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Editor's Comment



MEMBERS of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council want to improve the appearance of the village shopping centre.

They are launching a campaign called "The Look of the Parish" scheme, with the idea of cutting down on the number of unsightly advertising banners and A-boards.

Rightly, they have decided against a heavy-handed approach. Gentle

'Paperless' plans to get a trial

MEMBERS of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council have agreed to a trial run of "paperless" planning consultation.

The borough council claims it can save between $$\mathcal{L}7,000$ and $$\mathcal{L}15,000$ if it sends out lists of planning applications to parish councils by email.

Currently they send out some 1,200 planning documents, each at least 10 pages long, to parish councils.

Borough planners want parish councils to accept emails or use the borough council website.

Some parishes have disquiet as they do not believe it will make examining applications more cumbersome.

But Cllr Keith Bland said: "We decided we would give it a run and see how it goes."

persuasion will be the order of the

day. Members of the council's sub-committee working out the details, but it is likely the council will start by writing to businesses and other organisations asking for them to co-operate with the scheme.

Committee chairman Keith Bland says the council is responding to complaints from residents. But members are well aware that businesses have a need to promote themselves so there is no question of a

"We will be asking people to perhaps reduce the number of banners and A-boards," he says. "Some times they can cause an obstruction or block motorists' sight

lines.

"We will suggest people tone things down a bit and show a bit of pride in the appearance of the village."

Church fundraisers

CHRIST Church, Croft is holding two events to raise money for church

The Lady Lane church is taking over the village playing field for a car boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2.Pitches can be booked by calling 01925 764896 or 762369.

On May 21, a plant sale will be held at the church hall. Details:01925

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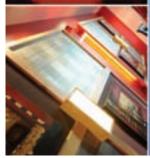


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New school in line for awards

THE new £28 million Culcheth High School, is in line for several top awards.

It has been nominated for one national and two regional awards, the results of which will be known later in the year.

They are: Royal Institute nartered Surveyors (Ri ommunity Benefit Award Chartered (RICS) Community

nominated to the regional final.
Local Authority Building Control
North West Building Excellence
Awards - nominated to the regional

Society of Chief Architects of Local Authorities (SCALA) Civic Building of the Year Award - nominated to the national final.

The school has already had some success as the Association of Project Management (APM) named Matthew Pendergast of Turner and Townsend, as National Project Manager of the

The award was based on the

Culcheth High School project and Matthew was project manager.

Cllr Sheila Woodyatt, Warrington Borough Council's executive member for children and young people, said: "The new high school provides 21st century educational and first class facilities not just for Culcheth students but the wider local community. I am delighted that the hard work and ingenuity that went into the project is being rewarded at a national level. My congratulations go to everyone who has been nominated."

Headteacher Martyn Froggett added: "The new building really has revolutionised the learning experience for all pupils, providing an exceptional, modern, educational facility. Congratulations to all those whose involvement in the project is being recognised."



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The bowling season runs from the end of March through to the beginning of October and there are competitions every month.

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Pastry chef lands top job

A CULCHETH pastry chef has landed a top job in Manchester city centre.

Martin Bullough, 23, chef de partie in pastry at Bents Garden and Home's Fresh Approach restaurant is moving to the Hilton Hotel in Manchester as head pastry chef. He has worked at Bent's for seven

He has worked at Bent's for seven years, joining them as a 16-year-old school leaver.

Bents' managing director Matthew Bent said: "It's not usual for us to promote the news of someone leaving us, but we are so proud of Martin's achievements that we couldn't let him go without acknowledging his great success. He has been part of our team for seven years during which time we have supported him and seen him develop a fantastic talent which has now been acknowledged by one of the world's leading hotels."

Martin has worked under the guidance of Jane Milner, winner of the Academy of Culinary Arts' annual Award of Excellence and Andrew Bourne, one of the country's top



patissiers, responsible for the Queen Mother's 100th birthday celebrations. Martin said: "I couldn't have asked

Martin said: "I couldn't have asked for a better place to start my career than the Fresh Approach Restaurant. I have had tantastic support throughout my training and have worked with a great team of hugely talented professionals. I will miss everyone very much but will be taking all I have learned with me to my new role."

In 2008 Martin himself won the Academy of Culinary Arts' annual Award of Excellence in Pastry.



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Bid to unlock answer to multimillion pound problem

AN ingenious way to stop wheelie bins going missing – and save local authorities hundreds of thousands of pounds a year has been devised.

The Oasis Bin-Loc is simple to install and operate, making the bin impossible to remove, and has an attachment that prevents anyone accessing the contents.

Some local authorities are spending up to £0.25million a year sperding up to £0.25million a year replacing stolen or damaged wheelie bins and Merseyside Fire Brigade reckons the cost of putting out wheelie bin blazes costs taxpayers

around £1.3million a year. The system comes in two forms: A simple bracket fixed to a wall and a free-standing node that locks bins together in a waste station for communal areas in social housing areas. The bins can be unlocked by a

Recyclable and residual waste will be kept in separate stations, thus encouraging residents to recycle

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wheelie bins.
The Oasis Bin-Loc, which has been invented and patented by social enterprise company Prescot Oasis, replaces old, heavy and cumbersome

Prescot Oasis, a social enterprise

business that uses its profits to transform deprived communities through jobs, training and business development, came across the idea after asking residents at a communal block where they had been doing landscape gardening if they could suggest improvements to the area where they live.

The residents complained about missing or vandalised wheelie bins and Oasis Project Director Colin Hill set about finding a solution. After extensive enquiries he discovered there was no product available and began the process of inventing the

Mr Hill said: "We believe our Bin-Loc system provides a cost-effective answer to wheelie bin theft, fires and identity theft, as well as providing a cost-saving and environmental solution to communal waste solution disposal."

The Bin-Locs are made in Prescot and Prescot Oasis hopes to set up a factory in the area to manufacture and tailor the product for individual local authorities.

Council opposes holiday change

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council is to object to the government proposal to scrap the May Day Bank Holiday and replace it with another possibly on St George's Day on April 23.

Idea behind the proposal is that it would lengthen the tourism season but in

Culcheth it would hit the parish council-sponsored Community Day.

Cllr Keith Bland said: "We don't think it would be a good thing. It would certainly have implications for Community Day."

No decision has yet been taken. But the government has suggested the Bank Holiday could be moved either forward to St George's Day or back to the October half-term period.



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Village shop is now 'official'

CROFT'S innovative new village shop is now official!

Planning chiefs in Warrington have granted retrospective permission for Elliot's General Store, next door to the General Elliot pub.

The shop is open seven days a week and stocks a good range of products, including household goods, groceries, soft drinks, newspapers and magazines.

Backing

It has always had the backing of Croft Parish Council.

Cllr Les Hoyle said: "Croft was without a village shop for far too long and this venture by the General Elliot is fulfilling a real need.

"The building is in character with the area and the shop is stocking the sort of things people

"I wish it well for the future."

lan's marathon effort

IAN Barker from Le Brunch in Culcheth is raising money for Leonard Cheshire Disability by taking part in the 2011 Virgin London Marathon.

Ine 2011 Virgin London Marathon.

Ian, 31 and co owner of Le
Brunch Sandwich Bar completed the
Berlin Marathon two years ago and
the Blackpool marathon last year. He
also competes in triathlons and has
raised money for various charities
including Alzeheimers Research and
the Behath Centre the Bobath Centre.

You can sponsor lan at Virgin Money Giving or by calling into Le Brunch Sandwich Bar and donating at the till point.

The London marathon is April 17.

Falconry display at Community Day

A SPECTACULAR falconry display will be the main attraction at this year's Culcheth Community Day on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2.

The display will give an awesome demonstration of what can be done

with these magnificent birds of prey. It is sponsored by Paul Taylor, of the Taylor Industrial Estate
Other events include the annual tug-of-war contest, with the Cherry Tree pub team determined to hold on to the title they claimed last year. There will also be a pet show and demonstrations in karate.

The programme of events, sponsored by chartered accountants Styles and Co, is being distributed around the village.



Dining Out with Life

at The China Rose

IT is always nice to be able to return to a restaurant and have high expectations confirmed.



We visited Culcheth's China Rose earlier this year and left with an extremely favourable impression. Our comment at the time was that this was "no ordinary Chinese restaurant."

Our return visit has, if anything, left us even more impressed with the fare offered by Mathew Tse and his friendly team.

We confess to a liking for Chinese soups - particularly hot and sour and chicken and sweetcorn - so we again started our meal with these. As before we found them tasty and warming - and the accompanying prawn crackers were, as usual, irresistible.

For our main courses we chose pan fried sea bream fillet, with spring onion and soy sauce and fillet steak with green pepper and black bean cause both accompanied by boiled rice, although the fried rice option was, of course, also available. Both meals were delicious and superbly presented. The China Rose has an extensive

The China Rose has an extensive menu with most popular dishes available, along with others which may be less familiar. There are also two separate banquets for parties of two or more with hearty appetites.

Mathew's policy is to change the menu regularly, so some dishes may occasionally disappear to be replaced by something new. But such is the choice available there will always be something to what your appetite.

something to whet your appetite.

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James seeks 'most expens

A CULCHETH man is aiming to join an exclusive club and win the 'most expensive tee-shirt in the world'.

Farmer James Love, 40, is attempting to join the Grand Slam Club which has less than 50 members worldwide - including record-breaking explorer Ranulph



James, of Holcroft Farm, said; "To join the club you must have completed a marathon or an ultra marathon on each of the seven continents and complete the North Pole Marathon.

He is preparing for the North Pole Marathon on April 4, which is the final obstacle for him entering the elite

James is determined to complete the challenge and is looking forward to joining the club - and receiving his tee-shirt and certificate.

"My wife said it is the most expensive tee-shirt in the world, because of all the money I have spent on trips," he said. "But it would be the

best thing in life to achieve this." The challenge is certified by the Guinness Book of Records as the most Northerly marathon in the world and the only marathon on water - the frozen Árctic Ocean.

James says he cannot do any special training for his latest challengé because he cannot match the weather conditions. The challenge can vary according to the weather and he is hoping for light compact snow rather than powdery thick snow,

as participants can sink two feet each

step.
His previous achievements, which have been featured in Culcheth Life,

Spring into action

WITH spring in the air, many households are beginning to prepare for the

dreaded spring clean.
Paul Clark from professional oven valeters Ovenu believes this time of year is the perfect time for homeowners to give their ovens a well deserved spring clean.

Even the most enthusiastic spring cleaners, donning rubber gloves and tackling the oven is still one of the most loathed household chores. If people are not thorough with

their oven cleaning, fat and food can cause future problems, which could

result in an oven fire.

Paul said: "As outside temperatures plummeted during the winter many people turned to their ovens for hot wholesome meals, but more you use your oven the

and grease can start to build up and this can affect its efficiency."

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include completing the Marathon Des Sable through the Sahara Desert (pictured above).

James is being sponsored this time by Croft Young Farmers Club and hopes to raise about £3,000.

He got into ultra marathons in 2006 after being asked to join a friend on the Marathon Des Sable, although his friend later decided not to compete.

He has taken part in events

throughout the world, ranging from a Jungle Marathon in South America where the floor was "alive" with tarantulas and he saw a jaguar close to where he was sleeping, to the New York Marathon.

After his latest challenge he says he will continue as he has now "got the Summer plans include the Edinburgh Marathon and a race in Nepal.





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April...



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Motoring

Electric car scores well on safety

THE first ever crash test on an electric car carried out by Euro NCAP - the European New Car Assessment Programme' - has allayed safety fears about the new vehicles.

A Mitsubishi I-MiEV supermini was awarded an overall score of four out of a possible five stars.

As a result, crash test experts believe five star protection is attainable for future electric cars. Edmund King, the AA's president,

welcomed the test result.

He said: "This i-MiEV sets a benchmark in safety that other electric vehicles will have to achieve. From the point of view of future buyers, the success of this crash test will dispel much of the worry about what happens when an electric car is involved in a significant crash."

Three-in-one car unveiled

VOLVO have unveiled the V60 plug-in hybrid - which they claim features the best properties of three different car types in one, single attractive sports wagon.

Three buttons on the centre console give the driver access to either an electric car with a range of up to 50km, a high-efficiency hybrid with carbon dioxide emissions averaging just 49g/km or a muscular, fun-to-drive car with acceleration from 0-100km in just 6.9 seconds.

The same 4-star rating applies to the Citroen C-Zero and the Peugeot iOn, both of which are structurally identical to the Mitsubishi i-MiEV and have the same interior fittings and

levels of safety equipment.
Crash testers' chief worry was how
well the car's batteries stood up to the impact and the effectiveness of cut-off switches in insolating the high-voltage battery. Euro NCAP observed that no electrical or fire hazards were detected during the testing of the i-

Euro NCAP has recently crash tested four other new cars and awarded stars as follows: Dacia Duster (small off-road 4x4) 3 stars; Mitsubishi ASX (small family) 5 stars; Nissan Juke (supermini) 5 stars; Nissan Juke (supermini) 5 sta Hyundai ix20 (small MPV) 5 stars.



Save money by driving slower

AS fuel costs soar, millions of motorists are driving more slowly on motorways to try and save money. Some 59 per cent of all drivers say,

some 34 per certi of all drivers say they are reducing speeds to cut fuel consumption - and among women drivers, the figure rises to 65 per cent.

Drivers are now paying more than \$10 more per tank of diesel than a

year ago, and more than £8.40

more per tank of petrol, according to one survey.

Sticking to the speed limit, especially on motorways is one of the most effective ways to cut fuel costs. Cruising at 80mph is not only illegal, but it uses up to 25 per cent more fuel than driving at 70mph. Experts say that sticking to the

70mph limit on motorways can save

£500 a year on fuel. Will motorists who say they will drive slower actually do so? The evidence suggests they are doing. Speeds on local motorways appear to have dropped in the last 12 months - although of course there are still plenty of those drivers who appear to think the speed limits only apply to other people!



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What's the rush?

If you have ever dared to ask an accountant "how's it going at the office?" during the months of December and January, you will have inevitably had a less than festive response.

Nearly 50,000 Self Assessment

Nearly 50,000 Selt Assessment Tax Returns were filed online between 4pm and 5pm on 31 January this year, the usual end to the annual Tax Return rush. In an effort to deter last minute submission so close to the deadline, some accountancy firms place a premium on work completed in the preceding months. A staggering 845 Returns were filed on Christmas Day this year. BUT...it doesn't have to be this way!

If you have ever asked an accountant "how's it going at the office?" in April, they are unlikely to respond with any Tax Return related comments.

If you have ever asked an accountant "how's it going at the office?" in April, they are unlikely to respond with any Tax Return related comments, sarcastic or otherwise. This is because the last Tax Return season is a fading memory and, when spring is beginning, the next "festive season" seems to be in the distant future. However, as soon as the tax year ends, with a little bit of organisation, most of the 6.9 million people required to complete a Self Assessment Tax Return are in a position to do so.

Now is the time to gather together your information for your 2010/11 Tax Return. Don't file your P60 away,

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don't ignore the checklist sent from your accountant, get your Return out of the way and start looking to the future

The start to the new financial year, 6 April 2011, is also the perfect time to start planning your income for 2011/12. Following the changes made in the recent budget, there will be updates for you to consider to get the most out of the financial year ahead.

If you would like more information on planning your income in the forthcoming year, or would like to know how updates in the budget affect you, we will be happy to assist

P.S. Styles and Co submitted 4
Self Assessment Tax Returns on 31
January 2011 and didn't submit any
returns on Christmas Day. We don't
place a premium on Tax Returns
submitted in December and January
because we aim to have them
submitted before then! Also, when
asked "how's it going in the office?"
at any time of year, the answer will
always be "Fantastic! Thank you for
asking."



If you would like more information on this or any of the previous subjects we have featured, please contact Les Styles or Ian Lloyd on 01925 761600.

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Community Day

This years Community Day will be opened by the Chairman of the Parish Council Cllr Mrs Helena Campbell on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2011 at 12.00noon. This year we have a terrific main attraction which is "Ridgeway Falconry" which has not only got fantastic numerous flying demonstrations but also a chance for you to see the birds close up.

Also in the main arena will be Tyldesley Brass band, Trumble the Clown, Academy Karate Display, Pet Show (enter on the day) and a Tug of War competition (we are still looking for teams).

There will also be outside the arena lots of Stalls, Refreshments, Children's Rides, Classic Cars and Motor

What better way to relax after the Royal Wedding than coming down to Culcheth Village Green and have a fun day out.

Grot spots

The Parish Council has sent a request for painting work to be carried out at sub stations on Common Lane, Cawley Ave and Thames Rd.

This is part of our campaign to tidy up the street furniture in the villages.

May Day Bank Holiday

The Parish Council has sent a strong letter of protest about a proposal from the Department for Communities and Local Government that the first May Bank Holiday be abolished. Our objections are on the grounds that, not only us but other organisations have events, like Community Day, on that day.

There will be a consultation period for people to air their views, but it has not started yet. We will let residents and businesses know as soon we find out the date.

Parish Council Notice Boards

At the last Parish Council Meeting members noted that the Parish Council Notice Boards were being used for private advertising. It was agreed that these adverts would be taken off the boards as soon as possible and that publicity to highlight the problem would be organised.

Civic service success



CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council held its annual civic service at

Newchurch Parish Church.
Chairman Cllr Helena Campbell welcomed many guests, including Warrington's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Ted Finnigan and his wife, Mavis to the service.
The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev Chris Stafford and involved

much fun and interaction with the congregation.

The choir from Culcheth Primary School sang two songs, which brought smiles to the faces of everyone present.

Later, at lunch at Newchurch Parish Hall, Cllr Campbell gave a breakdown of the many events she had attended so far during her year of office and said how much she was looking forward to Community Day on the village green on May 2

May 2.

She made specific mention of the support she had received from her family, friends, fellow councillors, the PCSOs and the parish clerk Mike Durrington.

She also thanked Warren Bibby and his family for the catering and his support throughout the year and to the people of the area.

Clir Finnigan responded with thanks for the invitation to the service and of the support of parish councillors, which, he said, was invaluable to the success of the



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