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AS a former pupil of Culcheth High School it is great to see the new building work progressing so well, although I will feel a tinge of sadness when the old school buildings disappear.

I have many fond memories of my time at the school and I am pleased to be able to contribute to the buy a brick appeal being run by the school PTA which gives everyone connected to the school a chance to have their name go down in history!

You can read about the appeal elsewhere in the magazine and the deadline for buying a brick has been extended until the end of December,

so if you are wondering about what to buy for Christmas you now have no excuse.

Meanwhile the festive season is nearly upon us and another Culcheth Victorian Day has been and gone. Congratulations to Culcheth Lions on the fantastic job they do each year organising the event and to Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council for their continued support.

I am sure it will have been a difficult 12 months for many businesses and charities located in the area and few will have escaped the consequences of the economic meltdown, which we are told has been on a global scale.

During these difficult times I would urge everyone to support local businesses whenever possible as they are the heart beat of the local community.

Hopefully better times are ahead and as always we will continue to bring you all the local news from around the area.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at **Culcheth Life** to wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Thank you for your support and ongoing encouragement.

PCSO will cost more

CULCHETH and Glazebury will keep its Police Community Support Officer - despite the cost going up.

Members of the parish council agreed to include funding for the officer in next year's budget, after being told the cost to the parish is to rise from £11,000 to £11,800.

Coun Peter Caswell said the council would either have to trim other parts of the budget or increase the parish precept.

Members agreed they did not wish to lose the services of a PCSO.

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Schoolgirls are lifesavers

TWO local schoolgirls have been hailed as lifesavers after helping rescue a pensioner who fell in her own home breaking her leg in two places and losing five pints of blood.

Year 11 Culcheth High School pupils Helen Sheridan-Smith aged 15 and Cathryn McCorkindale, 16, have been helping local resident Joan Taylor every Monday evening by walking her dog.

The girls are part of Culcheth High School Community Programme which encourages young people to play an active role in their local area.

Alarm bells rang when Mrs Taylor didn't answer her door after they had knocked several times. Instead of walking away, they waited and listened and could just make out Mrs Taylor's faint cries for help, asking them to fetch a neighbour.

Once the neighbour and the girls

were inside the house they could see Mrs Taylor had fallen downstairs and was seriously injured. She had suffered a double fracture of the leg and lost five pints of blood.

Recovery

Mrs Taylor was rushed to hospital for urgent treatment. Her injuries are taking a long time to heal but she is on the road to recovery and is now in high spirits and was able to receive a visit from the schoolgirls, who still take her pet for a walk and she was able to thank them in person for their help.

She was thrilled to see them again and said: "I owe my life to these girls.

I'm delighted they are still walking Jack. It has been a shock for him to not have me around the house but apparently he responds very well to them."

Culcheth High School headteacher, Martyn Froggett, said: "I am delighted with how the girls responded to this emergency situation.

"While it was a case of being in the right place at the right time for Helen and Cathryn, it is an excellent advert for young people offering help to the community and it shows one of the benefits of such a programme."



Christmas Tree Festival

OVER 40 different organisations will be involved in the Newchurch Parish Church Christmas Tree and Crib Festival this year.

The event, which takes place for the fourth time from Friday December 11 to Sunday December 13, supports the Parish Church Funds and has sent over £1200 to local Christmas charities since it started.

Irene Johnson, who helps

organise the festival said: "There are not many organisations in the village who do not take part in the Festival, either by exhibiting a Christmas Tree or Crib."

Highlights of the 2009 event include a concert by Ellenbrook and Boothstown Brass Band on Friday evening at 7.30pm when three local primary and junior schools will bring along their choirs to sing.

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Death of John White

WELL known local businessman and sports personality John White, has died aged 74.

He died peacefully at his home in Croft on Tuesday November 3.

John was best known as joint former proprietor of White's Sports, which he ran with his younger brother Paul, who died two years ago.

He joined the family business J E White of Sankey St in the 1950's. White's was a Men's Outfitters and Sports Shop which at one time also had branches in Knutsford and Stockton Heath.

The Sankey Street store was demolished in the early eighties to

make way for the Golden Square and the business transferred to Warrington Market where it continues to trade till this day, run by Paul's widow Susan.

John was enthusiastic about all sports and for over four decades sponsored numerous competitions from crown green bowls through to football, cricket, darts and squash.

He was a highly competitive and gifted sports man and in his younger years boxed at a high level. Squash however was his real passion. He

introduced many people to the game, passing on his skills and enthusiasm to numerous friends including Warrington Rugby Legends Alex Murphy and Ken Kelly. He played competitively for over twenty five years, captaining teams at Warrington Sports Club and Wilderspool.

He was ambidextrous which enabled him to switch his racket from his left to right hand with ease. Even in his late fifties he was able to regularly beat men half his age.

In later years this competitive streak was redirected to bowling. He played for The Bulls Head, Farmers Arms and finally Croft Bowling Club in his home village.

Son, Nick remembers: "Growing up it seemed to me that everyone knew my Dad. When me and my brothers would walk through town with him it was like hanging out with a local celebrity. We couldn't walk



10 yards without someone greeting or stopping him for a chat. He was a proud member of many local organisations and a keen supporter of local charities.

He was a lifelong fan of Warrington Rugby League team. In recent years a heart condition had prevented him from getting to games on a regular basis but he still enjoyed watching from home and was delighted to see the fantastic challenge cup victory earlier this year.

The final words go to his three sons, Nick, Jeremy and Noel. "Above everything else our Dad was fun. We loved him and will miss him greatly but he leaves behind a legacy of smiles and joy and a vast ocean of happy recollections."

His funeral took place at Walton Lea Crematorium and a celebration of John Whites life took place at Croft Memorial Hall, Mustard Lane, Croft.

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Lucca loves to sing

LOCAL schoolboy Lucca Chadwick-Patel will sing with the Halle Children's Choir at their famous festive concerts at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester this Christmas.

The 9-year-old from Glazebury was picked to sing in the 90-strong choir after auditioning last May and has been rehearsing with them since September.

He will sing in the carol performance together with the Halle Orchestra, the Halle Adult Choir and the Halle Youth Choir.

But Lucca, a pupil at Glazebury Primary will also spread some Christmas cheer when he sings with his own school choir at 'Young Voices' event at the MEN Arena on December 7.

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In November he also sang a solo piece at the Warrington Schools Artsmark Award at the Parr Hall, accompanied by Dallam Primary School on keyboards.

His mother Kathryn Chadwick



said: "Lucca has always loved to sing and has benefited from support and encouragement from his school.

"When he was six or seven he had a small solo part in his school Christmas play and that's when we realised he could really sing. It's just gone from there really."

Culcheth 'High School Musical'

LIFE will imitate art at Culcheth High School when youngsters put on a stage performance of 'High School Musical' this month.

The production of the hit show will take place on December 9, 10 and 11 at 7pm in the drama studio at the school.

Pupils at local primary schools will also have the opportunity to see the show at 9.30am on December 9.

Tickets are available from the school's reception and cost £3.50 for adults and £3 for concessions.

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School entrance safety warning

THE main entrance to the new Culcheth High School will pose serious road safety problems, local residents have warned.

It will be only about 25 yards from the busy junction of Warrington Road and Holcroft Lane, they told a meeting of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council.

Resident Alan Graham asked: "Who on earth suggested the main entrance should be so close to Holcroft Lane?"

"It will be carnage when the school opens."

Coun Roger Rankin said it was not the first time concern had been expressed about the siting of the

entrance. The council itself had raised the issue some time ago.

But borough council highways officers had produced a bulky report showing why the entrance should be located there.

"What do you do when you employ experts to advise you? Ignore them?"

He said the only alternative would be an entrance in Withington Avenue, which would be unacceptable.

Another brick in the wall?

PUPILS past and present can have their names carved in stone at Culcheth High School by pledging their support for a buy-a-brick appeal.

The School's PTA hopes to sell 1000 bricks to build a commemorative wall featuring the names of pupils, staff, friends and supporters, which will be an integral part of the new school building.

Engraved bricks cost £20 and can be ordered before the end of December by contacting the PTA on 07783 380085 or by emailing your name and address to culchethpta@aol.com

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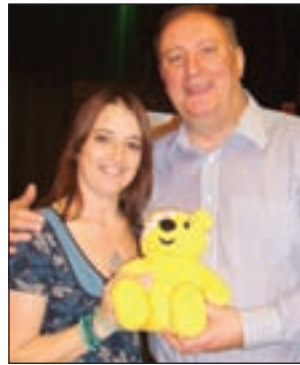
'Deadly' quiz raises £2,036 for Children in Need

AN incredible £2,036.77 was raised for the Children in Need appeal at Culcheth British Legion Village Club.

It was the fifth year running that the event was hosted by Alan 'Deadly' Dediccoat, the BBC National Lottery Show's 'Voice of the Balls.'

Organiser, Elaine Durrington said, "We are absolutely delighted with this total and would like to thank everyone who attended and especially Nicki and Warren Bibby from the club for their continued support. It was a great fun evening."

Alan said: "It's always worth coming to up to Culcheth as the people are so generous and we raise lots of cash for Children in Need while having a great fun evening."



Nicki Bibby with 'Deadly'

Christmas family fun day

A Children's Christmas Party and Family Fun Day is taking place at Culcheth Methodist Church on Saturday December 12 from 2pm to 5pm.

Admission is £1 and activities will include painting, crafts, games and a picnic tea. A crèche will be provided.

Accompanied children and families are welcome.

Affordable homes plan rejected

PLANS for 19 'affordable' homes in the Green Belt at Croft have been thrown out by a Government-appointed inspector.

He has ruled the development at Sandy Brow Lodge, Sandy Brow Lane, would result in urban sprawl causing a loss of openness in the Green Belt.

The plan was originally rejected by Warrington's development control committee earlier this year and the applicant's appeal has now been dismissed.

It involved demolition of two large farm buildings and three silos and building three blocks of terraced housing on the same footprints.

Nine of the houses would have been of two and-a-half storeys and 10 of two storeys.

The inspector ruled the development had too little planting and green space for the buildings to be assimilated into the 'green' setting.

Despite a country-wide shortage of affordable housing, the scheme could not be justified in a rural location where it would have a damaging impact on the Green Belt.

The inspector also criticised the design of the proposed houses and said their mock slate roofs and upvc windows would be a poor choice of materials.

A borough council spokesman said the inspector's findings supported the council's view that there was a lack of evidence to show greenfield land should be released for affordable housing and a lack of evidence of need in the area.

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Village Green drainage project

We are pleased that tender documents have been received and evaluated and that the lowest quote for just over £26,000 has been accepted. Warrington Borough Council has also agreed to fund the third party element. So the bid for monies from WREN will be going in this week.

If all goes to plan, work will start as soon as Community Day is over.

Wildflower planting

The Parish Council has agreed to a programme of wildflower planting starting in early 2010 on an area of the Village Green and roadside areas around Shaw St and Withington Ave and if permission is granted around the Library. A programme of costs will be agreed with Warrington Borough Council and an application for grant aid will be submitted to the Neighbourhood Board.

Glazebury sub station

After a number of years trying to get someone to reinstate the front of the Sub Station just past the Railway Bridge on Warrington Rd, Glazebury. Residents will be pleased to see that this has now been completed.

Parish plan

About 60 people attended the two events staged over the weekend of the 30th & 31st October and the feedback from residents was very positive. A further public event is planned for Glazebury.

Grants

Grants to the following have been agreed:

Donation of £150 to the Culcheth Lions to provide Children's entertainment at Victorian Day.

Donation of £100 in support of the Glazebury WI Over 60's Club Christmas Party

Christmas lights

Once again the Parish Council has provided the Christmas Lights around Culcheth Village Green, Warrington Rd and Glazebury. We hope that you will agree that they really do make the Villages a warm and friendly place to visit.

Police Community Support Officer

The Parish Council have agreed to the renewal of the PCSO's contract for a further 3 years. There is no doubt that they have contributed considerably to the reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in our Villages.

Christmas greetings

The Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Field of Hope

LOCAL garden centre Bents is planting daffodil bulbs in a 'Field of Hope' for local people living with cancer.

The field has been created at Bent's Garden and Home centre at Glazebury after nomanating Marie Curie Cancer Care the centre's charity of the year.

Matthew Bent, managing director at Bent's said: "A lot of people have bought bulbs over the past six months, many of whom have done so in memory of their own loved one or someone special, so we thought it would be a lovely idea to give them the opportunity to plant their own bulb and see the Field of Hope take shape."

The Marie Curie Field of Hope is being planted on land donated by the Forestry Commission to the rear of the centre.

It will be located at the finishing point of a "Walk in the Woods", a special children's walk that was

launched with the Forestry Commission earlier this year. Picnic benches are perfectly positioned for visitors to enjoy the scene as the daffodils return every year.

So far this year, Bent's have raised more than £5,600 for Marie Curie's local nursing services.

Enhance

Marie Curie local fundraiser Anne-Marie Wynne said: "I am delighted that Bent's are planting a Field of Hope. Not only do they raise vital funds for the charity, they also enhance the local environment and give our supporters a tangible reminder of their loved ones. We hope everyone who bought a bulb will join us on the day and help make it an occasion to remember."



Path 'not swept for 30 years'

A FOOTPATH in Warrington Road, Glazebury hasn't been swept for 30 years, a householder has claimed.

Resident Alan Graham told Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council: "The footpath outside my house hasn't seen a brush or shovel for 30 years."

Mr Graham said street sweepers seemed to stop at Fowley Common.

"Everything seems to stop before it gets into Glazebury," he added.

The meeting was told the footpath between Glazebury Primary School and Fowley Common Lane was regarded as a safety issue because hedge growth restricted its width.

Chairman Coun Sue Bland said the parish would take the matter up with the borough council.

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McDee's Victorian Fayre. From left, Helen McVey, Hannah Charlton, Lianne Burgess, Catherine Dyer, Elizabeth Dyer, Lorna McVey, Angie Williams and Ian Dyer.



Culcheth Methodist Church Victorian Day Fair. From left, Daphne Eastburn, Jane Bloomfield and Mary Gregson.



The Culcheth Lions Club held a Grand Victorian Draw. From left, Laraine Yates, Doreena Ellan and Connie Bridge.



Warinus Strode's Fairground Organ was a popular attraction. Left, Warinus and John Adams.



19th Warrington Culcheth Scouts with their Tombola Stall at Culcheth Methodist Church.

The Gardening Guide

December...



- At this time of year food is scarce for birds & wildlife so keep feeders well stocked.
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Accolade for Culcheth film

STUDENT film maker Daniel Briney is celebrating after a film he shot in Culcheth won a film festival award.

Audiences at the "Long Shot Film Festival" in Warrington voted Dan's film "Reminisce" as the best on show and he picked up a trophy at the event.

The short drama follows the story of an old man who finds a piano in a store room and remembers how he fell in love with a barmaid in the 1970s.

The scout hut behind Culcheth Methodist Church provided the location for the store room and the lounge of the British Legion featured

as the pub in the film.

Daniel, who is in his graduation year at Staffordshire University, said: "The story unfolds, telling a tale of how the man falls in love with a barmaid who is married to the older violent landlord.

"In the end he almost gets to kiss the girl until the older man bursts in and drags his wife away. The next morning the pianist turns up for work and the landlord is having his piano wheeled away. The piano in the store-house is the same as the one in

the bar."

Daniel, formerly a pupil at Twiss Green Primary and Culcheth High schools, directed the film and did the camera work too.

Culcheth residents Sarah McIver and Damian Boddy both played parts in the moody drama, which is a contrast to a quirky comedy Daniel shot in McDee's coffee shop last year.



Charity looking to make Headway

A CHARITY which helps people who have acquired a brain injury is looking to raise awareness and recruit new members.

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History of washing

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The meeting, in Newchurch Parish Hall, also reviewed the year's activities and speakers and introduced the new committee members for 2010.

Member Barbara Van Russell was presented with a bouquet for her 80th birthday and the president reminded the group about its annual lunch on January 19.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 15 at 2 pm in the Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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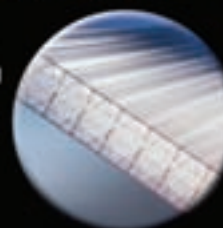
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We spend more on giving at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Saturday 12 December is expected to be the busiest shopping day of the year both on the high street and on-line.

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**1) Value to the recipient
Perceived financial value**

Much research has been done in this area and it goes along the following lines; £10 cash is worth £10. A £10 gift voucher may be worth, say, £8 depending on the recipient's view of the name on the voucher. Receiving a £10 CD by an artist the recipient devalues will have minimal financial value in their eyes – unless of course the CD is immediately turned to cash on ebay!

Sentimental value

This value will not necessarily correspond to the financial value - £10 cash would tend to provide less sentimental value than a gift which has clearly been thought about!

Using the above 'logic', the financial value of gifts in the eyes of recipients this Christmas will tend to fall below their monetary cost. However, this is hopefully more than made up for by the sentimental value.

An obvious example of this is where young children receive toys and their pleasure on Christmas morning is priceless!

2) Perceived value to the giver

It is hoped that the financial cost of buying gifts is exceeded by the pleasure of giving.

Using the above logic, both the giver of a present and the recipient will benefit from the act of giving.

The benefits to both giver and receiver are clear, however, what about the general economic benefit?

3) Value to the economy

As we are all aware, the economy needs people to keep spending in order for it to keep moving. At a time that is hopefully a turning point in the recession, the amount of money which is expected to change hands as a result of Christmas might just see the economy back into growth. It certainly won't do any harm!

Whatever happens in 2010, it is likely to be another tough year for many. We wish all the very best to the readers of and all those connected with Culcheth Life for both the year ahead and, of course, the holiday period!

Please note that the contents of this article are intended to inform rather than advise. Tax is a complicated subject and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action.



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

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Poet produces second book

PERFORMANCE poet William Malcolm from Culcheth has published a second book.

The new book, called 'Wartime Poverty, Peacetime Poetry' contains 80 poems he has written as well as memories and anecdotes about his time as an evacuee during the Second World War in Haslingden, Lancashire.

William, known as Bill, said: "It's a mixture of uplifting stories, humour and some more serious thoughts about war and my experiences."

"Of course, these memories have always been with me but I felt like the time was right to tell the story. It's about the people I met as a child, the neighbours we knew and some of the quirky, funny and sad things that

happened."

Mr Malcolm, a member of Warrington Poetry Society, settled in Culcheth in 1967 and has spent the last few years reciting his collection of around 120 poems to folk clubs and poetry groups around the region.

He previously wrote and published a book call 'Pack of the Past', which told the story of the Pack Horse Inn pub and its regulars.

Over 500 copies of 'Wartime Poverty, Peacetime Poetry' have been printed and they are available to buy from 'Forget Me Not', upstairs at Sainsbury's in Culcheth.

Tennis club defends floodlight plan

COMMITTEE members at Culcheth Tennis Club have defended their application for floodlighting after parish councillors opposed the club's plans.

The club hopes to install 10 floodlights to illuminate its four courts but nearby residents fear the bright lights would have an impact on their homes.

In an open letter to Culcheth Life, the committee at the not-for profit club, said: "One of our major aims is to attract a larger number of junior members. The club believes that it is important to encourage young people to get involved in a positive activity such as tennis."

"However at present many young people do not find the club attractive enough to join. So, as well as installing floodlights, we are currently looking into hiring a tennis coach to help younger players develop their skills. Floodlighting would allow us to have after-school junior coaching sessions throughout the year."

"While we can appreciate some people's concerns that the lights may cause a nuisance, we have been assured by our contractor that the lights will be directed down onto the tennis courts and that light spillage will be minimal. It would certainly be less than the glow cast from a public street light."



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Dog-walkers asked: help us clean up our game

YOUNG footballers and rugby players at Culcheth are appealing to dog-walkers - to help them clean up their games.

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Stephen Doody, of Croft, whose son James plays for Culcheth Eagles RL Club, said: "There are three pitches at Shaw Street - two rugby and one soccer.

"They all suffer from the dog dirt problem. We have to take shovels and bin sacks to the match and walk the pitch removing the mess.

"One recent match was due to kick-off at 10.30am and couldn't start until 11am because of the state of the

pitch.

"There has been a problem for some time, but recently it has got worse.

"We see people bringing their dogs to the field in cars and then letting them have a run, so it is not really local people who are causing the problem.

"But we would appeal to dog-walkers not to use the sports pitches.

"It is not just a nuisance or an inconvenience - it's also a health risk. Dog dirt can cause serious health problems, particularly for young children."

Re-think over youth body

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council has had a re-think about proposals to form a youth sub-committee.

Councillors are now examining an alternative proposal - a youth forum.

The organisation could include representatives of the youth community, the parish council, borough council, schools and churches.

Coun Paul Campbell who, as reported in the November Culcheth Life, first put forward the idea, said: "I am happy to withdraw the original plan and go along with a youth forum - provided it meets on a regular basis."

The council had heard of practical difficulties to setting up a formal, youth sub-committee.

Coun Campbell said the council had never had a formalised structure to work with young people.

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Irene Bromilow gave the vote of thanks. Mary judged the competition for a hand-woven item which was won by Amy Williams. Jean Greig was second and Olive Lee third.

Members were welcomed to the meeting, at Newchurch Parish Hall, by President Sylvia Brown. Olive Lee was thanked for her flower arrangement which she donated to the raffle and tea hostesses were Joan Hunt and Marjorie Pugh.

Secretary Jean Riley had a list of diary dates including trips to the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester, Chatsworth House and Chester.

Sylvia then introduced new committee member Margaret Harrop, and announced that Newchurch had "bought a brick" for the new Culcheth High School.

The next meeting is the members' Christmas Party on December 9. Anyone interested in finding out more about the programme should contact Jean Riley on 01925 762722.

WI members give up presents

MEMBERS of Croft WI have voted to do without presents at their Christmas dinner and donate the money to the Memorial Hall fund.

The WI is also hoping to have raised enough money from their Autumn Fair to carry out repairs to the car park.

The annual meeting was opened by the re-elected president, Doreen Clare, who welcomed new member Maureen Lodge, as well as two

visitors.

Secretary Sue Birchall reported on an extremely busy and eventful year and members are now looking forward to their first meeting of the New Year when they are to meet the team from Blue Watch at Birchwood Fire Station.

Doris Friar thanked the committee for all their hard work through the year and the draw for the bi-annual bursary was won by treasurer Barbara Hadfield. Other winners on

the night were Joan Johnson, Vicki Gaskell and Doris Friar for their jokes, and Jean Mangan, Linda Field, Margaret Sharpe and Margaret Dagger in the raffle.

Following supper supplied by fellow member, Judy Leah, members then took part in a mini beetle drive, although there was a bit of confusion with some teams following different rules to others! Glennis Haines thanked members for their support with the Autumn Fair.

The WI meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Croft Memorial Hall and visitors are always welcome.

Obituary

Veronica Kathleen Woolley

MRS Veronica Kathleen Woolley (known as Kay), of Rimington Close, Culcheth, died in Warrington Hospital on November 6 at the age of 96.

Mrs Wooley, nee Cross, ran the Magpies Nest antiques shop in Latchford for two years. She lived in the Lymm area for many years and was an honorary life member of Lymm Golf Club. She is survived by her daughter Veronica, son Guy and his wife Doris, grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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NEW FOR 2010 ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Lowton and Golborne High Schools are once again working in partnership to provide people with an exciting programme of adult education courses starting in the New Year.

If you would like to enrol upon any of the courses listed below please come to our enrolment evening on Wednesday 6th January 2010 at Lowton High School (Sports Hall) 5.00pm – 7.00pm.

Course	Start Date	Time	Duration
An introduction to Holistic Therapy	Monday 11th January	10.00am - 12.00pm	10 weeks
An introduction to Sculpting with Clay and other Materials	Tuesday 12th January	6.00 - 8.00pm	10 weeks
Emergency First Aid	Tuesday 12th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	10 weeks
An introduction to Sign Language	Tuesday 12th January	1.00 - 3.00pm	10 weeks
Beginners Salsa/Balroom and Latin	Tuesday 12th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	10 weeks
Computers for Beginners	Tuesday 12th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	10 weeks
Beauty Therapy	Tuesday 12th January	10.00am - 12.00pm	10 weeks
An introduction to Crystal and Colour Therapy	Tuesday 12th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	10 weeks
An introduction to Spirit Appreciation	Wednesday 13th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	7 weeks
Counselling Concepts (Level 2)	Wednesday 13th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	15 weeks
Papercrafting	Wednesday 13th January	12.30 - 2.30pm	10 weeks
An introduction to Researching your Family Tree	Wednesday 13th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	8 weeks
Improve your Interview Techniques	Wednesday 13th January	7.00 - 9.00pm	5 weeks
An introduction to Tiling	Monday 18th January	6.30 - 9.30pm	10 hours 4 consecutive days
An introduction to Plastering	Monday 18th January	6.30 - 9.30pm	10 hours 4 consecutive days
An introduction to Plumbing	Monday 25th January	6.30 - 9.30pm	10 hours 4 consecutive days
An introduction to Painting and Decorating	Monday 25th January	6.30 - 9.30pm	10 hours 4 consecutive days
An introduction to Safeguarding / Child Protection	Saturday 20th February	10.00am - 4.00pm	2 consecutive Saturdays
An introduction to Garden Design and seasonal displays	Wednesday 24th February	7.00 - 9.00pm	10 weeks
Presenting with Impact	Wednesday 24th February	7.00 - 9.00pm	5 weeks

Key to course locations:

- Wigan Play Association to the rear of Golborne Library
- Golborne High School
- Lowton High School
- St. Helens



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For further information on any of the courses listed please contact Stephen Toole,
Director of Community at Lowton High School

Tel: 01942 767040 (selecting option 4)
Email: stephen@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk

Course fees

All adult courses have a fee attached. Concessions are available on all courses for those in receipt of a recognised means tested benefit.

The course fees for the non vocational courses are charged at the subsidised rate of \$1.25 per hour (E.g. A one hour per week, ten week course would cost \$12.50). The only exception is the Counselling Concepts course which is priced at \$80 (concessions are available).

Please note that places cannot be reserved without payment. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or purchase order. If your employer is paying you must provide an official order or authorising letter.

Concessionary rates are available for all courses

Depending upon the course, a partial reduction in the course fee is available to those who are in receipt of one of the following means tested benefit.

Benefit: Housing Benefit

Evidence: Letter of notification from the benefits office

Benefit: Income Support

Evidence: Award letter or a recent letter from the benefits office.

Benefit: Working Tax Credit

Evidence: Award letter/notice (TC062 with a household income of less \$15,060)

Benefit: Pension Guarantee Credit

Evidence: Award notice

Benefit: Jobseeker's Allowance

Evidence: Award letter or a recent letter from the benefits office.

Unwaged dependants of an individual in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed above are also entitled to a reduction in the course fee. However, the "dependant" must be listed as a dependant in any benefit award letter.

If you are requesting a concessionary fee for a course, you must attend in person and bring evidence of your receipt of benefit with you to the enrolment evening.

Sorry but there are no concessions for pensioners.

