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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*The Mayor attending an afternoon tea at the library and finding out about the recent puppet workshops*

Dear Residents and all who read this magazine.

It is with great pleasure that I can tell you that I am absolutely delighted to be the Mayor of our Town for a second time. Mayor-making and Civic Sunday were most enjoyable, and I would like to thank Fr Frank and everyone who came along and gave me their support. I hope you enjoyed the occasions as much as I did.

Since the beginning of my year of office, my feet have hardly touched the ground. I have honoured several invitations in Whitworth and a number of Civic celebrations further afield. I have been instrumental in bringing the fantastic Pinders circus to Shawforth which was greatly enjoyed by a huge proportion of the local population. This has also given me a great idea for my Mayoral fundraiser!). Thank you to all those people who have accompanied me. As the year goes on there will be many more invitations which I am looking forward to. In September I will be visiting Kandel, our twin town in Germany, again as Mayor and as a member of the Town Twinning committee.

One of my functions as Mayor will be to raise funds for my charity. The Mayoral Charity Fund will then be shared between local community groups and I will be making a donation to Barley View (the new dementia care home currently being built in our Town) for a specific piece of equipment to assist in their specialist dementia care. After an exciting visit from the circus, I just couldn't resist having a circus themed fundraiser! On Saturday 20th October we will be screening the sing-a-long version of the Greatest Showman at the Riverside. There will be a family and dementia friendly screening in the afternoon and then a further, adults only, screening in the evening. I will also be working in conjunction with CLAW to put on another joint community cinema showing Incredibles 2 and Mamma Mia 2.

If mayoral events are not your scene but you would like to donate, donations for these good causes would be gratefully received at the Council office.

With my very best wishes

Councillor Madeline De Souza  
Mayor of Whitworth

## FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

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# WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL CO-OPTS TWO NEW MEMBERS



**Whitworth**  
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Following the resignation of two former Town Councillors, Cheryl Brine and Sean Serridge, Whitworth Town Council resolved, at their meeting on 12th July, to co-opt two new members. These new co-opted members will serve the remaining term until May 2019 when the whole council will be up for election. The Town Council want to thank Sean Serridge and Cheryl Brine for their service to the Town Council and offer a warm welcome to the new members. Both councillors can be contacted using the details on the back of the magazine.

## **Councillor Rachael Barker**

independent councillor for Facit and Shawforth ward

Rachael moved to a farm on the edge of Brown Wardle two years ago. She works as an art teacher and has a love for nature and growing her own food. Since moving to Whitworth, Rachael has taken an active role in the community by jointly taking over the running of Keep Whitworth Tidy, hosting a successful community tree planting event and joining the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

Rachael says "So far on our journey everyone we have met in Whitworth has been amazing; friendly, welcoming, and encouraging, which is why I would love the opportunity to become a councillor for the town. I really want to give to this community, to help it grow, to help it thrive, to help its residents be happy and content, and to feel like they are getting the most out of their lives.



## **Councillor Dayne Powell**

independent councillor for Healey and Whitworth Ward

Dayne grew up in Whitworth before moving away to Swansea to study economics and moving back afterwards to settle down. He currently works as a retail Assistant Manager. Dayne has taken an active role in the community as part of Friends of Whitworth Library Group and was involved in the successful campaign to keep the library open.

Dayne says "I am an enthusiastic individual and have for a long time felt that I have the skills to work for my community and be a strong voice for the people of Whitworth.



## **Do you want to make a difference? Whitworth Town Council will be holding elections in May 2019**

There are many reasons people become a Councillor; to make a difference in the community, represent the views of local people and pursue your political beliefs.

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The owners of Rufus' Pupcakes attend many local craft fairs and stalls, but they also travel further afield. In June this year they attended Manchester Youth Market on King Street. They were joined by other like-minded individuals that have a passion to create something a little different. Here they were visited by the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the stalls were all judged on the day for presentation of the stall, social media channels that are used and products that are created.



*Lisa collecting her award from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr June Hitchen.*



Rufus' Pupcakes were very proud to receive the Highly Commended award. They were over the moon for the recognition they received for focusing on what is included in a dog's diet. We all care about what we eat and it's reassuring to see that so many pet owners now focus on the ingredients that are in our dogs' food.



Home Instead Rochdale are in daily contact with elderly people from the community and witness first-hand the detrimental effect loneliness can have on them.

In the UK, a million older people go at least five days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all and considering loneliness increases the likelihood of mortality by 26%, this is something that we should all be concerned about.

They are hosting a free monthly event to encourage elderly members of the local community, and especially those who may be lonely, to come along and meet new people. The aim is to reach out to those who might otherwise not have the means or inclination to leave their homes.

Home Instead are hoping to involve local businesses and services so that as a team they can help to reduce the horrid impact loneliness has on our fellow neighbours. Please join the mission to provide companionship for seniors within our community.

The future dates are: 14th Aug, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec, 8th Jan and 5th Feb from 13:00 – 16:00 (so that the event does not clash with care home mealtimes).

Please come along and get in touch if you need a lift on 01706 249100. They are more than happy to help you get there.

## WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to the hard work of tidying up the Memorial Gardens and the area at the bowling green by The Riverside at the end of autumn, the volunteers got off to a good start at the beginning of this spring. The hot weather, however, put paid to some meetings taking place as the ground was just too hard to work with – and it's not often that happens! The rose beds certainly benefitted from the sun and not only looked beautiful this summer but smelt lovely, too.

The committee are making plans to mark the centenary of World War One by planting two new trees in the gardens. There will be two trees, one at each end of the gardens, one to remember the Whitworth residents who lost their lives in World War 1 and the other to remember those in World War 2. The trees will be planted in September (weather dependant) and will be ready to be unveiled at the Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November.

The volunteers will be working into autumn again to ensure the gardens are well prepared for the winter and next spring. If you can spare any time to help out, please contact Chris on 01706 852613 or Anita on 01706 853768.



## CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

The committee would like to thank their supporters for their continued support and generosity. Since the last edition, a golf tournament at Lobden raised over £400 and a donation from the Raffle at the Ladies day at the Riverside raised £420. A parachute jump in memory of Joyce Ashworth in July raised over £1000. A huge vote of thanks to all involved in these events but especially to Marie Gibbons, Steve Butterworth and Bill Williams who bravely did the parachute jump.

It will be Autumn before the next events commence. Another golf tournament takes place on Sunday 9th Sept at Lobden. Plans are also underway for a Bollywood evening on Friday 5th October at Thamin restaurant Littleborough on Friday 5th October. Tickets will be available soon at £20 and it is hoped to run transport from Whitworth. A quiz will be organised late October, early November at the Band Club and then the final event of the year the Cancer Research band concert at the Riverside on 2nd Dec.

If you would like to attend any of the fund raising events, learn more about the work of the committee or would like to donate to the local group, please contact Michael Whitby on 852613 or Arnold Ashworth on 343424.



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Herbally, Summer is time to harvest flowers as all the energy and vitality of the plant is flowing up and out, whereas in autumn it is the time to harvest the root as the flower dies back and energy draws into the ground. It is time to regather and look inwards, to reflect, relax and slow. If our bodies or lifestyles don't adapt we can become run down with common coughs or colds or notice an increase in anxiety and stress. Herbal allies here are the berries harvested at the end of summer. Hawthorne for change and heart strength. Elder Berries for the immune and respiratory system. Lemon balm, Oatstraw and Vervain are all herbs that support a stressed nervous system and decrease anxiety. Try NETTLES cold & flu tea to prevent autumn sniffles or NETTLES burn out blend to support a tired and burned out nervous system.



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### Ingredients

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900ml water  
450g sugar/honey

### Method

- Add water and chopped herb in pan and simmer gently for 20 minutes.
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Thirteen local groups are celebrating their selection to receive grants through the **Crook Hill Community Fund**. This is a major milestone as the Fund has now awarded over **£100,000** to projects in the local area. **Whitworth Valley Football Club** received this year's largest grant of **£10,000** to improve their training facilities at the Rawstron Street Football Ground.

Lisa McDowell, WVFC Treasurer commented: "We are thrilled that we have been awarded £10,000 from the Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund. This will significantly help to further develop our facilities to benefit our community, players and club."

Community events and activities which will take place throughout 2018 and beyond thanks to the grants provided by the fund including the World War One Centenary celebrations in Whitworth.

The funding for the Community Fund is provided by Vantage Infrastructure, an independent investment firm, which manages the Crook Hill wind farm with the support of Partnership for Renewables ([www.pfr.co.uk](http://www.pfr.co.uk)). The Fund distributes £35,000 annually over the 20 – 25 year lifetime of the project. Groups located within a 5km radius of the wind farm can apply for grants of between £250 and £10,000.

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The current exhibition at The Gallery at the Baths showcases the weekly commitment and talents of Whitworth Valley Football Club. Following them will be

- August 31 Welcome to The Riverside
- September 21 Whitworth Rushcart
- October 12 Our Lady and St Anselm School
- November 2 Over the Tops Walking Group

If you've ideas for future exhibitions, please contact Jo Furtado on 07813180748.

## WHITWORTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Whitworth Community Partnership is a group of residents, councillors, local voluntary groups and the Police, and anyone one else who wants to attend. The group shares local information, is updated by the Police about local issues, and is currently putting together a Whitworth action plan. The group is asking local people to come forward and list any local issues on 6 themes: Transport, Environment, Local jobs and economy, Leisure and things to do, Community Safety, and Health. Please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 9th October in Whitworth Library at 6.30pm with any ideas you have. There will be food to tempt you in! If you can't make the meeting email the Communities Team at [communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:communitiesteam@rossendalebc.gov.uk) or on 01706 252532

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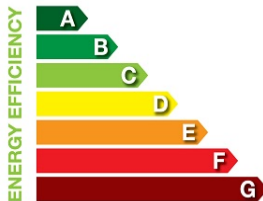
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Jason can be contacted via mobile on 07368 257 208, email - admin@imaginedecor.co.uk or through Facebook - [www.facebook.com/imaginedecoruk](https://www.facebook.com/imaginedecoruk).

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## ZOE IN THE NETTLES

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Zoe has been studying plant medicine for 13 years and practising for 8. NETTLES also offers full body massage, Indian head massage and energy healing. Prices are an affordable sliding scale structure available on [www.zoeinthenettles.co.uk](http://www.zoeinthenettles.co.uk) to address the huge disparity of wealth and poverty and to ensure accessibility to all.

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[www.zoeinthenettles.co.uk](http://www.zoeinthenettles.co.uk), [nettlesandhealth@gmail.com](mailto:nettlesandhealth@gmail.com)

Call: 07864 755866





# LOCAL NEWS

Whitworth Sports Festival in June was blessed with good weather but too few people, at least in some events, despite an array of banners, flyers on lampposts and shops, a website, updates on Facebook and lots of publicity via schools. The individual stand-out performances came in the two fell races – Charley Leech won the Junior for the third year in succession, even if the incredibly windy conditions meant he could not match David Thomson's longstanding record; and Andrew Worster of Todmorden Harriers won the Senior in a barely credible record time of 25.37. All the inter-primary events were well-contested, with Tonacliffe School having a particularly successful year. The Pony-go-round was very popular, the social netball group attracted new players, and Valley Thai and WVFC ran very well-attended events, even if the footballers had to endure a monsoon as their event was drawing to a close. A pop-up rafting event at Cowm Res. was another highlight – watch out for chances to do this through the year. Thanks to all those clubs and individuals who organised events, the schools who took part so enthusiastically, and all those who gave their time and expertise: those who came enjoyed themselves and appreciate your efforts.



*One of the running races at the opening festival*



*The sack race at the opening festival*



*About to start the senior fell race*

## WHITWORTH BAND CLUB

The Band Club regular fortnightly quizzes continue throughout the year, 8.30 on Sundays, free to enter. Karaoke nights also take place monthly on Sundays.

A range of musical performers will be appearing at the club; Idol Frets are regular visitors with other vocalists, jazz, folk and rock performers on Saturday and Friday nights.

Keep up to date on the club Facebook page and watch the notice board outside the club!

The Beer Festival takes place on the first weekend in September with a selection of fine ales available (more details on p28).

As usual the club will welcome all on Remembrance Sunday following the ceremony at the memorial gardens. As the football season kicks off keep up to date on Facebook on club opening times for tea-time matches on Sky and BT Sports.

# LOCAL NEWS

## WHITWORTH HERITAGE MUSEUM

"From Spodden Valley to Flanders Fields" was the theme for Whitworth Historical Society's 2018 Open Weekend. Reflecting the centenary of the ending of hostilities in the Great War of 1914-18, the museum focused on soldiers from the Whitworth Valley, some of whom paid the ultimate price and remain buried or remembered in the immaculate cemeteries and memorials on the former battlefields of the Western Front. Others returned home having sustained such injuries and suffered experiences that their lives, and in some cases the lives of their families, would be changed forever.



In November of each year we remember those 150 or so men of Whitworth whose names appear on the township's memorial and who fell in the 1914-18 conflict. Less well documented is the sacrifice made by those seriously wounded, either physically or mentally. Today, 100 years since the ending of the conflict, there remains a strong interest in the personal stories of soldiers who took part in the war which was to change the course of history. If you have any information, documents or photographs relating to Whitworth soldiers of WW1 the staff at Whitworth museum would be interested to hear from you.

The museum in North Street is open every Tuesday evening 7.30 – 9.30pm and each Saturday afternoon 2.00 – 4.00pm.

## THE RIVERSIDE LADIES DAY

Fifty ladies dressed in their finery were given the red carpet treatment as they arrived for Ladies Day at the Riverside. They enjoyed a glass of prosecco on arrival, a delicious 2 course lunch followed by afternoon tea later in the day.

During the afternoon there was plenty of fun and laughter and prizes to be won! They held their own fashion shows for best dressed and most outrageous hat/fascinator.



"Riverside Ascot Ladies Day? Fifty women, prosecco and an afternoon of gambling, what could possibly go wrong?? Actually nothing! What a great day of fashion, fun and fundraising. I've (unwisely?) agreed to come back and host next year too. I'd book early if I were you!" MC Andy Kelly

On the day the Riverside held a raffle which raised £420 for Cancer Research, Whitworth Committee. A huge thank you goes to all the local businesses who kindly donated prizes for this worthy cause.

Next year's Ladies Day will take place on Thursday 20th June 2019. Reserve your places for next year now!

# PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

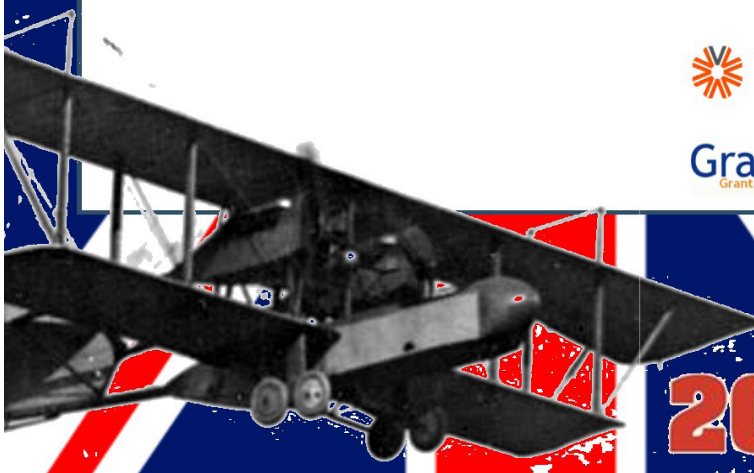
## Weekend of events



# Great War Centenary

10th—11th November 2018

Pull out guide....



# 2014-18

*On 11th November 2018, the United Kingdom and its friends overseas will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.*

*Whitworth Town Council has appointed a Remembrance Working Group to co-ordinate a weekend of celebrations to mark this special centenary.*



The group have managed to secure funding to hang Poppies on lampposts throughout the village

Additionally, local schools are creating a mini Field of Remembrance which opens in the Memorial Gardens on 8 November





# PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

**Saturday 10th November**

Doors open **6.45pm** at The Riverside

**MC Rod Barry**

First half: **Freda Farnworth** accompanied by  
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and **WW1 poems** read by Charles Foster,  
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**2014-18**

# Sunday 11th November

**10:20 Procession** (corner of Tong Lane / Market Street)

**10:40 Service of Remembrance** at

Memorial Gardens, Facit led by Rev Father Frank Thorpe

Followed by the planting of two new remembrance trees in the  
Memorial Gardens and refreshments at the Riverside

**11am—4pm WW1 themed Café**  
**at St Bartholomew's Church**

WW1 artefacts, provided by Touchstones Rochdale on display inside

**5.30pm Lobden Golf Club open to view the  
beacon lighting on Brown Wardle**

Whitworth is the only village in Rossendale taking part in this National Celebration. The lighting can be viewed from the car park at Lobden Golf Club. At 6.55pm Dave Tattersall will play the last post, at 7pm the beacon will be lit and at 7.05pm St Bartholomew will ring the Bells of Peace. The bar will be open and a hot supper provided for a small charge.

**On behalf of the Centenary Working group, we hope  
you will join us in this National Celebration.**



**Whitworth**  
Town Council

# LOCAL NEWS



Friends of Whitworth Library

## SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WHITWORTH LIBRARY . . . ACTIVITIES ARE FREE UNLESS STATED

### Mondays

10:30 - 12:00

**Up and Active Weight Loss Drop-in** First 45 mins is **FREE** weight management and healthy lifestyle advice; second 45 mins exercise session - suggested £2 donation.

**Knit and Natter**

14:00 - 16:00

14:00 - 16:00

**Careers Advice** with Kay Royal. (Contact Kay on 07896 933560)

17:30 - 18:30

**Bedtime Story** - every second Monday of the month (18 months to 8 years)

19:00 - 20:30

**Mature Movers and Groovers** Fun dance with Sheila Daly (07762 757925). Suggested £5 donation.

### Tuesdays

10:00 - 12:30

**Scrabble Club**

10:00 - 12:00

**Citizen's Advice** by appointment. Please ring CA on: 0300 456 2552

11:00 - 12:00

**Up and Active Health Walk at Stubblylee Park**

14:00 - 15:00

**Storytime Session** (18 months to 6 years)

10:00 - 12:00

**U3A Family History Group.** 3rd Tuesday of every month.

### Wednesdays

13:00 - 14:00

**Up and Active Health Walk from library.** Walk lasts 1 hour, then refreshments, if required, in library.

13:00 - 14:30

**U3A Meeting with guest speaker** 1st Wednesday of each month chat in the library.

19:00 - 20:30

**Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation** with Sheila Daly (07762 757925) £5 per session

### Thursdays

09.30 - 10.30

**Learn My Way** Personalised IT course - please arrange with librarians.

10:00 - 11:30

**Shared Reading Group**

10:30 - 12:30

**The A Team** Onwards and upwards for people with disabilities.

For information email: melanie\_ashman@yahoo.com

14:00 - 15:00

**U3A Creative Writing** 1st Thursday of month. T. 07484 712878 (Sylvia) for info.

14:00 - 15:00

**Bookworms Reading Group** (for adults). 2nd Thursday of month.

14:00 - 15:00

**Pelvic Floor Awareness & Incontinence Drop-in** (M/F) 2nd Thurs. of month.

14:00 - 16:30

**U3A Wellbeing** 3rd Thurs. of month. T. 07484 712878 (Sylvia) for info.

14:00 - 16:00

**U3A History** 4th Thurs. of month. T. 07484 712878 (Sylvia) for info.

### Fridays

10:15 - 11:30

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 18 months)

14:30 - 16:00

**Afternoon Tea** on last Friday of the month. An opportunity to meet Sandra from Carers Link. Also, presentations by various invited guest speakers.

14:00 - 16:00

**Crafty Sew and Sews** 1st Friday of month. All welcome! Except June.

### Saturdays

10:30 - 12 noon

**Lego Club** (for all ages)

13:00 - 14:30

**Whitworth Wellbeing Support Group.** For more information, please email Jodie at: whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com

... and also books, magazines, newspapers, computers and friendly faces. Everyone welcome!

Updates can be found on the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, or contact friendssofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

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# LOCAL NEWS

**Analogue Farm** connects arts, nature and heritage through workshops, talks, exhibitions and events benefiting people in Whitworth, Rossendale, the UK and internationally.

## DRY STONE WALLING COURSE 6-9 SEPTEMBER

A free course in dry stone walling, by local master Alan Rhodes. Learn the ancient craft and help repair walls alongside Limers Gate path by Brown Wardle. You should attend at least two days to learn the skill but you're more than welcome to attend all four. Sessions will include homecooked lunch, drinks and all necessary amenities. Places are limited so please get in touch to book in advance.

## ROSSENDALE ART TRAIL 5-7 OCTOBER

For the Rossendale Arts Trail Analogue Farm will host The Art of Magic nationally touring exhibition curated by Folklore Tapes featuring the work of thirty contemporary artists from across the UK and a special audio-visual performance on Friday night from 7pm. Paintings, sculptures and films by David Chatton Barker, Rachael Barker, Matt Davies and Mary Stark will be on show all weekend, as well as herbal medicine demonstrations from resident herbalist Zoe Naylor.

## CHILDREN'S PUPPET THEATRE (AND WORKSHOP) DECEMBER (Dates tbc)

The premiere of the fantastical story based on the Queen of the Well, who legend has it once lived in the churn well on top of Brown Wardle. This features puppets and sets made entirely from rubbish and natural materials found on the moors around Whitworth and is set to live music, narration and projections.

To enquire or book an event contact [analoguefarm@gmail.com](mailto:analoguefarm@gmail.com)  
[www.analoguefarm.com](http://www.analoguefarm.com)



## Are you interested in being part of Whitworth's new support group?

You may have mental health issues yourself or know someone who has. This group aims to support those who need it, when they need it.

Jodie Hanson had a huge response on Facebook when she posted, 'Having had mental health issues myself for over 20 years, something that's been missing in all those years has been a local support group, so that when times are bad there are people to talk with who understand what it's like.' Jodie recognised the need to talk more openly about mental health, but wanted a safe environment to do so.

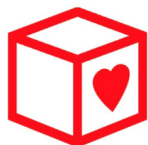
Whitworth Wellbeing Support Group enables folk with depression and associated mental health issues, their friends and family, to meet up in the library, have a chat, enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. People with mental health issues can attend from 1 pm to 2.30 pm each Saturday. Friends and family can attend monthly Saturday meetings from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm.

Why not come along and join as a member, a volunteer, or with ideas? Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact Jodie Hanson on Facebook, or email [whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com](mailto:whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com)



# LOCAL EVENTS



## The Red Box Project

*A simple scheme, made with love for the young women in our community*

The Red Box Project Rossendale is a community driven project that aims to ensure that no young woman misses out on her education because of her period. We ask the community to donate sanitary products at drop off points across Rossendale, so that we can fill our Red Boxes and place in schools.

The project are currently working with two schools in Whitworth and also Whitworth Youth – and would like to offer this service to all of the school in the town.

There is currently 1 donation point in Whitworth – at the council office at the Riverside. However, as the project grows they would like to see more donation points to ensure sustainability.

How can you help? – They need Sanitary towels, tampons and underwear in the first instance and are occasionally asked for deodorant, face wipes and tights too, so these are always welcome.

If you have a business, are part of a club or would like to run a donation point personally, please get in touch. Likewise, if you work in a school in the area, they'd love to hear from you too.

The best way to contact is via the Facebook page – The Red Box Project – Rossendale or email [redboxprojectrossendale@yahoo.com](mailto:redboxprojectrossendale@yahoo.com)

Thank you

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## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND

The Annual Jimmy Grogan memorial concert on 8th July raised over £1000 for youth band development. August is normally a quiet month for the band when they get a deserved rest. The busy season starts again in September with the Rushcart on 2nd. The Band are pleased to announce they have been engaged for a number of performances at The Last Drop Hotel in Bolton over the next 6 months. The first of these will be on Sunday 9th September @6pm. They have also been engaged to perform the famous "Brassed Off " at Bury Met Theatre. This takes place from 8th to 13th October. Rochdale Band contest takes place on Sunday 21st October and a Concert for the Parkinson's Disease Society takes place at Rochdale Golf Club Friday 26th October.

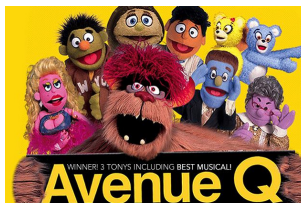
The Remembrance Sunday Parade falls on 11th Nov quite fitting for the 100 year anniversary of the end of the 1st world war. From that point onwards its Christmas all the way! More of that next edition. The Academy band have just completed their term at Britannia Primary. Youth and Academy are progressing well.

For information about any events or if you wish to book the band or would like your child to learn how to play an instrument, please ring Michael Whitby on 01706 852613

# LOCAL NEWS

## WAMDS LATEST PRODUCTION: AVENUE Q

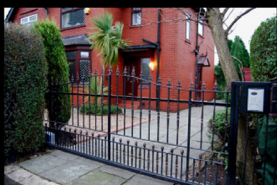
Whitworth Amateur Musical & Dramatic Society will be performing the multi award winning Broadway musical "Avenue Q" this October. A send up of popular American TV shows "Sesame Street" and "The Muppet Show" the production uses a combination of human and puppet actors to explore everyday issues and challenges in modern day society. "It's a challenging enough production as it is for our cast without the fact that most are operating full sized puppets in addition to acting, singing and dancing!" said director Andy Kelly. This is the first time it's been performed in the local area, and we're expecting a sell-out."



*AVENUE Q tells the story of Princeton, a bright-eyed college graduate, who has just moved to this neighbourhood as he desperately tries to follow his dreams and discover his ever-elusive purpose in life. A tiny bank balance, the distraction of a busty blonde and a variety of weird and wonderful friends and neighbours lead Princeton on a hilarious story of self-discovery.*

**AVENUE Q** was the winner of the 2004 Tony Award for Best New Musical, Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score! Avenue Q runs from 8th-13th October 2018 at the Curtain Theatre in Rochdale at 7.30pm each night. **For tickets please go to: [www.wamds.co.uk](http://www.wamds.co.uk) or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wamds](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wamds) or Box Office: 01706 630773/07967925283** (This show is for age 16+)

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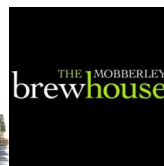
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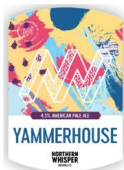


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# LOCAL NEWS

## LOCAL RACES

Andy O'Sullivan MBE is staging two 'High Profile' Races in Whitworth in September!

In 1978, Local man Joe Salt staged the first ever 'Hades Hill' Fell race. It is always held on 1st Thursday in September at 6.30pm from The Red Lion, The Square.

Dr Ron Hill, Britain's greatest Long Distance Athlete will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Tuesday 25th at the Cock & Maggie Pub! There will be a 5K Race around 'Cowm' Reservoir and a Commemorative mug to all finishers!

Details available from UKRESULTS website or Andy O'Sullivan on [info@andemrunners.co.uk](mailto:info@andemrunners.co.uk)

## JAKE BERRY MP

As your Member of Parliament for Rossendale & Darwen I represent around 85,000 people across East Lancashire including everyone here in Whitworth. Although we might not always agree about everything it's really important for me to stay in touch with local residents and be as accessible as possible.

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## SKYLINE WALK

A record 445 people walked this year's Skyline back in May, a number that put some pressure on the volunteers who organise the start (new system next year), but which will have contributed a little more than normal to the Mayor's charity fund.

363 completed the full 14 miles; a further 50 completed the 9 miles of the Western Skyline; and 21 the 3-mile Sunday Stroll. This year's walkers were confronted by special flags to tie in with a brilliant audio commentary that had been created by Spodden Valley Revealed, drawing on the local knowledge of the good people of Whitworth Museum. A big thank you to them, to Lobden Golf Club for their kindness in providing a welcoming base, and to all the small army of volunteers who gave up their Sunday to ensure a safe and cheerful community event.

Skyline 6 is set for Sunday May 12 next year, when we'll probably be walking anti-clockwise.

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# LOCAL NEWS



RSKC is coming home... Rossendale Shotokan karate Club was originally Whitworth karate club but sadly as the club expanded the home dojo in Whitworth was closed. Whitworth Shotokan karate club was set up by Ian Garside in 1977. The club started to expand gaining dojos in Haslingden and then Bacup. As the club was expanding to different parts of Rossendale, Ian then decided to change the name to Rossendale Shotokan Karate Club in 1984 and the club was reborn.

Even though the dojo was closed, the club never really lost its touch with Whitworth. We always had members training at our Bacup dojo. The club also run after school sessions at primary schools around Whitworth. The club held its biggest event, its 30 year anniversary, at the Riverside in 2014.

On **Wednesday 5th of September** the club will be going back to its roots and opening up a dojo at Shawforth Chapel. The class will run every Wednesday night starting at 6:30pm and running for an hour and a half. The class will be run by the club's squad captain, Liam Stone. Liam is 2nd dan in Shotokan Karate and regularly competes at national level competitions.

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## WHITWORTH RUSHCART

The event of the year 'Whitworth Rushcart' celebrations will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday 2 September 2018**. The procession will leave from Whitworth Museum at 1.00pm featuring numerous traditional morris dance troupes (including the famous Britannia Coconutters and the Whitworth Morris Dancers) and will travel up the main road, led by the Rushcart itself, arriving at the Riverside at approximately 1.20pm.

The Whitworth Rushcart is one of only four such celebrations which still take place in the UK, the others being in Sowerby Bridge, Littleborough and Saddleworth. Whitworth's cart is unique in that it is the only one in the UK to be covered in beautiful local heather that is in bloom at this time of year, collected by the Whitworth Rushcart Men from the moors above Darwen before the event; Rushcarts in the other areas are covered with rushes or tatters of cloth.

### 2018 WHITWORTH RUSHCART



**Sun 2 Sept**

**1pm, Whitworth Museum**  
Procession feat. Whitworth Vale & Healey Band, Whitworth Rushcart Dancers, Britannia Coconutters, and much more!

**1.30pm - 4.30pm: Riverside:**  
hot & cold food • arts & craft fair • stalls  
morris dancing • entertainment • rides  
face painting • bar open!

**More info:**  
**01706 852018 • [www.whitworth.gov.uk](http://www.whitworth.gov.uk)**

Whitworth's Rushcart history goes back hundreds of years; initially the celebration was linked into the cutting and collection of rushes to be strewn on the bare earth or stone flagged floor of the church as a form of insulation for the winter to come. They were then taken to the church on the cart. Out of this grew a celebration which was enjoyed by the whole community. In the 1970s and 1980s the Rushcart was the highlight of the Whitworth Fair week; in recent times the week-long festivities have passed into history however the popularity of the Rushcart itself in Whitworth is strong. The Rushcart now takes place on a Sunday afternoon each September rather than its traditional Friday night slot, and has become more family-focused, attracting 1,500 visitors annually.

## WILDLIFE IN WHITWORTH 2019 CALENDAR LAUNCH

The new official 2019 Whitworth Calendar will be launched at the Rushcart this September. Featuring photography from a collection of talented locals and depicting some of our local wildlife set in the idyllic Whitworth landscape this calendar is set to be the 'must have present' for Christmas 2018!!

The proceeds from sales of the calendar will be used to promote Tourism and Leisure within Whitworth and the calendar will be on sale from early September at a variety of local outlets including Whitworth Town Council Office at The Riverside, UBS, Nibbles and Whitworth Post Office. For further information, or to order a calendar by post please contact Melanie Hearn, Whitworth Town Clerk on 01706 852018 / email: [info@whitworth.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitworth.gov.uk) (Monday to Friday, 9am – 2.30pm).

# TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

## READY, STEADY – QUACK!

A staple in the Whitworth calendar, the Annual New Year's Day Duck Race returns in 2019. Taking place as usual at Cowm Reservoir at 1pm on New Year's Day, the event is expected to be as popular as ever. The Duck Race is organised jointly between Whitworth Town Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee and CLAW (the Community Leisure Association of Whitworth).

For those unfamiliar with the concept, you 'sponsor' a numbered yellow rubber duck for £1.00, which is then entered into the Duck Race. The first one across the line wins, with cash prizes for first, second and third place ducks of £100, £75 and £50. There's also a tenner for the last duck across the line. After the Duck Race the Cock & Magpie pub on the corner of Tong End and Cockhall Lane will be open for soup, sandwiches and chips.

You can sponsor a duck now – sponsor sheets are available at the Whitworth Council Office, Riverside (Civic Hall), Post Office, Nibbles, Whitworth Leisure Centre and UBS, from Whitworth Town Councillors and members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee. You can also sponsor a duck on the day.



**New Year's Day Duck Race**

**Tuesday 1st January 2019, 1pm**

Cowm Reservoir, Whitworth, OL12 8BE  
**FREE EVENT, all welcome**

**1st Prize £100 / 2nd Prize £75 / 3rd Prize £50**  
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**Ducks available to sponsor NOW for £1:**  
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The Riverside (Civic Hall), and other outlets

More info:  
01706 852018 (Town Council) / 01706 854130 (Riverside)

All proceeds to tourism and leisure events  
in Whitworth, and CLAW Ltd

## WHITWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OFFICIAL SWITCH ON

On Sunday 25 November 2018, Whitworth's Christmas Lights will be officially switched on. Members of the public are encouraged to come to the Riverside carpark to watch the lights be switched on at 6pm. After the switch on, all are welcome to come into the Riverside which will be serving a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for a small charge, with kid's refreshments also available. The evening is expected to draw to a natural close around 7.00pm. Entry to this event is free, and all are welcome.

This event is a real community event and would not be possible without the help of local people. The committee would like to thank RRG Rochdale who have kindly donated sweets this year for Father Christmas to hand out in his grotto and to Proscenium for the loan of the amazing grotto.

## WHITWORTH ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAMILY FUN DAY

**Whitworth enjoyed its annual Family Fun Day on Sunday 8 July.** Now in its ninth year, the annual Family Fun Day at the Riverside is organised by the Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee volunteers. Unfortunately, this year, the dog show element was cancelled due to health and safety concerns for the dogs taking part due to the unusually hot weather.

Attractions on the Riverside car park included funfair rides and games, ice cream and candy floss. Samba Dance and Fitness provided fantastic entertainment by their different dance teams and there was a range of fundraising and craft stalls to tempt visitors.

RRG Toyota Rochdale supported the event by supplying a new Aygo covered in paw prints and the community guessed the number of prints to win a gigantic teddy dog, the winner was Annaleese Hinchliffe who was the closest guess to the 605 paw print total!!

# LOCAL NEWS

## THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED!

Make that start with Rosemary at the AB&D centre, (Burnley Road, next to Bacup post office) every Monday 1.45-2.45pm (except bank holidays) in exercise for the older adult who believes age is no barrier to keeping fit. This class is aimed at 50+ focusing on the older adults needs, they include; gentle yet cardiovascular exercise, coordination and balance routines aimed at fall prevention, a focus spot for the lower back and other problem areas like the neck and knees, improving flexibility with strength resistance for upper and lower body, sit to stand, stretch and cool down. The way in which these fitness areas are covered varies, to keep it fresh and fun. At present it's 60s dance moves (you can sit or stand) and cardio challenges!

Joining a group can be motivating, it's stimulating, it's fun and laughter is the best medicine they say!

Exercise is paramount in preventing those degenerative diseases. If you have them already exercise can improve symptoms. Please come along and Just Move! To Improve.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## SHAWFORTH METHODIST CHURCH

<b>Sundays</b>	10.30am	Sunday Service, everyone welcome and stay for a brew afterwards
<b>Mondays</b>	9.30am – 11.30	Toddler group
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7pm – 9pm	Whitworth Community Choir rehearsals
	7.30pm last Tuesday in every month	Ladies Group everyone welcome
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.30am to 12.00	Toddler Group
	1pm – 3pm	Foodshare
	6.30pm	Shotokan Karate (starts Wed 5th Sept)
<b>Thursdays</b>	8pm last Thursday in every month	Model Flying Club
<b>Fridays</b>	10.30am – 12.00	Drop in for tea, coffee and toast (and a natter!), all welcome
<b>Saturdays</b>	11am – 1pm 3rd Saturday each month	Coffee and lunches ( <b>please note the lunches in May will be on 12th</b> )

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For room hire contact Christine Tel 01706 854172 or Lois 01706 852815

## WHITWORTH AWARDS

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 17th May, Whitworth Town Council presented some awards to local residents.

The Jack Wilkinson Young Achiever Award is presented in the memory of the town councillor and is presented to a local young person who has had a great achievement. This year two winners were selected, Ella Chadwick for her fantastic charity work and Leonni Tighe for her accomplishments in women's moto cross.



Ella Chadwick, Jack Wilkinson Young Achiever 2018.

The Jeff Ogden Service to the Community Award is presented in memory of Jeff who was a big contributor to the community. This year it was presented to Sue Neilson, Victoria Henshaw and Val McDonald for their work to save Whitworth Library.

For more information about awards or to make a suggestion for future recipients please contact Melanie, Town Clerk on 01706 852018 or email [info@whitworth.gov](mailto:info@whitworth.gov).



Leonni Tighe, Jack Wilkinson Young Achiever 2018.



Sue Neilson, Victoria Henshaw and Val McDonald, Jeff Ogden Service to the Community Award 2018

## LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Rossendale Borough Council is seeking your views on the Local Plan which will shape future growth and development in Rossendale until 2034

**The Consultation will start Thursday 23rd August and run for 6 weeks**

**Details of the consultation arrangements and the actual consultation documents will be available to view at [www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan).**

**During the consultation period copies of the documents will also be kept at Whitworth Library and the Council's One Stop Shop in Bacup for viewing**

**You will also be able to view the documents at the Town Council Office between 9am and 2.30pm, Monday to Friday from Tuesday 4th September to the end of the consultation.**

**You will be able to submit comments via the online questionnaire - [www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan)  
If you want to receive updates on the Local Plan please register using the online form at [www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan).**

**If you have any specific queries please email [forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk) or phone Rossendale Borough Council on 01706 217777**

## THE ROCHDALE ANCIENT PARISH EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Rochdale Ancient Parish Educational Trust is currently accepting applications by the deadline of 31st August 2018. If you qualify to apply for a grant, the Trust may give you a grant for any purpose that promotes your education (including social and physical training).

### Examples of grants

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You may apply for a grant from the Trust if:

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OR

- You attend a school in the area of the Ancient Parish of Rochdale.

OR

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