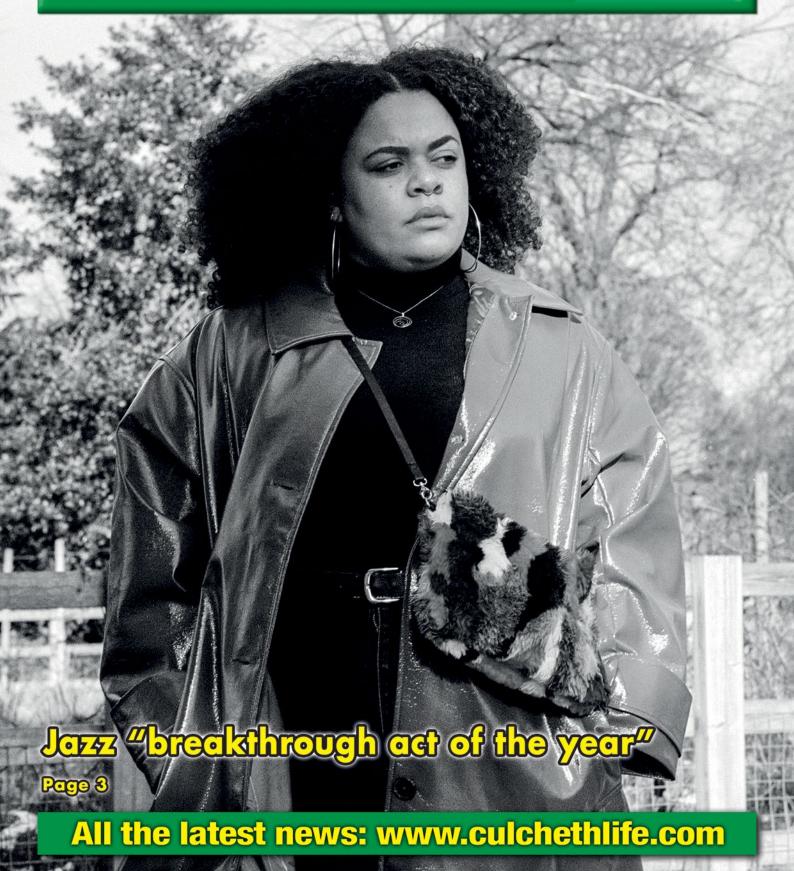
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# Editor's Comment

WHILE the death of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was not unexpected, aged 96, it still came as a complete shock to many – just two days after being pictured with a beaming smile welcoming new Prime Minister Liz Truss to Balmoral.

It certainly marks the end of an era, as she was a constant through many our lives and while I am not a monarchist as such, I had huge respect for Her Majesty and also for her son, King Charles III.

No one can question the late Queen's selfless dedication to duty after being handed such a huge role so young in her life, which has seen many ups and downs over the past seven decades.

Whatever woes have been taking place, the Queen was always there, as reassuring Head of State.

While there is no public record of her ever visiting Culcheth in an official capacity she did make four official visits to the borough of Warrington during her lengthy reign including Winwick.
Her first visit was in May 1968,

when she visited Bridge Street which had undergone a facelift.

The Queen's next visit came in November 1979 when she toured the newly opened Golden Square with Prince Phillip. In August 1998 the Queen visited

the newly opened Hollins Park Hospital at Winwick and her last visit was when the Queen and Prince Phillip officially opened the Orford Park Jubilee Hub in May 2012.

As we enter a new era I am

hopeful King Charles, will follow in his mother's footsteps and continue her legacy.

As we witnessed the outpourings of national grief following her death, it is clear The Queen's loss will be felt greatly for some time to come.

But on a positive note it was pleasing to see the unity of our country in mourning and hopefully this can continue moving forward under the reign of King Charles III. Rest in Peace the late Her Majesty

the Queen - Long Live the King!



The Oueen pictured in Bridge Street in 1968, Picture: Eddie Whitham



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# Chelsea nominated for jazz "breakthrough act of the year"

LOCALLY-born tenor saxophonist Chelsea Carmichael has been nominated for this year's Jazz FM Awards – as the "breakthrough act of the year."

Former Culcheth High School pupil Chelsea – now based in London – currently plays in a number of groups, including the popular Outlook Orchestra, who play for huge audiences and at major venues and festivals.

She also writes, and arranges for her own Chelsea Carmichael Ensemble which sold-out Ronnie Scott's Club with their tribute to John Coltrane's "Giant Steps" album on the record's 60th anniversary.

Collidies Gath Steps about on the record's 60th anniversary.
Chelsea grew up in Culcheth with her parents who were both dancers on the Northern jazz and funk scene. She originally wanted to play the violin, but Dad Winston didn't fancy listening to someone learning violin in the house and

persuaded her to switch to piano.

She later switched to saxophone, playing in the Culcheth High School band and, later, the highly reputed Wigan Youth Jazz Orchestra.

"It was essential to my development" she said. "The whole thing was super inspiring and really spurred me on. It was the first time I realised it's not just about practising, there's a social element too. It was a massive part of the direction I've gone in."

Her first album, "The River doesn't like Strangers" was inspired by a visit to Jamaica and her father's home village, which the Rio Grande flows through. It has a reputation of not being very kind to new people.

new people.
"My Dad's not really very superstitious, so when he said that it stuck in my mind," she said.

Winners of the Jazz FM 2022 awards will be announced in London on October 20.





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# Cottage with fake "1632" date plaque demolished

A COTTAGE that had a fake 1632 date plaque has been demolished and is being replaced with a modern dormer bungalow.

Warrington Borough Council planners had agreed to discharge a condition that work should not start on demolishing the building in Warrington Road, Glazebury until a programme of archaeological work was completed to protect the building's heritage.

They have accepted that the 1632 date plaque was false and was not part of the original building.

Planning permission to replace the cottage was granted last year – but with the condition that the archaeological work must be completed first.

Now planners have been told the earliest Tithe Map of the area, dated 1838, shows no building. A map from 1847, however, did show a house on the site, bounded by Warrington Road and Hurst Mill Lane, so the cottage is likely to have been built sometime between the

The property was not in a conservation area. It was not listed either nationally or locally as a building of archáeological ór historic interest. It did not feature in the Cheshire Historic Environment Records.

It appears to have originally been a two-up/two-down cottage but it has been poorly extended on numerous occasions over its lifespan. Walls had been finished externally with white painted sand and cement render and black painted mock "timber framing" – probably in an attempt to improve the aesthetics of the property and also in an attempt to keep out

But the house was badly affected

by damp in several places. Two chimney stacks had no function as any fireplaces which might have once existed were removed years ago. Some internal joists were false - and some actually made of foam.

The house had a 20th-century

front porch and side extension added – and a detached modern building was erected in 2015.

Officers say the information provided on behalf of the applicant was satisfactory and that the archaeological condition imposed last year could be discharged











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# Plans submitted for village library refurbishment



# PLANS for the long-awaited refurbishment of Culcheth Library have been submitted to Warrington Borough Council's planning department.

The scheme – for which the Friends of Culcheth Library and local residents have been fundraising for some time - will add an additional room to the building in Warrington Road, Culcheth.

An existing courtyard will be infilled to create the additional room, if the proposals approved.

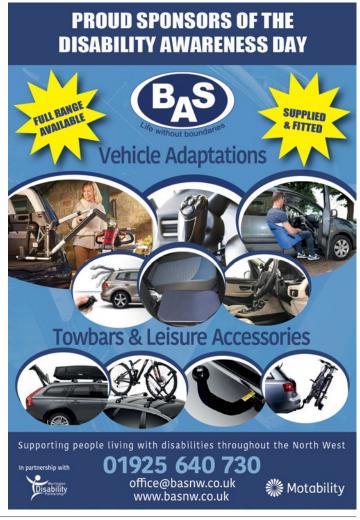
The existing entrance porch will

be removed and a gantry canopy will be installed to service the library entrance.

Warrington Borough Council Planning officers will now consider

the proposals.
It is likely the decision will be delegated to officers rather than dealt with by the borough council's development









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# Town council and residents team up Trident Business Park deve

BIRCHWOOD Town Council and local residents have teamed up to unanimously oppose a major redevelopment of the Trident Business Park which is feared could generate more than 1,000 HGV vehicle movements a day.

Following on from an Extraordinary Birchwood Town Council meeting, Birchwood councillors and residents, who have been consulted on the proposed development, discussed the Planning Application submitted by St Modwen, the American owners of the Trident Business Park, in Birchwood. Based on the concerns raised by the residents, Birchwood

Town Council unanimously opposed the Application.

The Planning Application (Ref No 2021/40696) details plans to develop the Trident Business Park into a sizeable HGV distribution depot. This depot would consist of two buildings; T83, which is 130m long, 15.48m high and 82,892 square foot (7,700m2), and T43, which is

71m long, 13.0m high and 46,889 square foot (4,356m2). These would house 14 docking bays, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, and would be a mere 50m away from the nearest residential property.

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Predicted traffic, based on the application data, includes 14 HGV's arriving, with a turnaround time of 30 minutes, equating to 28 HGVs arriving and leaving per hour, which is 56 HGV movements per hour, which equates to a potential hour, which equates to a potential for 1,344 HGV movements a day. This does not factor in the delivery vans and other auxiliary site traffic, nor the existing traffic accessing the area. Even if the depot operates a 40 min turnaround time for HGVs, it would still be over a 1,000 vehicle movements a day over a 24 he areied which outcomes as 24 hr period, which extrapolates to 7,000 over 7 days, 28,000 over 4 weeks and 365,000 HGV arriving and leaving movements per year, and that is just the HGVs. This data does not include the site traffic and the delivery vehicles, which could double these figures.

The main concerns raised by residents are a major loss of amenities to those residents who will be directly affected, in addition to those in the surrounding areas, in addition to loss of natural light during the day from the sheer size of the development. In addition, light disturbance at night from the HGVs and vehicular noise, the noise of reversing alarms of the HGVs, as well as the forklift trucks, which will operate between 90 and 120 dB, when anything above 34dB is considered a nuisance between the hours of 11 pm to 6am. The noise generated would carry at night and almost certainly beyond the immediate area.

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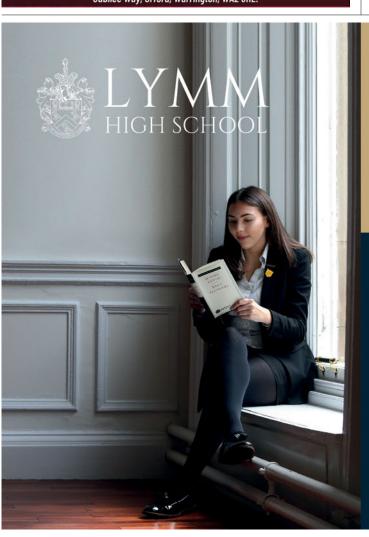
Mental health issues are also a major concern, due to the stress and anxiety the application is causing, in addition to loss of sleep, leading to sleep deprivation, which will further impact negatively on the local resident's mental health.

Residents have also been advised by independent Estate Agents that, if the application is approved, the anticipated loss of house value is expected to be between 25-30% lower than the current market value, which is likely to lead to saleability issues in the future.

issues in the future.

The impact of such a massive depot and the predicted traffic increases would also affect a much wider area than the identified impacted residents in close proximity to the proposed development. In addition, despite development. In addition, despite the recently revised plan submitted by the developer identifying new landscaping proposals, this would take 15 years (circa 2038) to come to maturation and offer any reasonable screening benefits, which would still only be seasonal, due to the plants and shrubs proposed, and will therefore offer no screening





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whatsoever during winter months. The revised plan also brings the structures closer to Warrington Road than in the original Application.

The Application and its impact on numerous Birchwood wards, including Culcheth and Glazebury, in addition to the entire length of Warrington Road, from the huge volume of traffic proposed on an existing single-lane road, which already has weight restrictions with regards to HGV traffic, as the road currently has a 7.5 ton restrictions that are already flagrantly disregarded by HGV and heavy load traffic, is incalculable, and will most certainly set a precedent for the rest Warrington, if it is approved, as to where these huge distribution depots can be sited in close proximity to residents and with no suitable intrastructure in place to accommodate them.

Concerns have also been raised about local wildlife, including bats

nesting at the derelict former Noggin pub, which is within the development site.

During the internal inspection undertaken, several pipistrelles and possible brown long-eared droppings were identified, and a confirmed pipistrelle roost was also recorded.

The main bat species identified during the Dusk (Emergence) and Dawn (Re-entry) Surveys were common pipistrelles, with low numbers of brown long-eared, noctule and myotis species.

noctule and myotis species.

The bats and their roosts are protected by UK and European Law and therefore the destruction of their roosts, or other intentional or reckless disturbance to them, will require mitigation, in order to maintain the Favourable Conservation Status (FCS) of the species.

The application is expected to come before Warrington Borough Council planners later this year.

# The Gardening Guide

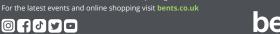


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Simon Bax, Plant Area Specialist

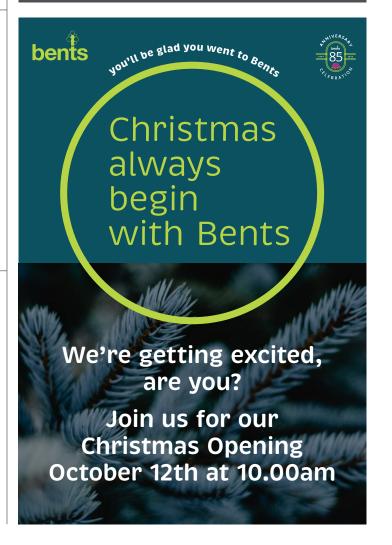
- This is an excellent time of year to construct paths, patios and terraces. Remember they will look best if they complement the materials used for the house
- The last mow of the year will probably take place this month
- Plant traditional favourites such as Wallflowers, Forget-me-nots and Polyanthus in prepared ground for a colourful spring show
- Clean and oil your garden tools for storage. An easy way to do this is put some oil and sand in a bucket and then slide them in and out of the sand

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# High School summer tea party 'an absolute delight'



CULCHETH High School recently held their Summer tea party, after over two years of being unable to host the event for senior citizens of Culcheth and surrounding areas.

It was described as an 'absolute delight and fantastic to see many of them again, fun was had by all! Sandwiches and scones were provided by Catering Academy and the fizzy fruit juice (as well as gallons of tea) flowed like wine!

The event was hosted by the Culcheth High School Student Leadership Group and stunning, professional-level entertainment professional-level entertainment was provided by their effervescent Musical Theatre Group. There were, of course, a few games of bingo, with some fantastic prizes donated by

staff and parents. Particular thanks to Miss Longden, Mrs Quicler and Mrs Shaw for their flawless organisation. The next Culcheth High School

event for senior citizens will be the Christmas party. If you have any friends or relatives who live in the triends or relatives who live in the local area, who you think might like to go along, or know of any other senior citizens in the community, please ask them to contact school info@culchethhigh.org.uk or 01925 767 587 so that they can take their and put them on the invitation details and put them on the invitation



# The secrets of marketing

THE secrets of marketing were revealed to members of Croft WI when Ruth Sanderson gave a talk on "The DNA of Branding".

For 17 years Ruth worked as a lecturer in 3D design at Hope University in Liverpool, gained a Masters in fashion at Glasgow School of Art and now lectures to students at a Manchester University.

Aided by computer graphics, the relationship between brands and consumers proved extremely interesting and in some cases quite surprising.

The fundamentals of branding were shown to be: Pictures, Colours, Typography and Copy Writing. Ruth explained the different roles of each category, how the right picture can speak louder than any words, certain colours are classed as "cheap" or "expensive". Here she showed members two

shades of green, one bright and the other more subtle, then asked which one they thought was the most expensive. The subtle shade was chosen, which proved to be

correct for marketing purposes and consumer perception colours. Also how the colour red is associated with danger and is used on warning signs etc. Colour visuals increase the willingness to read something.

Type font must be used as a further attraction, for instance the Disney organisation use their own, which is geared to appear almost childlike and, of course, wording is of paramount importance when launching a new product, for instance BT used the local accent in their wording for their latest directory in Liverpool to attract the local community.

Image is of equal importance to a product.

Lots more information was given and at the conclusion of Ruth's talk, members were more knowledgeable about the persuasion of branding than at the start of the evening. Lesley Lloyd gave a vote of thanks a very enlightening and interesting evening.

# **Proclamation** of His Majesty King Charles III







CULCHETH & Glazebury Council Parish Council Chairman Neil Johnson announced the Proclamation of His Majesty King Charles the III during a special ceremony at Culcheth Millennium Garden.

He was joined be fellow members of the parish council, local school children and members of the public.

Cllr. Johnson, who read out the proclamation, said: "On behalf of the Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council I wish to convey our deepest sympathies to King Charles III and all the Royal Family following the

"HM Queen Elizabeth II's devotion to civic and public duty will be part of her legacy. It is

something we can all attempt to emulate.

give thanks for her immeasurable contributions to the UK and throughout the world.

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# PARISH NEWS

# **Proclamation of King Charles III**

Parish Council Chairman Neil Johnson announced the Proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III in a special ceremony at Culcheth Millennium Garden on Monday 12th September. Cllr Johnson visited local primary schools in Culcheth to make the proclamation to the school communities.

# **Christmas Market Event**

This year's Christmas market event is to return with a similar format. The event on November 26th between 12pm and 5pm will feature Christmas Stalls. The stalls are for local businesses and can be booked by contacting culcheth.clerk@btinternet.com. The annual switch on of the Christmas lights will also take place at the end of the event.

# **Ukrainian Family Hub**

The Parish Council has given support to the team of people organising the Ukrainian family hub at Culcheth Sports Club. Several members of the Parish Council were present along with Charlotte Nichols MP, at the recent event celebrating Ukrainian National Day.

# **Planning Concerns**

The Parish Council is consulted on planning applications. If you have an opinion on an application, please let the clerk or councillors know as soon as possible within the 21-day consultation period.

# **Defibrillators**

The Parish Council has funded the purchase and organised the installation of a defibrillator at the ESSO petrol station on Warrington Road in Culcheth. It is planned that another defibrillator funded by the Parish Council, will be installed in Glazebury in the next few months.

# Millennium Garden Refurbishment

The Parish Council undertook the renovation of the Millennium Garden in Culcheth. The area was cleaned, resurfaced, refurbished and painted to bring it back to the high-quality public space Culcheth residents expect. The clock on the sundial has been recently replaced to ensure that it provides accurate information to passers-by.

> Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11th October at 7:30pm at Glazebury Methodist Church

# **Publication of Information**

The Parish Council has adopted a publication of information scheme. Details of who we are, what we do and how the public can access information is published on the main notice boards, Common Lane, Culcheth and Culcheth Library and on our website:

www.culchethandglazebury-pc.org.uk



# Raven coming home to roost!



AFTER being closed for more than four years, including over three years of fighting off demolition plans and being left nearly derelict, the Raven Inn is coming home to the community who have demonstrated how much they love the beautiful, historic pub.

The Raven cooperative will be holding a public meeting at Culcheth High School at 7.30pm, on Thursday, October 13, not just a public meeting, but also a community share launch event to afford everyone the opportunity to invest in the future of the Rayen.

Spokesperson Peter Sturman explained, "We need to raise an optimum amount of £243,000 to renovate and start up the Raven. Community pubs tend to do this by offering their community shares in the enterprise. The share offer does give everyone the chance to invest in the future of the Raven.

"There will undoubtedly be people who just want to do their bit to secure

the future of the Raven.

"The minimum share investment "The minimum share investment will be £250 to allow as many people as possible to participate, maximum £25,000. Investing in shares makes you a 'member' of the cooperative and entitles you to have your say in how the Raven is run."

There are financial benefits as

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well.

Under the The Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS), the first £150,000 of shares sold will attract tax relief of 50%, thereafter 30%.

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For example, if someone invested £10,000 in the Raven, they could claim half of it back against income tax (assuming they pay at least

tax (assuming they pay at least £5,000 in a tax year). Then after

three years they stand to get 5% interest on their original £10,000 investment.

Peter added: "As with all investments, we would urge everyone to study the share prospectus, to acquaint themselves with the details. That prospectus will be available from the 13th of October."

From that date, the offer will 'go live' on Crowdfunder: https://crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-raven-inncommunity-pub

In addition, all people investing £500 or more, will be entitled to 10% discount on food and drink at the Raven.

Peter added: "We intend to leaflet every house in Glazebury, Culcheth and Croft as we feel it is vitally important to give everybody the opportunity to do their bit to save the Raven. It is our intention to open the Raven next March. Whilst we hope the Raven will be ready to receive some patrons before then, we need to be prudent.

Considering the spiralling energy considering me spiraling energy costs and the traditional 'quiet time' in January and February, we feel the responsible thing to do is to get everything ready for next Easter. We intend to hold limited events before March, particularly for our founding members and our new shareholders. The Raven is indeed coming home. We could not have got to this point without the incredible and sustained

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# WI tribute to the Queen

PRESIDENT Eileen Griffiths opened Culcheth and Newchurch WI's September meeting with a tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II, a long-time member of Sandringham WI.

There was a minute's silence, followed by "Jerusalem" and "God Save the

King".

Margaret Jones accompanied the singing on the piano.

Speaker Hazel Griffiths, gave a lively account of her life at sea in "Motion".

of the Ocean".

Hazel worked for many years for the Halifax Building Society in Chester but enjoyed the sea and cruising so much that she made a career change. She began with P&O Cruises and later took a training course to be a guide and problem-solver to tourists. She visited many countries around Europe and the Mediterranean and across the Atlantic as far as Greenland and Iceland.

The Caribbean and North America also featured in her life story and all her travels were illustrated with beautiful slides. Her aim is to visit 60 countries before her 60th birthday. Kath Hanley thanked her and tea was served by Freda Wilcock and Ann Hambleton

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Hazel judged the competition for a toy or model boat and chose Doreen Procter as winner, followed by Aileen Paterson and Margaret Jones.

Barbara Delve won the deep pink roses given by Marie Pickering for the top

October 18 is the date for the AGM and volunteers are needed for the committee. The October speaker's topic is "Witches and Superstitions".

# WHERE YOUR FUTURE MATTERS



Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

5.00pm - 8.00pm

Wednesday

9th November

5.00pm - 8.00pm

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