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Editor's Comment



A PETITION supporting the campaign to save the sixth form at Culcheth High School has been signed by around 850 people and handed in at Warrington Town hall.

It was organised by local councillors Matt Smith and Chris Vobe and Warrington North and Culcheth resident MP Helen Jones

and handed in at Warrington Town Hall by Cllr Vobe.

The campaign opposes the decision by the school's governing body to close post-16 provision at Culcheth.

It has been backed by borough councillors from neighbouring Hollins Green and Rixton, seven members of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, all six members of Croft Parish Council, and two members of neighbouring Winwick Parish Council, along with 850 residents from the affected villages.

If the future of Culcheth High School's Sixth Form College was down to people power - I have no

doubt it would be saved.

Unfortunately these days the power of the pound - or in this case the lack of it - usually wins the day, although we can live in hope that the local outcry can cause a change of heart - but as I have said before I am not holding my breath.

One can only wonder why so many people living in Culcheth and surrounding areas started sending their children elsewhere in the first place.

The competition from other Sixth form colleges would seem the most obvious reason.

The fact that posters are already being displayed on the school doors saying they are not taking any future enrolments would seem to suggest that a u-turn is highly unlikely.

Residents oppose housing plan

RESIDENTS of a tree-lined road at Culcheth are fighting plans to build 11 properties on a site near their homes.

Developer Evoke Homes Ltd have submitted plans for the development on the site of the former Tithebarn at the end of Culcheth Hall Drive.

But residents believe the development is too big for the site and that the additional traffic it will generate will cause road safety hazards on the narrow road.

They have already organised one public meeting, together with residents of adjoining Lodge Drive and Cranwell Avenue when they were joined by local councillors Mat Smith and Chris Vobe.

The two councillors have pledged support to the residents' campaign.

A number of trees have already been removed from the site but Warrington Borough council has placed an emergency Tree Preservation Order on others.

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Sinead's charity mission to Madagascar

A 16-year-old Culcheth girl is to travel to Madagascar next year to do a month's charity work.

But first, Sinead Wright, a student at Winstanley College, has to raise £4,550 to go on the trip with World Challenge and has embarked on a programme of fundraising events.

She has already completed a half marathon earlier this year and is now organising a soul and Motown night at Culcheth's Village Club on June 21 at 7.30pm.

The event is being supported by Courtyard property consultants and will feature soul sensation Miguel and professional DJs. Tickets

cost £7 and can be obtained by emailing sinead.wright@live.co.uk

Sinead who works at the newsagents on Culcheth Parade is a keen runner and has also played netball for Warrington for about five years.

She said: "I hope to go to university to study medicine as my subjects at AS are currently biology, chemistry, Spanish and history.

"But at the moment I am concentrating on fundraising for World Challenge."



Rotary fight against polio

MEMBERS of Newton and District Jubilee Rotary Club will be in the centre of Culcheth on Friday and Saturday, May 30/31 selling Crocus lapel badges in aid of the Rotary movement's international effort to stamp out polio.

The virus now only exists in remote areas of three countries, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan and this is where the final stage of the battle against the disease is being fought.

Rotarians – seven of who have died at the hands of the Taliban – have vaccinated millions of children.

Local Rotarians will be at Culcheth Community Day on May 5 with a display, Inner Wheel bric-a-brac tent and golf chipping challenge.

On June 1 the club will be at Birchwood Carnival and on July 5 at Croft Carnival, on both occasions with a coconut shy.

Plans are also underway for the annual Beer Festival on September 13/14 at Culcheth Sports Club.

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A couple's bid to climb the world's highest free standing mountain - Kilimanjaro - to help raise funds for children's charity Childreach received a boost of more than £700 following a fund-raising dinner at the Raj Indian restaurant.

James Hutchinson and Tamina Singh each have to raise £2650 before going to Africa in June.

Former local councillor Ileyne Hutchinson helped organise the fund-raising event for her son and the The Raj kindly agreed to support the event.

Funds raised will go to 'Childreach International'.

To further support the charity James and Tamina are participating in their challenge of 'Climbing Kilimanjaro', which is the highest free-standing mountain in the world at 4280 metres high - their challenge will involve raising £5300 for the charity and reaching the peak of the mountain within five days!

James said: "Childreach is important to us as they help provide

deprived children all over the world including the UK, with a chance to transform their lives through helping them to ensure their right to education in a good school, stay healthy and most importantly, stay safe."

Local Parish Councillor Paul Campbell kindly agreed to act as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon, and with his help, £717 was raised for the the charity.

Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, followed by an auction, raffle, and rolling coins to win a bottle of whisky.

Meanwhile Funds can still be donated online at <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jameshutchinson1> or <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/taminasingh1>



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HS2 one year on - a Public Meeting

A PUBLIC meeting on how HS2 will still affect residents of Culcheth and surrounding areas will be discussed at a special meeting in the village.

CADRAG (Culcheth and District Railway Action Group) say the threat of HS2 hasn't gone away, with the proposals are still on the table.

Although they may have recently changed slightly nationally, the current proposals still threaten devastation to local villages.

CADRAG Chair Frank Allen said: "The Consultation has closed but we must continue our campaign in the political arena."

The next CADRAG public meeting and AGM will be on Friday May 9th at 7.30pm in the Culcheth Parish Hall (next to Sainsburys).

Frank added: "This meeting will be a lot more than an AGM with an

update on actions carried out over the past 12 months and planning for the next stage of our campaign to stop HS2 decimating our village.

"We urge everyone to attend the meeting on May 9th as HS2 affects us all and we need full village support in our efforts."

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer for the Committee, contact Frank on 01925 765017.

CADRAG is also holding a Quiz Night to raise funds for their campaign, at the Village Club on May 23. Come along for a fun evening and support the campaign. Look out for the posters.

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Road repairs should be accelerated

ROAD repairs in Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft need to be accelerated because the number of pot holes is increasing day by day, according to two local councillors.

Borough councillor Sue Bland and parish councillor Paul Campbell – who is also a candidate for the borough elections in May – are urging the borough to get to grips with repairing roads in the area.

Cllr Bland said: "We welcome the work being done to repair the carriageway on locations such as Common Lane, Hob Hey Lane and Wigshaw Lane in Culcheth, as well as several places in Croft, but this work needs to be accelerated as the number of pot holes is increasing."

Cllr Campbell said: "The main road through Glazebury is of immediate concern especially as you approach the East Lancs Road. The carriageway there has been particularly bad for some time despite numerous calls from residents and Councillors alike.

"In this year's budget the Chancellor allocated £200m for pothole repair and I am calling on Warrington Borough Council to make sure it applies for its full share of these funds.

"Last year the council received an additional £900,000 towards its highways budget, but it is clear that this is still a serious annual occurrence.

"The council must keep on top of the issue and both Sue and I are determined to see that where there is a problem with our roads, it is dealt with as soon as possible."

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Central to the commemoration will be a parade by a number of local uniformed organisations including the Scouts and the ATC.

Meanwhile the theme of this year's Community Day will be Ancient Egypt. Entertainment acts will focus around an Egyptian Temple which will appear on the village green and feature performances from a travelling show to entertain young and old alike incorporating fire, magic and mystery.

There will also be the usual favourites - Trumble the clown will entertain young children; there will

be music from the Tyldesley Brass Band; fairground rides; a pet show; a cake baking competition and the veteran car/motorcycle and tractor display.

Schools are taking part in an art competition and the Library will have a themed display. All this will be in addition to the usual activities on stalls across the village green and in the Parish Hall and Methodist Hall.

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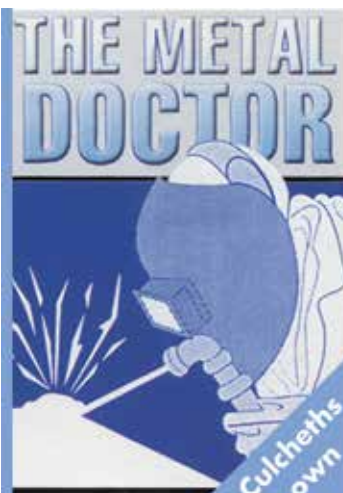
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New parish councillor welcomed at Winwick



LOCAL businessman Mike Matthews claimed a comfortable victory for Labour over UKIP in the Winwick Parish Council by-election.

The election, fought in the Houghton ward (located in the Poplars and Hulme borough council seat) saw a straight two-horse race between Labour and UKIP.

The results were:

Mike Matthews (Labour) – 118
Andrew Fairfoull (UKIP) – 66

Turnout was a low 9.53%, attributed to the decision by Independent-run Winwick Parish Council not to issue polling cards to voters.

Councillor Matthews was elected in the Greenwood Community Centre, where the Count took place.

Speaking after his election, Cllr Matthews said: "I am delighted to take my seat on Winwick Parish Council. I live in Houghton Green and know that many residents are concerned that the decisions taken by the Independent members of the Parish Council are not in the best interests of local people.

"It says all residents need to know that this is the second time Winwick has had to foot the bill for a by-election because Independent councillors failed to even show up to meetings! We deserve better, and I am committed to bringing a fresh perspective and a new broom to the Parish Council table."

On behalf of Warrington North Labour Party, Poplars and Hulme councillor Steve Roberts said: "I am delighted to welcome Mike to our hard-working team in Poplars and Hulme. Labour has delivered for people here, by protecting Peel Hall, improving our environment, and striving to deliver the best possible council services.

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