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## Editor's Comment

AFTER seeing first hand all the hard work that has gone into re-opening the Raven Inn community pub at Glazebury over recent years it was extremely disappointing to see the chaos caused by the ongoing road works outside the premises.

Pub trade during the school holidays and the current cost of living crisis is tough enough at the best of times, with several premises in and around the area already closing in recent times.

With the popular Pack Horse Inn also temporarily closed this was the ideal opportunity for the Raven Inn to pick up some new business from the Culcheth area.

While I understand roadworks are necessary, so is clear and concise communication to those who are going to be impacted – especially when it comes to local businesses that rely on passing trade.

While the closures were advertised and discussed, it was most unfortunate that the contractors

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started the phased works in the wrong order – taking those who run

the Raven Inn by complete surprise. Once the error was highlighted the council and contractors said the work will be done as quickly as possible – maybe within six weeks! This is a huge amount of time for a small business to lose trade.

I feel the very least the council and contractors should do is offer the Raven Inn some form of compensation.

Not only would it help the pub through the coming weeks and months as business picks up in the run up to Christmas – but it would also send out a clear message that



there are consequences for poor communication.

There seems to be an everincreasing problem, especially when it comes to road works – that the job is not being completed to a satisfactory standard.

There 'have been a few incidences of road works having to be redone because they were not done to satisfactory standard first time around.

Also, I don't know about you but when I'm driving around the Warrington area these days there appear to be more road works than ever, maybe if they got the job right first time they'd be less frequent.



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James, aged 19 from Culcheth, along with 11 newfound friends, embarked on this epic journey together as they set off from Aberdovey in North Wales and into the mountains of Snowdonia.

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of their comfort zones, discover what they're capable of and create meaningful and lasting memories that will endure for years to come. Throughout the 19 days, James

Throughout the 19 days, James and his group camped, kayaked, canoed and hiked their way across North Wales. Sleeping under the stars, navigating through valleys, and conquering some of the tallest mountains the British Isles have to offer. They practised everyday life skills like building courage, compassion and confidence in their own abilities whilst also taking on whatever Mother Nature could throw at them. A highlight of the expedition is the famed "solo" experience, where each participant spent time alone in nature to reflect and grow.

Speaking about his journey, James said, "I've done my Doff before, but this is a whole other level. I came here alone but the friendships I've made and challenges I've overcome have almost felt natural. The sunrise hike up Snowdon was especially cool, being above the clouds and watching the sun come up with my team, even with the heavy packs on our back, felt awesome. It's given me so much perspective and shown me what I'm capable of." Tom Coomb, an Outward Bound Instructor who directed this year's expedition praised the group's accomplishments, noting, "James and his group have been extraordinary from start to end and made me so proud. He's overcome wild weather, huge mountains and hordes of midges whilst trekking over 19 days. The friendships he's made and grit and determination he's shown to achieve this has been really inspiring." works with 25,000 young people and is committed to making these transformative experiences accessible to all. Many summer participants receive significant tunding through Outward Bound's Adventure Fund, ensuring that economic constraints do not hold young people back from embarking on these life-changing experiences. For more information about The Outward Bound Trust and its summer adventures, visit outwardbound.org.uk/summer

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by Robert Scott

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Adult content



WHY are the members of Culcheth Players fighting over a suitcase?

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either of them came from. And to add to the chaos, his mother and sister are on their way to see him.

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The next 24 hours are full of mayhem, madness and confusion. The play will be performed over two weekends, Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14 and Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 online, plus booking fee, from www.ticketsource.co.uk or £8 on the door at a performance the door at a performance.

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### Latin dancing in a beautiful lake-side setting

AN evening of Latin dancing in a beautiful lake-side setting is promised at Birchwood on Saturday, September 21. Salsa Dance Cheshire are getting together with The Engine Rooms at Birchwood Park. The overat follows the success of a

The event follows the success of a Suzanne Rogers, of Salsa Dance Cheshire, Latin by the Lake will be bigger and better this time. There will be live music by Cuban-

born musician Iroel Perez, along with an exciting performance of Flamenco from Mariella Bonnano. Suzanne said: "We are thrilled to welcome back Lexie and Dylan to dence for us and show us all

how it's done. Ranked Top 10 in the Under 21 UK, and Top 30 in the Under 21 European Latin Championships, these two are rising stars in the world of Latin Dance competition. They were so well-received last time – they are definitely not to be missed!"

There will be a fully licensed bar, along with the sale of freshly prepared hot food and with free, secure, on-site parking, dancers will be able to relax and dance the night away.

But there's no need to worry if you can't dance - there will be mini-lessons to get you started. And if you just don't dance at all, you can sit back, enjoy the music and watch the evening unfold. Salsa Dance Cheshire

are offering a 20 per cent discount to all readers of Culcheth Life Magazine: just enter the code: SDCWWW20 to get your discounted tickets, using the link below:

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## Library refurbishment should be completed soon

#### OUTSTANDING work on the refurbishment of Culcheth Library - which officially re-opened last November – should soon be completed.

Outdoor furniture, donated by Culcheth High School, is expected to installed in mid-September and plants donated by Bents Garden and Home should be planted around the same time.

around the same time. Janet Evans, of the Friends of Culcheth Library, said: "The plants arrived at the beginning of June, but the weather was hot and dry at the time so, working with Bent's and the borough council, it was decided to delay the planting until the autumn when the weather would be cooler and damper in the hope that we wouldn't lose any of the plants."

Mrs Evans said there had been

much praise from local residents about the library refurbishment work.

"The new windows look really, really classy – quite magnificent in fact. I am quite delighted with how they look and feel sure everyone will feel the same.

"The installers did a great job and in good time too, once the job was actually started. It has been well worth the wait."

Warrington Borough Council's £400,000 investment in Culcheth Library was part of its wider libraries modernisation programme.







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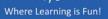
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### **Battle of Winwick re-enactme** St Oswald's Heritage W

St Oswald's Church will present a re-enactment event by the Battle of Winwick Society to celebrate the church's Heritage Weekend on Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 September.

The Battle of Winwick fought on 19 August 1648 with muskets and pikes in the fields bordering Winwick, was an event of national significance in the English Civil War. The church became involved both as a battleground, a refuge, a prison for hundreds of Scottish soldiers fleeing the conflict and a base for Oliver Cromwell's troops.

Dressed in authentic costume the

Society members will give a dramatic and accurate re-enactment of the lifestyle and conditions endured by the defeated Scottish prisoners as well as an insight into those of the victorious Cromwellian troops and civilians involved in the war. The event will take place in the church and its grounds with an introductory talk in church on Saturday to present fascinating facts about the battle



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which ended the war and led to the

which ended the war and led to the death of King Charles Ist. St Oswald's Church, Winwick was a prison for well over 1000 soldiers in the Civil War. One of the best-preserved battlegrounds in the English Civil War and the soldiers who fought and died there will be remembered and died there will be remembered at a re-enactment event presented by the Battle of Winwick Society at St Oswald's Church Heritage Weekend event on 7 and 8 September. The battle of Winwick took place on 19 August 1648 between an invadia, ravalist Scattish army and

on 19 August 1648 between an invading royalist Scottish army and Oliver Crowwell's troops on farm land between the village of Winwick and the town of Newton-le-Willows. St Oswald's, a historic 13th-century Church where some of the fighting took place, became a prison for 1.500 captured Scottish soldiers and was used as a base by Oliver Cromwell's troops. More than 1,000 Scottish fighters were killed in the battle which raged on land close to the church and

on land close to the church and Winwick village. Soldiers fought hand to hand in flooded streams and fields with muskets and pikes against Cromwell's better equipped better trained new model army. and

The Scottish army was raised by the Duke of Hamilton, a supporter of King Charles. Thousands of invading troops, many of whom were farmers troops, many of whom were tarmers and labourers, some accompanied by their families, marched from Scotland to Preston where they were defeated in battle by Cromwell's forces. The remainder of the Scottish army, still in significant numbers with 7,000 infantry and 4.000 mounted cavalry, then continued south along the route of the future 4 49 road in the route of the future A 49 road in the hope of joining some of King Charles' forces based in North Wales. The Scottish mounted troops made their way to cross the river in

Warrington with the foot soldiers left behind to hold Cromwell back. It was not to be, as when Cromwell's new model army intercepted the foot soldiers at the Battle of Winwick they were again defeated in a terrible fight. Soldiers who survived the conflict and managed to reach

Warrington were also taken prisoner. Phil LePinnet, a member of the Battle of Winwick Society, said: "This battle was of huge national significance in bringing the Civil War to an end and sealed the fate of the king. By presenting the re-enactment we want to create an understanding of its importance and showcase what life was like for the soldiers who were held prisoner in the church. We aim to give an insight into the rank and file of the common soldier and the

the of the common soldier and the civilians involved in the civil wars." John Watkin, churchwarden at St. Oswald's, said:" Our church is iconic. Dating back to Saxon times, it has played a huge part in village life and in the history of our country. The interior of the church was badly damaged by Cromwell's troops and was eventually restored to its former glory over the years. We are hoping glory over the years. We are hoping to welcome many visitors during the heritage weekend. The Battle of Winwick Society's re-enactment will provide a fascinating window to step back through time and demonstrate the everyday life of the common soldier. It will bring life to yet another chapter in the history of Winwick Church."

St Oswald's Church, Heritage weekend. ENTRY FREE.

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## Blunder by contractors leaves Raven Inn cut off from Culcheth community

### A blunder by highway contractors has left the Raven Inn pub at Glazebury cut off from the neighbouring Culcheth community by road from 7pm weekday evenings with no notice.

Now the community-run pub has to assess the impact on trade and make the "appropriate decisions" in the coming days, with the road closure set to be in place for up to six weeks.

six weeks. It follows contractors making an error and starting Phase 2 of the works first, when the pub was closed, instead of Phase 1. While the pub can still be accessed from the East Lancs Road side of the closures, no one will be able to access the Raven Inn from Culcheth ofter 7 pm by car from Culcheth after 7 pm by car,



although there will still be access for pedestrians. Raven Inn spokesperson Peter Sturman said: "Warrington

Raven Inn spokesperson Peter Sturman said: "Warrington Borough Council have always supported the fight to save the Raven Inn, which started over five and a half years ago. The Raven Inn community pub had always been very grateful for that. "But this episode is very disappointing. "This work was scoped over a year ago. It would have been obvious there was a pub in the

obvious there was a pub in the middle of the roadworks, indeed part of the work involves making the Raven car park inaccessible by resurfacing the 'footpath' section of

"Yet the council did not see the need to consult with or give advance notice to, the Raven. It should have been obvious that the roadworks would negatively affect the business of the Raven.

"We do not seek or expect any special treatment. We should have been given the opportunity to plan for the disruption to our trade, in

advance. Peter added: "We contacted the Environment & Transport Directorate at Warrington Borough Council, to seek clarification regarding accessibility to and from

### Shock closure of popular Pack Horse pub sparks search for new publican



THE owners of the historic Pack Horse at Culcheth say they are committed to the future of the popular village pub, following its shock closure. News of the sudden closure of the oldest pub in the village, appeared on social media, with owners Punch Pubs, actively seeking a new publican

owners Punch Pubs, actively seeking a new publican. In September 2022 The Pack Horse, on Church Lane, Culcheth, was put up for lease with an asking price of £60,000. The Pack Horse has a history of character – being the oldest pub in Culcheth, dating back to the 1700s. It's one of several pubs in the

It's one of several pubs in the Warrington area which closed suddenly without warning in the past 12 months, including the Rope & Anchor at Woolston and the Rams Head at Grappenhall. Both of which have since reopened.

A Punch Pubs & Co spokesperson said: "We can confirm that the Pack Horse pub contirm that the Pack morse pup in Culcheth is currently closed. We are recruiting new Publicans to oversee the long-term success of the pub and hope to welcome the community back through the choose in the coming weeks. We ne community back through the doors in the coming weeks. We encourage anybody interested in this opportunity to contact our recruitment team on 01283 501999."

the Raven Inn for vehicular traffic. "We were aware of a particular problem for vehicles coming from Culcheth direction.

"The initial indication was that vehicles would be allowed, at the discretion of the contractor.

"We spoke to the contractor on their first day and they said no vehicles would be allowed access to the Raven after 7 pm on weekday evenings. "We had asked the council for

contact details of the contractor before work started. Those details were not forthcoming. "We have been in liaison with

the council again. It transpires some of the problems with the mixed messages are because the contractor has started work on the wrong section of the road.

We were all informed of two 2 phases of work. Apparently, the contractor has mistakenly started on phase 2. The section that includes the Raven Inn.

"This is a particularly difficult time for all licensed premises. Recently a pub in Glazebury has been 'for let'. We have seen three licensed premises in Culcheth close down. The Raven Inn is not insulated from the nationwide difficulties. Having our trade negatively disrupted is



the last thing we need. "We now have to assess the impact upon our trade and make the appropriate decisions". A Warrington Borough Council spokesperson said. "We can confirm that, while the works on Warrington Poad are being carried contirm that, while the works on Warrington Road are being carried out, there will be no vehicular access to the Raven Inn for people coming from the direction of Culcheth. Anyone going to the pub after 7 pm will need to come in and go out from the East Lancs Road until both phases of this scheme are completed.

"We apologise for the short-term disruption while this essential work is carried out. The contractors are taking steps to complete the work as quickly as possible."

### Beer festival is returning – after a five-year absence due to Covid

CULCHETH Beer Festival is returning in September – after a five-year absence caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. It will also be the first festival under the banner of Culcheth and district Rotary Club following the re-naming of the former Rotary Club of Newton and district lubilee of Newton and district Jubilee.

The charity fund-raising beer festival has raised more than £100,000 for local organisations and Rotary charities between 2011 and 2019.

The festival will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21 at The Village Club in

20 and 21 of the Village Club in Wigshaw lane. On the Friday, it will run from 5pm to 11pm and on Saturday from noon to 11pm. A good range of cask ales and ciders will be on offer, plus a Bottle Bar, Wine and Fizz Bar and , live

entertainment with hot food to be served by The Village Club. Soft drinks will also be available for

children and drivers.

To gain fast track entry to the event, Rotary will be selling a limited number of advance tickets. These will be available from the Village Club and include two free tokens for the first drink. There will be a pay-on-the-door option available too, but these won't include free drink tokens. Entry will be £5 and include the festival programme, live music and a commemorative glass.

The success of these charity fundraising events relies on the support Rotary receives from volunteers helping during the event and from the sponsorship of generous ocal businesses or individual who provide sponsorship.

Sponsors will receive a number of free tickets, have their name displayed on their sponsored cask, their details included in the festival programme and will have links to sponsors' own websites from www. culchethbeerfestival.com



## Safeguarding review finds Brianna Ghey's killer was not seen as serious risk

#### A safeguarding review following the brutal murder of Birchwood teenager Brianna Ghey in Culcheth has concluded that her killer Scarlett Jenkinson was not seen as a serious risk.

Safeguarding Warrington Partnership (WSP) was involved with Scarlett Jenkinson before she

with Scarlett Jenkinson before she murdered Brianna Ghey and was not aware of her "fascination with violent acts" and had "no reason to be concerned" about their contact. Scarlett Jenkinson and Eddie Ratcliffe were jailed for life for the "brutal, planned and sadistic" killing of 16-year-old Brianna Ghey at Culcheth Linear Park in February 2023 2023.

Scarlett Jenkinson, who was 15 at the time of the murder, had moved to Brianna's school in November 2022 after spiking a younger pupil at her former school.

The independent safeguarding review found there had been "no reason known" to stop Jenkinson "mixing freely" with pupils after her move and nothing to suggest she was a "serious risk".

Jenkinson and Ratcliffe were both found guilty of Brianna's murder in December 2023 with a judge subsequently lifting reporting restrictions on them being named when they were sentenced two months later.

A safeguarding review of contact between Jenkinson and Brianna Ghey was subsequently ordered, covering her interactions with support agencies\_in Warrington. It did not agencies in Warrington. It did not involve Ratcliffe, as he lived in neighbouring Wigan. Jenkinson had moved from Culcheth High School to Birchwood Community High School in November 2022 after she gave a 13-year-old a cannabis sweet, causing them to be ill. The Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) was written tio conclude the effectiveness of services delivered to Scarlett.

delivered to Scarlett.

Warrington Safeguarding Partnership (WSP) agreed to undertake the review using a learning model which engages frontline staff and their managers in reviewing cases. The approach focussed on why those involved acted as they did at the time, aiming to identify any systems issues which affected this case, which may impact in future on other children in Warrington. Between November 2021 and March 2022, Scarlett had support

March 2022, Scarief had support during five appointments with a health care practitioner at School 1 regarding her emotional wellbeing. She also had support for her mental and physical health from a clinician at the GP surgery (October 2022

and February 2023). Referrals were made to CAMHS in February 2022 and October 2022, resulting in and Colober 2022, resolutioners completing initial assessments in March 2022 and February 2023. Most of the discussions regarding mental health and emotional wellbeing were about managing anxiety, low mood and assessing level of risk from this and self-harming (cutting arms and sometimes legs).

From the beginning of November 2022, when Scarlett was in year 11 and aged 15 years, she was offered a trial period at School 2 to avoid a permanent exclusion from School 1. This was because Scarlett had given another child a cannabis edible without disclosing what it was. The police discussed the best course of action with school staff, given that the victim and her mother declined to make a complaint. Police made a decision of No Further Action to support interventions rather than prosecution. A youth service practitioner made a visit to Scarlett practitioner made a visit to Scarlett who declined support for substance misuse. In the two years prior to this incident the school had had several concerns about Scarlett possibly bringing cannabis to school without conclusive evidence. During the same pariad there were also have incidents period there were also two incidents involving alcohol in school. One of these was substantiated, and resulted in Scarlett receiving a two day suspension from school.

Suspension from school. Towards the end of January 2023 School 2 began to have doubts about the likely success of the trial period. Scarlett had made a good start but she was not sustaining it; in particular her attendance had declined, and she had some negative behaviour points for things like punctuality and not handing in homework. There were no concerns about use of cannabis at School 2 until January

cannabis at School 2 until January 2023, when another pupil reported she had brought edibles to school. None were found during a search. In mid-January 2023 Scarlett told a staff member at School 2 that she had self-harmed. This was the first occasion that School 2 became aware that Scarlett had previously self-harmed. During February 2023 Scarlett began to describe hearing voices saying unkind things and putting her down rather than encouraging her to harm herself or others. An appointment for a full assessment by CAMHS had been offered for February 2023, but the



murder was committed before this had happened.

Subsequent to the murder it became apparent that there had been two previous unsuccessful attempts by Scarlett to murder Brianna, one at the end of January 2023, which involved inviting her to the same park where she was later murdered. The other involved Scarlett attempting to poison her with over the counter medication, also in January 2023. Neither of these incidents were known to agencies until after the murder. Nor was the use Scarlett claimed in the trial to have made of the dark web to view torture and killing videos.

#### CONCLUSION

There were examples of good practice in this case. However, there is also some learning for the future benefit of other young people who are struggling with their emotional wellbeing or mental health and/ or misusing substances and/or at risk of being excluded from school. There was some evidence of silo working. There were two occasions when parents should have been encouraged to consent to multiagency information sharing and multi-agency working; these was the temporary exclusion from school, when the health care officer known to be involved due to Scarlett's emotional health and when permanent exclusion was being considered. On the basis of the information known to practitioners individually or collectively a "managed move" between schools as an alternative to permanent exclusion was appropriate for Scarlett. There was also no reason known to practitioners to prevent Scarlett from mixing freely with another other pupils in school 2.

Scarlett was known to have some difficulties with peer relationships. Giving a cannabis edible to another child without them knowing what it was, was at best unkind, or worse a deliberate attempt to give someone what could be a frightening experience. This was not however behaviour at a level which could reasonably be expected to make practitioners suspect that Scarlett would go on to commit murder.

The death of Brianna Ghey was tragic and shocking. Whilst Scarlett had some vulnerabilities, before the murder she did not stand out from other children. Practitioners who knew her before then were not Practitioners aware of anything that would have made them think that she was a serious risk to others. They did not know of Scarlett's fascination with violent acts. They saw no reason to be concerned about any contact with Brianna that they knew about.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

individual The agency reports have made single agencv Warrington recommendations. Safeguarding Children Partnership has accepted these and will ensure their implementation is monitored.

To address the multi-agency learning, this CSPR identified that WSP should

A) seek evidence from Warrington Borough Council that they have taken into account the learning from this CSPR when undertaking the



Scarlett Jenkinson

evaluation of the local "Managed Moves" guidance planned for September 2024 B) agree what impact information

it requires from relevant stakeholders about Managed Moves, as part of its safeguarding performance monitoring framework 20

C) make recommendations to the Department of Education about what changes may be beneficial in the statutory middress for the the statutory guidance for Managed Moves, and that this should explicitly recognise the benefits of multi-agency involvement in the planning of them and that this should apply to all vulnerable children not just those who

D) identify how best to promote local initiatives to support parents, school communities and practitioners working with children to safeguard children when they are online. These children when they are online. These need to include support for the most vulnerable groups of parents and children, especially those children who are not in school E) seek evidence from the police that they have addressed their learning from this review about the need to make home visits to children

need to make home visits to children who are suspected of administering a noxious substance (aka spiking) or other serious drugs offences.

 F) seek assurance from each agency involved in this review that single agency learning points have been identified and action has been/ or is being taken to address and disseminate them.

A statement from the Warrington Safeguarding Partnership said: "We continue to think about Brianna. "This Child Safeguarding Practice

Review report examines closely the actions of Scarlett and identifies important learning opportunities for all agencies. Compiling this report for publication has been a thorough process, led by an expert, independent reviewer. independent reviewer.

"While the report acknowledges that nobody could have foreseen the actions of Scarlett, the learning points in the report must, and will be, shared and embraced locally by all partners in Warrington. "We know that the report will

provide little comfort to those who have been affected by this tragic case, but we equally hope that organisations across the country are

able to draw on the report to identify any improvements they can make. "The Safeguarding Partnership will continue to work alongside its partners in Warrington to ensure that support is available to those who need it " need it."

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## Amateur rider qualifies for 'Horse of the Year' show

CULCHETH teenager, fourteen-year-old Liam Wrobel and his horse Greenholme Jake, have qualified for the prestigious Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) in Birmingham this October.

Liam and his Fell pony, Greenholme Jake made the trip to Arena UK near Grantham for the SEIB Search for a Star qualifier on the 1st August. They will now go on to compete under the bright lights of the HOYS Arena at the NEC in Birmingham in early October.

The pair competed in and won the Working Pony class under top judge Alan Mickleburgh to earn their HOYS qualification. Later in the day Liam and Greenholme Jake went on to take top spot in the Mountain and Moorland class as well to earn qualification for a final at Your Horse Live.

Liam said: "Jake went great, it feels so good to have won! This is our second year out together, we've been to plenty of local shows and the Cheshire show and we've mainly been concentrating on working hunters. I've worked pretty hard with him!

Judges Alan Mickleburgh and Chalmers were impressed Terry with the "fluency of the Fell pony's jumping and show". Alan added: "Our winner had lovely, correct conformation and there was no hesitation when jumping.

SEIB Search for a Star organiser, icolina MacKenzie said: "What Nicolina MacKenzie said: a truly wonderful day we had at Arena UK. The unique spirit of

SEIB Search for a Star and SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse was in full flow. Thank you to all our fabulous competitors who joined in, supported and celebrated the winners and each other

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