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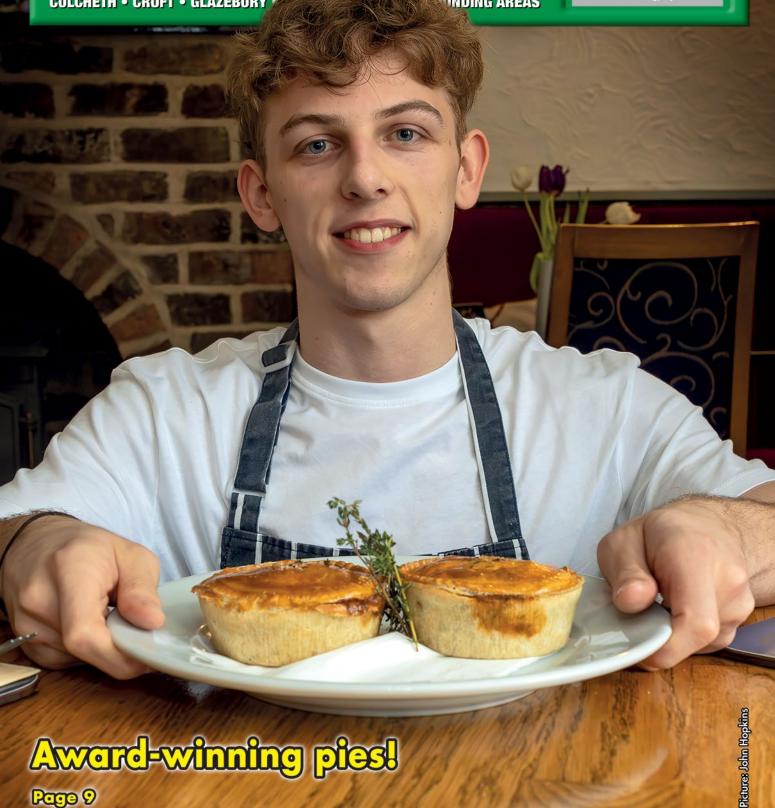
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Editor's Comment

THE arrival of Spring and Easter signals the start of new beginnings and is one of my favourite times of the year after a long dark winter.

It also sees the return of community activities like Culcheth Community Day which we love reporting on.

This Spring we will also see the first all out elections for four years

giving voters the chance to have a say on who will be in charge in the corridors of power.

After covering local elections for After covering local elections for the past four decades, I am sorry to say the world of politics continues to get more toxic with many voters being turned away from the ballot box-with apathy likely to be the big winner. But if you are voting don't forget this year you will need voter ID for the first time!

As always, we remain politically

As always, we remain politically independent here at Culcheth Life and our other titles. My mantra has always been vote for the person you believe is the best person to represent you in the local community. Someone who is going to be visible and proactive and responsive to the needs of the people they are representing.

Local democracy is important and I would encourage everyone to get out and vote although I understand many will not bother as they see little difference between the mainstream parties.

Putting politics aside there will be some significant changes locally with husband and wife team Keith and Sue Bland announcing their retirement plans. Both Keith and Sue have served their community well and have been around my whole reporting life – so it will seem strange not to have them involved on the local council anymore.

I wish them a long and happy retirement and I am sure they will still be out and about rolling up their sleeves helping out in the

Also announcing her decision not to seek re-election is local borough Cllr. Wendy Maisey, who again has always been most helpful and supportive towards Culcheth Life. We wish her well as we do any others not seeking re-election. Meanwhile to all of those seeking

to serve your community we wish you luck and will help you liaise with your electorate to the best of our ability - if you are elected.

A big thank you to everyone at Culcheth & Glazebury Parish Council for putting their faith in us to promote their bi-monthly newsletter.

If you want to know what's going on in the local villages make sure you pick up your copy from the usual outlets and don't forget you can read all the breaking news every day online.

Thank you to all those who help us make this happen as we try our best to deliver a tried and trusted news source for the village for more than two decades.



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THE RAVEN INN

Our Community Pub

April is set to be a busy month at The Raven full of community based activities!

6th April - Raven Ramblers - Boots on the ground at 10am

9th-11th April - World Parkinson's Day Fundraiser Commencing with complementary tea, sandwiches and cake for people living with Parkinson's

27th April - Glen Franklin's Soul & Motown Tribute - 8.30pm

Don't forget our regulars to start off the week: Every Monday evening - Jam Night Every Tuesday evening - Quiz and Chase the Ace



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Cindy's story inspires The Raven to support Parkinson's UK

A regular at the new-look Raven Inn, which has supported a number of charities since opening last August, has inspired a fundraiser supporting Parkinson's UK.

Inspired by 'Cindy's Story', the Rayen will be supporting World Parkinson's Day on the 11th of April.

The support and sponsorship starts on April 9 with afternoon tea, sandwiches & cake for local people living with Parkinson's, sponsored by one of the Raven Management

There will be raffles, a sponsored hike, collection boxes and a 'Just

Giving' page.

Raven spokesperson Peter Sturman says: "This is an extremely worthwhile charity. We aim to provide something for local people living with Parkinson's, as well as raising as much money as possible for Parkinson's UK.

"I invite everyone to consider 'Cindy's Story'

Cindy's story

This is a true account from just one of around 153,000 people living with Parkinson's in the UK. Every hour, 2

more people are diagnosed. Cindy said: "I was first diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1996, when I was

49 years old.

"It took me a long time to accept.

"In common with many newly diagnosed people, particularly those diagnosed at a relatively young age, I simply did not believe it.

"I was diagnosed a few weeks before I was due to marry. I asked my fiancé if he still wanted to marry me? Fortunately we have now been married for nearly 28 years.

married for nearly 28 years.

"That first diagnosis, particularly when I came to accept it, changed my whole outlook on life.

"I think many of us go through life, for a long time, not really thinking about our mortality.

"Being told I had Parkinson's and being told I had an incurable progressive condition, caused me to progressive condition, caused me to

reassess my life.

'It is a shock. It knocks you for six. "When I started to get over that initial setback and accepted my condition, I decided I was not going to let it dictate my life. I have always been positive and a fighter. I have continued with that mind-set for the last 28 years.

"Parkinson's is caused by a loss of nerve cells in part of the brain called the substantia nigra. This leads to a reduction in a chemical called

dopamine in the brain.

In aid of

Dopamine plays a vital role in regulating the movement of the body. A reduction in dopamine is

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responsible for many of the symptoms

of Parkinson's.

"A lot of people associate
Parkinson's with tremors. I have never had tremors.

"There are more than 40 symptoms but Parkinson's affects everyone differently. Not everyone will experience all the symptoms.

"The first thing I noticed was

"The tirst thing I noticed was that I lost my sense of smell. My handwriting became like a small spider crawling across the paper.
"I have been on medication since I was first diagnosed. In the main, my meds are dopamine replacement drugs. Over the years my condition has developed. It has been controlled by the medication. I now take eight by the medication. I now take eight tablets a day, most of them at three hourly intervals, mainly to keep my

dopamine levels up.
"I get dizzy spells, particularly when I stand up. A few years ago I had a fall as a result of those dizzy spells and broke my neck. That took some recovering from! I have difficulty walking because of the Parkinson's, I can freeze when trying to walk through a doorway, my voice is very quiet. When I walk into a room I feel everyone is watching me, I get hallucinations because of both the Parkinson's and a side effect of my medication.

There are definitely drugs and procedures that help, however, there is no cure for Parkinson's. We don't yet know exactly why people get Parkinson's.

Cindy added: "I want to raise as much money as possible for Parkinson's UK. Not necessarily for

me. My Parkinson's is well advanced. Having lived with it for so long I dream of a time when there is a cure so that nobody else has to live with the condition for years and years. Even better, a timé when it can be

"I know these are lofty goals.
"In the meantime I want Parkinson's
UK to be in the best possible position to help & campaign for those of us currently living with the condition and those who will be told, tomorrow, that they have an incurable degenerative condition.

"Please consider taking a moment of your time to donate to a cause that is doing so much for, and giving hope to, people like me and (sadly) those who will follow," added Cindy. Donations can be made online via

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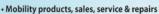
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Almost 3,000 people have their say on plans for new railway station

ALMOST 3,000 people have had their say on ambitious plans for a new railway station at Golborne.

The consultation, which ran from 4 January 2024 to midnight Thursday 15 February 2024, received 2,898 survey responses. It gathered views on the proposed station facilities and links to the local area, as well as information from respondents about their potential future use of the station.

It also sought feedback on the facilities within the station, the location of a proposed new eastern access to Golborne town centre, accessibility features, car park improvements and active travel measures to support walking,

cycling and wheeling.
The responses to the proposals will now be considered to inform

will now be considered to inform detailed designs and planning, before a final business case is submitted to the government.

Cat Morris, Rail Programme Sponsor at Transport for Greater Manchester, said: "As part of the Bee Network, the plans for a new station at Golborne aim to improve public transport connectivity for

station at Golborne aim to improve public transport connectivity for people in Golborne, Lowton and Leigh, as well as the broader borough of Wigan.

"It was good to see so many peopled engaged with the proposals, and their feedback will help shape the best scheme possible." possible.

Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham said: "I am delighted that so many people have engaged with these ambitious proposals. "We want to deliver a station that people in Golborne are proud

of, and it was hugely important that everyone had the chance to have their's ay to helps shape the plans.

station would not only benefit those using public transport but also ease congestion for those who still need to drive – helping to reduce emissions and improve the health of the wider community. We are determined to transform how people travel across Greater Manchester and give them more choice through the Bee Network.

"A new station at Golborne is a key step in our ambitions for local rail to be part of the Bee Network by 2030."

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is working in partnership with Wigan Council and Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to deliver the city-region's first new railway station in more than two decades.

Golborne currently has direct bus, train or tram services to Manchester, so train services would reduce journey times into Manchester city centre by up to 30 The scheme forms part of significant investment locally to support GMCA's ambitions to make local rail an integral part of the Bee Network - Greater Manchester's vision for a joined-up London-style

public transport system – by 2030. Leader of Wigan Council, Cllr David Molyneux MBE, added: "I'm really encouraged that so many people shared their views with us on the ambitious plans for a new rail station at Golborne.

'Our team have been out and about in the community talking to people, sharing the plans and hearing opinions over the last couple of months.

Work is now taking place behind the scenes to capture the views shared and will form the final plan. This is certainly an exciting time for Golborne!"

The consultation was launched in January at an event attended by around 100 people, while TfGM and Wigan Council hosted a series of public drop-in sessions during the 6-week consultation period.

People can still find out more about the proposals for the new station https://tfgm.com/ at projects/golborne-rail-station



"Best kept" award for Glazebrook station



GLAZEBROOK Railway Station won an award in the annual Cheshire

Best Kept Station competition.
The station won the award for the best kept station in Warrington

Overall winner in the competition which was celebrating its 21st

anniversary – was Alderley Edge. The awards were presented by Prof Paul Salveson, a leading figure

in the community rail movement, at a ceremony in Northwich.

Cheshire is the only county to have a best kept station award.

Glazebrook station, operated by Northern Trains, dates from 1873. It serves the villages in the civil parish of Rixton-with-Glazebrook. It is used by about 24,000 passengers in a year.

Journey to Summer

By Katya - Conscious Breath Yoga

We have entered the growing season as mother earth starts to blossom into her fullest expression of creativity, it is like she is using all the colours of the rainbow and delicately painting beauty onto a canvas for the world to see.

Natures transition from spring to summer teaches us that now is the summer teaches us that now is the time to allow our inward dreams and goals to be acted upon and grown through striving, action and reaching outwards. In this reaching outwards it is important to still find balance with an inwards

connection; grounding and using self-care practices can help us stay connected to our inner wisdom, we might try mindful walks in nature, gardening, yoga, running or connecting to our breath (the breath of life).

To connect to the breath, feel your breath pass through your nostrils and fill your chest, ribs and expand your abdomen, exhale, and feel your breath release back out through your nostrils and relax.

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Five key things you need to know for May 2 elections in Warrington

RESIDENTS in Warrington will be able to vote at whole council, borough and parish elections and for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cheshire on Thursday 2 May 2024.

Here's five things you need to know about voting in the elections this May, whether it is in person, by

post or by proxy:

1. Register to vote
Remember to register by Tuesday
16 April at midnight.
To register you'll need to confirm
your identity. The easiest and your identity. The easiest and quickest way to do this is to provide your national insurance number and date of birth. If your details have recently changed (such as if you've moved house or changed your name) you also need to let us know. Visit https://www.gov.uk/registertovote – it only takes 5 minutes! it only takes 5 minutes!

2. Voting in person? You now need a valid form of photo ID.

Valid forms of photo identification include:

- driver's licences
- passports
- concessionary travel passes
- PAA cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards
- photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme

More information about the voter identification policy, as well as a full list of accepted forms of photo ID can be found on GOV.UK.

If you don't have a valid form of photo ID, you will need to apply for a voter ID to vote in person. You can register for a voter ID (called a 'Voter

Negrosier for a voter ID (called a 'Voter Authority Certificate') on GOV.UK by Wednesday 24 April at 5pm.
Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm on 2 May, and you can find your polling station at wheredoivate could

wheredoivote.co.uk.

3. You can apply to vote by post If you'd prefer not to vote in person at the elections, you can apply for a postal vote. If you'd like to vote

by post, make sure to apply by Wednesday 17 April at 5pm.

Postal votes are valid for a maximum of three years, then a full reapplication is needed. All applications now need to include your National Insurance number. You can apply online or download the postal vote form from the Electoral Commission website. Alternatively, you can contact the council's electoral services team on 01925 442184 or at elections@warrington.gov.uk and we'll help you.

4. You can apply to vote by proxy You can ask for someone to vote on your behalf if you are unable to get to the polling station. If you want to vote by proxy, you will need to have a reason why you aren't able to get to the polling station yourself, such as employment or disability.

As long as your proxy is registered to vote and your application is

received and processed by 5pm Wednesday 24 April, they can cast your vote for you.

5. Voting is more accessible for voters with disabilities

The Elections Act has improved the accessibility of elections, with aids like braille ballot paper information, pencil grips, and magnifiers to help people with disabilities to vote.

Voters with disabilities can now also choose anyone who is over 18 to accompany them in the polling station to help them vote. Find out more about accessibility during the local elections on our making voting accessible webpage.

For more information about the Local Elections in Warrington, visit: warrington.gov.uk/elections-2024

Road closure to repair collapsed culvert at Croft

A road closure of up to two weeks will come into force at Croft this April while works are carried out to repair a collapsed culvert.

The 14 day road closure notice is set to come into force on April 15 from the Memorial Hall'on Mustard Lane Croft, to the junction of Sandy Lane.

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 the following:

Prohibition of Driving & Clearway: Sandy Lane for its

entire length.

Footway Closure: Mustard Lane from the Memorial Hall to Sandy Lane, Croft.

The Order will be effective from 15th April 2024 for 14 days, between 8am and 5pm, as and when signed on site. Access will be under the control of the relevant Contractor for the duration of the works. The alternative route will be via Heath Lane, Mustard Lane and vice versa. The restrictions are required for line drainage system following works due to a collapsed culvert.



Warrington votes

Local elections Thursday 2 May



Borough Council, Parish Council and Cheshire PCC elections are coming

Know how to vote



In person

(with voter ID) Register by Midnight on Tuesday 16 April



By proxy

Register by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April



By post

Register by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April

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Plenty to keep the little ones

BENTS Garden & Home has got the Easter break sorted with lots of events to keep the little ones entertained.

Following Easter activities little ones will love unleashing their creativity at Bents' Be My Bear events! A half-hour session to stuff their very own bears and bring them to life.

Bear stuffing adventures are planned for Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th, Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April.

On Friday 5th April children can step into the whimsical world of Willy Wonka and his merry Oompa Loompas! A fun filled spectacle of larger-than-life characters, sweet treats, and enchanting surprises around every corner.

On Monday 8th April Bents is joined by local book artist Kate Bufton who will work with the little ones to transform the pages of their old books into a beautiful paper

Easter Egg.
In addition to all Bents' planned activities the Covered Beach and Outdoor Play Area are both free and open throughout the holidays.

Jurassic Cove Adventure Golf is also a must visit for all the family. The 18 hole golf course features pesky pirates and creatures of the deep as well as life sized, moving dinosaurs, all ready to challenge

players young an old.

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As well as entertainment for the little ones, Bents also provides the perfect place for the grownups to relax and take time out with a choice of delicious dining destinations offering everything from freshly made coffee and home-made cake, to fish and chips served from Bents' iconic airstream trailer

Details of times and how to book events can be found at bents.co.uk





Stalking incident played no part in Tory Councillor's decision no

TORY Councillor Wendy Maisey has announced she will not be standing in the May 2024 local elections, stating that a stalking incident had played no part in her decision.

Cllr. Maisey who represents the ward of Culcheth, Glazebury & Croft on Warrington Borough Council has announced she will council has announced she will not be seeking re-election in the upcoming all-out May WBC elections, describing her reasons as 'multi-faceted'.

Wendy commented: "After a couple of weeks of deliberation I have made the difficult decision not to stand again. I'm proud to have been part of the team comprising of three Conservative Councillors who represent the beautiful villages in our ward. It's my home, my community and it gives me pride to know I'll be leaving the villages better places to live, work and raise

a family. Putting the community first has been at the heart of everything I have tried to do since being The casework has been so varied, whether it be helping residents with housing, flooding, school places or organising a petition to save our green belt from Labour's disastrous local plan, I've always been in the thick of it,

I've always been in the thick of it, always visible and accessible to all. She added: "2023 proved to be a year where I had many changes as well as challenges in my personal circumstances, however, some of which have left me with more flexible options to move forward on to new horizons. move forward on to new horizons. It's safe to say I'm really looking forward to some new ventures, and with the extra time and space I'll gain from standing down as a Councillor, I intend to become even more involved with the national charities I support. The Duke of

Edinburgh's Award scheme has been close to my heart for almost a decade, and I will continue to work with them to change young lives for the better. Alongside this, I'll support my friends and colleagues nationally who are standing for office again including MP's who are campaigning for this year's General Election.

"Some friends and colleagues have asked if the Crown Court stalking case that I recently went through has had anything to do with my decision. I can categorically say it played no part, the perpetrator received a custodial sentence for harassing me and my family and I think that sends a strong message to others who think 'it's game' to behave like this towards elected representatives"

"Yes, you need a thick skin in public office, however the positives far outweigh the negatives. My

stalker was triggered by an article instigated by Labour that was instigated by Labour that published in 2021 which published in 2021 which was eventually proven to be factually incorrect. I really hope that all Parties run a clean campaign in Warrington and that those seeking office and re-election think twice before publishing derogatory comments or articles about their opponents especially if unvalidated".

"Finally I'd like to thank all of

"Finally, I'd like to thank all of the residents for their support, it's been a privilege to serve every one

or them.

Cllr Maisey has run a niche payments company in Warrington for the past 28 years and for the past 28 years and employs around 50 highly skilled individuals. She has also been a Northern Powerhouse Export Champion for over a decade and was recently recognised by Lord Offord, The Parliamentary Under-





busy at Bents



ot to stand at May elections

Secretary of State for Exports for

her ongoing service.

She was also the Warrington
North Parliamentary Candidate in
2019 and took the Labour majority
down from 10,000 to 1,500. She
was also the first female Chairman
of Warrington Conservatives and
has just finished her term as an
Area Officer in Cheshire & Wirral

which entails fundraising and campaigning for MP's, Councillors and working with members in 15 constituencies.

She led the local election campaign in Culcheth Glazebury & Croft in 2021 which saw Labour lose all three seats to the Conservatives.





The Gardening Guide



Spring fertiliser can be applied to your lawn, but remember to water it in if there's no rain.

Simon Bax, Plant Area Specialist

- Spring vegetables such as peas, beans and lettuce seeds can be sown now.
- Try spring cleaning your houseplants; remove spent flowers, dead leaves and rinse the dust from the leaves with a sprayer as clean leaves allow the plant to breathe!
- Plant up hanging baskets with fuchsias and other basket plants and then hang them up in your greenhouse to establish.
- Many of the birds (that you put up nest boxes for!) will have young now and need help with food.

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GLAZEBURY WARD





PARISH NEWS

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.

You will need photo ID to vote in elections in England

You'll need to show photo ID when voting in person in UK elections, including general,

council and parish elections. To find out what photo <u>ID</u> is accepted at polling stations on Thursday 2nd of May 2024, please look at the following link How to vote: Photo ID you'll need - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or via the QR code opposite.



Community Day 2024

Culcheth and Glazebury Community Day is set for Monday 6th May 2024 on the Village Green. The event will start at 12 noon and close at 16:30. There will be children's entertainment, musical performances, a funfair and most importantly lots of stalls supporting local charities. Come along and support the event and help fundraise for local charities & charitable organisations.

Culcheth Play Area

Work will soon be underway on the refurbishment of Culcheth Village Green play area. It will transform the existing play area into an exciting space with a wide range of mixed-age play resources for children. The investment is in the region of £213,000, with £140,000 being provided by Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council. Chair of Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council, Cllr Keith Bland, said: "We know how important high quality play facilities are in our communities, so we're delighted to be investing in the Village Green play area, which is such a popular place for local families. This project will breathe new life into the site, providing a wonderful play space for life into the site, providing a wonderful play space for children and families to enjoy for years to come."

Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14th May at 7:30pm in 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:





Elliott's beef and ale pie wins bronze award

ELLIOT Logsdon – aged 19 and studying business at Warrington and Vale Royal College – won a bronze award in the Melton Mowbray British Pie awards.

And now customers at the Horseshoe Inn, Croft, will be able to sample his award winning pie.

Warrington & Vale Royal college student Elliot works part-time around his studies at the Horseshoe, where his dad, Wesley, is chef and co-owner along with Dave Monks.

He has been making pies at the Horseshoe for just three months and the locals love them.

But his beef short rib and ale

pie claimed the bronze award in a tough contest in which almost 900 pies were entered. And it will go on the specials board from tomorrow.

Matthew O'Callaghan chairman of the British Pie Awards said; 1'm so pleased that The Horseshoe Pies are amongst the award winners. The judges were very complimentary about the pie which is why it won the bronze award.

Elliot started making his own pastry and pies just before Christmas, and has been adding his creations to the specials board each week at the pub.



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of whom have been with us since

those very early days - along with

business thrive." said Abi.

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£213,000 scheme to revitalise play area

WORK is to start soon on a £213,000 scheme to revitalise the play area on Culcheth Village Green.

The scheme will transform the existing play area into an exciting space with a wide range of mixedage play resources for children.

Brand new additions to the play area will include a zip line, multiplay units, and new seesaws and swing bays.

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council is contributing £140,000 to the project.

Warrington Borough Council's cabinet member for leisure and community, Cllr Tony Higgins, said: "It's great news that work is about to get underway on the

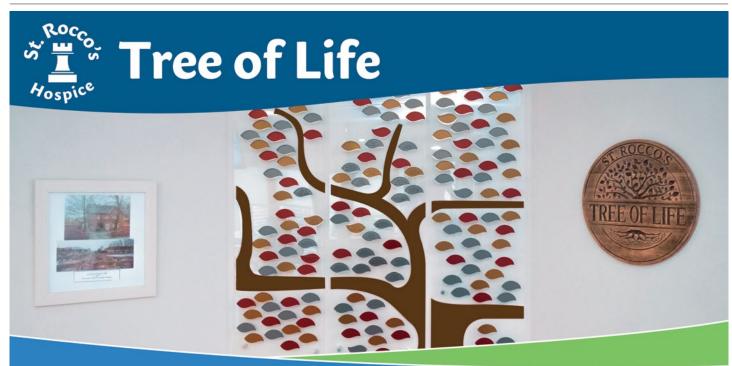
refurbishment of Culcheth Village Green play area. This is a fantastic project which will be a real asset for the local community, providing the perfect environment for young

people to get active and have fun." Parish council chairman Cllr Keith Bland, said: "We know how important high-quality play facilities are in our communities, so we're delighted to be investing in the Village Green play area, which is such a popular place for local families.

"This project will breathe new life into the site, providing a wonderful play space for children and families to enjoy for years to come.'

The project will be delivered by Wicksteed's Leisure, with work due to be completed in the summer.





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n the road with Ken Dodd

MEMBERS of Sundial WI, Culcheth, heard the amusing story of how asking for Ken Dodd's autograph led to a career for their guest speaker, Diana Brookes.

Diana's father encouraged her to take an interest in the stage and her granddad was a music hall ventriloquist.

All her family loved going to local theatres and Diana met Ken Dodd while waiting for her programme to be signed after a show. This led to tickets for his TV show and later he asked her to help out at the side of the stage, with props and feedback

on audience reaction.

This became her main career, travelling all over with Ken, Ann his wife and their driver. Ken tried out new jokes in small theatres as well as opening in big venues Diana met many unusual guest artistes – one was a fire eater!

Ken and his wife were always unselfish and helpful. When Ken was knighted he phoned Diana from his train home to wish her luck in an audition the next day.

Diana then judged the competition – A Tickling Stick! Out of many entries Janette Leatherbarrow came first with Jenny

Hainsworth as runner-up.

Doreen Procter gave details of the 2024 trips and Ann and Freda served tea and Sundial's first birthday cake.

Competition winner for the last year was Marie Pickering and she received the Margaret Dowson

WI members hear about "Blood Bikers"

SPEAKER at the monthly meeting of Glazebrook WI was Malcolm (Mal) - a volunteer for the Mersey and Cheshire "Blood Bikers"
He got involved, after his son became critically ill. Someone asked him if he would be interested, in helping, knowing of his love of bikes.
The national blood bikers (NAB), tounded, in 2008, has gone on to be awarded, "The Queens Award for Voluntary Services".

Malcolm did his biker safety course, for advanced drivers, and does 30-250 miles depending on calls 365 days a year.

He visits hospitals, hospices, milk banks covering Warrington, Aintree, Liverpool, Clatterbridge, Christies, Chester, etc.

Last year the team did 3,900 calls. They need £45,000-50,000 to keep running

They do "relays," with other groups and areas too, such as Coventry, and London, or other places. There are 80 volunteers in local area. He described a, "Day in the life" of a biker, plus many other interesting, and

sometimes amusing, or poignant stories.



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