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Editor's Comment



I had the pleasure of attending Community Day this year with my family - and what a great time we had!

It wasn't the best of weather, but

Tribute to former colleague

MEMBERS of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council have paid tribute to their friend and colleague, Councillor Mrs Ileyne Hutchinson, who has sadly passed away after a short illness.

Ileyne served the village as a parish councillor for a total of twelve years and was Chairman of the council in 2008-2009.

Ileyne will be remembered for her voluntary work and for her strong commitment to family and to the community.

"Our hearts go out to her family at this very difficult time."



it didn't rain and the Village Green was extremely busy giving lots of community groups and local charities the opportunity to showcase what they have to offer.

Congratulations to the Parish Council and all the volunteers and sponsors involved in ensuring this important event takes place.

It was also good to see that after lots of rain in the build up to the event, the work to improve drainage has been a success!

Another success story we report on this month is the growing success of Culcheth MAD a superb initiative getting our local youngsters engaged in activities to help keep them occupied.

Once again this would not be possible without the support of volunteers and again the parish council - so once again

congratulations to all those involved. Finally it would be remiss of me not to mention the Local Plan.

This is where you have an opportunity to shape the future of our community.

Please do not let apathy win the day - it is easy to sit back and think others will put in enough comments - there can't be too many.

We need as many people as possible informing the Borough Council that our Green Belt is precious and should not be built on and that our local highway networks are at breaking point and will not be able to cope with more and more houses.

Deadline day is looming in June and details on how to submit your comments can be found on page 3.

Do not let apathy win the day!



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Plans well underway for Croft Carnival

PLANS are well underway for this year's Croft Carnival, which will be held on Saturday July 6.

The parade of floats leaves The

Plough, at Kenyon Lane, Croft at 12 noon and travels through the village and onto the field for the official opening at 1.30pm.

The committee have booked

several new acts and attractions for this year including The Blackrock Llama Display team and Clown Act Bluey and Conk. Both of which will be performing in the arena.

Favourites

All the favourites will be putting in an appearance, including Punch and Judy, zorb balls, giant board games, Thelwall Morris Men and Dixie Deluxe Jazz Band. As usual, the afternoon draws to a close with the famous egg throwing competition!

The committee are taking bookings from local charities and

organisations who would like a stall on the field. If you are interested in having a stall please email Rachael at croftcarnival@gmail.com

Leading this year's procession will be Carnival Queen Gracie Cripps, aged 11, who attends Croft Primary School, where she is a year 6 pupil.

Alice Hughes aged eight, joins Gracie as this year's Carnival Princess. Alice is in year 3 at Croft Primary School. Rosebud this year is 7-year-old Jessica Bowen. Jessica also attends Croft Primary School, where she is a Year 2 pupil. The Crown Bearer this year is 5 years old Lewis Ashton.



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Still time to comment on Local Plan

CULCHETH & Glazebury Parish Council is reminding local residents that there is still time to comment on the Local Plan and Local Transport Plan.

Comments have to be in by 5.00 pm on Monday June 17. See detailed Information on www.warrington.gov.uk but you can email comments to localplan@warrington.gov.uk or by post to Local Plan, Planning Policy and Programmes, Warrington Borough Council, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NH, or hand deliver there between 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

The Local Transport Plan LTP4 can be found by clicking on "consultations" on the top line of the Council website. Comments headed Transport Plan go to the same address as the Local Plan but

the email is LTP@warrington.gov.uk. (try all small case if there is a problem)

Information can also be found at Culcheth Library and on the Parish Council website. There is a consultation event at Warrington Parr Hall on Saturday June 8th, 11.00 am till 4 pm. The information boards used are also on the Council website.

It is important that as well as commenting on Green Belt and housing issues residents comment on the existing traffic problems on local roads and motorways and how they would be affected in the future.

What happens next? All the information and comments go forward to a Public Inquiry later in the year for a Planning Inspector to decide.

New Chairman elected

Cllr. Ben Alldred was elected as the new chairman of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council for 2019/20 at its Annual General Meeting recently.

He then presented outgoing Chairman Cllr. Mrs Margaret Webber with a medallion and flowers in recognition of her voluntary service to the community in 2018/19.

Cllr. Mrs Jacqui Johnson was elected Deputy Chairman.



Parish council recognises school's achievement

CROFT Parish Council has recognised Croft Primary School's achievement of winning the prestigious British Council International School Award.

This award is given by the British Council to celebrate the achievement of schools that do exceptional work in bringing the world into the classroom, raising awareness of diversity and establishing international links through teacher and pupil exchanges.

Croft Parish Council wanted to recognise this achievement and congratulate the school on this excellent work, which will be continued later this year with a visit to Tanzania.

Two members of the Council, Norman Partington and the Chair, Merril Cummerson, presented the school with a special certificate at their Celebration Assembly.

They are pictured with Head Teacher, Mrs. Anne Mains and two of the pupils, Indie and Willow Kirk, receiving the certificate.





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Garden centre helps re-unite missing cat with owners after almost 12 months

A LOCAL garden centre has helped re-unite a cat with its owners almost 12 months after it went missing from home.

Colleagues at Bents Garden & Home are celebrating the safe return of Billy the cat, who has been reunited with his owners after he went missing from home in June last year.

Billy had become a regular visitor to Bents' warehouse, where colleagues presumed he was just doing his daily rounds. But Billy started to make himself at home, even going so far as to open and help himself to pet food supplies being stored for the Centre's Pet Place.

As his visits became longer and

Billy seemed to be settling into life in the warehouse, colleagues began to worry and asked the veterinary team from Bents' Pet Place to scan him. Results surprised everyone, as Billy the cat had been missing from home since June 2018!

A call was made to his owner, Joyce Daniels who came to collect Billy, and reunite him with his brother Bobby.

Said Joyce, who lives in a nearby road with son Al said: "Billy had always been a wanderer so at first we weren't worried when he went missing, but as so much time passed we came to terms with the fact that we might not see him again. We were over the moon when Bents called to let us know where he was. We only live around the corner and can't believe he's been so close all this time!"

Bethan Wylie, Supervisor at Bents' Pet Place added: "We were so shocked when we found out where Billy actually lived. It would've been great to reunite him with his family sooner, but we're delighted that he is back at home and with his brother. It sounds like he's a cat who likes to have adventures and will always be welcome back at Bents, but now we know where he lives we can make sure he always gets home."

Billy has not only been reunited with his brother and owners, but two new members of the family who Joyce and her son Al recently got from the St Helen's branch of the Cat Protection League, 10 week old sisters, Tilly and Tabatha.



Day nurseries 'outstanding' says Ofsted

CULCHETH Day Nursery is celebrating after being judged "outstanding" by education watchdog Ofsted.

The inspector, Karen Cox, visited the day nursery in Warrington Road in March and judged it outstanding in all four categories – effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for children.

In her report, she said children were extremely confident, self-assured and highly motivated to learn.

The quality of teaching was superb, the management team demonstrated a strong commitment to work with external agencies.

Partnerships with parents were "tremendous" and staff worked extremely well together and their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm in children's play were impressive.

Culcheth Day Nursery celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and there will be special events throughout the year, culminating with a special celebration in November.



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Culcheth Community Day draws large crowds

Despite a chilly start the sun shone on the annual Culcheth Community Day which saw large crowds enjoying the attractions.

The popular event, taking place on Culcheth Green and organised by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council was even bigger and better than last year's successful day.

Despite heavy rain in the build up to the Bank Holiday Monday festivities, the newly improved drainage works to the Green ensured the event went ahead as planned where in previous years it may have been cancelled.

A fun packed list of shows and acts included the amazing H & M Dog Display Team and the fabulous Band One steel band.

Throughout the afternoon there were displays by the energetic NW Karate team, exhibitions of classic cars, bikes and tractors, a family pet show, Wild Wings birds of prey and, for the youngsters, there was Circus Whiz, Dozy Dave the children's entertainer, fairground rides and a Caribbean-themed fancy dress competition.

Retiring Parish Council

Chairman Cllr Margaret Webber said: "Community Day was hugely enjoyed by everyone again this year and although final figures are not yet in, the signs are that the charities and organisations for which the event is organised have raised record amounts for their good causes.

"In spite of the chilly weather, many hundreds of people turned out to watch the amazing dog display, listen to the steel band and to join in a great afternoon of entertainment and community activities on the Green.

"The new drainage system installed last summer meant that, in spite of persistent rain in the week before the event, the ground was in great condition to support all the heavy vehicles, children's rides, stalls and arena events which make this annual community event so special, as well as the 72 (yes, seventy-two!) classic cars, tractors and motor bikes which took part.

"The Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Community Day of 2019 such a great success, and to thank the community of Culcheth and Glazebury for their support and generosity. We are a great community!"



Community Day Large crowds



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Simon Bax,
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Croft Beer Festival – from Global to Local



The second Croft Beer Festival at Croft Village Memorial Hall (14th & 15th June) will feature a range of drinks from across the globe, along with entertainment from the North West and food made in Croft village itself.

Some 29 casks of ale, both brewed and sourced from across the UK by Warrington based brewer '4Ts', are the centrepiece of the event, well supported by several Ciders, a fridge full of Lagers from across the world, a wide variety of Gins and cases upon cases of Prosecco. As if there wasn't enough variety, organisers have added in a small Rum bar too!

Entertainment sees 'The Reactions' return for the Friday evening slot. Three acts will then feature on Saturday, starting with emerging young talent via 'The Euphorics' on at 2pm, followed by singer Simon Roscoe at 4pm, and returning band 'The Tones' in the evening.

The whole event is for 'over 18s only', other than the Saturday 12 noon to 7pm period, when

accompanied 'under 18s' are more than welcome. The Croft WI will provide food and snacks along with soft drinks throughout the event.

All of this is only made possible by main sponsor Dave Monks of 'The Horseshoe Inn', the generous barrel sponsors, numerous volunteers and of course those who attend and make it really come to life.

Entry each day is £5 cash per person on the door (we haven't quite made it into the world of card payments just yet!). All profits will once again be invested in supporting the provision of community facilities within the village.

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Historic Transport Day set to draw 8,000 visitors to the village

LYMM Historic Transport Day, which started in 2013 is set to draw an amazing 8,000 visitors to the village for its annual celebration of Lymm's transport heritage.

Some of the old working boats, including those from the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port, travel for up to three days to take up their position as part of an incredible display of Lymm's unique history. Top of the bill at this year's event on Sunday, June 23, is a flypast by the RAF's last Dakota C-47.

The North West Casuals Car Club, based in Warrington, are just one of the car clubs that has been coming since year one. Lancashire Traction Engine Club are also committed supporters with fifteen engines already booked in.

"The enthusiasm for this event has surpassed all our expectations" said Event Director Alan Williams "This year, for the second time, we also have Warrington's Own Buses running a shuttle from the Bus Station with their own vintage bus. Our village is the perfect setting for what we hope will be another memorable year. Fingers crossed for sunshine".

Find out more at www.lymmtransport.org.uk



Student wins 'Best Film' award

A YEAR 13 student at Birchwood High School led a production team of four other budding movie makers in making a short film which won a prestigious award.

Rhianna Bibby was offered a place on the British Film Institute Clapperboard Programme in Liverpool last October.

This gave her a much sought-after opportunity to work with professional filmmakers creating films.

Now, Rhinna, as part of a production team of four, has won a "Best Film" in this year's Clapperboard Film Awards.

The film, entitled "404" is a futuristic drama in the style of TV science fiction series "Black

Mirror."

Judging the competition were a panel of four including Nik Powell, one of the co-founders of the Virgin Group with Richard Branson, and screenwriter Jan McVerry, a long-time writer on Coronation Street.

They had a choice of 11 films – but picked "404".

The award ceremony took place in the Capstone Theatre, Liverpool's International Arts Venue where Rhianna and team were presented with their trophy by actress Sacha Parkinson, best known for playing the role of Sian Powers in Coronation Street.

A spokesperson for Birchwood High said: "We are delighted and incredibly proud that Rhianna's film was victorious.."



Rhianna, second from the right, and the rest of the team, at the presentation ceremony.

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Village carnival will provide fun for all the family

RIXTON-with-Glazebrook Carnival, a family fun day out with attractions for all ages, will be held on the Village Green in Hollins Green on Saturday June 29 from 11am to 4pm.

A wide variety of events are already lined-up for the free-to-enter carnival – including for the first time ever, train rides provided by the Whitfield Light Railway.

All the family will be able to enjoy rides on the portable, narrow-gauge steam railway which wins fans at festivals and other events all

over the country.

There will be music from Cadishead Band, Warrington Pipe Band and Radio Wishing Well, along with a variety of dances from Dance Rhythm, Warrington Wolves Fusion and Michele's Z-style group.

Elsewhere on the green there will be revolutionary fun with Zorbs, a

variety of birds of prey from Wild Wings, a rope bridge and hands on activities, including paint-a-pot.

For the young ones there will be a fairground ride, Raspberry Fields pony rides, an inflatable assault course, a treasure hunt and face painting.

There will be varied displays of vintage vehicles and machinery.

Local groups are also getting involved and they'll be setting up stalls to entertain and inform. Local

businesses will have their products for sale on the day, so there's chance to grab a bargain.

Refreshments will be available, with a tea and cake tent, a sandwich stall, the Drunken Donkey gin stall, barbecues, ice cream and sweetie stalls.

A fun dog show will be run by Rixton Dog School.

Full details of the Carnival can be found at www.rixtonwithglazebrook.net

Look forward to the 'happiest days of your life'

IT was one of the funniest of the classic British film comedies and it also inspired the famous St Trinians' films – and it is Culcheth Players' next production.

Rehearsals are already under way and John Dighton's farce "The Happiest Days of Your Life" will be staged at Culcheth Sports Club (The Daten) on June 20, 21 and 22 at 7.30pm each evening.

Many will remember the film starring Margaret Rutherford,

Alistair Sim and Joyce Grenfell.

The play is set just after World War II and is about what happens when a boys' school receives the news that they are to billet another school which is all female. Events are complicated by the arrival of the parents.

The two heads try to conceal the fact that his/her school is now co-ed but eventually the parents learn the truth and are about to remove their children from the school when

news arrives that a third school is to be amalgamated into theirs. They all join together to keep out these intruders.

Tickets are £7 and can be purchased in advance from the bar at the club or online at culchethplayers.co.uk. They can also be reserved by 'phoning 07943 517710, or purchased in cash on the door on the night.

Culcheth Players have been performing plays at Culcheth

Sports Club for 60 years. They always welcome new members, either acting or behind the scenes. They rehearse on a Monday at 7.30pm. Any interested should go along on a Monday or contact 07943 517710 for further details or visit the website culchethplayers.co.uk



WI debates decline in rural bus services

THE decline of rural bus services and the smear test were the two proposals discussed by Glazebury WI for being sent to the National Federation of WIs conference.

Mary Latchford spoke about the first and Delia Caswell about the second. Both gave informative and factual accounts, which members were then invited to comment on.

The meeting was held at the Methodist Church Hall and the opening address was by vice president Lynette Alexander who mentioned people with birthdays

and anniversaries in the month. The table flower arrangement was provided by Mary Latchford, and it was agreed it should be sent to a member who, unfortunately, is ill at present.

Members were reminded that the Cheshire Show will be held on June 18/19th where the WI will be represented.

When the business was completed, members discussed and finished and all 'relaxed' with a game of dominoes.

There were three winners and

chocolates were duly handed to the victors.

A walk around the fields in Glazebury was attended by some members which terminated at the George and Dragon for refreshments. It was a lovely evening and £200 was raised for the Lifeboat, the WI's charity this year.

The next meeting on June 12 will hear a talk by Diane Hawkins on "Fortalice" Womens Refuge in Bolton.

Singing for well-being in Glazebury

MEMBERS of the All Singers Great and Small Community Choir are celebrating 10 years of singing and storytelling for fun.

Their current concert is a romantic comedy based on the song "The Night John-Willie took his ferret to a 'do'" (written by the Oldham Tinkers) and will be staged at All Saints Church, Glazebury on Friday, June 21 at 7.30. It will be an evening of story and singalong popular songs. Tickets £5 including refreshments.

The minister, the Rev Jan Harney said: "If you enjoy the night then why not add singing into your regular activities.... join Singing for Well-being in Glazebury."

Singing does you good

"Singing does you good – it's well documented that it offers a great aerobic workout and releases chemicals that make you feel good. (Chocolate also makes you feel good but comes with calories – singing is calorie free!)"

"Every Monday afternoon (except on Bank holidays) in Glazebury Scout and Community Centre there is a singing session reliving those 'Memorable Melodies', songs from the shows, sixties pop songs and war-time greats. 1pm-2.30pm. £2 including refreshments. Just turn up – everyone is welcome."

MAD Culcheth – Growing from strength to strength...

FOLLOWING a successful trial at Culcheth High School in the summer of 2018, MAD Culcheth, officially launched a regular Friday night session at the Culcheth Methodist Church in November 2018 and has been growing ever since.

The increasingly popular Friday night drop-in sessions for 11 – 18 year olds have become a hive of activity for the young people of Culcheth, Croft & Glazebury.

The group offers a variety of activities for those who attend including pool, table tennis, air hockey, arts & craft activities and access to a Sony PlayStation 4.

Thanks to a recent funding application to the local parish council the MAD Culcheth team have been able to employ qualified youth worker / sports coach – Damien Samuels from Fitness Feats Ltd. Damien delivers structured sports sessions each week, which are proving to be extremely popular with many of the attendees. He said, "I host a variety of activities during the sessions which help with communication, team building, confidence building and fitness. Moving forward I hope to run a youth sports coach training programme."

Further to the generosity of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, MAD Culcheth have also attracted support from many other local businesses. Most recently this has been in the form of food donations from the local branch of Waterfield's bakery who donate savouries, sandwiches and cakes to MAD Culcheth on a Friday evening for the young people who attend to enjoy whilst at the youth club.

By far the greatest show of local support came in the run up to Christmas, when volunteers reached out to local businesses for donations to raffle off to raise further funds. Donations included gift hampers,

wood carvings, macarons and a sweet bouquet, plus a fantastic selection of vouchers for local pubs and restaurants, hairdressers, personal training sessions and dog walking. The top prizes included £100 cash donated by Barry Frost of Commercial Plus (Chester) Ltd, a 12 month family pass to Wild Wings Birds of Prey Centre and a £60 boiler service from Applemill. Volunteer, Steph Hutchinson said "We can't thank people enough for their support, it has been lovely to have so many people get in touch to offer us prizes for our raffle. And it goes without saying that we thank everyone who bought tickets too."

With over 180 young people on their books MAD Culcheth has certainly surpassed founder, Lesley Cragg's initial expectations.

Lesley said: "When I started on the MAD Culcheth journey I hoped to change people's perceptions of young people locally, whilst also giving our youths somewhere they could go to feel relaxed and comfortable. I never expected it to grow as quickly as it has done in the last 6 months."

"We regularly see between 50 – 70 young people each week, with our biggest turnout to date attracting 79 young people. This regular attendance and rapid growth is a testament to the hard work that our volunteers put into running the session each week. Without the people who give up their time to support MAD Culcheth we couldn't possibly host as many young people as we do."

If you feel that you can add value, support as a volunteer or have something to offer to MAD Culcheth, do not hesitate to get in touch at: MADCulcheth@gmail.com or via their social media channels on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Village Choir promise a "summer of swing"

CULCHETH Village Choir are to again present a summer concert, following on from their successful event last year.

The concert, "Summer of Swing" will take place at Culcheth Sports Club (The Datsen) in Charnock Road on Saturday, June 29 at 7.30pm.

The theme is taken from Duke Ellington's famous "It Don't mean a thing if it ain't got that Swing."

Popular

It promises to be a swinging evening of song with the choir performing popular songs like "Fly Me to the Moon", "Summertime", "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and of course "It Don't mean a thing If it

ain't got that Swing".

All the songs have been specially arranged for the choir by music director Paul Vowles. There will also be a guest solo singer.

Tickets are just £5 and can be reserved by phoning 07711

410855. They can also be purchased from the bar at the club or paid for in cash on the night.

Culcheth Village Choir recently took part in the prestigious Alderley Edge Festival of Music and Drama. Although they didn't win, their

performance merited a distinction mark from the adjudicator.

The choir meets every Thursday at 7.30pm at Culcheth Sports Club. They are a mixed voice adult choir and new members are always welcome.



Two ran 5k to raise £300 for cancer research



TWO members of Croft WI were congratulated at the monthly meeting for raising more than £300 for Cancer Research.

President Anne Lamming praised Jill Hillam and Bettina Sharpe for completing the 5k "Race for Life" to raise the money.

Members were asked to vote on the two top resolutions put forward by the NFWI Board of Trustees, which will be put to the annual meeting in Bournemouth.

A call against the decline in local bus services - Over the last decade there has been a massive decline in the number of bus services, particularly of those in rural and semi-rural areas. In order to alleviate loneliness, improve health and wellbeing, as well as promoting sustainable development, the NFWI calls on the Government and Local Authorities to increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport operators to enable an adequate provision of services.

The second resolutions was Don't fear the smear - Cervical screening saves around 5,000 lives a year, yet attendance is currently at the lowest for a decade. The NFWI urges WI members to attend routine screening, to take action to raise awareness of the importance of cervical screening and address barriers to help eradicate cervical cancer.

Members voted almost unanimously for the two resolutions. The evening ended with a quiz and refreshments, which included lots of homemade cakes.

The competition was won by Lesley Lloyd, 2nd Bettina Sharpe and 3rd Janet Hughes and Jill Hillam.

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How to add value to your home

Many TV shows tell you to do all types of things to improve your home but not all necessarily add value! If you're looking to make a change to your home it's always advisable to seek advice from a reputable estate agent, why? Because as an agent we can help ensure that what you do doesn't have a detrimental effect on the future resale of your home.

Below are some hints and tips

Kitchens and Bathrooms... On average these can be outdated every 5 to 10 years, to avoid over expenditure try and keep kitchen units to a neutral tone, using accessories and lighting to enhance the room. Pre coloured units are great when on trend, but soon can look dated and need renewal. Bathrooms.... it's simple, white suites and neutral



tiles without patterns are best if you are considering selling in the near future, you could add a border or feature wall which will be fine as long as it's not overpowering.

Top tip:- *Kitchens that are square/oblong and could accommodate a living/dining area are preferable, glass roof lights or feature windows and doors can really add a wow to any room.*

Needing more space?

Before looking at extensions consider converting existing space, lofts can create fantastic bedrooms and garages can give much needed reception area at a fraction of the cost of a full extension! Just remember if you are changing the layout of your home its imperative that it flows! (For further advice contact us)

Top tip:- *If you don't have a large outdoor area for a shed to accommodate all your household clobber, then don't sacrifice your garage for living space as this may actually devalue your home!*

Gardens

Did you know large gardens are becoming less attractive due to busy lifestyles, but big or small make the most of the space you have.



Curb appeal to front gardens is essential to gain attention and rear gardens should be neat and tidy. Subtle lighting, cleaned patios and replacement fences combined with garden furniture demonstrating an external living area can certainly add value and be inexpensive to do.

Parking

Don't overlook this if you can create parking then do! At the end of December 2018 38.2 million vehicles were registered for use in the UK with 53% of households owning one car

and 37% owning 2 in 2018, so parking is very much needed.

Remember before undertaking any major work, get your basics right.

- Repair any structural issues to the building or roofs
- Have an up-to-date central heating system
- Ensure electrics are up to standard and the more sockets in a home the better!
- Keep Windows maintained

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