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# Editor's Comment



## 'Deadly' Alan is back!



THE BBC television Lotto Show's 'Voice of the Balls' and Radio 2 personality Alan 'Deadly' Dedicat will be visiting Culcheth for the fourth year running on Sunday November 2 to host a quiz in support of the 2008 BBC Children in Need Appeal.

The quiz will take place at the Harrow Inn from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 each or £32 for a team of four people, inclusive of a hotpot supper and are available from The Harrow.

Alan said: "It's always worth coming up to Culcheth from London as the people are so generous and we raise lots of cash for Children in Need whilst having a great fun evening. Last year we raised £1,400 on the night."

## IT is too soon yet to make predictions that Culcheth's first Youth Community Day will become an annual event.

But if the hard work and imaginative ideas put into the initiative receive their just reward, it should become an established part of the village calendar.

Organiser David Slater, community youth co-ordinator for Culcheth, Croft and Glazebury, came up with the idea and since July has been working tirelessly to put together a programme of events to entertain and inform young people.

His enthusiasm has been infectious and helped inspire volunteers from Culcheth Methodist Church and Churches Together to get involved.

Live music, a barbecue, gladiator duel etc, were of course, essential parts of making the event appealing

to the target audience, but the 24 workshops offering advice and guidance on a wide variety of subjects were to be the core of the day and it is on their success that hopes for the future are pinned.

David's early impressions were that local youngsters were enthusiastic about the whole concept of the day but, we repeat, it is too soon to evaluate the success of the venture or predict what future it has.

One thing is certain. Events like this give the silent majority of well-behaved young people in and around Culcheth an opportunity to correct the false impression given by a troublesome minority that the village is a hot bed of anti-social behaviour.

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# Luke to play in Brazil

**A former Culcheth High School pupil has won through to the finals of the Faldo Series golf competition – to be played in Brazil.**

Luke Burrows, 19, a member of both Poulton Park and Birchwood golf clubs will be flying out to take part in the prestigious six-day tournament on October 25.

His dad, Chris, also a member at Poulton Park, will be going with him.

Luke first showed an interest in golf when he was six and started playing properly when he was 10.

He works part time as a life guard at Fordton Leisure Centre so that he can devote plenty of time to golf –

and his ambition to become a professional when he is 21.

His proud mum, Donna, said: "We were so pleased when he got through the regional finals in Stoke.

"He has a handicap of +2, which is good for his age, but he is improving all the time.

"He has won numerous competitions for players older than himself, beating several professionals in the process.

"People keep asking him why he

hasn't turned pro yet – but he thinks it's better to wait until he has improved his game still more so he is waiting until he is 21 before he considers it."

*Luke Burrows in action  
Picture: John King*



## New homes plan at Mee Brow

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead for a development of seven houses – all for social rent – on the site of the former Mee Brow Community Centre.

A number of local residents opposed the scheme and planners expressed some concern at the potential loss of existing trees.

But overall they decided the need for affordable housing outweighed the loss of trees.

The community centre was demolished some time ago.

Seven houses – two pairs of semis and a terrace of three – will be built on the site on Warrington Road, but access will be from Churchill Avenue. Fourteen car parking space will be provided.

Planners say visual impact on the openness of green belt will be very limited.

Trees likely to be affected by the development are said to be attractive, but not worthy of tree protection orders.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council did not object to the scheme but expressed concern over proposed siting of rubbish and re-cycling bins. They also feared a proposed ginnel would be a source of vandalism, littering and burglary.

Members of the borough's development control approved the scheme after hearing the applicant would retain existing trees where possible.



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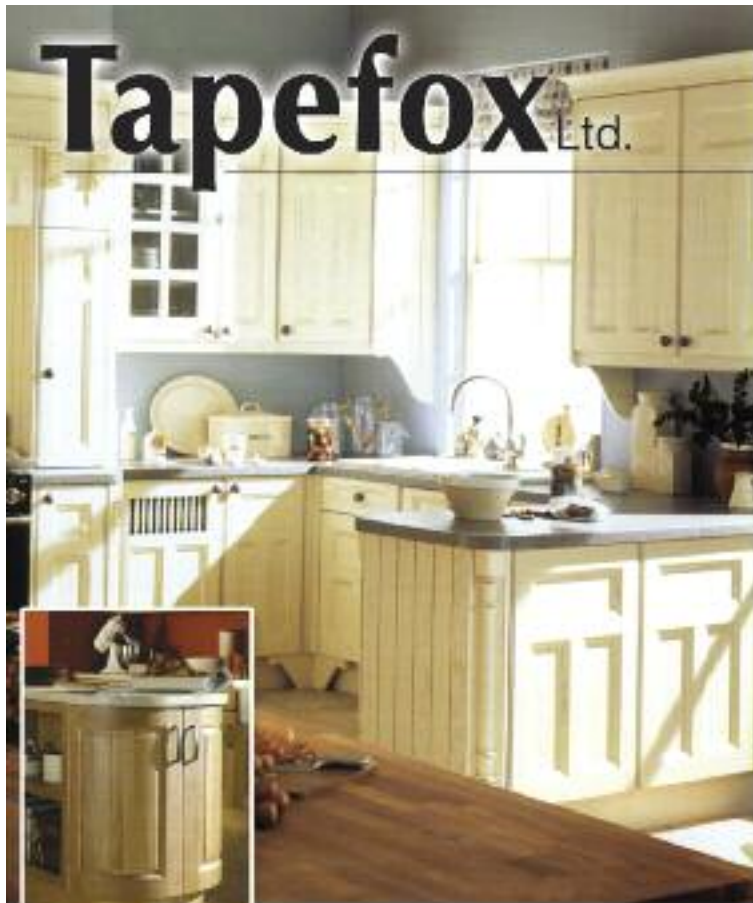
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# Volunteer jugglers wanted

**CULCHETH is gearing up for its annual Victorian Day and looking for any volunteer entertainers to make the event even bigger and better.**

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, Culcheth Lions Club and the Newton and District Jubilee Rotary Club are working together to make this year's Victorian Day event better than ever.

With the support of CPS and local shopkeepers and businesses, organisers are now finalising details of the event.

### Attractions

This year there will be extra Christmas lights in the trees, more street fairground attractions too (including the fairground rides at the Harrow car park), organs, as well as the usual Brass Band, organs and choir.

There will be Christmas Fairs in the Parish Hall and Methodist Church and an Art Exhibition. Santa will be

there too to switch on the lights and weather permitting there will be fireworks too!

### Entertainers

One of the organiser Jon Graves said: "What we'd like to have is for more people to dress up in Victorian fancy dress, decorate the shop windows and join in the fun. Are there any budding volunteer street entertainers who can juggle for example, or anyone who could be strolling musicians. We are open to suggestions.

"This is a Charity fund-raising event, so we are not looking for professional entertainers who want a fee."

Anyone with ideas, please phone Tony Lewis on 01942 261151.



Victorian family at last year's event

## A trip to see the Calendar Girls

A TRIP to see Calendar Girls at the Lowry Theatre is one of the future highlights for Culcheth WI.

The group is also planning a shopping trip to Boundary Mill and an outing to watch See How They Run.

Members, and a visitor, were welcomed to the meeting by President Pat Forrest. A bouquet was presented to Cynthia Wood for her special birthday.

Volunteers were requested for president and committee members. Tea hostesses were Sylvia Morris, Dot Pendleton and Muriel Pezet.

Members were told that Jacob's Well charity needs basic hygiene goods such as soap and toothbrushes, together with equipment for schools such as stationary, pencils and crayons.

They heard that the Mossland Group meeting is on Wednesday October 29 when the History Wardrobe will present The Fabulous Fifties.

Speaker Tony Bates, from Wiltshire Farm Foods, told members the firm was started 15 years ago after a decline in the Meals on Wheels service.

Now it delivers 20,000 meals a week from Chester. Members then enjoyed a tasting of several meals.

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# Work starts on new play ground

**MEMBERS of Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council and Warrington Borough Council gathered to watch the start of the building of the new children's playground on the village green.**



Left to right: Coun Lillian Houghton, Sue Bland, Keith Bland, Ileyne Hutchinson, Helena Campbell

The old swings and roundabouts were quickly removed, making way for a complete new surface and new facilities, which will also be suitable for disabled children.

The work is expected to be completed in time for half-term.

Coun Ileyne Hutchinson, Chairman of the Parish Council, said, "We are all looking forward to the opening of the new playground - it is wonderful that we could get together with WREN and the Borough Council to provide modern facilities such as these for the children of the village."

## High school turf cutting

MAYOR of Warrington Coun Graham Welborn, will perform the ceremony of cutting the first turf before construction work begins on the new £28.5 million Culcheth High School.

The ceremony will take place at 2pm on Friday, October 17.

Construction work will start on November 10 and is due to be completed by April 2010.

The existing school will be almost completely demolished and replaced with a new, state-of-the-art school and multi-use all weather sports facilities which will be shared with the local community.

Advertiser's announcement

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# Soccer match in me



*Culcheth Athletic FC coaches who played in the Charity Football Match at Culcheth Sports Club. Back row from left, Nigel Sayers, Paul Camden, Paul Jones, Rich Coffey, Damian Hill, Neil McWilliam, Alex Connolly, Paul Kelleit, John Savage and Steve Smith. Front row from left, Phil Miller, Mike Bailey, Neil Matthews, Neil Cook, Darron Bibby, James Acton, Mike Shaw, Clive Brookes and Andrew Crosston.*

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# memory of school boy

**SOCCKER Coaches from Wigan Athletic took on a team of coaches from Culcheth Athletic in a special charity match in memory of a schoolboy who died tragically last year.**

Members of Culcheth Athletic Football Club held the event at Culcheth Sports Club in memory of Jack McWilliam, a 13-year-old member of the club.

Jack's father, Neil, who is one of Culcheth's coaches, played in the match.

There were a wide range of other activities including a beat the goalie contest, crossbar challenge, barbecue, face painting, bouncy castle and stalls.

Money raised will go to the Bolton Wanderers' Football in the Community charity.

Culcheth Athletic cater for more than 320 young soccer enthusiasts and runs teams for Under Sixes and every age up to Under 17s.



*Left, Sadie Little and Emily Price both 11 were more interested in the cake and sweets stall than the Charity Football Match at Culcheth Sports Club.*



*Wigan Athletic FC coaches took part in the Charity Football Match at Culcheth Sports Club. Back row from left, Steve Lawrence, Peter Atherton, Sean Bradley, Barry Lewtas, Barry Atkins, Mark Partington and Mark Davis. Front row from left, Kris Hickman, Neil Poynton, Darren Hughes, Michael Cribley, Paul Monteith, Ian Standish and Duncan Bullough.*

## Access road plan approved

A **CONTENTIOUS** plan to build an access road across Winwick Recreation Ground has been given the green light by planning chiefs.

Local residents had opposed the proposals and Winwick Parish Council expressed concern – but members of the borough's development control committee were told the scheme was needed to relieve problems with sewer flooding in the area.

The access road will be constructed in 'grasscrete' to minimise its impact. It will 'wrap around' numerous properties to the southern edge of Myddleton Lane and end behind properties in Maple Road where an underground detention tank will be sited.

Applicants United Utilities withdrew an earlier application to allow talks with residents and, as a result, reduced the size of a pump control

kiosk. The parish council did not object to the scheme but said it should not be allowed at the cost of 'unhappy residents.'

Nearby householders objected to the loss of urban green space and suggested there should be better sites available. They were also concerned about noise and smell problems when the site was visited.

But the committee was told alternative sites would be more costly and create more sewer network issues. The development would be tucked into a corner of the recreation ground, would seldom be visited and the site would be screened by existing hedges and trees.

## Memorial service

**PEOPLE** who have lost someone they love are invited to a Memorial Service being held in Culcheth on Sunday November 2.

The service is from 3pm at Culcheth Methodist Church and all are welcome. John Gregson, lay pastoral assistant, said that those who have been bereaved are invited to come along and remember their loved one.

He said: "Perhaps some quiet time to think about them and an opportunity to light a candle in their memory would help."

Further information about the service is available from John on 01925 762715.

# Gardening tips

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## October Tips

### The Herbaceous Border

Now is a good time for an overhaul. Plants can be dug up and divided whilst the border soil is improved with manure or soil conditioner.

### Autumn plantings of trees & shrubs

There are many shrubs, trees and climbers that can be planted now to provide autumn and winter colour for years to come.

### The water garden

October is a good time for planting waterside perennials. Remove fallen leaves & debris from ponds.

### The fruit garden

Make plans for new fruit plantings. Brush up & destroy dead leaves & rotten fruits to reduce overwintering pests and diseases.

### Autumn lawn care

Mower blades should be raised and the lawn raked clear of excess fibre and moss. A feed with an autumn lawn fertiliser should be given.

### Wildlife care

Encourage hedgehogs to overwinter in your garden by providing hibernation boxes in sheltered areas. Ensure bird tables are kept well stocked.

### Lawn care

The last mowing of the lawn this month should be no more than a light 'tipping' of the grass blades. Repair any bumps or hollows now.

### Landscape projects

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# Blooming marvellous!

**CULCHETH and District Horticultural Society held their 57th autumn show at Newchurch Parish Hall.**



Members with some of the award winning entries.



Vice Chairman John Crow with a giant Leek in the vegetable classes.

## Station 'unlikely to reopen'

IT is extremely unlikely that Glazebury Railway Station will ever reopen, according to Warrington Borough Council.

The news has disappointed members of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council - but delighted some Glazebury residents.

In a letter to the parish council, borough chiefs say a "lack of passenger demand" would not justify the cost of stopping trains at the former station, near the Chat Moss Hotel.

In fact the cost of rebuilding the station - estimated at more than £5 million - is more likely to be the deciding factor.

Coun Sue Bland told the parish council the borough's letter was disappointing.

"It doesn't sound as if we are likely to get anything at all," she said.

But a Glazebury resident told Culcheth Life: "No-one has thought fit to ask local people what they would like.

"People talk about re-opening the station as if it was still there, just waiting for someone to unlock the gate.

"In fact, there is virtually nothing of the old station remaining. It would all have to be rebuilt.

"There is also nowhere to provide parking for people using the station.

"There are very few Glazebury people who would use the station. Most people would be driving in from other areas.

"Warrington Road is already clogged with traffic at peak times and would grind to a standstill. There would be nowhere for people to park.

"People living near the Chat Moss would certainly be opposed to the station re-opening."

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### Retain your people – protect your best people

- Ensure you retain the top two thirds
- Do they have contracts?
- Do you reward them and tell them how much you appreciate their efforts?
- Is working with you fun?

### Retain your customers

- Work out who the top two thirds are.
- Find out what problems they are having and what you can do to help them.
- Do they have any friends who they can refer you to?
- Are you linking your best people with your best customers?
- How can you help your customer increase their business?

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- What about your people and material costs
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- Focus on the twenty percent of your customers and twenty percent of your products and services which generate eighty percent of your profit

### Maintain your energy – when you are energized your business is energized.

- Develop and guard your energy levels.
  - Time management is the biggest thing to address in tough times.
  - 20% of your energy generates 80% of benefit to your business (and family) so what are you doing for the rest of the time?
- Every leader and every business is different, so you need to decide where to start. All five strategies are equally important and the need for speed even more critical than normal. What will you do first?



*Please note that these ideas are intended to inform rather than advise and you should always obtain professional advice before taking any action*

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## Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Clerk

We are pleased to welcome our new Parish Council Clerk Mr Michael Durrington who has now taken over from Mrs Sandra Barker.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandra for all her hard work and dedication and wish her well in what ever she decides to do in the future.

## *Culcheth Children's Play Area*

We are delighted that the Children's Play Area on the Village Green has finally started.

Not only will it have new and exciting rides but also a lot of them will be accessible for disabled children.

We look forward, in the near future to having an official opening by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

## Village Centre CCTV

The Parish Council has been approached by our local Police Team to ask if we would consider the provision of a CCTV camera to be sited near to the NatWest Bank to cover all the approach roads into the village. Before we even consider making a decision we would like your views so please contact any of the Parish Councillors if you have any comments.

## *Litter Warden*

We have managed to employ a Culcheth High Student on a months trial to keep the Millennium Garden, Children's Play Area and the Village Green free of litter on a Saturday and Sunday mornings.

## Youth Community Day

The Parish Council has given a grant of £250 towards the Youth Community Day which was held on Saturday 4th October 2008 from 12.00 noon. It was organised by Culcheth Methodist Church with Churches together, local businesses and local groups. They hope to attract over 700 young people for fun, food, live music and taking part in workshops.

The aim of the event was to encourage young people aged from 6 to 18 years of age to take up opportunities open to them.

At the end of the workshops there was a free BBQ with live music from a successful band and local musicians.



# Edna's fond farewell

**AFTER 23 years volunteer service at the Tuesday Club, held at Culcheth Day Centre, Mrs Edna Sheffield - 89 this year - has decided to call it a day.**

Edna was presented with a beautiful bouquet by Warrington Borough Council (Social Services) and gift vouchers from the clients and volunteers.

Clients and volunteers wished Edna many more years of happiness.



## When a policeman's lot was a whistle!

LIFE in the police force of the 1950s, when the only communications equipment provided to bobbies on the beat was a whistle, was the theme of a talk to Newchurch WI.

Speaker Barbara Hurst told members about her career in the police - she joined the former Manchester City Police Force in 1957. She said the role was very different then to the force of today.

Kath Hanley gave a vote of thanks. The competition (for a police cartoon) was won by Barbara Pinkney, with Kath Hanley and Paddy Poulter coming second and third.

Barbara Delve provided the flowers and the tea hostesses were Pat Hunt and Margaret Harrop.

Future events include a coffee morning and luncheon club and a

trip to Chester.

The photographic competition, to tie in with the Cheshire Year of the Garden, was judged by Frank Stephenson from Culcheth and District Horticultural Society. The winner was Maureen Draper, with Kath Hanley and Paddy Poulter coming second and third.

During the tea break Barbara Delve told members about the latest developments in the upkeep of Culcheth Linear park.

New members are welcome and further details are available from Jean Riley on 01925 762722.

## Singing along to Gershwin

A SING-along to popular songs from the musicals was enjoyed by members of Croft WI.

Guest speaker was Shirley Dowson who talked about the life and times of George Gershwin. He was born in New York in 1898 to Russian parents, and was introduced to music at a very young age.

At the age of 19 he composed "Swanee" for Al Jolson - and it became a hit. Later he wrote many popular songs and pieces of music including The Man I Love, Lady Be Good, Rhapsody in Blue and the opera Porgy and Bess. He died in 1937 of a brain tumour but is still regarded by many as the greatest ever composer of popular music.

Shirley invited the members to sing along to the original soundtracks of some favourite show tunes including Summertime and Embraceable You.

President Doreen Clare opened the meeting and welcomed members and eight visitors including Jill Holman the group's WI adviser.

Details of the trips to Calendar Girls at the Lowry in October and Sleeping Beauty in November were finalised. The group is getting ready for choir practice which starts in October.

The competition for a musical ornament was won by Barbara Laycock, with Diane Sims and Jean Woodcock in second place and Christine Silvester third.

The next meeting will be on October 15 when Marion Proudlove will speak about Christmas wrapping, and the competition will be for a home-made Christmas cracker.

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The prize-winners and guests were able to view their black and white prints of the village.

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# Disappointing summer for Glazebury cricket club

**IT was a disappointing season for Glazebury Cricket Club with the 1st and 2nd teams narrowly avoiding relegation in the Cheshire Alliance league.**

The 1st XI came third from bottom in division two and the 2nd XI were similarly third from bottom in division three.

But the poor weather had a big part to play. A number of matches had to be abandoned because of waterlogged pitches at the Hurst Lane ground and some away games were called off too.

The 2nd XI were unable to play their last three matches and this, inevitably, affected their position in the league.

On a brighter note, the 1st XI earned a draw in their final match against division two champions Rylands.

The 3rd XI, playing its first season in the West Lancashire League North division also struggled, winning only one of 14 matches and coming second from the bottom of the division.

Junior cricket continues to thrive at Hurst Lane, however, which bodes well for the future.

## Bufs make playtime more fun



Members of the Withington Lodge of the Order of Buffalos donated £350.00 to Newchurch Pre-School, Newchurch Hall, Culcheth to buy furniture and toys for the children.

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# Does village want CCTV?

**CULCHETH residents are being asked if they want CCTV cameras in the village.**

Police have come up with the idea, following a number of serious burglaries in recent months.

They believe a camera strategically placed at the junction of Common Lane and Warrington Road would pick up cars entering and leaving the village and act as a deterrent.

But the cost is likely to be around £30,000.

CCTV has been considered by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council in the past.

Proposals put forward about seven years ago came to nothing when it was discovered how much they would cost and businesses were reluctant to contribute.

Coun Keith Bland said: "If we are to press ahead with CCTV now we need

a partnership between the council, the businesses and the police.

"Things have moved on and the cost might not now be so great.

"But before we do anything we need to know whether people want CCTV. There are all sorts of implications. The regulations are a minefield.

"The police believe it would be helpful in deterring crime but the cost, in particular the ongoing cost of running the cameras, is still a big consideration.

"So we are looking for input from the public, including shopkeepers and other businesses."

The council is also looking at the possibility of more double yellow lines in Common Lane to reduce parking problems.

# Company wins star award

GLAZEBURY - based logistics company, H&M Distribution, is celebrating after coming out on top at an awards ceremony in Edinburgh.

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