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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents and Readers

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

Then, I was invited to Samba Dance Show at The Ashcroft, what talented young people we have in Whitworth – a great show – even made me cry! Other events have included: Judging the Junior Bake off as part of the Jubilee celebrations at St Barts Primary School – I think Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry need to watch out, we have some great bakers chasing their jobs! Derek and I attended the Jubilee Service at Blackburn Cathedral.



A lovely Jubilee Family day at Healey Care, Holt Mill – eating scones, attempting the quiz and decorating a mug! – a great morning. Then onto the Beacon Lighting at Lobden. A superb day out at Whitworth Valley Football ground for the Jubilee celebrations – what a day that was! – just what Whitworth is, a great community and great atmosphere for all ages – a great day! Then the day after a Queen for a Queen day at the Ashcroft, I had a name the corgi stall; starting the raising of funds for local community groups and organisations through the Mayor's Charity, managing to raise £100.

I opened the Sport's Festival on June 12th at the swimming pool for the splash and dash. This saw the first ever adult splash and dash, which my two friends decided to do to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity fund, raising £250!! Thank you, Karin and Alex!

Then a great night at WAMDS Oklahoma – what a show! Great talent.

I will have been to Whitworth High School Awards evening and held my first event, Meet the Mayor by the time you are reading this. With lots of more events planned in the coming months e.g. Curry night at Ashoka, pumpkin carving at the Cock and Magpie, mini / family moonwalk and the ever famous over 55's Xmas party at the Ashcroft – keep your eyes open for more details.

With best wishes,

Handwritten signature of Janet Whitehead.

Cllr Janet Whitehead, Mayor of Whitworth

Could you be our next cover star? If you know a young person from Whitworth that has achieved something fantastic please get their carer to contact us and let us know as we would love to feature them on our next cover.

Please contact Melanie on 01706 852018 or email

info@whitworth.gov.uk

Whitworth Rushcart procession

Whitworth Rushcart will take place on Sunday 4 September. The procession leaves Whitworth Museum at 1.00pm featuring traditional morris dance troupes and will travel up the main road, led by the Rushcart itself towards the Ashcroft. From 1.15pm until 4.30pm, the car park of The Ashcroft will be cordoned off for stalls, entertainments, and performances from various morris dancing troupes and members of the Whitworth Vale and Healey Band. The Ashcroft bar will be open for liquid refreshments and there will be a variety of food available. There will also be an Arts and Craft Fair in the Ashcroft main hall.



The Whitworth Rushcart is one of only four such celebrations which still take place in the UK. Whitworth's cart is unique in that it is the only one in the UK to be covered in beautiful local heather that is in bloom at this time of year, collected by the Whitworth Rushcart Men from the moors above Darwen before the event; Rushcarts in the other areas are covered with rushes or tatters of cloth. BUT! Organisers need help! For the procession to go ahead smoothly, we need the help of 22 volunteer marshals to assist the traffic management company by directing traffic away from side streets. You don't miss a thing; you get to watch the procession from pride of place. If you can spare an hour to help marshal, please contact David Chorlton on 07939 218266 or email clrdchorlton@gmail.com

Whitworth's Remembrance Sunday **Sunday 13th November, 10:20am**

On Sunday 13 November, Whitworth residents will gather to remember those lost and injured during times of conflict. The town's Remembrance Sunday commemorations will begin with the procession, which will leave as usual from opposite the former Town Council Offices (near the corner of Market Street and Tong Lane) at 10.20am; the processional route will be the subject of a road closure order for this short period of time and drivers are advised to avoid the

area. The procession will arrive at Whitworth's Memorial Gardens in Facit at approximately 10.40am, and will be followed by a Service of Remembrance around the Cenotaph, including a two-minute silence at 11am. Following the Service of Remembrance, everyone is invited to join the Mayor for light, warm refreshments at The Ashcroft. This event can only continue with the help of volunteer marshals to assist with the road closure. If you know any adults willing to help marshal then please contact David Chorlton on clrdchorlton@gmail.com or 07939 218 266.



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Whitworth Volunteers host Wreath Making Workshop

Following the success of last year's trial workshop, the volunteers have decided to do it all again this year! The idea was the brainchild of volunteer member, Linda Parker to recycle the Christmas tree offcuts the group produce. The workshops will take place on Saturday 3rd December at Hallfold Church Hall. The morning session takes place from 9am to 12pm and an afternoon session 1pm until 4pm. Everything will be provided to make a traditional, natural wreath. Guests will receive mulled wine and a mince pie and be entertained by Christmas tunes while they craft. Everyone is welcome to bring along decorations or fairy lights they wish to add to their wreath to customise theirs to their own colour scheme.

Tickets are available NOW while stocks last priced at £30 per head, available from the Whitworth Council Office at the Ashcroft, Land online from www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Wreath_Making_Workshop (online purchases incur a £1 booking fee)



Traditional Wreath making workshop

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Sun 4 Sept

1pm: Whitworth Museum
Procession feat.

Whitworth Vale & Healey Band,
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Ho Ho Ho! Santa Express Returns to Whitworth

Father Christmas will be travelling through our town in a custom-built sleigh between 5pm and 7pm on Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th of December. He will be sledding between Broadley and Shawforth and calling at most of the residential areas on the way driving slowly to allow families to wave as he passes by. It would be impossible to cover every single street, but the volunteers have worked hard to ensure that you won't have far to go to see him drive by. Check out the next issue of the Whitworth Valley News for the route and schedule.



Christmas Trees on Brackets

Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee are aiming to extend the Christmas lights offer across the length of the town by installing Christmas trees, at a subsidised cost to properties around Whitworth. To spread the festive cheer throughout the village, the Committee is hoping that you might consider displaying a Christmas tree on your property this year. The Committee can offer the following: A 3ft to 4ft real Christmas tree plus a set of mains-

powered or battery festive lights, including installation and removal. The cost of fuel and other materials has risen significantly this year and we anticipate the cost of trees this year will be £50 per tree. The tree would be taken away at the end of the festive season. Trees would be installed between Monday 14th November and Sunday 27th November, the contractor would need to arrange access for the mains cable to be fed into the house.

To order your tree, please return the following order slip, complete with payment to postbox on the wall of the The Ashcroft. Cheques can be made payable to 'Whitworth Town Council' or payments can be made in cash at the office or online.

Your order and payment must be received by MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER.

I would like to order Christmas Tree(s) and lights for a cost of £50 for one tree OR £42 each for two or more trees.

I am the building owner and I give permission for the bracket / tree / lights to be installed. (please tick)

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Update from your MP

Back in June, Jake Berry MP held his latest Meet Your MP event in Whitworth at the brilliant new café, Market Street Kitchen. He was joined by County Councillor Scott Smith for a Q&A with Whitworth residents about the issues affecting them.

A lively discussion took place on everything from road repairs and bus services, to cattle grids and scrambler bikes. Residents were rightly concerned about persistent speeding along Market Street, causing a danger to other motorists and pedestrians.

Jake and Scott are continuing to work closely with Lancashire County Council, to ensure all the speed cameras along Market Street are active. And they're pushing Rossendale Police to deploy some of their 19 new officers to the area, to act as deterrent and take enforcement action against anyone breaking the law.

To enable more police action, it's vital that residents who see speeding report it to the police via the 101 non-emergency line or on the website.

Jake and Scott are following up on all the issues raised with Rossendale Borough Council and Lancashire County Council and are feeding back to those who attended. You can always contact Jake on jake.berry.mp@parliament.uk or by calling 01706 215 547 if you have any issue of concern.

Whitworth's **two Community Galleries** will soon complete a first post-covid year of exhibitions. Pupils of St John with St Michael School currently have Platinum Jubilee artwork on display at the Library. The Whitworth branch of University of the Third Age will be showing what they do at the Leisure Centre from September 2; with a celebration of Whitworth Rushcart following on September 23. From October 14, will be a fascinating exhibition of photos and changing images tracking the building of the new Whitworth High School; and Whitworth Valley FC will complete the autumn schedule from November 4. All those exhibitions will transfer to the Library after their three weeks at the Baths. There are still one or two gaps in the schedule for the next twelve months. If you, or your organisation, fancy exhibiting (it's free!) please contact Jo Furtado on 07813 180 748 or jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk to discuss the details.

Whitworth Play Area Update

The new play space is almost finished. As we know, the timescales for this project slipped because of Covid, Brexit delays and then terrible weather, but we're thrilled that it's now all coming together. Work to tackle weeds and non-native plants around the site will continue over the next couple of weeks, and the finishing touches will be done by local primary school children who will plant wildflower bulbs.

Children from both Tonacliffe and St Bartholomews Schools worked with artist Rick Goodwin of Stump Art to design and create two beautiful bespoke seats, carved from oak using chainsaws. One depicts local wildlife and the other tells the industrial story of the site. Unfortunately, vandals attacked the seats one weekend in July and have caused significant damage.

This project is for the whole community and has had input from children and the community at each stage – to see all that hard work get damaged in just a few short hours is really upsetting for the whole community. We would like to ask families, dog walkers and those using the site to please be vigilant and to



respect the site and to report any instances of vandalism to Rossendale Borough Council on 01706 217777. Everyone involved with the project would like to thank the people of Whitworth for their patience and support throughout the consultation process and while the works have been taking place. We hope all the local children enjoy the space over the upcoming summer holidays, and long into the future!

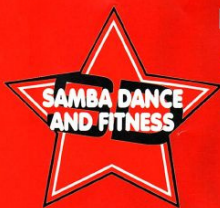


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Whitworth is Blooming!

The Whitworth in Bloom volunteers hope that local residents and visitors alike are enjoying the floral displays throughout the town. If anybody feels they would like to lend a hand with watering, weeding, planting etc. please do contact the Whitty Bloomers via Facebook or on 07904 130 206. Please note, there are some areas that are being carefully managed by volunteers who have a long-term vision for that site. The volunteers would be happy to share these ideas with anyone who may be interested so please check beforehand. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer and all the lovely floral pleasures it brings.



Volunteering at The Ashcroft

Are you looking to give something back to the community and make a difference to the people who live and work here, or are you seeking an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge? Then The Ashcroft could be the place for you!

We are looking for a reliable, dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers to help support the team who work incredibly hard to make sure that The Ashcroft remains a special place for people to celebrate, have fun and create lasting memories. We are looking for:

- Proactive & practical individuals to join our Ground and Maintenance team to help keep The Ashcroft looking at its best

- Creative & innovative volunteer photographers, to take pictures at our events for our social media and marketing
- Efficient & organised individuals to support the setup, takedown and changeover at our events

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Commissioner wants your views on anti-social behaviour

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden has launched a county wide anti-social behaviour survey to get a full picture of the scale and types of anti-social behaviour (ASB), to identify hotspots and to look at how the police and local partners can work better together.



Commissioner Snowden said: "ASB can take many forms including intimidating and aggressive groups, drug dealing in residential areas, damage, graffiti, and the anti-social use of vehicles. What they all have in common is that they are a blight on our communities and make people feel unsafe in their homes and on the streets. ASB is one of the top concerns raised with Lancashire police and an issue that residents write to me about every day.

Results from the survey will be independently evaluated and shared with a range of partners including the police, local councils, housing associations and other partners through Lancashire's Community Safety Partnerships to form a joined-up response to tackling anti-social behaviour across the county.



Whitworth Valley Jubilee Celebration

WOW! Whitworth you didn't disappoint! Now the Jubilee celebrations have come to a close, what a fabulous day it was at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration in June. Whitworth Valley FC had a small team of dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and on the day to bring the community back together again after the difficult times.

Fundraisers would like to thank the following local businesses/residents for donating equipment for our event, Robert Kershaw, Proscenium for their stage decks, Jan Wormald for the extra large

inflatable, Jon Leech, Triad Fabrications for the generators & barriers, Stuart Dean for the use of his vehicle to help with transportation of equipment and a huge thank you must go to Martin Duffy & crew for stage and sound. To the local artists who performed, you were all amazing! Without all your support the event wouldn't have been possible.

To everyone who attended, THANK YOU! Whitworth you did yourselves proud! You brought our community back together again!

Final thanks must go to the Queen for making a special appearance, it was very much appreciated especially given the busy Jubilee schedule. Whitworth Valley look forward to seeing you next year for Summer Party on the Pitch! ⚽

THANK YOU!

Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band

Band travelled to Buxton on 15th May to compete in Buxton brass festival and were awarded first place in the third section, a shield for the best Euphonium section (Ian Peters and Emily Maunder) and a trophy for the highest placed North West band. On the 10th June, the band took part in the Whit Friday



marches across Saddleworth and Tameside and came away with two first places, two second places and a third place from the nine contests entered. The next concerts will be, Rochdale Golf Club on the 16th July, 4th September as part of the parade for the Whitworth Rushcart celebrations and then the 1st October will see the band take part in the Bolsover Brass Band contest again as defending champions (3rd section).

Band now have 17 Academy children attending rehearsals regularly at the band club on a Wednesday evening and they will be taking part in their first Whitworth concert on 9th October at The Ashcroft, alongside the Youth band and Senior band. For further booking information please contact Michael Whitby 01706 852613



Bird Tables for Sale At Whitworth Men's Shed

Whitworth Men's Shed are now producing Bird Tables for £65, all profits will be ploughed back into the project.

Whitworth Men's Shed is a community project for men of all ages. A social space where men can come and get involved in practical activities or have a chat with other guys over a brew. New members always welcome!

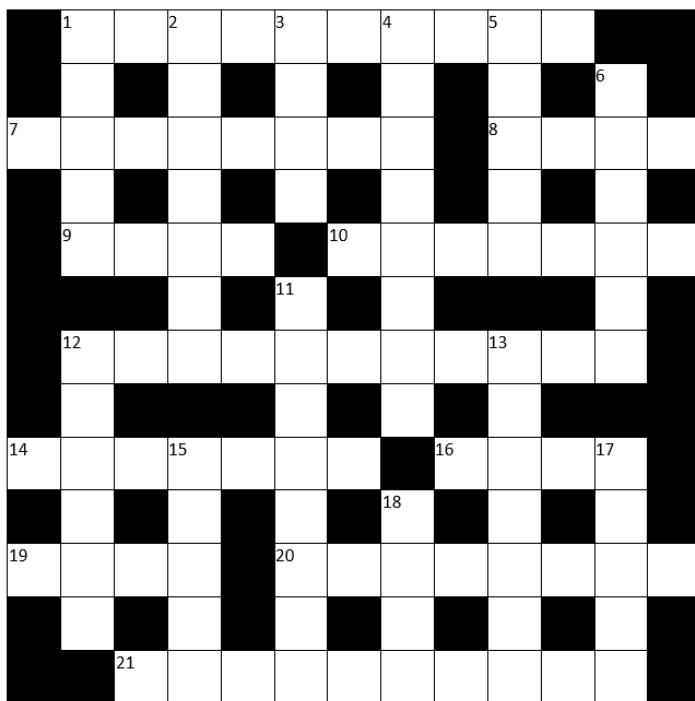
The project is based at 6 Milner Street and is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am until 12pm (further sessions being added in the coming months, please check our website for details)

For more information pop in or visit the WMS website www.whitworthmenssheds.org.uk or email info@whitworthmenssheds.org.uk

If you're anxious or unsure about whether WMS is for you, Community Connectors can offer support for people wanting to access community activities. Find out more by phoning 01282 433740 or by emailing connectors@bprcv.co.uk

CROSSWORD TIME AGAIN ...time for a cryptic tutorial

All crosswords, including cryptics, get easier as you get some letters in. If you're new to cryptics, start with the highlighted clues – the solutions are all capital cities, so you know what you're aiming at (use an atlas to help). The rest of the clue gives you hints at the letters, or groups of letters, that make up the solution. That's broadly how (most) cryptic clues work – part defines the whole solution; and the rest points you to letters/groups of letters...but not always in that order... check your answers on page 26



REGULAR CLUES

ACROSS

1 Someone who never shuts up (10); 7 Sensitive to touch? (8); 8 Wading bird (4); 9 European capital (4); 10 Useful for hanging decoration (7); 12 Entrepreneur (11); 14 Part of Abba (7); 16 Middle Eastern capital (4); 19 Statistic (abbr.) (4); 20 Provide lighting for miners (4,4); 21 Famous for glassware (10)

DOWN

1 African capital (5); 2 Not acids (7); 3 Journey (4); 4 Practise (8); 5 Type of bay window (5); 6 European capital (6); 11 Punctual (2,3,3); 12 S. American capital (6); 15 More (5); 17 Middle Eastern capital (5); 18 Not odd (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1 Spooner would beat up heroes, gabbling all the time! (10); 7 Country boy's drunk - very drunk - becoming prone to giggling when you touch him (8); 8 International Baccalaureat is for the bird?(4); 9 Capital [Europe] Problematic toilets (4); 10 Peer with honour at dangly bit (7); 12 Chap who makes it his...? (11); 14 Silver mesh - laugh at this ageing Swedish pop star (7); 16 Capital [Middle East] Party? Ridiculous! (4); 19 'S' rubbish - go figure (4); 20 His namesake had a dark locker - this one rubbed palm and lit darkness (4,4); 21 Speeding (100mph) to prized glassware (10)

DOWN

1 Capital [Africa] About top run-out (5); 2 A US city dangles barrister upside-down, extracting soluble hydroxides (7); 3 Stumble - offal goes east (4); 4 Practise on mourning car (8); 5 Cor! I elope through bay window (5); 6 Capital [Europe] Ale in sub? Go on! No odds on that (6); 11 Scrambl doth note immaculate timing (2,3,3); 12 Capital [S. America] Old sweat! Leave! Thanks! (6); 15 Old golf equipment on Royal & Ancient will cost more (5); 17 Capital [Middle East] Morning, fella! (5); 18 Smooth first lady goes north (4)

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Whitworth Keyboard Club

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piano, organ, electronic keyboard, accordion, Stylophone, or any other keyboard instrument, you would be welcome to join. The club would provide valuable opportunities for players who want to gain experience and confidence performing before a live audience. Established players could offer advice and encouragement. Others might just want to listen and to enjoy the sounds; all musical styles would be accepted. If you would be interested in setting up this club, please contact Pete by email wkbclub@outlook.com or telephone 07391 471 291.



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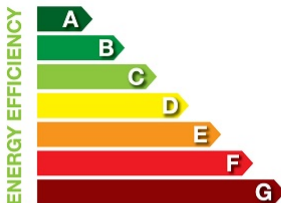
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It was great to have **Whitworth Sports Festival** up and running again. The programme may have been reduced, but there were still some notable achievements, with the Senior Fell Race attracting a record

field of 101, and a female second-placer, Martha Tibbot from Saddleworth, who lopped four and a half minutes off the previous women's best for the race. Next day, in the Junior Fell Race, another female second-placer, 12-year-old Clara McKee, smashed a girls' record for the event that had stood to Heidi Entwistle, her auntie, by the way, since 1986. The family gala was not very well attended – but the organisers re-organised on the hoof, allowing all present to do every event – from rounders and pilates to flipper-flipping and tug'o'war, so everyone who was there had an active whale of a time, which is also what Festival is about. The Ian Clegg Trophy was awarded to Sophie Baron for her enthusiastic involvement in several events across Festival, including some she found particularly difficult.

Whitworth Historical Society and Museum

This year, with the return of the popular Rushcart event, Whitworth Museum will open its doors to members of the public, visiting dance teams and their guests from 10am on 4th September. Entry is free and, in addition to the splendid collection of heritage objects and



Blacksmith's Anvil – part of the museum's Whitworth Doctors display.

documents, there will be the usual array of books and souvenirs available to purchase. For a small charge, tea and coffee will be served. The Society will also host a stall at The Ashcroft where, before and following the procession, many of the same items of merchandise will be available. As last year, the Society will hold its series of winter talks at Hallfold UR Church in Hall Street, Whitworth. The new programme, copies of which will be available both at the Museum and The Ashcroft, will commence at 7.30pm on Wed 5th October and on the first Wednesday of the month thereafter. Non members are always welcome to talks. Whitworth Museum is open each Saturday throughout the year from 11.00pm until 4.00pm. Group visits, including schools, can be arranged by appointment. See our website for contact details <http://www.whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk>

After Matters Charity

Maxine and Louise are the co-founders of After Matters, which is a home grown charity to provide inclusion, support and sources of help for young brain injury survivors (aged 16-25) and their families.



They met when their sons aged 17 and 18, at the time, were rushed into the same hospital for emergency lifesaving surgery and rehabilitation, after sustaining traumatic brain injuries in separate, unrelated incidents.

As they stayed in touch, they came to realise that there appeared to be a gap in aftercare for that transitional age group of 16-25 and from this realisation, the idea was born to set up a support group. They didn't want other families to struggle to access services and help, as they had.

After Matters help by offering emotional support via phone or email and they signpost sources of help on their website. They hold monthly sessions for the carers and they fundraise to help fund therapy sessions for survivors. They have a big summer family fun day planned at Littleborough Rugby Club on Saturday 20th August 2022.

You can contact After Matters for help and support by:

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It was good to have our **SKYLINE** walk back again this year – at least the vast majority of the 463* walkers seemed to think so. Sincere thanks to all who took part in such good spirit, to Lobden Golf Club who hosted and Lynne Rhodes who catered the event, to the 50+ volunteers who gave their time so graciously as marshals, backmarkers and recorders, and those who kindly helped in the

background with various aspects of access. Skyline 8 next spring, we hope.*Second-highest walking total – not bad at all after two years off.

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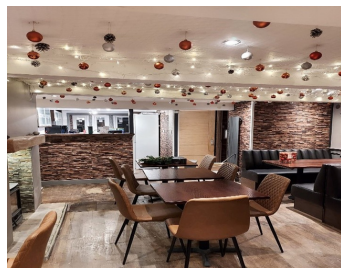
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Milcafe and the "Care Café"

Milcafe, the sister company of Milcare, provides a beautiful local setting for afternoon teas, hot and cold drinks and hot and cold food. More options are continually being added following customer feedback. The café provides disability access, toilets and a



roaring fire in the colder months. The cafe is open to everyone! Every Wednesday morning is a FREE service for those who would like information on care support, accessing Social Services and employment information for those considering a career in care, or want to switch from another company. Accessing Social care can be daunting if you don't know where to start. Milcafe managers can guide you with all aspects of support.

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The cafe is currently open Wednesday to Saturday 0930-1530. Bookings required for Afternoon Teas. Tel 01706 335444.

Cancer Research Whitworth Local Committee

The committee held their annual golf tournament at Lobden on Sunday 26th June. It was another magnificent turnout from members. The event raised £907 thanks to those who supported the event, provided prizes, purchased raffle tickets and thanks to the club for their continued support. A fundraising meal is due to be held at the Rose and Bowl on 14th July and there will be an update in the December edition on this event. The committee will be holding a collection outside the Co-op on Saturday 10th September from 10am until 4pm - please pop along if you are interested to know what the group do and if you are able to donate to the cause.

The next event will be the ladies afternoon tea at Lobden Golf Club on Sunday 25th September. There are a small number of tickets are still available. The Christmas Carol concert with Whitworth Vale and Healey Band will take place on Sunday 4th December - a welcome return last one being 2019.

If you would like tickets to any events, make a donation, or find out more about the committee please contact Michael Whitby on 852613, Elaine Bagshaw 853935 or Arnold Ashworth 343424

Whitworth Girl Wins European Muay Thai Title

Imogen Webster from Whitworth trains at Valley Thai boxing club after winning the prestigious WTKA European muay thai title at the university of Bolton stadium on the 25th June 2022.



Imogen has been training at Valley Thai Boxing Club for 4 years now and has won northern area and British titles in the time she has been competing. Imogen has been pushing herself extremely hard in her training and competitions hoping to achieve bigger things in Muay Thai boxing. Imogen was matched to face Yasmine from France to contest the vacant 11/12yr 42kg WTKA European Muay Thai Championship. The contest was closely fought with Imogen coming out the winner with all her hard work inside and outside of the gym paying off and bringing the title back to her home town of Whitworth.

Imogen is a fantastic role model for the younger and older kids at the club and also helps teach the younger ones in the tiny thais class alongside Andy Hughes the head coach. For info on all the classes available at Valley Thai Boxing Club please call or message Andy on either facebook or mobile 07375 854 307.



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Tuesdays

10:00 – 12:00 Scrabble Club Great company and good fun – why not join?

14:00 – 15:00 **Storytime & More! Stories and themed activities** (18m-5y)

15:00 – 17:00 U3A Wellbeing 1st Tuesday of month 07762 757925 (Sheila)

Wednesdays

11:00 – 12:00 Therapeutic Exercise and Wellbeing with Sheila Daly (07762 757925). £5 donation.

19:00 – 20:30 Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation with Sheila Daly (07762 757925). £5 donation.

Thursdays

10:00 – 11.30 Shared Reading Group All welcome!

10:00 - 12:00 U3A Family History last Thurs of month 07790192120 (Jean)

13:30 – 15.30 U3A Art Group 1st Thurs of month 07800 820096 (Lindsay)

13:30 – 15.30 U3A Flower Arranging 3rd Thurs of month 07411 520771 (Nina)

14:00 – 15.00 U3A Creative Writing 1st Thurs of month 07903 570008 (Kay) f

Fridays

10:15 – 11:00 **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 18m)

15:15 - 16:45 **Homework Club** – want to get your homework done before the weekend? Pop in and find a quiet place to work, use the computers or ask us if you need any help.

Saturdays

10:30 – 12.30 **Lego Club** (for all ages).

13:00 – 15:00 Whitworth Wellbeing Group For more information, please email Jodie at: whitworthmentalhealth@aol.com

... and most importantly books! The library also provides useful information and can help you find what you need e.g. general or specific information, bus services, forms, etc. You can have use of the public computers, print and photocopy too ... and of course see friendly faces.

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Updates can be found in the library, or 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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Wednesday – youth council 7-8:30pm (youth provision for young people around participation and to be involved in the youth council to give young people a voice and engage in project work)

All our group ages are 12-19 and up to 25 for people with special education needs and disabilities.

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It will be great to have rushbearing back on the local agenda at the beginning of September, after a two year gap. As part of the weekend celebrations the club will be adding additional beers to the normal selection and providing musical entertainment from Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band, The Stompers, and from Between the Vines on Saturday 3rd September. All welcome.

The club's Twitter, Facebook, and webpages provide updates on events and beers on tap, including changes to opening times for live football on TV, both SKY and BT being available. Remember the club now opens at 5pm on Fridays and 3pm on Saturdays.

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