in 'small group'. I feel safe, understood, tacitly supported yet unless I speak out, who will know the impact God is having in my life? I am not healed, fixed, nor perfect. Life continues to be a struggle even with Jesus Christ in my life as my Lord and Saviour. Becoming a Christian does not exempt me from needing the services and MOTs in life, nor having accidents and breakdowns on route. It is however a way of repairing and improving the old model, keeping me running until I am like a valuable classic car.

"That is what keeps me going. It

is Jesus Christ who I turn to in times of trouble. He is my co-pilot, my daily fuel, my oil, my brake fluid, my sensors and my sat nav.

"Would you like to find out more? Encounter Hope. Encounter

Love. Encounter Christ".

More information is available at the website www.gospelexpressions.co.uk or by calling: 07587 853 910 for a confidential chat.

On the hottest day, Ashlea managed to find snow!

WHILE Culcheth basked in sunshine and one of the hottest May days for years, schoolgirl Ashlea Smith was hiking in snow.

The 15-year-old was climbing 4,411 feet up Ben Nevis – Britain's highest mountain – to raise money for a good cause.

Ashlea, a pupil at Culcheth High School, was raising money to enable her to travel to Nepal to help rebuild a school destroyed by an earthquake in 2015.

She had already climbed Snowdon and Scarfell Pike so conquering Ben Nevis completed her Three Peaks Challenge – and meant that after three months of fundraising she will be able to go on the expedition.

In July she will join a party of 20 students who will go to Kathmandu with the Mother and Children Art

Foundation (MCAF) a non-profit organisation dedicated to the health, education and employment of impoverished women and children in Nepal.

Ashlea said: "We will be working with the community as they re-build the school destroyed during the earthquake in 2015, as well as completing a five-day trek in Annapurna Conservation Area."

She thanked a number of local businesses, friends and family who had sponsored her climb up Ben Nevis and her earlier fundraising efforts.

Donations can still be made via justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ashlea-smith-2

Ashlea is now collecting her sponsorship money and is making final preparations for her journey in July.



Culcheth Players prepare for Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced



CULCHETH Players are busy preparing for their latest production - Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced to be staged at Culcheth Sports Club from June 21-23.

The classic Miss Marple drama has been adapted by Leslie Darbon with all performances performances taking place at 7.30pm.

The villagers of Chipping Cleghorn, including Jane Marple, are agog with curiosity over an advertisement in the local gazette which reads: 'A murder is announced and will take place on Friday October 29th, at Little

Paddocks at 6.30 p.m.'

A childish practical joke? Or a hoax intended to scare poor Letitia Blacklock?

Unable to resist the mysterious invitation, a crowd begins to gather at Little Paddocks at the appointed time when, without warning, the lights go out...

Tickets priced £6 may be purchased on the door, or in advance at the club bar, or via an online booking service at www.culchethplayers.co.uk.

Alternatively, please call: 07943 517 710

Library "Friends" seek £10 donations

THE Friends of Culcheth Library group is appealing to villagers to make a voluntary contribution of £10 to help ensure the long-term viability of the library.

More groups are already using the library and there are plans for more to move in.

A "quiet place" has been created and training is underway for volunteers to deliver sessions on mindfulness and reducing anxiety among vulnerable people.

But this is just a start and the Friends say there is potential to do much more in the building, engaging with additional groups of people and supporting a varied range of interests.

This will require funding – and just £10-a-year would make a real difference if enough people got involved.

Local businesses or individuals could also help with one-off donations.

Anyone who would like to help is asked to contact the Friends' treasurer, Cindy Kelly, at cindy.kelly@coopmembers.co.uk

People who would like more information before donation are asked to call the group's secretary, Cllr Joan Grime, at joan.grime@hotmail.co.uk

In addition to seeking financial support, the group is also looking to increase the membership of the Friends of Culcheth Library.

Groups or societies who might use the library building are also asked to get in touch – again via the secretary.

A spokesperson for the Friends said: "We have saved the library for the immediate future but we want to make sure it stays open in the long term as a library and so much more."

WI litter-pickers rewarded with a tan!

MEMBERS of Lowton WI held a litter pick in Slag Lane, starting at the shops and also around Byrom Wood.

The weather was kind and the volunteer litter pickers were rewarded by picking up a tan!

Several black bags were filled with litter, ranging from the usual takeaway cartons to a pair of old boots.

A spokeswoman for the committee said: "We would like to thank the members who came along to help and also Mr Eddie Thwaite for his support in supplying equipment and later transporting the rubbish to the local tip."

"All in all, it was a very successful morning."



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LANDLORDS FORCED TO IMPROVE ENERGY RATING OF THEIR PROPERTIES OR SELL UP

From the 1st of April 2018 the law requires that any new let's or renewals within the private sector have a minimum grade E energy rating and any existing tenancies must have it by April 2020 this will be displayed on the compulsory Energy Performance certificates (EPC) that must be issued before a property is rented.

What does this actually mean for landlords?

Basically if you rent out a property with a rating of F or G after April the 1st 2018 you will no longer be able to rent it out, unless you have made the necessary upgrades to improve the rating to an E. There are some exceptions: - If the works are deemed inappropriate for the house, or the works could devalue the home, or you are unlikely to be granted consent for the work (e.g. listed buildings) then landlords could apply for a 5 year exemption.

These regulations are compulsory and apply to any new and assured tenancies, any renewed or extended tenancies and if a fixed term ends but becomes a 'rolling' or periodic tenancy, the rating must be an E grade, following the end of the fixed term and before the rolling period starts.

What if I ignore this?

It is unlawful to rent a property that breaches these rules, a civil penalty of up to £4,000 will be imposed for breaches and you will not be able to rent out your property.

Are you a landlord? Are you up to date with the latest regulation requirements?

It's important to keep abreast of all news for buy-to-let investors so that you don't get caught out and hit with fines that hurt the wallet and defeat the purpose of letting the house in the first place. For more information join our Facebook page, 'Courtyard landlords News Forum' or contact our Expert team.

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