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Editor's Comment



WE realise it is a little early to be talking about Christmas, even if we did see our first 'book your Christmas Dinner now' poster more than a month ago!

But successful events have to be planned well in advance and Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council agreed at its June meeting to

support Culcheth Victorian Day again this year.

At the same time, members posed the question: Is Victorian Day too early?

Victorian Day has become firmly established as one of the main events in the village's calendar and Culcheth Lions Club do a magnificent job in organising it.

The council's point is that the last Saturday in November is a little early to start festive celebrations and that the day could be even more successful if it was on the first Saturday in December.

As Victorian Day is also the day when the Christmas Lights are switched on, putting it back a week

would also save money.

The council is not suggesting the change should be made this year but have asked the Lions to consider putting the day back a week next year.

We would not presume to tell either the Lions or the Parish Council which would be the best day. There are various factors to consider and various people to consult - not least Culcheth's traders.

Clearly there would be a need to avoid clashing with other similar events, even in other areas, as one of the aims of the day is to bring people in from outside areas who might not otherwise visit.

Anyone got any views?

Residents' anger over parking

ANGRY residents want action to end severe parking problems in Jackson Avenue and Thompson Avenue, Culcheth.

Seventeen people turned up at a councillors' surgery and complained about 'horrendous' parking problems caused mainly by shoppers.

Cars are left obstructing pavements, drive entrances and the road itself. Some are left all day.

As a result, Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council members are to meet with borough highways officers to discuss possible traffic management schemes.

Coun Keith Bland said: "This problem has existed for years, but it seems to have got worse recently."

"This is partly due to construction work at the surgery, but that will only be a temporary problem."

"We need to find a solution and hopefully we can do so."

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BETHAN McDermott aged 18 of Fowley Common Lane, Glazebury has been crowned Glazebury Gala Queen 2010.

She was crowned at All Saints Church following a procession through the village in a horse drawn carriage followed by a range of activities including stalls and a funfair on the playing field at Glazebury CE Primary School.

Bethan's retinue consisted of Caroline Davies and Samantha Davies, the petal girl was Heather Carnocan.

Page boys were Bradley Dean and Finlay Patterson.

As usual, retiring queen Hannah Weir also took part in the event,

accompanied by her retinue of Lucy O'Donaghue, Jenny Cleworth, Olivia Eckersley, Charlotte Wild-Redmond, Nathan Glynn, Krishen Chadwick-Patel and Georgia-Anne Harris Moulton.



Retiring queen, Hannah and her retinue



Bethan and her retinue



Gala Queen Bethan is crowned



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Schools and colleges who would like to feature in a future feature can contact us by email at info@culchethlife.com or by phone on 01925 623630.

Aspirations Day

CULCHETH Primary School held a special 'aspirations day' when members of the local community gave an insight into their occupations.

Guests included Culcheth Life Editor Gary Skentelbery who gave pupils an insight into the world of journalism and publishing.




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If you would like to come and visit our school, or you would like to reserve a place for your child, please ring the Headteacher, Mrs A. Smith

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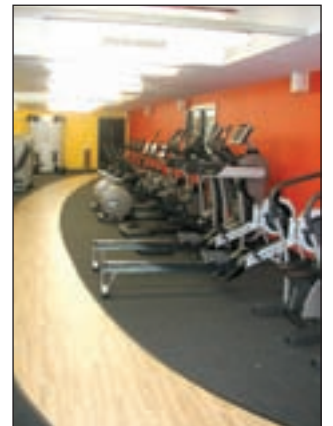
SEPTEMBER will bring new opportunities for local people as Culcheth High School Community Campus comes to life.

While the students and teachers moved into their new home last month and the leisure and community amenities opens in August, September brings a new focus to the state-of-the-art facility.

What is on offer is unlike anything anywhere else in the borough and even those with a passing curiosity will be hard pushed not to pop in and see what is available.

As a place of learning, it is inspirational and stimulating. A single walkway on the ground floor links the four main buildings which have been named after famous inspirational characters - Isambard Kingdom Brunel, William Shakespeare, Madame Curie and Martin Luther King.

Students and the wider community have access to recording studios, dance studios and technology suites, conference facilities and sports spaces which include outdoor all-weather pitches, sports hall and a versatile assembly hall. The Fitness Suite features the latest in fitness equipment from



the supplier to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

There are also rooms for use by community groups in addition to Meadow View, a Sure Start Children's Centre offering a range of sessions and services for children and their families.

The £30 million Building Schools for the Future (BSF) development has replaced the old Culcheth High with a new school fit for the 21st century and also provides facilities for use by the local community.

Now completed, it has opened up a world of opportunity for its students, their families, teachers and the community to pursue their ambitions and live a healthy lifestyle.

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Monday 6th September between 5 - 7pm

Courses starting **Tuesday 28th September**

Tuesday 7th September between 5 - 7pm

Courses starting **Wednesday 29th September**

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Courses starting **Thursday 30th September**

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Farmyard fun at Winwick Carnival

THE annual Winwick Carnival again proved a big attraction in the village.



Pig racing proved hugely popular, with big crowds gathering round to see the perky porkers going through their paces.

But there were plenty of other attractions including Bird of Prey displays, the ever popular face painting and lots of other animals antics.

There was a circus workshop and an opportunity for youngsters to show their artistic talents at the Crackpots Pottery Cafe.

Another fun attraction was the Water

Buoyz where people found it hard to walk on water!

Our pictures show (left) two-year-old Noah Butterworth having his face painted by Bex Sutton of Cheshire Cats Face Painting, (below) The Blowjangles Band entertaining the crowds, and (right) 70th Sqd Culcheth Air Cadet Thomas Redhead aged 15 getting to grips with a Honduran Milk Snake at the Animal Antics stall and Julie Smith of Wild Wings Birds of Prey giving Olivia Hoddes aged 8, a close up look at an owl.



Summer Fair

HAVING a go on the lucky Dip at the Twiss Green Primary School Summer Fair are Adam McChardy aged 7 and Stephanie McCall aged 9 watched by stall holder Sue Fairclough at the annual event which helps raise funds for school funds.





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End of an era at Culcheth High School

AN estimated 1,000 former pupils of Culcheth High School took a trip down memory lane for a special 'end of an era' school re-union.

It was a last chance for pupils who have been attending the school since the 1930's to see their old school before it is demolished to make way for a new multi-million pound state of the

art facility which has been built on the former school playing fields.

The old school buildings will now be demolished to create new playing fields, although one building, the relatively modern G Block, is being retained and sold on to a local business.

The former pupils who attended the event included Culcheth Life Editor Gary Skentelbery pictured centre left with old friends Richard Parkes and Nick White.

Former pupils and teachers travelled from far and wide to attend the event, including the Scilly Isles!



The event raised over £3,000 from ticket sales towards the cost of a new mini-bus for the school.

Gary said: "Although I have been back to the school many times over the years covering local news stories I had never been back to my former classroom or the woodwork department.

"They have hardly changed in more than 30 years! "On the one hand it is very sad knowing I will never be able to return to my old school - but on the other it is fantastic that the local community is getting a brand new school which will serve generations to come."

But it will not be an end for school reunions. The class of 79 are already planning another reunion in three years time when everyone will be celebrating their 50th birthdays!



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Sisters take top prizes

SISTERS Brenda and Christine Seddon won first and second prize for their Orchids at the Culcheth and District Horticultural Society Show at Newchurch Parish Hall.

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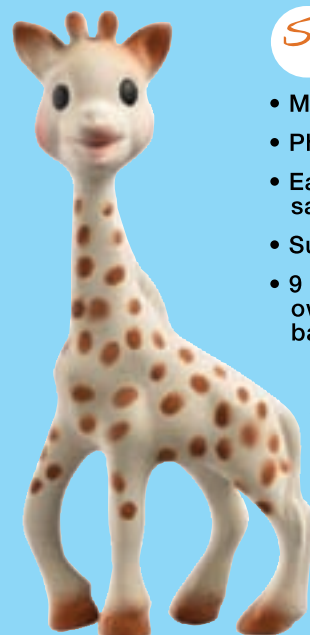
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Pauline plans a Victorian revival

TWO special events are planned at Glazebury's Old Victorian Sweet Shop and Tea Room to entice customers back following the road works which stopped many car-borne people from visiting for six weeks.

Proprietor Pauline Gilroy is planning a Flea Market and Antique Day on Saturday, September 11 and a Home Farmer's Market where people can sell their home-grown vegetables on Saturday, September 18.

Both events are for ordinary members of the public - not traders. A pitch outside the Warrington Road shop will cost just £1.

Parking will be on Whalley Avenue and at Glazebury Primary School where there will be a 50p fee to go to

school funds.

Pauline says the shop has had many uses over the last 40 years, all of which have ended.

Sadly, the impact of the road works means the business is verging on becoming "yet another statistic."

She added: "I don't give up easily but I desperately need to get the shop noticed again and for people to start coming back for cream teas, lunches, cakes, etc."

"So anyone with a few bits and pieces they want to sell, be it antiques or veggies, should give me a call on 01925 763827 to arrange a pitch."

Pauline is also planning special Victorian Nights in November and December.

The Gardening Guide

August...



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'Historic Britain' photo competition

NEWCHURCH Women's Institute is holding a photographic competition for members in September.

The theme will be 'The historic British Isles' - giving entrants a wide scope for their imagination.

At the last meeting, Phyllis Longson provided the attractive top table plant, which was given as a raffle prize and celebrated her birthday with members by providing delicious cakes for the tea interval. Edna Cutts and Muriel Hotchin were tea hostesses for the evening.

Speaker Janet Bradshaw gave an amazing evening of quick costume changes and lively monologues demonstrating her work as a history interpreter at Tatton Park. She told how she involves groups of school children in the way of life at different times in Tatton's past, starting with the Saxons, followed by the medieval and Tudor periods, then the Victorians and finally the war years in the 1940s.



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Farmland will not be sold

BOROUGH Council chiefs have decided NOT to sell farmland at the rear of Warrington Road, Glazebury.

The site has been removed from a list of properties the council had been considering for disposal.

When the sale was first proposed there was an uproar from residents of Glazebury and there was opposition from local councillors. More than 60 people attended a protest meeting.

Council officers stressed that the land, estimated to be worth about £25,000, was in the Green Belt and would be sold as agricultural land with the tenant farmer still in occupation.

But residents maintained their opposition and the council's executive board has agreed that, in view of the public opposition and the fact that the land produces a rental income with minimal management responsibility, it can be retained.

Coun Bob Barr, the borough's executive member for planning and regeneration, said: "This never was a done deal. We listened to the public and decided it would be sensible to withdraw this land from sale."



'A' team aims for success

CULCHETH Junior Football Club Under 13's A team are gearing up for the coming season and hoping to build on their highly successful performance last winter when they finished third in League One of the Warrington Junior Football League.

The squad has been strengthened so the team is optimistic of doing even better in what is one of the most competitive leagues in the North West.

Managed by Geoff Gould, coached by Ian Currey and Rob Harris and sponsored by Globe Engineering, the team were also the first in the club's history to play in the final of the prestigious Lancashire Cup, where they ended up as runners-up after a hard fought battle.

During the summer break the team also entered two teams in seven-a-side tournaments, finishing runners-up in the Woolston Tournament and winners in the Fife Tournament.

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Toy and book shop bucks the trend

CULCHETH'S go-ahead toy and book shop forget-me-not is bucking the trend.

While major national chains are cutting back, owners Naomi and Victoria are expanding their business at the CPS Centre again.

From this month they will have more space for an even bigger range of toys and books.

Naomi said: "We are constantly on the lookout for new products and services for our customers. We have lots of great ideas and are looking forward to introducing them to the new look shops."

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SPOTLIGHT Performing Arts will be back at Lowton Civic Hall this September putting on a Broadway extravaganza.

The production - which will include a number of people from the Culcheth area - aims to bring a bit of Broadway to the local area.

'Spotlight on Broadway' will include favourite songs from shows such as West Side Story, Miss Saigon, Wicked and Chicago.

It will take place September 15-17 and tickets are available from the

group's website www.spotlightperformingarts.org.uk or can be bought on the night.

Spotlight was set up in 1997 to engage young people and adults alike in producing musicals and drama within the local community.

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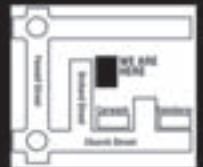
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Litter problems

We are having a lot of problems with litter in Culcheth Village, especially on the Village Green and also on the Children's Play Area. Would you please, either use the litter bins provided or better still, take your rubbish home.

The Parish Council is also concerned about broken beer bottles, glasses and cans that have been squeezed and then twisted in half, leaving very sharp edges which are also being left on the Village Green and the Play Area. If you see anyone causing these problems, would you please contact your local PCSO.

Remember it could be your child that gets hurt.

Bulb planting

The Parish Council has obtained some funds to plant bulbs on the Culcheth Village Green so we hoping that in the next few weeks we will, with the aid of some school children be planting them. This will hopefully in the spring bring colour into the centre of the village.

New Police Community Support Officer

The Parish Council would like to welcome PCSO Wendy Stanley who has taken over from PCSO Sarah Bradburne who has moved to Widnes.

Wendy will be based at Risley and will be covering Culcheth, Mee Brow, Glazebury and Croft.

If you see her about please talk to her, we know she is keen to hear your views and concerns.

Culcheth & Glazebury Parish plan

At the last meeting of the Parish Plan committee it was agreed that the consultation questionnaire will be delivered through everybody's door in Culcheth, Mee Brow and Glazebury at the beginning of September. It is vital that in order to shape the future of our Villages, that as many people as possible fill them in. There will be collection points throughout the Villages. So please look out for it when it comes through your letter box.

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