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CONGRATULATIONS to everyone involved in the refurbishment of Culcheth Library which is now a key feature at the heart of our community.

I know a lot of hard work has gone into ensuring this facility is retained and modernised and it is fantastic to have a group of volunteers like Friends of Culcheth Library involved.

These enthusiastic volunteers will hopefully help ensure the future success of the facility.

Of course, none of this could have been done without money – so thank you to Warrington Borough Council and the team at LiveWire for working with the community to deliver this facility and to the local Cllrs who helped campaign for it.

Its future success is now down to you – the people of Culcheth and surrounding areas to use it – or risk losing it – and we wouldn't want that after all the hard work which has been carried out.

Again, a BIG THANKYOU to the Friends of Culcheth Library – volunteers are the lifeblood of our community and keep up the good work.

So here's wishing it every future success – and don't forget you can pick up your free copy of **Culcheth Life** from the library every month – as well as our usual outlets.

With this being our Christmas issue, I would also like to encourage residents to get and out and support local businesses and to shop local whenever you can.

Times are still hard for many after the COVID pandemic, and many local businesses are struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis and increasing overheads with more increases heading our way in the new year with increases to the living wage. While those working for local businesses clearly need more money to cope with, the cost of living – it is getting harder and harder for business owners to keep pace, especially when they face competition from national and international suppliers.

Culcheth still has a wide range of local businesses in the village centre, so if you can find what you want locally, please do so.

It will also save the hassle of driving elsewhere, so it will also be good for the environment and if you walk into the village – good for your health.

Finally, the team at **Culcheth Life** would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It will soon be 2024 and 44 years since I left Culcheth High School! Where did all that time go!?

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Award-winning writer joins community for library opening

RENOWNED award-winning writer, **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**, joined the community to celebrate the official opening of the newly refurbished Culcheth Village Library.

Winner of the Carnegie Medal for Millions; and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize for The Unforgotten Coat, Frank Cottrell-Boyce is renowned for his novels for young people and as the writer for the 2012 Summer Olympics opening ceremony.

More than 70 people attended the special event, including the Mayor of Warrington, Cllr Steve Wright, the Friends of Culcheth Library and schoolchildren, along with local residents and businesses who have supported the refurbishment project.

As part of the event, Frank spoke to young people from Culcheth High School, Culcheth Community Primary School, Newchurch Primary School and Twiss Green Community Primary School about his work, his career as a writer, and his latest book, 'Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth'.

He also shared his views about the enduring importance of libraries and literature and enjoyed presentations and performance poetry from the young people.

Frank then joined the Mayor to unveil a special plaque and declare the new-look library officially open.

Warrington Borough Council's £400,000 investment in Culcheth Library is part of its wider libraries modernisation programme. It has helped rejuvenate the building – which was built in 1895 – providing a range of improvements for the

whole community, including:

- The creation of a brand-new space, 'The Atrium Room'
- A new entrance and covered walkway along the front of the library
- A new accessible walkway running around the building.
- New library furniture including bookshelves
- New accessible toilet facilities

Warrington Borough Council's Cabinet Member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins attended the opening event. He said: "Our library modernisation programme continues to go from strength to strength, and the refurbishment of Culcheth Library is the latest success story for our borough.

"We know how much the local community has valued the library for more than 100 years, so I'm delighted we've been able to make this investment, which will ensure the library can continue to be enjoyed for generations to come.

"The refurbishment works have breathed new life into the building, providing a modern, welcome and flexible space for people of all ages to enjoy.

"It was wonderful to welcome an author as renowned as Frank Cottrell-Boyce for this special celebration event, ushering in an exciting new era for the library."



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Freedom Fibre donates hundreds of pounds to local community groups

TWO community groups from Croft and Culcheth have been awarded grants worth hundreds of pounds from Freedom Fibre's Freedom Fund, a community fund designed to support good and green community projects.

Both groups attended an awards ceremony in November to accept their grants.

Successful applicants from this year's Freedom Fund in Croft and Culcheth include:

Croft Village Memorial Hall, which was awarded £440 to contribute towards installing Hive Thermostat controllers to improve energy efficiency.

Culcheth Sports Club – The Dafen, which was awarded £250 to go towards new plants at the front of their community connections café.

Neil McArthur, Freedom Fibre's

Chief Executive Officer, said: "I'm delighted that we have been able to make awards to such a diverse range of good and green causes. The non-profit groups that have received the funding are all working to positively impact their communities through education, sustainability efforts, and projects that bring local residents together. All these goals directly align with Freedom Fibre's own company values, and we feel incredibly privileged to work alongside these community groups to help benefit the areas where Freedom Fibre is building our network."

Freedom Fibre first launched The Freedom Fund in October 2022 to support community groups delivering environmental projects. Freedom Fibre is currently rolling out its lightning-fast, full-fibre

network to homes and businesses in Croft and Culcheth. If you are interested in connecting to their full-fibre network, please register your interest online.



Green Belt plan to convert barn into dwelling at Grade II Listed farm approved



PLANS to demolish agricultural buildings behind a Grade II Listed farmhouse on Green Belt land at Croft and replace them with a single dwelling have been approved by planners.

The proposal involves the conversion of agricultural buildings to create a residential dwelling and associated works including demolition at Barrow Farm in Croft.

The application site consists of a cluster of former agricultural buildings at Barrow Farm, Kenyon Lane. The site is located in the Green Belt.

The proposed development involves the conversion of an existing farm building into a single dwelling, including a single-storey rear extension to provide a kitchen and a detached carport to the front of the property. A number of existing farm buildings would also be demolished.

The barn to be converted is of red brick construction with a dual-pitch roof. The proposed dwelling would be two storey with four bedrooms. A large parking area would be provided to the front of the dwelling which would utilise the existing vehicular access from Kenyon Lane. The proposed carport would be of

timber and brick construction with a dual-pitch roof. The carport would be located to the west of the house close to some of the remaining farm buildings.

A similar development was previously approved at the site for the conversion of the barn into two dwellings.

Amended plans were negotiated and submitted by the applicant and have resulted in changes to the original submission, which can be summarised as:

- Reduction in the proposed number of dwellings from two to one
- Relocation of extension to northern elevation and carport to west of southern elevation
- Removal of proposed roof lights
- Reduction in the scale of proposed windows
- Alteration of proposed facing materials to extension
- Removal of proposed new vehicular access from Kenyon Lane

There were no objections to the development which has been approved under delegated powers by Warrington Borough Council planners.



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PARISH NEWS

Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council's 50th Birthday

The Parish Council for Culcheth and Glazebury was established by Government Order on 8th October 1973, with the first Parish Councillors in Culcheth & Glazebury elected in May 1974. To celebrate this half century, we have created a photo gallery of previous Parish Councillors and Clerks on the Parish Council website. The QR code opposite links to this gallery. 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 to fill any of the gaps. culcheth.clerk@btinternet.com

After the December 12th Parish Council meeting (8:30pm at Culcheth Library) we intend taking a group photograph of any available ex councillors from the last 50 years of Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council. It would be great to meet ex colleagues over a mince pie.



Hollie Guard Personal Safety App

At November's Parish Council meeting Cheshire Constabulary asked the Parish Council to publicise this personal safety application (app) which can be downloaded onto a mobile phone. The QR code opposite links to a poster on the Parish Council website, or use the following website www.hollieguard.com



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.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council wish all the residents of the Parish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Next Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th December
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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Brave mum speaks out to encourage young riders to be safe following death of teenage son

A brave mum is sharing the story of her teenage son, who was tragically killed in a motorcycle collision at Winwick, in a bid to stop any other families going through what they have.

On 21 July 2021, Harry Abbey, 19, from Culcheth, was travelling to work on his motorcycle when he was involved in a collision with a combine harvester at the junction of Hollins Lane and Watery Lane, Winwick.

He was sadly pronounced dead at the scene, and now – just over two years on – Harry's mother, Bev, is teaming up with Cheshire Police to encourage young riders to ride safely.

Bev has given Harry's bike to the Constabulary to be used by the roads education team who will take the bike – which has been secured to a trailer – to schools and colleges across the county.

Bev and Harry's three siblings, Amy, Lucy, and Tom have also bravely opened up on the impact losing Harry has had on them to show to young people that their lives matter to those they leave behind – and encourage them to take road safety seriously.

The video was released on Cheshire Police's social channels and is also being used in schools

and colleges across the county.

PC Darren Daniels, Road Safety Education Officer for Cheshire Constabulary, said: "I attend schools and colleges across the county all the time educating and encouraging young people on how to stay safe while driving their cars or riding their bikes – yet serious and fatal collisions still happen.

"We want young people to understand that they are not invincible, and their life matters. It matters to those who are left behind dealing with the consequences and I hope that by Bev bravely sharing Harry's story – and using his bike as an educational tool – we can make a real difference and help to reduce the number of young people who are needlessly killed on the county's roads."

Bev Abbey, Harry's mother, said: "Losing Harry has been one of the most traumatic experiences of mine and my family's life. That pain, it doesn't go away, it will be there all the time – you just make more room for it and learn to live alongside it."

"I want young people to know

that they have a responsibility for not only their own lives, but a responsibility to come home – back to the people that love them."

John Dwyer, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "It was really important for me to provide funding to help promote road safety amongst young people, often as their inexperience on our roads can lead to collisions and fatalities. We know that the 17 – 25 age bracket sadly make up a large proportion of incidents on our roads.

"Making Cheshire's roads safer is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and this bike is one

way in which we can educate people about the importance of sharing the road.

"I want to thank Bev for making the brave decision to let Cheshire Constabulary share their story. Harry's life mattered, and his family's support for this campaign will help to prevent more young people being killed on our roads."

Statistics show that 55% of people killed on a motorcycle in 2021 and 2022 were between 17-26 years old and 40% of those were teenagers and all of them were boys.



Plan approved to demolish car wash and create EV charging zone

PLANS have been approved to demolish a car wash at Culcheth and replace it with an EV charging zone.

The proposals involve the demolition of car wash and the creation of a charging zone, the erection of EV chargers, the

erection of a canopy, sub-station enclosure and associated forecourt works at Culcheth Service Station, Warrington Road, Culcheth.

A condition includes the use of the EV chargers only to be operable between 06:00hrs and 23:00hrs on any day. The units shall not operate outside of these hours.

There were no objections to the plan.

The proposal seeks to remove a car wash building located towards the rear of the forecourt and erect 7no EV charging bays with contiguous canopies. Each charging station would be 3m wide and would contain an EV charger, each to a maximum height of 2.23m and maximum width on a flat top of

0.85m and with a slimline profile of 0.42m. Each station will have an individual LED downlight to achieve 100 lux on each bay.

A cantilevered canopy which would be enclosed at the rear would shelter each station. The maximum height of this structure would be 3.3m with the main vertical support being 0.61m wide. The canopy section would project a further 2.5m above the EV charger area.

Planners acknowledged that both the agent and the applicant worked with Warrington Borough Council to achieve the highest standards of design and development



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Jamming at the Raven



AFTER a whirlwind start, some electrical problems and predominantly excellent reviews, the Raven Inn is starting to experience what 'life as normal' is like.

Spokesperson Peter Sturman commented, "There were a few hitches, early on, which is hardly surprising. Everyone has been very patient and understanding."

Things have now settled down and the Management Committee are happy with the progress.

"The Raven is a community pub, however that does not alter the fact that it must also be a profitable business."

At a time when pubs are still closing the first priority of the Management Committee has been not just to open our community pub, but to ensure the Raven is around for a long, long time.

"It is really good to see more and more community based and shareholder inspired events taking place."

"We have held a really successful coffee morning, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, raising well over £800."

"Some of our shareholders have started a 'jam night' on Monday evenings. This is proving to be very popular and fits very well with the Raven being there for all the community."

All are welcome. "In the run-up to the festive period we have Christmas wreath making workshops. One of our experienced local community members and supporters is in charge of those," added Peter.

A Christmas Fair on the 28th of November benefiting a number of

charities, with St Rocco's Hospice being the main beneficiary.

The Raven cycling club has been formed and already had their first outing.

The Raven Horticultural Society has been weeding, planting and nurturing since the days when we were renovating the Raven.

All are welcome. One shareholder is arranging two Christmas rambles; on 2nd December and Boxing Day.

All are welcome. The Tuesday evening pub quiz is now well established, great fun and suitably challenging for those of us who are a bit competitive!

The quizmaster lives just around the corner from the Raven.

All are welcome. Peter added: "The threads that run through all of these events are that:

"The ideas come from many different people.

"They are organised / run by, those people.

"They are open to everyone to participate.

"The Raven is the catalyst and venue for members of our community to put their ideas into practice for the benefit of all our community."

"It is really positive as the Raven approaches its first Christmas as a community pub.

"A very happy Christmas to everyone, from all associated with the Raven".

The Gardening Guide



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Historic church provides backdrop for rising stars Gustaffson

HISTORIC St Oswald's Church at Winwick provided the backdrop for rising stars 'Gustaffson' as they recorded their latest video for the release of their new single.

Gustaffson was formed by former Great Sankey High School student, singer & songwriter Andrew Gower, in 2020 with lifelong friend and guitarist James Webster.

Along with band members Dave Gleave (bass), Graham Bennett (drums) and Liam Morson (keys) Gustaffson are truly rising stars and there is no doubt in my mind that they are heading right to the top.

Lead singer Andrew is best known for his work as an actor in TV, Film and Theatre. Starring in hit shows such as Black Mirror, Outlander, and Carnival Row. His voice as a singer is incredible and his vocal range is simply incredible!!!

In August 2023 the band released their latest track 'CHAMPAGNE SOCIALIST' recorded live on the Liverpool Empire stage.

It's received rave reviews from BBC Introducing, The Book of Man, Louder Than War, Liverpool Noise, Upcoming Bands and Uncover and pays homage to past performances in the same theatre by acts such as; The Beatles, The Rolling Stones & Chuck Berry.

Gustaffson are certainly a band to watch out for as they rise to new heights in 2024 and beyond and I for one am waiting with baited breath for the release of their first album in the coming months.

By James Balme



Singer Andrew Gower with James Balme



New Look Culcheth Library Now Open!



The Friends of Culcheth Library group are instrumental in running weekly Jigsaw, Lego, Walking Group, Craft, and Jigathon groups, complementing those activities being delivered by the library team and adding to the community ethos.

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Office plan above Indian restaurant rejected due to unsightly fire escape

PLANNERS have rejected an application to allow office space above an Indian restaurant at Glazebury, due to an unsightly metal fire escape at the rear of the premises.

The application involves the site of the Chennai Indian restaurant at Glazebury, an inset settlement within the Green Belt.

The main building, originally built as a public house, is located in the northern half of the site and on the junction of Warrington Road and Lately Common, a no-through road leading to Ward End's Farm and residential properties lying to the west of the application site. The southern half of the site provides a parking area for the business.

The rear garden of a row of terraced properties run along the southern boundary of the site. A neighbouring residential property also borders the western boundary of the site.

The site lies within Flood Zone 3, although benefits from flood defences.

The proposal involved a change of use of the first floor of the site from a restaurant to offices. The ground floor of the site will remain a restaurant. The alterations to the exterior of the building include a metal staircase giving access to the first floor, which has already been constructed. An uncovered bin area and a cycle stand are proposed next to the staircase. These alterations will be on the building's

elevation facing Warrington Road. The submitted plans indicate that 3 parking spaces will be allocated for the office's use between the hours of 8 am-6 pm.

Planners say the change of use for part of the site from a restaurant to offices is a change that does not require planning permission, both being in the same use class and as such an assessment of the impact on the amenity of the surrounding area is not required. Given that the proposal involves minor changes to the exterior of the building, of which none of the nearby dwellings will have a direct outlook, the proposed development will not have unacceptable detrimental impacts on the amenity of residents.

However, the proposal's alterations to the exterior of the existing building include the installation of a metal staircase on the elevation facing Warrington Road. This is to provide access to the first floor of the site which has already been built. The design of the staircase, metal and industrial in appearance, does not harmonise well with the building, the existing street scene and the wider area.

The area beyond the application site is typified by residential dwellings further south and open,

greenfield land bordered by mature trees on the other side of the road to the restaurant and further north. The staircase is therefore assessed to not be in keeping with the area and to be detrimental to its character. A small bin area, with storage for three or four bins, is also proposed next to the staircase, this has not yet been built. No cover or screening bins is indicated on the plans. The assessment made of the staircase is also considered to apply to the proposed bin area. The staircase and bins will combine

to create an unpleasing visual addition at the side of the road which will not harmonise well with the area and have a detrimental impact on its character.

The metal staircase that has been built and the bin area that is to be provided to the exterior of the building, has an unacceptably intrusive and detrimental impact on the street scene and the character of the area.

Warrington Borough Council planners have rejected the application.





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Walking Football tournament raises £4,848 for charity

THE Culcheth Cup annual Walking Football tournament resulted in a home win – and also raised an amazing £4,840 for the British Heart Foundation.

Sixteen teams took part in the competition, four from Culcheth, three from Warrington and the rest from all around the North West and North Wales.

Organised by the independent Culcheth Walking Football Group,

The teams – made up of men and women – each played at least three games in their groups, with referees from the Walking Football Association officiating.

The top two teams from each group progressed to the quarter

finals.

Culcheth’s four teams – the Walkers, the Strollers, the Amblers and the Wanderers.

Two reached the semi-finals but were drawn against each other.

The Strollers won through and then defeated Phoenix, from Warrington, 1-0 in the final.

The event was sponsored by local companies – Edmundson

Electrical, Spibey Electrical, www.Heatable.co.uk, Fazackerley’s of Leigh, and www.theCulchethArms.co.uk

Walking football is a growing sport for the over-50s and the Culcheth Group started in 2017 with just seven players.

It now has 56 playing members who meet at 7pm on Tuesday evenings at Culcheth High School.

Tennis club launches crowdfunding initiative

CULCHETH Tennis Club – part of the village’s Datsen Club – has launched a crowdfunding initiative to raise urgently needed funding.

The aim is to provide inclusive, enjoyable and affordable social and league tennis and coaching for all ages and abilities.

But they need to raise money to sustain and enhance the not-for-profit club.

A club spokesperson said: “This crucial support will fortify our club’s infrastructure, ensuring year-round access and upgraded facilities.

“We’re thrilled to announce the backing of Sport England’s ‘Active Together,’ pledging to match £4,500 if we meet our £15,000 target.

“This initiative means the world to both our club and the local community. Our goal is to involve the youth, providing them with productive evening and

weekend activities.

“While our community volunteers have valiantly cleaned the courts, a professional touch remains imperative for their upkeep.

“Our Crowdfunding page serves as a platform to gather funds, offering diverse rewards to supporters, from discounted lessons/memberships to café

vouchers.”

The club’s crowdfunding page is at: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/culcheth-tennis-club-led-floodlight-upgrade or scan the QR code.



Temporary 30 mph speed limit on Winwick Link Road for up to 18 months

A temporary 30 mph speed limit is set to be introduced on the Winwick Link Road in Warrington, to allow for highway works associated with the Parkside development at nearby Newton-le-Willows.

The temporary speed limit could be for up to 18 months while works are ongoing.

Warrington Borough Council has given notice it intends to make an Order under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of which will be to introduce a 30 miles per hour speed limit restriction on the following lengths of road: Winwick Link Road from its junction with Waterworks Lane

to its junction with Winwick Lane; Winwick Lane from its junction with Winwick Link Road to the Borough Boundary with Wigan.

The Order will be effective from 27th November 2023 for 18 months, as and when signed on site. The restrictions are required to allow for highway works associated with the Parkside Development to take place.



Cheque for Young Carers

LOWTON WI has presented Wigan and Leigh Young Carers organisation with a cheque for £636.20 – the proceeds of their annual coffee morning.

Peter Wild, from the organisation, said the money would go towards a Christmas party or present for the young carers.

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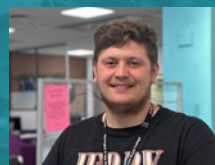
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