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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



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

I anticipate that the next 12 months will be busy for Janet and I, after starting the year in office with a very well attended Mayor Making Ceremony, we decided to combine our Civic Sunday with the Pentecost Service which was led by our Mayoral Chaplain Rev Lyn Woodall and her team. During this service Rev Lyn blessed Janet and myself and prayed for us and our year ahead, this was a very touching and unexpected moment.

Already we have attended various events both in Whitworth and out of the area, and have met some really lovely people. We had great pleasure in attending the Whitworth High School Awards evening at Rochdale Town Hall, where the students had their achievements recognised. Also, the Samba Dance Show presentation evening amazed us with the Children's Talent and the dedication of Sam Clarke and her team.

We have also visited Healey Care on Lloyd Street, St Anselm's Summer Fair and the Rainbows 30th Birthday Party. In July, we went to the WAMDS show Bouncers, Janet attended a Fashion Show in aid of Springhill Hospice and I presented the prizes at Whitworth Playgroups Sports Day.

Sunday 9th July saw us at the Family Fun Day and Dog Show, I presented the Prizes and Janet and her team of helpers manned the Mayors Charity Stall! This event is always well attended and our thanks must go to the TLC members and helpers who work hard not only on the day but with the organising throughout the year. It has been an honour to be asked to attend all these events and I am looking forward to the next few months.

A few of the highlights to look forward to are the Rushcart on 3rd September, and our own Mayors Charity fundraisers: A Ladies Afternoon Tea on 17th September at the Riverside with entertainment by Mr Joel Brown, tickets £12.50 will be available soon. On 21st October we will be holding our Whitworth Mayors 60s Night which promises to be an evening filled with Music, Dancing and all things 60s. Tickets for this will be £15 including a buffet supper.

I do hope you will be able to support us at some of these events money raised will be donated at the end of our Mayoral year to Local organisations.

Councillor Alan Neal
Mayor of Whitworth

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Former Whitworth Mayor, Cllr. Madeline De Souza would like to thank everyone who contributed to her fantastic Mayoral year which raised over £3000 for her chosen charities.

Monies have now been shared between volunteer groups here in Whitworth and Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis in memory of her husband to whom she dedicated her year.



The former Mayor of Whitworth Councillor Madeline De Souza presenting a cheque to Whitworth Amateur Dramatics at their performance of 'Bouncers'

WHITWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A

The first meeting of the Whitworth and district U3A took place, on Tuesday 27th June at Sunny bank day centre. The event was very well attended with many people signing up for membership and to enrol in special interest groups and outings. There were several groups on offer – learning Italian; creative writing; wellness; walking; flower arranging; family history; history; gardening, art / poetry appreciation, play reading and more groups in the pipeline! The first outing was at Rochdale Town Hall, which offered lunch and a tour, with trips to a garden and theatre planned for subsequent months. Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (please look out for any changes in venue). They started with a well-known speaker Janet Bracegirdle, on 5th July, who gave an amusing talk on childhood memories of growing up in Whitworth. Subsequent speakers for the monthly meetings include folk magic, bee keeping and promoting wellness.

Initial feedback was very positive and it is looking like Whitworth and district U3A is here to stay! So, if you are retired or semi-retired and want some fun and learning in a relaxed setting, come and join in. Special interest groups take place at people's homes, the library and 'on the hoof' (for the walking group!) You can check out the website and page on Facebook for more information.

Hope to see you at one of the events!

HEALEY CARE

Healey Care Ltd recently celebrated their 21st Birthday in June. The party was a great success and was well attended by past & present service users, staff, local folk and other people who have supported the company over the years. The time was spent sharing wonderful memories and achievements. The event was also attended Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth, Councillor Alan and Mrs Janet Neal and the Deputy Mayor Madeline De Souza.

Healey Care Ltd service user led group 'The Compass Group' continues expanding with social clubs on every Wednesday night between 6-8 pm and the newly formed Saturday club. All details of all activities and supported groups are on Healey Care Ltd website www.healeycareltd.co.uk and Healey Care Ltd Facebook Page.

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Organised picks are usually held monthly on a Sunday morning from 9am until 10am, equipment is provided and all are welcome. For more information about the next litter pick dates join the Facebook group 'Keep Whitworth Tidy' or keep an eye on www.whitworth.gov.uk.

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WHITWORTH ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FAMILY FUN DAY AND DOG SHOW

On Sunday 9 July, the Whitworth community came out in force with their family pets and enjoyed a variety of rides, entertainments, competitions and refreshments in the glorious sunshine. Now in its eighth year, the annual Family Fun Day at the Riverside is organised by the Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee volunteers.

Attractions on the Riverside car park included funfair rides and games, ice cream and candy floss and ten fun dog show categories with a goody bag of dog treats for the scruffiest mutt, Waggiest tail, best fancy dress, best biscuit catcher, best rescue dog and more, judged by representatives from the RSPCA, Rossendale Responsible Animal Rescue and the Town Council and presented by the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Alan Neal. The Best in Show prize was awarded to Zara Leech, aged 7 and her 1 year old Pomeranian Teacup called Ted. Ted and Zara earned their place in the Best in Show after winning the Fancy Dress Category dressed as Woody and Jessie from Toy Story. Thank you to Affordable Pet and Animal Feeds who provided a bag of free dog biscuits to be handed out on the day and they also sponsored one of the goody bag prizes.



Zara and Ted - winners of Best Fancy Dress and Best in Show



Samba Dance and Fitness provided fantastic entertainment by their different dance teams and Rossendale Responsible Animal Rescue provided a free micro-chipping service.

RRG Toyota Rochdale supported the event by supplying a car filled with balloons and the community guessed the number of balloons, the winner was Mrs Carole Pennington who won a £150 Amazon voucher with her guess of 200 balloons.

The Spodden Valley Explorers attended to promote the Spodden Valley Revealed project and offered free family badge making. They also had an archaeological expert on hand to identify people's local finds.



WHITWORTH SKYLINE

Whitworth Skyline was walked by 368 souls this May, a record number for the event. Next year's Skyline 5 will take place on Sunday May 13 and will be walked in a clockwise direction. The full walk will, as usual, be 14 miles long – but there are plans afoot for a Western Skyline of 9 miles, and maybe a Skyline Sunday Stroll of 3 miles.

As ever, the event can't happen without volunteers willing to marshal that day. Jo Furtado (853442 or 07813180748) will be particularly pleased to hear from anyone prepared to back mark a small part of the walk, or to use their 4x4 to staff a checkpoint on the moor.

RSPCA ROCHDALE & DISTRICT - REG CHARITY NO 232257

Rochdale RSPCA's latest charity shop at 595 Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 8QS was recently opened by the Former Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza.



The shop's opening hours are 9.00am-4.30pm Monday to Saturday tel: 07388203764 All of our shops sell a variety of goods such as clothing and accessories, bric-a-brac, books, DVDs and CDs and stock a range of new budget cutlery and household products, pet treats, toys and beds. Larger items such as furniture can be collected/delivered on certain days by prior arrangement.

The money raised helps support the work of the Rochdale Animal Centre on Redcross Street Rochdale which can hold more than 100 animals, most of which have been taken in from the inspectors for assessment, treatment, rehabilitation and finally rehoming. You can visit the Animal Centre 11.30am-3.30pm every day except Wednesday. The staff will be happy to show you round. Microchipping for your pet is available during opening hours (no appointment needed).

For more information check the website www.rspca-rochdale.org.uk, ring **01706 861897** or email rspcarochdale@btconnect.com

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK

This year, Whitworth Town Council will be taking part in UK Parliament Week which takes place between 13th and 19th November 2017. This will be an opportunity to take a moment to celebrate and reflect on those rights which are often taken for granted but which people throughout history have campaigned to make happen or fought to preserve.

The Council will invite children from local schools to visit the council chamber on Friday 17th November, meet with some of our Town, Borough and County Councillors and also our MP, Jake Berry. The children will get the opportunity to sit in the councillors chairs and hold a mock council meeting.

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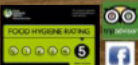
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DON'T BE SQUARE! MAYOR'S CHARITY FUNDRAISER GOES ALL GROOVY

The Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth, Councillor Alan and Mrs Janet Neal, invite you to dig out your tie dye for a far-out charity boogie in aid of the Mayor of Whitworth's charity fund on Saturday 21 October at the Riverside, Whitworth, Man.

This promises to be a really fun evening for all, the bar will be open and there will be a buffet. Doors will open at 7pm and there is lots of psychedelic fun planned, 60s costume is encouraged.

Book tickets early to avoid the rush! Tickets cost £15 each including buffet and are available from The Riverside and Eventbrite while stocks last. Alternatively, give Melanie, the Town Clerk a call on 01706 852018 or email info@whitworth.gov.uk

All proceeds raised at the event will go towards the Mayor's Charity Fund. This year the Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth will be supporting some of the wonderful groups and charities who do so much to make Whitworth the place it is.



ROSSENDALE 60'S FESTIVAL

The Rossendale 60's Festival is now in its 5th year and has established itself as the premier valley-wide event in Rossendale. The organisers have always seen the Rossendale 60's Festival as distinctive in a number of ways. This year's Festival, taking place between the 8th, 9th and 10th of September has increased both in size and diversity, while maintaining the quality of the events that the organisers have developed over the past 4 years. The Festival now offers 24 events at 16 venues across the Valley including additional events in Rawtenstall and new events in Newchurch, Crawshawbooth, Haslingden and Stacksteads.

For its efforts last year, the Festival and has been recognised by the Northern Souls Awards Judging panel as one of the best Festivals in the Northwest and was shortlisted in the 'Music Festival of the Year' in this year's Northern Soul Awards. The organisers are still looking for further events to include this year, so if you have an idea for an event that you would like to stage and need help or advice, please contact Barry at b.hyde3@ntlworld.com or Pete at petesweetmore@hotmail.co.uk.

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LOCAL NEWS

WHITWORTH GUIDES



At the start of term the Guides welcomed a Senior Section member from Burnley who told them all about her recent trip to India as part of a Girlguiding project. She spent time at a school in a remote village where she helped to mend broken desks and chairs and to repaint the classrooms. It was a good insight into some of the opportunities available to young members.

The girls were proud to be asked to lead the St. George's Day Parade as the dragon. They really enjoyed the challenge of wearing the costume and taking a small part in the service. There have been outdoor cooking sessions, an inflatable session at Cowm reservoir and a successful camp at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe when there was the chance to use new tents – the result of a grant from Crook Hill Community Fund. Activities at camp included archery, abseiling, caving and crate challenge. The Unit were pleased to receive a cheque from the retiring Mayor's Charity Fund.

Helen Kowal, one of the leaders, was presented with her 20 year Service Award by the Division Commissioner. Guide leader Elaine Dyson, was nominated by her peers as a Guiding Idol and attended an afternoon tea and presentation at Region HQ in Preston.

For the last meeting of term, the Guides returned to Cowm reservoir and had a fantastic evening being bounced and spun around on the inflatables.



Thank-you to Mike Burgess for giving permission for this photograph to be used.

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND

The band have been very busy with all sections performing concerts and some parades. The learner band made their debut playing at Toncliffe School and at the Riverside alongside the senior band and Milnrow championship band. In May, the senior band came third at the Holme Valley contest and came away with best percussion prize. As usual the band will be taking part in the Rushcart parade on Sunday 3rd September with the youth section playing at the Riverside in the afternoon.

The annual Jimmy Grogan memorial concert will take place on the 1st October at the Riverside. All proceeds from this event are used for the youth development within the band. Including the school's academy scheme and new learner band section as well as the youth band. Tickets are only £5 and available from the Riverside and or the number below.

Time appears to be flying by and in the next edition of the magazine we will be publishing details of the Christmas schedule including street playing and local carol concerts.

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COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS FOR ROSSENDALE (CDfR)

Community Defibrillators for Rossendale (CDfR) are delighted to announce that, thanks to a grant from the Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund, they have been able to install a Community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) on the outside wall of The Riverside office, Whitworth Civic Hall. This is to enable rapid deployment of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in a cardiac arrest emergency.

AEDs are especially designed to enable people with no medical background to assist a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest, in the crucial first few minutes. Chances of survival are significantly improved if action is taken quickly. Having a cPAD available could, ultimately, save lives.

Community Defibs for Rossendale was formed to encourage local communities to install these units in their own area. Whitworth can be challenging for ambulances to arrive within the vital minutes required to make a difference in a Cardiac Arrest situation and Riverside is a hub of the town with sport and social provision for residents and visitors of all ages.

The scheme is supported by the North-West Ambulance Service NHS Trust and Rossendale Community First Responders.

Anyone interested in obtaining a cPAD unit in their area, should contact Dawn Taylor on dawntaylor_6@hotmail.com for further information.



WHITWORTH SPORTS FESTIVAL

Whitworth Sports Festival in June got off to a somewhat iffy start, with 5 out of 6 events on the opening day having to be cancelled because of the awful weather, and the clay pigeon shooting having to be postponed for a month because of pylon work in the vicinity of the Clough Head club. But the Over the Tops walk and the Bowling tournament attracted goodly numbers on the Sunday, and, with a few exceptions, events thereafter were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to all the event organisers, to all the school sports coordinators, and to all the volunteers who marshalled and registered and timed and doled out refreshments etc.

Next year's event will be the 10th Sports Festival, and will run from Saturday June 9 to Sunday June 17. Look out for a very different, celebratory, opening day.

CANCER RESEARCH – WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

The local committee would like to thank everyone in Whitworth for their continued support. Since the last magazine entry, events have included a fund-raising dinner at the Promenade raised over £400, thanks to all who attended and Julie and Chris for their generosity and support. Songs of praise at Christ Church Healey raised £520. Afternoon tea at Basils raised almost £700, thanks to Steve and staff at Basils and all those who donated raffle and auction prizes. The annual golf tournament at Lobden raised £385 thanks again to all players and supporters from the club.

The next big event takes place on Saturday 9 September at the Riverside hosted by Whitworth Cancer Research Committee and Whitworth Amateur Dramatic Society. There will be a 5-course meal with entertainment by Mr Pink, raffles and auctions. The proceeds will be shared by the 2 organisations. Tickets are priced at £27.50 and available from Michael Whitby on number below or Andy Kelly on 07947 609277.

There will be another golf tournament at Lobden on Sunday 3 September. All monies raised by the Whitworth Committee are used to purchase specific equipment identified by the Christie hospital - this year the target equipment is called a Bio-Sun which specifically identifies the cell damage caused by skin cancer and allows for more effective treatment - Manchester is one of the world leaders in this field.

If you would to attend any events, suggest fundraising ideas or learn more about the committee's work please contact Arnold or Joyce Ashworth on 01706 343424 or Michael Whitby on 01706 852613.

Why not drop in for a coffee at **The Gallery at the Baths** and enjoy the exhibitions featuring photographs and artwork by local people and celebrating local events.

Currently showing - Welcome to The Riverside

From September 8 – Whitworth Rushcart

September 29 – Grow Your Own Soup!

October 20 – Whitworth Food and Craft Fair

November 10 – Tonacliffe School: Remembrance

And if you, or your local organisation, would like to exhibit, please contact Jo Furtado (853442 or 07813180748) for availability and further details.

WHITWORTH SWIMMING CLUB UPDATE

During the school summer holidays, the club took a group of 14 children to Kandel in Germany for the annual exchange. A fantastic time was had by all taking part in the various organised activities including the tree-top forest, outdoor swimming, safari park and numerous organised parties.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

BAGS OF KINDNESS

Do you love a freebie? most of us do, well the TLC have a fantastic freebie for you at the Whitworth Rushcart on 3rd September.

The Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee have secured funding from Living Well Living Better to design and print some free canvas shopping bags with tea and biscuits for two inside. The only condition is that you take your tea and biscuits and share them with someone to make their day a little bit brighter.

Whitworth really is a fantastic place held together by a great sense of community and we are hoping that this small act will inspire more kindness and positivity in Whitworth.

Bags are limited and it is first come first served, call at the TLC stand at the Rushcart to claim yours - while stocks last. Let's spread a little happiness, life is like a cup of tea, it's all about how you make it!

KEEP WHITWORTH TIDY

In July, 19 people took part in the Sunday morning litter pick and collected lots of rubbish, new members are always welcome and scheduled picks usually take place on Sunday mornings at the new earlier time of 9am – 10am.

Even if you can't make a Sunday morning litter pick, thanks to funding from the 'Shop Local Food and Craft Fair' and the former Mayor of Whitworth, Madeline De Souza, the group have been able to purchase twenty new litter pickers so there are now some spares which can be lent to individuals.



Some of the volunteers at the July litter pick.

The next litter picks are scheduled for:

Sunday 17th September 9am—10am

Sunday 15th October 9am—10am

Locations will be announced on the Facebook page nearer the time

Everyone is welcome, for more information or to arrange to borrow equipment visit the Facebook group 'Keep Whitworth Tidy' or contact Whitworth Town Council on 01706 852018.

ROCHDALE CHILDREN'S MOORLAND HOME

Rochdale Children's Moorland Home are due to have a Family Fun Day on Sunday 3rd September between 11am and 3pm. There will be lots of activities including an adventure play area, face painting, tombola, raffle, competitions, refreshments and music.

Free entry and fun for all the family.

For more information visit www.rochdalechildrensmoorlandhome.org or telephone 01706 647020.

WHITWORTH NEWS

WHITWORTH ONLINE

Whitworth Online is a **NEW** local news blog for the residents of Whitworth. It was created by Richard, a local resident who felt that there was a need to keep up with a digital age, keeping people informed of latest news, information and events relating to the Whitworth area.

Whitworth Online aims to keep people up to date with all the happenings of the local area via their website and social media channels. Richard hopes that the initiative will be run by and for the local community.

Their website aims to be a platform that allows the residents of Whitworth to write, discuss and debate about issues they feel passionate about. They are always on the lookout for aspiring journalists to come and volunteer. If you have an interesting story you'd like to write about and have published on the Whitworth Online website and social media channels, why not get in touch. We're in desperate need of volunteers as so far, we only have 2 local journalists, best of all everything can be done from the comfort of your own home.

If you're interested in helping, give Richard a call on 07751571980 or drop him an email: rickeo@whitworthonline.com.

You can view the website by visiting www.whitworthonline.com or searching "Whitworth Online" on Facebook.



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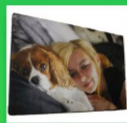
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A HISTORY OF LANCASHIRE IN 70 OBJECTS

Lancashire Museum Service is currently running a project through which a unique history of Lancashire is to be projected by featuring 70 objects displayed in various Lancashire museums. (It will also run as a series in Lancashire Life). One contributor is our very own local museum in North Street. Starting in September and running for three months, Whitworth Museum will present a feature exhibition focused upon the Whitworth Doctors. The Taylors were originally trained as farriers and became famous as early as the 1750's for treatment of bone fractures in both animal and human patients. The Doctors were also known for their radical approach to curing, or at least treating, certain cancers. Such fame travelled quickly and even reached the attention of King George III whose daughter, Princess Elizabeth, had confounded the court physicians with a "... condition of the head". Although details of the cure are vague, the Doctors' reputation appears to have been upheld and two other notable clients, Thomas Thurlow, then Bishop of Durham and Archibald Campbell Tait, later to become Archbishop of Canterbury, also became patients. Despite these high profile clients, the Taylors never forgot the animals on which their reputation had been founded. Whitworth Museum is open throughout the year on Tuesday evenings 7.30 – 9.30pm and on Saturdays 2.00 – 4.00pm.



A series of small earthenware vessels said to have been used by the Doctors

WHITWORTH BAND CLUB

There is a busy autumn to look forward to at the Band Club. Quiz nights take place on every other Sunday, these are free to enter with potential cash bonus prizes. The last Sunday in the month features Jays ever popular Karaoke.

Folk Duo Alex Cumming and Nicola Beazley return on September 1st to kick off the Beer Festival and Rush Bearing weekend. The Stompers entertain us on Saturday 2nd with the Rush Bearing following on Sunday with assorted live entertainments throughout the day. Idol Frets complete Septembers live music on the 23rd.

Friday night is Oompah night on 13th October with The Exit Band playing on the 28th. Idol Frets return for a night of rock on 4th November, with Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band giving their regular remembrance Sunday concert following the ceremony at the memorial. Ukelele legend Ralph Shaw appears on 17th November.

The CAMRA award winning club is available for special events including a small meeting room which is available for use by community group free of charge – contact the steward 852484.

Follow the club on Facebook for details of guest beers on tap and updates on events at the club.

CRAFTY SEW AND SEWS AT WHITWORTH LIBRARY

Crafty sew and sews have now been meeting since February roughly every six weeks. At the first session everyone made a lovely bookmark, the second session children's badge making then felt flower brooches and most recently lavender hearts.

It is a lovely growing group of people with a shared interest and a good opportunity to get out, have a cup of tea and meet some new people. The group has recently secured £100 funding from the 'shop local food and craft fairs' which will be used to purchase five themed boxes full of exciting craft supplies to inspire the next five sessions which will take place on Friday 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December and 19th January 2018 2-4pm at Whitworth Library. Additionally on Saturday 23rd September from 10.30am bring along your own sewing machine for some help to make something simple.



For more information about upcoming sessions as at the library desk, booking in advance is advisable as some sessions are busy and space is limited. **Follow the club on Facebook for details of guest beers on tap and updates on events at the club.**

WHITWORTH SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2018?

This year, the Tourism and Leisure Committee had to take the difficult decision to cancel the scarecrow festival after receiving just eight entries. This would have been the seventh annual scarecrow festival and the entries have declined over the past few years.

The committee would like to ask for your feedback as a community. What would you like to see? Is it time for a break or a change or should the scarecrow festival return in 2018?

Please send your comments to the Town Council office either by email: info@whitworth.gov.uk or by telephone 01706 852018 and help us to decide the future of this Whitworth event.

WHITWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE

The annual fight against flu will begin in September at Whitworth Medical Centre. All eligible patients are encouraged to get a Free NHS vaccination against the virus by telephoning 01706 852238 for an appointment. This includes people most 'at risk' from serious complications of flu such as Bronchitis and Pneumonia. In 2017/18 the following are eligible for flu vaccination:

- all children aged two to eight (but not nine years or older) on 31 August 2017.
- those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers

For more information please feel free to contact the surgery.



SEW FABULOUS

Sew Fabulous is a new dress design and alteration service based in Whitworth. Lynn Christiansen has an impressive track record coveting 9 awards for her customer service and innovation throughout her career.

Having trained at the royal college of textiles and design in London Lynn has also taught Creative sewing on the Isle of Man and has moved to Whitworth to be nearer her family and continue her love of sewing. With over 45 year's experience Lynn made her first wedding dress when she was just 16 years of age, she has a wealth of knowledge in wedding dress design and manufacture specialising in gowns for curvaceous brides.

Her services also include Communion dresses, Christening gowns, bridesmaids, flower girls, prom dresses, waistcoats and cravats for the groom. Sew fabulous also offer a range of other services, wedding dress packaging for brides transporting gowns abroad, cleaning and boxing service. In stock are the latest designs in veils, tiaras, communion accessories, handbags and fascinators for special occasions.

All alterations are guaranteed to be of the highest standard and Lynn can be contacted on 07943 317560. Details can also be found on the Whitworth Facebook page, opening hours are 9-5pm Monday to Friday, late night and Saturday by appointment.

LANCASHIRE LAW



We have been contacted by a number of people about Power of Attorney applications recently and would like to take the opportunity to advise Whitworth residents that we can only execute a Power of Attorney document whilst all of the people involved have mental capacity. Once a person has lost mental capacity, and cannot understand the process of applying for a Power of Attorney, it is then too late to do it. Our fees for doing a Power of Attorney and registering it, are £225 plus VAT and the registration fee of £110.

Please note that in order to become an attorney or deputy for a family member or friend who has already lost the mental capacity to make their own decisions, an application to the Court of Protection would need to be undertaken which is very expensive with costs of sometimes over £1,000.

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WHITWORTH 2018 OFFICIAL CALENDAR LAUNCH

Whitworth will celebrate its annual Rushcart on Sunday 3rd September and amongst the celebration the brand new official Whitworth 2018 calendar will be launched. This year the calendar has been produced by collaboration between Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee, Tonacliffe Primary School and St John with St Michael Primary School. This special calendar marks the 100 years since the end of the First World War and the children have produced some amazing artwork and poetry in remembrance and reflection. The artist of the front cover image is Faith Hinchliffe, aged 11 from Tonacliffe Primary School who painted this wonderful and striking picture.



The rest of the calendar will remain top secret, under lock and key until the official launch at Whitworth Rushcart celebrations. The proceeds from sales of the calendar will be used to promote Tourism and Leisure within Whitworth and the calendar will be on sale from September costing just £5 each available from Whitworth Town Council Office at The Riverside, UBS, Nibbles and Whitworth Post Office. Special thanks and credit for work in this year's calendar go to:

Faith Hinchliffe, Lucy Wilkins, Brooke Thompson, Brooke C, Cara Platts, Lainey, Spencer, Isabella Whipp, Libby, Mick Devine and Thomas at Tonacliffe Primary School. Bailey Perkins, Bailey Davies, Declan Marsden, Jake Walker, Jess, Holly Mellor and Class 1 at St John with St Michael Primary School and last but not least Mr Mike Burgess for giving permission to use his photography.

For further information, or to order a calendar by post please contact Melanie Hearn, Whitworth Town Clerk on 01706 852018 / email: info@whitworth.gov.uk.

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THE MAYOR OF WHITWORTH'S CHARITY FUND

The Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth, Councillor Alan and Mrs Janet Neal, have been busy along with their committee planning events to raise funds which will be distributed to local Whitworth groups at the end of their Mayoral year.

Two upcoming events start with a boogie bounce party for children aged five and over on Thursday 31st August 10.30am – 12.30pm. The tickets are £5 and include a drink and snack. There will be games and plenty of bouncing and all in aid of charity a great way to break up the school holidays (and wear out the kids)!

The second event is one for the grown up's – a Zumba party in the dark. Dig out your neon outfit and head to Samba on Saturday 7th October 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Tickets are £6 which includes a free glow stick and lots of fun.

Tickets for both of these events are limited and are available from Samba Dance and Fitness and from Helen Kowal 07966 258233.

Other events planned include a 60s party, which promises to be a groovy night! Tickets for this are priced at £15 including buffet and are available from The Council Office, The Riverside, from Janet 07866 621969 and online from Eventbrite (just search Mayor of Whitworth's Charity).

Look out for the Mayoress at the Whitworth Rushcart on Sunday 3rd September, she will have a stall with a raffle and a lucky dip to help raise funds.



Mayor of Whitworth's Charity Fund
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LOCAL NEWS

LOVE HEALTH?

Autumn leaves are falling but what can you do?
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The school are very sad to see the Year 6's leave this Summer and wish them all the best of luck at their secondary school.



Awe and Wonder day at The Lighthouse in Whitworth, a whole day of creativity thinking of the awe and wonder of our beautiful world.



The children had a fun filled afternoon having a water fight and sliding down the school hill on a makeshift water slide.



Class 2 had a wonderful fun filled day at Lytham St Annes, playing on the beach and having donkey rides.

FRIENDS OF WHITWORTH LIBRARY GROUP

The group wishes to welcome Pam Bromley to the permanent position of library manager. Pam will soon be joined by assistants, at which point, certain children's events will be reinstated.

Over the summer, the library has hosted an amazing variety of activities for all age groups. These have ranged from treasure hunts and teddy bears' picnics to poetry reading, Bakeathon afternoon teas and IT training to name but a few. Many of the activities have been organised by volunteers and have been extremely well attended and appreciated. A high turn out also leads to more books being borrowed and the children's Summer Reading Challenge has been particularly well supported. All this goes to show what a well used and vital resource our library continues to be.

To find out about the latest activities being run, please consult the 'What's On' board inside the library.

WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The members have not let the grass grow under their feet (!) this summer and have been busy planting and maintaining the areas by The Riverside and Memorial Gardens. The committee would like to thank those people who undertake to maintain other areas such as the area by the bus stop at the bottom of Church Street and a planter on the Promenade. With as much cooperation as possible, the aim is to make Whitworth look as bright as possible. The volunteers now meet at 10 am on Wednesdays for a couple of hours. If you feel this is something you could help with, please contact Christine on 01706 852613





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WHITWORTH TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

IT'S RUSHCART TIME AGAIN!

The Whitworth Rushcart takes place on Sunday 3 September. The procession will leave from the car park on North Street at 1pm, processing up Market Street to the Riverside, led by the Whitworth Vale and Healey Band and the Whitworth Rushcart Men. From 1.20pm until 4.30pm, there will be performances from a variety of dance troupes from across the region, including the ever-popular Britannia Coconutters and the Whitworth Rushcart Men, and the Whitworth and Healey Youth Band. There will be rides for all ages, stalls, entertainments, hot food provided by St Bartholomew's Church and other food and drink, and the Riverside bar will be open. There will also be a variety of arts and crafts stalls both inside and outside the Riverside and the official launch of the 2018 Whitworth Calendar. Grogan's Delight ale will be available on tap (named in memory of much-missed Jimmy Grogan). Last year over 1,500 people attended the event – come along and join in the fun! For more information on the 2017 Rushcart, please contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk, on 01706 852018 / email info@whitworth.gov.uk.

Associated events:

- Rushcart Evening Service, Sunday 3 September, 6.30pm, **St Bartholomew's Church**, Whitworth Rake. All welcome. For more information, please contact Rev Lyn Woodall on 01706 853931.
- **Whitworth Band Club**: 5th Annual Beer Festival, Thurs 31st August – Sun 3rd Sept. Up to 20 cask ales available – for more details see the Beer Festival advert on page 24 or contact the Club on 01706 852484.
- **Whitworth Museum**, North Street: open from 10.30am on Sunday 3 September whilst finishing touches made to the Rushcart. For more information contact Mr Furness on 01706 344894.

Remembrance Sunday Commemorations

**Sunday 12th November
2017**

**10:20 Procession from corner of Tong
Lane / Market Street**

**10:40 Service of Remembrance at
Memorial Gardens, Facit**



Whitworth's Official...
**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH ON!**

Sunday 26 November 2017
**5.30pm for a 6pm switch on
The Riverside (Whitworth Civic Hall)**
Free event, all welcome
(small charge for refreshments)

Featuring:

- **Free grotto with a gift**
- Christmas songs galore
- Refreshments
- A certain 'man in red!'
- Presentation of the colouring competition winners



For more information, contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk: Tel: 01706 852018 / info@whitworth.gov.uk
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2017 WHITWORTH RUSHCART



Sun 3 Sept

1pm, North St car park:
Procession feat. Whitworth Vale &
Healey Band, Whitworth Rushcart Dancers,
Britannia Coconutters, and much more!

1.30pm - 4.30pm: Riverside:
hot & cold food • arts & craft fair • stalls
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CHURCH NEWS

ST MARY AND ST ANSELM CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Mary and St Anselm will be holding their Christmas Fayre at The Riverside on Saturday the 4th November 10 till 1pm. Admission is £1; children accompanied by an adult go free. There will be stalls including handicrafts, a tombola, cakes and biscuits, and toys and books, and there will also be a special visit from Father Christmas! Refreshments, including bacon butties, will be on sale. All are welcome. For more information, please contact David Peel on 01706 852008 or email d.peel6@btinternet.com.

SHAWFORTH METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday Services at 10.30am, everyone welcome and stay for a brew afterwards
Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.00 mothers and toddlers (open during school holidays)
Drop in for tea, coffee & toast (and a natter) every Friday 10.30am to 12.00
Whitworth Community Choir rehearsals every Tuesday from 7pm - 9pm
Ladies Group meet on the last Tuesday in every month at 7.30pm
Model Flying Club meets the last Thursday in the month at 8pm
Stalls and Lunches, 3rd Saturday in the month between 11am and 1pm

For room hire contact Christine Tel 01706 854172.

Coming to **Hallfold URC** in September, a return of the Taylor Rae Duo.

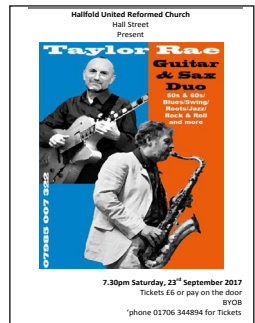
Great songs of the Swing Era, pop and rock & roll from the 1950s and 1960s, Country & Western classics and Country Rock and Blues – all covered on vocals, guitar, mandolin and saxophone by this talented couple from over the border in Leeds.

Put the date in your diary for a good night's entertainment.

Saturday 23rd September @ 7.30pm.

£6 including refreshments but bring your own bottle if required.

Phone 01706 344894 for tickets.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

Rev'd Lyn Woodall. 01706 853931 - Sunday service 11am and Tuesday morning prayer 8.30am

St. Bartholomew's has recently undergone some significant renovation and repair at the top of the tower. The work was necessary because over many years metal ties at the very top of the tower had corroded and stonework had cracked. The work was skilfully undertaken by Mather & Ellis stonemasons together with the support of HLF. If the work had not been undertaken in this way the area would eventually have become unsafe, not only for our parishioners, but also for the many people who explore the heritage trail or use the Church grounds for walks etc. We now have a building which is secure for generations to come. We have also included a new disabled toilet and kitchen facility. This will allow social events to take place or groups to use the premises for meetings etc. Anyone interested in this way should contact the vicar on the above number.

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All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber at the Riverside; members of the public are welcome.

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