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Editor's Comment



IT is not too long ago that our pages regularly carried stories about unwary motorists being clamped in Culcheth – usually unfairly.

Whatever one thinks about the present government, it did do one thing right: It outlawed clamping of vehicles on private land.

The result is that those firms who

Action pledge on village rowdies

A CULCHETH councillor has pledged action to stamp out incidents of antisocial behaviour in the village.

Cllr Chris Vobe is to raise the issue with police and call for an increased presence from local CPSOs in the

areas brought to his attention.

He has the backing of other members of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council.

Cllr Vobe said: "Acts of anti-social behaviour are carried out by a very small minority of people, but we must be pro-active in ensuring that these selfish acts do not become a permanent blight on people's leisure

ime.
"The overwhelming majority of our young people make a positive contribution to our community, and are excellent ambassadors for the village. But where incidents do take place, we are keen to ensure that pro- active action is taken to stamp them out.

specialised in clamping now issue parking tickets on private car parks such as the one off Lodge Drive, Culcheth. These tickets inform inform motorists that they parked without permission and demand a £100 penalty.

In a recent incident at Culcheth. six motorists who were attending when all the Lodge Drive shops were closed – were all issued with tickets demanding £100.

The question is: Should they pay

up, or should they ignore the tickets?
We cannot pretend to know the legalities of the situation, but the website www.moneysavingexpert. com has a good deal of advice for motorists "fined" for parking on

private land. And it would seem that many such penalties – and remember they are not fines – are unenforceable. The firms issuing them are literally cowboys – although many of them issue a ticket cleverly designed to give it an "official" appearance.
So while we are not advising

motorists to ignore these tickets, we are suggesting they investigate the circumstances in which they were issued and the nature of the organisation issuing them. They might not have to part with a penny!

Ideally, of course, we would like to see an end to this "bullying" of motorists in Culcheth. It is not doing trade in the village any good at all-despite the claim that it is being done to benefit local shopkeepers. The reality is that it is driving shoppers

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Walking in memory of the 96

CULCHETH'S very own 'Team Hillsborough' are embarking on a three day marathon to mark the 25th anniversary of the tragedy when 96 innocent football fans lost their lives.

The team of 14 will be setting off from Sheffield Wednesday FC's Hillsborough Stadium on April 11 and walking 96 miles over three days to Liverpool FC's Anfield Stadium.

"Team Hillsborough" are Mark Buckley, Chris Parry, Emma Reid, Wayne Rankin, David Pym, Kim Banks, Selena Ledgerton, Corinne Roberts, Rob Watson, Jennie Kennedy, Jane Warner, John McLean, Danny Daniels and Liam Gannon and they will be walking in memory of the 96 innocent supporters who lost their lives during the Hillsborough tragedy on April 15 1989.

As well as walking in honour of those lost at Hillsborough, the team are walking the 96 gruelling miles to raise money for two very worthy charities - The Hillsborough Family Support Group and Warrington Youth Club.

Youth Club.

The team have their own personal reasons for walking: Wayne Rankin said: "I could have been at Hillsborough, I had a ticket but was held up at work... thankfully my friends came back safe but since 'the truth' was finally outed in 2012 I have wanted to remind people that there is still justice to be served. This walk is a way for me of showing my never-

ending support and maintaining local awareness..."

Mark Buckley added: "As a lifelong Liverpool supporter, I wanted to do something challenging and dedicate it to the memory of the 96 and at the same time raising money for some very worthy causes."

Selena Ledgerton said: "My grandfather was at Hillsborough that day... he helped pull people up to the terrace above - all I can remember was our overwhelming fear for his safety, we still have his ticket. My mother raised money for the JFT96 campaign and though terminally ill by 2012, was over the moon to hear the result. And my father? When we laid him to rest he wore a black shirt with just one word across it in white... JUSTICE.

"I'll be walking in honour of the 96, for those who saved lives that day and all who have campaigned for them."

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'Education chiefs knew nothing about sixth form problems'

EDUCATION authority officers had no idea what was happening over the sixth form at Culcheth High School until the governors announced their plans for its closure, according to MP Helen Jones.

She says information obtained through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request by Culcheth councillor Chris Vobe, shows that officers at Warrington Borough Council were entirely unaware of what actions the school's governing body had taken to promote the sixth form.

The information was obtained from a series of emails between council officers made available as a result of Cllr Vobe's request.

Cllr Vobe's request.

The Warrington North MP said: "Earlier this year, the chief executive of Warrington Borough Council wrote to me and said: 'Based on the information available, officers are satisfied that the approaches taken by the school and overseen by the



governors since 2005 have been an appropriate response to a trend which has seen a decline in students selecting Culcheth High School as their preferred Sixth Form provision.

"However, it is clear from information obtained under FOI that the officers knew nothing about what the governors had done."

The content of a number of emails were made available as a result of

the FOI request.

In one education department chiefs said: "Can you have a think about how we should approach this as we need to consider the governors' scrutiny of this issue over recent years and report on the actions taken by the school... need to think about a quick process to consider the governors' actions. Maybe ask for their minutes?"

In response, another email forwarded to two junior officers said: "We need to evidence proactive said: "We need to evidence proactive behaviour on behalf of the governing body to promote the sixth form before it became unsustainable... is it possible to get hold of the minutes through the clerk of governors if they buy into that service? We basically need to show what actions governors took to sustain the sixth form."

took to sustain the sixth form." Cllr Vobe said: "The emails disclosed to me by Warrington

Council are staggering in their blunt revelation of the fact that officers were totally unaware of what actions had been taken to promote and sustain Culcheth Sixth Form in recent

"A request for this information left the Families and Wellbeing Department scrabbling to cobble

something together.

"We have to return to the question of whose job it was to monitor Culcheth High School. Why did no one from the education department intervene to stop the decline sooner, and why did it take a request from the MP and local borough councillors for officers to even start considering what had been done?

"It boils down to the fact that officers have woefully taken their eye of the ball, and have let down

Students across my ward."

Culcheth parish councillor Paul
Campbell said: "The future of the
sixth form is a very important issue
and we should all be trying to pull together to keep it or, at least, ensure that Culcheth High School remains one of the best schools in the

remains one of the best schools in the borough.

"It doesn't help to be looking for scapegoats. The MP lives in Culcheth and Cllr Vobe is a Culcheth councillor. Why didn't they know what was going on in their own backyard?"

A borough council spokesperson

A borough council spokesperson said: "The decision to propose closure

of the sixth form at Culcheth High was taken by the school's governors after a proper consultation according to statutory requirements. The decision was approved unanimously by the council's executive board after consideration of a thorough report on the proposal, taking into account the

results of the consultation.

"The proposal to cease sixth form provision at Culcheth High School was made by the governors. Their view was that maintaining a sixth form for the low numbers of sixth form pupils involved was not a costeffective use of resources for the school, and it would be better to focus the available resources on continuous improvement in the quality of 11-16 education, to support the school in its ambition to improve from good to

outstanding.

outstanding.
"Prior to the decision to cease sixth form provision at Culcheth High School the council agreed that the proposal should be subject to a consultation with all stakeholders. accordance with guidance. The consultation received guidance. The consultation received a low response rate, with very small numbers of people supporting the continuation of the sixth form. But during the consultation the students were asked what they would do if the sixth form stayed open. Some 58 per cent said they would go to another college, and only 13 per cent said they would definitely stay at Culcheth." at Culcheth.



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Couple aim to climb Kilimanjaro to help childrens' charity

A couple are planning to climb the world's highest free standing mountain - Kilimanjaro - to help raise funds for childrens' charity Childreach.

James Hutchinson and Tamina Singh each have to raise £2650 before going to Africa in June.
Former local councillor lleyne Hutchinson has been appointed "chief fund-raiser" for her son in the Culotth was and the The Den the Culcheth area and the The Raj Indian restaurant in the village have

thickets will be £20, £10 going to the Raj for food, the other £10 to

James and Tamina.

Ileyne said: "I have been round to many of the local businesses to ask for items for a raffle and auction, and no-one refused to help, so thanks to all who donated toys, hair products, champagne,

meal vouchers, wine, etc. Funds raised will

'Childreach International'.

To further support the charity James and Tamina are participating in their challenge of 'Climbing Kilimanjaro', which is the highest free-standing mountain in the world at 4280 metres high - their challenge will involve raising £5300 for the charity and reaching the peak of the mountain within five

James said: "We'll be doing lots of fundraising to reach our target but donating even a few pennies would be a huge help and

"Childreach is important to us as they help provide deprived children all over the world including the UK, with a chance to transform their lives through helping them to ensure their right to education in a good school, stay healthy and most

good school, stay healthy and most importantly, stay safe.
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Easter Fair at school

FAIRGROUND rides, bouncy castles, games and much more will be featured at an Easter Fair at Twiss Green Primary School, Culceth on Saturday, April 19.

The event gets under way at 11am and will continue until 4pm. Entrance is free and there will be an Easter trail for all ages, an Easter hat

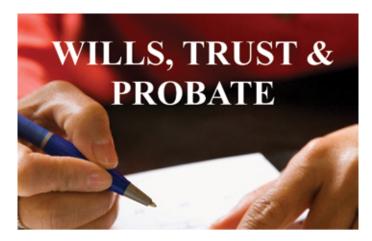
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Brownies' once-

n anour or Brownies from Croft have returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Switzerland where they enjoyed a jam-packed stay involving snow shoe walking, igloo building, sledging and eating "slush puppies" - made from snow and cordial!

The eight Brownies and six leaders from the 2nd Croft Brownies raised £7,000 to go on the trip to the World Guiding Centre in Adelboden – the first and oldest world centre of the world Association of Girl Guides and Girl

Charlotte Nash, aged 22, the leader who organised the trip said: "We were the first Brownie group to stay at the chalet in more than 10 years and the first-ever group from our county, Cheshire Forest. "Although the world centres are

famous, many in Guiding do not

know what they are and have never been to one, so the chance for Brownies, aged nine and 10, to go, was for some a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The group travelled 656 miles to stay at the centre for two nights to celebrate the "Big Brownie Birthday" – 100 years of the Brownies.

In the party was young leader Emily Hughes, 16, a pupil at Culcheth High School. Charlotte said: "We had to raise

a massive total for us all to go and we did it with the help of Croft

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-a-lifetime trip

Parish Council, Culcheth Education Trust, the Naylor Trust, stalls at Culcheth Community Day and Croft Carnival and hosting an afternoon tea at Croft Memorial Hall which

raised over £900. "The leadership team and parents were so supportive and we hope what we have done will inspire others to do something similar."





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Stolen - from under their feet

THIEVES stole 40 flagstones from the grounds of historic St Oswald's Church, Winwick - which is currently struggling to raise money for a $\mathfrak L1$ million restoration project.

The raiders targeted the church after the hours of darkness – and disconnected the church floodlights to try and hide their activity.

However, they may have been disturbed by local residents out walking their dog as a white van was seen speeding away from the

The Rector, Canon June Steventon said: "We are working so hard to keep the roof above our heads and the flags are stolen from under our feet!"

Forty flagstones were stolen from the north pathway of the church grounds.

Canon Steventon said: "This is sad news for the church and community of Winwick, who for over three years have been raising money to restore the Grade 1 Listed building following infestation by death watch beetle.
"Originally estimated at

million to restore, the church has successfully completed the first phase, costing £419,000, and having secured English Heritage grant funding of £248,000 the second phase is due to start this mosth. month.

"It really is disheartening. The community is pulling together to restore this wonderful building. It will take considerable time, money and effort to see this project to its completion. We estimate that we will need to raise a further £100,000 in addition to English

Heritage funding."

The are investigating and formation which anyone with information which could lead to the arrest of the offenders is asked to call them via the anonymous 101, or

The earliest parts of the present church date from the early 13th century, but the building was damaged in 1648 when Oliver Cromwell stationed troops there after the Battle of Red Bank.

The spire was rebuilt and the church restored in 1869 and further restoration, to the tower, was carried out in 1931-32.

A new vestry, porch and entrance was added in 1934. Donations for St. Oswald's Donations

Church can be made on line via the church website www. stoswaldwinwick.com



The damaged path where the flagstones were stolen.

Councillor's anger over parking tickets

PARISH councillor Paul Campbell, who led a fight to stop wheel clamping in Culcheth has now launched a similar campaign to

stop the issuing of parking tickets.

He has been inundated with complaints from shoppers who have been issued with parking tickets when parking at Lodge

Borough councillor Les Hoyle has

backed his campaign.
Cllr Campbell said: "Many drivers visiting local restaurants believed there were agreements with the car park landlord, only to find they have been ticketed.

This situation has to stop for the sake of the local community and businesses, as it is leading to ill will and loss of revenue.

"In the past I led a campaign to stop wheel clamping on the same car park and I was pleased when the current government introduced legislation banning clamping on

private land.
"However, the landlord is now trying to get around that law by introducing parking tickets.
"I have written to the landlord

asking for this unfair action to stop and to show some community spirit. I will also be making enquiries into how much of the land really belongs to the landlord.

"In addition, I will ask the landlord to stop this practice or at the very least bring more clarity to

the issue. "I am pointing residents to the very useful website moneysavingexpert.com where they will find a very informative article titled "Fight Private Parking



Cllr Campbell (right) and Cllr Hoyle when they fought the wheel clamping issue.

Timetable finalised for recreation ground project

A TIMETABLE for improvement work on Culcheth's Shaw Street Recreation Ground has been finalised.

Work will start this year on the car park and changing facilities – and the project should be completed in its entirety for next year's rugby season.

season.

Newchurch councillors Matt
Smith and Chris Vobe are
delighted with the news.

Cllr Smith said: "The work
on Shaw Street Recreation
Ground is long overdue, but
this has been a project which
we were determined to see we were determined to see implemented. That's why we have been snapping at the borough council's heels on a regular basis to ensure that the time and investment Newchurch needs will be delivered.

"The timetable that has now "The timetable that has now been put in place will ensure that the works are completed in time for the 2015 rugby season. This will make a huge difference to Newchurch, and the village as a whole. We particularly want to thank everyone who added their name to our 'Refurbish our Rec Ground' campaign, which helped us to demonstrate to the council the strength of local support for this project." support for this project."

Funding for the scheme has

come from a bid to the borough council's capital programme, and is made up of two parts – the car park and the changing facilities.

Work to the changing facilities will be implemented with a view to minimising the impact on users of the facility. Works on the car park
including drainage – will take place first with a summer implementation. Design for the revamped facilities will follow, and will be undertaken in agreement with the rugby teams who use them.

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Cllrs Smith and Vobe at the soon-tobe-revamped Shaw Street Recreation Ground.



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Community Day 2014

This year's Community Day will be held, as usual, on the village green on Monday 5th May. This year's theme will be Ancient Egypt, and live entertainment will focus around an Egyptian Temple which will appear on the village green and feature acts from a travelling show to entertain young and old alike, incorporating fire, magic and mystery. There will also be the usual favourites - Trumble the clown will entertain young children, there will be music from the Tyldesley Band, fairground rides will be hosted in the centre of the village, the annual pet show will take place in the afternoon, a cake-baking competition will feature in the Parish Hall, and the popular car and motorcycle display will return for another year. We are delighted that, this year, schools will be taking part in an art competition and the Library will host an Egyptian-themed display. Community Day 2014 will also see us pay a special tribute in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War One. Central to the commemoration will be a parade by a number of our local uniform organisations, including the Scouts and the ATC. More information, including the order of events from midday onwards, will be posted on the Parish Council's website at www.culchethandglazebury.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there – and please keep your fingers crossed for a repeat of last year's sunshine!

Bus shelters

The bus shelters owned by the Parish Council are to be "deep cleaned". Arrangements have been made with a specialist company who will undertake the work in the near future. Due to the materials involved, specialist equipment is needed to clean each of the shelters, but the Parish Council hopes that, once complete, this will make a noticeable difference. Councillors believe that small jobs like this are an important part of our efforts to make sure the village environment remains welcoming and inviting to everyone.

Tackling anti-social behaviour

The Parish Council has responded to recent reports of anti-social behaviour from residents in Newchurch. On a monthly basis, Parish Councillors meet with local PCSOs and liaise regularly with the Warrington East police team. We are pro-active in our efforts to stamp out any anti-social behaviour which blights our community and strive to provide local police with good intelligence so that they can work swiftly to catch offenders. Newchurch parish councillors Matt, Chris and Jacqui have kept in touch with residents to follow up on reported incidents, but if you or your neighbours ever experience issues of this nature, please don't hesitate to get in touch (in confidence) with your Parish Councillors.

Culcheth Hall Drive development

Councillors are studying carefully the plans which have been submitted for a housing development on Culcheth Hall Drive, on the former Tithebarn site. As we do with all applications of this type, councillors will listen carefully to the views of neighbours and nearby residents, so that our representations to Warrington Borough Council's planning department accurately reflect those within our local community. As always, if you would like to let us have your thoughts, you can get in touch using the contact details on this page. We can, if needed, also assist residents with submitting their views formally to the Town Hall.

Culcheth Sixth Form

As residents may know, the Governing Body at Culcheth High School recently voted to go out to consultation on closing our local Sixth Form. The first stage of this consultation involved writing to "stakeholders" – such as parents, our village primary schools, and the Parish Council. A number of people wrote back to say that they opposed any closure. This month, a "statutory notice" has been published by the Borough Council – this means that we are now at the beginning of a representation period, during which everyone is encouraged to submit their views over the prospect of our Sixth Form closing. We are actively encouraging as many people as possible to send their comments to the Borough Council. Any remarks should be sent directly to the Executive Director of Families and Wellbeing at the Town Hall, Kath O'Dwyer, who can be emailed at kodwyer@warrington.gov.uk. The Parish Council will also submit a formal response as part of the representation process.

Victory in fight for 20mph limits



A COUNCILLOR is celebrating after winning a fight to have 20mph speed limits introduced on Twiss Green Lane and throughout Doeford Close,

Culcheth.

Cllr Les Hoyle had been pressing the borough council for some time to introduce 20mph zones as soon as possible on Twiss Green Lane and Doeford Close.

He said: "I am very pleased that the council has agreed with me that the 20mph Zone should be put in place on Twiss Green and in Doeford Close and this will be in place shortly.

"Traffic can be especially busy

"Traffic can be especially busy outside Twiss Green Primary School and I have had a number of parents and residents contact me regarding the danger to children at drop off and pick up times."

Parish councillor Paul Campbell

supported Cllr Hoyle in his campaign and is delighted at the news. He said: 'These speed zones are

going to be more familiar to drivers and residents in the future, especially in built up areas.

"Most families nowadays are two

and three car homes and with more cars on the road I will be joining with Les Hoyle in calling for 20mph Zones where residents need them."

Two new members join parish council

TWO new members have been co-opted onto Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council – both to replace councillors who decided to step

down for health reasons.

Local resident Dave Robb was co-opted to replace Dr Eddy Estlin, representing the Glazebury and Mee Brow ward.

Former councillor Helena Campbell was co-opted following the resignation of Cllr Lilian Houghton, in Culcheth ward.

Cllr Robb lives in the village with his family and currently works for the

North West Ambulance Service. He said he was particularly keen to progress the Glazebury Play Area

project.
Cllr Campbell also lives in the village and joins her husband, Paul Campbell, who also represents

village and joins her husband, Paul Campbell, who also represents Culcheth Ward.

She said: "Having worked and lived in Culcheth for over 30 years I understand the issues that really affect the area. I am looking forward to working with a great team of councillors."

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