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Editor's Comment



SOMETIMES statistics can be misleading - and seldom more so than when they relate to crime in the Culcheth area.

We are often led to believe the village has a serious problem, particularly with nuisance youths and transient criminals who take

advantage of the proximity of the motorways and the East Lancs Road to target the local community.

Police statistics for the last month seem to bear this out: 15 incidences of anti-social behaviour; 24 incidences of suspicious activity; two burglaries; 11 incidences of theft.

may have crashed and people reporting police officers making door-to-door enquiries.

The 11 cases of theft include eight motorists driving off without paying for petrol from the garage on the East Lancs Road. Yes - serious offences but unlikely to have any connection with Culcheth.

We welcome monthly crime figures from the police. Culcheth probably gets more than its fair share of criminal activity and we want to know about it. But we do question some of the activities classed as "suspicious" or "anti-social."

The vision of youngsters careering through the village on grandma's mobility scooter is surely not that alarming?

Help for tsunami women

COUNTY advisor Jean Harding attended a meeting of Croft WI to talk about the work of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Their new project is to train and support young Sri Lankan women living in an area devastated by the tsunami, so that they can become self-sufficient once again, and pass on their skills to others.

Cheshire Federation of the WI will be supporting this project via "Pennies for Friendship" collections with a target of raising £2500 to support the work.

Croft member Chris Hill caught the largest trout on a recent "learn to fish" day in Flintshire - and the Croft party all had fresh fish for tea!

Volunteers are needed for the WI float and cake stall at Croft Carnival.

The walking group starts again on June 2 and those taking part will be recording the distance covered for the WI triathlon.

There are still places on a trip to the National Arboretum on July 7.

The next meeting is on June 16 at 7.30pm at Croft Village Hall.

Behaviour

But a closer examination of the figures is revealing. One case of anti-social behaviour relates to two children, aged eight and nine, riding their grandma's mobility scooter! Another to someone being bitten by a dog.

Suspicious activity included an unconfirmed report that a para-glider

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NEWCHURCH Rose Queen Siobhan Beaudin had to dodge the showers when she was crowned at the annual event in Culcheth village.

Siobhan, a Year Six pupil at Newchurch Primary School, will move to Sale Grammar School in September.

She is looking forward to this as the school specialises in her favourite subjects the arts - visual and performing - and maths.

In her spare time Siobhan helps look after the family's vast collection of guinea pigs and rabbits, plays the flute, attends gymnastics and trampolining clubs and a weekly drama group. She has recently taken up roller skating.

Following her crowning there was a procession through the village.



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Newchurch Rose Queen and Retinue from left, Charlotte Morris, Amy Groves, Matthew Beaudin, Rose Queen Siobhan Beaudin, Katie Groves and Cara Slattery.

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Zoe Isles is travelling to Siberia to help develop brownie and guide units and to teach English and Kate Davidson is taking part in the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

Target

Members of the 7th Culcheth Guide unit have been fundraising during the past few months to fund the trips and have raised £2,000 towards the target of £4,000.

Money has been raised by donations from the Culcheth Educational Trust, Culcheth Lions and the Girlguiding Centenary Fund. The group has also held a tabletop sale, carried out bag packing at Sainsbury's in Culcheth and various stalls at Culcheth Community Day.

Future events planned include a Swing Roc Night at the Village Club, Culcheth, on June 25.



Zoe and Kate are pictured with members of the Brownie group.

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Shoppers could have their handprints put on canvas, with donations to Claire House Children's Hospice.

An ongoing raffle for a 1966 World Cup framed picture, with 11 signatures and a Roger Hunt signed 2010 England Shirt started and will be drawn by Roger Hunt himself on Saturday, July 10 - the day before the World Cup final.

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Community Day success

CULCHETH Community Day proved to be a huge success attracting thousands of people to the village.

Organised by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council the event was opened by the chairman of the Parish Council, Coun Sue Bland.

The weather was mixed, with glorious sunshine, heavy showers and even hailstones! But afterwards, Coun Bland said it had been the most successful Community Day yet, with more people attending than ever before.

As well as a large variety of stalls, all from local charities and organisations, there was plenty of action in the main arena including

children's entertainer Trumble the Clown (pictured right), a brass band, tug-o-war, pet show and the star attraction "H & M Dog Display Team" which has performed at Southport Flower Show as well as Crufts.

There was also a selection of classic cars as well as motor bikes and fairground rides for the younger children.

The event is organised each year to allow local groups to display what they have on offer and to network with the local community.



The H & M Dog Display Team entertain at Culcheth Community Day.



Children see how high they can make Trumble the Clown's Shout - O - meter go at the Culcheth Community Day.

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Playing the Nail in the Bail game at the Leigh & District Farming Ladies stall are from left, Hakeem Dahou aged 13, his brother Zane aged 11 and James Hill aged 12.

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Into the future at Croft Carnival

PLANS are well in hand for the annual Croft Carnival which takes place on Saturday July 3.

Carnival Queen elect is Holly Mitchell, aged 11, Princess elect is Charlotte Aird, aged 10 and Rosebud elect is Anya Morris, aged five.

The procession of floats involving many community groups, will leave The Plough Inn at 12 noon, parading through the village, passing the many scarecrows enroute, which this year will have the theme of 'Into the Future'.

Crowning

Events on the Croft Playing field start at 1.15 with the crowning of the Carnival Queen.

An afternoon of entertainment follows with the crazy childrens act Bozo & Zizzi, the Welsh Axe Men

Act, Rosemary's dancers and back by popular demand the band 'Fatty and the Boom Booms'.

Also on the field a variety of other attractions including - Circus Skills, Kiddy Cars, miniature steam railway and childrens fairground rides.

There will also be numerous stalls providing games, refreshments and craft goods.

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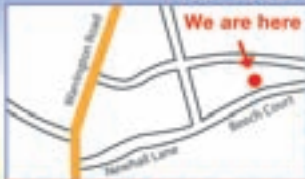
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Chairman's election was a family affair!

WHEN Coun Helena Campbell was elected chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, no less than 10 members of her family turned up to watch - including her youngest and eldest granddaughters.

Elders granddaughter Simone, 16, and youngest granddaughter Erin, two months, were among the members of the family who attended the annual meeting of the council.

Husband Paul - also a parish councillor and a borough councillor - managed to get to the meeting after attending a meeting of Warrington Borough Council's executive board. Also present were daughter Lianne, son Paul, daughter-in-law Vickie, sister Mary, brother-in-law Danny, stepson Wayne and niece Sharon.

Helena took over as chairman from Coun Sue Bland. Coun Lilian Houghton was elected deputy chairman.

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Pupils get close to nature

PUPILS at Croft Primary School enjoyed a day of various activities including a visit by Gauntlet Birds of Prey, Knutsford.



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Mothers Union celebrates 95 years

NEWCHURCH Mothers Union is celebrating its 95th anniversary this year.

Seven new members were recently welcomed to the branch and are pictured here with Judith Townley, Deanery president and Rev Chris Stafford, Rector of Newchurch, who officiated at the enrolment service.

A bird of a different feather

THE Black Swan, at Hollins Green has been a local landmark for more than 300 years. But it has changed recently after a major refurbishment which has introduced modern amenities while retaining the atmosphere of a traditional village pub.

Mine hosts Mike and Liz Morrison have run the pub for the last 10 years but little money had been spent on the building for 15 years and it was only last May, when Punch Taverns finally agreed to sell and the pub became a free house, that the improvements could be made. There has been a pub on the site since around 1667 and the present building dates from the mid-1800s

Originally called The Old Swan, legend has it the name changed as a result of black swans, native to Australia, arriving on the Mersey and the Glaze. The first landlord was one Robert Clare, licensed to sell ale and food and stable horses for two shillings a year. Nothing is known of him, but it is doubtful if he could have envisaged the sort of improvements now introduced.

Local designers Innex, from Lowton, had the task of refurbishing the pub while retaining what local people loved - its character and atmosphere.

Liz said: "We wanted a great pub that sold great pub food and that's what we got."

The Black Swan re-opened quietly, a day ahead of schedule. By 10pm it was anything but quiet!

Mike said: "More than anything, we wanted a good community pub. Now we have something going on most nights and there is a whole new menu of quality pub food. It's a great place for fine food and drink."

Players presented 'Beside the Seaside'

CULCHETH Players gave theatre lovers the chance to go back to the carefree days of the late 1950s.

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The players were at the Blackpool boarding house of Mrs Austin in Leslie Sands' hilarious 'Beside the Seaside' 'enduring' their hard earned break in typical budget holiday accommodation. Laughs aplenty as Wilf squares up to the matriarchal landlady and a newly wed couple head for their first quarrel.

The play was staged at Culcheth Sports and Social Club (The Daten).

Anyone interested in joining the players should call 07824424538.

WI vote for national resolution

MEMBERS of Newchurch WI voted unanimously in favour of a national resolution to support clear food labeling at their May meeting.

Mandatory

This year's National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) AGM will debate a resolution calling for the Government to make it mandatory for meat, fish and poultry to be labelled with its country of origin.

Newchurch member Irene Bromilow will represent the area at the National Federation of Women's Institutes AGM in Cardiff on June 2.

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 9 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Common Lane, Culcheth.

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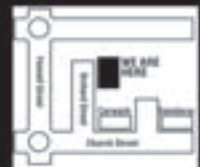
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Officers of the Parish Council

At the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th May 2010 Cllr Mrs Helena Campbell was elected Chairman and Cllr Mrs Lilian Houghton was elected Vice Chairman.

Dates & Venues of the Parish Council Meetings 2010 – 2011

(All at 7.30pm unless otherwise reported)

15th June 2010

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20th July 2010

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Taxing times, watch this space

With the economy in slow recovery but difficult times ahead for many, and with a new government in place in the form of a coalition seemingly intent on cutting the country's deficit starting with immediate effect, the world we live in continues to present uncertainty on many levels.

Although much will become apparent following George Osborne's first budget on 22 June, we already know about several government proposals and the following observations are worth sharing:

- The new government has dropped its predecessor's intention of increasing the rate of employers' national insurance. As this was effectively a tax on businesses with the cost of employing staff rising by approximately 1%, this is seen as a move intended to protect businesses from additional taxes.
- Employees' national insurance contributions (which come out of employees' pay packets) will still rise in April 2011 by 1% and all employees paying this tax will have less in their pockets from that time.
- Perhaps the highest profile proposed tax rise is the increase in capital gains tax on non-business assets (for example investments in listed shares and second properties, main residences being outside the scope of the tax) from 18% to 40%. More details will be known after the budget but it should be understood that this is a tax on gains, not on the entire sales proceeds. Also, individuals currently

get an allowance of approximately £10,000 per tax year so can make this level of gain without paying any capital gains tax, but it is suggested that this tax free allowance may reduce substantially. Such a reduction would bring many more people in to the Capital Gain net. Although many people will pay additional tax, there is scope here to shelter gains through careful planning.

- Business assets are expected to remain chargeable to capital gains tax at 18% (with a 10% rate applying to the first £2 million of lifetime gain per individual). It is anticipated that this will keep the UK a competitive location for entrepreneurs and their businesses to operate.

The above changes are the government's proposals and have not yet been passed in to statute. However, all businesses and individuals are recommended to consider their positions and seek professional advice where necessary.

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



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