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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On 29th May, Councillor Jim Mellor will officially become the Mayor of Whitworth until May 2015. Jim will be ably assisted in the role by his wife Susan who will be the Mayoress for this period. As the Mayor and Mayoress, they will be attending all manner of events and initiatives in Whitworth, and acting as ambassadors for our town at events outside Whitworth. Councillor Mellor will chair the Town Council's council meetings and will be a figurehead for the town. Jim and Susan also intend to raise money for the Mayor of Whitworth's Charity Fund through a variety of initiatives.



It's not the first time of being Mayor for Jim, Jim was first elected to the office of Mayor in 1993 and again in 2008. As well as being Mayor, Jim is also the Chairman of Whitworth Sports Council, a body which he founded when he was Mayor last, he is the Chairman of Whitworth Town Twinning Committee, and the chairman of Whitworth Photographic Society, so it looks like a busy year ahead. Jim and Susan have lived all their married lives in Shawforth where they have brought up 3 children. Their children all attended St John with St Michaels primary school and then went on to attend Whitworth High, the family has grown over the years and now all three children have married and brought forth grand children, five to be exact, the youngest one Lucy, being only six months old.

Jim can trace his family in Whitworth back to 1784 and he is very proud once again to be Mayor of Whitworth. It's a great honour, and both he and Susan are looking forward to the year ahead and hope to get to as many events and functions as possible. They are also keen to raise some money for the Charity Fund and will be holding a number of events in the near future. Jim says he would like to thank Cllr Karen Ruane and her Consort/husband Peter for all their efforts over the past year; they have worked hard and done a great job.

Jim says they will be a hard act to follow and both He and Susan wish them well.

If you would like to contact Jim personally, his details are at the end of this magazine; you can also speak to our Town Clerk on 01706 852018 or email her at info@whitworth.gov.uk."

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VETERANS IN COMMUNITIES

A CLEVERLY crafted half-scale model of a First World War tank is being constructed on the gateway into Rossendale from Rochdale.

Ex-serviceman David Joddrell is creating the living sculpture from willow on the main road at Healey Corner.

Because the willow is alive it will continue to grow throughout the summer and the trees' branches will be continuously woven into the structure making it more solid.

David was an armourer in the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers and was based in Germany and Cyprus and had two tours in Northern Ireland.

Whitworth Neighbourhood Forum allocated a grant to Veteran In Communities for the project, which is part Operation 100 (Bacup War Graves).

It will see works completed in Whitworth Memorial Gardens.

David, 62, from Bacup, said: "I am creating a First World War Mark 4 male tank. It will have a gun sponson on either side, which will hold a cannon, and there will also be a willow machine gun at the front.

"I have deliberately left the back of the tank open so that children will be able to go inside it.

VIC is based at Bury Road, Haslingden. For more information, contact 01706 833180.



David Joddrell with his willow tank

WHITWORTH BY THE SEA

On Sunday the 6th of July Whitworth's Family Fun Day will held at The Riverside in Whitworth.

As always there will be Rides for all ages as well as hot food, ice cream and much, much more. We will also be hosting a few competitions including Glamorous Granny, Knobbly Knees and this year Whitworth's first ever Gurning Competition! More details in the press and on Facebook.

WHITWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

You may remember going to Mount Pleasant for a meal or even recall when the Pallotine nuns were there but did you know that during World War 1 it was used as an auxiliary military hospital.

"With wife and mother faraway

Who cares for Tommy's wants all day?

Ask any ma, you'll hear him say---

"Our Matron"

These lines were written by Gunner N Jackson, 3rd Battalion 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery trying to express his gratitude for the care he received.

This is one of 150 entries in an autograph book for the period 1 May 1917 to 23 January 1918 by injured servicemen from all over the British Isles, Ireland, America and Canada covering 71 regiments.

At the end of the war, the book was presented to the matron in question - Miss Nora Welsh, daughter of the local G.P. Dr Alexander Welsh.

Following her death at 96 in 1981 her nephew Norman Forbes presented the book to the museum where it is on display.

If you have any stories or photographs about Whitworth people involved in WW1 the museum would love to hear from you

The Whitworth Heritage Museum and Archive, North Street, Whitworth. OL12 8RE

The museum is open each week Tuesday 7.30 - 9.00pm and Saturday 2.00 - 4.00pm throughout the year. At other times by prior arrangement

For further details contact the secretary. Tel: 01706343370

www.whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk E-mail: archive@whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk

SCHOOL REPORT



ST MICHAEL'S – SHAWFORTH

The children with St John with St Michael in Shawforth supported the Brain Tumour Research charity by holding a “Wear a Silly Hat Day” the children paid 50p and they raised £102.

The Eco-School Council from St John with St Michael CE Primary School in Shawforth have got through to the Lancashire Chairmans Challenge 2014 finals - for the third year! The finals are in Preston in May - the children are very excited. They organised a Roald Dahl week as an initiative to encourage reading within school. Last year the Eco-School Council received Highly Commended runners up and £50 and the previous year they came third. Wish us luck!



OUR LADY AND ST ANSELM'S

The spring term has been action packed at Our Lady and St Anselm's R.C. Primary School. The younger children have enjoyed a visit to Manchester Fire Museum in Rochdale. They all had a wonderful morning looking at artefacts in the Victorian street and were in awe of the full size fire appliances. The Reception and Year 2 children loved “monkeying” around at the Zoo! The whole school refined their artistic talents in our Year of Faith mosaic, which is now proudly displayed in the school playgrounds.

On Monday the 17th March, the Year three children went on a very exciting trip to Global Renewables Recycling Centre in Farrington Waste Recovery Park, Leyland. The children were taught about how and why we need to recycle the waste we use at home. On a special 'Walkway' tour of the plant, they observed the different stages of sorting the waste. They had the opportunity to watch all the machinery that was used in the factory and witness the special jobs that are undertaken in the centre. We now have whizzes in recycling who are excited to use their expertise to undertake a project within school.

The Reception class were very excited to announce the arrival of 11 healthy chicks. They were all very happy in their new home and the children really enjoyed getting to know them. They celebrated by making birthday cards and decorations and they even gave some of them names! The chicks have now returned to the farm and will be full size by Christmas!





ON THE BEAT – PC VINNY HOPKINS

In this edition, we'd like all you Parents to support us in our Summer message;



An issue that continues to cause us problems is the ongoing anti-social behaviour and damage being caused at the Riverside.

As we are sure you are aware, children congregate there, playing. It is, however, unacceptable for them to act in such an anti-social manner. There have been reports of damage to the flowerbeds, hanging baskets and drain pipes. Similarly, there continues to be a problem with children playing on the bowling green. This area needs to be kept clear for the purpose for which it was intended and we'd encourage you to speak to your children and remind them of this.

We have spoken to the high school, and at the time of writing, it is our intention to speak to those who we believe are the main offenders. We urge any parents whose children use this area, to sit them down and remind them of their responsibilities to keep the area, clean, tidy and damage free.

We speak to the children on a continuous basis and, on the whole, we find them pleasant and approachable. We want to encourage them to take pride in their surroundings and to be respectful towards other members of our community. We cannot stop children playing in the area and it is possibly not the ideal location for them to congregate, unfortunately, at this time we can't change that. We will however, make it a priority to be more visible in and around the Riverside, particularly over the summer months.

If anyone has any problems regarding this or anything else, as always you can contact PC 424 Vinny Hopkins or PCSO 7356 Kirkbright on 101. Similarly, you can e-mail us at Vincent.hopkins@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or Heidi.kirkbright@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

WHITWORTH VALE & HEALEY BAND CLUB

We are particularly pleased to announce that we have retained our Cask Marque accreditation for 2014, gaining maximum marks in all areas of the exacting test – well done to Gillian and June for keeping such a fine cellar!!

We remain committed to providing locally brewed real ales as part of the CAMRA inspired LocAle scheme hosting brews from Phoenix, Pictish, Worsthorne, Green Mill and Bluestone on a regular basis, as well as ales from the length and breadth of the country through Thwaites' 1807 Club and of course ales from Thwaites' themselves. The best way to follow what is going on down at the Club is to follow the Facebook page which is updated weekly with what ales are available across the bar and what entertainment is coming up, whether it be our regular Quiz and Karaoke Nights or special events.

WE WILL AGAIN BE RUNNING OUR BEER FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER AS PART OF THE RUSH-CART CELEBRATIONS!! As well as WW1 and WW2 commemorations.

The Club is also available for special events and we also have a small meeting room for community groups to use, all free of charge - contact the Steward for further details on 852484 To keep up with what's happening at the Club why not visit our Facebook page?

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GUIDING SUCCESS

Four girls from Whitworth Senior Section were presented with the Young Leader Qualification at Thinking Day Service in February.

The girls – Charlotte Calderbank, Amy Greenwood, Lucie Entwistle and Maddy Teshola have helped with different Units in Whitworth. The award is for girls between 14 and 16 who are taking a leadership role in guiding. The girls were involved with planning meetings, running activities and supporting and encouraging Rainbows and Brownies to undertake new challenges. The girls are pictured with Elaine Dyson (Rossendale Division Commissioner) who presented the award.



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The team at Home Instead Senior Care in Rochdale is passionate about providing care to its clients which not only improves the quality of their lives but those of their families too. The company specialises in providing care for older people in their own homes.



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The team at Home Instead knows that quality care cannot be delivered in short, rushed visits so care calls are of a minimum 1 hour duration. They also understand how important it is for clients to have the right caregiver for their needs. Time is taken to carefully match caregivers to clients so that they share common areas of interest and can form an immediate bond. Home Instead only employs the most caring, considerate and empathetic caregivers – people to whom making a difference to the lives of others is important. Caregivers are carefully selected, are CRB checked and have to provide six references.

Home Instead Senior Care is committed to making a difference, and regard it as a special privilege to look after people with love, care and compassion - they take their responsibilities very seriously indeed. For more information on Home Instead Senior Care please call 01706 249100 or visit [www.homeinstead.co.uk/ Rochdale](http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/Rochdale)

WHITWORTH SCARECROW FESTIVAL DRAWS NEARER:

Entries must be in by 7th June in order to be included on the official trail map.

Entry forms are available from The Riverside, UBS (699 Market Street) and Whitworth Post Office.

Entry costs £1 per scarecrow display (which covers administration costs) and the festival is open to all home, organisations and businesses in Whitworth. The festival will take place between June 28th and July 6th; entrants are asked to display their scarecrow(s) in a prominent position at their home or business (front garden, window or end of drive etc.) to enable people to come and marvel in the creativity!

For more information contact Whitworth Town Council on 01706 852018 / info@whitworth.gov.uk or contact Katie Gee, Covering Town Clerk on 01706 252454 / katiegee@rossendalebc.gov.uk alternatively contact The Riverside on 01706 854 130/ riverside-whitworth@zen.co.uk



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- 29th May 2014
- 5th June 2014
- 12th June 2014
- 19th June 2014
- 26th June 2014

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The One Stop Shop is open Mon-Friday 9am-5pm (Tuesday's it opens at 9:15am) where our helpful and friendly staff are on hand to help you with any queries you have. Please visit us at The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup. Contact details for Green Vale Homes and Lancashire County Council are on the back page of your Whitworth Valley News, please take note of the changes to LCC Numbers.

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

The annual St George's Day celebration was held at The Riverside on Sunday 27th April. as you can tell from these wonderful photo's (thanks Mike Burgess!) it was a great afternoon, full of fun for everyone, and it raised £93!



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Junior Latin & Ballroom 4.00pm - 4.15pm
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Senior Tap Class 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Zumba (Dance exercise) 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Adult Fun Tap 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday

Handstand Fun Class 9.15am - 10.00am
1 - 3yrs Dance Class 10.00am - 11.00am
Ballet Ballet (3-4yrs) 10.15am - 11.00am
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Michael was in the Acorn Recovery Projects accommodation recovering from substance misuse issues and was subject to a debt relief order. He wanted to give something back and, as he was unable to work, he decided to volunteer to build his confidence back up and prepare himself for getting back into work.

He decided that he wanted to volunteer with a service that helps others. He wanted to give something back as he felt more fulfilled when he was helping people. He felt that Help Direct, a local service that provides help and advice to people across East Lancashire, really appealed to him.

At first, Michael was nervous as he had not really worked in an office based environment before, and he wasn't very computer literate. Over time, his confidence has grown and he has taken part in many different opportunities, improving his personal development along the way.

Michael has enjoyed the different aspects of volunteering – working in the office, attending drop-in sessions, and working on STAN (Services to a Neighbourhood) the Van, our mobile advice unit. He has also had the opportunity to complete a Level 3 course in Education and Training at college, for which Help Direct provided supported. Michael has also done some work with Calico. He has worked alongside many people who have been more than willing to help him in his role and provide support if he is struggling. On the whole, Michael feels his experience at Help Direct has been enjoyable and fulfilling.

After six months of volunteer work, Michael is delighted to have gained permanent employment. He feels ready and able to return to the world of work, and is looking forward to the challenges ahead in his new role.



Michael said:

“Volunteering has been a positive experience. I feel lucky to have been given the opportunity to give something back, and feel the support and guidance I have received has been amazing. It has built my confidence up and enabled me to start believing in myself more”

Michael would recommend volunteering with Help Direct to anyone who has the time.

He said:

“Go for it! It's a fantastic service that provides quality advice and support to people and enables you to help others while building up your skills set and your confidence. You get amazing guidance and support from the staff and it can lead to regular employment if that is what you want to gain or if you just want to give something back.” For more information about volunteering with Help Direct, visit helpdirect.org.uk or call 0303 333 1111.



POPPY PLANTING FOR WORLD WAR ONE HEROES

Schoolchildren, community groups and businesses will sow thousands of poppy seeds this May to paint Whitworth red for the First World War Centenary.

Hundreds of people of all ages will come together to plant the flowers across Whitworth.

Students from St John with St Michael CE Primary School in Shawforth, Our Lady and St Anselm's RC Primary School, St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, Tonacliffe Primary School and Whitworth High School will be taking part. The youngsters will be joined by Whitworth Warriors, local motorbike group, and Whitworth Photographic Society.

Whitworth Town Council has awarded £100 to the project for the purchase of poppy seeds and thanks to Anglo Recycling who have donated £50, Whitworth Neighbourhood Forum for £250 and to the anonymous donation that has also been received.

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■ **SAMBA DANCE** on Station Road, Facit (tel. 854960) are once again offering you the chance to try out various of their classes, FREE. In the daily schedule below you'll see the classes on offer – but those classes run every week at that time, and you can turn up at Samba any time in June to try out for free. Just tell Sam you've seen the offer in the Valley News. With any luck you'll soon be dancing regularly.

■ The **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL GYM** usually charges new members a signing-on fee. **Throughout June** they are waiving that fee. Just turn up any evening (Mon-Fri) after 5pm, and Dawn and her crew will make arrangements for your induction. Also, two new items for juniors on a Friday – Gym sessions from 4.30 (£4.75, or £12 monthly membership); and Junior Circuit class 6-7pm (£2.50).

Our friends at **CLAW** will be handing out FREE SWIM TOKENS to all those who participate in Festival events. They can be redeemed at the Leisure Centre on John Street at any appropriate time until August 22. (Under 8s must be accompanied, as usual.)

▲ Last year the lovely people at **Climb ROCHDALE** gave out prizes for various sessions at their climbing centre. And, bless them, they're keen to entice even more Whitworth people into their sport, so over £1000-worth of vouchers again this year, and worth having, allowing free entry to the walls, including free kit hire and taster sessions, climb-and-curry evenings. For more info on **Climb ROCHDALE**, visit www.climbrochdale.com. Festival prize events are marked with the pink Climb logo. And reduced price of £3.50 during June if you show this copy of the Valley News.

■ Spartan **THAI BOXING** has moved to a new base on Tong Lane. The gym is now open every weekday evening – Tues and Thurs at 6.30pm for Thai Boxing; Mon, Wed and Fri at 7pm for general strength and conditioning. Further details from Gordon Estlick (17872562003). And KARATE is back at Whitworth: Leigh Smith of Saxon Karate is running classes at The Riverside on Wednesdays 6-7pm. New players welcome. For more details visit www.saxonkarate.co.uk

ENTRY FORMS for all those events that require **PRE-ENTRY** will be available this year from:

*The Riverside • The Leisure Centre (baths) • The Sports Hall • The Library
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Your entry form can be returned, with entry fees, to any of these places – it doesn't have to be the place you picked it up. Please read each entry form carefully to see **WHEN** it has to be returned by – different events have different deadlines.

SAT 14 JUNE: OPENING DAY (All at the High School)

The Festival opens with 4 events all at the same venue, most of them ones where you can turn up and join in, which, if last year is anything to go by, will mean hundreds of Whitworth people of all ages having a good, fun time playing sport – which is what Festival is all about.

12 noon – 1pm: TRAMPOLINING

Trampolining classes already run at the Sports Hall every Saturday morning, but this one's an extra, aimed at anyone who's never tried the sport or might fancy returning to it after a break. Sam can only accommodate 10 bouncers, so if you fancy it, ring her quickly on 07713148755.

1pm: OPENING CEREMONY

The Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Jim Mellor, will declare our Sports Festival officially open.

1.15pm onwards ■ ▲

A number of events on the school field, where to some extent you can move from one activity to another, playing for your team at both rounders and football, and having a go at hockey.

■ ROUNDEBS 🍓

This was really good fun last year, with some splendid hitting and some prodigious catching. Whether you want to enter a team – any age, both sexes – or you want to be part of a team but don't know how to go about it, ring Kim Blezard (07931760303) or arrive at the school field early and seek her out. P.S. Did you know there's now a Whitworth Rounders Club? For details contact Emma Glendinning (078501 43651).

■ FAMILY AND FRIENDS 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL 🍓

Create your own team – a squad of 7 (max.) including at least one female player, at least one veteran (40+) and two under-15s. (Female, vet and at least one under-15 must be on the pitch throughout.) Ring *in advance* to enter your team – John Leyland (854380) or Jo Furtado (07813180748). Max. 8 teams accepted for the tournament, so do be quick.

■ HOCKEY

Rochdale Hockey Club will be putting on an open skills session between 1.30 and 2.30. This will be open to anyone, of any age, and all kit will be provided. A great chance to try out a sport that everyone has heard of but very few have played. No booking necessary, but if you'd like further info contact Kieran Leech (852685).

■ MINI-SPORTS 🍓


Some traditional events for (primarily) younger children who aren't old enough to take part in the rounders or the football – egg-and-spoon, three-legged races, sack races etc. Just turn up and enjoy!

FREE Samba Dance tasters! Pre-school fun class 9.15am/9yrs+ Disco 11am/Beginners Tap 12.15pm






SUN 15 JUNE	10am	JUNIOR FOOTBALL	Valley FC, Rawstron Street	At our own Maracana, a spirited, friendly celebration of the <i>jogo bonito</i> with Whitworth Juniors (under-6, -7, -8 and -9) teams taking on other invited local clubs.
	10am	BOWLING ■ 🍓	Festival Park (next to the Riverside)	As before, this is a tournament designed to give newcomers a taste for bowling by pairing them up with a more experienced partner. All are welcome – any age, either sex. Just arrive 10 minutes early and ask for Joe Warburton, or pre-enter via forms available from bowling clubs or by ringing Joe on 853457. Please note that the event needs you to commit a few (relaxing) hours, so butties would be wise.
MON 16 JUNE	9.30am	JUNIOR SCHOOL TAG RUGBY 🍓	St Anselm's field, John Street	A tournament organised by Rochdale Hornets Community team, who will have been introducing children at local schools to this sport over the previous weeks.
	6pm	JUNIOR BADMINTON ■ 🍓	High Sch. Sports Hall, Halfold	Two junior tournaments (years 6/7/8 and years 9/10/11). You must fill in a PRE-ENTRY form, or contact Paul Shiel (tel: 01706 853115). You don't have to be a club member to enter.
	7pm	POOL (16-19 year-olds)	515 Centre, 515 Market Street	For 515 members and anyone else aged 16-19 who'd like to have a go. No entry fee. Please contact Gill Pearson (01706 853646) to enter.
FREE Samba Dance tasters! Baby Ballet 5pm/ Bums and Tums 6pm/ High Impact Aerobics 7pm				




TUES 17 JUNE	6.45pm onward	RUNNING (TREACLE CHALLENGE) ■ 🍓	Cowm Reservoir	A tough event, but over 50 have competed in each of its two editions, from 11-year-olds to established club runners. A time-trial, where each runner is allocated an individual start time to run along the side of the res, finishing at the Treacle memorial, to see what time they can record. PRE-ENTRY ESSENTIAL (NO entry on the night) - £2 adults, £1 16 year-olds and younger.
	7pm	POOL	515 Centre, 515 Market Street	Again, this is not restricted to club members, so if you are between 13 and 15 years old just contact Gill Pearson at the club or on 01706 853646. No entry fee.

FREE Samba Dance tasters! 4-9yrs Drama 4pm/Beginners Street Danz (9yrs and under) 6pm/Adult Street Danz 8pm

WED 18 JUNE	3:30pm	JUNIOR SCHOOL BASKET BALL 	High School Sports Hall	A tournament run by Rossendale Leisure Trust to follow up coaching in local schools. St John with St Michael won last year's inaugural trophy, now named in honour of Whitworth's England Star, Mollie Campbell.
	5pm	PONY-GO-ROUND 	Cowm Reservoir	Where else would you find anyone as generous as Jenny, offering anyone aged 4-12 a free horse-ride. Just turn up wearing old clothes and low-heeled shoes or boots. This has been a popular event, so do expect a little wait. Refreshments available.
	5:30pm	CLIMBING 	High School Sports Hall	Ever thought about climbing as a sport? Not known quite how to get started? Or whether you'd enjoy it? Here you can find out for free. Two qualified instructors will be waiting, ropes and harnesses at the ready, to help you scale the climbing wall in complete safety by as many routes as you can manage. Open to adults as well as children. Wear trainers, please.
	7pm	MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE 	Red Lion, Whitworth Square	Just turn up with your bike (and must-have helmet) and join one of two trail rides that will last about 2 hours. Open to anyone, any age, as long as you think you can (probably) manage it.
	7:15pm	TABLE TENNIS  	High School Sports Hall	Ping pong! Whiff whaff! A simple recreational game... or one played to Olympic standards of skill and aggression. We will have tables where families and friends can play for fun, and tables where anyone who cares to can take on the best players from the High School in a mini-tournament. You can just turn up, but best to book a place in the tournament via entry form or Mr Cawley at the High School, or by phone (Jo 01706 853442, or leave a message).
FREE Samba Dance tasters! 5-8yrs Disco 4pm/ Junior Street Danz/HipHop 6.30pm/Adult Freestyle 7.30pm				

THURS 19 JUNE	3:30pm	JUNIOR SCHOOL NETBALL 	High School Sports Hall	RLT's second event of the week. Can one of the Whitworth schools recover the trophy from last year's excellent champions from Thorn (Bacup)?
	4:30pm	JUNIOR GOLF 	Lobden Golf Club	Another fantastic offer – free golf coaching, and free refreshment too. Open to anyone, male or female, up to the age of 16, whether you've tried golf before or you are an absolute beginner. Just turn up and give it a go. Clubs will be provided.
	6:15pm	JUNIOR FELL RACE  	Brown Wardle	Same course as ever, 3.5km over Brown Wardle. Medals for age-group winners and first-time sub-20ers. Certificates and refreshments for all runners. Note the earlier-than-usual start... so that we can all get home well in time for England v Uruguay. PRE-ENTRY ESSENTIAL – no entry on the night
	7pm	POOL	515 Centre, 515 Market Street	Finals night. Games to be followed by refreshments... and England v Uruguay!
FREE Samba Dance tasters! Boyz Breakdanz Crew 4.45pm/Limber & Flexibility 6pm/Adult Fun Tap 8pm				

FRI 20 JUNE	3.30pm	JUNIOR SCHOOL CRICKET 	High Sch. Sports Hall, Halfold	Can St John with St Michael repeat last year's nail-biting triumph and retain the Hiram Slack trophy? RLT's 3 rd tournament of the week, and we thank them for all they've done for the schools.
FRI 20 JUNE				
FREE Samba Dance tasters! Intermediate Latin & Ballroom 4.30pm/Prelim. Ballet (6-9yrs) 5.30pm/Junior Latin & Ballroom 6.30pm				
SAT 21 JUNE	10.30am – 3.30pm	MOTORCYCLING 	Whitworth Quarry	If you're new to motorcycling and want to see if it's for you, you probably don't own a bike yet, but today you can hire a dirt bike or trial bike (£15) for a session of half an hour or so. You'll also be provided with basic safety equipment within a fully marshalled, enclosed area. Or you can bring your own (trial bike£10, pit bike £15, push bike free) and ride for as much of the day as you want. Bookings and queries to John Whittle (07970 101879).
	1pm	BOULES 	Sportsman, 464 Market Street	Simplicity itself – turn up and join in!
	1pm	SENIOR TAG RUGBY 	Valley FC, Rawstron Street	Our thanks to Rochdale Hornets community staff for organising this event, a tournament between 9-a-side teams (of which at least 2 must be female). You can organise your own team and ring Hornets Community on 648004 to book your place; or you can turn up half an hour early on the day, find a Hornets member of staff, and be drafted into a team. Tag Rugby is a non-contact sport, very easy to pick up, and good fun. This event is open to anyone of secondary school age or over.
	2pm	SENIOR FELL RACE 		The second running of this short but brutal event. Runners will start at the foot of Edward Street, run up and over Brown Wardle, then back again to finish near the Cemetery gates. Registration (£2) will be at the Scout Hut on Longacres Lane from 12.30pm.
FREE Samba Dance tasters! 5-8yrs Disco 10am/ Junior Ballet 11am/ Junior Intermediate Tap 1.15pm				

SUN 22 JUNE	8am	SPLASH AND DASH 	Baths / Cowm Reservoir	Festival wouldn't be the same without this inspirational stalwart! For 16-year-olds and younger: just swim 8 lengths of the pool, then run the 1.75 miles up to the res and around it. PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL
	10am-3pm	SHOWJUMPING (weather permitting) 	The Arena – behind the stables, Cowm Park Way (signposted)	Park on Cowm Park Way, then follow the signs up the lane behind the stables (it's not far) to this little gem of a venue, for as close a view of horses in sporting action as you'll ever get. Bring a folding chair and relax: no charge, and refreshments available.
	2pm	CLOSING CEREMONY 	The Riverside	A chance to come together and celebrate some of the week's achievements. Various awards, including the Ian Clegg Legend trophy given annually to someone who has contributed/achieved a lot through this Festival: Kerrie Lawler won it in 2012, Joe Reeve in 2013. There will also be a slide loop of Festival events (and photos you can order from Jim Mellor), a performance by members of Samba Dance, a raffle, perhaps a game of stand-up bingo... oh, and the bar will be open.



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The PPG is a non-professional group, who will canvas the opinions and ideas of the patient group and work with other local PPGs.

We are looking for patients to sit on the PPG, representing all ages, both male and female.

We meet approximately every 8 weeks; the next meeting of the PPG is on 9th June @ 7:00pm at Whitworth Medical Centre

If you are interested please contact the surgery reception and ask for a form.

Your surgery needs YOU! Further information can be got from Whitworth Medical Centre.

CANCER RESEARCH - WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE



The Committee would like to thank everyone in the village for their continued support. Especially those who have supported the most recent event's ,the meal held at the Ashoka on 3rd April which raised £481 and the songs of praise at Christ church Healey which raised £500 .A sponsored parachute jump at the end of march by Chris Ramsden raised £600 many thanks to Chris for this brave venture .


By the time of publication further events will have been held including golf tournament at Lobden and a flower arranging demonstration at Greenbrook house .The annual sponsored walk undertaken jointly with Whitworth band will take place at the end of September /beginning of October .If anyone would like to take part in this or sponsor please contact on numbers below .Another fund raising meal will be held later in the year at Berni's and of course there will be the annual carol concert in December .

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Whitworth Vale & Healey Band appearing at Hallfold

Hallfold UR Church are pleased to announce that they will be hosting a concert by the Whitworth Vale & Healey Band on Saturday, 17th May 2014. The event will commence at 7.30pm and tickets, available from Mary on 01706 356109, cost £6 including light refreshments. Hallfold regularly holds social events over the course of the year, all of which are advertised on the public notice boards throughout the valley and often in this magazine.

The church runs a weekly 'Exercise to Music' class each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm. It is not too strenuous - amongst its regulars are several senior citizens so you are never too old or too unfit! The charge for each session is £3 and is open to all.

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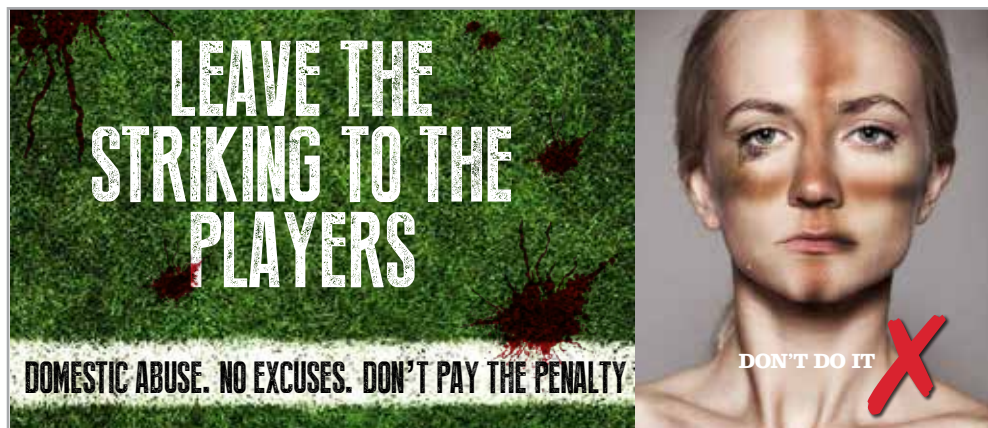
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Whitworth had three great events last year; Rachael Bennion's Hippy market, the 60's evening at Berni Inn and the charity dinner put on by Karen Ruane. But we would like to see more. The Riverside is a great venue but needs an event? So if you have an idea for event sand would like to talk it over, you can contact us at bazhyde51@gmail.com. Keep up with progress on our blog: rossendale60sfest.wordpress.com

WHITWORTH MAYOR'S DINNER AND COFFEE MORNING

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Mayor of Whitworth, Cllr Karen Ruane, said; "My consort Peter and I would like to thank everyone who has supported this evening and all our other events throughout my Mayoral year. Thank you."

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MAYOR'S OVERVIEW

The year just past has, as always, been a busy and productive one for the Town Council. As Mayor and Consort, my husband Peter and I have been invited to attend a huge number of events both within the town and in neighbouring boroughs, and I'm delighted that we managed to attend the vast majority of invitations received, all of which were most enjoyable. We've enjoyed visiting groups and establishments within Whitworth and also spreading the 'Whitworth Word' further afield into neighbouring boroughs. As reported by previous Mayors, I too can confirm that Whitworth is highly regarded and envied by its neighbours.

The Town Council continues to be instrumental in a variety of initiatives, many of which are detailed in the report before you. The Council continues to provide a strong, unique service to the town, and I am delighted and relieved that, through much discussion and prudent financial management, the Council has again managed to keep its precept at the same level for the fourth year running. Over and above core duties, the Town Council works with other councils and agency organisations, such as the Police and Green Vale Homes, and with residents and businesses to get the best for our town and its residents. The Town Council, more often than not, 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.

There is a strong sporting community within our town 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 a wonderful voluntary sector in our town, from the band to the horticultural society - the Town Council sends grateful thanks to all who strive to make Whitworth a better place to live.

Personal highlights - I have met some wonderful dedicated people, attended spectacular charity events, visited Blackburn Cathedral, spent time with 'The Accrington Pals,' and lit a candle at the Springhill Hospice's lights of love service, but for me the most special time is when the Chain of Office is invited into the heart of Whitworth, meeting the children and families at the friends of Wallbank's Christmas Party, handing out the Easter eggs at Hall Fold Playgroup, announcing the winners of the Knobbly Knees and Glamorous Granny competitions at the Family Fun day, and of course getting wet through at the annual Duck Race.

Looking forward, I am sure that Councillor Mellor will do a thorough and inspiring job as Mayor when he takes over the reins later this month, and I send him all my very best wishes for what has proved to be a most enjoyable, humbling and privileged of experiences. In the months ahead,

the Town Council will no doubt be given some challenges, not least the ongoing squeeze on finances, and will also be providing the community with further events and initiatives. The Town Council's staff and councillors remain committed to seeing the community through these challenging times and are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

INITIATIVES

The Council is supported by Town Clerk Karen Douglas, who works 30 hours a week as standard. The Council also contracts a Parish Lengthsman for general repairs and maintenance. The Lengthsman's hours have been reduced slightly for the year ahead, however he will continue to complete jobs throughout the year such as attending to Public Rights of Way, mending footpaths, fences and stiles and undertaking a multitude of jobs in and around the town. The Council has also seen a reduction in funding from the Borough Council for the full-time Town Caretaker position, but, with careful financial management, has managed to keep the position full time for the year ahead. The Town Caretaker litter-picks targeted sites the length and breadth of the town, and reports issues and problems back to the Clerk. All three maintain healthy attendance sheets - a testament to their professionalism and commitment to the town.

The Town Council's 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 past year saw a full redevelopment of the site, making it more user-friendly and easier to update, and incorporating new technologies. The Town Council also makes good use of social media and 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, and last year also saw the official re-opening of the refurbished Memorial Gardens, following a successful £50k bid to Community Spaces.

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 over 88 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. In its 10th year now, it is hand-delivered to all households by the Sports Council.

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 with the Speed Indication Device, which has had some success in lowering speeds in problem areas of the town.

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, and holds quarterly meetings with the County Council's Highways department. 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'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 140 copies – all these events and initiatives have been provided for less than £647 in total. The Committee is currently working on all these projects again, along with the fourth 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 (Civic) 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.

Comprising town councillors and representatives of local sporting organisations, the Whitworth Sports Council continues to flourish, and plans for the 2014 Sports Festival are well underway. Last year's June's Sports Festival went off well, with a successful come-and-join-in opening day on the High School field, several new events, some great support from outside organisations such as Rossendale Leisure Trust, Rochdale Hornets and Climb Rochdale, and lots of enthusiasm from people across Whitworth, especially the children and staff of the four junior schools.

TOWN TWINNING

The friendship between Whitworth and Kandel continues – during October a delegation of 25 adults and 3 children from Kandel visited Whitworth for eight days. The delegates stayed with 14 Whitworth families and a full programme was organised for their visit.

Visits to Chester, Castle Howard, Blackpool Illuminations and Rochdale Town Hall and Touchstones were combined with events in Whitworth that included Welcome and Farewell functions, a Band Concert by the Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band and the Mayor of Whitworth's 60's themed Charity Evening.

Whitworth has been twinned with Kandel for almost 48 years and a delegation of 19 adults from Whitworth will visit Kandel for eight days in July this year. Cllrs Aldred and Mellor are instrumental in keeping the twinning alive, and thanks are due to them for their continued work.

CIVIC EVENTS

2013's municipal year began as always with Mayor-Making followed by Civic Sunday, both at the Riverside. Rev Lyn Woodall of St Bartholomew's and St John's Churches has acted as Mayoral Chaplain this year and many thanks are offered to her for her support. As always, the Town Council-organised Remembrance Sunday commemorations were extremely well attended, as was the schools Armistice day event on Monday 11 November, which was organised by St John with St Michael Primary and also attended by St Anselms children. The Civic Carol Service at the Riverside was led by Rev Lyn Woodall and also a very popular event; the junior band did a sterling job accompanying the carols and a joyful, festive time was had by all. The Charity Ball in April was an enjoyable evening, with food provided by Lords the Caterers and featuring live musical entertainment. Dignitaries from other Councils attended the event, and money was raised for the Mayor's Charity Fund.

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 2013, 26 applications have been considered by the Town Council, ranging from home extensions to the redevelopment of former mill sites. 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 serve its community well. The Council continues to be as accessible as possible – the magazine, website, social media and email service ensure communication is efficient and easy, and the public have good accessibility to the Council via the Town Clerk or by direct contact with Councillors. The Town Council's relationships with Rossendale and Lancashire Councils and with other local organisations ensure that improvements continue to be made and problems are monitored and dealt with. On a lighter note, the Town Council provides and supports a range of fun, family events and initiatives throughout the year. There will, as always, be challenges and opportunities presented over the year ahead; the Town Council is well equipped to deal with both.

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