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Editor's Comment

THE campaign to provide youth shelters in Culcheth is now gaining momentum with a special survey set to take place in the village.

Feedback is being sought from local youngsters and residents on the best locations for the shelters which provide a place to meet up and socialise in a safe environment away from residential properties.

The consultation process is being

The consultation process is being co-ordinated by Stronger Together Warrington East board who should be congratulated on their efforts to

Tea room set-back

PLANS to cook hot food on site at a traditional sweet shop and tea room have suffered a set back as a result of a decision by Warrington planners.

They refused permission for Hall's Victorian Sweet Shop and Tea Room

They refused permission for Hall's Victorian Sweet Shop and Tea Room to expand the use of their premises in Warrington Road, Glazebury, to allow the cooking of soups, stews and bacon on the premises, instead of being cooked elsewhere, delivered to the site and reheated

of being cooked elsewhere, delivered to the site and reheated.

There would have been no alterations to the appearance of the premises and no increase in staff. Planning officers recommended the scheme be approved - but there were objections from Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council and from residents of nearby houses.

engage with young people and make them feel part of community life.

It is important that as many people as possible provide their feedback so the best solutions can be found and build on the good work that has been taking place in the community in recent years to tackle anti-social behaviour.



Board member Paul Taylor from Taylor Business Park (featured on the front cover picture) is hopeful local youths will work closely with the board and other interested parties.

They are also hoping some youths will sign up to the Culcheth Youth Action Group and engage with the community. The survey forms will be available in the local library and shops, while some will also be delivered door to door.

Please make sure you use this opportunity to have your voice heard.

Meanwhile to keep in touch with progress people can sign up to the Culcheth Youth Action face book page at www.facebook.com/CulchethYouth or by scanning in the QR code on the left.

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New homes plan for historic camp

NEW plans have been put forward for luxury homes on the site of an historic wartime naval camp at Croft.

Developers Elan Homes want to build 25 four and five bedroomed houses on the former HMS Gosling site off Lady Lane.

They submitted proposals last year - but withdrew them after a storm of protest from local residents and a strong objection from Croft Parish Council.

But the new plans have also angered local people - and again led to an objection from the parish council.

The objection is based on six

grounds - Green Belt, the historic value of the only remaining military camp in the area, lack of need for more housing, lack of sewers or gas mains, road safety issues and

mains, road safety issues and damage to wildlife. Cllr Chris Vobe says he has written to every resident of Croft urging them to add their names to a protest

He said: "The fact is that Culcheth and Croft are already at risk of significant overdevelopment. It seems that these developers have little regard for our area, its heritage or its

"These houses are simply not the kind of properties that we need and the idea of siting a development like this on the Gosling site is nothing short of disrespectful. The developers who have filed these plans don't have to live here or see the consequences they will simply move on to their next

Cllr Vobe said feedback from villagers suggested local people had lost faith in Town Hall planners.

"It is vital that Warrington Council makes a stand on this issue and says 'no' to the developers. The very notion of them granting approval for these homes is a recipe for war between local people and Town Hall officers.

Cllr Les Hoyle said: "We are opposed to anything likely to lead to increased traffic. We believe this development would cause road safety hazards at the junction of Lady Lane and Mustard Lane, because of the proximity of St Lewis' Primary School."

Residents of Lady Lane say the site has remained fallow for 40 years and supports a wide range of wildlife, including bats, foxes, buzzards, newts, toads and various birds.

There are no sewage or gas mains and the only access to the site is potentially dangerous.

Help save the hedgehog from

A charity fighting to save the hedgehog from extinction is in desperate need of

Warrington Hedgehog Rescue, founded by Virginia Jones, believes the small, secretive animal could be extinct in the UK by 2025.

There was a decline of more than 20 per cent between 2001 and 2004.

Virginia said: "It is not an underestimation to say that we have little over a decade to save the hedgehog.

But local residents now have an opportunity to help Virginia and the local hedgehog population - by having their ovens cleaned.

Warrington-based oven valeting business Ovenu will be donating five per valetina cent of their fee to the charity during

Virginia said: "The charity is totally self-funded, so fundraising efforts such as Ovenu's are crucial to our survival.

'The work we are doing to save the species on the frontline is so valuable to their survival. If we can raise awareness of things that people can do, such as being more vigilant when they are using lawn mowers or strimmers in their gardens, avoiding laying slug pellets and ensuring that garden fences have spaces for our native mammals to pass under safely, then they will be helping to

Save the hedgehog."

Ovenu boss Paul Clark, 49, said: "I am delighted to be helping in some small way to make a big difference to the future of one of our most endangered native mammals. Aside from the money that will be generated, which is vital to the work Virginia and her team are doing, I hope that many more people will now be alerted to the plight of the hedgehog.

The rescue centre is also appealing for urgent donations of cat and dog food,

as this forms the staple diet of the rescued hedgehogs."

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Winwick Carnvival hailed great success

ORGANISERS of the annual Winwick Carnival hailed the event a great success and were delighted by the added bonus a sunshine - a rare commodity this summer!

Various attractions and stalls attracted large crowds.
Pictured showing off their cupcakes at the Owl and
the Teapot stall are Gayle Horan (left) and Hayley

Meanwhile Rebecca Bowden aged 10 found some delicious strawberries at the Kenyon Hall Farm stall.

Neil Booth of Haydock Model Flying Club shows Dominic Burrows aged 7 a model of a German WW1 Etrich monoplane while the Tricks 4 Treats Dog Display Team also entertained the crowds.











Anger over 'needless' removal of trees

VILLAGERS at Culcheth are complaining about the needless removal of trees - particularly from The Common and in the Kirkby Road area.

They claim borough council workmen arrive, unannounced, early in the morning and fell trees claiming they are 'diseased' or in need of

being thinned out.
One resident, Brian Wilkinson, said: "If one now examines Kirkby

Road, the right hand side is virtually denuded of trees.

They never replace one."

In another incident, a small tree on the edge of The Common, opposite the retirement flats, was "decimated" in order to place some form of

electrical box there, he said. Mr Wilkinson said the trees were often removed at 8am, before locals were out and about

Trees that were well in leaf were removed.

He added: "Could we seek leadership to have this stopped? Could the council be required to replace any actually decided trees." and could the adjacent residents have sight of any alleged 'disease' report well before action is taken?"

A council spokesman said: "After an inspection from the arboricultural officer in May, some of the trees on Kirkby Road were found to be dead, including the tree on Culcheth Common, or in decline due to fungal disease. These trees were felled to remove any risks posed to the public and to prevent the spread of the fungal disease.

"It is not common practice for us to notify the public about works being carried out as our work programme is extensive. However, we have taken on board residents' concerns about not being notified.

The tragic story of Aunt Eliza

THE tragic story of "Aunt Eliza" was the feature of Newchurch WI's

monthly meeting.
Guest speaker Gwyneth Millard told the strange life story of her husband's Aunt Eliza, who was born in Wigan in 1862. She was beautiful and a talented photographer, unconventional.

She lived with a wealthy doctor in Southport but they married only shortly before his death. She became increasingly eccentric and was committed to an asylum. After a period of freedom she ended her days in another hospital in 1927 and it seems she poisoned herself.

Doreen Procter gave the vote of thanks and Gwyneth judged the competition (Victorian bric-a -brac). Phyllis Longson was the winner, with Amy Williams and Margaret Harrop coming second and third.

The meeting heard of a series of

outings including theatre visits, a trip to Chester and a garden party. Vice president Barbara Delve welcomed members and a visitor to the meeting. Ann Langridge had donated a floral arrangement for the president's table and raffle, and the evening's tea hostesses were Edna Cutts and Rita Walker.

Secretary Jean Riley listed forthcoming events which also include a photo competition, a monthly walk and a trip to Whalley

Bridge.

Bridge.

The Cheshire Show exhibit created by the craft group (Burns' Night) was set up in the hall, along with two paintings and a cheerful Jubilee post box. Aileen Paterson reported on the group's progress at the show and members were pleased they had been commended. Members also heard of an appeal for foster carers for people with learning difficulties.









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change, a challenge and a more rewarding occupation.

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He has lived in Culcheth for nearly 40 years and has family and friends who say they are fed up with supermarket multipack offers.

"Hence, all our items are sold by weight, single items and even halves," he said

Glyn aims to support local farmers and cottage enterprises by sourcing

Glyn aims to support local rarmers and cottage enterprises by sourcing local produce and seasonal vegetables.

It's a friendly, family shop - wife Sue and daughter Charlotte help outwhich also stocks eggs, jams, preserves, honey, oils, dressings, ice cream, cheese and pate. Specialist coffees and teas are in the pipeline Said Glyn: "It's a challenge, changing people's shopping habits. But feedback has been good and we are already seeing regular customers returning and commenting on the quality of the local produce."

Once established, Glyn plans to look at home deliveries and stocking a wider range of Chashire treats.

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Molly is crowned carnival queen

TWELVE-year-old Molly Fletcher was crowned "Carnival Queen" at the annual Croft Carnival, as hundreds of villagers paraded through the area on a wide variety of colourful floats.

After parading through the village Molly was crowned on the Croft playing fields along with Princess Laela Sahki and Rosebud Ava Summer

Carnival Grandma was Margaret Sharpe who was accompanied by her husband Alan on a float made for tea for two!

Floats came in all shapes and sizes with Croft Primary School shivering their timbers as pirates while Croft WI rocked as Queen!

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Meanwhile microlight pilot Stephen
Grimshaw wanted a bird's eye view
of Croft Carnival on the village
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Glazebury

ALL Saints Primary School pupil Lauren Wilcock was crowned Queen at the annual Glazebury Gala Day
Her attendants were Jennifer Stephenson, Hannah Grundy and Rose Redmund with Mia Blears as the Petal Girl (pictured right).
Liam and Thomas Farrington were Page Boys.
Lauren was crowned by the Rev Pat Grey, curate at All Saints Church at a

ceremony in the church

Retiring Queen was Jennie Cleworth, who was attended by Libby Bowers and Megan Ellison (pictured right).

The day will started with a ceremonial drive from the Raven Inn. to the church.

Afterwards there was a range of gala activities on the school field



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Nicole's award winning design



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Year Six pupil Nicole Kubiena's design will made into stickers to be used by

schools across the borough.

schools across the borough.

She also won a wormery for her school - which she will be leaving behind when she moves up to high school.

School spokeswoman Kath Fry said: "Everyone at Newchurch Primary is really proud of Nicole, and our other finalist Tia Lambert, for their achievements.

"Nicole produced a wonderfully clear and colourful design which caught the indees are."

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Eddie is pictured with the Culcheth Beavers.



Beavers see the Olympic Torch

BEAVER Scouts at Culcheth managed to get hands on with a genuine Olympic Torch when they were visited by Scouting veteran Eddie Johnson.

Eddie, who was one of the 8,000 people selected to carry the torch on its long journey through the country, dropped in on the Beavers at Culcheth Methodist

He carried the torch in the Lowton area and was able to tell the Beavers - and

The curried into the first in the Edwin died and was able to tell the beavers and their leaders - of his experience.

Eddie has been involved in Scouting for almost 60 years and was County Commissioner for Chester for eight years, until he retired two years ago.

But he is still very involved in the Scout Association.

Each Beaver got to hold the torch - and have a picture taken with it.

'School run' parking problems

PEOPLE living near Croft's St Lewis' RC Primary School are to be consulted over a controversial plan to ease "school run" parking problems.

a controversial plan to ease "school run" parking problems.

Highways chiefs from the borough council want to introduce staggered onstreet parking outside the school in Mustard Lane.

Currently cars line up outside the school, effectively reducing the road to a single lane and creating problems for drivers attempting to pass through at dropoff or pick-up times. The borough's plan would involve designated parking places on both sides of the road, leaving gaps for through traffic. A new stretch of footpath would be introduced on the opposite side of the road from the school so that both sides of the road could be used for parking.

Residents would prefer a purpose built car park within the school grounds, but the school say this would cause safety issues.

Road works to last a month

WORK will start on September 4 on long-awaited repairs to Withington Avenue, Culcheth and is expected to take four weeks to complete.

The road, which used to provide access to the old Culcheth High School site, has long been in need of repair, following heavy use by heavy lorries during the school re-building programme. Originally, borough council chiefs scheduled the work for next year but following a petition from residents and lobbying by local councillors it has been brought forward.



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Protecting local land

The Parish Council has registered the two plots of land that we own as Village Greens. Affording them this status will help to protect the land and ensure there is no prospect of developers trying to obtain it.

Millennium Gardens refurbishment

Refurbishment works on the Millennium Gardens continues and is due to be completed soon. Your Parish Councillors have ensured that the job has been given to a local man.

Litter bin replacements

Parish councillors Mike and Chris Vobe have secured three new litter bins for the centre of the village. The old "concrete" models have been replaced with a newer type, which are easier to empty and will assist with litter problems in the area. Two of the new bins have been sited on the village green, and the third on Hob Hey Lane.

Newchurch issues

Your three Parish councillors in Newchurch are continuing their work to address speeding traffic in the area. Chris, Matt and Jacqui are liaising with Borough Council officers and the police to try and tackle problems on roads like Bent Lane and Hampson Avenue. In addition, they are pleased to announce that (after requests from residents) the street sign for York Avenue is to be replaced. A new sign is currently being manufactured and will be installed soon. Finally, Matt Smith is leading the local campaign to raise greater awareness of the problems associated with dog fouling. Matt is working with local police to educate dog owners and put in place a strategy to deal with some of the worst-affected areas in our village.

30mph signs on Warrington Road

Glazebury Parish councillors Angela and Eddy have arranged for the 30mph road markings along Warrington Road to be re-painted. The markings are particularly faded outside the M&S Discount Store, leading drivers who are unfamiliar with our area to speed. The re-painting work is now going to be extended along the entire stretch of Warrington Road, including through Culcheth.

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Top 10 Tax Misconceptions

By Sarah Salton, Associate

1. "I can give my house away but still live in it and when I die its not subject to inheritance tax."

Unless you pay a market rental to live in the property its value could still be subject to inheritance tax when you die. There are things you can do to mitigate your exposure to IHT but seek advice first.

2. "If I sell my business I only pay tax at

"If I sell my business I only pay tax at 10%"

A capital gains tax rate of 10% can only be achieved if you qualify for Entrepreneurs Relief. Not all businesses qualify for relief depending on what they do. You need to satisfy certain conditions personally to qualify as well.

The 10% rate only applies to the first £10m of gains so if you sell for more then your rate of tax will be higher.

3. "I can set up my own company and then act as a 'consultant' instead of being employed. That way I can pay myself dividends so I save income tax and NICS."

HMRC are currently targeting this type of set up and if you are effectively an employee in all but name, they will tax you

as such.
4. "Trusts are too complicated for me to

consider using"

While the legal jargon and paperwork are off putting trusts are very flexible and

effective in saving inheritance tax and protecting assets. With the right help and advice trusts could work for you.

5. "If I live in a property its exempt from tax when I sell it."

While this is usually the case, if you own 2 properties they may not both be exempt. With careful planning you can maximise your tax relief but it's not automatic.

automatic.

6. "I don't need a will. When I die everything will pass to my spouse and children anyway."

If you die 'intestate' (i.e. without leaving

a will) your assets must pass accordingly to the intestacy rules. This may not be what you want to happen.

It is also much more complicated to

in is also much more complicated to administer your estate and likely to cause your family a lot of extra hassle.

7. "Employing your family in the business is tax efficient if they have no other income"

If the level of pay is not commensurate with the duties performed then HMRC can attack this type of arrangement. They may try to tax your family's salaries on you.

8. "I can only give away large sums of money tax efficiently if I survive 7 years afterwards."

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If you have surplus income you can make regular gifts which aren't subject to



inheritance tax.

9. "If I give away or spend all my money, I wont have to pay care home fees later" When the local authority means tests you they can include assets that you deliberately transferred to avoid paying care home fees.

"Its not worth making pension contributions as it will tie up my money in an inefficient investment"

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The ix 35 has built on Hyundai's impressive SUV heritage, which has seen the company continually feature in the top five brands for such vehicles across

It's an entirely new breed of car, with an appeal reaching far beyond the conventional SUV sector.

The ix35 takes up the same amount of space on the road as a C-Segment hatchback and has prices to match. But despite the compact size, the ix35 can rival an MPV for practicality.

Boot space is impressive and there are plenty of family-friendly features to keep parents and children happy and comfortable.

Efficient

With a compelling line-up of powerful and efficient petrol and diesel engines, plus fuel saving technology such as Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG), the ix35 offers incredibly efficient fuel economy and low tailpipe emissions figures.

A dynamic chassis, with advanced multi-link rear suspension and a choice of

two or four-wheel-drive drivetrains adds even further versatility and driver appeal, while advanced safety systems - including standard ESP (Electronic Stability Programme) on all models - make it the perfect choice of car for family buyers. Priced from only £17,295 on-the-road, the ix35 range has equipment levels that no rival can even dream of matching.

Unlimited-mileage warranty

It comes with five years of unlimited-mileage warranty, five years of roadside assistance, and five years of vehicle health checks. A 10-year anti-perforation corrosion warranty is also provided, meaning that what appears attractive in the showroom will remain just as appealing for years to come.

The ix35 and the rest of the Hyundai range can be seen at Ryders of Warrington, in Athlone Road.



The volcano mums!

SIX mums - including one from Culcheth - are to climb three active volcanoes to raise funds for a children's charity.

Dawn Cantarelli, from Culcheth, will join Nicola Taylor-Jones from Lymm and Caroline Evers, Lisa Donovan, Simone Breedon and Dawn Gross, all from the Altrincham area, to scale a total of 28,165ft when they trek the volcanic

mountains of Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli.

Only a few weeks ago, Etna was spewing hot lava - but that has not deterred the brave mums in their determination to raise money for the Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) at Millington

They aim to raise at least £10,000 for the charity which offers free respite care and special holidays for sick and disabled children.

Mother of two Caroline Evers said: "We can't wait to take on the slopes of

smouldering Mount Etna and the other two Italian volcanoes in October. All six of us are really excited by this adventure of a lifetime.

"We have 14 kids between us all and we feel very lucky to have happy and healthy children. We chose to help CAFT because we know that parenting can

be a challenge at the best of times, but it is even more difficult if you have a seriously ill child or a youngster with physical disabilities.

"The Children's Adventure Farm Trust gives them a magical experience – a holiday they will treasure forever, with all the facilities they need to have fun with their families.

The mums will attempt to climb the volcanoes between October 11-17.

Weather puts a damper on cricket

THE wettest summer for years has put a damper on Glazebury Cricket Club's first season in the Meller Braggins Cheshire League.

So many matches were abandoned to the weather that it was difficult to work

out how the club was faring at the higher level of the game.

At roughly the half-way stage in the season, the 1st and 2nd XIs had each had six games cancelled.

The 3rd XI, which plays on Sundays in the West Lancs League, had also had

six games called off.

The Hurst Lane ground, which historically has suffered from poor drainage, had seen a total of 10 games abandoned to the weather. Eight away games were also cancelled.

In addition, some games which were played were shortened drastically by interruptions from rain.

Other clubs suffered similarly, however, so the impact on league tables was difficult to assess.

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Glazebury 1st XI was in the lower half its division while the 2nd XI fared rather better and was in the top three in its division.

Members were hoping the second half of the season would have better weather - particularly as the club's annual Fun Day at the Chat Moss Hotel was postponed and is now likely to be held on Sunday, September 9.

The event is the club's main fundraiser of the year and offers plenty of family fun, with stalls, games and other activities.

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