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# Editor's Comment

IT would appear the proposals for a High Speed rail network could have a significant impact on Culcheth without any of the benefits.

While the proposals are probably 20 years down the line, now is the time to voice our concerns as the route of the super fast high speed network appears to go through

Culcheth Linear Park - and with no stops planned in the Warrington area, there can be no benefits for local residents.

I understand the proposals are only in draft form, so no doubt there is an opportunity to have them changed.
I know local MP Helen Jones is

campaigning to ensure any impact on

#### the area is lessened and is following the progress of the project very closely, to see whether the Coaltion government listens to concerns.

But a lot can happen in 20 years including a change in Government!

Whatever happens we will do our best to keep local residents informed.

### Copy deadline for the March issue of Culcheth Life is

February 19

## WI members in serious mode

MEMBERS of Croft WI were in serious mode when speaker Philip Clegg gave a talk on wealth preservation to safeguard the family

inheritance.

Mr Clegg - director of an independent company specialising in wills, Trusts and Lasting Powers of Attorney, explained the pros and cons of making the correct type of

He also spoke on ways of legally avoiding inheritance tax and how to protect assets being swallowed up by care fees in old age.

He lightened his talk with examples of strange requests incorporated into wills made in the past. William Shakespeare left his wife his second best bed and Harry Houdini stipulated that his wife must hold a séance on every anniversary of his death, just in case he could make contact

A question and answer session

was greatly appreciated and a vote of thanks was given by president Doreen Clare. A competition "A Family Heirloom"

was won by Sue Birchall. Croft WI will celebrate its 60th

birthday with a party on February 20 and on April 11 a theatre trip to see "Cats" is being arranged.

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# Graeme's mountain trek in memory of friend

A FORMER Culcheth High School pupil flies out on February 16 to tackle the world's highest free-standing mountain - Kilimanjaro.

Graeme McIver, 26, will climb Africa's highest mountain in memory of Culcheth resident Mark Sinclair who died from leukaeming last year.

who died from leukaemia last year, aged 47 – and also to raise money for the Anthony Nolan Trust.

Graeme – a financial adviser – lived in Culcheth from the age of five, played for Culcheth Athletic FC and was a Scout in the village. He now lives in Walton with his partner, Kirsty. His parents, Paul and Pat, still live

in Culcheth and Mark and his wife, Susan, were family friends.

Now Graeme – with Susan's support - is raising money for the charity, which raises money for

people suffering from blood cancers.
Graeme said: "Although I like to keep fit and play 5-a-side football, I have never taken on a challenge like

this.

"But I am training hard, in the gym and outdoors. I've done plenty of training walks, including Helvellyn and Scafell Pike. Weather permitting, I will be doing Snowdon as well.

"But to put it in perspective, Snowdon is the highest point in England and Wales at 3,560 ft while kilimanjaro is 19,341. Apparently only 41 per cent of trekkers actually only 41 per cent of trekkers actually reach the summit."

advertising agency and he and Susan - a teacher at Twiss Green Primary have four sons, Josh, Luke, Ben and

the first two weeks of fundraising, Graeme raised £3,150 thanks to the generosity of family and

Anyone who would like to offer more help can do so through the website www.virginmoney giving.com/mciver

Graeme has paid for the trip and all associated costs himself, so every penny raised will go straight to the



Graeme McIver with Susan Sinclair.

# Rotary promise evening of music and fun

AN evening of music and laughter is promised at Culcheth Sports Club on Friday, March 22 which will feature the popular Houghton Weavers and the Lazy River Jazz Band.

The event is being staged by the Rotary Club of Newton and district Jubilee, with proceeds going to Rotary charities.

Tickets, £12.50 each, are available at the club, from Rotary Club members, or by telephoning 01925 762593.

Following the successful beer festival in September, the club organised Christmas Float collections with Santa Claus, raising an additional £3500.

Bents Garden and Home and CPS made their forceclusts available for this.

Next Christmas, the club intend resuming street collections with the help of volunteers to tow the float.

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The gin is now produced at a modern distillery in Birchwood after relocating following a disastrous fire at premises off Loushers Lane.

But originally it was produced in Bridge Street where the unique recipe was created by Thomas Dakin in

Originally called "Warrington Gin" it was an immediate success - partly because of the ease of transportation between Warrington and Manchester and Liverpool, but also because of the

drink's distinctive flavour. More than 100 years later, the drink was renamed Greenall's, but continued to be made - as it is today according to Thomas Dakin's original recipe

To enter our competition, readers should write to

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with the answer to the simple question:

What year was the recipe for Greenall's Original London Dry Gin created?

Readers should include their full, postal address and a day time contact number.

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# Village pub boosted by £1.5m investment

A 345-year-old village pub has boosted takings by 50 per cent with the opening of new function rooms.

More than £1.5 million has been invested in The Place Survey Letter.

invested in The Black Swan at Hollins Green over the last 12 months - and "The Rixton Room" opened its doors just in time for the festive season.

Gala dinners and parties for businesses from Manchester to Liverpool saw the new facility at 100

per cent capacity, testing the new purpose built kitchens to the full. Guests who need a room for the night will shortly benefit too, as the pub has one more phase of its expansion, yet to complete - the addition of 14 new bedrooms, due to open in April.

The pub has been at the heart of the local community for many years and last year won North Cheshire CAMRA's Community Pub of the Year

award.
Landlord Stuart Wraith, is working hard to further cement The Black Swan as a community pub by introducing local farmers' markets, cinema nights, and even pantomimes.
"The new function room is a real asset to the pub," he said.
"Bookings are coming in thick and

asset to the pub," he said.

"Bookings are coming in thick and fast for the Rixton Room for a whole variety of functions including parties and weddings. We are now looking forward to the opening of the bedrooms in April to add further to our offerings."

# A DIY party

AS the expected entertainer for Newchurch WI's Christmas Party was unwell, members stepped in to create their own fun.

The DIY programme began with the game Dingbats, included bingo and concluded with a sing song, after the traditional meal. There was also music and choir singing, and presents for everyone. Members had decorated Newchurch Parish Hall for the\_occasion.

Everyone was welcomed by President Sylvia Brown. She then presented the award for the highest score in the year's competitions to Olive Lee.

The next meeting will be on February 13 when Terry Webb will talk about Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

## School celebrates 'Top 10' placing

TEACHERS, pupils governors and staff at Newchurch Primary School are celebrating a "Top 10" placing in the league table of Warrington schools

The governors sent a message of congratulations to children, parents and staff for their (fractorities results).

Vice chairman of the governors, the Rev Chris Stafford, said: "The achievement reflects the hard work by the whole school community, under the leadership of head teacher Mrs Sara Lawrenson.

"The school has a wonderful atmosphere - where the children are encouraged to develop and grow into well-rounded individuals and where the staff are really supportive and work effectively as a team".

# House plan worries residents

WORRIED neighbours are opposing plans to build a detached house with basement garage in the garden of a bungalow at Culcheth.

They claim the property - which will have a third floor in the roof space and balconies - will dominate the area and rob nearby homes of privacy.

The development is planned for the garden of a bungalow in Hob Hey Lane. Four neighbours have objected - along with Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council. The parish council says the height and design of the building is out of character with the area and adjacent properties and will cause overlooking and a loss of privacy.

a loss of privacy.

They also believe it could add to existing traffic problems in Hob Hey Lane.

Neighbours claim the property would effectively be a three-storey house.

But planning officers are recommending that the borough council's planning committee approve the plan, which they regard as a "small-scale, low impact infill development" which would be of an acceptable design.

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- Service 13 will cease to serve Whittle Hall (which is served by 17/17A & 29) and will form a new link to Sainsburys at Chapelford.
- Service 29 will no longer serve Collins Green and Burtonwood, these areas will be served by a new route 33 which will be provided by another operator funded by Warrington Borough Council.
- 48 Service 48 to Dudlows Green is withdrawn, however, Longwood Road will continue to have a peak service to/from Warrington (10A) and the 7A will provide the off peak link including a new link to Grappenhall Heys (7C)
- 10C New off peak service 10C will provide a link from Gainsborough Road to the shopping area at Latchford then on to Stockton Heath.

New leaflets for all services are available from our Travel Centre at Warrington Bus Interchange from Monday 14 January, they can also be accessed through our website, and we will also be delivering copies to outlets such as libraries and post offices across the Borough.

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# Shop closes but

# business booming online

CULCHETH based online fashion retailer Room31 closed its "pop up" shop in Culcheth at the end of January after a successful three months of trading.

Owner Ruth Thomas has decided not to renew the lease for the premises on Common Lane but continue to focus on the online side of

the business.

January has been a busy and exciting month for Room31 which sees them move to a larger premises on Taylor Business Park, expand the

on laylor Business Park, expand the team as well as doubling their turnover in the last 12 months.

"The last three months has been a great opportunity to widen our brand and increase our customer base locally as well as meeting some lovely new customers," says Ruth.

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Room 31 are already in talks with nearby towns to open their next pop up shop .... so watch this space!

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Basic IT Computer Skills

This course will give you the skills needed to type a letter, access the internet and send e-mails. This course costs £35, however learners can access one free course this academic year. Every Tuesday evening for five weeks starting on 23rd April, 6.30pm—8.30pm. Call Registry on 01925 494494 to enrol.

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For more information on enrolment or guidance regarding our courses please contact: Debbie Porrin via email: dporrin@livewirewarrington.org Or ring Debbie on 01925 768500

# Sparky goes to school



SPARKY the Donkey, from Croft Riding Stables, visited Croft Pre School to make the youngsters' Nativity presentation more real.

The photograph was taken by Shaz Stanley, outside St Lewis' RC Primary School, where the pre school is based.

### Adults can learn new skills

CULCHETH High School, in partnership with Warrington Collegiate and LiveWire - the borough's leisure, libraries and lifestyle service - are offering adults the opportunity to return to school and learn new skills.

Courses, currently on offer, are proving very popular. They are as diverse as ICT, digital photography, jewellery making, creating your own wedding flowers or discovering how to bake that perfect loaf!

The IT courses, which run every term, are designed to help adults who cannot

even turn on a computer.

Students who took the first basic course before Christmas have returned to

Students who took the first basic course before Christinas have reformed to build on the knowledge they have already gained.

One student reported that the teachers had been able to help him overcome his fear of computers and that he had "actually enjoyed the lessons".

The next selection of courses will start in April.

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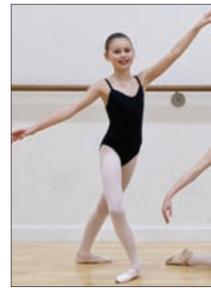
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# Dance success at first attempt

STUDENTS from Culcheth's Hayward Dance Academy took part, for the first time ever, in the Cecchetti National Ballet Competition held at Sadler's Wells, London - and were extremely successful.

Lily Hope, 10, was overall winner in her category beating students from dance schools around the country.
Hannah Hughes, 10, received the Performance Award, Megan Finn, 11 was runner up in her category and Hannah Platt Hannah Platt, 11, received a Commendation for the beautiful presentation of her work.

Hayward Dance Academy, founded by former professional ballet dancer Rachel Hayward, is based in Culcheth, Warrington and offers dance tuition to children and



teenagers aged 3-18 years.

Many former students have gone on to further success, appearing in "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" at the Liverpool Empire, touring with English Youth Ballet and furthering their training on degree courses in dance and musical theatre at the prestigious Hammond School, Chester and Laine

## Campaign to end

A CALL for action to be taken on flooding in Croft village has been made by Warrington North MP Helen Jones and local councillor

Chris Vobe.

They say Heath Lane, Smithy Brow and nearby roads, have been prone to extensive flooding for more than three months, and that angry residents want the borough council to intervene urgently. Cllr Vobe said that many homes in the area had been affected by flooding before Christmas.

He said: "Gardens have been left He said: Gardens have been left literally under water for days, and the damage has spread to people's kitchens and sitting rooms. More needs to be done by the council - and done urgently. This level of flooding simply shouldn't be happening here in Warrington. One family have been in accommodation since temporary September.

Unless the council plan to suggest that we all start kayaking down the streets, some intervention is needed!"



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Left to right, Megan Finn, Hannah Platt, Lily Hope and Hannah Hughes.

Miss Hayward said: "This is the first time that students from the academy entered this prestigious have nave entered this prestigious competition and I am so proud of their achievements. These students have worked tirelessly and with such enthusiasm and dedication to this event, it has been a real pleasure for

me to watch their confidence and

ability grow.

"Both students and parents have been totally committed to an exhaustive prograd to say that their and I am pleased to say that their hard work has resulted in these accolades.

# flooding problems

Cllr Vobe and the MP have written to the council asking for urgent action to be taken.

Ms Jones said: "My constituents in Croft have suffered the effects of this problem now for several months. That is why I have called on the council to intervene urgently.

"They must get to the root of these flooding problems and put an end to the distress this is causing local

A borough council spokesperson said: "Flooding has unfortunately occurred at Heath Lane several times due to unusually heavy rainfall we experienced in 2012 which has saturated the land there, filled the drainage systems to capacity and caused the watercourse to over top.

We have already begun making improvements to the systems in this area and are continuing to work closely with United Utilities to resolve these issues. A full investigation into the wider problems and possible solutions is currently ongoing.

Improvements are planned to be undertaken at the earliest opportunity in the next 4-6 weeks. These will include drainage improvements and additional gullies in the area. All affected residents will be receiving written updates on progress and plans to deal with the problems within the next week and will be kept up to date as proposals are ready to be delivered.





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Potentially, this could cost the tax payer approximately  $\mathfrak{L}1,700$  per year for a family with two children.

Where both partners have income in excess of £50,000 the charge will apply to the partner with the higher income, irrespective of which partner actually receives the child benefit.

Where a tax payer has an income that exceeds £60,000 the charge will equal the amount of child benefit received and therefore they will be likely to lose all of their child benefit. Where the tax payer's net income is between £50,000 and £60,000 a sliding scale charge will operate.

#### Does this apply to you?

If so, you will need to pay the charge through the completion of a self

-assessment tax return. If, after HMRC have done their calculations, the liability does not exceed £3,000 this may be collected by a PAYE coding adjustment i.e. by deduction from salary during the tax year 2013/14, otherwise the full amount will be payable in a lump sum by 31 January 2014.

However, as an alternative to receiving child benefit and then paying tax later you can elect at anytime not to receive Child Benefit in the first place. This will also mean you won't have the hassle of filing a tax return (unless you are already registered under self assessment).

There are other ways to mitigate this new tax charge including increasing pension contributions or gift aid payments, splitting income within the tamily more efficiently and timing income carefully.

If you need help completing a

If you need help completing a self-assessment form, require further information regarding opting-out of Child Benefit or you wish to speak to us about income planning, please contact Sarah Salton on 01925 761600.



Please note the contents of our article are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always take professional advice before taking action.

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## Happy New Year!

All 10 members of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council would like to offer our best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year to all the members of our community. Over the next 12 months, the new Parish Council will continue to update you regularly on the work that we are doing - and, as always, we welcome input, feedback and remarks from local people.

#### The new Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council website

Visit us online at: culchethandglazebury.org.uk

This month, we are proud to launch the new Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council website. Designed primarily by Cllr Matt Smith, the website represents the delivery of one of the new Parish Council's key pledges - to bring the Council into the 21st century. The site has now gone live and, although still in its infancy, we hope that it will be a great resource for the villages in the long-term. Over the next few months, we will be ensuring that the website continues to grow. We want to use it to promote the many successful services, clubs and community groups that are available here in Culcheth and Glazebury. In addition, residents will be able to use it as additional way of keeping up to speed on the work your Parish Councillors are undertaking. The latest news and details of our meetings will all be available.

As we promised last month, we have incorporated a "Local History" section into the site. We would welcome any submissions by residents for this page, so that we can illustrate a full and engaging history of our community. If you have any images you would like to share, please email them to matt.smith062@gmail.com.

### **Supporting Glazebury Play Area**

The Parish Council have continued to offer support to the Glazebury Play Area committee. Their project - to bring a natural play area to the village - has moved forward leaps and bounds. Chris, Angela and Eddy are regular attendees at the committee's meetings and are working with the team to deliver a fantastic resource for everyone. This month, the Parish Council has approved a financial contribution to the project, to kick-start the work. We are looking forward to seeing the Play Area coming to life over the coming months.

### Local Plan Core Strategy

This will be examined in public later this year and will eventually replace our Unitary Development Plan. An exploratory meeting was held on December 11th and a result of this was that there is a six week consultation on draft modifications and clarifying statements up to 18th February. The exploratory meeting notes are on the Examination News section of the Local Plan Core Strategy page of www.warrington.gov.uk together with a link to the to the Clarification Statements and Proposed Modifications. Parish Councillor Jacqui Johnson attended the meeting.

### Repairs to our roads

Throughout the villages, your parish councillors have been working dilligently to ensure that our roads and pavements remain in good condition. As a result of our representations, repairs have been carried out to areas like Kirkby Road, Culcheth Hall Drive and throughout Newchurch.

### Supporting local traders

There can be no doubt that the disasterous decision to close Wilton Lane for repairs over the festive period has had a damaging effect on our shops and services. Your Parish Councillors have been robust and firm in our representations to the Borough Council about this matter and made it clear that we are on the side of traders in this village. The Parish Council has submitted a formal complaint to the council's Chief Executive over the way the road closure has been handled. We are doing everything possible to make sure that the repairs are now completed as fast as possible.

# Cricket club mourns two stalwart members

MEMBERS of Glazebury Cricket Club are mourning the deaths of two

long-standing players in one month.
Tom Milmine (pictured), popular
head groundsman and a
distinguished former player and former club captain Don Morris died within a couple of weeks of each

other.

The funeral services took place at Clazebury - just All Saints Church, Glazebury - just across the road from the Hurst Lane

Don Morris was a founder member of the club when it reformed after World War 2. He was one of three brothers who all played cricket and football at Glazebury in the days when the ground hosted both

Don, a technically correct, dependable batsman, was club captain for many years, usually opening the batting. But he was also a fine close-in fielder and useful spin

After giving up playing, he served

as a league umpire for some years.
Former club president Alan
Graham, also a founder member, said: "He could have played cricket at a much higher standard but preferred to stay with his friends in

Glazebury."
Tom Milmine, 64, was originally from Barrow-in-Furness but moved to Glazebury in 1985 and soon became a valued member of the

cricket club.

Later he became caretaker at Glazebury CE Primary School, where he worked until his death.

Although he was also a keen golfer, cricket was his first love and his accurate, medium pace bowling was well respected by opposing teams. According to the club website he took 252 wickets for Glazebury, at an average of 1,5.43. But the is incomplete and he record undoubtedly took many wickets.

On his day, he was also an ggressive batsman, with several fifties to his credit.

Tom's playing career ended prematurely in 2008, through back



trouble

But he continued as groundsman and will be sorely missed by his many friends at the club and in the village generally.

## Classic comedy with a new twist

NOEL Coward's classic comedy "Private Lives" is to be staged in Culcheth on February 8-9 - with a new twist.

Newly formed amateur group Consensus Touring Theatre will present the play at Culcheth Sports Club, Charnock Road. Curtain up: 7.30pm.

The play concerns a divorced couple who go on honeymoon with their new spouses only to find, to their horror, that their former spouses are staying in the

same hotel - in the next bedroom.

It was first performed in 1931, with Coward starring in it himself, alongside

Gertrude Lawrence. Later productions have involved such stars as Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, Vivien Leigh and Lawrence Oliver.

Burton, Vivien Leigh and Lawrence Oliver.

Consensus Touring Theatre has been started by a number of experienced amateur actors and is an experimental group in that, instead of having a sole director taking the helm, the members of the cast all share the directing role. Founder member Philip Wade said: "Our ethos is to breakaway and steer to a new principle, so that all involved are to play a role in enriching and embellishing the piece as we go along.

"This principle, we feel, has not only been feasible but very refreshing to us as performers. Maybe, in the future, other performers would consider and sample the same philosophy?"

After staging the play at Culcheth, the group plan to take it on tour around theatres across the North West.

All tickets are £7 and are available from the club 01925 763096 or 07962 290708



The cast, left to right: Sebastian Farrell, Jane Rigby, Judianne Fisher, Philip Wade.

RBL Village Club chairman Les Styles, Poppy Appeal Co-ordinators Roy Constable and Ian Ferguson, RBL branch president Chris Chapman and RBL branch chairman John Hughes.

# Poppy Appeal raises £500,000

THE Culcheth Royal British Legion Club has reached the milestone of raising £500,000 towards the Poppy Appeal. This has taken a number of years and an enormous amount

of hard work.

RBL Village Club Chairman Les Styles said: "Congratulations to all the local members as well as the various Cadet groups and others who have worked so hard but particular recognition must go to Roy Constable and Ian Ferguson who spend more than three months every year ensuring that the Poppy Appeal is a success.

## Anecdotes of a registrar

SPEAKER Carol Codd gave an entertaining talk entitled "Anecdotes of a Registrar" at the monthly meeting of Culcheth WI.

She had worked in Liverpool and one day was greeted with the question: "Do you remember me?" It seems she had married the visitor's mum and step-dad 10 years previously.

Carol's joking response was: "Yes - married in the eyes of Codd!"

Some historical facts included the fact that civil registration of marriages started in Britain in 1887. A 1646 Act stated that neither shrouds nor sheets could be used for burial but only wool. Secret marriages were widespread and were big business in London. A man was held responsible for a wife's debts, and it was only in 1880 that women were allowed some financial freedom.

Bigamy was punished by branding on the hand - and members were surprised to learn that marrying your first cousin is acceptable and within the law.

For good measure members were told that Emily Pankhurst of Suffragette fame had run a registry office from her front room!

# Cricket club gears up for new season

GIAZEBURY Cricket Club is organising cricket training sessions at Culcheth High School for senior players and for young people between the ages of 8-16 years.

The course consists of eight one hour sessions on Saturdays starting on February 16 and

continuing until April 6.

Senior net training is from 2pm to 3pm. Under 13s and under 15s age group is from 3pm to 4pm and under 11s from 4pm to 5pm.

The cost for the whole course is £20.00, with the first two free taster sessions for new players. All equipment is provided.

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