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EVERYTHING comes to those who wait! At long last a lower speed limit is to be introduced on a Culcheth road which has been a constant source of danger for many years.

Borough Council highways chiefs have agreed to a request from Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council to extend the 30 mph speed

# Library closed for renovations

# CULCHETH library is due to be renovated to improve the quality of

service for its users. While the work takes place the

Vhile the work takes place the library will be closed from 7pm on Tuesday May 11 until Tuesday June 1. During this time the existing counter will be replaced, self-issue PCs will be installed, and the main library area will be redecorated and re-carpeted. Borrowers will be able to loan extra items before the closure and overdue charges will not be made for the days when the library is closed.

Library card holders can borrow, renew and return items at any

Warrington library. The mobile library will also visit and will park on the car park of the Harrow public house across the road from Culcheth Library on May 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29, opening at 9.30am each day and remaining open during the atternoons on May 18 and 25. limit on Broseley Lane beyond Broseley Bridge where, currently, it is 40mph

For years, the parish council and nearby residents have been asking for the limit to be reduced because of the number of motorists travelling at 40mph - and probably faster - who fail to negotiate a tricky bend and end up in a field. We understand one long-suffering

resident has a veritable archive of photographs of suffered this fate! vehicles which

The problem will not be completely solved, of course. There are plenty of drivers who think speed limits are there to be broken and they will probably continue to end up in the



field. But the evidence is that more drivers observe, or nearly observe, a 30mph limit than do a 40mph one. So th'ings should improve.

The work is due to be carried out within the next three or four months . and it can't come too soon.

# Work experience

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council is to consider taking on a young person for work experience.

The council has been told of a scheme where people aged 18-24 who have been unemployed for 12 months can be given work experience with parish councils.

They are to investigate funding opportunities.



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# **Rose Queen looking for transport!**

# THE next Newchurch Rose Queen Siobhan Beaudin is looking for a vehicle to use as a float during the carnival season.

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

# PCSOs signed up again

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council has signed up to continue having the services of Police Community Support Officers.



Council chairman Sue Bland and Insp Richard Spedding, of Cheshire Police, signed the contract at the monthly meeting of the parish council. Culcheth, Croft and Glazebury are

covered by three PCSOs - Sarah Bradburne, Stephen Dodd and Maurizio Lucchesi and they have all become familiar figures in the area.

PCSO Dodd gave a report on the monthly crime figures at the meeting. There were II instances of anti-social behaviour, one burglary, nine thefts and 17 instances of suspicious activity - including one unfortunate resident who was reported after being spotted climbing back into his own house after accidentally locking himself out!

During the month, more than 40 motorists were caught exceeding the speed limit in Warrington Road, Common Lane and Mustard Lane.

up roller skating. Her mum Hazel Beaudin said: "Siobhan is very committed to her role as Rose Queen and intends to plan some great activities in the forthcoming year for all age ranges. She has even started to prepare for her stall at the Victorian Day - be prepared for some monkey business! "One big ask - if anyone has a float

type vehicle that she could use on the approvemente interior sine could use on the days of Croft and Glazebury carnivals it would be much appreciated."

Her attendants are Charlotte Morris, Matthew Beaudin, Cara Slattery and Amy and Katie Groves.





# looking forward to summer?

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# Village green drainage plan hits snag

THE  $\pounds$ 33,000 plan to improve drainage on Culcheth's village green has run into a snag.

Environmental charity WREN has turned down Culcheth a'nd Glazebury Parish Council's application for a grant - leaving the council some \$23,000 short of being able to fund the project

It had been hoped work would start shortly after Community Day. Coun Keith Bland (right), chairman

of the council's environment sub-committee said: "This is bad news. "We have about £10,000 in the

bank for the work but it is not enough. This is work which, quite frankly, needs to be done."

Flooding has been a major problem on The Green for some years. At one time a "pond" formed which even attracted ducks!

Sodden turf has frequently caused

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difficulties on Community Day. The council is now to funding other sources. But if none is forthcoming they

will



increasing the local precept to pay for

coun Bland said: "We would consult with the village before doing anything, however. It would probably cost each council tax payer about £5 for one year and we already have one of the lowest precepts in the borough.

"But we would still ask the people before going ahead."

# Players present 'Beside the Seaside'

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

When ine week's annual holiday by the sea was enough to recharge your

Join the players at the Blackpool boarding house of Mrs Austin in Leslie Sands' hilarious "Beside the Seaside". Witness her guests enjoy (sorry, endure) their hard earned break in this typical budget holiday accommodation. Laughs aplenty as Wilf squares up to the matriarchal landlady and a newly wed couple head for their first quarrel.

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# All set for **Community Day**

CULCHETH and Glazebury Parish Council are once again organising the annual Community Day on Culcheth Village Green on Bank Holiday Monday May 6.

The event is being opened at 12.00noon by the Chairman of the Parish Council Coun Sue Bland.

As well as a large variety of stalls, all from local charities and organisation, there will be lots going in the main arena including on Children's Entertainer, 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 will also be a selection of Classic Cars as well as Motor Bikes and Fairground rides for the younger children.

There is still time to book a stall so call Sue on 01925 766641 for further details.

# Cricket club stumped!

BOROUGH council highways chiefs have turned down a request for a sign to help visiting teams find Glazebury Cricket Club's Hurst Lane ground. Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council had suggested a sign to be attached to an existing pole - but the borough said "No". Coun Keith Bland said: "The cost of providing a sign with its own pole would be prohibitive"

be prohibitive.



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# All set for end of an era

HUNDREDS of former pupils are expected to attend an 'End of an Era' Reunion at Culcheth High School on June 26.

The school will be open for anyone to attend from 12 - 4 pm for any former pupils who want to come along and take pictures, bring family members to see the old school or just reminisce with old friends before the

buildings go forever. This will be the last chance to take photographs of the old school buildings.

There will be meeting points for each era so you can meet friends you may have lost touch with and there will be old school photos and memorabilia to look at.

A party is planned in the evening when there will be local bands playing as well as several DJ's and a wide Screen for the England v Algeria World Cup match! There will also be a marquee with

quiet areas to catch up with news from friends and ex-teachers.

There will be a bar and food on sale and professional photographs to buy. Tickets are £5 each. All proceeds will go to the school

For tickets please contact Amanda Stephens on 01925762136 or go online www.culchethhigh.org.uk

# Kim just loves cooking!

KIM'S Kitchen, at the Pack Horse Inn, is a Chinese/Vietnamese restaurant and takeaway in the heart of Culcheth.

Kim moved to England from Vietnam some years ago and now lives in the village with her three young

boys. She loves cooking, enjoys the Culcheth lifestyle and has made lots of friends who appreciate what a good

Kim's restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday and

Kim also offers a takeaway and delivery service. She offers a family run service and because everything is cooked to order, provides a menu that caters for all requirements - family meals, house specials

and a children's menu. Kim has settled in nicely at the Pack Horse - which is owned by Monica, Carol, Colin and Ken - and has the backing of loyal customers, many of who have followed her to the Pack Horse having tasted her cuisine previously.

She said: "I look forward to welcoming new customers to try my Oriental cuisine

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# Villages suppo

# CULCHETH Primary School hosted the first-ever Sport Relief event in Culcheth, raising more than £2,000. race

A total of 423 runners took part and the event was supported by local businesses, Wolfie, Zip and Zap, Culcheth Day Nursery, and sport leaders from Culcheth High School. Warrington Wolves' player Matt King and Wolfie started the six-mile

Children from the Day Nursery did a "sponsored toddle" with 10 laps of the primary school playground. Meanwhile twinkle toes of all ages

from Palms School of Dance did the Conga for a mile from Glazebury to



# Churches launch an e-parish magazine

THE parish churches at Culcheth and Croft have joined forces to

build a new website. www.newchurch-christchurch.net is like an electronic parish magazine,



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packed with information about events at Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth and Christ Church, Croft.

The site is still under development but already offers a lot to see, with particular emphasis on what's on at the two parish halls, ranging from free film shows to meetings of the Women's Institute.

There are colouring pictures, wordsearches and crosswords for the children, a bible trivia quiz and churchyard nature notes.

The site is updated approximately weekly so there is always something new to look for.

Details of services, weddings, baptisms, etc are there and details of how to join the choir, or MC2 - a band made up of people from several churches in the area



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# ort Sport Relief

#### Culcheth.

Baby dancers and ballerinas joined shoulder to shoulder with older friends to take part in the event which raised more than £200 for the charity

Then they celebrated their success by performing a show for pupils at Culcheth Primary School.

Pictures show youngsters who took part in the various events.



# Advertiser's announcement -Time to spring clean your oven

AFTER the harsh winter months hard working ovens are probably now due for a spring clean more than ever before, according to Paul Clark from professional oven valeters Ovenu.

As outside temperatures plummeted to record levels many people turned to their ovens for hot wholesome meals leaving high levels of grease and debris lurking behind the door. Tackling the oven is still one of the most loathed household chores. If people

lackling the oven is still one of the most loathed household chores. It people are not thorough with their oven cleaning, fat and food can cause future problems, which could result in an oven fire. Paul added: "There was a huge amount of love for over-worked ovens during the cold Winter, but people don't realise that the more you use your oven the more debris and grease can start to build up and this can affect its efficiency. "By regularly cleaning and maintaining an oven, it will ensure it performs at its best and even help prolong its life, and not need to replace it as often." The whole process takes around three hours and leaves the oven, hob and exterior in immaculate condition. For more information contract Paul at Ovenu on 01925 453377 or log onto

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# Summer fair

SUMMER treats such as cream teas and outdoor music are on offer at an event in Croft on

Saturday May 22. St Lewis' Primary School's Grand Summer Fayre will be held at the school in Mustard Lane, from 12 noon to 4pm. Entrance is 50 pence.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Golborne Youth Brass Band and local band Uz. Attractions will include a giant catapult, penalty shoot-out, bouncy castle and craft room. There will also be hot food and a beer and Pimms tent.

# Dancing duo's delight

# TWO dance students have been offered the opportunity of a lifetime after being accepted at the prestigious dance school, Laban, in London.

lodie Standish, 8 from Glazebury and Anthony Lomas, 17, from Newton-le-Willows, are both students at Priestley College. They will take up their places on the BA Honours programme after being among a group of 80 to make

being among a group of 80 to make the cut from some 1,000 applicants worldwide.

## Achievement

The achievement is all the more remarkable for the pair because they hadn't had any formal dance training until enrolling at Priestley.

Both have gone on to excel in A-Level Dance and on the BTEC National Performing Arts programme

National Performing Arts programme as well as taking leading roles in a string of hit college productions. Jodie said: "It is great news. Priestley have really backed me and helped me develop as a performer." Anthony added: "Since coming to Priestley, I've been able to experience all things dance and really hone my skills as a performer. I was delighted

skills as a performer. I was delighted to be accepted by Laban because they obviously enjoy a really strong reputation for excellence."

# Homes approved on youth club site

PLANNING chiefs at Warrington have given the go-ahead for a controversial development opposed by nearby residents even though it will remove an

everophic building. Members of the borough council's development control committee have approved proposals for 10 two-storey dwellings in Church Lane, Culcheth. The site involved is currently occupied by buildings formerly used as Culcheth Youth Base which are now unoccupied and in a state of disrepair.

Nearby residents complained bitterly about noise and general disturbance

caused by the youth club when it was in operation. But some also objected to the proposed new development because of parking and traffic issues, high density building on a small site and a loss of privacy. Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council also opposed the scheme.

Outline planning consent was granted two years ago but detailed permission

The committee was told finance generated by the original scheme had been used to help fund a replacement youth facility at the new Culcheth High School, giving social and community benefits.

As well as improving the character of the area with the removal of the existing, unsightly buildings, the proposal would not give rise to significant crime or safety concerns nor have any great impact on the living conditions of nearby residents.

# Wool shop's 25 year success story

shop is celebrating 25 years in business - with a clutch of craft

little The shop above Sainsbury's is still going strong providing a vital service to Culcheth's knitters and The Black

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To celebrate, The Black Sheep is holding a one-time only mega sale with an extra 25 per cent off

sale with an extra 25 per cent oft everything in store - on top of the discounts they already offer. The sale starts Friday April 30 at 10am and ends 4pm on Sunday May 9. It will be held at both the Culcheth Shop and the newly opened craft barn at Partridge Lakes, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth and also The Black Sheep shop at and also The Black Sheep shop at Unit 3, Marble Place, Chapel Street, Southport.







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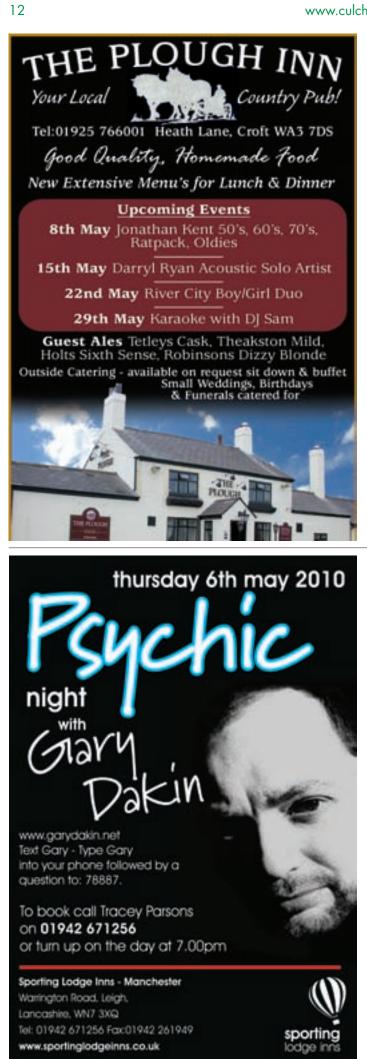
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# Walk for Water raises £1,500



CULCHETH's fourth annual Walk for Water saw a record number of walkers raise almost £1,500 for WaterAid.

Money raised will go to provide safe water, sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people.

Many people who have taken part over the past three years walked again and a "bring a friend campaign," encouraged past walkers to spread the word.

One of the organisers said: "The Culcheth walkers were lucky with the weather, previous despite the weekend's snow flurrys. "And whether they had 'fun

runned', power walked or strolled the 8.5mile course they were cheered over the finish line and provided with hot soup and a welcome sit down.

# Advertiser's announcement -The Plough – your friendly village pub

IF your looking for a quaint traditional country pub you don't need to look any further than the Plough Inn in Croft. Recently refurbished the pub also has a new kitchen and a new chef and is at the heart of the local community.

The restaurant serves locally sourced'home made food and there is

also weekly entertainment. So if your looking for good quality, local sourced home cooked food call in at the Plough where you will be assured a friendly welcome.

# Joint surgery success



COUNCILLORS and police have been helping the public with their enquiries at a series of joint surgeries held in Culcheth.

Local police officers and borough councillors from Culcheth and Croft have been working together over the past few months holding surgeries at Age Concern, Jackson Avenue.

The sessions, on the third Saturday of the month, are between 10.30 and 11.30am

PCSO Steve Dodd said: "The surgery is like a one-stop-shop where local residents can call in and discuss problems that are affecting them or their community.

"By having the opportunity to speak to the councillors as well as ourselves at the same time means we can often work out an action plan to resolve the problem there and then

problem there and then." Coun Les Hoyle said: "It is important that we all work together in partnership to address the concerns of the community. "So far the members of the public who have attended have been pleased that we have addressed the issues that they raised. Often people attend with what they believe will be a police issue but in fact can be dealt with by the council."



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# Budget 2010

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Alistair Darling's Budget on 24 March may not have been the most eventful and, depending on the outcome of the General Election, might soon be superseded early in the new marking

the new parliament. However in this edition of Styles Files, we cover two relevant tax reductions which were announced and one tax increase which warrants investigation to see if the tax charge can be mitigated: 1) Increase in Annual Investment

1) Increase ... Allowance From 6 April 2010, businesses can get 100% tax relief per annum on their first £100,000 of qualifying capital expenditure, up from £50,000 expenditure, up from £50,000 previously. Qualifying expenditure of over £100,000 will receive capital allowances at the normal 20% rate.

This increase in the allowance is clearly intended to encourage clearly intended to encourage businesses to commit to capital expenditure programmes and business owners should take this accelerated tax relief in to account when calculating the real cost of investment in qualitying assets asse

assets. 2) Entrepreneurs' Relief Also from 6 April 2010, capital gains on the disposal of qualifying businesses, shares or those assets used in business will be subject to an effective rate of tax of 10% on the first \$2 million of gain. The limit (which is a lifetime limit per individual) was previously £1 million. This change is expected to encourage entrepreneurs to operate in

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the UK rather than overseas. 3) Increases in national insurance The Labour Government's proposal to increase both employers' and employees' national insurance by 1% will be introduced in April 2011. The Conservative Party have indicated that Conservative Party have indicated that the increase will not be introduced at all if they come to power. However, whatever occurs over the

coming months, national insurance is and will remain a significant cost of employment. There is scope for employers to reduce national insurance liabilities, which are payable by both themselves and their themselves and their employees, through salary sacrifice schemes. Such schemes need to set up compliantly and include the payment of pension contributions by the employer on behalf of the employee, as a sacrifice of salary, thereby saving the national insurance

The above are only examples of the matters covered in the Budget and a full review of you or your business's tax affairs may be appropriate. 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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# Old jokes are the best

TALES from "The Golden Age of Comedy" kept members of the Croft WI entertained at their monthly meeting when guest speaker Brian Halliwell delivered a talk.

Members were treated to a trip down memory lane by Brian's knowledge of the years spanning from the 1890s to the late 1950s.

After identifying Arthur Askey, Billy Danvers, Max Miller and Old Mother Riley from sketches of the artists, the speaker told funny stories relating to their lives

Pat Hewitt said: "Brian told many of the jokes used by the old performers, which caused gales of laughter from his audience and proved that, even though comedy has changed dramatically over the last 50 years, the old gags still go down well!"

well!" Croft WI meets on the third Wednesday of every month and new members and guests are always welcome. Call 01925 764555 or 766327 for more details.

# A civilised way to make new friends

AN organisation offering fine food and good company is seeking new members.

The Dinner Club describes itself as an up-market national organisation for discerning singles and is based in Chester and operates throughout the northwest. Founded in 1986, it stresses it is



not a dating or introduction agency but rather an organisation which offers members a civilised way to make new friends and widen their social circle.

Membership is made up of people of all ages, mainly from professional or business backgrounds, who are single, divorced, separated or widowed. Most are in the 45-60 plus age group. There is also a younger group for ages 30-4.5.

Events organised include dinners, dinner dances, black tie balls, theatre evenings, horse racing and holidays.

holidays. A Dinner Club spokesman said: "Making new friends should be a rich and rewarding experience but often, when you're single and tied to the home or have a demanding job, there's little opportunity to expand beyond your immediate social circle. "Wouldn't it be nice to meet like

minded people you can get on with? That's exactly the concept - a civilised way to make new friends."

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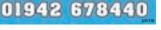
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