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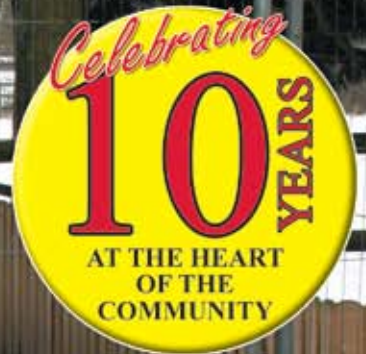
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Editor's Comment



CULCHETH Life celebrates its 10th anniversary this month - and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us during the past decade!

It has been a pleasure reporting on all the great community work which takes place out there while also highlighting some of the important issues which have been taking place. I haven't got enough space to list all the people and organisations who have actively engaged with us over the years but you know who you are and thank you! Feedback to our publication from day one has been fantastic and it is always rewarding knowing you can help make a difference in a local community.

Meanwhile we have received the following well wishes from members of the local community.

Cllr Keith Bland MBE:

I would like as Chairman of Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council to congratulate you on the 10th anniversary of the *Culcheth Life*.

It really has been an excellent magazine giving well balanced articles on a lot of local issues. The Parish Council have been proud to support it right from the start and are delighted that it has grown and grown into something that the residents look forward to every month to see what is happening in their villages. I wish you well and hope that you will still be around in the next 10 years.

Helen Jones MP:

"Congratulations to *Culcheth Life* on reaching their 10th anniversary

milestone. Since the very first issue, the magazine has provided an excellent resource for the villages, keeping the local community informed of the most important issues, encouraging people to get involved in local groups, and supported both residents and businesses alike. I always enjoy reading the magazine every month and wish *Culcheth Life* a long and successful future."

Holly Ikin - Dress Studio:

Happy 10th birthday to *Culcheth Life*!! How time flies.... thank you to Gary and the team for always keeping us up-to-date on all of the latest news! Having a local magazine in Culcheth is a fantastic way to keep the community together. Thank you for all of your continuous support and

we hope the next decade is just as successful for you!

Cllr. Chris Vobe:

"*Culcheth Life* has been a real asset to our community over the past ten years. Gary and the team have made sure that each edition keeps people up to date on village life - whether with the latest news, community projects, or by reporting on the work of local representatives. *Culcheth Life* is an integral part of the community spirit we have in this area. It's a great mechanism for people to get involved in the latest initiatives and has been a tireless champion of good causes. Well done on reaching 10 years, and I hope the magazine continues for many more!"

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Model teenager living life in the fast lane

MODEL teenager Taylor Yates is living life in the fast lane.

During the week she studies as a beauty therapist at college while at weekends she takes to the fast paced world of Auto Grass racing, winning a junior championship in 2010 and coming runner up in 2011.

Now aged 17 she is about to step up a level to the "Ladies Class A" which will involve travelling around the country competing in the UK Auto Grass Championship.

She has developed her passion for Auto Grass racing after following in the footsteps of her dad

John. They are both members of the Leewood Motor Club at Ashley.

Meanwhile if she wasn't busy enough already Taylor, who is on the books of the EKA Model Agency, has also been shortlisted as a finalist for Miss Cheshire as Warrington Parr Hall on Sunday April 28.

"This is the first time I entered a beauty pageant so I am delighted to have been short listed as a finalist," said Taylor.

Meanwhile she is hoping to be back in action on the Auto Grass circuit in the near future - with the first three events of the season postponed due to wet weather!

Facelift for accountants' office

HUNTER Healey chartered accountants have refurbished their offices to present a professional image to clients and a better working environment for staff.

Based in Culcheth since 2000 the firm quickly grew and moved into the present offices in 2005. It prides itself on being professional, approachable and affordable.

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As well as the usual services including end of year accounts and tax computations, the firm has welcomed Emma, a payroll specialist, who can offer up to date advice and deliver payroll services.

In line with expansion it currently has a vacancy for a semi senior accounts assistant and this summer will employ an accountancy apprentice.

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Councillors campaign for 'forgotten corner'



Cllr Smith highlights the damaged road surface at Fowley Common.

TWO councillors have launched a campaign to ensure a housing estate does not become a "forgotten corner" of Culcheth.

Cllr Matt Smith and Cllr Chris Vobe have given residents of Fowley Common an update on their initiative to win upgrades for the estate.

They say residents deserve to see a fair share of investment from the borough council.

Cllr Smith said: "Located between Culcheth and Glazebury villages, residents of Fowley Common risk falling 'through the cracks'.

"We are determined, though, that their priorities will not be ignored. That is why we have made a concerted effort to listen to their views and act on their concerns. We are resolute that Fowley Common must not become a 'forgotten corner'.

Cllr Vobe added: "The last council administration failed miserably to protect and support the people of Fowley Common.

"That is why Cllr Smith and I are leading a forceful campaign for the resurfacing of their road, improvements to the drainage system and upgrades to the street lighting."

The two councillors have pledged to liaise with borough council officers to progress local issues and are pressing for Fowley Common Lane to be placed on the authority's list for future resurfacing.

Famous Black Sheep sale returns

THE famous Black Sheep Craft Barn mega sale returns in May this year for 10 days only, from May 10-19.

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TV actress to direct opera group

TV actress Johanna Hassouna-Smith - who has regularly appeared in Coronation Street and other soaps - is to co-direct the Three Towns Operatic Society in their forthcoming production of "The Yeomen of the Guard."

Johanna (pictured below), from Glazebury, is a local drama teacher turned actress and has also appeared in Waterloo Road, Shameless, Homefront and The Accused, as well as numerous TV commercials.

The Gilbert and Sullivan classic will be staged at St Joseph's Hall, Leigh, from May 7-11.

Johanna studied drama and teacher training at Manchester Metropolitan University and was head of drama at Bedford High School for eight years.

It was here that she helped create a new milestone for the school and the

Three Towns Operatic Society - the society moved their weekly evening rehearsals to the school, where pupils, parents and staff were able to take part in the music and movement involved in the society's production.

Currently Johanna is teaching at two schools, examining GCSE drama and assessing examination performances, as well as acting on TV.

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The move has enabled them to triple their floor space, vastly increase their stock of toys and books - and open a coffee shop serving speciality coffees and locally-made, home-made cakes.

Forget-me-Not has been established in Culcheth for 26 years - the last five under the control of sisters-in-law Victoria and Naomi.

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Naomi said: "Our new premises

offers so much more. Our opening day was fantastic - we had Peppa Pig, a carousel on the car park and a face painter.

"Our loyal customers have soon followed us across the road - and many are coming back regularly to make use of our coffee shop.

"We will shortly be launching an events programme with a weekly story time for children and a junior book club. We already have a book club for adults which used to meet in a local pub, but now we can meet in our own premises.

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Chairman Cllr Valerie Allen said: "Everyone in Croft with a front garden is invited to take part in this competition.

"We want the village to look its best and having a display of colourful plants and flowers that look lovely and help to provide nourishment for bees and other insects is a great way to achieve that."

Gardens will not be judged on their formal layout or the cost of the plants within them. They will be judged on how bright and colourful they are.

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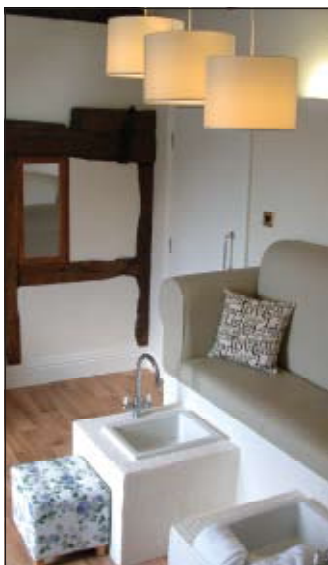
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To qualify for the competition all nominees must live in the *Culcheth Life* circulation areas of Culcheth, Glazebury, Croft, Glazebrook, Lowton and Winwick.

Closing date for entries is the end of April.

The winning entry will be

chosen by a panel of judges including *Culcheth Life* Editor Gary Skentelbery and Debbie Ikin from FAB Photo Studio.

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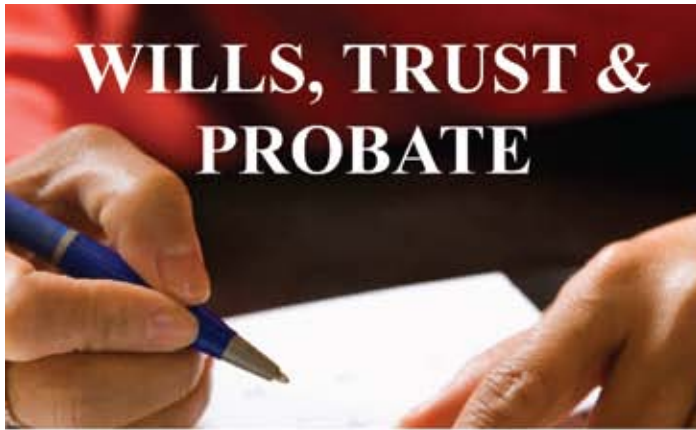
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Irresponsible dog owners blight village



IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners are blighting Culcheth by allowing the pets to foul the village - and failing to clean up after them.

Cllr Paul Campbell says he is increasingly being contacted by residents complaining about the problem.

He said: "Being a dog owner comes with a responsibility, not only to your dog but to the area you live in and the people who share your community.

"Dog fouling if left behind for someone else to walk or cycle through or fall into is not a very responsible thing to do and shows a lack of 'Love where you live' attitude."

Cllr Campbell said one of the areas worst affected recently is a passageway between Crofton Gardens and Jackson Avenue, where residents claim the owner of what must be a very large dog persistently allows the animal to foul the passageway leaving the mess for someone else to clear up or walk into.

"I have contacted the borough council environmental health and the dog fouling team informing them

of this particular problem. Notices will be put up giving notice of a fine of up to £1000 if the irresponsible owners are caught.

"I have also contacted our local PCSO about the problem but he can do no more than give advice."

Cllr Campbell said most dog owners were responsible owners and it was only a minority who got everyone a bad name.

"Dog owners should always have bags with them when out walking their dogs, bringing the bag home to dump in their own bin. They can also deposit the bag in any waste bin in the area they are walking.

"People who leave their dog mess for others to find do not deserve any sympathy and I am calling on the borough council to prosecute."

Anyone can report dog fouling to the borough council on 01925 443322 or by email at dogfouling@warrington.gov.uk

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council is working with the borough's "Love where you live" campaign to educate and work with residents to try and eradicate the problem.

'God's little acre' - that's Culcheth

TWO Police Community Support Officers visited Culcheth WI and described the area as "God's little acre."

PCSOs Steve Dodd, who made the comment, and Maurizio Lucchesi visited the group. They gave advice on security and told members to ensure windows were locked when leaving home and to be aware of distraction burglaries.

Guest speaker was Janet Bradshaw from Tatton Park who spoke about "The Gilt on the Gingerbread."

Her job is to dress up and talk to schoolchildren about medieval times. Children can take part in various tasks including making gingerbread and decorating it with a bay leaf and a clove, which shine by candlelight.

She spoke about the history of the Old Hall at Tatton where wattle and daub was used before Cheshire brick was introduced. She told members about how life was in the hall.

Vice President Ann Hambleton welcomed everyone to the meeting and told members about future outings. Barbara Worthington provided a hydrangea plant for the table.

Life-changing work by "hearing dogs" charity

LIFE-changing work by the charity "Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" were highlighted at the monthly meeting of Croft WI.

Speaker Dorothy Croston gave an interesting and informative talk showing how the problems faced by deaf people are many and complex including loneliness, isolation and insecurity.

Life can be made even more difficult because their disability is invisible. Dorothy explained how the charity trains hearing dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals, while at the same time giving companionship and relieving the stress, isolation and loneliness the condition often brings. Puppies are bred by the charity and the breeds include Spaniels, Poodles, Labradors and some mixed breeds.

Training takes around 18 months and costs £7,500 for each dog, in fact the full cost of a dog from breeding, training through life-long care can be around £45,000!

Voluntary

Hearing dogs are easily recognised by their distinctive burgundy jackets which display the charity logo and lettering to indicate they are working dogs. Established some 30 years ago, the charity generates income through fund raising, sponsorship, merchandising, legacies and corporate events and most of the staff work on a voluntary basis.

The talk generated many questions from members although they were a little disappointed no four-legged worker was in attendance!

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was given by Jill Hallam and the meeting was brought to a close by Sue Birchall, who had ably chaired the meeting in the absence of the president.

Diary dates: April 11 - Theatre Visit, "Cats", Opera House, Manchester. April 22 - Group Meeting, Burtonwood - "Florence Nightingale" by History Makers. May 22 - Theatre Visit, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" - Brindley Theatre. July 2 - Lavender Farm Visit, York.

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No charges against local councillor

NO criminal charges are to be brought in connection with a dispute in the Labour Party at Warrington which led to Culcheth borough councillor Chris Vobe being suspended by the party.

The Crown Prosecution Service say they will not be taking the issue any further and Cheshire police have confirmed that the investigation has been closed.

Cllr Chris Vobe - son of Warrington North MP Helen Jones - and Cllr Hitesh Patel, who was a member of the council's executive board, were both suspended by the Labour Party.

Police became involved when there were allegations of computer hacking - and Labour said their own internal investigation would be put

on hold until after the police had finished their enquiries.

Now the police say their investigation is over.

A spokeswoman said: "The role of the police in this investigation was to act upon a complaint made by a member of the public that alleged unlawful access had been gained to a personal email account.

"A thorough and impartial investigation commenced, and subsequently a full file of evidence was presented to the Crown Prosecution Service for decision and

direction for criminal proceedings.

"The decision was taken by the CPS to not pursue the matter and the Constabulary acknowledge this decision."

Cllr Vobe said: "I always said there was no substance in these allegations, and I am glad the investigation has proved this.

"I will continue to work diligently for the residents I represent and the community that I love."

It is understood both councillors still face an internal investigation by Labour's regional office.

Both Cllr Vobe and Cllr Patel have continued to serve as councillors.



Fashion fund-raiser!



A FASHION Show at Leigh Golf Club, Culcheth, was enjoyed by just short of 100 guests.

They viewed a preview of the summer collection of fashion designers in the event organised by Leigh Ladies Section. The show included cruise wear, casual wear, evening wear, handbags, scarves and jewellery

The six models were all local students and impressed the audience with their professionalism.

Club lady captain Janina Travers said: "There was a real buzz in the club and all the members and visitors had a fantastic time. The ladies have spent a lot of time planning the event and it paid off."

Facelift for day centre

MORE than 40 young people spent a full day decorating the main hall and entrance at Culcheth's Age Concern day centre in Jackson Avenue - fuelled by cups of tea and coffee and chip butties served by councillors Sue and Keith Bland.

The volunteers were all apprentices from United Utilities - and in addition to the decorating they helped tidy the garden and assisted art club members empty the garage.

Keith, chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, said: "They really did a fantastic job.

"We still need to paint the library areas as well as give the entrance area another lick of paint, so any volunteers should contact Sue on 01925 766641."

Bread and butter for the chip butties was supplied free of charge by a local store.

Seven wines for tasting!



WINE expert Martin Gallagher was guest speaker at a meeting of Culcheth Wine Circle, when he presented a selection of seven wines for tasting and appraisal.

He was introduced and thanked by Brian Wilkinson, president of the wine circle.

A sherry a day - the secret of long life

A SHERRY a day - that's the secret to a long life.

That's Marjorie Mills' firm belief - and seeing as she has just celebrated her 100th birthday, she's obviously entitled to it!

Marjorie, a resident of Culcheth's CLS Holcroft Grange care home, celebrated her big day with a quiet party surrounded by close family and fellow residents.

She received a card from the Queen - and sampled a slice of centenary cake.

Marjorie said: "I was very surprised to get a letter from the Queen, it was lovely and made my day.

"Thank you to all my family and everybody at Holcroft Grange who

made my birthday so special, it brought back lots of memories for me.

"I've seen a lot of brilliant inventions in my 100 years, but my favourites are the washing machine and colour television."

A typist for seven years, Marjorie stopped working when she married her late husband Harry at the age of 23. Together, Marjorie and Harry had one son, Arnold, and lived in Rochdale until retiring to Astbury.

She has lived at Holcroft Grange since 2008 and enjoys activities including bingo and arts and crafts, going to the hairdresser every week and having her nails manicured.

And, of course, that all-important glass of sherry!



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Home is where the heart is – but what about the tax?

The latest HMRC campaign to increase tax revenues and clamp down on what they see as ‘tax evaders’ has just been announced. It targets property owners who haven’t declared gains on the sale of a second home or a rental property.

There is a common misconception that the sale of a 2nd home is exempt from tax and so HMRC are offering tax payers the opportunity to voluntarily disclose any gains from property and to minimise their exposure to penalties.

The deadline for notifying HMRC is 9th August 2013 and by 6th September 2013 they will expect you to have provided details of the relevant property and gain and have paid any tax due (although they do say that they may allow payment to be made in instalments under certain circumstances). **At the same time they will expect you to tell them**

about any other untaxed income that you haven’t previously disclosed.

Once the window closes, HMRC will start to target those who they believe should have made a disclosure under this campaign but failed to do so. HMRC will access a range of information to identify possible evaders such as the Land Registry, the Electoral Register and property websites to identify transactions.

If you think this campaign might be relevant to you it’s important you take advice as soon as possible. Please contact Sarah Salton of Styles & Co on 01925 761600.



Sarah Salton

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Community Day

Plans for this year's Community Day are now well under way - and it looks set to be one of the most exciting ever. Shortly after last year's event, the new Parish Council carried out a consultation with residents to collect your feedback on how we could improve Community Day. Your responses poured in, and we have tried to incorporate as many of those suggestions as possible into this year's plans. This time, Community Day will be uniquely different: as 2013 is the 50th anniversary of television's "Doctor Who", that programme will form the "theme" of the event. Local schools will be participating in "Doctor Who"-themed competitions, and prizes associated with the show will be up for grabs in our raffle. People coming to Community Day should expect to see a familiar blue Police Box on the village green too!

Highlights of this year's Community Day will be a mix of new entertainment and some "old favourites" - the popular "classic cars" display will make their return, there will be some unique performances throughout the afternoon from a fire-eater, and aspiring bakers will have the chance to enter the "Great Culcheth Bake Off". A prize is also up for grabs for the "Most Original Stall", so expect to see some different things on offer from the charities and local organisations that will be joining us to raise money on the day. You'll even have the chance to throw a wet sponge at one of our local councillors, who will be put "in the stocks" to raise money for Cancer Research - but you'll have to come along to Community Day to find out which councillor it will be!

We hope that this year's Community Day offers something for everyone. As always, we want as many people to get involved as possible. If you'd like to enter the "Great Culcheth Bake Off" competition, don't hesitate to contact Cllr Angela Duncombe using the details to the left. If you're interested in entering any of the "Doctor Who"-themed competitions, or for more information about Community Day as a whole, please get in touch with Cllr Peter Caswell on 01942 671 938.

Village Green Status for Mee Brow

Your Parish Councillors are continuing to do all we can to make sure that the valuable green space in our villages are protected and preserved for future generations. During the past month, we've applied for "village green status" to be awarded to land at Mee Brow. If this is successful, it will mean that the land remains as open space and can't be built on in years to come. Parish councillors are currently finalising our discussions with the Borough Council and we'll continue to keep residents updated. Cllrs Angela Duncombe and Peter Caswell also attended the recent Mee Brow Community Association meeting to support residents there and keep in touch with their priorities for the local area.

High Speed Two

Your Parish Councillors have actively supported the Action Group which has been formed in response to the Government's proposed High Speed Two rail link. Cllrs Matt Smith, Chris Vobe, Jacqui Johnson and Keith Bland attended the inaugural meeting of CADRAG - "Culcheth and District Rail Action Group" - and assisted residents in forming their committee. We'll continue to liaise with CADRAG and support their efforts. The committee's first priority will be to formulate a response to the Exceptional Hardship Scheme consultation, which is particularly important as the consultation closes on 29th April. Thanks also to the dozens of residents who attended the Public Meeting which was convened at Culcheth High School to discuss the village's response to the HS2 route.

Happy 10th anniversary, Culcheth Life!

All ten members of the Parish Council want to pass on their congratulations and best wishes to the team at Culcheth Life on reaching their 10th anniversary. The magazine continues to go from strength to strength and provides a great service to the villages. We're looking forward to the next ten equally successful years!



Birthday event for gymnastics club

A CULCHETH gymnastics club put on a special display to celebrate its first birthday.

GR8 Gymnastics staged the event at Culcheth High School - 12 months on from when Sarah Muddimer and Shelley Croughan jointly started the club

About 130 children attend the twice weekly classes at school - the youngest four and the oldest 14.

Sarah said: "We started with just the two of us as coaches but now we have four additional coaches.

"We ran the birthday event as a fundraiser as we're hoping to be able to buy some bars for the club.

"We are hoping the display will become an annual event."

Classes are for beginners, but GR8 had 59 children taking part in the Sankey Sets competition last November and between them they received a total of 31 medals.

"We are incredibly proud of how much the club has developed in such a short space of time and how enthusiastic the children are."



Tennis club's open day

RIXTON Tennis Club is hosting an open day at its headquarters in Chapel Lane, Rixton, Warrington.

The event takes place on Sunday, April 14, starting at 2pm and members will give a friendly welcome to players of all ages and abilities who can turn up on the day for a game of tennis.

Last year, five of the club's six teams earned promotion in the Warrington and District Tennis League and the aim is to do even better this summer.

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There will be model railways, kits, Meccano, toy soldiers, war games, Lego, Diorama craft kits, etc., and guest appearances by R2D2, Darth Vader, the Mint Imperials - and a fully operational remote control Dalek

In addition there will be a trade stand, refreshments, raffles, etc.

Over the years, the Croft model show has raised more than £12,500 for the British Heart Foundation

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