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Editor's Comment



CONGRATULATIONS to all the youngsters who took part in the parish council's litter pick on the Village Green and Shaw Street Playing Fields and pupils from Culcheth Primary School who took part in speed checks as part of a high profile police campaign to educate motorists.

You can read about their activities in more detail elsewhere in this month's issue but hopefully activities like this will help make them model

citizens of the future.

If you are actively involved in your community you are less likely to want to destroy it!

It is certainly a refreshing change from the times when our comments page was nearly always highlighting the problems caused by anti-social behaviour in the village.

I know Steve Dodd and his fellow PCOs have been working very hard in the community and last month we reported on the increased number of community youth workers in the area.

Interaction with the youth of the area certainly seems to be paying off.

There certainly does seem to have

been a big turnaround especially in Culcheth village centre, which at one time seemed to be heading towards becoming a no go area during the early evening.

But there is still work to be done as the most recent crime figures show a total of 20 incidents of anti-social behaviour, although these don't all relate to young people.

In fact it could be argued that the new youth club based at Culcheth High School may have become a victim of its own success - as the police reported problems caused by too many attending! But it is still early days.

Hopefully the good work in the local community will continue to address any issues.

Keep up the good work!

Speed checks trap 18 drivers

POLICE mounted a speed enforcement campaign on Warrington Road, outside Culcheth High School on five days, using a speed camera, radar gun or speed sign.

A total of 18 drivers were found to be travelling at more than 35mph.

In a similar operation in Wilton Lane - where the speed limit is 60mph - no vehicles were found to be travelling more than 46mph.

PCSOs and "Specials" carried out seat belt and mobile 'phone enforcement on one day on Warrington Road, Culcheth and four fixed penalty notices were issued to drivers who were not wearing seat belts

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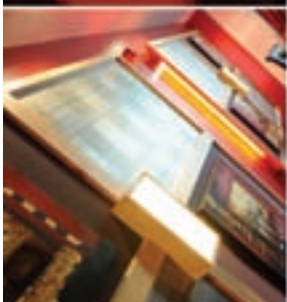
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Pupils become 'speed cops'

CHILDREN took part in a high profile police campaign at Culcheth – and got a chance to ask speeding drivers how they would feel if they caused an accident.

Year 6 pupils from Culcheth Primary School took part in a special speed awareness day to educate motorists about the rules of the road.

The 21 youngsters, dressed in high-visibility jackets, joined officers to carry out Community Speed Watch checks on the A574 Warrington Road.

Vehicles' speed was monitored using a hand-held speed gun. Drivers

over the limit were stopped and advised by an officer - and then given the option of being spoken to by the children.

Police Community Support Officer Steve Dodd said: "The issue of speeding drivers has been highlighted as a priority in the area. The issue on Warrington Road has been brought to our attention by parents who have aired their

concerns while talking to local officers at the school gates."

Officers launched the project in partnership with the school after talking to pupils about the issue of speeding drivers and the potential consequences of their actions.

PCSO Dodd said: "The children then came up with a list of questions to ask any motorists who were stopped for speeding."

Questions included whether the driver lived locally, if they were aware of the speed limit and proximity of the school and how often they use the road.

"They also asked them why they

were travelling above the speed limit and how would they feel if they hit a child while driving along the road?"

During one hour 344 vehicles were recorded travelling along the stretch of road. Two vehicles were clocked travelling between 36-40mph. The drivers were stopped and after speaking to officers, agreed to be spoken to by the children.

PCSO Dodd added: "We hope that the efforts of the children will help to reduce the speed of vehicles on the road. The road has a 30mph limit but it is clear that some drivers are choosing to ignore the restrictions that are in place - the restrictions are there for a reason."

"The safety of the children is our priority and it is hoped that the project will have a big impact on drivers in the area."



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Soldier back in Afghanistan

A FORMER Culcheth High School pupil has been deployed to the front line of Afghanistan's Helmand province for the second time, where he is playing an important role working as a combat engineer.

Lance Corporal Michael Forsdike, aged 24, is a member of 51 Parachute Squadron, 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault), Corps of Royal Engineers.

As such, he is part of a wider team responsible for building projects in dangerous locations, such as the construction of defensive positions, the building of bridges and the fortification of compounds while under fire.

Michael is a communications specialist and his specific role is as troop signaller, relaying important messages between his troop and the squadron headquarters. Not only does this allow Michael's colleagues to receive orders and send urgent supply and equipment requests for the tasks they are undertaking, but it can also prove a vital lifeline back to the rest of the squadron.

He said: "In my job I use state of the art communications technology in order to provide a crucial link enabling command and control to take place. Playing such a key role in the team is very rewarding – but everyone plays their part and supports each other. I feel that the work we're doing is of the utmost importance. We are improving living conditions for our own troops in their bases and for the local people. We are building good relationships with the locals and it is clear that they now understand our mission in Afghanistan, why we're here and what we plan to achieve. I can certainly see progress since the last time I was here."

Currently missing Michael are his partner Ruth, daughter Ruby, three and his parents Maria and Tom.

He has served one previous tour of Afghanistan, in 2008, and also among his career highlights is having completed "P Company", the Army selection course for airborne forces.



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THEY'VE been working magic on Culcheth's Newchurch Parish Hall - in more ways than one.

On stage, the Newchurch Strollers produced their annual pantomime with all sorts of fairytale escapades.

Outside, workmen worked their own magic, transforming the exterior of the building as part of a £22,500 project to update and revamp the popular hall.

In fact, building work started while the panto was still running!

The Rector, Rev Dr Chris Stafford said: "The hall is an important building to the Culcheth community, regularly hosting around 30 community groups including pre-school, karate, dancing, Girl Guiding, dog training, and film club.

"The work is making good progress and it is expected to be completed before the end of March - enabling us to have many more years of fairytale endings!"

The hall is the oldest community facility in Culcheth, with parts of the building dating back to 1821, when it was the village school.

Before the restoration work started,



however, it was in a deteriorating condition.

The project has been made possible thanks to a grant from The Veolia Environmental Trust, through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Executive director of the Trust, Margaret Cobbald, said: "Halls such as this are so important to their communities, providing a local meeting space for many activities. It is fantastic that we are able to support the repairs."

Planners approve new wall

PLANNING chiefs have approved proposals for a 2.25m high brick wall and gates in front of a large detached house nearing completion in Holcroft Lane, Culcheth.

The scheme had been opposed by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council and a neighbour because of the height of the wall - more than 7ft.

They claimed the wall would be unsightly and out of keeping with the open aspect of the area. The development is on the site of the former Holcroft Cottage which was demolished following the granting of permission for a new, two-storey house and access in 2009.

Planning officers supported the scheme on the grounds the wall and gates were of appropriate design and scale and had no detrimental impact on neighbours or the openness of the Green Belt.

Pre-School moves

CROFT Pre-School has moved home from the Memorial Hall to the Community Room at St Lewis Primary School in Mustard Lane. Opening hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8am to 3pm, and Tuesday and Friday 8am to 12 noon.

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Pensioner would go to jail over unadopted road

A CULCHETH pensioner says he is prepared to go to jail over the "injustice" handed out to people living in unadopted Twiss Green Drive.

Peter Mulvanney, aged 75, attended a meeting of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council to complain about the road where he has lived for the last 18 years.

He said the street was not cleansed, the grids were not emptied and the sewers were blocked. Faulty street lights were not repaired.

But the last straw was when a car was left in the road for weeks.

He said: "I informed the police and they came

down and, at first, said they could do nothing about it because the car had not been reported stolen and its road tax had not expired.

"They said they could do nothing until the tax ran out.

"But then they came back and said they couldn't do anything even when the tax ran out because it was a private road."

Mr Mulvanney said residents, some who had lived in the road for more than 40 years, paid the same council tax as anyone else but did not receive the same services.

He said: "It's an injustice. If we don't receive all the services, we should pay a reduced council

tax."

Mr Mulvanney was told the issue was not a parish council matter.

Cllr Peter Caswell said: "Twiss Green Drive is not the only unadopted road in Culcheth and the parish council had tried many times to persuade the borough council to adopt roads, without success.

"I live in an unadopted road myself and the residents have to club together to pay for road repairs.

"It doesn't seem fair - but I knew the road was unadopted when I bought my house more than 20 years ago," he said.

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Volunteers wanted for Speed Watch

MORE volunteers are needed for a community Speed Watch scheme at Croft.

A number have already come forward to man the scheme in the village, but more are needed to ensure the initiative is a success.

Police Community Support Officer Maurizio Lucchesi said: "Residents in the Croft area have told us that speeding is an issue of concern and, in response to those concerns, we have set up a community Speed Watch scheme in the area.

"We already have a number of volunteers who are keen to help out but we are encouraging anyone else who would like to get involved to come forward.

"Speed Watch schemes act as a good deterrent and help to get the message across that speeding drivers

will not be tolerated.

"Motorists need to remember that speed limits are there for a reason and they must be adhered to."

The initiative involves volunteers giving up some of their spare time at a time that is convenient to them.

Volunteers, who must be over 18, are trained to use a speed gun to monitor the speed of traffic. Motorists driving at an excessive speed are sent a warning letter and told that if they are clocked speeding again they could be fined £60 and face three points on their licence.

PCSO Lucchesi added: "If you would like anymore information about Community Speed Watch and how the schemes work then please get in touch."

The number to call is 9845 458 6390.

End in sight for floodlight problem?

HOPES are rising that problems caused by new floodlighting at Culcheth High School will soon be solved.

Members of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council were told of numerous complaints from residents about the "glare" coming from the school's new multi-use games area of a night - even when the pitch is not in use.

Cllr Keith Bland said the problem was that the switch to turn off the lights was in a sealed cabinet and could not be accessed. The lights, which came on automatically when it went dark, were timed to go off at 10pm. But they came on every night - whether the pitch was being used or not.

There had been complaints from residents of Withington Avenue and Culcheth Hall Drive about the glare affecting their homes.

Cllr Bland said it was hoped to install a switch within the school building which could be used to turn the lights off when they were not required.

He added: "The school is desperate to solve the problem as it is putting up their electricity bill. Hopefully the situation will be resolved soon."

Last of the lighthouse keepers

GORDON Medlicott - one of the last lighthouse keepers in Britain - was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Culcheth WI.

Gordon retired in 1998 when all UK lighthouses became automated. His talk involved the history of lighthouses and his own personal experiences.

He always enjoyed his working life and, at the start of his career, lived in some idyllic places manning inshore lighthouses around England and Wales. Later he worked on offshore lighthouses where supplies had to be brought in by small boats - sometimes a very dangerous operation in rough seas.

Members were told that the theatre trip in March was a sell-out but that some tickets were still available to see Memory Lane 2011 at the Brindley Theatre, Runcorn in April and the musical Sweet Charity, again at the Brindley, in May.

Prizewinners in the raffle were Wynn Brierley, Margaret Langton, Betty Jones, Chris Seddon, Myrtle Gerrard, Eileen Williams and Shirley Bennett.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15 at Newchurch Parish Hall, when the speaker will talk about The Seven Deadly Sins!

Truce called in stables battle?

PEACE has broken out in the long-running battle over plans for stables at the rear of Petersfield Gardens, Culcheth - at least for the time being.

A new application for permission to build three stables and a store room, together with hardstanding, on the Green Belt site was withdrawn by the applicant when it came before the borough's planning committee, to allow time for further talks with objectors. Over the last two years, two similar proposals, involving first 10 and later eight, stables have been rejected.

Residents of Petersfield Gardens, Sutton Avenue and Chilern Road have objected to the scheme, together with nearby Twiss Green Primary School and Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council has expressed concern.

The residents claim the proposed development would be inappropriate in the Green Belt, that increased traffic would cause danger in a residential area and near to a school, that mud would be deposited on roads and there would be increased noise. They say the buildings would be a "blot on the landscape."

Planning officers are recommending the scheme be approved, however.

They point out that the planned stable block has been re-sited and reduced in size. Only three horses would be accommodated instead of eight. Stables would be acceptable in the Green Belt and would have no detrimental impact on the character of the area.

'Access only'


RESIDENTS of picturesque Dam Lane, Croft, are celebrating after a successful campaign to get the road made 'access only'.

Motorists, using the narrow lane as a shortcut, had made life a misery for householders with speeding cars making walking particularly hazardous.

A number of collisions occurred and cars had frequently demolished fences or hedges.

Croft Parish Council backed the residents in their campaign and "access only" signs have now gone up. Police have also been stopping cars and sending leaflets to local employers informing them of the necessary diversion, which involves using the junction of Smithy Brow and Smithy Lane.

Cllr Les Hoyle said: "It will take some time for motorists to get used to the change. One resident counted 510 vehicles in two hours even after the no access signs went up. But we are pleased to have got the restriction in place - Dam Lane is one of the nicest roads in the village and hopefully it will now be quieter and safer."



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A RECORD-breaking £11,722 has been raised by Glazebury's Bents Garden and Home for its charity of the year.

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Bents invited VIP family of the year, Rebecca and Iain Jenkinson and their triplets Gabriella, Zachary and Alexander, to the centre to meet Jan Thomas, director of Ronald McDonald House, together with representatives of Bents' new charity of the year, Macmillan Cancer Support.

Managing director Matthew Bent said: "We are absolutely delighted to have raised so much for the Ronald McDonald House and believe our

money will be used to buy furniture for the 15 new apartments for long stay families at the house.

"A big thank you to all our customers and colleagues who have helped throughout the year to make the campaign such a success. We are now looking forward to working with Macmillan in what is their centenary year, and are keen to do just as well in 2011."

Macmillan helps improve the lives of those affected by cancer, providing medical, practical, financial and emotional support.

Aimee Scally, the charity's local fundraiser said: "We are celebrating our 100th birthday and we are extremely excited, and look forward to working with the Bents team to help raise hundreds and thousands of £s for people affected by cancer within the area."

Senior citizen's party

CULCHETH Lions is holding its annual Senior Citizen's Party and is inviting anyone who has not attended before to join in.

The party will be on Saturday March 5 at 2pm at Culcheth Sports Club (The Datsen) in Charnock Road.

There will be light refreshments, entertainment and a raffle. Musical entertainment will be provided by Culcheth High School. Free transport can be provided on request to senior citizen's who need it.

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Motoring

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MPVs are getting sportier

THE popularity of the MPV remains unabated and manufacturers are moving towards sportier looking models to counter claims that multi-purpose vehicles are necessarily rather dull.

A range of new or re-vamped models are offered for 2011 including the first ever diesel hybrid, the Peugeot 3008 HYbrid4.

This is really a crossover car, combining SUV feature such as four wheel drive with the practicality of a people carrier.

It's stylish, with plenty of load space, flexible seating and CO2 emissions as low as 99g/km, making it exempt from both road tax and the London congestion charge.

By contrast the re-styled Chrysler Grand Voyager is bigger than most other MPVs with almost mini-bus proportions, seating for seven and a reputation for reliability.

The Mazda5 was introduced last year, but the New Year has brought a 1.6-litre diesel model in addition to the petrol options. It is a better drive than most, boasts practical sliding doors and has a dramatic style that will impress the kids and also improve the aerodynamics to help reduce CO2 emissions to just 138g/km - and a yearly road tax charge of £110.

Vauxhall's seven-seat Zafira remains a popular choice due to its flexible and versatile seating system and is being given a facelift this year.

New engines seem likely to be introduced, possibly including a low-CO2 ecoFLEX version.

Chevrolet are entering the MPV

MOST drivers believe their cars use more fuel and create more pollution at lower speeds - a view perpetuated by car manufacturers who claim that the optimum speed for fuel efficiency is between 50mph and 60mph.

But a number of recent surveys indicate that the reverse is the case and that for some models the highest mileage is achieved at speeds as low as 20mph.

This has been seized upon by the

"20s Plenty for Us" campaign, founded by Lymm resident Rod King but now a national organisation, as further justification for their initiative to make the roads safer for all users - particularly cyclists and pedestrians.



The Peugeot 3008 HYbrid4

market with the Orlando, a seven-seater with a high roof and a massive 1,487 litres of boot space with the rear seats folded.

It's a large, distinctive looking vehicle with a 2.0-litre engine and will be available in diesel and petrol versions.

The Toyota Verso S is a stylish, supermini-size MPV with a high roofline to make more space for rear seat passengers. It will come with 1.0 and 1.33-litre engines producing low running costs and little environmental impact which is probably why there is no hybrid

version on the horizon.

Honda, however, has added hybrid technology to its supermini-MPV, aiming it at younger buyers with distinctive colours and fresh design. Low running costs will give it more practicality and space than most similar sized cars.

Music for the road

A SURVEY of AA members has revealed that the most popular record being played on car stereos at the moment is Meat Loaf's "Bat out of Hell"

This has led to speculation that drivers are escaping to a bygone era of happier, cheaper motoring.

"Our members seem to be nostalgic for the good old days," says AA president Edmund King. "Petrol was 17p/litre when 'Bat out of Hell' was released in 1977."

So what is the truth of the situation?

One study, involving five different vehicles ranging from a 1 litre Toyota to a 2.2 litre Landrover Freelander, show that the most efficient speed for all five was below 40mph and, in the case of two, was 20mph.

Another study found that fuel consumption increases sharply above 40mph and by 90mph has halved. When 30 km/h (18.6 mph) zones were introduced in Germany, it was found drivers changed gear 12 per cent less often, braked 14 per cent less often and required 12 per cent less fuel. At the same time, cycling increased by 23 per cent.

Department for Transport guidance is that, generally, driving more slowly at a steady pace saves fuel and carbon dioxide emissions, unless an unnecessarily low gear is used.

Evidence

So there is plenty of evidence to support the argument that lower speeds result in lower fuel bills, as well as reduced pollution and improved road safety.

Despite this, the issue is plagued by controversy, with many motorists refusing to accept arguments based on either cost, the environment or road safety.

Locally, the borough council is to introduce 20mph limits in many residential areas after experiments which are claimed to have reduced the accident rate, so drivers are going to have to show some restraint whether they like it or not.



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Dining Out with Culcheth Life

at The Eastern Revive

It is always good to find a new restaurant with quality food, excellent service and friendly staff - and this is certainly what we found when we visited Eastern Revive in Newton Road, Lowton St Mary's.

The restaurant has a warm and cosy atmosphere despite its spaciousness. The lighting is discreet and the décor tasteful.

Our very first impression on arrival, however, was of the good, secure parking arrangements in front of the building.

We must confess to being late converts to Indian cuisine, although we no longer have to seek too much advice from the waiter. Eastern Revive offer quite a few original dishes in addition to the traditional favourites, however and we noted several of our fellow diners receiving helpful advice.

We began with Garlic Chicken and Mixed Vegetable starters, served with green salad and mint sauce, both of which were tasty and appetising. But there was a wide range of starters available, including Kebabs, Tandoori Chicken, Lamb Chops and Chilli Chicken.

For our main course we chose Mint Zeera Gosht - pieces of tender lamb cooked with fresh tomatoes, Spring Onion, Yogurt, Garlic and Corriander, cooked

in a medium sauce - and the popular Chicken Tikka Masala - pieces of chicken tikka cooked in a thick masala sauce with coconut and almonds.

Both meals were beautifully prepared, tastefully presented and, most importantly, delicious.

Again there were on offer a huge range of all-time Indian favourites such as various Curries, Dansak, Rogan Josh, Bhuna, Dupiaza, Madras, Samber, Vindaloo and Korma available with chicken, lamb, prawns, etc.

Clay Oven Grilled Specials also offered a range of chicken, lamb and fish dishes.

Eastern Revive has a good range of desserts and a huge wine list, as well as beers and spirits to round off any meal. We found our evening there a rewarding experience.



The iconic Mersey

MEMBERS of Croft WI learned many interesting facts about the river Mersey when ex-schoolmaster Hugh Beggs gave a lecture on the river.

They were taken on a virtual journey, via maps and slides, charting the progress of the river over many centuries from Anglo-Saxon times, through the industrial revolution, to the present day.

The Mersey has no single source, but starts on the western slopes of the Pennines by the converging of the Tame, Goyt and Etherow rivers and only flows as a true river for 20 miles before becoming an estuary. It is hard to believe that this iconic river actually emerges under a bus station in Stockport! The solutions to flooding and easing of river traffic over the years, leading to the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal and the deepening of the estuary into Liverpool Docks were just some of the fascinating details included in Hugh's talk. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was given by Vicky Gaskell.

Council hits back over village green drainage

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council has responded to criticism from members of the public over proposals to spend £33,000 on a drainage scheme for the village green.

Resident Peter Mulvanny expressed shock at the cost of the scheme when he attended a meeting of the council - and another resident, John Donnachie, in a letter to Culcheth Life, published last month, claimed the money should not be spent at a time when the economy was "in a mess."

He claimed the field was used only once a year.

Both residents claimed local farmers would carry out the work "for a fraction of the £33,000."

But Cllr Keith Bland - while agreeing the figure seemed "a lot of money" - said the issue was not as simple as it appeared.

The quotation had gone through the normal tendering process and was the lowest that had been

received.

It was public land and was subject to public liability. It was not just a matter of draining the field - the water had to be drained somewhere and all this added to the cost.

"If we could get it done cheaper, we would do," he said.

Cllr Bland also pointed out the council did not have enough money for the project anyway. They would have to ask local council tax payers if they wanted to see their council tax increased to pay for it.

If they did not, the scheme would not go ahead.

Cllr Jacqui Johnson said: "The green is not just used once a year on Community Day - it is used all the year round."

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Beavers seek new members

CULCHETH'S new Beaver Scout colony is on the lookout for new members - aged six to eight.

The group is part of the 19th Warrington East (Culcheth Methodist) Scout Group and meets at the Methodist Hall on Fridays between 5.15pm and 6.15pm.

At present the group has 16 members at present. Beaver Scout Leader is Alicia Flint and she can be contacted on 07952 727232 or 01925 221909.

Assistant leaders are Amanda Holden, Jo Owen and Suzanne McGucken. Alicia said: "Parents whose children are coming up to six would be advised to get their names on our waiting list if they would like them to join."



New award for cricket club

GLAZEBURY Cricket Club has been awarded Validation status by Youth Matter, a Warrington charity which works to meet the needs of young people by supporting voluntary youth organisations.

The award is given to organisations which achieve and maintain standards based on child protection measures, equal opportunities, financial structure, health and safety, management, etc. Aim of the charity is to ensure that youth organisations are providing the best possible for young people.

At the club's annual general meeting and prize-giving ceremony at the Chat Moss Hotel, chairman Paul Warhurst congratulated the 1st XI on a very successful season which led to them being promoted to the Cheshire Cricket Alliance first division.

He also praised the club's officers for their hard work during the year. President Malcolm Chapman presented trophies and said it was encouraging to see that so many of the prize winners had graduated from the club's junior section.

Award winners were: 1st X1 Batting: Ian McCue; 1st X1 Bowling: Rhys Marsh; 2nd X1 Batting: Paul Warhurst; 2nd X1 Bowling: Matthew Shailer; 3rd X1 Batting: Dave Nicholson; 3rd X1 Bowling: Dave Nicholson; Players player of the year: Ian McCue; Young player of the year: Rhys Marsh; Most improved player of the year: Jack Warhurst; Run getter trophy: Jack Warhurst.

Jack Warhurst also took the league wicket keeping award for 2010. The club's winter training programme has now started at Culcheth High School and new members are welcome, particularly juniors. Details are available from coach Mike Durrington on 07729853915 or by emailing elmik2326@aol.com or by visiting the club website www.glazeburycc.org.uk

Run-getters on the run

TWO members of Glazebury Cricket Club - Jack Warhurst and Dave Acton - are to run in the 10k BUPA Great Manchester Road in aid of the Stroke Association.

A member of the club's 1st XI suffered a stroke in the penultimate game of last season.

Anyone who wishes to donate can do so via the websites www.justgiving.com/jack-warhurst and www.justgiving.com/dave-acton

Cut backs

THE borough council is to contact residents of Culcheth Hall Drive, Culcheth, to discuss reducing the size of rhododendron bushes in the road.

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Young litter pickers praised

SCOUTS and Cubs from Culcheth joined with members of the Parish and Borough Council's to do a litter pick of the Village Green and Shaw Street Playing Field.

Praising their efforts Parish Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Helena Campbell said " It is lovely to see the young people getting involved and to see the different organisations coming together to help keep our villages a

clean and tidy environment." Akela, Christine Housby, and Scout Leader, Dave Sanderson, are both keen to involve their groups in more community events and have already offered to help on Community

Day.

They would also like to hear from volunteers interested in working for the Scouts and/or Cubs. Christine can be contacted on 01925 762121 landlcubs@googlemail.com and Dave on 01925 762951 dave_sanderson@db-mortgages.co.uk

Above: Local Scout groups helping clean up rubbish in Culcheth.

Below: From left, third Warrington East Scout Robert Harper aged 12 with cubs from the same scout group Harry Garbutt and Oliver Fairclough both aged 8.



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