

Culcheth *Life*

Magazine

ISSUE 215 | JULY 2021
FREE EVERY MONTH

CULCHETH • CROFT • GLAZEBURY • BIRCHWOOD AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Dootsons
SOLICITORS

See main ad
Page 6

23 Jackson Avenue
Culcheth

01925 765212



Golfing Centurions!

Page 3

U
urban

BUILDING PROJECTS LTD

Extension &
Building Renovation
Specialists

Tel: 01925 730888

www.urbanbuildingprojects.co.uk

All the latest news: www.culchethlife.com

Editor's Comment



Editor

Gary Skentelbery

Production

James Bryan

Advertising

James Balme
01925 631592 opt 1

Editorial

01925 631592 opt 2

Email

info@culchethlife.com

Websites

www.culchethlife.com
www.frodshamlife.co.uk
www.lymmlife.co.uk
www.warrington-worldwide.co.uk
www.warrington.tv

Address

New Media Centre
Old Road Warrington
WA4 1AT

Culcheth Life is published monthly by Orbit News Ltd.

The contents of this magazine are fully protected by copyright and nothing may be reprinted or reproduced without prior permission of the publishers.

The publishers are not liable for any statement made or opinion expressed by third parties in this publication.

Printed by TwentyFourSeven

CONGRATULATIONS to the Ladies at Leigh Golf Club on their championship victory, 100 years on from when it was launched - and what better way to celebrate, than on home turf here in Culcheth.

The fact the event was even able to take place is actually something to celebrate, with so many events cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is refreshing to be able to report on a community event again after seeing so many postponed over the past year.

Well done to all those involved in staging such a successful event and for giving us something positive to be able to report on this month!

While the ladies managed to get their event back on the road, sadly Culcheth Christmas Market, will again be cancelled for a second consecutive year.

Organisers Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council have taken the decision now, with so many unknown quantities in the months ahead.

While all lockdown restrictions are meant to be lifted on July 19, we have already seen them put back a month from June 21 and with case numbers still soaring, particularly in the Warrington area, we still face a rocky road ahead.

There have already been warnings of possibly further lockdowns in the winter because of mounting pressures on the health service, which always sees a spike in the winter months, without the

impact of a pandemic.

Thankfully the vaccination programme appears to be working and making a big difference on the numbers of people becoming seriously ill and ending up in hospital.

The Parish Council is certainly hopeful that Culcheth Community Day and the Christmas Market will be back next year.

Events like these are the life blood of the local community and provide a much-needed boost for local charities and community groups as well as bringing much-needed trade into the village.

Here at Culcheth Life we have

certainly missed being able to report on these great community events and look forward to the day when they can return safely.

As always a big thank you to the local businesses and organisations who continue to support us during these difficult times.

Without you there wouldn't be a Culcheth Life!

Deadline for the August issue of Culcheth Life is July 27



CAMPBELL CROSSLEY & DAVIS
Licensed Insolvency Practitioners

Constructive solutions to debt for companies and individuals.

Ian Williamson
M: 07703 529212
Roger White
M: 07946 820299
www.campbell-crossley-davis.co.uk




Making it easier for your business to be successful

We care about you

You're a hard working entrepreneur and you need an accountant who does more than just tick the boxes.

You need a professional

Every one of our highly competent, skilful and professional people is here to help you.

You're our number one priority

You're more than just someone we prepare accounts for, the success of your business means everything to us.

Are you looking to make your business life easier?
Speak to one of our experts:

01925 761 600

or visit us at: stylesandco.co.uk

styles and co
chartered accountants

the
flooring
co.

Opening Times:
Monday to Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Saturday 10am - 3:30pm

Karndean
Designflooring
Retail Partner



Carpets | Vinyls | Karndean | Laminates | Screeding

Call in store to find your perfect flooring solution.
Free Quotes & Measures

The Old Telephone Exchange, Common Lane, Culcheth, WA3 4HA
01925 555 820 | sales@flooringcoculcheth.co.uk
www.flooringcoculcheth.co.uk

Golfing Centurions celebrate!

ONE hundred years on from the inaugural Championship, Leigh Golf Club Ladies are celebrating after winning the 2021 District Championship on home turf in Culcheth!

The champagne corks were popping in celebration on Saturday, June 26, of the phenomenal win of this prestigious ladies golfing championship!

The ladies District Championship is steeped in golfing history dating back to 1921, with seven golf clubs competing: Ashton in Makerfield, Hindley Hall, Wigan, Gathurst, Dean Wood, Haydock Park and Leigh golf club.

However, with the Covid global pandemic pretty much cancelling many events throughout 2020 there was still considerable doubt about the staging of the District Championship this year.

After much deliberation, multiple meetings at all hours of the day and night, Leigh Golf Club were able to create a structure of safety, enabling them to host this honourable event.

A large number of people must be thanked for this effort but it would be remiss not to acknowledge the leading drive, positivity and enthusiasm from the Lady Captain of Leigh Golf Club, Mrs Helen Pennington.

As the much awaited big day itself finally arrived, teams received a warm welcome in a clubhouse brimming with flowers and were kind enough to acknowledge the hard work which was evident in the organisation of the day.

As competitors made their way to their tees for the first round, there was a knife-cutting atmosphere of tense rivalry. The tension merely increased as they embarked on round two!!

The course is in majestic condition. Great care and attention had been paid to it by Head Greenkeeper, Rob Ainscough and his team.

What appeared to be a picturesque parkland scene of beauty and calm, like a tiger lying low waiting to pounce on its prey, the golf course presented its true challenges with fearsome pin positions and fast, rolling fairways.

No one individual player was immune from its grasp. A challenging course fit for champions!

And so the two rounds were finally completed, on a day when the golfing Gods shone brightly. The rivalry returned to friendship.

Competitors and guests were then treated to a sumptuous barbecue prior to the official presentations.

Everyone was also very

generous towards Lady Captain's chosen charity, The Steve Prescott Foundation (www.steveprescottfoundation.co.uk) and funds were raised from the selling of generously donated homemade cupcakes.

Leigh Golf Club plays a significant role in the Culcheth area. In addition to showcasing a golf club to be very proud of where golfers from far afield will travel to play their course, Leigh Golf Club also offers employment to members of the community.

Great efforts have been made over recent years to increase awareness of ladies playing golf and the results are now beginning to pay off at Leigh Golf Club.

The ladies section has gone from strength to strength and continues to do so. For those more familiar with the golfing industry, it would be fair to say it is a sport which, until more recent times, was regarded as elitist and sexist.

These barriers are non-existent at Leigh Golf Club. Anyone thinking of moving club or even taking up this wonderful game, the doors are always open.

www.leighgolf.co.uk

Winning team
Helen Pennington (Lady Captain)
Nikki Martin
Rachel Higson
Annette Smith
Jo Lennox Warburton
Heather Pirrie
Laura Holcroft

Results:
Overall Gross
1st Leigh Golf Club (691)
2nd Wigan Golf Club (717)
3rd Dean Wood Golf Club (719)

Overall Net
1st Dean Wood Golf Club (608)
2nd Leigh Golf Club (611)
3rd Wigan Golf Club (622)

Individual Best Gross
Nicola Martin - Leigh Golf Club (158)

Individual Best Nett
Deb Lewis - Dean Wood Golf Club (143)

Best Nett 1st Round
Elaine Shaw - Gathurst Golf Club (72)

Best Nett 2nd Round
Isla Barlow - Wigan Golf Club (68)






HUNTER HEALEY



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



- Professional, approachable, affordable
- Accounts preparation & tax returns for individuals & companies
- Bookkeeping, payroll & vat
- Capital Gains, Estate Planning & Probate Work
- Business start up advice
- First meeting free of charge



Call Nigel Healey now on 01925 767222
 Abacus House, 450 Warrington Road, Culcheth WA3 5QX
www.hunterhealey.co.uk



VEHICLE ADAPTATIONS

TOWING AND LEISURE

Cycle Carriers and Leisure Showroom
(Cyclehouse, Warrington, WA2 7NS)
Vehicle Adaptations and Towbar Showroom/Workshop
(BAS, Hollins Green, WA3 6LJ)

01925 640730

office@basnw.co.uk www.basnw.co.uk

Children's summer reading challenge has a wildlife theme

WARRINGTON'S Summer Reading Challenge for children has a wildlife theme this year – with youngsters invited to take a walk on the wild side at LiveWire's libraries.

The annual scheme that aims to help keep children reading over the school holiday will be available in libraries and online.

Organised by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, the challenge is always a highlight of the library calendar with all of LiveWire's libraries including Culcheth getting involved.

Children will be able to access collectors packs, stickers and other incentives to encourage them to borrow books and keep reading. And as this year's event is being delivered in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund, it has a nature theme with youngsters encouraged to become 'Wild World Heroes' and to think about the planet and environmental issues.

All libraries will have 'Wild World Heroes' events and activities delivered by both LiveWire staff and young Summer Reading Challenge volunteers.

Rachel Ralston, LiveWire Community Librarian, said: "The Summer Reading Challenge is a brilliant way to keep children reading and using our libraries over the long summer break.

"This year's theme is Wild World Heroes – it aims to inspire children

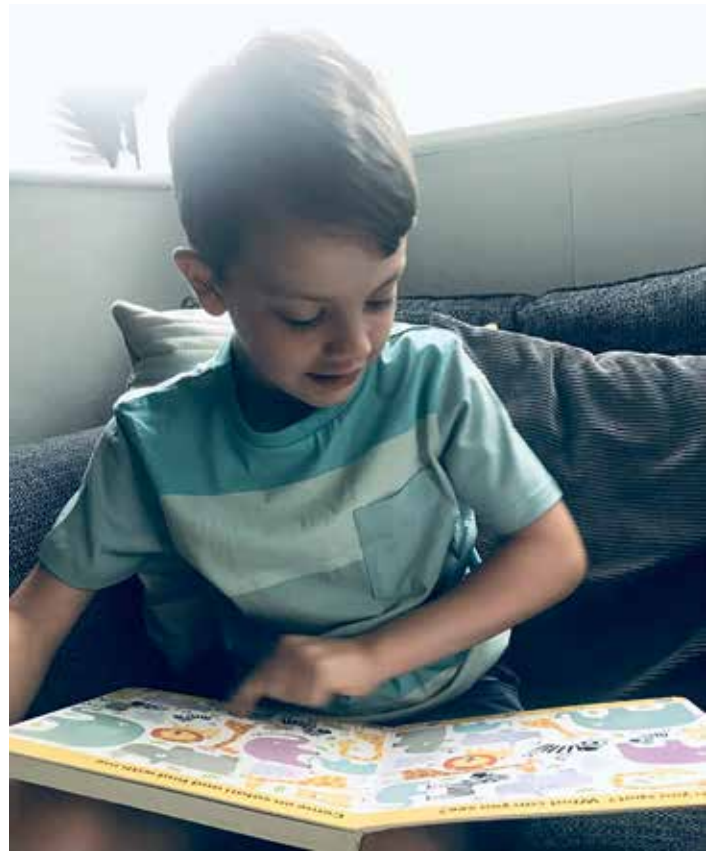
to find ways to help save the planet, whilst helping to prevent the summer reading 'dip'.

"Sign up online or at your local LiveWire library and read at least six books over the summer to earn stickers and other cool incentives. We're looking forward to seeing lots of World Wild Heroes at our libraries."

Cllr Tony Higgins, Warrington Borough Council's cabinet member for leisure and community, said: "Our Summer Reading Challenges are always hugely popular, and it's absolutely fantastic news that this year's event is able to return to our libraries.

"There will be lots of exciting activities on offer across our libraries, designed to introduce children to the joys of reading. It's the perfect way to connect local children, over the summer months, with the wonder, discovery, learning and inspiration that only books can bring."

The Summer Reading Challenge launches on Monday July 5 – for more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/wild-world-heroes-intro>



FULLY FITTED ROLLER GARAGE DOORS

FROM **£895** * WAS **£1,354**
INC VAT

* Offer Valid For Openings Up To 2.4m Wide & Inc.
2 Remote Controls, 55mm White Slats,
Internal Manual Override

WHATS INCLUDED:

- ACOUSTIC & THERMAL INSULATION
- TWO REMOTE CONTROLS
- EXPERT MEASURING & FITTING
- 24 COLOURS AVAILABLE

Made To Measure...
ROLLER GARAGE DOORS

Garolla can save a lot of space inside your garage. Rolls up vertically into a box. Takes only 8 inches of head-room! Opens vertically so you can park up close to the door. Remotely open/close the garage even from inside your car.

CALL US TODAY

Phone: 01925 205 302

Mobile: 07537 149 128

www.garolla.co.uk

New book on the history of Culcheth

MEMBERS of the Culcheth Local History Group have written a new book on the history of the village - "Culcheth Characters."

The authors of the book have unearthed original sources to examine the lives of people who lived in and around Culcheth. Some were people who helped transform the village for the better, some were criminals and some were victims of crime.

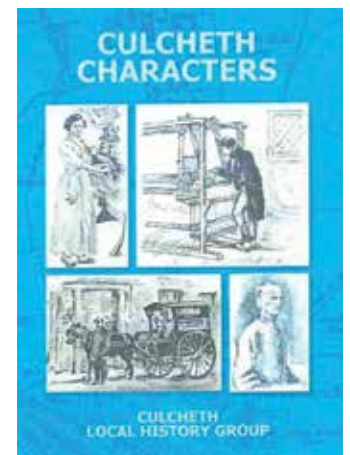
The lives of many of these characters were changed by circumstances beyond their control - the mechanisations of weaving, for example, or reforms to the Poor Law system.

Others, such as the village doctor and constable helped make Culcheth and Glazebury healthier and more law-abiding places.

The authors have examined the lives of villagers of all classes in this generously illustrated book, which aims to give residents and non-residents alike a deeper

understanding of the village.

"Culcheth Characters" may be purchased at Forget-me-not toys and books at the CPS Centre, price £8.50.



Christmas Market cancelled again

CULCHETH's popular Christmas Market has again fallen victim to the Covid 19 pandemic.

The event has been cancelled for the second year running - as was Culcheth Community Day in May.

But Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council is hoping both events will be able to resume next year.

“Victory for common sense” as planners throw out Green Belt plan for new M62 Service Area

LOCAL councillors have expressed their relief after members of Warrington’s planning committee rejected plans for a new M62 motorway service area and hotel development on green belt land.

Members voted 7-4 to refuse the application for the controversial development on land to the north of Junction 11 – against officer advice.

Councillor Wendy Maisey said: “This is a victory for common sense and for the greenbelt in and around our ward.

“There was a recommendation for the committee to approve the development subject to some conditions, so we are delighted with the result. Only last month we were elected on a promise to protect the green belt surrounding our villages

and we intend to keep that promise to our residents. We are fully aware that the applicant has the right to appeal this decision and will be keeping abreast of the case and any future developments. We will continue to work closely cross Party with Culcheth & Glazebury and Croft Parish Councils who also oppose this development”.

Councillor Val Allen added: “This development in green belt would have brought even more traffic to the area. We are still awaiting the results from the Parkside and Haydock

public inquiry on the proposed developments, all these applications need to be considered together, air pollution is already high across the M6/M62 corridor without adding more vehicle movements”.

The development was turned down by members of Warrington Borough Council’s planning committee on the grounds that the very circumstances for building on the green belt did not outweigh the harm caused by the development.

The development was opposed by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council and Croft Parish Council and there was a holding objection from HS2 Ltd.

Altogether, there were 16 objections on the grounds of loss of Green Belt land, nearness of the

existing Burtonwood Service Area (about six miles away), impact on local road network and loss of agricultural land.

There were also concerns because the site is located on peat soils which form part of the extended Risley- Pestfurlong, Astley and Chat Mosses which are said to provide a significant carbon reservoir to protect against climate change.

Officers had recommended the scheme be approved, subject to the HS2 objection being withdrawn and the Secretary of State not wishing to intervene.

It was estimated the development would create 228 jobs – although these were expected to be mainly low-paid jobs.



Old farmhouse to be replaced

PLANNING chiefs have given the go-ahead to demolish a Culcheth farmhouse and replace it with a new building.

Cawley Farm, in Holcroft Lane, is said to be in a poor state of repair and will be replaced with a new farmhouse of similar size and design with a garage to the north west of the existing house and within the farmyard.

There will be a greater distance between the new house and traditional farm buildings on the site.

Cawley Farm is not a listed building, nor is it in a conservation area. The remains of a former outbuilding or cottage will be removed.

Croft Parish Council News



Keith Bland MBE
01925 766641
keithbland1@gmail.com



Paul Campbell
(Deputy Chair)
07944 899059
cllrpaucampbell@gmail.com



Valerie Allen MBE
01925 767274
val@valallen.co.uk



Philip Sharpe
07973 208384
cllrphilipsharpe@gmail.com



Norman Partington
01925 765144
normanpartington@gmail.com



Gary Farnsworth
garyianfarnsworth@gmail.com

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that Parish Council meetings are back in the Croft Memorial Hall, Mustard Lane on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. It is good to meet face to face with human beings (social distancing of course) again.

At our last meeting on Tuesday 15th June 2021 we had the pleasure of the Chief Executive Professor Steven Broomhead MBE of Warrington Borough Council attending to answer a number of problems that were happening in Croft village. Here are just some of the things that we discussed.

Local Bus Service Number 19 which for the last 2 months had been reduced to every 2 hours this was causing problems for our residents travelling to shopping/work/study destinations. It is now back to every hour. We did press for a more frequent bus service in the evening.

Blocked Gullies – Recent floods have highlighted the need for gullies and drains to be kept clear, so as to minimise the effects of surface flood water coursing along roads and onto properties. WBC will provide us with schedule of work in our village. Interesting there has been more activity in the village over the last few weeks.

Footpaths – Two recent incidents on Kenyon Lane have highlighted what the Parish Council have been saying for a number of years, the danger of allowing pavement widths to be diminished by the encroachment of vegetation and undergrowth. WBC will look at putting our request on the 21/22 programme.

Fly tipping – Due to a large number fly tipping incidents around Croft village the Parish Council has requested to WBC that warning signs be posted (at its own expense) at locations where fly tipping has been a repeated problem. This will now be done.

Litter – The Parish council is supporting a local litter picking group with Poo bags, etc. They have just produced some findings from a survey they undertook in the village on dog fouling, which is becoming quite a problem in the village. What it did highlight that we do not have enough dog poo waste bins throughout the ward. We have requested WBC to provide more bins.

Finally a big thank you to Carole, Martyn and Merrill for all their hard work and dedication during their terms of office and a warm welcome to our three new Parish Councillors Phil, Gary and Paul.

Residents may contact Croft Parish Council’s Clerk on Email: croftparishcouncil@gmail.com
The Parish Council issues updates and information on Twitter: [@croftparish](https://twitter.com/croftparish)
Web: www.croftparishcheshire.org.uk



We will provide you with a no obligation quotation which will reflect the true costs.



- Sales Purchases Re-mortgages
- Declaration of Trust – to protect third party investors
- Transfer of Equity between Partners
- Equity Release
- The Government “Help to Buy Scheme”
- Auction Sales and Purchases
- Buy to Let Investment Purchases
- Shared Ownership Sales and Purchases
- Purchase of Re-possession Properties
- New Build Properties
- Probate Sales and Transfers of Property either to or between Beneficiaries

We are members of the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme - the mark of excellence for the home buying process.

Dootsons
SOLICITORS



23 Jackson Avenue, Culcheth

01925 765212

Email: convs@dootsons.co.uk

www.dootsons.co.uk

CULCHETH • LEIGH • NEWTON

The No Hoper! Locked on former Croft journal

LOCKDOWN meant different things for different people but for local journalist David Skentelbery it gave him time to write the book he had been threatening to write for years.

“The No Hoper” tells the hilarious story of his rather unusual school days at an independent boarding school for boys at Knutsford.

David, a former resident of Gosling Road, Croft, when he launched his freelance business, believes his parents chose to send him to Knutsford College because he was extremely shy as a youngster and they thought he would have an easier time there than at the local secondary school.

They didn't realise they were sending him to a school that had been compared to Dotheboys Hall, the infamous boarding school described by Charles Dickens in Nicholas Nickleby.

His introduction to the school was to be thrown head first into a holly bush. He was ridiculed because of his unusual surname. He was driven to the verge of a nervous breakdown by a maths teacher.

And he lived in fear of a headmaster who used a riding crop to beat boys who misbehaved.

Knutsford College was described as a school for the sons of gentlemen. Its motto was “Hope is the anchor of Life” – which sounds pretty impressive until you learn that it was run by a

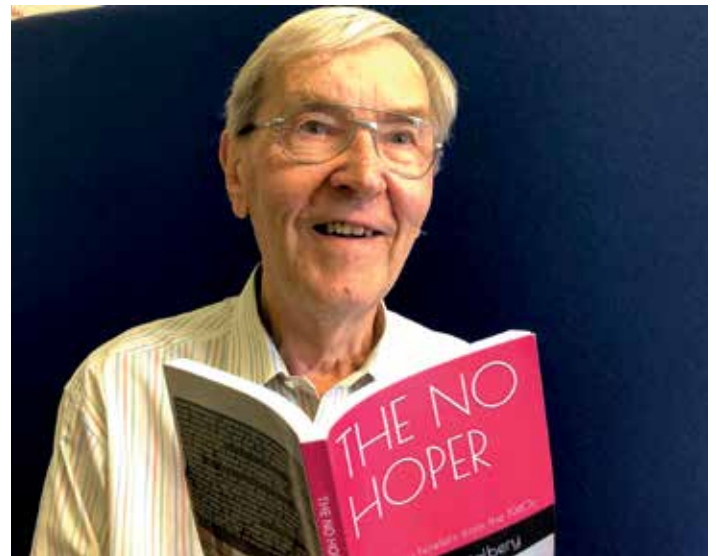
man named Hope.

It closed in 1954 after a history of 27 years. David arrived when it was still in its pomp and was still there when it closed. He then embarked on a career in journalism, most of it in Warrington, where he founded Orbit News Ltd, publishers of Warrington-Worldwide.co.uk in 1968, now run by his son, Gary.

A number of well-known Warrington business figures, or their sons, also attended Knutsford College, including John White, of the long-running John White sports shop, Barry Cooper, who founded the coach business bearing his name, Peter Himsworth, whose family ran a jewellery business in the old Golden Square, David Bate, who ran a greengrocery business on Warrington Market for many years, Brian Bowe, whose father ran a men's outfitters famous for its off-repeated advert “Tom Bowe's trousers down again” and Adam and Frank Lythgoe, of the Adam Lythgoe agricultural fertiliser business.

Were David's parents right to consider their shy son a “No Hoper” and were they right to send him to Knutsford College?

David says: “If you had asked me



Need IT Support at Home?

- Skilled and Friendly Technicians
- PC and Laptop Support
- Home Visit or Remote Dial-in
- Antivirus/Malware Check
- Unlimited Support Time



Ask for Ethan, Josh or Mark

aspire
Computers Ltd

Call our Team: 01925 251143

sales@aspire-computers.com | www.aspire-computers.com

Down helps lift the lid on a schoolboy's school days

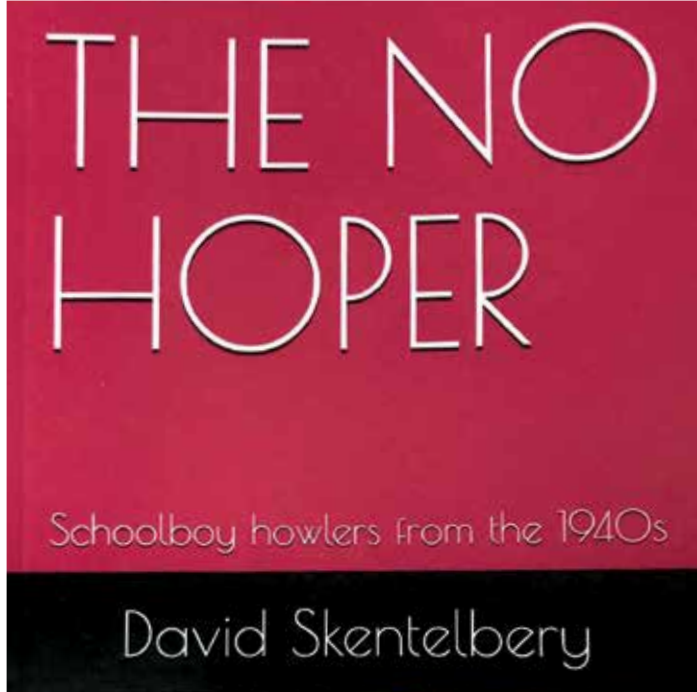
that on the day I started there I would probably have been too terrified to answer. But, looking back, it was probably the best thing that could have happened to me.

"The school soon knocked the shyness out of me and I thoroughly enjoyed my school days. I have tried to tell the story in an amusing, 'laugh-

out-loud' way.

"There are still quite few of my classmates around and you'll be hard-pressed to find any who are not proud to be Old Boys of Knutsford College."

Copies of the book can be bought via Amazon for £5.99.



Call us on: 01942 607250
www.elbfireplaces.co.uk
70 Twist Lane, Leigh, Lancashire WN7 4DP

Fire Surrounds, Stoves, Gas & Electric Fires

**Established
30 YEARS**

No need to change your carpet - made to measure fireplaces

Over 75 displays over 2 floors

Live wood burning stove on display

Is your conservatory too cold to use in Winter?
Why not install a stove?

The Gardening Guide



“Cut back your basket to give it a new lease of life - follow up by giving extra attention to feeding and watering”

*Simon Bax,
Plant Area Specialist*

- July is the month for hedges - newly planted hedges will need watering regularly and if they are straggly they can be lightly trimmed to encourage growth
- Watering is crucial this month so remember to look after your containers and baskets
- You can still sow crops such as carrots, turnips and fast maturing salad crops
- Remember to sit down and enjoy what you have created - an ideal time to relax with friends, a glass of wine and a barbecue!

Bents Garden & Home, Warrington Road, Glazebury, Cheshire WA3 5NT.
01942 266300. Check online for seasonal opening times.
For the latest events and online shopping visit bents.co.uk



With a choice of dining destinations to suit everyone's taste...

...you'll be glad you went to Bents.



- The Fresh Approach Restaurant
- Caffé nel Verde
- The Caffé Bar
- The Pet Café
- Golf Café

Bents Garden & Home, Warrington Road, Glazebury, Cheshire WA3 5NT.
01942 266300. Check online for seasonal opening times.
For the latest events and online shopping visit bents.co.uk



PAY AS YOU GO

For gym, classes, swim, and racket sports.

Register and receive a **FREE** 3 day all-inclusive pass. Use your card to be in with a chance of winning a **FREE MONTH'S MEMBERSHIP** - The more you come, the greater your chance to win.

No commitment
Flexible options
for YOU

Register Online Today
livewirewarrington.co.uk/3daypass



Aldi eyes up Culcheth for new store



CULCHETH is being eyed up for a new Aldi store.

The village is named on a list of locations across Cheshire which the supermarket giant says it is studying.

Birchwood is also on the list – despite the fact that it already has an Aldi.

Culcheth and Glazebury parish councillor Keith Bland said: "I have been trying to think of a site in Culcheth that would be suitable, but nothing immediately springs to mind."

"But I think Aldi have a policy of locating on the outskirts of towns or village centres rather than in the centre."

Aldi says it is looking for 16 sites in Cheshire.

The company has some 900 stores across the UK and has been expanding rapidly in recent years, opening a new store almost

every week to meet demand from customers.

It says it is looking for sites of about 1.5 acres, able to accommodate a 20,000 sq ft store and parking for 100 cars.

Ciaran Aldridge, national property director at Aldi UK, said: "We have been investing in Britain for more than 30 years now, but we know that there are still areas that either do not have an Aldi at all, or that need another store to meet customer demand."

"Shoppers are increasingly looking to get unbeatable prices on their weekly shop without compromising on quality."

"That is why, more so than ever, we are keen to explore all opportunities to open new stores across the country."

A warning to fly-tippers

WARNING signs are to be erected at fly-tipping blackspots around Croft village.

The signs, which will warn offenders of the likely consequences, will be erected by Warrington Borough Council following a request from the Croft Parish Council.

There have been a large number of fly-tipping incidents in the village in recent months.

The parish council is also to support local litter-picking groups by providing equipment, such as dog poo bags.

Dog fouling has been identified as an increasing problem in Croft and one of the causes is said to be a shortage of dog poo waste bins. The borough council is to be asked to provide more.

Planners reject mobile 'phone mast

PLANS for a 25m high mobile telecommunications mast on land off Spring Lane, Croft, have been thrown out by planning chiefs.

The application by WHP Telecoms, of Leeds, led to objections from nearby residents and farmers.

It would have involved a 25m high lattice tower mounted on a concrete base with six antenna apertures and four dishes.

Objectors claimed the development was inappropriate in the Green Belt, would be a "blot on the landscape" was too close to residential properties and would be a health hazard.

One objector said: "We have

the M62, landfill by Silver Lane, HMP Risley and the proposed HS2 in our area. Another eyesore and increased traffic while building the proposed mobile 'phone mast is not what we want in our local area."

Another said: "This proposed tower is too close to the road, the neighbouring farm and an eye-sore to people walking and driving past. A more suitable position should be found that's less intrusive."

The plan was rejected because the proposed tower, because of its location on the highway, did not represent permitted development.



Your Strategic and Creative Agency

Blue Whale Media works with businesses in the local area to create innovative marketing and website design solutions.

Website Design
Development

Social Media
Marketing

Blue Whale Media are also celebrating their 10 year anniversary this year, please get in touch with for more information about their services.



www.bluewhalemedia.co.uk

hello@bluewhalemedia.co.uk



From working out whether oil reservoirs will cause the North Sea rigs to rust, to high-tech 'leak extinguisher' technologies for industrial plant and equipment to keep those leaks at bay: it's a (surprisingly) exciting time at Rawwater.

To find out more about our scientific and engineering work, visit www.rawwater.com

We are always on the lookout for home-grown talent: young engineering and science graduates, postgraduates and not-really-ready-to-retire retirees.

Rawwater is a world leader and looking to grow!

rawwater

Culcheth Enterprise Centre, Withington Avenue,
Culcheth, Cheshire WA3 4JE

Parishes concern over ongoing traveller problems

MEMBERS of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, Croft Parish Council and Birchwood Town Council have all expressed concern at continuing encampments on Silver Lane, Risley, by groups of travellers.

Cllr Keith Bland, chairman of Croft Parish Council and a member of Culcheth and Glazebury, said: "Something has got to be done. It really has got to stop."

"No sooner has one group of travellers moved on than another arrives. And what is particularly annoying is that after each group moves on, the borough is left with a bill of around £1,000 to clean up the site."

"We were surprised to hear that one group of travellers was given temporary position by the borough to stay on the site because of non-Covid health issues"

"This is an issue that has been dragging on since for years and it isn't going to be solved until the borough council finds an official site where travellers can stay."

"We realise it is a difficult problem to solve, but the borough

council says it needs more time to solve it. How much time do they need? It has been dragging on for 15 years and we are still nowhere near solving the problem."

The Silver Lane site has been protected by a barrier to keep travellers out for some years. But it is repeatedly broken - and borough chiefs say they can do nothing about it until someone is actually caught in the act of breaking it.

Cllr Bland retorted: "It baffles me - the barrier is broken and there is a group of people on the site. It is pretty obvious who has caused the damage - yet nothing is done."

One possibility being considered by the parishes is a more secure barrier to prevent unauthorised entrance to Silver Lane.



HS2: More consultation pledged - but it's still coming

HS2 Ltd - the company driving forward the controversial high speed railway set to cut through the Culcheth and Croft areas - have again pledged to consult with local people throughout the process.

As well as leaflets sent to local councillors and other residents, there will be more consultation events at Culcheth Library. But no indication has yet been given of when the events will take place.

Local campaigners, including Culcheth and Glazebury Parish

Council and CADRAG - the Culcheth and District Rail Action Group - are still hoping that the Golborne Spur, the off-shoot of the main HS2 line, might still be withdrawn from the scheme.

They believe there is no proven case supporting the controversial spur, which would cause immense environmental damage in the Culcheth area.

But Cllr Keith Bland, after studying the new leaflets, said: "There is nothing to suggest that the Golborne Spur is to be dropped."

Raven campaign wins support across the political spectrum



CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save the historic Raven Inn at Glazebury say their campaign has enjoyed support from across the political spectrum.

Leader of Warrington Borough Council Russ Bowden is supporting the campaign and the "Save the Raven" group continue to liaise with him.

And the three Culcheth, Glazebury and Croft borough councillors - Wendy Maisey, Valerie Allen and Carol Benson - have given full support to the campaign.

Cllr Maisey said: "I have been involved with Save the Raven since the beginning of 2019."

"This campaign is not just about saving an historic building with heritage asset status, it's about the real possibility of providing a community asset within the Glazebury, Culcheth and Croft ward."

"Whilst the past 15 months has been difficult living with Covid, it has, however, shown us all how our community has pulled together."

"There is so much scope for the Raven - it would be a fantastic community asset for the villages and has the full and continued support of the three borough councillors."

Campaign spokesman Peter

Sturman said: "The support from our local and national politicians has been strong and unwavering."

"As we continue the fight to save the Raven it is very important to have that cross party support. It both helps to bolster our resolve and emphasises the total strength of feeling, across the board, that the Raven must be saved."

Controversial plans to demolish the pub, which dates from 1562, and build houses on the site, have been submitted but are still being considered by the borough council's planning department.

Mr Sturman added: "The wait continues. The campaign goes on. As we await the decision of the planning department the resolve of our local community remains as strong now as it was when the campaign started in January 2019."

"It is right that this application is determined by the development management committee in the event of planning officers recommending approval."

It is believed the pub was built by the Holcroft family in 1562, providing direct links with Colonel Thomas Blood - an Irish adventurer famed for a failed attempt to steal the Crown Jewels - and Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn.

OFFICE/SPACE TO RENT

THE NEW MEDIA CENTRE, OLD ROAD, WARRINGTON, WA4 1AT



APPROXIMATELY 1,500 SQ FEET

- FULLY REFURBISHED
- OPEN PLAN OFFICE
- CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE
- SEPARATE BOARDROOM
- AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY
- RECEPTION AREA
- AIR CONDITIONED
- 24 HOUR ACCESS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VIEW PLEASE CONTACT ALAN

07710 241 865 or alan@247print.net

WI's Zoom meeting goes international!

CROFT WI's Zoom meeting was an international affair when Irish business executive Sarah Friar, who is based in the United States, was their speaker. Sarah, who is the niece of long standing member of Croft WI Doris Friar, is highly regarded in the technology industry and is an extremely "high flyer", holding executive roles in several blue chip companies.

She was born in Northern Ireland, her mother was a district nurse and her father an HR manager. After entering a competition she won a scholarship offered by an accounting company and used this to achieve an ME in Metallurgy, Economics and Management at Oxford University. She continued her studies at Stanford University Graduate School of Business in America, where she earned her MBA in 2000.

After completing her first degree Sarah launched her business career and moved up the ranks very quickly while working in the UK, South Africa and the US, holding such roles as managing director, senior vice president and chief executive in numerous major companies. She also served on the boards of several large companies.

Gaining many awards including The Financial Woman of the Year in 2014, Sarah has even been asked to address The House of Representatives in the US.

"Ladies who Launch" is a project began by Sarah and Kelly McGonigle seven years ago to celebrate International Women's Day with female owners and operators for small businesses aiming to educate and inspire women who wish to start their own businesses. From its inception, "Ladies who Launch" has grown and grown and events have been held in the US, Canada, Australia, UK and Ireland, Inspiring and motivating women to aspire to executive positions in business.

Croft WI were extremely privileged that Sarah was willing

to spend time to talk to them about her present role as chief executive officer of social network app Nextdoor.

Nextdoor is a hyperlocal social networking service for neighbourhoods. The company was founded in 2008 and is currently available in 11 countries, including Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, US and of course the UK. It is an extremely popular app where neighbours can report on news and events in their local area, find local tradesmen, report lost pets and basically communicate with each other. During the pandemic it has been a godsend for many vulnerable people unable to leave their homes.

Members were shown a video of how the app can help, where a black man moved into a white neighbourhood in the US and felt awkward and isolated. He posted on Nextdoor and had an immediate response from his neighbours and became integrated and felt welcomed into the community.

Sarah was pleased to answer a number of pertinent questions from members and at the end of her talk president Anne Lamming thanked her for allocating time in her extremely busy schedule to talk to Croft WI.

Unfortunately a number of the proposed meeting dates for the various groups within Croft WI have had to be postponed once again, as has the date for the next WI meeting in the Village Hall. Members will be kept informed of new dates through the usual channels.

CLASSIFIED

AIR CONDITIONING

EXPERIENCED AND PROFESSIONAL Warrington-based 4 Seasons are air conditioning specialists. We install, maintain and repair air conditioning for business and homes. FREE call outs and special offers. **Contact John & the team on 0330 400 5471 or enquiries@4sac.co.uk or www.4sac.co.uk** (05/20)

CARPET CLEANING

AT STAINBUSTERS. A Warrington company cleaning carpets, hard floors, Upholstery (Leather + fabric) and curtains in situ. FREE quotes for domestic and commercial. Approved carpet cleaners for Hancock and Woods for over 10 years. **Call John on 01925 852088 or 07765 314080** (01/20)

SIMPLY THE BEST CARPET CLEAN YOU will ever have. Cleaners UK Ltd. Est over 30yrs. Have your carpets & sofas beautifully deep cleaned leaving them fresh smelling & colour restored. Latest & best methods. Dry/steam. Leather cleaning, oriental rug specialist. Professional, reliable & affordable. **For more info call Neil Riley on 01925 264989/ 07831 336060 www.cleaners-uk.net** (03/21)

CHIROPODY

KATHRYN GRACE AND ASSOCIATES, D.Pod.M., M.Ch.S., HCPC registered. Chiropractors/ Podiatrists, 30 years experience, offering friendly and professional footcare, also Gait Analysis. Care home & commercial contracts are welcome. Culcheth based. **Tel 01925 762404 www.parkviewcentre.co.uk** (01/20)

CLEANING SERVICES



arley's angels

- Spring Clean Specialists
- Presenting your home for sale
- Moving house
- After building work cleans

01925 266834
... because you're worth it!

COMPUTERS

AED COMPUTER SERVICES. For all your PC servicing requirements including: Hardware repairs / upgrades, Software / Operating System re-installs, Virus removal, basic training: **Tel: 01925 766426, mobile: 07870 260657, email: enquiries@aed-cs.com, Web: http://www.aed-cs.com** (09/20)

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

TRUST PROPERTY ELECTRICAL SERVICES. NICEIC Part P Approved Contractor. All Electrical work undertaken. Inspection and testing and PAT testing. All work certified and guaranteed. **Call Tim on 07754409906 or 01925 601055** (03/21)

MORTGAGES

TALKING MORTGAGES - INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE ADVICE. For local, impartial and professional advice on all aspects of mortgages contact Darren Simpson on **07708 975122** (08/21)

PAYROLL

WHY TRY TO BE A PAYE EXPERT? Watkinson Black can provide a cost effective payroll service, releasing you to concentrate on your business. **For further details please phone: 01925 413210 or e-mail: info@warringtonaccountants.co.uk** (05/21)

TREE SURGERY

SAM WOOLSTENCROFT TREE SERVICES. Commercial and Domestic tree and Landscaping services. NPTC qualified, Safe Contractor approved and fully insured. Friendly and reliable, local family business. **Contact Sam 01942 673736 or 07565 534343** (01/20)

TYRES



CULCHETH TYRES
New and Part Worn Tyres
Motorcycle Tyres and Servicing
01925 766 380
www.culchethtyres.co.uk
Unit 1D, Taylor Business Park, Risley, WA3 6BL (02/21)



EVERGREEN Centre of Excellence
Express
Mobile Tyres
Local Family Business. Est. 1997
01925 810000
www.expresstyres.co.uk
Order Online Today!
Branded & Budget Tyres
Cars, Vans, 4x4's, Caravans
Light Commercials & Performance Vehicles
The tyre service that comes to you at home or your place of work
No Call Out Charge!
BRIDGESTONE MICHELIN
GOODYEAR Continental (05/21)

Darron is putting in the miles for The Christie

DARRON Bibby, from Culcheth, is putting in the miles to raise funds for The Christie Charity in Manchester – and is approaching the halfway stage towards his target of 1,000 miles during the year.

He is averaging 20-25 miles a week and also aims to do a run on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

His last run for the year will be on New Year's Eve.

The charity provides enhanced services at the Christie Hospital, over and above what the NHS funds and helps make a massive difference to the care and treatment they provide to patients and their families.

He said: "So far I have raised £1390.00 through my truly wonderful and amazing 50 supporters who have kindly sponsored me.

"If anyone would like to sponsor me they can either make a one-off donation or alternatively sponsor

me a minimum of a penny for every mile I complete. Donations can be made on my Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/darronbibby




Promote your business to thousands of local people with a
Culcheth Life Magazine
classified for just £72 plus VAT for six months.
For more details call 01925 631592



APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



- ➔ School leaver vocational & apprenticeship courses
- ➔ Adult part-time, higher education, professional & leisure courses

Whether you are a school leaver looking to take the first steps towards your career, or an adult eager to follow your passions and seeking a career change, we have a range of further and higher education courses to suit you.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE.



Hayley Wilkinson

Adult student Hayley believes it's never too late to change your career. Having previously worked in security, Hayley enrolled at the college and completed her Level 2 and 3 in Electrical Installation, before progressing onto the HNC Electrical & Electronic Engineering course.

Hayley still studies at the college one day a week alongside her full-time role as a machine operator and assistant manager in the warehouse of a local manufacturing company. After completing her course, Hayley intends to become a successful electrical engineer in the manufacturing industry.



Aron-Lee Curzon

Level 3 Health & Social Care student Aron studied at the college's Winsford campus. Aron undertook a work placement which led to securing a part-time job as a support worker for adults with learning disabilities.

After completing his course, Aron progressed onto the University of Chester to study Adult Nursing and took part in a work placement caring for patients on a Covid-19 ward. After university, Aron intends to work in a palliative care setting and possibly complete a master's degree in order to become a dual qualified adult/learning disability nurse.



Find out more about the various courses and apprenticeships on offer and complete an application for September 2021!

Visit: wvr.ac.uk

Call: **01925 494 400**

