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Editor's Comment

FOR too long, Glazebury has been a village with no children's play area - indeed it may be the only village in Warrington without a play area!

Now, thanks to the perseverance of local residents and local councillors - particularly Cllr Sue Bland - and the generosity of Bent's Garden and Home, it may be about to get one.

A committee made up of residents, councillors and representatives of Bent's is studying a field, formerly used for overflow car parking by the garden centre.

Bents are seeking planning consent for allotments on the field but have agreed that part of the site can be used for a play area.

All that remains is to agree which part of the site should be used for the

play area and which for allotments and a planning application can then be submitted.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council fully backs the plan. So do the three local borough councillors.

There are some 500 dwellings in Glazebury and a good number of children. The village should have had a play area many years ago.

We can see no reason why planning permission should not be forthcoming so we hope we are not being premature in offering congratulations all round.

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Farmers Market postponed

THE proposed farmers' market scheduled to take place at Taylor Business Park has now been postponed to next year.

Despite fantastic feedback from the local community following last month's exclusive report in Culcheth Life, the event has had to be put back due to planning issues.

Taylor Business Park MD Paul Taylor explained: "Selling produce on a field is fine but you need planning permission as soon as it becomes an event like this.

"We've gone through a planning company and have submitted a pre-application to gauge their likely response but they have advised us that we're looking at close to two months before we get a green light. I'm not annoyed at the planners, they have to make sure something that could potentially be as big as this doesn't disrupt traffic too much or have any other detrimental effects on the field that it's being held on.

"It's not been an easy decision to make but I think if we take our time and ensure the monthly events are well planned and executed next year it'll mean a brighter long term outlook for the market, which we're now going to

call Cheshire Market and Community Fair."

Paul says the business model is now "set in stone".

The event will be funded by the farmers and any companies selling their goods/services. Every single one of the stands for community groups and local churches, scout groups etc will be free of charge every month.

Paul added: "We've already been approached by the Culcheth Lions who have offered their services in running the events which we're extremely grateful for, in fact the level of interest since it was announced has been inspiring. There are so many small, often home based businesses in Culcheth that are eager for an outlet to sell their goods.

"We already have thirty different stallholders on the list for the first event and that's without us doing any cold calling and the local community groups are eager for such a regular free forum to help raise funds and awareness of the causes they're championing."

Villagers oppose wind turbine

TWENTY residents attended a meeting of Croft Parish Council to object to plans for a 20 metre high 10kw wind turbine at Lowes Farm, Kenyon Lane.

As a result the council - which had also received three letters of objections - resolved to oppose the scheme.

They decided there were no special circumstances to justify the installation in the Green Belt, that it would be visually unacceptable and have an adverse effect on wildlife and would set a precedent for similar applications.

Warrington's planning committee subsequently deferred a decision on the application to enable members to inspect the site.



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Pupils enter the Dragons' den!

ENTERPRISING students from Culcheth High School took part in a 'Dragon's Den' style business challenge.

The students followed condensed version of the Young Enterprise Quick Start programme. Instead of taking five days, they created and ran the two businesses in eight two hour sessions over 10 weeks, and presented their company ideas to a panel of judges.

Geoff Settle, their Young Enterprise mentor, said: "Although this was a very tight schedule the two teams learned a great deal and presented two very good enterprise ideas to the local Culcheth dragon's and the Mayor and Mayoress."

The students were set a challenge to create a business that would serve the local community and be sustainable. They were each given

£15 - but also had the task of raising additional capital to fund their companies.

One of the firms was Bob A Jobs with the aim of doing odd jobs for the elderly for a small fee. The cost of jobs was subsidised through the sale of seasonal gifts and fundraising activities such as their successful sponge throw that raised £47.10.

The other company Primary Gardens offers a service to local primary schools. They designed and set up small gardens, teaching the children basic techniques that would enable them to look after them in the future. The enterprise team raised money by customising and painting flowerpots and their aim was to

expand the range of garden products on offer.

One of the dragons said: "The experience and lessons learned will stay with the teams for some time. Everything that went well and not so well is a reflection of what it's like running a business."

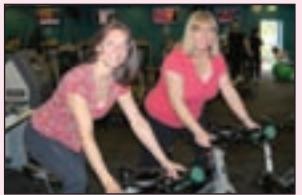
The dragons included Mayor and Mayoress, Cllr and Mrs John Joyce, chairman of governors Roy Sutton, Paul Taylor (Taylor Business Park) and Gary Skentelbery (editor of Culcheth Life and Warrington Worldwide).

Paul was so impressed with what he saw that he has made the teams an offer of a stall each at his Culcheth Farmers Market, where he will be promoting local businesses.

The dragons wished the teams well and congratulated them on their joint profits of more than £150.



Friends to trek the Inca Trail



Suzanne and Andrea busy training in the gym

TWO friends are to trek along the Inca Trail, in Peru, next April to raise money for the Breast Cancer Care charity.

Suzanne Rogers, 46, of Croft and Andrea Scott, 45, from Culcheth have organised a number of events throughout the year to raise money for the adventure.

These include a women's health and well-being event at Birchwood Golf Club on June 23.

There will be a hotpot supper, mini-treatment and free goody bag for everyone who attends.

Tickets, at £12 each, can be purchased at Barclays Bank in Culcheth or by contacting Suzanne on 07917 445506.

Andrea, who runs a children's day nursery, lists her hobbies as pilates and golf. She decided to support Breast Cancer Care because she has had several friends who have suffered from the disease.

Suzanne is a pilates teacher who enjoys walking and reading and is planning to take up indoor climbing later this year. She had an aunt who died of breast cancer when she was only 53 and also has a friend currently undergoing treatment.

Celebration had French theme

CHILDREN from Croft's St Lewis' RC Primary School had a day of celebration with a French theme to mark the opening of an £8,000 play area.

The school celebrated St Lewis' (of France) birthday with a mass at their church, a teachers v pupils quiz, a French lunch and a treasure hunt. In the afternoon parishioners were invited to afternoon tea.

During the day the new play area, funded by the PTA, was officially opened by Fr Ron Johnson. The new area, on the school playground, features a range of equipment including monkey bars, scramble net and balancing log.

One of the teachers, Miss Louise Norton said: "The new play area is absolutely fabulous. The children are really enjoying it and it is keeping them busy."



Ian's marathon effort

A LOCAL businessman has taken time out of his busy schedule making sandwiches to complete two sponsored runs for charity.

Ian Barker, 31, co-owner of Le Brunch Sandwich Bar in Culcheth, completed the London Marathon in just five hours and 14 minutes. He and his friend Warren Lunt, who completed the race an hour quicker, raised £2,000.

The money will go to Leonard Cheshire Disability - a charity that supports more than 21,000 disabled people in the UK and works in 52 other countries.

Ian said: "I chose Leonard Cheshire because fortunately I have never had any disability in my life and I think we take for granted the everyday things we do without thinking of people that don't have that luxury."

He also completed the Bupa Manchester 10k (in 49mins) for Team Arighi Bianchi. The team raised more than £4,500 for East Cheshire Hospice.

Ian got into distance running at the

start of 2009 after making a decision to lose weight.

He started with a 10k run, built up to a half marathon and then completed the Berlin Marathon with a friend.

"It gave me a real sense of achievement," said Ian, "and so I carried on."

He has since completed a series of runs and has raised more than £4,000 in two years for charity. As an added bonus, he has lost more than three stone in weight and said he feels "a lot better."

Ian has now progressed to triathlons which he also enjoys. His training includes running, together with regular swimming and cycling sessions.

He said: "The London Marathon was amazing - it was the best experience I have ever had. People were cheering from start to finish."



Ian at the London Marathon



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MEMBERS of Culcheth WI voted in favour of resolutions supporting local libraries and opposing "mega farms" which will be sent to the National Federation of Women's Institutes' AGM.

Journalist Mary Murtagh was guest speaker with "Memoirs as a Newspaper Hack."

She told her audience she had always wanted to become a journalist and that Kate Adie had been her inspiration.

After gaining an internship working in Los Angeles she returned to this country, working on newspapers in Stoke-on-Trent, Leicester and Liverpool where she had reported on high profile murder trials and interviewed many famous people such as Max Bygraves, Esther Rantzen, Paul O'Grady and Terry Waite. Sheila

Stephenson thanked the speaker and said she had enjoyed hearing the inside stories of the newspaper industry.

Lucky raffle prizewinners were Lorna Mayoh, Ann McCormick, Wyn Brierley, Christine Seddon, Sheila Stephenson, Barbara Hartley and Jean Pizzey.

Members were told they had received a letter of thanks following their donation of more than £94 to Mercy Ships, who deliver hope and healing to some of the world's poorest people. Tea hostesses were Joan Jarvis, Olive Lee and Crid Lewis and the table flowers were provided by Christine Rankin.

Next meeting will be on June 21 at 2pm at the Parish Hall and will be the annual afternoon tea. New members are welcome.

Parents and pupils sample new pre-school

YOUNGSTERS and their parents had the chance to sample activities at the new Croft Village Pre-School during an open day.

Parents could find out about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, the quality of the provision and talk to staff in an informal setting.

The school, based at Croft Memorial Hall, Mustard Lane (opposite Croft Primary School), will stage another open day on Sunday June 26 from 1.30pm to 4pm.

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GLORIOUS weather ensured a bumper turn out at the annual Culcheth Community Day.

Chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council Cllr Helena Campbell officially opened the event.

Attractions included Ridgeway Falconry, Tyldsley Brass Band, Trumble the Clown, Academy Karate Display, a pet show and a tug of war



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Culcheth Community Day!

competition between local pubs.

There were also stalls and sideshows, childrens' rides, classic cars and motor cycles and various local charities, voluntary groups and clubs displaying what they have to offer.



The 7th Culcheth Guides had a Name the Giant Teddy Bear contest at their stall. Pictured From left, Cathrine Scowcroft, Kate Davidson and Natalie Meadows.



Playing the Roll the Ball game on the Village Green are left, Patric Wilson aged 11 and Eddie Marsden aged 12.



Members of the Tyldesley Brass Band provided the music



Trumble the Clown entertains youngsters



Youngsters from the North West Karate Academy Culcheth display their skills

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The Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 where Cllr Mrs Lillian Houghton was elected Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr Keith Bland was elected Vice Chairman. The members of the Sub- Committees are listed below as is the date, time and venues of the meetings for 2011/12.

Finance Sub-Committee

Cllr Mrs I Hutchinson (Chairman), Cllr K Bland, Cllr P Caswell & Cllr Mrs H Campbell.

Environment Sub-Committee

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Cllr P Campbell (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Houghton, Cllr Mrs I Hutchinson, Cllr P Caswell, Cllr Mrs S Bland.

Planning Sub-Committee

Cllr R Rankin (Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Johnson, Cllr Mrs L Houghton, Cllr Mrs I Hutchinson.

Parish Council Meetings 2011/2012 (All on a Tuesday at 7.30pm)

Date	Venue
14th June 2011	Glazebury Methodist Church
19th July 2011	Culcheth Day Centre
August	No Meeting
20th September 2011	Glazebury Methodist Church
18th October 2011	Culcheth Day Centre
15th November 2011	Glazebury Methodist Church
13th December 2011	Culcheth Day Centre
17th January 2012	Culcheth Day Centre
14th February 2012	Glazebury Methodist Church
13th March 2012	Culcheth Day Centre
17th April 2012	Glazebury Methodist Church
15th May 2012 (AGM)	Culcheth Day Centre

These are all open to the public

Community Day

The Parish Council would like to thank all the organisations who put on stalls, organised the Classic Cars and Motorcycles as well as those who provided the entertainment during the afternoon.

The day was a huge success, with more stalls than ever and a wonderful crowd who contributed to all the stalls making money for their organisations.



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Persistence: a key strategy to success?

It is deeply ingrained in most of us from earliest childhood that persistence is an essential ingredient of success. But is it?

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The logical error at work here is called survivor bias and fortunes have been made from exploiting it. But you cannot weigh up your chances of success on an 'it worked for me' or 'it worked for someone I know' basis alone. You also have to know how many others tried the same thing and failed.

Persistence can be a good thing if it is persistence towards an end, rather than persistence with a course of action. Thomas Edison famously needed 3,000 experiments to develop the light bulb, but they were all different, not the same experiment repeated 3,000 times.

Even so, persistence isn't all it's cracked up to be: if you have sent

your book to even 10 publishers and not had an offer, you might do better to stop and think about whether you are approaching the right people, or whether you need to come up with a better book.

If you invent a round peg, but find that the world is full of square holes, you can either try to think of ways to force the round peg into a square hole - or make a square peg...

A different strategy...

While persistence is a useful characteristic of any business person, in these economic times trying harder simply won't cut it alone.

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Care home plays host to snakes and scorpions!



One of the residents braves handling a snake

BEARDED dragons, scorpions, snakes and racoons were among the unusual visitors to a care home in Culcheth.

The tropical creatures were at CLS Holcroft Grange as part of the residents' animal therapy programme.

The creepy crawlies and creatures were brought in by trained professionals during visits from Zoo Lab UK and Animal Safari. Residents could either just watch or have a go at handling the animals.

Residents were also told about the animals' lifestyles including what they eat, where they come from and how they behave.

The home uses animal therapy as it has been shown to have a positive impact on residents' health and

wellbeing. Staff encourage visits from animals, including pets, to benefit residents.

Holcroft Grange manager Pauline Shaw said: "We like to provide our residents with as many unusual and interesting activities as we can, and these visits were certainly unusual! The residents' reactions were overwhelmingly positive.

"Although they were a little apprehensive at first, they soon warmed up, and in the end they were much braver than many of the staff members, wanting to touch as many of the animals as they could."

Sue offers new foot care service

A NEW podiatry/chiropody service has opened in Culcheth which offers early diagnosis and preventative treatments to reduce long term complications of the foot.

Sue Thomason is a Health Professions Council registered podiatrist and a member of the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists.

She is based at the Culcheth Osteopathic practice at 471, Warrington Road.

After qualifying in 1990, Sue joined the NHS where she continues to work part time.

Over the year, she has been both community and hospital based, developing a special interest in the preventative care and treatment of the high risk foot and, specifically, wound

care.

Regular foot health assessments are important for people with conditions that put the feet at risk, eg diabetes, rheumatologic problems or vascular disease. Sue offers annual assessments for high risk foot and treatment plans to reduce the risk of any future foot problems.

She can help with nail problems, the treatment of corns and callus and the provision of devices or insoles to reduce symptoms. Nail surgery is sometimes required for persistent ingrown toe nails. This is performed under local anaesthetic and is a permanent cure.

But Sue also offers shorter appointments for simple nail cuts and will carry out home visits.

Work team plan charity bike ride

A GROUP of workers from the General Elliot pub in Croft are to take part in a charity bike ride to raise awareness of crippling and sometimes fatal disorder.

Organiser Marc Thompson, Rob Trickett and Liam Gibney will complete a three day bike ride from Hornsea in Yorkshire to Southport, a total distance of 207 miles, and a 29-mile run from Southport to Stockton Heath the next day.

Their aim is to raise money and awareness for Guillan Barre Syndrome which is a disorder where the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system. This causes the muscles to weaken and in some cases, can lead to paralysis to the patient.

The trio have planned the ride following the death of a friend last year, caused by the syndrome, and hope that their efforts across the Trans Pennine Trail will be rewarded by people understanding what the disease is and how it can affect people.

Rob Trickett said, "Marc lost a friend to Guillan Barre last year and thought that it would be a good idea to raise awareness."

A website has been created for people who would like to find out more about Guillan Barre Syndrome which also allows people to donate. Also, a facebook page has been created to gather support and can be found by searching 'Coast to Coast'.

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THE new Volvo S80 Executive and V70 R-Design top-of-the-line saloon and sporty estate car come in refined special versions tailor made for buyers who want a car with that extra exclusive look and individual touch.

Both cars are designed around the growing number of people who appreciate the possibility of tailoring their cars to suit individual tastes, according to Lex Kerssemakers, senior vice presidents, product strategy and vehicle line management at Volvo.

He said: "The Executive version of the S80 radiates exclusive luxury while our R-Design models are developed for buyers who want an extra sporty look."

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It is the first Volvo model with an instrument panel top in leather, available in espresso brown or off black. Among other interior details are ventilated soft leather seats with massage function, leather door panels, an integrated analogue clock on the instrument panel and the aluminium centre consol storage.

The V70 R-Design comes with a number of specially developed exterior and interior design details.

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The V70 R-Design estate car

Japanese cars in short supply

JAPAN's eight major vehicle manufacturers have reported that their combined domestic production facilities are only operating at about 50 per cent of the normal, as a result of disruption caused by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster.

Toyota - for a long while the world's biggest vehicle maker - appears to have been hit worst and expects to be overtaken by General Motors in the production stakes.

Mitsubishi has fared better than the others and suffered a reduction of only 25.7 per cent.

The Tohoku region hit by the disasters does not have many assembly facilities for car companies but it is a key area for making many

of the parts required to build cars. As a result, parts are in short supply and in some cases, entire assembly lines were halted because vehicles were missing just one or two parts.

The impact has been felt globally as well, with overseas production plants, including those in the UK, also unable to secure sufficient parts to carry on.

Car manufacturers say continued shortages are inevitable and output figures are likely to remain low.

So for some time to come, Japanese cars seem likely to be in short supply on forecourts around the world - and could well lose out to makes from other parts of the world.

Roads continue to decline

A SURVEY of councils by the RAC has revealed that road conditions across the country are continuing to decline because Town Hall chiefs are being forced to undertake short-term repairs rather than permanent solutions.

Twelve out of 20 councils reported that government funding cuts mean they are concentrating on short term repairs to fill potholes caused by the harsh winter.

Eight councils have cut road maintenance budgets, two have dipped into reserves to make up for shortfalls, and two more have set up private finance initiatives to pay for road maintenance.

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