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The Mayor and Mayoress Elect of Whitworth, Councillor Alan Neal and Mrs Janet Neal

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS ELECT

Myself and my wife, Janet, are looking forward to being installed on 25th May as the next Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth. Although we have had the privilege of being Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth before in 1990/91 and 2003/04 we are very honoured to have been given this opportunity again. We will do our best to support events in the community from our local organisations and groups and hopefully travelling further afield to promote Whitworth and our community.

Janet and I have been married for 42 years and our two daughters, Helen and Kimberley are both married and live in the area. We have 2 granddaughters and a grandson who keep us on our toes and constantly make us smile.

I am very proud to celebrate that this year marks my 30th year as a Whitworth Town Councillor. I have also served on Rossendale Borough Council for 25 years.

During our year of office, we will be holding several fundraising events for our Mayors Charity Fund, the money raised from these will go to local organisations.

Janet and I are excited for the next twelve months and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

With very best wishes
Alan and Janet

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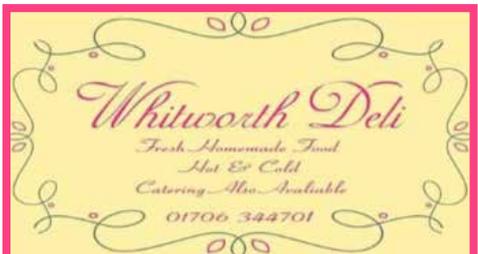
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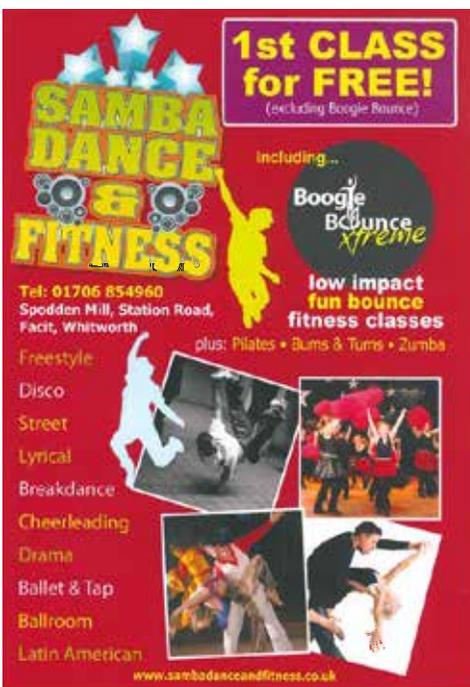
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THANK YOU!

Whitworth Valley Football Club would like to thank Ruth Greenwood of Seasons Florist, Whitworth for the donation of £819.17 received in memory of her dad, Ronnie Greenwood.

The donation was very much appreciated and after speaking with Ruth it was decided that the money donated would contribute towards the purchase of new training and match balls for all their junior and senior teams for the start of the next season.



GALLERY AT THE BATHS

Currently showing at the **Gallery at the Baths** is an exhibition featuring photos of last year's Skyline walk. Next in line are:

- May 12 Whitworth Sports Festival Retrospective
- June St John with St Michael School
- June 30 Whitworth Sports Festival 2017
- July 25 Scarecrows! /Family Fun Day
- August 18 Welcome to The Riverside

Jo Furtado (853442 or 07813180748) will be seeking individuals and organisations to exhibit in this community space over the next twelve months or so. If interested, please do the obvious!

ANDEMS RACES 2017

1. Colin & Brenda Robinson Cowm5K 7pm Wednesday 29th March from Cock & Magpie Pub, Whitworth OL12 8BJ.
2. Joe Salt Mem Cowm 5K. 7pm Wednesday 5th April from Cock & Magpie
3. Mike McGee Mem Cowm 5K 7pm Wednesday 12th April from Cock & Magpie
4. Peter Ehrhardt 5K Trail 7pm Tuesday 18th April from the Cock & Magpie.
5. Phil Roberts Cowm 5K 7pm Wednesday 26th April from Cock & Magpie
6. Geoff Doggett 5K Cowm. 7pm Tuesday 2nd May from Cock & Magpie.
7. Ian Casey Memorial Cowm 5K. 7pm Thursday 11th May Cock & Magpie
8. Roger Colson 5k Trail 7pm Tuesday 16th May from Red Lion, Whitworth OL12 8PY.
9. Aaron Ashforth Memorial 5K 7pm Tuesday 23rd May from Cock & Magpie.
10. Billy Knox 65th Cowm Race 7pm Wed 14th June from Cock & Magpie
11. Ian Terry Mem Cowm 5K 7pm Tues 11th July from Cock & Magpie
12. Stan Curran Cowm 5K. 7pm Thursday 24th August Cock & Magpie
13. 'Hades Hill' 5 Mile Cat BS fell race. 6.45pm Thursday 7th Sept from Red Lion.
14. Sheila Philips 70th Cowm 5K 7pm Thursday 14th Sept from Cock & Magpie
15. Ron Hill's 79th Cowm 5K 6.30pm Wednesday 27th Sept from Cock & Magpie.

Enquiries to Andy O'Sullivan 07766 176560 or info@andemsrnners.co.uk

FAMILY HISTORY

Whitworth Museum is constantly expanding its electronic and hard-copy information base, be it in the form of official and social records or photographs and other documents. Much of this information has already been used to good effect by those wishing to trace their family history both informally, just for general interest, but also by those to whom tracing the family line has developed into a passion. Of course, our records are of most use to those with family connections that link to directly to Whitworth but, we can also assist those who 'just want to make a start' but are uncertain how to do so or indeed just don't have the necessary resources.

If you have any questions relating to family history or you would like some assistance, please call in at the museum during normal opening times or contact our archivist by emailing to archivist@whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk

Whitworth Museum is open throughout the year on Tuesday evenings 7.30 – 9.30pm and on Saturday afternoons 2.00 – 4.00pm.

This year our annual 'Open Weekend' is taking place on 15/16th July 2017 and will, in addition to the usual attractions, focus on the theme of family history. Please make a date in your diary and come along.



LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AND EVENTS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA?

The REAL 'Connecting our Community' website www.realtd.co.uk is a directory of community organisations and public services with a calendar of events in Rossendale. You can also find out what is happening in local organisations in your local area by signing up to receive a weekly news digest, or following their Twitter feed (@RealforRoss) or Facebook page (@realrossendale).

Do you work or volunteer for a community group? REAL can help publicise and promote your services and activities online!

Or perhaps you are looking to get involved? Maybe you want to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around you. Or it could be you want to develop new skills and experience. The site has lots of information about local services and events with a wide range of volunteering opportunities.



If you can't find what you are looking for – ask them! They promise to point you in the right direction.

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Sarah feels she has been made so welcome in Whitworth: "Paul Dugdale, the Assistant Head Teacher at Whitworth Community High School, has brought a group down to the unit I am refurbishing at Anglo and their ideas and energy gave me such a lift. In addition, I met Gill Pearson who has been so committed to the young people who



The opening night of Friends of Whitworth Youth attended by the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza and the County Councillor Sean Serridge

attend 515. She showed me around and introduced me to everyone. I am so pleased to carry on the work she has started."

Paul Dugdale commented "I have conducted a survey in the school to find pupils views of a youth club relaunching in Whitworth and over 100 said they would consider attending. I am delighted about what Sarah and her volunteers are doing".

If you want to attend or help out in any way, look up "Friends of Whitworth Youth" on Facebook or call Sarah on 07954 588335.

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The next step will be to set up a local steering group. There will then be a meeting for everyone to set up the group in Whitworth. Look out for details in the usual local places – shops, GP surgeries, library and leisure centre.

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Since Christmas the Guides have completed the Teamwork badge and are now undertaking an International Challenge badge involving crafts from other countries, Bollywood dancing and cooking quesadillas on a trangia stove. Rainbows, Brownies and Guides had a joint trip to see Beauty and the Beast at Rochdale Odeon at a special viewing for Girlguiding members.

Alex, Freya, Hope and Izzy took part in Cook Challenge along with over 100 girls from East Lancs County. They had to prepare a two-course meal on a trangia stove and it was judged for taste and presentation. Alex and Freya won Best Main Course and all the girls earned the Camp Cook badge.

A team represented Whitworth at Rossendale Division Challenge Night and undertook a series of tasks to test skill, ingenuity and teamwork such as building a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows, a blindfold trail and demonstrating their first aid skills. Ebony, Georgina, Lucy and Summer had a great time and the event was won by a team from Edenfield.

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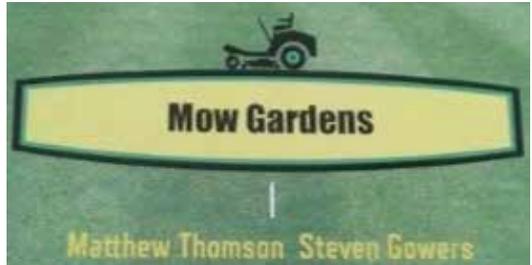
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Look out for Sand Art sessions in the valley over the coming months. Keep an eye on the Mrs Maker page on Facebook for upcoming events.

Tel: 07821075021 E-mail: mrsmaker123@gmail.com

WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The members have kick-started the growing season with weekly visits to the Memorial Gardens and Festival Park to tidy up and prepare the ground for the coming months. As there are plenty of community events scheduled for the next few months, it's important to keep communal areas as attractive as possible. Thankfully, there are volunteers prepared to do this but there's always plenty of room for more! So, if you want to add something to your local community, keep Whitworth looking as bright as possible and have an hour or so to spare on a Tuesday afternoon, you'd be very welcome to join the group.

There's no need for experience, and tools are provided. Please contact Christine on 01706 852613 to find out how you can make a difference.



KEEP WHITWORTH TIDY

Thirty million tons of rubbish are collected from England's streets each year. That's enough to fill Wembley Stadium four times over! In Whitworth alone, our Town Caretaker is kept busy clearing up rubbish but we can all help to Keep Whitworth Tidy.

If every adult in Whitworth picked up just one piece of litter and put it in a bin, that would be 4000 pieces of rubbish disposed of. Imagine if everyone picked up at least one piece of litter every day for the next year?

Some people have been inspired to take action to tackle litter in Whitworth and 'Keep Whitworth Tidy' have so far held many successful litter picks and accumulated bags and bags of rubbish with the help of a team of local volunteers. Organised picks are usually held monthly on a Saturday or Sunday morning from 10am until 11am and equipment is provided.

The next litter picks are scheduled for:

Saturday 20th May

Sunday 11th June

Saturday 15th July

Everyone is welcome, for more information visit the facebook group 'Keep Whitworth Tidy'



**SATURDAY 10TH - SUNDAY 18TH
JUNE 2017**

A celebration of Whitworth sporting activity for participants and spectators

COLOUR KEY:



Must enter in advance



Turn Up and Join In

No World Cup, no Euro, no Olympics this summer – so how about getting your dollop of sporting activity a little closer to home? Basic details below, but if you have a query call the event organiser or Jo Furtado on 853442, or go to www.whitworth-sports-council.co.uk.

SAMBA DANCE on Station Road, Facit (tel. 854960) are giving you the chance to try out their classes, **FREE**. The classes printed in the schedule run at that time every week, but there are others too – pick up one of Samba's own leaflets for full details. You can sample Samba's kind offer any time this June, not just during Festival.

WHITWORTH WATER-SKI, during Festival and the week before, is offering anyone the chance to try out any of their activities at member rates. Ring 852151 for details.

CLAW will once again be giving **free swim tokens to all who take part in Festival events**. They can be redeemed at the Leisure Centre on John Street at any appropriate time until July 21. (Under-8s must be accompanied in the pool.)

METCON PT is a new personal training studio and small class gym now open at Unit 2 in Anglo's site on Tong Lane, and is offering a **free 30-minute taster experience** throughout June for new potential members. You need to be 16+... but 13-15 year-olds can try out if accompanied by an adult. Ring Danny on 07809127571 to book your slot or make enquiries.

ENTRY FORMS for all those events that require PRE-ENTRY will be available this year from various places, but must be returned to one of the following:

*The Riverside * The Leisure Centre (Baths) * Any Whitworth School

Your entry form can be returned, with entry fee, to any of these places – it doesn't have to be the place you picked it up. **BUT** do please read entry forms carefully to see **WHEN** you must return them by, and please note that **different events have different deadlines**.

SATURDAY 10 JUNE: OPENING DAY All at the High School

11am Sports Hall THAI BOXING
This is an inter-club event, with Valley Thai joined by members of other clubs. Fighters are matched by age, weight and experience, and will spar for 3 one-minute rounds, with no winner declared at the end. The idea is to encourage fighters to try out and develop against unfamiliar opponents the skills they've built in training. You are welcome to pop in at no charge and watch the children and adults in action.

1pm Sports Hall steps OPENING CEREMONY
The Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Alan Neal, will declare our Sports Festival officially open.

1pm School field FAMILY & FRIENDS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL
The idea is to create your own team – a squad of 7 (max.) including at least one veteran (40+), two under-15s, and no more than 3 males aged 16-40. (Vet and at least one under-15 must be on the pitch throughout.) Include a female player in your squad and she earns her team a bonus goal for every full game she plays. No entry fee, but **ring John Leyland (854380) in advance** to enter your team.

1pm School field ROUNDERS
Enter a team by contacting Becky Macnamara (07985245717). However, we'd like to encourage new players, so if you're not a team member but would like to play ring Becky or see her early on the day (fetching pink hi-vis!) and she'll try to find you a team to play for. Male or female, any age, any level of experience – just come and have some fun.

1pm **School field** **NETBALL**
A fashionable sport thanks to the efforts of the England and Australia teams, and now a fun tournament for local teams of novices and more experienced players. You can team up in advance and contact Joanne Hill (07793198896), or turn up a bit early and Joanne will try to find you a team to play for.

Throughout the afternoon, on the school field **MINI SPORTS** ■
Simple, traditional, fun events for those too little to be involved in the rounders and the football.

Throughout the afternoon, on the school field **TREASURE HUNT** ■
For those too big for the mini sports, a sort of simplified orienteering – best done as a team of two or three friends.

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

• **9.30am till noon** **Sharneyford (details when you register; or Facebook)** **CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING** ■
Clough Head Gun Club are offering this event too for a second year. It's for adults and children strong enough to hold a gun safely. You **MUST** phone Michelle Spilling on **07767216626 to REGISTER A WEEK IN ADVANCE**. (For insurance purposes and to make sure there's enough equipment.) £12 covers 25 clays, all equipment, and instruction. Refreshment available.

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

• **9am** **Just below Lobden Golf Club** **(MODERATE) WALKING** ■
Whitworth's walking group, Over The Tops, organise regular Sunday group walks. This one will be of about four and a half miles (roughly 2hrs30). Just turn up, wearing clothes appropriate for the weather and shoes/boots suitable for rough tracks. Bring a drink, and your dog if you wish. Free. All ages welcome. For further details: Angela Jordan 07594333148

• **10.30am** **Festival Park (next to Riverside)** **BOWLING** ■
If you've often thought about bowling, but have never managed to take the first step of approaching a club, THIS IS FOR YOU. Joe Warburton's tournament will pair you up with a more experienced partner, and give you plenty of playing time. Bowling clubs will have entry forms, but Joe will be expecting enquiries on 853457, or you can simply turn up ten minutes early and ask for him or Jean. Bring a packed lunch (drinks available) to see you through the day.

MONDAY 12 JUNE

• **3pm** **High School Sports Hall** **TABLE TENNIS** ■
A tournament for secondary-age students, and any adult who fancies a go. Speak to Mr Cawley, or turn up promptly at 3.

• **3.30pm** **High School Tennis courts** **PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET**
Last year this had to become a bowling competition, won, somewhat against the odds, by St Bart's. Hopefully this year the weather will allow the batters to show off their prowess too. Thanks, as ever, to Paul Gallagher for organising the event.

• **6pm** **High School Sports Hall** **JUNIOR BADMINTON** ■
Two separate tournaments, one for those in years 6, 7 and 8; one for years 9, 10 and 11. You don't have to be a club member to enter, but you do have to fill in a **PRE-ENTRY form**, or contact Paul Shiel on 853115.

• **6.30pm** **The Riverside** **FENCING** ■
Salle Angelo Fencing Club are back again, offering another chance for anyone, adult or child (from about 8 up), to try out the noble art. It's free, and all equipment will be provided. Call Paul Marr on 07814018777, or just arrive before 6.30.

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 10am Boogie Bounce Extreme (adults) / 4.15pm Uni-Ted Ballet (3-6yrs) / 5pm Freestyle Disco (9yrs+)/ 5pm Tiny Tap (3-7 yrs) / 6pm Ballet Fusion – ballet technique and exercise / 6pm Bums, Legs & Tums (adults)

TUESDAY 13 JUNE

• **9.30am** **Valley FC, Rawstron Street*** **PRIMARY SCHOOL TAG RUGBY**
Ian Jones of Rossendale RUFC will have been coaching in local schools prior to the event. St Bart's won this one too last year.
*Event may shift to St Anselm's if WVFC are retraining their pitch.

• **3.15pm** **High School** **INSANITEEN** ■
A loud and vigorous Michelle Griffiths workout for High School students. Wear clothes you can get sweaty in!

• **6.45pm** **Cowm Reservoir** **TREACLE CHALLENGE (RUNNING)** ■
The challenge in our signature event, for adults as well as children, is simply to run the 400 yards of Treacle Sanderson's track as fast as you can. Come and give it a go! Our youngest runners will be in year 6 at school; our oldest vet. yet was 73. **PRE-ENTRY ESSENTIAL, so pick up a form** - strictly NO ENTRY on the night; and no runners younger than year 6!

• **7pm/8pm** **The Stables (next to Samba, off Station Road, Facit)** **THAI BOXING** ■
An open training session, where anyone can come along and try out for free. Simply arrive a few minutes early wearing loose clothing and introduce yourself to Andy. Juniors at 7pm, adults at 8pm.

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 4.15pm Primary Tap (6yrs+) / 5pm Street Dance (4-9yrs)/7pm Lyrical Slow Dance (9yrs+) 7.45pm Boogie Bounce Extreme (adult)* *also Thursday 8pm and Friday 7.15pm

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

• **1pm** **Library** **(GENTLE) WALKING** ■
A circular group walk of 30-60 minutes on mostly level terrain, for anyone who, for whatever reason, finds it difficult to get out for a walk. Free. Refreshments after. Just turn up, or ring Cheryl Goodman (221524) for details.

• **3.30pm** **High School Sports Hall** **PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL**
Britannia School won this one last year (much to the delight of Mrs Longstaff). Our thanks to Vicky Tighe for organising the event again.

• **5pm** **Cowm Reservoir** **PONY-GO-ROUND** ■
Jenny will be bringing her wonderful horses out again to give children aged 4-12 this chance to ride, completely free of charge, along by the reservoir. Wear old clothes and low heels, please. No booking, but be prepared to wait – the event can be very popular. Refreshments available.

• **7pm** **North Street car park, opposite Sportsman pub** **MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL RIDE** ■
Simply turn up with your bike and helmet and away you go on one of two circular group rides that will take about 2 hours.

• **7.30pm** **Scout Hut, Longacres Lane** **SENIOR FELL RACE** ■
The race was extended last year to a distance of 3+ miles, over Brown Wardle and up onto Hades, which generated a rather larger field. It's challenging, but is still do-able by a reasonably fit novice. Minimum age is 14 on the night, but 14-15-year-olds need parental signature on entry form. Registration is at the Scout Hut from 5.30pm, or ring Andy Lee on 344436.

*** Andy's looking for **marshals** for this event. If you'd like to help out, please give him a call. ***

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 4pm Freestyle Disco (4-9yrs) / 5pm Cheerleading (4-9yrs) / 5pm Freestyle Disco (9+yrs) 6.45pm Boogie Bounce Extreme (adult)/ 7.45pm Boogie Bounce Revolution (BB with circuit stations – adult)

THURSDAY 15 JUNE

• **3.15pm** **High School Sports Hall** **PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL** ■
This one comes courtesy of the High School PE staff. Thorn Primary are reigning champions, and looking to take home the Mollie Campbell trophy for a third consecutive year.

• **4.30pm** **Lobden Golf Club** **JUNIOR GOLF** ■
Whether you fancy yourself as the next Rory McIlroy, or you'd just like to try this sport, if you're 16 or under simply turn up at the club and Kevin and his merry elves will loan you some clubs, show you the ropes and give you tea. How good does that sound!

• **7pm** **Lobden/Brown Wardle** **JUNIOR FELL RACE** ■
Charley Leech's winning time last year of 16 minutes dead was the best since 1995 (though still a way short of Dave Thomson's record of 14.01), and it's been a long time since 130 entered, as happened in 2016, so the race is in good nick. If you wish to run, you **MUST PRE-ENTER, so pick up a form** – NO entry on the night.

*** Jo's looking for extra **marshals** for this event. If you'd like to help out, please give him a call on 07813180748. ***

• **7pm (juniors)/8pm (adults)** **The Stables, OL12 8LJ** **THAI BOXING** ■
Another open training session. Look back to Tuesday for details.

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 1.30pm Teeny Boppers – Music+Song (18months+) / 4.45pm Junior Latin and Ballroom 5pm Senior Streetdance (10+)/6pm Limber and Flexibility (all ages) /7pm Zumba Dance Exercise (adults)/8pm Adult Fun Tap

FRIDAY 16 JUNE

- **1.30pm** **Greenbrook House (next to Valley FC)** **BOCCIA** ■
Boccia is a form of indoor boules, played with squashy balls, and very sociable. It can be played equally by able-bodied and disabled athletes of all ages. You don't have to be a Greenbrook resident – if you fancy trying boccia, you'll be made very welcome, whether you've booked by ringing Amy Taylor on 07734488803 or you've just turned up.
- **6pm** **Tonacliffe School Hall** **KIDSANITY** ■
Magic Michelle is back again, for another sweaty, noisy, cheerful workout. It's free, it's fun, it's for 11-year-olds and younger (and their mums and uncles if they want to join in) from any primary school.
- **7pm** **Whitworth Square (Red Lion)** **CYCLING HILL CLIMB** ■
Chris is offering this torture for a second time. Cyclists ride an individual time-trial from near the Square to St Bart's Church (16 years old and under) or Lobden Golf Club (Seniors). **You need to PRE-ENTER** either by entry form or by registering via dedicated email chrisatwhitworthrakehillclimb@hotmail.com. Please note – parking at top of rake only until 6.45.

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 9am Pi-Yo (adults) / 10am Boogie Bounce Extreme (adults) / 5.30pm Grade 2 Ballet / 5.30pm Lyrical Slow Dance (4-9yrs) / 6.15pm Baby Strictly Come Dancing / 6.15pm Intermediate Latin & Ballroom

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

- **9.30am till noon** **Sharneyford (details when you register; or Facebook)** **CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING** ■
Clough Head Gun Club are offering this event too for a second year. It's for adults and children strong enough to hold a gun safely. You **MUST** phone Michelle Spilling on 07767216626 to **REGISTER A WEEK IN ADVANCE**. (For insurance purposes and to make sure there's enough equipment.) £12 covers 25 clays, all equipment, and instruction. Refreshment available.
- **10am onwards** **Whitworth Quarry** **MOTORCYCLING** ■
Cwm Leisure's facilities are open every weekend, and any potential motorcyclists are welcome to come up today and find out what goes on, with a view to booking ahead. Or you can ring John Whittle on 07970101879 to learn more.
- **10am (ladies)/11am (juniors) / 12noon (mixed adults)** **The Stables** **THAI BOXING** ■
Another chance to try out. See Tuesday's info for details.
- **1pm** **Sportsman, 464 Market Street** **BOULES** ■
Turn up and join in – that simple!

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 9.15am Mini Movers Pre School Fun Dance (2yrs+) / 9.15am Grade 1 Ballet (7yrs+) / 10am Freestyle Disco (4-9yrs)/10.15am Uni-Ted Ballet (3-6yrs)/11am Freestyle Disco (9yrs+)/12.15pm Junior Tap (Beginners 9+)

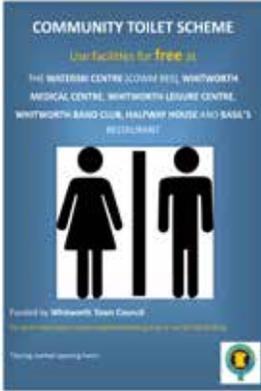
SUNDAY 18 JUNE

- **8am** **Leisure Centre/Cowm Reservoir** **SPLASH & DASH** ■
There's a twist to our traditional finale this year, because all who enter, plus their mum and dad, are invited back to The Riverside for a well-deserved breakfast, and to collect their awards. The event itself is the same as ever: children aged 8-16 swim 8 lengths of the pool, then run 1.75 miles to the res. and round. **You MUST PRE-BOOK, so pick up a form.**
*** The Swimming Club are always looking for extra early-rising marshals for this event.
If you'd like to help out, please ring Jo on 07813180748 ***
- **10am-4pm** **The Arena (above the stables on Cowm Park Way)** **EQUESTRIANISM**
Horses exhibiting their grace and power and athleticism in the various disciplines on show. Unless you're a rider it's a relaxing way to end the Festival. Refreshments available after you've strolled up the (signposted) lane.



WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME



Whitworth Town Council has been working hard to make toilet facilities available in Whitworth on a very tight budget. In addition to the public toilets at Healey Corner, Whitworth Town Council have now teamed up with some local businesses to make more toilets available to the public throughout the length of the town at different times of the day. Currently, there are six local business' participating in the pilot scheme. These are:

THE WATERSKI CENTRE (COWM RES)
WHITWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE
WHITWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

WHITWORTH BAND CLUB
HALFWAY HOUSE
BASIL'S RESTAURANT

These business' will allow the public free use of their toilet facilities during their normal opening hours without feeling the need to make a purchase. In return, Whitworth Town Council make a financial contribution to the businesses to help them maintain their facilities to a high standard.

Contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk if you have a business and are interested in taking part in the scheme now or maybe in the future. Please note that the grant will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to suitable premises in each area of the town.

Should the allocation reach the full capacity in your area, your details will be put down on a waiting list to take part in the scheme in the future, subject to funding being available.

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LOCAL NEWS

WHITWORTH LIBRARY UPDATE

At the time of writing, the Friends of Whitworth Library Group has been informed that Lancashire County Council have agreed to Whitworth Library remaining open as a satellite library. This is being challenged by local councillors and the local MP.

The government 'is mindful' to launch an inquiry into the cuts to libraries Lancashire County Council has made and is asking for comments to be addressed to:

**Ministerial Support Team,
Dept. for Culture, Media and Sport,
100 Parliament Street,
London
SW1A 2BQ**

or by email to enquiries@culture.gov.uk by 5pm on 9th June and should be entitled, 'Lancashire Library Services - Minded to Representations'.

Along with your continued support for this local amenity and the activities being held there, the Friends group would be grateful if you could find the time to express your individual concerns to the above team. We need to ensure that our voices continue to be heard.



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FRIENDS OF WHITWORTH LIBRARY



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Mondays

10:30 -12:00

Up and Active drop-in sessions

First 45 mins focuses on weight management; second 45 mins focuses on healthy eating with exercises to get people moving. There's a small charge (£2) for the exercises

14:00 – 16:00

Knit and Natter

18:00 – 18:30

Bedtime Story – every second Monday of the month (18 mths to 8 yrs)

Tuesdays

10:00 – 12.30

Scrabble Club

10:00 – 12.30

Careers Advice with Kay Royal

10:00 – 12.30

Citizen's Advice, every second Tuesday

14:15 – 15:00

Storytime Session (18 mths to 5 yrs)

14:30 – 16.00

On certain dates through the school summer holidays there are some **FREE** kids craft sessions planned: Tuesday 25th July, 8th August and 22nd August, check in the library for more details.

Wednesdays

13:00 – 14.30

Up and ActiveHealth Walks

(walk lasting no more than 1 hour, then a cup of tea and a health related chat in the library)

19:00 – 20:30

Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation with Sheila Daly, £5 per session

Thursdays

10:00– 11.30

Shared Reading Group

10.30 onwards

Support Group (for people with learning difficulties)

Fridays

10:15 – 11:00

Bounce and Rhyme (birth to 18mths)

14:30 – 16:00

Afternoon Tea on last Friday of the month

14:00 – 16:00

CraftySew and Sews (every 8 weeks, check posters in the library for upcoming classes. Next dates planned are Friday 19th May, Friday 14th July, Friday 8th September, Friday 3rd November)

Saturdays

10:30 – 12 noon

Lego Club (5 yrs upwards)

**Why not come along and join in? Everyone welcome!
All this plus books, magazines, newspapers, computers and friendly faces**

Standard library opening times:

Monday, 14:00 19:00; Tuesday, 09:30 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 17:00; Wednesday Closed;
Thursday, 09:30 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 17:00; Friday, 09:30 – 13:00 and 14:00 – 17:00; Saturday, 09:30 – 13:00

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

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THE MAYOR'S AWARDS AND CELEBRATION 2017

On Saturday 8th April 2017, the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza, hosted the first ever annual celebration and awards evening. Madeline wanted an event to celebrate the huge amount of people who contribute to the fantastic community in Whitworth.

It all took place at The Riverside (Civic Hall), Whitworth, complete with amazing décor and a red carpet and a hot buffet and featured amazing local singer and guitarist, Graham Shellard along with a special appearance from John Alexander, 'the singing jeweller'. The support was fabulous with both residents, businesses and also dignitaries from the surrounding areas in attendance. The winners were presented with a bespoke award, designed and made by local business Woodquirkz.



The finalists of the 2017 Mayor's Awards

Councillor Madeline De Souza, Mayor of Whitworth said "It was a great honour and privilege to be able to host such a fantastic evening and say a small thank-you to our wonderful community. I would also like to thank the local businesses who generously donated some wonderful raffle prizes and helped me to raise an amazing £856 for my Mayoral Charity on the night and thank-you to everyone who helped make the event such a success"

Thank-you to everyone who nominated and special congratulations goes to these wonderful finalists, although each and every nomination was very well deserved.

THE 2017 MAYOR'S AWARD WINNERS:

Jack Wilkinson Young Achiever Award - Daisi Daniels

Daisi Daniels is a local girl from Whitworth who competes as an alpine ski racer all over the world aged only 14 and spends as much time as possible in Italy to train for the winter season. Daisi is currently the Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G British Champion and has just represented GB and won 3 medals in Andorra.



Daisi Daniels, winner for the 2017 Jack Wilkinson Award

Jeff Ogden Services to the Community Award - Brian Furness

Brian took over the chairmanship of Whitworth Historical Society in 2011. His drive, dedication, staunch commitment, and love for the history that surrounds Whitworth has been invested in the museum allowing it to grow, develop and expand. For six years Brian, has been a great contributor to our Whitworth Community not only to the museum, which attracts visitors from all over but also to Hallfold United Reform Church where he is an active congregational member raising funds for Church funds and giving up his time for the Whitworth Community in general.



Brian Furness, winner for the 2017 Jeff Ogden Award

Volunteer Award - Emma Glendinning

Emma volunteers within the Shawforth community. She has established community cinema evenings at Shawforth Chapel and really helped to establish the building as a hub within the community. Emma also helps as a volunteer to fundraise for St John with St Michael school and she delivers the Whitworth Valley News for Whitworth Sports Council.



Emma Glendinning, winner for the 2017 Volunteer Award

Best Business Contribution Award - Anglo Recycling Technology Ltd

Anglo is a very long standing business, probably the only factory in Whitworth that has been in production for over fifty years. They have now branched out into recycling, providing matting to several garden centres, and supply to the motor industry.

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Anglo Recycling Technology Ltd., winner for the 2017 Best Business Contribution Award

Bringing Communities Together Award - Samba Dance

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Samba Dance, winner for the 2017 Bringing Communities Together Award

The Pride of Whitworth Award - Dawn and Martin Duffy

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LOCAL NEWS

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LOCAL NEWS

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Volunteers are integral to ensuring the North West has access to a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Without such support, NWAAC would not be able to deliver an air ambulance service. Volunteers provide much needed support by being our presence on the ground, increasing awareness, attending fundraising events and by providing valuable skills and experience.

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ANNUAL REPORT, WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S OVERVIEW - Time certainly flies when you're having fun, as they say – I can scarcely believe that it is a full twelve months since the last Annual Parish meeting. As Mayor, I have had a wonderful, fulfilling, privileged time – I've been invited to attend well over 150 events in Whitworth and further afield and have managed to get to all but one or two of them. My personal highlights include the Mayor's Annual Awards in April, it was humbling to see all the people who make fantastic contributions to our community. I have also hugely enjoyed chairing the meetings of the town council and I thank the members of the public who have also attended our meetings to raise issues or concerns.

This document as a whole details the work not just of the Town Council but of some of the organisations and charities that work tirelessly, many on a voluntary basis, to improve Whitworth and make it a great place to live. It never ceases to amaze me how a relatively small town can have so much taking place within it, and so many devoted, hard working members of the community to organise events and initiatives.

The Town Council continues to be at the fore of a variety of initiatives, many of which are detailed in this report; it continues to provide a dedicated service to the town whilst staying within its frugal spending limitations. It is through prudent financial management and much discussion and research that the Council have managed to keep the increase of the precept to a minimum with just a 1.67% rise in a difficult financial climate. Over and above core duties, the Town Council works alongside other councils and agency organisations, such as the Police and Together Housing, and with residents and businesses to get the best for our town and its residents. The Town Council often leads on these discussions and our Clerk facilitates numerous meetings throughout the year. The Town Council also continues to uphold the rights and values of the town in its role as a pressure group and a sounding board for local opinion.

Outside of the work of the Town Council, our wonderful community rallies around to make sure that there are a variety of events and initiatives taking place throughout the year. There continues to be a strong interest in sport in Whitworth and we have an enviable amount and variety of sporting and leisure activities available all year round. The Tourism and Leisure Committee and the Sports Council both continue to provide events and festivals, working with other local organisations, often on a voluntary basis. We are also extremely fortunate to have such an active voluntary sector in our town, and the Town Council sends sincere thanks to everyone who strives to make Whitworth a better place to live.

Looking ahead to the next twelve months, Councillor Alan Neal will become Mayor, I am sure that Alan will do a thorough and professional job in what will also be his 30th year as a Whitworth town councillor. There are some exciting projects ahead for Whitworth including great investment in the Spodden Valley revealed project, funded by Heritage Lottery Fund, this will celebrate our heritage and make a fantastic leisure resource for the future. In the months ahead, the Town Council will make the best of its opportunities and strengths and work its way through any challenges. The Town Council's staff and councillors, as always, remain fully committed and are looking forward to the year to come.

INITIATIVES - The Council is supported by Town Clerk Melanie Hearn, who works 30 hours a week as standard. The Council also contracts a Parish Lengthsman, John Leyland, for general repairs and maintenance, including attending to Public Rights of Way, mending footpaths, fences and stiles and undertaking a multitude of jobs in and around the town. The Council employs a full-time Town Caretaker which is funded in part by Rossendale Borough Council. Glen Iliff, our Town Caretaker, litter-picks targeted sites the length and breadth of the town, and reports issues and problems to the Clerk. All three maintain healthy attendance sheets.

Whitworth Town Council has been working hard to make toilet facilities available in Whitworth on a very tight budget. In addition to the public toilets at Healey Corner, Whitworth Town Council have now teamed up with some local businesses to make more toilets available to the public throughout the length of the town at different times of the day. Currently, there are six local business' participating in the pilot scheme. These business' will allow the public free use of their toilet facilities during their normal opening hours without feeling the need to make a purchase. In return, Whitworth Town Council make a financial contribution to the businesses to help them maintain their facilities to a high standard.

The Town Council's newly improved **website**, www.whitworth.gov.uk, is well used and an asset to the Council. The site aims to be a one-stop-shop for Whitworth information for residents and visitors, and is updated by the Town Clerk. The Town Council has, this year, secured funding, through Living Well Living Better to make even more improvements to the current website. The result will be a central Whitworth events calendar and business directory providing local organisations with free promotion and making it easier for residents and visitors to plan their leisure time in Whitworth. The Town Council also makes good use of social media; its Facebook page is regularly contributed to.

The **Horticultural Society** continues to do a wonderful job ensuring the town looks its blooming best. The Society works proactively with the Town, Borough and County councils, and is financially supported in part by the Town Council – a good illustration of the Council interacting with the community. The volunteers tend to flowerbeds and the planter boxes provided by Northern Joinery Ltd.

The Town Council-produced quarterly **Whitworth Valley News** magazine continues to be a very popular read, receiving editorial contributions from a wide variety of organisations and featuring 62 paying advertisers. It involves a significant amount of work for the Clerk but is very well received and ensures all in Whitworth are up-to-date with town news and developments. It is hand-delivered to all households by the Sports Council volunteers.

The Town Council contributes towards the fight against crime with the continued sponsorship of the Whitworth community police car, which has proved invaluable to the local constabulary, and which the Town Council recently has currently committed to support for a further two years.

The Town Council works in partnership with Rossendale and Lancashire Councils and other local organisations including Lancashire Police and Green Vale Homes to provide the best possible services for the Whitworth community. To give examples, the Town Council facilitates monthly Multi-Agency meetings, where representatives of all the main agencies come together to tackle issues in the town. The Town Council continues to take a pro-active approach to tackling the issue of litter and uncollected dog-mess, supporting the legislative work undertaken by the Borough Council, issuing further letters to residents around particular 'grot-spot' areas. The Town Council continue to use initiatives like a pavement stencil and accompanying signage in hot spot areas (in partnership with the Borough Council) and stickers issued to homes and businesses requesting people pick up their dog mess.

The Town Council's **Tourism and Leisure Committee**, featuring councillor and non-councillor members, organises or part-organises a large number of events annually – this past year's offer has included the Rushcart, Christmas Lights Switch On, New Year's Duck Race, St George Celebrations, Family Fun Day and the Whitworth Calendar, which sold 250 copies. The Committee is currently working on all these projects again, along with the seventh Whitworth Scarecrow Festival which takes place in early summer. Additionally, the Town Council itself is responsible for organising Whitworth's Remembrance Sunday commemorations and the Community Carol Service (see below). All these events serve to preserve and strengthen the town's identity and provide a solid sense of community and civic pride. The new event this year was the Mayor's Annual Awards Celebration which allowed the Town Council to thank some of the individuals, organisations and businesses who really contribute to our sense of community.

Comprising town councillors and representatives of local sporting organisations, the **Whitworth Sports Council** continues to flourish, and plans for the 2017 Sports Festival are well underway.

Since 2007, Whitworth Town Council has held **Quality Status**, a nationally recognised quality benchmark for parish and town councils. This has now been replaced by the Local Council Award Scheme, which celebrates the successes of the best local councils, and provides a framework to support these councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. It encourages progression by including three award levels: Foundation, Quality and Quality Gold – Whitworth Town Council has successfully achieved the Foundation level and is now working towards its Quality level.

TOWN TWINNING - Whitworth has been twinned with Kandel for over 50 years this year and the friendship between the towns continues - during August 2016 a delegation from Whitworth visited Kandel for seven days, staying with Kandel families and enjoying a programme of activities in and around the Kandel area.

Cllrs Aldred and Mellor are instrumental in keeping the twinning alive, and thanks are due to them for their continued work; if you wish to get involved with Town Twinning in Whitworth please contact them.

CIVIC EVENTS - 2016's municipal year began as always with **Mayor-Making** held at the Riverside, followed by Civic Sunday at St Anselm's Church. Rev Father Frank Thorpe has acted as Mayoral Chaplain this year and many thanks are offered to him for his support. As always, the Town Council-organised **Remembrance Sunday commemorations** were extremely well attended. **The Community Carol Service** at the Riverside was led by Rev Father Frank Thorpe and was a very popular event; the junior band did a sterling job accompanying the carols and a joyful, festive time was had by all. The Mayor's Annual Awards and Celebration in April was an enjoyable evening with live musical entertainment from Graham Shellard. Dignitaries from other Councils attended the event, and over £856 was raised for the Mayor's Charity Fund just on this one night!

PLANNING - As a statutory planning consultee, the Town Council passes comments on all Whitworth applications; Rossendale Borough Council then takes these observations into account when reaching planning decisions. Since April 2016, 16 applications have been considered by the Town Council, ranging from home extensions to new developments. The Town Council is also consulted on Highways proposals and other consultations which relate to, or affect the Whitworth area.

CONCLUSION - Whitworth Town Council continues to work to the best of its ability to serve its community. The quality of the council is monitored and ratified through the benchmark council awards scheme, and the feedback from the community is overwhelmingly positive. The Town Council strives to be as accessible as possible, with the magazine and website facilitating communications to the community, and social media and the availability of the town clerk and councillors, along with the publicly attended council meetings, enabling a two-way communication with residents, organisations and businesses. The Town Council works with local organisations and authorities to improve its offer and to enhance the lives of everyone in Whitworth, and to ensure that any issues or problems are monitored and dealt with swiftly. It is always looking for innovative ideas to tackle problems, and initiatives such as the support of the Whitworth police car and the partnership working with Rossendale Council on controlling dog mess and making a real and positive difference to daily lives. On a lighter note, the Town Council continues to provide and support a range of fun, family events and initiatives throughout the year, encouraging community spirit and togetherness. There will, as always, be challenges and opportunities presented over the year ahead, but the Town Council is well equipped to deal with both.

SCHOOL REPORT

ST JOHN WITH ST MICHAEL

St John with St Michael CE Primary School have had a very busy term. We celebrated World Book day with a wide range of wonderful characters and the children had a lovely day making their own books.

Class 2 visited Gordon Riggs Garden Centre, and thanks to Miss Lanaghan for buying the school some wonderful blackberry and raspberry bushes to plant in our school grounds.

Science week was celebrated with a wide range of creative curriculum activities and hands on experiments.

Mrs Driver was very proud of the Class 4 children (year 3 and 4) who have taken part in Heart Start training with the Lancashire First Responders. St John with St Michael CE Primary School are also the proud owners of a community defibrillator.



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