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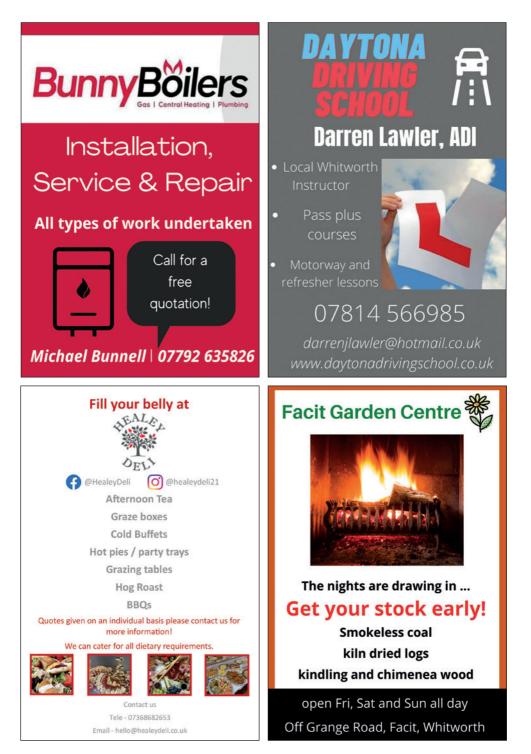
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BUSINESS UPDATES MAYOR'S MESSAGE

LOCAL NEWS

Whitworth Rushcart Sunday 3rd September

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Whitworth Residents and Friends,

What a busy few months I have had in my new role as your Mayor. After a lovely Mayor-making in May, where I received the Mayoral chains surrounded by family and friends, I was straight into my duties of representing Whitworth people when I attended the Mayor-making of the new Mayor of Rossendale the very next day.

I had the pleasure of welcoming Mayors from Hebden Royd, Rossendale, Rochdale and Todmorden to my Civic Service held in June at St Bartholomew's Church. Many thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Reverend Laura Brinicombe for her wonderful service.



Cllr Mike Royds, Mayor of Whitworth with Mayoress Mrs Glen Royds and representatives from WAMDS

My wife Glen and I have been delighted to attend the Samba Dance & Fitness showcase at the Ashcroft followed the very next day by a concert from Whitworth Vale & Healey Band at Hallfold. Both events were very entertaining and proved what a fantastic talent we have right here in Whitworth.

Next came our visitors from our German twin town Kandel, a welcoming dinner at the Rose Bowl was enjoyed by all, unfortunately, we couldn't join them on their days out but once again met up with them at II Pepe Nero for their farewell. Friday 8th July saw us welcomed to WAMDS production of Little Women, what a superb show this was, nothing amateur about this performance.

A real highlight for us was attending and presenting some of the awards at the Whitworth Community High School Awards Evening, held in the Ashcroft, a great tribute to the hard work of both the students and staff.

We are both looking forward to representing Whitworth at upcoming civic events in both Saddleworth and Hebden Royd and are well underway with arrangements for my own fundraising event in October to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity – keep your eyes open for more details coming soon.

With Best Wishes,

Councillor Mike Royds, Mayor of Whitworth



DEFIBRILLATOR AT HEALEY DELI

As readers may be aware, in March Healey Deli set themselves a challenge to raised £1400 to buy a defibrillator.

They would like to thank all the local people and businesses that have made donations and supported their fundraising efforts. The defibrillator is now proudly on the wall at the side of the Deli. Special thanks go to the family of the late Robert Pews, who contributed a considerable amount of money toward the defibrillator in his memory. The defibrillator was installed in June and is now registered. It is available to use at any time, 24 hours a day. In an emergency users will be directed by the emergency services on how to access it.



Andy and Nicky (and the Healey Deli Team) would like to thank the community for all their help and support received with this.

Healey Deli received support from Community Defibs for Rossendale. If anyone else would like information on how to increase the availability of this life saving equipment, please contact Dawn Taylor on 07812 303 856 or email dawntaylor_6@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY GALLERIES

Because of the situation with the Leisure Centre, it's impossible at the time of going to press to tell you about any exhibitions there, but they will continue to be mounted at the Library. It's not quite possible to be exact about dates (because of knock-on effects from the baths), but there are plans for exhibitions in the autumn featuring Bacup Camera Club, Whitworth U3A, the Rush Cart, progress with building and demolition at the High School. Why not pop into the Library and take pot luck?

Another eight local organisations (and one individual artist) are currently booked to follow on next spring and summer.

If you're not, and you'd like to be, Jo Furtado welcomes tentative negotiations on 07813 180 748. It's important that we celebrate the positive stuff that happens in the valley.

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WHITWORTH MEN'S SHED

Now in its fifth year of operation, the Whitworth Men's Shed is currently restructuring. It hopes to be in a position to offer the men of Whitworth and district an opportunity to join a group centred around shared needs and objectives in a non judgemental and relaxed environment.



The Shed has a well equipped workshop which makes and sells wood based products along with offering to its members craft, music and IT sessions. For those who just need company and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, there are "drop-in social" sessions on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Over the course of the year, the Shed arranges visits to nearby museums and other places of interest and hopes, in the near future, to invite guest speakers and demonstrators to come along and talk to the group.

If you, a friend or relative, feel membership of this group would be beneficial to your or their general health and wellbeing, come along and meet the team.

For further details visit the Whitworth Men's Shed on any Wednesday or Friday morning between 10.00am and 12.00pm at 6 Milner Street, Whitworth OL12 RQ or visit whitworthmenssheds.org.uk

WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

Membership of the u3a is made up of retired and semiretired people from the Whitworth area who wish to continue learning, make new friends and have fun. Monthly meetings are held at Hallfold United Reformed Church Hall Whitworth, on the first Wednesday of the month from 1.15pm for refreshments and notices followed by a monthly speaker.



On Wednesday 6th September will be our Annual General Meeting. On Wednesday 4th October our speaker will be Sarah Slater, Hampton Court guide, who will speak about the Ghosts of Hampton Court. On 1st November Dr Chris Babbs will speak about the History of Medicine.

We have 17 interest groups currently. For insurance purposes only members can join interest groups – details are available on our FB page, website or at the meetings. You can contact the Group Leaders for information on dates, times and venues for group activities. Lynne, our Groups Coordinator can be contacted on 07718913131

New members are welcome for an annual membership of £15 and £2 monthly meeting subs. Anyone interested may attend two meetings before joining. A full list of speakers, interest groups and contact details can be found on the FB page and website u3asites.org.uk/whitworth.





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WHITWORTH COMMUNITY CHOIR

Whitworth Community Choir have taken a huge step this year and entered Lancashire Choir Of The Year!

Being recorded in both sound and vision was a first for many of the members. It was a fantastic experience, and the choir would like to publicly thank Martin Duffy and Pete Troughton for their support, enthusiasm and recording. Jones the cameraman completed the team enabling an entry to be put forward.



The choir had an incredible evening. They enjoyed participating in a new experience and are excited to hear if they will make the finals in November.

They are always looking for new members, no experience is needed, just a love of music in all genres.

They rehearse every Tuesday at Shawforth Chapel from 7pm (they are a community choir and not a church choir). If you want any more info or a chat about it contact Gill Pearson on 07779 713595 or email whitworthcommunitychoir@gmail.com

SKYLINE FOR WVN AUG 2023

Skyline 8 took place back in May, and this little piece is intended principally as a thank you to the 60 volunteers without whose time and goodwill it wouldn't have been the real community success that it was.

549 walked, the vast majority completing the full 14 miles. For every 5 men and boys who walked, there were 7 women and girls.

Skyline 9 will probably take place on the equivalent Sunday in 2024 (May 12), clockwise. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Jo Furtado on 07813180748.



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

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WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BRASS BAND

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent concert at Hallfold United Reform Church and aided the fundraising by contributing towards a very successful raffle.



- Sunday 3rd September Whitworth Rushcart
- Sunday 17th September the band play at the second section National Finals in Cheltenham.
- Saturday 30th September the band will perform an entertainment programme for the Bolsover contest.
- Sunday 1st October a local concert in support of our Academy and Youth bands at the Ashcroft in Whitworth.
- Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday and as usual the band will be involved in the parade, which will be followed by a concert at the band club.

The band has recently finished a term's tuition at St. Bartholomew's CE Primary school. Next term they will be at St. Anselm's RC Primary school to provide tuition for children wanting to learn a brass instrument.

For further information regarding the bands or bookings please ring Michael Whitby on 852613 or call into the band club between 6 - 8.30pm on a Wednesday (Youth band night)

Please look out for further details on local social media.

WHITWORTH IN BLOOM ON COWM PARK WAY NORTH

When the volunteers decided to enter the North West in Bloom competition in 2021, one volunteer in particular decided it would be a lovely idea to introduce a more natural and wilder site into the areas that the judges would visit.

This resulted in a 50-metre stretch of banking on Cowm Park Way North, after the stables, being planted up with wildlife friendly flora such as brambles, foxgloves, meadowsweet, lavender, thyme and even a Rowan tree. Wildflowers were also thrown into the equation creating a colourful show. Insects and wildlife were not only invited to feast here but also stay a while as a Beasties BnB was created using recycled and donated items such as roof slates and plant pots.



There is evidence that there have been plenty of varied guests making themselves at home there! As demand was high, two bee houses were added to the hotel chain. The area is complemented by a sign donated by Andy's Laser Etchings.

The 115 breeze blocks next to this area have also been planted with a variety of bee-friendly flowers. The volunteers proudly feel this area was highly influential in the judges giving the group a Silver Gilt Award and can't think of a much better win-win horticultural situation.



WHAT'S COMING UP AT THE ASHCROFT

Visit The Ashcroft - Whitworth this Autumn and Winter for some amazing seasonal events including Halloween and Christmas parties and some spooky Movie nights for all to enjoy!

The Ashcroft is the heart of the community and takes pride in hosting fantastic 'fun for all the family' events throughout the year. Their Movie nights have been a huge success due to their new 6-meter screen, creating the perfect cinema experience.



Upcoming Movie nights include The Adams Family 2 on Thursday the 26th October - Sequel to the 2019 animation. This family friendly, Halloween classic is one not to be missed!

And SMILE (18+) on Friday the 27th October is for those Halloween horror film thrill seekers.

The Ashcroft's Halloween Party is sure to be a treat on Sunday the 29th October.

And celebrate Christmas at The Ashcroft at their Christmas Party Night on Saturday the 16th December, with live music from the incredible Lareena Mitchell and a 3-course meal with every ticket.

To book tickets for events at The Ashcroft please visit www.the-ashcroft.co.uk

Follow The Ashcroft on social media Facebook @ The Ashcroft Instagram @theashcroft Email team@the-ashcroft.co.uk Phone 01706 854130

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If you're interested, please contact Jo Furtado on 07813 180 748, or pop into the Council Office and speak to Rachel Hodson.

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HALLFOLD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

At 2.00pm on the afternoon of Sunday, 5th November 2023, Hallfold UR Church will host an Afternoon of Music & Song with music by the Whitworth U3A Ukulele Group strongly supported by the Heywood Ukulele Group.

A further musical contribution will be made by songs performed by "Josie" to guitar accompaniment. Other guest musicians will also take part making the afternoon an event to suit many varying musical tastes.



Entry to this event is free of charge and, for a small donation, light refreshments will be available. If you enjoy listening to music come along and join us, you will be in a relaxed atmosphere and amongst friends.

Booking is not required, just turn up on the day to Hallfold UR Church, Hall Street, Whitworth.

WHITWORTH MUSEUM

In addition to the usual Saturday opening, the museum will be open on Sunday, 3rd September 2023 from 11.00am until 4.00pm for the start of the annual Rush Cart procession and, in addition, will recognise the nationally organised Heritage Open Days (HOD) which this year will take place between 8th and 17th September 2023.

In recognition of Heritage Week, the museum will be open on Sunday, 10th September from 11.00am until 4.00pm with the main theme being Whitworth's unique story of the famous Whitworth Doctors and their impact on early medical techniques.

Throughout Heritage Week, there are expected to be many more heritage attractions open throughout the Rossendale Valley. The details will be available on specially printed leaflets available at the Museum and Whitworth Library.



One of the potion pots used by the Whitworth Doctors

Later in the year will be a repeat of the successful Whitworth Museum Autumn Open Day when on Saturday, 11th November 2023 there will servings of Lancashire specialities such as Black Peas and Parkin along with other traditional refreshments.

Please do come along and support your local museum and ensure the long-term preservation of the history of the Whitworth Valley.

Whitworth Museum is open each Saturday from 11.00am until 4.00pm throughout the year.

CANCER RESEARCH UK – WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

The committee would again like to thank all supporters for their continued support.

The songs of praise at Christ Church Healey in May raised £450, thanks to John Keate for arranging this and all those who took part. The fund-raising meal at II Pepe Nero at the end of May was again a huge success and raised £725. Many thanks to Anna and David and staff for their generosity and support.

The golf tournament in June at Lobden raised £1,110, again thanks to all who supported. At the presentation, a plaque was handed over to the club from Cancer Research in recognition of their longstanding and continued support by members. A further tournament will take place at Lobden on Sunday 17th September. The following week, Sunday 24th, Lobden is again the venue for a Ladies afternoon tea. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets are priced at £15, and it starts at 2.30pm.

Although this seems early, the Annual Christmas Carol Concert with Whitworth Vale and Healey Band will take place at the Ashcroft on Sunday 10th Dec at 3pm. Tickets will be available from the beginning of November, priced at £8.

There will be at least 2 further fund-raising meals before the end of the year, please contact on the numbers below for further information.

If you would like any information, to join the committee, to attend any events or to organise an event yourself to raise funds, please contact Michael Whitby on 852613, Elaine Bagshaw on 853935 or Arnold Ashworth on 343424.

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND CLUB

More good news on the CAMRA front; the club has been voted "Club of the Year" for The Lancashire Area, which reflects both on the quality and variety of beer served, and on the club's community involvement.

The Club are looking forward to welcoming you to enjoy Rushbearing on Sunday 3rd September. We expect our usual "Folksy" visitors and impromptu music makers.

Congratulations to members of the club for raising money for The Christie with their Bike Ride on 9th July to Blackpool.



The club will again be showing Sky and BT football matches on TV in the club, accompanied by their usual stock of Beers, Lagers and Coffees.

Quizzes continue every other Sunday evening which are free to enter. They also have Darts, Crib and Dominoes teams playing in the Rochdale League every week.

The clubs Twitter, Facebook, and webpages provide updates on events and current beers on tap, including any one-off changes to opening times for live sports on TV, both SKY and BT being available. Remember the club generally opens at 7pm, but this changes to 5pm on Fridays, 3pm on Saturdays and 1pm on Sundays.

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SUNDAYS	10.30am	Sunday Service (stay for a brew afterwards). All welcome
MONDAYS	9.30am - 11.15am	Toddlers
TUESDAYS	7pm - 9pm	Whitworth Community Choir rehearsal
THURSDAYS	8pm - 10pm	Model Flying Club last Thursday in the month
FRIDAYS	10.30am - 12pm	Community Drop In - tea/coffee/toast (& bacon butties) and
		a natter. All welcome

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Or if they are older people (65 and older), or households with young children (up to the age of 5), or pregnant women, or people who are terminally ill, or people with suppressed immune systems (e.g. from cancer treatment or HIV) or people who have attended hospital due to a fall.

Low income can be confirmed in one of the following three ways - someone being in receipt of means tested benefits or have a total household income not in excess of £31,000 or there is a 'declaration' by the Local Authority or health / social care professional that affordability issues are present.

This fund is being managed on behalf of Rossendale Borough Council by the Homewise Society. For more information and support contact the Homewise Society at **info@homewisesociety. org.uk**

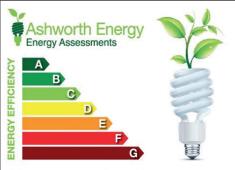


ROSSENDALE LAW

If you have any legal queries, please do not hesitate to call us on 01706 854167. We are aiming to do most appointments by telephone or video conference in order to minimise the risks relating to Covid.

We have received a high number of enquiries regarding Power Of Attorneys recently. Our fees are £225 plus VAT and the registration fee of £81. Please note that we can only undertake such applications for clients who have mental capacity. Once the capacity has gone, we are unable to do such applications and a Court of Protection application is necessary instead which is significantly more expensive.





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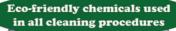
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The line will be a voicemail service with messages picked up at regular intervals throughout the day. This is a self-referral line and clients can phone themselves if they are able.

CHAIR BASED YOGA RETURNS TO WHITWORTH LIBRARY

This seven-week FREE course is back by popular demand each Friday from 3rd November, 1:30 – 3:30pm, until 15th December.

It's designed for anyone wishing to understand yoga, and who choose a seated version instead of regular yoga practice. During the course participants will experience the poses and gain an understanding of yoga and its benefits.

The sessions are delivered by Lancashire Adult Learning, FREE to all adults over 19, booking is essential. To book, email whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk, call 0300 123 6703 and ask for Whitworth Library, or call in at the library.



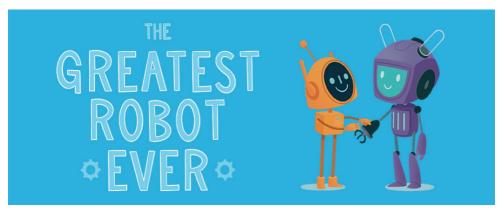
THE GREATEST ROBOT EVER CHILDREN'S DANCE AND THEATRE SHOW WHITWORTH LIBRARY - SAT 28TH OCT. AT 2:30PM

Don't miss this interactive dance theatre show, perfect for children 3-10 years and their grown-ups.

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Children interact with the performers throughout the show and take part in an engaging workshop exploring resilience, friendship and wellbeing.

Tickets £5 per person, on sale at the library, see above for details.



CROSSWORDS – CRYPTIC OR STANDARD! WITH THE SAME ANSWERS! YES – AGAIN!

CRYPTIC CLUES

Some anagrams, some partial anagrams, some build-a-words, one hidden answer (4 down, if you want an easy start) and some wordplay. Have fun!

ACROSS

- 1 New note changes stupid to nippy (4)
- 3 Self-satisfied note right around foreign article for dodgy trader (8)
- 8 Scottish candle-string (4)
- 9 What the rock stars of Five might look back on and puzzle over epic Noel? (8)
- 11 Drag one part of the equation for what attracts? (4,6)
- 14 Heavy coat loses lustre (6)
- 15 As an alternative I dive into the air (6)
- 17 Old boy! In Paris I court a goddess, north and south! And you have problems with that?! (10)
- 20 A bulking agent creates cosmic boulder (8)
- 21 Just pay it lad! (4)
- 22 Sounds like young female leader is mucking around (8)
- 23 Senior impressionist turns round, missing son (4)

DOWN

- 1 Own proud recipe for cats and dogs (8)
- 2 What anonymous tail-end rabbit wants to do (8)
- 4 Spite amongst the formal ice-dancers (6)
- 5 Confidence shot look! American grunts? Poet? Rock stars? (10)
- 6 Audible problem for a boat capsize the stabiliser (4)
- 7 Regretted sounding blue (4)
- 10 Bare thrift turns into gynaecological issue (10)
- 12 Selecting footwear to music? (8)
- 13 Fought. Suffered red welts (8)
- 16 Out west, I swerve round what students are supposed to do (6)
- 18 MacDonald's loud limb? (4)
- 19 Looks like a Victorian ode being declaimed on the dock of the bay (4)
- 17 Reverse artificial intelligence to change cow-juice into reminder system? (5)
- 18 Reverse act sundown hides it (4)

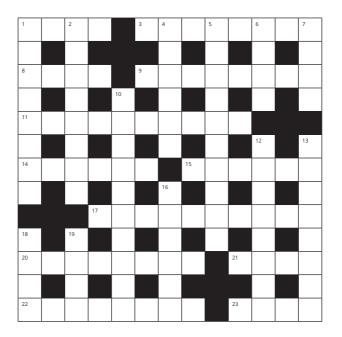
REGULAR CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Neatly skilful (4)
- 3 Dealer in contraband (8)
- 8 Town in north of Scotland (4)
- 9 Geological era (8)
- 11 What draws in customers (4,6)
- 14 Irish province (6)
- 15 Good pal of "or" (6)
- 17 What lawyers may raise, esp. in US courts (10)
- 20 Small planetary body (8)
- 21 William the Short? (4)
- 22 Naughtiness (8)
- 23 Polite (?) word for "old" (4)

DOWN

- 1 Heavy rain (8)
- 2 Anonymous (8)
- 4 Nastiness (6)
- 5 Earth scientists (10)
- 6 Symbol of Cymru (4)
- 7 Regretted (4)
- 10 Post-natal expulsion (10)
- 12 Taking your pick (8)
- 13 Grappled (8)
- 16 Change (or mug up) (6)
- 18 Cultivate (4)
- 19 Lift manufacturer (or singer) (4)
- 18 Reverse an action (4)



WHITWORTH'S REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday 12th November, Whitworth residents will gather to remember those lost and injured during times of conflict. The town's Remembrance Sunday commemorations will begin with the procession which sets off from the former Town Council Offices (near the corner of Market Street and Tong Lane) at 10.20am.

The procession route will be subject to a road closure for this short period of time and drivers are advised to avoid the area. The procession will arrive at Whitworth Memorial Gardens in Facit at approximately 10.40am and will be followed by a service of Remembrance around the Cenotaph, including a two-minute silence at 11am.



Following the Service of Remembrance, everyone is invited to join the Mayor for light, warm refreshments at The Ashcroft. This event can only continue with the help of volunteer marshals to assist with the road closure.

If you know of any adults willing to help marshal the please contact David Chorlton on cllrdavidchorlton@whitworth.gov.uk or 07939 218 266.

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WHITWORTH'S TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Whitworth Town Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee have been getting in the Christmas spirit planning the Christmas Celebrations. Following the success of previous year's workshops, the volunteers have decided to do it all again this year! The idea was the brainchild of volunteer member, Linda Parker to recycle the Christmas tree offcuts the group produce.

The workshop takes place on Saturday 2nd December at Hallfold Church Hall from 1pm until 4pm. Everything will be provided to make a traditional, natural wreath. Guests will receive mulled wine and a mince pie and be entertained by Christmas tunes while they craft. Everyone is welcome to bring along decorations they wish to add to their wreath to customise theirs to their own colour scheme.

Tickets are available NOW while stocks last priced at £30 per head, available from the Whitworth Council Office at the Ashcroft, the Town Clerk on 01706 852 018 and online from www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Wreath_Making_Workshop







WHITWORTH RUSHCART PROCESSION

Whitworth Rushcart will take place on Sunday 3rd September. The procession leaves Whitworth Museum (North Street) at 1pm featuring traditional morris dance troupes and will travel up the main road, led by the Rushcart itself towards The Ashcroft.

From 1.15pm until 4.30pm, the car park of The Ashcroft will be cordoned off for stalls, entertainments, and performances from various morris dancing troupes and members of the Whitworth Vale and Healey Band. The Ashcroft bar will be open for liquid refreshments and there will be a variety of food available. There will also be an arts and crafts fair in The Ashcroft main hall.

The Whitworth Rushcart is one of only four such celebrations which still take place in the United Kingdom. Whitworth's cart is unique in that it is the only one to be covered in beautiful 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 other areas are covered in rushes or tatters of cloth.

For the procession to go ahead smoothly, we need the help of 22 volunteer marshals to assist the road traffic management company by directing traffic away from side streets. You don't miss a thing; in fact, you get to watch the procession from pride of place.

If you can spare an hour to help marshal, please contact David Chorlton on 07939 218 266 or email cllrdavidchorlton@whitworth.gov.uk



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Can you spare an hour on Sunday 3rd September? We need adults to man closed side streets during the procession. You will get to watch the procession go by whilst marshaling.

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WHITWORTH'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Whitworth, you definitely know how to celebrate! Thanks to everyone for sending in their street party photographs, it was hard to decide which ones to include. It was lovely to see so many people celebrating King Charles III's Coronation.

Thanks to everyone who attended the family day at The Ashcroft, and a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the day such a fantastic success. It was marvellous to see so many families attending the free event and a great day was had by all.

Thanks to the amazing performers for giving outstanding performances and to all those making sure the sound quality was second to none.















CHRISTMAS TREES ON BRACKETS

Whitworth's Tourism and Leisure Committee are aiming to continue to extend the Christmas lights offer across the length of the town by installing Christmas trees to properties around Whitworth. To spread the festive cheer throughout the town, the Committee are hoping that residents might consider displaying a Christmas tree on their property.

The Committee can offer a 3ft to 4ft real Christmas tree plus a set of mains-powered or battery festive lights, including installation and removal. As you may be aware, battery powered lights may not be as bright as the mains powered options and can have a limited life span as the batteries can be affected by cold weather. Should there be an issue we will endeavour to replace them when our volunteers are available.

We anticipate the cost will be £50 per tree or £42 each for two or more. The trees will be installed in the last two weeks of November and will be taken away at the end of the festive season. The contractor will need to arrange access for the mains cable to be fed into the house for installation.

To order your tree, please complete the order slip below or order online at www.whitworth.gov. uk/events/Tree

The last order for trees is Sunday 15th October so order now, while stocks last!



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SANTA IS COMING BACK TO TOWN

Once again, we have arranged for Father Christmas to take some time out from his very busy schedule to visit Whitworth in December. He will be sledding through the town in his custombuilt 4-wheel drive sleigh on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th of December, between 6 and 8pm.

His route will be between Healey and Britannia and will be calling at most of the residential areas on the way driving slowly to allow families to wave as he passes by. It would be impossible to cover every single street, but the volunteers have worked hard to ensure that you won't have far to go to see him drive by.

Residents are encouraged to come out and meet Father Christmas as he makes short stops at allocated points to allow children to collect some sweets as a Christmas treat. The sleigh will be stop at local businesses, including the Halfway House and The Oxford as well as Cowm reservoir where the Whitworth Waterski centre will be decked out in Christmas Lights. Check out the next issue of the Whitworth Valley News for the route and schedule.



WHITWORTH UNIFORMS

A community project was set up in July with a couple of aims – to help families who were struggling to afford new school uniforms and to prevent good quality clothes going to landfill just because children had outgrown them.

The response to this project has been amazing and the organisers would like to thank all those who kindly donated any items; those who have been collecting the uniforms have been very grateful for them.



The organisers would also like to thank The Ashcroft for allowing them to use space at the venue for storage and as both a donation and collection point. Drop-in days have been held on Tuesdays over the summer holidays when the buying of uniforms is at its peak. The project will continue throughout the rest of the year with donation points at Whitworth Co-op, Library, The Lighthouse and The Ashcroft.

Anyone needing uniforms is requested to message Whitworth Uniforms on Facebook or this can be done via the Town Clerk on 01706 852018 or email info@whitworth.gov.uk.





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LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY FOODSHARE

At time of writing, The Lighthouse is supporting 104 households which include 301 individuals, 132 of them children up to the age of 16. These numbers are expected to rise over the school holidays. Despite significant donations from shops, the quantity of supplies that The Lighthouse receive is still far short of the amount needed to help all their clients.

Due to this, The Lighthouse is spending around \pm 1,500 of donated funds each month to purchase essentials to



supplement their stock. Remember, nobody at the Lighthouse is paid so every penny they receive is put towards providing their service – every part of which has been made possible by someone's generosity. Behind the scenes, the Lighthouse takes a lot of time and effort, but it has brought people together.

Connections have grown with other groups and agencies and friendships have formed between volunteers. Tending the Lighthouse vegetable garden provided by Tonacliffe Primary School has attracted green fingered and gardening newbies alike. The fruits (or vegetables) of their labours have been enjoyed by the Lighthouse clients. A volunteer even found themselves serving a long-lost relative and they continue to keep in touch.

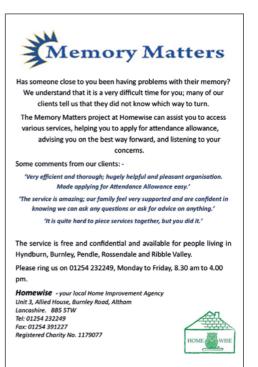
The clients are always what drives the Lighthouse; one single mother recently said *"I see the difference you've made in my children – they are happier. They have proper meals to eat, and they don't worry about asking if there's something left in to eat when they're hungry. You've taken away so much stress I had about how I can feed them. You are wonderful people".*

Donations can also be made by bank transfer using sort code: 30-98-97, account number: 55373062

Lighthouse opening hours are Tuesday 10am-4pm, Thursday & Saturday 10am-3pm.

For an appointment or to ask about volunteering telephone or text: 07922 951 096







Whitworth Library, right at the heart of the community, where you'll always get a warm Whitworth welcome. Check out these activities at the library for everyone to enjoy. All are FREE unless stated.

Mondays

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10:00 - 10:45	Fitsteps Upbeat dance exercises with Jan (£4.50)
11:00 - 11:45	Pilates Improve your strength, posture and balance with Jan (£7.50)
	£10.00 for both above classes. Contact Jan Jenkins Fitness on 07939 087122
14:00 - 16:00	Knit and Natter Bring your knitting and enjoy a brew and good conversation
Tuesdays	
	Scrabble Club Great company and good fun – why not join us?
	Storytime and More! Stories and themed activities (18 months - 5 years)
	Little Stops featuring games sing alongs, stories and crafts on last Tuesday of month

- 14.00 15.00 Little Steps featuring games, sing-alongs, stories and crafts on last Tuesday of month
- 15.00 17.00 U3A Wellbeing 1st Tuesday of month 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info

Wednesdays

10:00 - 11:30	Rossendale Children and Family Wellbeing Session for children aged 0-5 yrs
12:00 - 13:30	Meditation and Wellbeing Contact Sheila Daly for details (07762 757925)
	(suggested £5 donation)
18:00 - 19:00	Line dancing Contact Sheila Daly for details (07762 757925)
19:00 - 20:30	Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation Contact Sheila Daly for details (07762 757925)
	(suggested £6 donation)

Thursdays

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U3A Family History on last Thursday of month. T. 07790192120 (Jean) for info
U3A Art Group 1st Thursday of month. T. 07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info
U3A Creative Writing 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008 (Kay) for info
U3A Flower Arranging 3rd Thursday of month. T. 07411 520771 (Nina) for info

Fridays

10:15 – 11:00 Baby Bounce and Rhyme (birth to 3 yrs.)

Saturdays

10:30 – 12.30 Lego Club (for all ages) 10:30 – 11.30 Garden Gang (for children of all ages)

... and newspapers and books, including audio and large print. There's information on a whole host of topics. The library also offers the warm welcome scheme to help with the cost of living. Drop in for a cuppa and a welcome from the friendly library team. You can brush up your digital skills on the public computers, with free Wi-Fi and also print and photocopy too.

If you, a relative, or someone you care for, can't get to the library, the team can bring the library home to you, via the Home Library Service. Get in touch by calling 0300 123 6703 and ask to be put through to Whitworth Library, or email: <u>whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk</u>

Follow the library or the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, for news about events. You can also contact <u>friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com</u> to be added to the mailing list.



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ALTERNATIVELY CONTACT COMMUNITY PCSO 7356 HEIDI KIRKBRIGHT 07970 970878 OR 7356@LANCASHIRE.POLICE.UK

ADDITIONALLY YOU CAN REPORT A NON-URGENT CRIME OR INCIDENT, PLEASE DIAL 101 OR VISIT WWW.LANCASHIRE.POLICE.UK/CONTACT-US/HOW-DO-I-REPORT-A-CRIME

FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 999

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The Lighthouse Community Foodshare:

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The Samaritans:

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All the following Thursdays: 7th September, 21st September, 19th October and 16th November All meetings are open to the public and take place at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber. See the website for details or contact the Town Clerk.

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