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# Editor's Comment

THE problem of what to do with young children who become bored during the long summer holidays is not a new one - although it has to be said that most pensioners today claim it did not exist in their school days when mothers did not go out to work!

But the world has changed and we have to accept it is a problem for many people today, whatever the reason.
So it is pleasing to be able to

### Indoor bowls club seeks members

THE indoor bowling club at Culcheth Sports Club - the former Daten Club in Charnock Road - is on the lookout for new members

Tuesday, October 4 sees the start of the winter season and the club meets every Tuesday.

Currently it has about 24 members, but a couple of years ago it had more than 60 members and the committee are anxious to try and increase membership back to that sort of level.

The sport provides gentle exercise during the winter months.

Anyone interested should contact secretary Edith Sutton on 01925 766363. report that here in Culcheth, a police initiative has found a solution that appears to be working well.

The Police Young Citizen Award is an extension of the RESPECT

(Reducing Exclusion Starting Positive Engagement with Children Together) scheme run by the Cheshire Police and Fire Services.

It involves persuading young people on holiday from school to get involved in community work, such as litter picking, gardening, helping the elderly, etc. Culcheth's popular PCSO Steve Dodd has been heavily involved locally and is very enthusiastic about it.

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He tells of young children visiting Holcroft Grange old people's home to work in the garden and chat with residents, making similar visits to St Rocco's Hospice and helping police to deliver circular letters. The scheme

operates one day a week, although there is nothing to stop the youngsters doing extra work of their own doing extra initiative on other days and many of them do

The youngsters, who all receive a certificate to show they have taken part in the scheme, are enjoying themselves. So are the elderly people they meet. They exchange experiences, the old folk recalling memories of the war and the children showing their elders how to use a mobile 'phone. One teenage boy plays draughts with a 98-year-old woman!

The scheme has been so successful it is hoped to repeat it next summer. We can only congratulate all

# Beauty products demonstration

A DEMONSTRATION of beauty products ensured a good attendance at a meeting of Croft WI

Members were treated to make-up demonstrations, advice on skin care and sun related items and there was an extensive range of products on sale instigating long queues to buy.

#### Worthy winner

A raffle was won by Glynis Haines, a worthy winner, considering all the work she has put in to improve and maintain Croft Community Hall. At the end of the evening the distribution of free samples went down a treat and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was given by Susan Wallis.

Croft WI once again managed to win a cup for their float entry at the

Croft Carnival and are already planning their theme for next year!
Joan Johnson won the competition for July and the meeting was closed by Anne Tansey, who had ably deputised in the absence of the President.

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# Archery and rock climbing on the village green!

ARCHERY and rocking climbing came to Culcheth on three Fridays in August - thanks to special events organised by Culcheth Methodist Church.

Hundreds of children and young people took part in a wide range of activities organised by the church.

There were opportunities to try rock climbing, archery, crafts and other activities at the church and on the

village green.

The rock climbing - involving a temporary climbing wall - and archery took place on the green in the mornings and afterwards the church was opened for crafts and other

David Soehren, youth work manager at the church said: "The activities provided opportunities for family fun and ongoing connection between the young people and our youth workers.

"We have had a great turn out and are hoping that we will be able to expand similar activities throughout the year and next summer.'

Mr Soehren thanked the parish council for allowing use of the green.



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# Comedians from the past

COMEDIANS from the past -including Arthur Askey, Max Miller and Bud Flanagan - was the theme of a talk to Croft WI.

Speaker was Brian Halliwell on a return visit to tell members more about The Golden Age of Comedy.

Brian paid special tribute to Norman Wisdom, who was knighted at 90 years of age after 70 years in showbiz, and is still much-loved in Albania. He told how Norman was given his big break in comedy by Vera Lynn, who persuaded him to take her top of the bill spot one night.

At the start of the meeting president Doreen Clare welcomed 57 members and one visitor.

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After telling some old jokes, Brian judged the competition for the best joke. First was Louise Geekie, second Jill Hillam and third Nicky Adams.
Future events include a walk from The Horseshoe pub on September 7 and a fashion show at Croft Memorial Hall on October 12.
The next meeting will be on September 21 when David Greatorix will speak on The History of Surnames. Visitors are welcome and further details are available by ringing 01925 764555.



# New DIY store bucks the trend

A NEW household store name has appeared at Culcheth - thanks to the initiative of former Culcheth High School and Manchester University student Ric Davies

He has quit his job as a sales and marketing director with a big-name IT company to launch Village Homes Stores – a re-born Culcheth DIY.

Ric has had a long and successful career in IT, first with National Nuclear Corporation at Risley and then with Digital Corporation – n Hewlett Packard – at Birchwood.

He decided that despite national chains like Focus DIY going bust, the time was ripe to buck the trend.

Said Ric: "My DIY efforts and

brand snobbery meant I spent a lot of money at big brand out-of-town DIY stores, which I had to travel to, then find the right parts myself, then queue to pay, and travel back, hoping I wouldn't have to return anything.

"Then I noticed I didn't benefit from

their economies of scale by getting low prices on core products.
Discussing this with friends they all preferred the 'local' store, where they listen to what you were doing, give impartial advice, and find your solution for you.

"Coincidentally Culcheth DIY was up for sale, so I decided to secure those traditional benefits as a base to which I could add professional

retailing standards

ordering such as 'click & collect'.

"Big brand UK retailers have set high expectations for shopping experiences that everyone now expects from every store. These include bright and clean premises, wide ranges of stock, and good value pricing.

"If local stores can provide these in

addition to their traditional customer focussed service by friendly, helpful and knowledgeable staff, and their willingness to take time with customers; then 'shop local' will be the conscious option for many more



"I certainly expect that to be the case in Culcheth - and then more stores will open in more villages that want the same.

# Three Peaks conquerors

THREE men from Culcheth-based building company Rosedale Construction completed the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge to raise money for charity. Steven Smythe, Mark Garner and Mark Smythe, climbed Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scar Fell Pike in Yorkshire and Snowdon in Wales in 23 hours, 40 minutes - just 20 minutes inside the 24 hour deadline. They raised money for the NSPCC and Children with Special Needs.



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step for you child.

One thing for certain is that it's never too late to learn, whatever your age and in today's modern world it is more important than ever to make the right decision - whether it be for your child's education or your own.

child's education or your own.
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With tuition fees kicking in next

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Here at Culcheth Life and our associated magazines we aim to help you make the right choice and to help







# education

education by highlighting a variety of education providers in the area. Schools and colleges who would

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ask any questions you may have. (If you are unable to make this date, please contact the

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# Green crusader lands at garden centre

The Green Crusader has just flown into a local garden centre from the Planet Environ and is on the hunt to find out what can be done to help make the world a cleaner, greener and healthier place to be.

The green super hero landed at Bents Garden & Home at Glazebury, Warrington, where he's looking for ideas from children, which will help improve the environment or make local communities a better place to

be.
In 2007 Bents introduced their Five Green Footprints which promote Recycling; Water Efficiency; Healthy Living; Social Responsibly and Trading Fairly & Responsibly, and the Centre has now launched a new environmental campaign, specifically aimed at children aimed at children.

Children are being asked to add ideas in the form of their own green footprints to the Green Crusader's

# Wind turbine plan 'blown away'

PLANS for a 20.35m high wind turbine at a farm near Culcheth have been thrown out by borough planning chiefs.

The borough council's development management committee decided to refuse the application by Phillip Sharpe, of Lowes Farm, Kenyon Lane, Kenyon after officers said they believed insufficient information had been provided about the likely impact of noise on nearby residents

Culcheth and Glazebury Parish Council had objected to the scheme, as had 58 nearby residents. But one resident had indicated support for the scheme which, he said, would supply the farm with renewable energy and reduce its carbon footprint.

The committee was told the proposed turbine would be in open countryside to the east of Kenyon Lane, in the Green Belt and more than 300 metres from the nearest dwellings.

# Cheshire Show exhibits on display

NEWCHURCH WI craft group's exhibits for the Cheshire Show were on display at their monthly meeting in the Parish Hall - including Barbara Alldred's calligraphy, which had won full marks.

Also on display was Newchurch's scrapbook, kept for more than 50 years,

and a petition in support of the borough's libraries, which members were asked to sign. Phyllis Longson donated a pretty pot plant for the president Sylvia Brown's table and the evening's tea hostesses were Celia Crowe and Jean Power.

The president welcomed everyone and reported on a successful outing to Duxbury when some 20 members had viewed a beautiful 13-acre garden developed over 30 years by George and Irene Owen.

### Young soccer stars win sponsorship



TWO new under 7's teams at Culcheth Athletic are celebrating after landing

sponsorship from a local firm.

Hunter Healey Chartered Accountants, of Culcheth, is sponsoring the new teams which have been entered into Warrington Junior Football League.

Team coach Neil Burlinson said: "We are looking forward to developing these young superstars of the future by improving their footballing ability, but ultimately our main ethos is to make it fun and enjoyable and to play football the way we believe it behalds to allowed."

believe it should be played."

Picture shows Alicia Flint and Nigel Healey, of Hunter Healey Chartered Accountants, with the team.

'Planet Environ' wall, located within the family area of the Fresh Approach Restaurant.

Matthew Bent, Managing Director at Bents Garden & Home said: "The children who visit us as part of our Ready Steady Dig initiative are always really enthusiastic to find out more about nature and talk about the environment so we decided to create a brand new initiative where they could share their thoughts and ideas. We thought it would be really good fun to have our own special character to lead the way and are delighted to be joined by The Green Crusader!

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"Our foofprints state that if we all take small steps then together we can make a big difference. We are hoping children will add their own green footprints to our 'Planet Environ' wall which will demonstrate all the little steps we can take to help our environment and make the world a cleaner, greener and healthier place to hel"

# Fashion fund-raiser

CROFT WI are organising a fundraising fashion show at the Croft Memorial Hall on Wednesday October 12.

Proceeds are to be split bewteen Croft WI and the Memorial Hall.

'RigOuts' of Lodge Drive,
Culcheth are providing the clothes
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will be the models. There will also
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# Celebrating 100 years of Guiding



GIRL Guides from Culcheth 'took over' part of Culcheth Linear Park to celebrate the centenary of Girlguiding - and present a veteran Girlguider with an award.

A heron carving was unveiled to

mark the occasion.

More than 150 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members were present, along with their Leaders and members of the The girls were also joined by County Commissioner Cat Skinner and regional Chief Commissioner Sue Lomas, who presented a Chief Commissioners Award to Barbara Smith, in recognition of more than 30 years service to Girlguiding in



During the evening the Guides made bird feeders for the Linear Park feeding station while the Rainbows and Brownies enjoyed games and

After hotdogs the evening was completed by traditional campfire

singing.

The evening was made all the more special for the girls by a visit

from a very friendly hedgehog courtesy of the Friends of Linear Park.

Anyone who would like to volunteer with Girlguiding UK, or to put their daughter's name on the waiting list for any of the sections should contact Sara Isles, District Commissioner, by emailing sara.isles@btinternet.com

# Margaret's Floral Dance takes first prize



CULCHETH & District Horticultural Society held their annual show at Newchurch

Margaret Wiszowaty (pictured above) took first prize in the flower arranging class with her Floral Dance.

Also, pictured below, admiring some of the flowers on display(L-R) are Chairman Margaret Fearn, Nick Manning, Chris Parry, judge Philip Sayle and Kathleen Manning.



# £40,000 fund to help local groups

A NEW £40,000 fund to help local voluntary and community groups based in the Culcheth area has been

launched. Groups the Groups in the Culcheth, Glazebury, Croft and Birchwood areas are set to benefit from the Biffa Culcheth

Landfill Community Fund. It was set up by Biffa, the company which operates the landfill site at Silver Lane, Risley, in partnership with the Birchwood Endowment Fund.

The fund will be administered by Warrington Grassroots, Cllr John Joyce's chosen charity during his Mayoral year, for which £20,000 was raised. Biffa has contributed £20,000 to the fund.

Cllr Joyce said: "This fund has been set up especially for the benefit of the small voluntary and community groups that make such a difference to the north of our town.

"They can apply for grants between £250 and £5,000 to help continue or strengthen the good work that they

# Reward offered for missing Elmo

A HEARTBROKEN Culcheth family has offered a reward for the recovery of their

lost cat, Elmo.

The 17-month old tabby disappeared from Claremont Road, Culcheth shortly after 8am on July 20

Since then, his family has distributed 500 leaflets as part of their search to find the much-loved pet.

But although there have been some reported sightings, there is no sign of the

... Owner Sue McKenzie said: "Elmo is quite a dark tabby, although he has white under his chin. He has been neutered but was not wearing a collar.

"The family is missing him so much - we really would like to know about any

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# Entrepreneurs' Relief update

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An unexpected but welcome measure in effect from 6th April this year is the doubling of Entrepreneurs' Relief from £5 million to £10 million over a lifetime.

This presents a tenfold increase in the allowance since its introduction in 2008 and means that the maximum tax saving offered by ER is  $\mathfrak{L}1.8$  million, more than 22 times the  $\mathfrak{L}80,000$  maximum of three years

For those married or in a civil partnership, the savings presented by this relief can be as much as  $\mathfrak{L}3.6$  million, a great incentive to structure your business so as to take advantage of it.

The steps are fairly simple, and well worth careful consideration by couples and owner-managers:

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- transfer shares in a family company to a spouse or civil partner, who would need to become an officer

or employee of the company

- combine separate spouse or civil partner shareholdings of less than 5% into a holding of at least 5% in one name
- For larger owner-managed companies, consider: issuing a new class or ordinary shares with voting rights but no, or very limited, entitlement to dividends, and with capital rights on sale or winding up limited to par value, in order to increase the shareholding of managers with less than 5% interest
- Or try: Introducing a new management shareholding company, in which managers would receive a shareholding of at least 5% in exchange for their former direct shareholding of less than 5%

If you are considering selling your business and want more advice in this area, please contact one of the partners, Les Styles or lan Lloyd, on 01925 761600.

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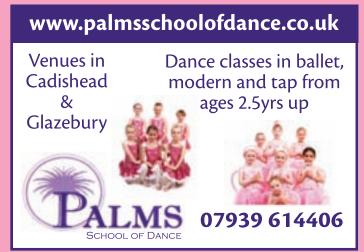


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# Young cricketers win through to cup final

FOR the first time in its 12-year history, Glazebury Cricket Club's junior section has a team in a North Cheshire Cricket Association knock-out cup final.

The Under 15s team will play Kingsley at Glazebury's Hurst Lane ground on Sunday, September 4 starting at 9.30am.

Club officials are hoping local people will turn up in force to support

the youngsters.

Glazebury reached the final by defeating Warrington side Rylands in a thrilling semi-final.

The team selected for the vital match is: Gerard Southworth (captain), Jack Barton, Harry Barton, Patrick Hutchinson, Alex Macarthur, Sam Hunt, (vice captain), Alex Ross (wicket keeper), Hakeem Dahou, James Blyth, Elliot Croston, Thomas Croston and Jonny Williams (12th

The rules of the competition state

that all players taking part in the final must have played in at least two previous rounds.

Glazebury's junior section has been one of the club's great success stories in recent years, largely due to the enthusiastic work of a dedicated team of coaches, led by Mike Durrington.

Leading members of the current senior teams include about 14 players who have come up through

the junior section.

The 1st XI, which was promoted to the first division of the Cheshire Cricket Alliance last year, has acquitted itself well in the higher tier and still has a chance of a further promotion to the Meller Braggins Cheshire League.

#### Advertiser's announcement

#### Wasps – handle with care

THIS spring and summer have been quite dry - perfect for wasps! Over the next few weeks wasp activity will peak. A large nest resembles a huge intricate sculpture and may contain many thousands of workers along with the queen. Early in the spring it is possible to treat a small nest yourself as long as it can be accessed safely, but in later summer it is absolutely essential to have it destroyed

Adult wasps rely on the wasp larva (or grubs) to feed them a sugary excretion, when the queen stops laying eggs the food supply gets cut, and the wasps go foraging for anything containing sugary liquid - children's ice creams, soft fruit and even your pint! It's at this time that most stings occur and problem nests should be freated in advance.

Although they can occur almost anywhere, a great majority of wasp nests occur within roof spaces. A reputable pest controller MUST, BY LAW, inspect the loft space for open water tanks and bat roosts. This is in order to satisfy the legal requirements of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Control of Pesticides regulations 1986. It is also good practice to determine the position of the nest. Just because wasps are seen going under the eaves, don't assume this is the nest, it may be anywhere within the loft. For this reason the householder must be present to allow access for inspection. A lot of failed treatment attempts are due to lack of professional procedure, and re treatment may be necessary at extra cost to the homeowner. Disturbing or poisoning bats could result in fines of thousands of pounds, a simple check is all that's required.

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### Motoring

### The car with smile on its face

THE Corsa is Vauxhall's second best-selling model after the Astra and is a near-permanent fixture in the UK's topthree best sellers' list.

Recently it has been given a makeover with many of the premium styling cues from other Vauxhalls, such as the Insignia, Astra and Meriva now features a signature chrome bar carrying the new Griffin badge.

It stretches across the front grille and, with a re-styled front bumper with a more prominent, wider lower grille has given the Corsa a smiling

appearance.
Framing the Corsa's new face are
"Eagle-Eye" headlamps, which have
also made an appearance on the
recently launched Meriva.

The units have a chrome finish and include daytime running lights as standard across the range. New chrome-finished fog lamps and housings complete the picture at the front of the car.

Complementing the Corsa's fresh look are five new exterior colours in

Vibrant new colours also dominate the Corsa's cabin, brightening the

Also inside, is Vauxhall's new optional Touch and Connect multimedia system, which replaces the existing CD60 unit.

Touch and Connect uses a five-inch

touch screen display featuring both 2D and 3D maps for the navigation system, as well as a CD/tuner, aux-in, USB and Bluetooth mobile phone

Connectivity.

Outside, the new Corsa benefits from new 16-inch alloy wheels on both SE and SXi models, while the 192PS VXR receives a new 18-inch alloy wheel, modelled on the design of the optional 20-inch wheel worn by the Insignia VXR. Corsa's new

appearance complements recent upgrades to chassis and powertrain

With its fresh new look, it is now a very different car to the one on sale little more than a year ago. Before the

latest exterior and interior design changes were made, Corsa had already benefited from a long list of significant upgrades to its chassis and powertrains. For example, certain ecoFLEX engines now feature Vauxhall's Start/Stop technology, which has reduced emissions on the CDTi (95PS) ecoFLEX lel to just 94g/km,

combined with fuel consumption of 91.1 mpg on the government's extra urban cycle (80.7 mpg combined).

Vauxhall's engineers have also made important revisions to the car's steering and suspension set-ups. Softer springs were employed in the front suspension, mate to an anti-roll bar with new bushes and an increased diameter, improving ride and control characteristics

Complementing this were revised damper setting all round, an optional re-tuned ESP system and enhanced steering geometry, ensuring that the Corsa remained as pleasurable to drive as it was economical to own.

The new Corsa range starts at

### 'Oldies' more likely to be Good Samaritans

OLDER drivers are much more likely than younger drivers to stop to help if they saw someone broken down at the roadside, according to a recebt AA/Populus

Almost one quarter of drivers would not stop to help as they would suspect that

the breakdown was a con trick.

Participants were asked: "If you saw someone by the roadside (not a motorway) by a vehicle that looked like they had broken down, what would your reaction be?"

Sixty one per cent would stop if they felt comfortable it was safe and thought they could help - 65 per cent male and 55 per cent female.

Of those that definitely would not stop, 16 per cent were in the 18-24 age

group and only 10 per cent over 65s.

Twenty two per cent think most people have mobile phones so can seek

assistance themselves and 24 per cent would be concerned it was a con trick.
Londoners would be least likely to stop.
More affluent drivers would be more likely to stop than semi-skilled or

unemployed drivers.

AA president Edmund King believes it is perhaps surprising that 61 per cent

of motorists would stop.

He said: "Our poll shows that the 'Good Samaritan' is alive and well and driving along the highways and byways of Britain. On the other hand it is disappointing that almost 40 per cent don't feel able to stop.

"It' is interesting that older drivers seem much more likely to stop to help other





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