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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear residents and readers,

During my three months in office I have been kept very busy. I have represented our town in surrounding parishes at several Civic Sunday services and mayor making ceremonies. I attended several events during the Whitworth sports festival and was amazed to see so many people trying out new skills. The Samba summer show was, as usual, a real highlight and a showcase of the talented young people we have here in Whitworth.

I have attended summer fairs at several local schools including St John with St Michael and St Anselms and even went along to the amazing Shawfest! Healey care hosted a wonderful summer garden party at Oakenshaw House and Riddiough Court celebrated their 30th anniversary and WAMDS put on a brilliantly performed production of Spring Awakening at St John's.

I have visited local groups including the girl guides to thank them for getting involved with Whitworth in Bloom and even been seen getting my own hands dirty tending to Joshua McCormack's memorial tree at Moss Side Street.

Can you believe that all this is happening right on our doorstep? It just goes to show what an amazing community of fantastic volunteers we have in Whitworth. When you stop and look around you, when you speak to local people, when you flick through this magazine and look at all the news, events and businesses that Whitworth can boast of, it really does take your breath away. Despite its faults and problems (what town doesn't have them?), we live in a low-crime, community spirited, active, friendly, beautiful town that I never cease to be proud of and to call home. I look forward to meeting you on my travels in the coming months – do come and say hello. Please make sure you check out the winter lecture schedule for Whitworth Heritage Museum, there are some brilliant speakers and topics in the pipeline. You can find out more on page 16 or on our website <http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/directory/listevents>

Finally, I am organising a charity event based on two of my favourite things, gin and fashion! There will be a fashion show by Dawn Rose, if you haven't visited her independent boutique in Crawshawbooth then you are missing out, her clothes, jewellery and accessories are really lovely and very reasonably priced. There will be other stalls with skincare, cosmetics and fragrance to browse on the evening and a complimentary glass of gin on arrival. Tickets are £7.50 and this event is expected to sell out so reserve yours soon from the Riverside. See you there...

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Whitworth in Bloom, the story so far ...

Whitworth in Bloom is a community based, volunteer led organisation who aim to initiate a movement in Whitworth to improve our sense of civic pride through imaginative planting, encouraging recycling and sustainability projects and eliminate eyesores that blight our streets such as litter, graffiti and vandalism. The idea was to combine the groups that are already working hard to improve our town and work on one project together.

The committee of 7 willing volunteers only formed on 31st March and the achievements which have been made already are amazing. By taking part in the competition they are hoping to increase the feeling of civic pride and start the ball rolling on a long-term plan to improve the local environment.

The North West in Bloom judges visited on 18th July and the committee will have to wait until the end of the year to hear the results. In the mean time, this is what has been achieved for Whitworth in Bloom 2109—first time entry.

The eye-catching planted bike feature was a no brainer as this is also the start of our local cycleway.



What better place to start the judging route than the Northern entrance to our town. Before we got on with blooming the boundary was nothing to write home about but with the help of community volunteers and the 41st Whitworth Scouts planting skills the area has been transformed.



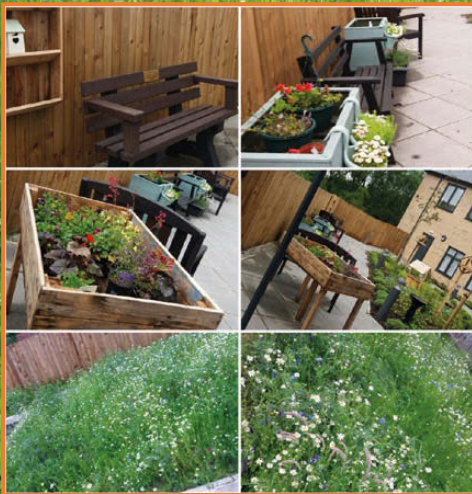
Barley View



Barley View residents were thrilled to show the North West in Bloom judges their colourful displays in raised beds and baskets which ensure that they are accessible for those with restricted mobility.

The courtyard garden includes sustainable bird tables, a wishing well and raised planters made from upcycled pallets.

The bird tables together with the wildflower planting will help to support the natural habitat and also for a sensory and calming feature for the dementia patients.



The herb garden offers home grown sustainable kitchen ingredients.

The garden features upcycled and second hand benches donated by the community.

They have involved young people and volunteers in creating this garden space.



Hall Street



Our local girl guides designed and planted a feature at Hall Street



Community volunteers have been watering and weeding this area

The Bug Stop



In April, the Bug Stop was a bit of a bug bear. It was rife with weeds, fly posting and a derelict bus stop. A couple of hours community involvement and some kind donations have made a real difference. This is still a work in progress so watch this space

Whitworth Youth made an amazing bug hotel



The idea was to turn this eyesore into an area to attract pollinators. The group have planted bee and butterfly-friendly buddleia, borage, comfrey, lavender and herbs. The bus stop is currently being transformed into the 'BUG' (read more on page 22!)

Union Street

Linda was one of the inspirations behind starting bloom. She has been maintaining this planter on Union Street for years since Rossendale Council stopped tending to it.

Linda admits she didn't know much about gardening when she started, she says 'if a plant lived then it could stay, if it died, I would plant something else'. This is the essence of what in bloom is about—if you have some enthusiasm and a can-do attitude, look at what you can achieve!



Whitworth Memorial Gardens



The memorial garden is the jewel in the crown and the judges seemed blown away by what the volunteers have achieved here.

Our Horticultural Society were another key inspiration behind starting our in bloom journey. They have been looking after the memorial gardens, bowling green and the planters outside the Riverside for years now, voluntarily. Thankfully, they have a wealth of horticultural knowledge and experience and have advised us brilliantly.



Friends of Whitworth Library Rockery



To this!

From this...



Friends of Whitworth Library group joined forces with Whitworth Men in Sheds to renovate the overgrown rockery outside Whitworth Library. This amazing transformation all happened since 23rd May 2019 and was only possible thanks to generous donations of time, resources and plants to attract wildlife and make the library a nicer place to stay.



St John with St Michael Primary School



The pupils planted an apple tree in memory of their school friend Joshua McCormack



They created a garden in the school grounds in Joshua's memory.
They made planters from tyres and pallets donated by local companies.
The children planted and now maintain the garden.



Tonacliffe Primary School

Tonacliffe primary has a school green team and an after school gardening club.

The children plant vegetables which are used in the school kitchen from plums to potatoes. They have even made strawberry jam from the strawberries they have grown!



They use water butts to collect rainwater to water the plants and make their own compost where possible



WHITWORTH SPORTS FESTIVAL

The Whitworth sports festival in June, began with a complete washout of the opening traditional sports day, and one more event was lost to the weather on the Monday, but apart from those unavoidable glitches, the Festival was successful, with most events being well attended. Highlights were the Senior Fell Race, which attracted 97 entrants, and was won by Todmorden's Andrew Worster in a record time; and the skilful performance of the St John with St Michael school team in winning the inter-primary netball tournament.



Senior Fell Race

The Ian Clegg trophy was awarded to the Greenwood family, for their overall contribution to Festival. There are some lovely photos of the 9 days currently on display at the Library, with hundreds more available to download, for free, from www.whitworth-sports-council.co.uk. Next year's Festival will probably run from June 6-14.



Junior Fell Race



Rafting

SKYLINE 6

Skyline 6 was blessed with decent weather back in May, and Whitworth turned out in force – 536 set out to walk. And it wasn't just Whitworth either: there were walkers from Liverpool, Dewsbury, Stoke and even Hartlepool. Huge thanks are due to the 50+ people who helped to put the event together, especially the backmarkers and marshals who gave up their Sunday to help out. Next year's Skyline 7 will be on Sunday May 17, when we'll be walking clockwise.



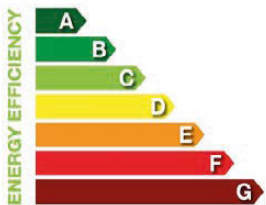
GALLERY AT THE BATH

The current exhibition at the Gallery at the Baths is a record of this year's Family Fun Day. After that come:

August 30
September 20
October 11
November 1

Whitworth Valley Football Club
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Each of those exhibitions will then transfer to the Gallery at the Library, where the current display is of photos celebrating this year's Whitworth Sports Festival.



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WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

The Whitworth & District U3A celebrated its second anniversary in April 2019 with 90 members. Membership of the U3A is £15 per annum and runs from July 2019. There are currently 13 interest groups, the most recent ones being Birdwatching and French for Beginners.



As well as the interest groups there are two coach trips planned, on 16th August to Southport Flower Show and on 16th October to York St Mary's Van Gogh Exhibition. The History Group are also planning visits during the autumn to Turton Tower and the People's Museum in Manchester.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at The Riverside at 1.00 pm for 1.30 pm. The speaker on 4th September is John Keogh, a Dementia Friends Champion. He will be explaining what it is like to live with dementia and how to turn that understanding into action. On 2nd October Marilyn Jones will be talking about the Soup Kitchen in Rochdale. The charge for the monthly meetings is £2 which includes refreshments.

A full list of speakers, contact details and interest groups, can be found on our Facebook page and website (u3asites.org.uk/whitworth).

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS FOR ROSSENDALE

(Receives the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service)

Community Defibrillators for Rossendale, (CDfR) a group of volunteers based in Rossendale, Lancashire, have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK, equivalent to a MBE.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognises outstanding work by volunteer groups to benefit their local communities and is the equivalent of an MBE. Representatives from CDfR, Brian Pickup and Dawn Taylor, attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May, along with other recipients of this year's Award, and will receive their award from Lord Shuttleworth, Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, in July.

One of Community Defibrillators for Rossendale's Founder Members, Chairman Andrew Walmsley, said: "From Dawn Taylor's initial idea in 2010, she remains a driving force behind making public access defibrillators available across the Rossendale Valley. We are honoured and delighted that the work of our ever-expanding group has been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen and thank everyone who assists with the project.

The units have been deployed on several occasions, having been registered with North West Ambulance Service, who will advise the access code should it be necessary."



Brian and Dawn attending the garden party at Buckingham Palace in May



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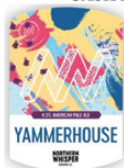


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The Club were delighted to be awarded **CAMRA Best Club in Lancashire** and **Best Club West Pennines**. The first club in Rossendale to be so recognised.

The Club is now pitted against 15 other regional winners to find the Best Club in Britain.

In addition to award winning beers the club hosts regular musical performances including folk, rock, solo vocalists and of course brass, together with regular quiz and Karaoke on Sunday evenings. All free to enjoy.



A GOOD SCHOOL GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!

After their Ofsted Inspection just before breaking up for summer, staff and pupils at St Bartholomew's were over the moon with the results. The inspector, confirming they provided a good quality of education, said, *'the school is a vibrant and welcoming learning environment. There is an air of calmness in the school. Pupils behave well and listen attentively. Teachers take care to celebrate and promote examples of pupils' best work in colourful and interesting displays.'*



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Headteacher Nick Crabtree commented, "It is a credit to everyone involved. They have all worked so hard to make this school such a good place to be at. Staff, pupils, parents and governors have all played their part and they deserve the high praise we have been given. That's what makes this such a safe, motivating and wonderful school to come to.



The school is now looking to build on its success. Mr Crabtree continued, 'There's still lots to be done. We want our children to have the best education and opportunities possible and so will continue to make this school the very best it can be!'

The full report can be found on the Ofsted website and on the school website at: <http://www.st-bartholomews.lancs.sch.uk/parents-info/ofsted-inspection-july-2019>

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WHITWORTH MUSEUM

After a break over the summer, Whitworth Museum will commence its programme of 'Winter Talks' in October 2019. These talks are open to all and take place at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from October through to the following June. Printed programmes are available from the museum, Whitworth Library or as a pdf download from the website.

- Wednesday, 2nd October 'Clocks and their Stories' by Keith Mellor
- Wednesday, 6th November 'AGM - followed by a Potato Pie Supper'
- Wednesday, 4th December "My Life at Harrods – an Insider's Story" by Maxine Jaeger

WEB DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

Interested in developing a website? If so, Whitworth Museum would like to hear from you. In recent months the museum has identified a need to develop its exposure through a new, updated website and to develop its facebook page and possibly maintain regular 'blog'. Once developed it is envisaged there will be an ongoing need to maintain the site on a regular basis. This is a voluntary position but provides an opportunity to enhance important technology skills whilst directly benefiting an important local resource. If you are interested, contact the Chairman on either 01706 344894 or 07434703972 or by email to chairman@whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk.



This ceremonial trowel and masons mallet was recently donated to the museum and was used to lay a corner stone at Whitworth Conservative Club

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND

The Bands return to contesting success continued in April with first place at the Buxton contest also winning best euphonium section. They followed this up in June returning to the Whit Friday contest at Saddleworth for the first time in many years. The band won 2 contests at Scouthead and came second at Lydgate. A great achievement out of the 6 contests they entered.

The Jimmy Grogan memorial concert in July has had to be rearranged due to unforeseen circumstances and will now take place on 13th Oct.

Events Up To December

Sunday 1st Sept Rushcart - parade and youth band concert
Saturday 14th Sept - Concert Hallfold United reform church
Sunday 6th Oct - Bolsover entertainment contest
Sunday 13th Oct - Jimmy Grogan memorial concert
Sunday 20th Oct - Rochdale contest
Sunday 10th Nov - Remembrance Sunday parade followed by concert in Band club

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



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IMPROVING WALLBANK LODGE

The lodge on Wallbank Drive has been suffering from neglect since improvement work was carried out by Rossendale Groundwork in 2005. It was originally used to power a cotton dyeing mill and you can read more about it's history on the information board on site. Local resident, John Young has proposed a new scheme to make the lodge area, including the adjacent burial ground, more attractive for people whilst also promoting its wildlife potential.



Current Plans Include:

Improve the water quality (e.g. by aeration) and therefore wildlife habitat.

Clear the surrounding areas of excess undergrowth to allow better light for existing native trees.

Extend the area of grassland, managed as a wildflower meadow.

Install seating and a picnic area.

Clear encroaching vegetation from the original pathways to enable wheelchair access to a new platform.

Repair the damaged paving by the fishing jetty.

Install bird and bat nesting boxes.

Promote the educational value of the site (wildlife identification etc.) by liaising with local schools.

The work is carried out by volunteers, but also with professional help funded by various grants.

For further information or to get involved, please visit the facebook group – “Friends of Wallbank Lodge Whitworth” <https://www.facebook.com/groups/251106029110139/>

WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The volunteers from the Horticultural society have been busy preparing their green spaces for the Whitworth in Bloom competition. Lots of areas around the town have been tidied up and replanted and the Society would like to thank members of the public who have donated plants and shrubs, all of which enhance the aspect of the area. The Society would like to send best wishes to all those involved in Whitworth In Bloom and hope that this has been the first of many successful years to come. As you can see from the

accompanying photo, the Society is delighted to report that the two Acer trees which were planted last year for the Armistice Day celebrations are thriving.

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CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Once again, since the last magazine, the people of Whitworth have shown their generosity has no bounds.

Many thanks to committee member, Alison Brett who has raised £350 completing daily runs around Cowm Reservoir and to Anette Edge who has raised £110 with a sponsored run. Heartfelt thanks to Lobden Golf Club members for hosting the annual golf tournament which raised over £1200 and to Raj, Zac and staff from Ashoka for their hard work on night and generosity during a fund raising meal which raised £588. Thanks to all who attended and donated raffle prizes to this event. Funds have also been boosted by memorial donations of just over £600 from families who have lost loved ones and a donation of £100 from last year's mayoral charity fund from Madeline De Souza.

Events are being planned for the Autumn include an afternoon tea and quiz night please check our facebook site for further details as times and venues are to be confirmed.

If you would like to support any events or donate or find out more about the committee, please contact Michael Whitby on 852613 or Elaine Bagshaw 853935

TEAM ROSSENDALE NEEDS YOU!

Award winning Rossendale Community First Responders are looking to recruit new members to their team from the Whitworth and Shawforth areas. Currently there is only one member who lives in the Whitworth area and the team are keen to find others to help with this important voluntary role.

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1ST TEAM DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

It's been the most successful season in the history of the Whitworth Valley 1st Team, being crowned Lancashire Amateur League Premier Division winners and cup winners. It was Lee Kershaw & Stevie Howarth's 1st season at Valley and it exceeded any expectations they had when they took over. They were welcomed with open arms which is a credit to the club & the area.

The squad of players inherited from Jon Leech and John Leyland had just finished Champions of Division One so they knew they had the winning mentality, but this was Premier Division football. They signed 5/6 quality players in all areas to compete for positions. They also made a few simple changes straight away to appear more professional.

From the start of the season they were playing like potential champions. In their first 4 games they scored 15 goals, conceded none, winning all of them. This firepower and a solid defence set up continued throughout the season. They finished with the best offensive record (94 goals scored) and also the best defensive record (24 goals conceded) for the 26-game season. They also finished 11 points ahead of second place.

The season culminated with their cup final at Leyland. Valley beat last season's champions, Mostonians, 3-1. The support Valley had was exceptional for an Amateur club and Valley hope that this continues to the next. Lee & Ste are hoping for 'more of the same' for the upcoming season UTV



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In May, Analogue Farm's first artist-in-residence Karel Doing ran a workshop for 21 people, from complete beginners to experienced filmmakers, including Whitworth residents, students from Middleton College and people from Manchester, London, Nottingham and Newcastle. They learned the hands-on phytogram method, which harnesses the internal chemistry of plants to create spectacular images on 16mm film and paper. Watch the film they made www.analoguefarm.com

The internationally renowned Canadian artist filmmaking collective Film Farm visited Analogue Farm to screen films alongside works by Karel Doing. Each year since 1994, Film Farm has selected 12 artists, some novices – some highly experienced, to take part in an intensive filmmaking workshop learning how to shoot, hand-process, tint/tone and edit 16mm film. Film Farm presented handmade 16mm films and videos from their 25 year history in an 18th century barn, which was transformed into a cinema with straw bales for seats.

In June, Analogue Farm & Mid-Pennine Arts presented The Queen of the Well, a show based on a legend about a water spirit who lives in the Old Lady Churn Well on Brown Wardle Hill. Local artist Amy Callaghan helped David Chatton Barker magically transform rubbish found on the local moors into spellbinding puppets. Children and adults alike came to the performance, which was accompanied by live musicians, including members of Whitworth & Healey Vale Brass Band with Alison Cooper (a.k.a. Magpahi), who grew up in the valley.

FORTHCOMING - On Wednesday 28th August from 7.30pm there will be a film screening by Cinecaravan, a travelling cinema that presents screenings across Europe. Cinecaravan is a non-profit initiative that concentrates on showing short creative documentary films with the filmmakers there to present their work. On the day of the rushcart procession Sunday 1st September, our new community space The Bug on Market Street opens to host activities connecting the arts, heritage and the environment. There will be an exhibition of film, sculpture and photography made as a result of an artist residency by David Chatton Barker with Mid Pennine Arts as part of the Spodden Valley Revealed. David will also launch his new book, which focuses on the folklore and history of Brown Wardle Hill. Keep your eyes peeled for beer mats that feature local legends in the pubs around Whitworth. Collect 3 different beer mats to get a free copy of the book from Whitworth Heritage Centre.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP SHARE £43K WINDFALL

Fifteen groups have been selected to receive grants through the Crook Hill Community Fund. The latest projects join a list of over 50 schemes which have received support since 2016. This year's grant awards ranged from £899 awarded to Whitworth Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society for a new sound desk, up to £6,120 awarded to The Friends of Whitworth Youth (FWY) for their project 'Dads, Me and Tea'. Sarah Corke, FWY Project Leader commented: "We are very grateful to the Crook Hill Fund for funding us to expand our Dad's, Me and Tea project, we are looking forward to more provision for Dad's and their children to spend quality time together!"



Walsden Cricket and Bowling Club were also amongst those celebrating a grant of £5K to go towards their objective to make the club fully wheelchair accessible and Littleborough Brass Band were delighted to receive £2,000 through the Fund. Other projects being supported include The Friends of St Peter's Church in Walsden, Whitworth Town Council, Littleborough Arts Festival, Whitworth Historical Society, Wardle Football Club, Calderdale Wellbeing, Rochdale (Whitworth) 41st Scout Group, Friends of Hare Hill Park, Disability Support Calderdale and Pennines in Bloom.

The funding for the Community Fund is provided by Crook Hill Wind Farm and distributes £35,000 annually over the 20 – 25 year lifetime of the project. Groups located within a 5km radius of the wind farm can apply for grants of between £250 and £10,000. The Fund is being administered by national charity GrantScape and a full list of groups supported through the Fund and more details can be found on their website www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/crook-hill-community-benefit-fund

The next application deadline is 12 February 2020.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE ROADS

You can have your say on your roads and transport locally by completing a short survey. As part of a new campaign to promote the work of their highways service, Lancashire County Council is encouraging people to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey, which measures public satisfaction with services across different local authorities.

The campaign will also focus on their work fixing around 40,000 potholes a year, and ask people to report potholes on their website. This year, the council will spend £24m to maintain Lancashire's 4,600 miles of highways and 5,300 miles of footways. Continued investment has improved the condition of the county's roads, and helped to reduce the number of potholes by 38% in the last two years.

Find out more about how Lancashire's roads are improving and complete the survey at lancashire.gov.uk/roads



WHITWORTH VALLEY U15 DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

Valley U15s kicked off the season with some changes to players and had to get used to a new home pitch at Bacup Rec with its strange slope and its own micro-climate.

The domestic league started well with an abundance of goals and they quickly progressed to the top of the league. An excellent style of play with a team attitude to match made them the team to beat and they only lost once all season. They concluded the league as Champions, 5 points clear and embarked on a thrilling cup journey.

The final against Rossendale was played on a semi-professional ground. The game was 2-2 at full time and a dramatic 28 penalties followed, with Valley taking the Cup to add to the silverware. The day concluded with 2 of Valleys players being scouted for Dale.

There have been many highlights along the road, but the most memorable moment was when Jacob Reader scored the goal for his Nana who had sadly passed away and it was celebrated by the whole team like winning the Champions league final. This encapsulates what this team is all about and why they have been so successful.

Congratulations to Judd (U15s Manager), worthy recipient of the Wesley Clutterbuck Outstanding Achievement Award, Clubman Trophy and recently nomination for the Lancashire FA Grassroots Coach of the Year award.



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Class 1 enjoying Blackpool Zoo

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Tuesdays

10:00 – 12.00
10:00 – 12.30
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14:00 – 15:00
15.30 – 17.00

Lighthouse Coffee Morning All welcome!
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U3A Family History Group 3rd Tuesday of month. T. 01706 750542 (Glenda) for info.
Citizen's Advice, by appointment. Please ring CA on: 0300 456 2552.
Storytime Session (18 months - 6 years).
U3A Wellbeing 1st Tuesday of month. T. 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info.

Wednesdays

13:00 – 14.00
14:15 – 15:15

18:00 – 19:00
19:00 – 20:30

Up and Active Health Walk Meet at the library for an accessible walk and a brew.
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U3A Creative Writing 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008 (Kay) for info.
Bookworms Reading Group (for adults). 2nd Thursday of month.
Rossendale Hospice Support Group for people in palliative care and their families with an hour's 1 to 1 support available afterwards. 3rd Thurs of month, from 20 June.
U3A History on 4th Thursday of month. T. 01706 875585 (Jackie) for info.

Fridays

10:15 – 11:30
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Baby Bounce and Rhyme (birth to 18 months).
Afternoon Tea on last Friday of month - with guest speakers. An opportunity, when advertised, to speak with Carers Link and Cllr Peter Stein. Everyone welcome!

Crafty Sew and Sews has been running on 1st Friday of month from 2pm – 4pm. Due to low attendance this won't be on for the next few months but please contact Melanie if you are interested in attending mel.hearn@sky.com

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Associated events:

- Rushcart Evening Service, Sunday 1 September, 6.30pm, **St Bartholomew's Church**, Whitworth Rake. All welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Joanna Watson on 01706 524657.
- **Whitworth Band Club**: 6th Annual Beer Festival, Thurs 29th August – Sun 1st Sept. Up to 25 cask ales available – for more details see the Beer Festival advert on page 13 or contact the Club on 01706 852484.
- **Whitworth Museum**, North Street: open from 10.30am on Sunday 1 September whilst finishing touches made to the Rushcart. For more information contact Mr Furness on 01706 344894.



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ROSSENDALE NEWS

THE ROSSENDALE 60'S FESTIVAL GETS BIGGER EVERY YEAR

The Rossendale 60's Festival is now in its 7th year, and along with those venues that have been with us from the start, even more new venues are join the Festival this year for the first time, making it the biggest yet. The Festival extends throughout the valley and currently takes in Rawtenstall, Haslingden, Whitworth, Waterfoot, Bacup, Stacksteads, Crawshawbooth and Cloughfold, with events including music, art, food, fashion and the culture of the 60's era. But there is always room for more, so does your pub, club, restaurant or centre want to join us? All we ask is that you stage a 60s themed event over the weekend of **6th, 7th or 8th September**. It could be a band, a singer, disco, Karaoke or perhaps fancy dress. We would love to welcome you to the Festival, and we will promote your event through the press, radio, social media at through our Festival Programme at no cost to you. If your would like further information, please contact Pete Sweetmore at petesweetmore@hotmail.co.uk or Barry Hyde at b.hyde3@ntlworld.com. You can also contact Pete on 07792 938179. For updates on the Festival, check out our web site at www.rossendale60sfest.wordpress.com



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Friday 18th October	St John’s, Quiz Night at Riddiough Court at 7.30pm
Saturday 23rd November	St John’s, Christmas Fayre at The Riverside, opens at 10.30am
Sunday 8th December	St Nicholas’ Newchurch, our partnership church in Rossendale, Carol service at 5pm.
Saturday 14th December	Community Carol Singing at the Co-op at 10.30am
Sunday 15th December	St Bart’s, Carol Service in church at 3pm
Sunday 22nd December	St John’s, Holy Communion with carols in church at 9.15am
Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)	St John’s, Crib Service in church at 6.30pm
Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)	St John’s, Midnight Communion in Church at 11.30pm St Bart’s, Holy Communion in church at 9.30am

A warm welcome is assured in our community for further details, please contact the new Vicar, Revd Joanna Watson, on 01706 524657.

ST MARY AND ST ANSELM CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Wednesdays	9.30am to 11.30am	Toddler Group
	6.30pm - 8pm	Shotokan Karate
Thursdays	8pm last Thursday in every month	Model Flying Club
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