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Editor's Comment



CARNIVAL season is well and truly upon us, with Culcheth Community Day taking place during the early May bank holiday and the crowning of Newchurch Rose Queen, both featured in this month's issue.

Next on the agenda is the ever popular Croft Carnival which is set to swing into action on July 5.

Unfortunately organisers of the Culcheth Community day were once again blighted by unsettled weather and a very muddy common following torrential rain in the build up to the popular event.

Having covered the event for several years now it always seems to fall victim to the weather, so perhaps

moving it back a few weeks to the end of the month bank holiday may be worth considering for future years?

Meanwhile lets keep our fingers crossed that Croft Carnival is blessed with sunshine as this event is the lifeblood of the local community giving local organisations a vital networking opportunity.

Culcheth Life will as usual be ensuring we provide the best possible coverage and we will be holding next

month's issue back a week to ensure we can provide the best coverage.

Don't forget you can also view pictures from the event on our warrington-worldwide.co.uk website picture galleries.

Meanwhile congratulations to Ileyne Hutchinson on her appointment as Chairman of the Parish council (see story below.)

I know she is an avid reader of our online news service, so she has her finger well and truly on the pulse for knowing what is going on!

New chairman installed

ILEYNE Hutchinson has been installed as the new chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, with fellow Conservative Roger Rankin named as deputy.

She takes over from last year's chairman Paul Campbell, who has won a seat on the borough council to represent Penketh and Cuedley.

Ileyne said: "I would like to thank Paul for an excellent year. He has raised the profile of the council, in particular with his charity evening, which raised £1,800 for St Rocco's Hospice."

The council has welcomed two new members, Helena Campbell, Conservative and Peter Caswell, Labour.

Peter will represent the Glazebury and Mee Brow ward, taking the seat of his wife Delia, who decided to stand down after 13 years on the parish council.

Clerk to the council Sandra Barker announced that she was to step down after six years in the role.

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Former chairman Paul Campbell shaking hands with new chairman Ileyne Hutchinson and new deputy chairman Roger Rankin.

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Georgia is pictured with her retinue from left, Catherine Stafford aged 8, Christine Mills aged 10, Hannah Simpson aged 6, Amy Kadodwala aged 10, Andrew Slattery aged 10

and Courtney Williamson aged 9. Members of the Service, Church Wardens and Choir and members of The Golborne Brass Band later took part in walk through the parish.





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DESPITE muddy conditions and the threat of constant showers the annual Culcheth Community Day proved to be a great success.

Organised by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council the event was launched by Parish Council Chairman Coun Paul Campbell.

It helps local groups raise awareness of what they do in the local community.

Organisations taking part included Culcheth Art Group, Culcheth and District Horticultural Society, Churches Together, Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth Methodist Church, local scouting organisations, Newton Jubilee Rotary Club, Culcheth Lions, the Cats Protection League and many more.



Top – parish councillor Keith Bland clowning around with Trumble the Clown; above right – one villager dressed for the occasion!; below right – Cats Protection League hook-a-duck; bottom left – Culcheth and District Horticultural Society; below left – Members of Culcheth Art Group.



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Station campaigner wins council backing

CAMPAIGNER Beryl Watson has won the backing of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council in her quest to re-open Glazebury train station.

Beryl, who has already written to MP Helen Jones and the Government's Department for Transport, asked the parish council recommend her campaign to the full borough council.

Members agreed and a letter in support of Beryl's cause has been sent to borough council chiefs.

Coun Peter Caswell said: "I want to thank Mrs Watson for persevering with this. We will support this very good idea."

Since the station was closed 50 years ago, trains have continued to pass through, and it is Beryl's belief that re-opening the site would not only benefit Glazebury, but Croft, Culcheth and Winwick as well.

She commented: "The trains make a hell of a noise when they pass through Glazebury. I don't see why they just can't stop for passengers. It would allow people from as far away as Leigh to get to Manchester and



Liverpool a lot more easily."

Re-opening the station would cost somewhere in the region of £5 million, but Beryl believes with extra support it is achievable.

She added: "I have written a number of letters over a period of time about the station and I have had a response from Helen Jones who seems keen on the idea. I have read that the Government have given money to Runcorn for their transport, so why not Glazebury?"

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Youngsters from year seven, eight and nine completed sponsored laps of a school field course in aid of the charity. Lydia Woodward from year eight was the overall winner of the race, with India Boydell managing to raise the most money in sponsorship, £150 in total.

Daniel Collis was singled out for special praise by the school, as he was the only boy to take part in the event!

Gardens to open to public

FIVE members of Culcheth Methodist Church are to open their gardens to the public to help raise money for church funds.

The five gardens – all in Culcheth – will be open on Saturday and Sunday, June 21–22 and, in addition to the opportunity of viewing the gardens, visitors will be able to buy plants and refreshments.

Programmes giving admission to all five gardens are on sale at Poynton's florists in Lodge Drive, Culcheth and from the church itself, costing £4 each.

Newchurch WI

MEMBERS of Newchurch WI recommended two resolutions to be carried forward to the annual conference in June.

All present agreed that restrictions on 'bottom trawling', to protect fish stocks and better care for mental health prisoners should be suggested at the AGM.

Trips to Bodnant and Llandudno were confirmed for June 17, but the luncheon club will be suspended until the autumn.

Ann Burns, winner of the educational bursary, reported back to the group on her exciting drawing course at Alston Hall.

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award is a privilege.

"Also, which I believe is not common is that we have won a second award in the same year from a different building control. We achieved this through Halton Building control for a barn conversion, which came under listed consent."

The barn in the Moore area had never been lived in and all the walls bar one were taken down and rebuilt using traditional methods.

Keith Summers on the right of Mark is from Munro Summers Architects in Newton-le-Willows (01925 299881 email info@msaarchitects.co.uk), was the main architect on both of the award-winning projects.



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STUDENTS from Culcheth Sixth Form College held a colourful charity day to raise money in aid of a teacher suffering from cancer.

From Bugs Bunny to Little Red Riding Hood, the students raided fancy dress shops and even challenged members of teaching staff to a basketball match.

In total, the youngsters managed to raise £160 to donate to charity.

The decision to run the event was made by the student council, who wanted to raise money for Psychology teacher Sue Ruffell.

Sue is currently absent from school after being diagnosed with cancer for a second time.

Student Council member Charlotte

Walsh said: "We have a long standing member of staff who is ill with cancer and also a member of our college who recently lost their mother to the same illness, so we wanted to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

"We ran several events throughout the day to raise money including a basketball match, teddy bear competition and cake sale."

All the money raised from the day will be donated to Cancer Research UK on behalf of the college.



Sixth Form students at Culcheth High School came to school in fancy dress to raise funds for an ill teacher. Left, Ashlie Boocock as Dorothy and Amy Reid as Little Red Riding Hood.

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Fun for teacher



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Wearing their pajamas are left, Charlotte Dugdale and Candice Harris.



Action from the Student v Teacher basketball game.

Gardening tips

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June Tips

The fruit garden

Spraying programmes should continue on fruit trees, be particularly on the look out for codling moth and red spider on apples, and sawfly caterpillars on gooseberries. Fruits on trees carrying very heavy crops may be thinned out to give larger fruit, and to prevent impairment of the next season's crop.

House plant care

Houseplants such as Christmas Cacti and Cymbidium Orchids will benefit from a spell in the open in summer, choose a sheltered spot protected from excessive winds or rain. These plants will flower far more reliably after a break in the open.

The shrub border

Shrubs will be growing vigorously now, and will benefit from a feed with a proprietary fertiliser. Pay careful attention to the watering of container grown specimens to ensure that they do not dry out in hot spells, these also will benefit from a feed at this time of year. Probably the easiest way to feed container plants is with controlled release fertiliser tablets, which will provide the plant with food for up to 6 months.

The herbaceous border

The herbaceous border will be in full swing by now with many plants flowering. Provide support for tall growing varieties and remember to dead head plants after flowering to prolong the display, and prevent the plant expending energy on seed production.

In the greenhouse

Damping down the benches and floor regularly will ensure a humid atmosphere. Temperatures can rise rapidly in the summer months and ventilation is very important. Delicate plants which can easily be scorched in strong sunlight may be protected by applying a layer of shading paint to the glass.

The water garden

There is still time to plant aquatic plants in ponds, fish may also be introduced to both established pools and to new ponds which have been allowed to stand for a few weeks.

Lawn care

Lawns will need frequent mowing now, up to two or three times per week for the finest grasses. Watering is essential during dry spells to prevent the grass from being burned. A summer feed should also be applied now.

The rose garden

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The major cause of ageing of our skin is exposure to ultraviolet which causes pigmentation changes in the skin eg liver spots or sunspots, broken blood vessels, thinning of the dermis and wrinkling of the skin.

Direct sunlight is the strongest in the summer months, with 80% of the UVR occurring between 10am and 4pm UVR is also stronger at high altitudes and closer to the equator. These rays are reflected by snow, sand, open water, and glass and concrete on buildings. This can result in increased exposure of the eyes and face to UVR, causing damage in less time. UV exposure to the eyes has also been implicated in the causation of cataracts and macular degeneration.

Tips on how to enjoy the sun safely:

Plan your outdoor activity before 10am or after 4pm. When you are outside look for shade, such as from buildings, trees and beach umbrellas.

Protection from clothing and fabric is strongly related to the tightness of the weave – the tighter the weave the better the protection. Wear clothing to cover exposed skin on your arms and legs, as well as your body. Wear a hat with a large brim (7cm or more) to completely shade your face, head and neck.

Wear eye protection that absorbs both UVA and UVB. Look for stickers that say the lenses provide a minimum of 90% protection from UVA and 95% from UVB radiation. Eye protection does not always mean sunglasses. Eyewear containing clear polycarbonate ophthalmic lenses, for example, absorbs most UVR wavelengths. Protective eyewear should be chosen to

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A sunscreen reduces the amount of UVR that reaches the skin. It therefore, allows you to spend more time in the sun without getting sunburn. Use a 'high protection' sunscreen of at least SPF 30 that also has high UVA protection, and make sure you apply it generously and frequently when in the sun.

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All set for Croft Carnival

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This year's queen is Melissa Robinson who is pictured with (back row from left,) queen attendant Chloe Martin, and Carnival Grandma Ruth Holt.

Main picture, front row, from left, are princess attendants Hannah Mulvey and Molly Fletcher, Princess Amy Brear, Rosebud Rebecca Martin, rosebud attendants Charlotte Hewertson and Eleanor Brear.

Those taking part in the float parade should meet at the Plough Inn at 11.30am with the crowning taking place on the playing fields at around 2pm.

Programmes for the event costing £1 will soon be available and provide admission to the field.

For more details on the event contact Chairman Jim Wilkes on 764701. Don't forget to pick up next month's **Culcheth Life** for the best coverage of the event.

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Accountants launch photographic competition

CULCHETH based accountants Styles & Co have launched a photographic competition, 'Styles of Culcheth'.

They have recently modernised their reception and boardroom areas with an impressive media suite and bespoke reception furnishings, as part of their ongoing focus to provide exceptional service to their clients.

To complete this project they would like to display a number of black and white photos of the village in each room.

They are inviting as many local people as possible to get involved, and are offering a prize of £100 and a canvas print of the photo for the overall winner with canvas prints for

second and third prize.

Runners up will be invited to a presentation event at Styles office, when they will be able to see their photos on display.

If you are interested in taking part, all you need to do is send your black and white photographs of the village reflecting the theme 'Styles of Culcheth' to photo@stylesandco.co.uk before 30 June 2008.

The judging panel will include Culcheth Life Editor Gary Skentelbery.

Band's return visit

MUSIC lovers in Croft are set for a treat as the Pemberton Old Wigan Band are returning to the village for a third gig.

Fresh from recording their latest concert CD, the band led by local lad Mark Peacock will be performing at Christ Church on June 28.

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Announcing our 'Styles of Culcheth' Photography Competition

Are you a budding photographer? As part of our current refurbishment programme, we are inviting local people to send us their Black & White photos of the Village reflecting the theme 'Styles of Culcheth'. Winning images will be displayed in our newly renovated, modernised reception and boardroom. If you would like to enter, send your details to photo@stylesandco.co.uk and we will send you the necessary information.

We look forward to receiving your entries.

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



If you would like more information on this or any of the previous subjects we have featured, please contact Les Styles or Ian Lloyd on 01925 761600.

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Officers of the Parish Council

At the Parish Council Meeting on the 20th May 2008 Cllr Mrs Ileyne Hutchinson was elected as the Chairman and Cllr Roger Rankin was elected Vice Chairman.

Dates & Venues of the Parish Council Meetings 2008 – 2009

(All at 7.30pm unless otherwise reported)

17th June 2008

Culcheth Day Centre, Jackson Ave

15th July 2008

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16th September 2008

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21st April 2009

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19th May 2009

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Police Support Officer

The new Police Community Support Officer funded by the Parish Council is Maurizio Lucchesi. When you see him around the village please stop and talk to him. Remember you are part funding him.

Children's Play area

We are pleased to say that the tenders for the Play area on the Village Green are now in, so it shouldn't be too long before the contract is allocated and work can then start.

Maurizio on the beat

RESIDENTS in Culcheth have a new face to get to know as Maurizio Lucchesi has been installed as the new PCSO.

Funded by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, Maurizio will be taking over from Phil Pickering, pounding the beat around the parish.

He spent eight weeks training at police headquarters in Winsford, before accompanying a training officer on patrols around the town centre for a further five weeks.

Maurizio now lives in Warrington having moved here from Monza in Italy.

He said: "I am very keen to become a part of this community as one of your local officers and to help improve the quality of life of residents. I look forward to the challenge of this role, as every day will be different. If you see me out on the streets on bike/foot patrol please stop and say hello. If you need to leave me a message you can do so on the voice mail service at Risley Police Station on 0845 458 6390."



Council tax 'strike' threat

ANGRY villagers at Croft are threatening a 'council tax strike' after planning chiefs approved two controversial schemes.

Police were called to the Town Hall after anger exploded at a meeting of the borough council's development control committee.

About 150 villagers turned up and after a number of disturbances council officers had to call police.

The plans causing the uproar were the free range egg production unit for 9,000 hens at Springfield House Farm and the demolition of Croft House old people's home to make way for 15 "affordable homes." After the meeting, a number of residents held an emergency meeting in the village when plans to withhold council tax were drawn up.

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