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ON page 8 you can read about how a local campaigner says Warrington Borough Council is failing local residents who have been left behind by the digital revolution.

Without referencing that particular article, I do believe many of us have become too reliant on digital messaging, which is why here at Culcheth Life and our sister publications, Warrington Worldwide and Lymm Life, we still believe passionately in providing a print format.

While we were at the forefront

Members Day!

MEMBERS of Glazebrook WI enjoyed a Members Day at their September meeting.

The business included correspondence, notice of a Zoom meeting, and the forthcoming Autumn meeting at the Storey house, Chester. Also mentioned were various local events, The Village Show, and FROGS, the local Glazebrook Station, restoration celebration event.

It was then time for the 'members' to take over. This included the invitation of the 'Dukes of Long barn', a talented group of ukulele playing, singers, who entertained the group with a wide variety of 'sing along' famous songs.

Then followed a sumptuous afternoon tea, all home made by members.

of delivering digital news almost 25 years ago with our daily online newspaper, we actually launched our print edition six months later, as we realised many people were still not online.

While clearly many more people now have access to information online, there are still a lot of people who have been by-passed by the digital revolution, or decided they don't want to be part of it.

Clearly because it is the most cost-effective way, the Government and councils, along with the NHS now use it as their main communication tool to reach as many people as possible for the least cost.

Over the years I have lost count of the number of people who complain

they didn't know about something when I knew full well it had been promoted extensively online.

That's why here at Culcheth Life and our sister publications we attempt to deliver the best of both worlds – but that does come at a significant cost.

So, to anyone who is seeking to get messaging out to the general public, be you a business, community group or charity – remember cheapest often doesn't mean best but if you want to advertise properly online and in print – it does come with a cost!

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MP shows support for theatre group as Autism Rocks!

CULCHETH Players were delighted to welcome local MP Charlotte Nichols to their latest production which featured young people from ABC Autism Rocks.

Ms Nichols was particularly interested to see local young people in the show from ABC Autism Rocks. The Players show was entitled

“A Bunch of Amateurs” and was written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

The comedy told the story of

a fading washed up Hollywood action hero, Jefferson Steele, who keen to boost his flagging career, comes to England to star in a production of King Lear.

However, upon his arrival he quickly found out that all is not as it first appeared.

Culcheth Players will again be producing their annual pantomime in January, which for 2024 will be Aladdin. Auditions will be held in early October.

So if you fancy taking part

whether acting on stage or behind the scenes you will be made most welcome.

As ever their production will feature local children from Rosemary Powell’s School of Dance. Rosemary will begin training the children for the dance routines from mid November.

If you have a child who would be interested please contact Rosemary on 07840 536333. The children are always a delightful addition to the pantomime



Charlotte with Susan Elkin, Culcheth Players prompt and ABC Autism Rocks organiser, with group members Aidan Lynch and Christopher Hardman, both of whom form part of the chorus in the play.



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Fantastic turnout at St Oswald's Church for Winwick Heritage Day

THE early autumn sunshine welcomed hundreds of visitors to the heritage weekend at St Oswald's Church in Winwick.

Opened by the Bishop of Warrington, the Venerable Beverley Mason, the event began with the unveiling of a fabulous artwork painted by the children of Winwick CE Primary St school in celebration of it's close connection with the ancient church.

A fantastic display of Titanic memorabilia marking the church's links with the Captain of the famous Red Star liner was on show and members of the Titanic Society were on hand to answers questions and show off their incredible collections.

Elsewhere in and around the grounds, children were invited to complete a treasure hunt style quiz searching for the many historical dates and artefacts that have built

up over the ages ever since the church was documented in the doomsday book.

A wonderful display of artwork by 1st Winwick Brownies (Girlguiding Croft District) was also on show and visitors were given rare access to the Gerard Chapel with its own museum, the Legh Chapel with its many interesting features including unique brass rubbings and the beautiful chancel which was designed by Augustus Pugin, who also designed the interior of the Palace of Westminster.

To top everything off there was an exhibit of religious artefacts collected by James Balme, History Columnist for Cheshire Life Magazine.





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Tony returns to his roots with “playful exhibition”

A FASHION illustrator from Culcheth, who has worked with some of the most prestigious brands, has returned to his roots with a playful exhibition at Warrington Museum.

Tony Green’s ‘Scribble’ will run until Sunday, January 14. Admission is free.

He graduated from world renowned arts and design college, Central Saint Martins London, in 2010 and was guided by tutor Howard Tangye, who has been an influential force in fashion for decades, before an incredible opportunity saw him create collection designs, prints and research concepts for iconic Parisian fashion house Sonia Rykiel.

Since then, Tony’s work has been seen in the likes of World of Interiors and Vogue and he’s collaborated with brands such as L’Oréal and Selfridges where he created illustrations for Jacquemus, Prada and Adidas.

More recently, he has been working with luxury lifestyle brand House of Hackney, leather specialists Smythson, who provide goods to some of the Royal Family, and Urban Outfitters America where his new prints collection is being featured.

For Tony’s new exhibition, Scribble, he will be showcasing his playful, spontaneous and energetic style which has been turning heads in the industry for more than a decade.

Tony has been keen to maintain his connections with his hometown throughout his career. He can often be found in Castlefield Gallery New Art Spaces: Warrington (the former M&S in Sankey Street) where he has a studio space.

And the Warrington Museum showcase is one of a series of recent opportunities Tony has had with arts charity Culture Warrington.

Last year he hosted an abstract fashion illustration workshop for Warrington Contemporary Arts Festival and he was part of Warrington Museum’s Dividing Lines, a collaborative exhibition

featuring eight artists of different disciplines.

Tony said: “It’s great having the art gallery space at Warrington Museum to present my new solo show, especially with it being in my hometown. It’s a fabulous space to connect with people and share my new concepts.”



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Solar farm given go-ahead - despite harm to the Green Belt

PLANNING chiefs at Warrington have given the go-ahead to plans for a solar farm on land which forms part of the former Risley Landfill site - even though the development would cause harm to the Green Belt.

Access to the site would be via Silver Lane - which, despite being sealed off, is regularly invaded by traveller groups.

The plans have been considered twice by the borough council's development management committee who delegated authority to officers.

The proposals were first put

forward in April 2021 and have been under consideration ever since.

It was considered that the scheme would be an inappropriate form of development, resulting in loss of openness, causing a loss of view from an informal footpath running across the site.

But having weighed all the factors

carefully, officers believe the harm to the Green Belt is outweighed by the benefits of the scheme including renewable energy generation and its role in meeting the challenge of climate change.

The area of land involved is made up of poor and semi-improved grassland and newly planted trees. There are limited alternative uses available because of historic landfill operations.

The site is 3km north west of the centre of Warrington and is

accessed via Silver Lane, Risley - which in recent years has caused a problem due to incursions by traveller groups.

The solar farm will generate about five megawatts of electricity at maximum output, which would be distributed within the local energy network.

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CHAIRMAN Cllr Keith Bland and a number of other members of Culcheth Parish Council attended Ukraine Independence Day celebrations at the Daten Club, Culcheth.

The well-attended event was organised by members of the Ukrainian Family Hub based at the club.

A church service was followed by celebrations and refreshments at the Daten.

Cllr Sue Bland said: "A great time was had by all."

The Ukrainian Family Hub was set up to help Ukrainian refugees in the Warrington area.

It meets at the Daten - Culcheth Sports Club - in Charnock Road twice a week, on Wednesdays and Sundays, and offers help to refugees, including English lessons, visa applications and social events.



The Gardening Guide



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Campaigner says Council is failing the pre-digital generation



A local campaigner says Warrington planners are leaving out a whole generation of pre-digital Warringtonians when it comes to acceptable engagement and access regarding planning applications.

Winwick-based Stuart Mann says that with Autumn on its way and with it the prospect of Warrington Borough Council announcing its proposed timescale for the adoption of its "much derided, widely questioned and massively delayed Local Plan" many local people will be "forgotten."

Mr Mann said: "Hundreds of planning applications will be submitted to the council each one with thousands of pages of documentation covering things such as ecological surveys, utilities, house designs, estate layouts and on and on.

"For Warringtonians worried about the impact a development near them may have on their way of life, it will be a daunting and off-putting process to understand what all these documents mean, even before then trying to work out how to object or support the application by writing a representation.

"It isn't easy, it's all ONLINE and that fact is a real problem for a huge forgotten part of Warrington residents - those not online and in particular the elderly and infirm.

"In March this year I held a meeting in St Oswald's Church Hall, Winwick promoted through community engagement and leafleting which aimed to inform residents about a planning application for 163 new homes on Golborne Road in the village. Over 90 people turned up to hear details about the planning application which had 40 documents to read on the WBC planning portal.

"After being told by a number of residents that didn't really use or know how to use computers and that they were unaware of the application nor were able to read the plans because it was all ONLINE, I wrote on their behalf to the planning office to request they print just one hard copy of each of the documents and send them to me (I even offered to pick them up) in order that they were available during our meeting for everyone to read.

"My request was made on the day the planning application was published well in advance of our meeting - simple enough you would think - but almost immediately I received a reply saying that it would not be possible and anyone

without access to a computer would have to go to a local library to use the computers there to make their submission.

"I politely replied pointing out that I didn't think WBC understood my request nor indeed the complex task they were putting upon some residents who did not understand how to navigate computers, the internet and maybe didn't have an email address.

"All this before then considering their age and ability to catch a bus to their nearest library AND then work out, how to find the planning application, spend a good 2 or 3 hours digesting the information and then having to create a WBC account (which needs an email address) to submit their representation.

"This then led to a near three week back and forth email chain with WBC where I politely tried to make them understand that suggesting someone without an email address should email them directly for assistance didn't make sense, or continually suggesting residents go to the library or even the town hall and spend the good part of a day on computers they didn't have the confidence to use was really, really poor engagement and public service by our borough council.

"All I wanted was one hard copy of all the planning documentation in order that I could share it with those residents at the meeting.

"Ironically someone could have had written all the planning documentation and delivered them by pigeon in the same time.

Mr Mann added: "Ultimately, time ran out to get the information requested and we had to make the best use of the few documents we did have for the meeting which was really disappointing."

In response to Mr Mann's concerns, a Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said: "Notifications of applications are given to local residents by letter, site notice or press notice, depending on the circumstances. Full application details are available online - however, if individuals are unable to access the published information, they can contact us directly so we can respond to their specific needs."

“Voice of the Balls” to return with quiz in aid of Children in Need

HE’S back – “Deadly” Alan Dedicat, one-time “Voice of the Balls” on the BBC lottery show, will be at The Village Club, Culcheth, on Sunday, November 19.

Alan has been presenting a quiz in Culcheth in aid of Children in Need for more than 20 years.

But he had to take a break because of the Covid years.

He will be back on November 19 at 7.30 pm and tickets are available from The Village Club, Wigshaw Lane, or Nick Robins.

Teams of four are invited to compete and tickets will be £12 per person, including a hot supper.

Learn more from the club on 01925 763562 or from Nick on 07754 719283.

Sundial WI

MEMBERS of Sundial (Culcheth) WI were entertained by Jackie Iddon, with a talk and slide show of her nursery garden at Bretherton – an old orchard which was re-shaped over a period of 21 years by Jackie and her family.

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PARISH NEWS

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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.

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Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council's 50th Birthday

The Parish Council for Culcheth and Glazebury was established by Government Order on 8th October 1973, it is the third Parish Council the district has had. The first Parish Councillors were elected in Culcheth & Glazebury in 1974. To celebrate this half century, we are looking to create a photo gallery of previous Parish Councillors and Clerks on the Parish Council website. If you or a family member has been a Parish Councillor in Culcheth & Glazebury over the past 50 years we would appreciate you sending the clerk a photo, your name and date elected.

Ukrainian Hub

On Sunday 27th August the Ukrainian Hub celebrated Ukrainian independence, history & culture at their base in the Daten. The Choir and several Parish Councillors thoroughly enjoyed the celebrations and food offered at the event in our village. If you would like to know more about the work done by this local community group visit www.ukrainehubwarrington.co.uk or use the QR code opposite.



Next Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th October
at 7:30pm at Culcheth Library

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:

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A promising start at the Raven Inn



AFTER opening its doors to the public on August 12, business has remained busy at The Raven inn at Glazebury.

Despite a few teething problems business remains brisk at the historic pub saved from demolition following a community campaign.

Spokesperson Peter Sturman said: "We expected the Raven to be busy, when we first opened, and so it has proven to be.

"There have been some snags, particularly around the power supply. Everyone has been very understanding and supportive.

"That being said, as we approach our third month of trading, we are still as busy as ever.

"We have introduced a quiz night on Tuesdays. We are hosting a coffee morning on 26th September in aid of Macmillan

Cancer Support.

"We are introducing live entertainment in October and will be hosting an eight course pie tasting menu on 21st November.

As a community pub we are very keen to do something positive for good causes and to provide something for everyone.

"We were delighted to receive the top (5) rating for food hygiene. The staff have worked so hard since we opened.

"We are not getting carried away by our encouraging start. There are many good pubs in the area. It is important we build upon where we are and continually strive to improve."

Cricketers' worst season ever?

Glazebury Cricket Club suffered probably their worst-ever season with the 1st XI coming bottom of division three of the Cheshire League.

The 2nd XI did little better, coming second-to-bottom of division C and winning only three matches.

Disappointing batting performances led to many defeats. Throughout the season the 1st XI accumulated only nine batting

points compared to 16 bowling points. The 2nd XI picked up on six batting points and 11 bowling.

But there is optimism for the future. A club spokesperson said: "We are at a transitional stage. Quite a few players who have been regulars for some years have not been available and have been replaced by newcomers with little match experience. We expect things to get better."

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