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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**Dear residents and readers,**

I have had an enjoyable and busy year representing Whitworth as Mayor so far. I am honoured to have the privilege to represent Whitworth at our Remembrance Sunday service on the 13th November. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who assist the road closure, making the Remembrance procession possible.

Thank-you to everyone who came along to my charity curry night at Ashoka. Thank-you to Raj for his kind offer to host the evening. The event raised £367 for the Mayoral Charity Fund. All monies raised will be shared between local groups in Whitworth.

Looking forward to the next few months, please save the date for:

Over 50s Christmas Party – 11th December at The Ashcroft

Our Tourism and Leisure Committee volunteers have a packed Christmas schedule. Look out for the Wreath Making workshop on Saturday 3rd December; Santa Express on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December and I hope you will come along to the Whitworth Community Carol Service on Monday 12th December at The Ashcroft.

With all best wishes



Councillor Janet Whitehead, Mayor of Whitworth



Mary (Nancy) Law and Arnold Ashworth  
It was at the Joyce Ashworth memorial afternoon tea at Lobden Golf club in aid of cancer research



**Traditional Wreath making workshop**

Saturday 3rd December  
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## INTRODUCING WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL'S NEWEST COUNCILLORS



Hi, I'm Michael Whitworth or Mike and I'm one of the newest Town Councillors in Whitworth. I have lived in Whitworth for over 30 years and am deeply committed to the area and its heritage and culture.

I am currently the Assistant Manager at Helmshore Mills Textile Museum and am also a freelance Heritage Commercial Consultant. I have an Honours Degree in Classical Civilisation and Archaeology and have worked in the heritage sector since 1997. I specialise in its commercial sector, where I have developed both Fair Trade and Sustainable Trade models. So, developing the local heritage and tourism offer is a great driver. I am also a very committed Carbon Literacy facilitator and trainer, and this means local environmental issues are also high on my agenda.

I am married with one child, who has just left Whitworth High School for 6th Form College. I coached a Whitworth Valley Football Club youth team for 12 years and am a member of the Whitworth Sports Council so youth matters and opportunities and sports in the Valley are another motivation as a councillor.

I am proud to have completed 24 years' service in the Army Reserve serving as a combat medic and latterly as a unit Public Relations Officer, during which time I was awarded the Lord Lieutenants Commendation for devotion to duty with the Reserve Forces. I am a great believer in the importance of service and loyalty, and I hope to bring this into my role as a councillor.

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My name is Sarah-Rose Rhodes, I have lived in Whitworth all my life, and so am fortunate enough to have grown up around the community and the spirit and heritage it embodies.

Due to me living on my family farm, I don't ever plan on moving away so I am committed to the area. I attended Whitworth Community High School before going on to gain a diploma in Public Services, where I learned about citizenship, community partnerships, crime and society. Following that, I then went onto gaining a degree in the Sciences of Agriculture at Myerscough College. Here, I learned about in-depth ways of managing livestock and the environment.

From these very diverse experiences, I have become passionate about many areas of life such as agriculture, the environment, community, heritage, sports and the protection of greenbelt. I've only become a councillor recently and still have much to learn but I cannot express what joy it gives me to support people and I hope to continue to do so for a long time.





My name is Gareth Baron and I'm delighted to serve the residents and businesses of Whitworth as Town Councillor for Healey and Whitworth.

I have lived in Whitworth for 15 years and have had family links going back to the area even further. Originally, I am from Rochdale, just over the border.

In the short space of time of being a Councillor I have enjoyed helping residents and making a positive difference and learning from the more experienced time served members who sit on the Council. There is still much to be done, but I have a brilliant team around me and plenty of drive to make a difference.

I work full time as an IT Consultant and am married with a daughter who attends Whitworth High School. Outside of work as well as fulfilling my duties as a Councillor I enjoy competitive target shooting and helping charities and communities in my role of being an active Freemason. In the past I have served as a Police Officer and acted in a voluntary role for Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue, which enabled me to help the community in different ways entirely.

I am one of 6 independent Councillors on Whitworth Town Council, which means that I am not influenced by party politics or a party whip – and can think and act independently with the needs of the people of Whitworth taking absolute priority. I am enjoying helping the community and would encourage you to use us all if you need any help or have ideas on how to improve our amazing town.

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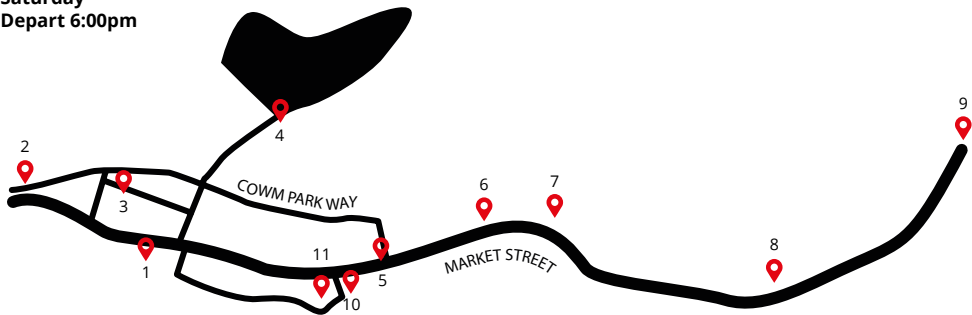
Father Christmas will be travelling through Whitworth in his custom-built sleigh between 6pm and 8pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December. He will be sledding between Broadley and Britannia and calling at most of the residential areas on the way, driving slowly to allow families to wave as he passes by. It would be impossible to cover every single street, but Father Christmas's elves have worked hard to ensure that you won't have far to go to see him drive by.

Residents are encouraged to come out and meet Father Christmas at one of our designated Santa Stops (watch out for the signs) where children will be able to collect a bag of sweets as a Christmas treat. If our safety elves allow Father Christmas may be able to make additional short stop along the route.

Father Christmas wants to see everyone out and waving this year joining in on the festivities. He would love to see everyone's Christmas Lights and decorations cheering up the Valley.

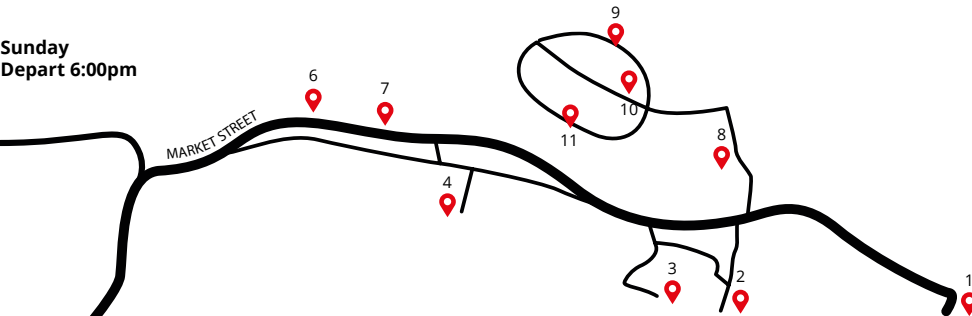
Anyone wanting to track Father Christmas from stop to stop on either of the days please scan the QR code to download the Followmee app. Finally, please send Father Christmas any photos or videos of the event to whitworthtlc@gmail.com or post them on social media with the hashtag #whitworthsantaexpress

## Saturday Depart 6:00pm



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|---|--|
| 1. Tesco Express                            | 7. Leavengreave Court/Valley View (Santa Stop) |
| 2. Orama Drive (Santa Stop)                 | 8. Knowsley Crescent (Santa Stop)              |
| 3. Greenbrook House                         | 9. Britannia (Santa Stop)                      |
| 4. Cowm Res (Santa Stop)                    | 10. Facit Fold (Santa Stop)                    |
| 5. Halfway House / Reflections (Santa stop) | 11. Longacres                                  |
| 6. Barley View (Santa Stop)                 |  |

## Sunday Depart 6:00pm



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| 1. Co-op                                       | 8. Along Market Street to Riddiough/Masseycroft (Santa stop) |
| 2. Red Lion Square (Santa Stop)                | 9. Westgate  |
| 3. Waingap View via Coppice Drive (Santa Stop) | 10. Wallbank Drive (Santa Stop on the 2nd time round)        |
| 4. Tonacliffe Way (Santa Stop)                 | 11. Eastgate   |
| 5. The Oxford (Santa Stop)                     | Along Market street then off to the North Pole!              |
| 6. The Birches (Santa Stop)                    |  |
| 7. Promenade lay-by (Santa Stop)               |  |

## TRIBUTE TO MELANIE

Due to our Town Clerk, Melanie Hearn, departing us after seven years of dedication Councillor Rhodes has decided to honour her in the best way she personally thought possible, by naming a heifer calf after her. 'Lil Mel' as we call her was born on the Saturday 24th September, which was the last week Melanie worked for the Town Council. Both mother and calf are doing fantastic.

During her time as Town Clerk, Melanie has beavered away organising all community functions this includes annually the Rush Cart, Christmas Celebrations, Remembrance Service and the Valley News. She has facilitated all council meetings with a touch of magic, condensing hours of discussion into concise and targeted minutes. The community of Whitworth and in particular the Councillors, will very much miss her effectiveness and personal skills within the role of Town Clerk.

Her successor is Rachel Hodson, who despite having big boots to fill, we are confident with our support will be fantastic in her new role of Town Clerk.

*The Councillors of Whitworth*



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## TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

On the 8th September 2022, our nation's much beloved Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II passed away at Balmoral Castle. We thank everybody who took the time to sign the book of condolence which has now been stored as part of Whitworth's archive.

This will celebrate the Queen's dedication to her role for over 70 years. Thank you also all who showed their appreciation by delivering floral tributes at the memorial gardens and through heart-whelming gestures shown by numerous peoples and businesses. May her Majesty rest in peace.

God Save the King.

*From all of us at Whitworth Town Council*



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## OVER TO YOU...

If anyone has any ideas for features or content that they feel would enhance the Whitworth Valley News then please let us know your thoughts. Contact Rachel, Town Clerk on 01706 852018 or [info@whitworth.gov.uk](mailto:info@whitworth.gov.uk)





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# CANCER RESEARCH UK WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Since the last meeting 2 events have taken place. A meal held at The Rose and Bowl raised £824. Huge thanks to Gordon and Christine Brownlie and John and Carol for their generosity and support Thanks to all who attended and donated prizes. The afternoon tea held at Lobden in September was again a huge success raising £644. Thanks to Arnold Ashworth, Marie Gibbons for arranging and all who helped on the day, all who attended and donated prizes and Lobden for their support.

The Annual Christmas Carol concert returns this year and will be held on Sunday 4th Dec @ 7pm at the Ashcroft. Tickets are available now priced £8 and available from numbers below or the Ashcroft.

The committee sadly lost one of their longest serving members in October when Sue Buchanan passed away. She will be sadly missed. Another great loss to the committee was Marie Gibbons who has stood down. Marie has been a tremendous asset to the committee over the last few years with many new innovative ideas. Again she will be hard to replace.

A meal was due to be held at Il Pepe Nero at the end of October a report will appear in next edition.

The Committee would like to thank all who have supported events and made donations throughout the year. Your generosity really makes a difference raising on average £20,000 each year for life saving equipment. A merry Christmas to you all.

If you have any suggestions for fund raising events, would like to attend any of the fund raising dinners or other events or join the Committee please contact Michael Whitby on 852613, Arnold Ashworth on 343424 or Elaine Bagshaw 853935



*Upcoming Events*

**October**  
Friday 16th October | Legends Tribute Night  
Sunday 20th October | Halloween Family party

**November**  
Friday 4th November | Montford's Comedy Club  
Sunday 27th November | Christmas Markets

**December**  
Friday 16th & Saturday 17th December  
Christmas Parties  
Sunday 18th December  
Breakfast with Santa  
Monday 19th December  
Aladdin Christmas Panto  
Saturday 31st December  
Family New Years Eve Party

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## WHITWORTH NEEDS YOU!

Whitworth Town Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee would love to welcome some new volunteers to assist with all the many, much loved events that they put on. From helping Les with the administration of our town's beloved Christmas Trees on Brackets to assisting with road marshalling for the Remembrance Sunday Commemorations. Please contact Rachel, Town Clerk on 01706 852018 if you would like more information.



# Children in Need

### Coffee Morning

Holt Mill, Lloyd Street,  
Whitworth



**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10:30am till 1:30pm**  
**Hilarious fund-raising**  
**activities, cake**  
**and coffee.**





## Healey Care Ltd

We are Whitworth's longest established adult social care provider with three residential houses in the area as well as **Holt Mill Day Support and Link, Lloyd St.** We are proud to be a Whitworth company and are always looking to collaborate with community partners and sponsors for our many events and initiatives (see below for contact details if you would like to get involved).

We hold regular weekly and special monthly events at Holt Mill for our service users including a Grease themed disco, COMICON party night and the upcoming Halloween BIG party night! We often raise money for charities such as the RSPCA and accessible sports charities...but if there are any local charities that would like to be considered please drop us a line!

We would love to welcome you all to some upcoming special public events at Holt Mill Day Support:

**18 Nov Children in Need Coffee Morning 10.00 - 11.30**  
**2 Dec Christmas Fair 10.00-12.00**

There will be stalls, a raffle, tombola, refreshments, homemade craft items for sale with all proceeds going to local charities.

We also host Whitworth Youth Vibe, a fantastic youth group for children of varying ages on Thursday and Friday nights (check their Facebook for details about upcoming events).

The space at Holt Mill is available for bookings with two large, separate spaces available evenings and weekends for classes, meetings, conferences and rehearsals.

For details email: [enquiries@healeycareltd.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healeycareltd.co.uk), or via Facebook messenger on the Healey Care Community page.

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events, come and make a difference to your community, have some fun, and help our wonderful Service Users and staff to celebrate these special events!

## ROSSENDALE METHODIST CHURCH IN SHAWFORTH

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<b>Tuesdays</b>	7-9pm Whitworth Community Choir Rehearsals
<b>Thursdays</b>	11.15-12 noon Little Bookworms Booking details <a href="https://little-bookworms.class4kids.co.uk">https://little-bookworms.class4kids.co.uk</a> 8pm Last Thursday in month Model Flying Club
<b>Fridays</b>	10.30-12.00 noon Friday Community Drop in Tea/Coffee & Toast (and a natter) All welcome
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## A VERY SPECIAL ROOF

The roof structure in St John's Church, Facit, is very special indeed.

It is a fine example of a Hammer Beam roof, other examples of which are at Rochdale Town Hall and Westminster Hall in London, where the late Queen Elizabeth II lay in state before her funeral.

A Hammer Beam roof is so designed that its arched, wooden beams dissipate the total weight of the roof sideways to the vertical walls and where it is transferred vertically to the ground. This allows the roof to be built higher than normal, therefore allowing more light to be transmitted into the building through the East and West leaded windows. The design mimics the Gothic style of structure used in France from the 12th to the 15th centuries, although examples were more used in buildings in this country around the 1870s.

Rochdale Town Hall was built from 1866 to 1869, St John's Church, Facit in 1870.



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## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, FACIT & ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, WHITWORTH

### CHRISTMAS 2022

**Saturday 10th December** - 'Carols at the Co-op'  
Carol singing outside Whitworth Co-op at 10.30am, collection for Springhill Hospice.

**Sunday 18th December** – Holy Communion at 9.15am at St John's & 11a.m at St Bartholomew's led by our Area Dean, Revd Canon Dr Rachel Mann.

Also on **Sunday 18th December** - Carol Service at St Bart's at 3pm, led by Revd Janet O'Neill.  
**Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December** – Holy Communion at St Bart's at 11.30pm.

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# OH MY WORD IT'S ANOTHER PAIR OF CROSSWORDS WITH THE SAME ANSWERS...AND A SECOND CRYPTIC TUTORIAL

As last time, in this cryptic crossword you've some clues which consist ONLY of the word-building part, because the solutions (the meanings, if you will) are semi-given to you. If you're new to cryptics, start with these seven clues (italicised below) – five of them are cities in the western half of the UK (marked C); and two are famous English writers (marked W).

## CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- 1 In favour or enjoyment – a song, but no tea (10)
  - 7 (C) Keen tec in a pickle beneath street (8)
  - 8 Could some part of you foster these spaceships?(4)
  - 9 (W) Something wrong down south? (4)
  - 10 Spin the right change (7)
  - 12 Study the green French International Baccalaureate and shuffle for a versatile car (11)
  - 14 Latin to confuse altogether (2,5)
  - 16 Mo reverses – no house, sadly (4)
  - 19 (C) Tub (4)
  - 20 Bullfighter ripped a small (useful) hole in wall (8)
  - 21 (C) French channel saint and queen (10)

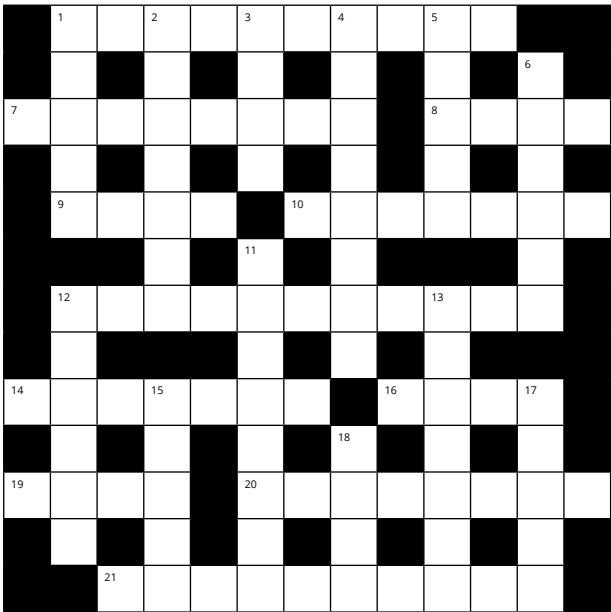
- DOWN**
- 1 Bread sounds like raindrop? (5)
  - 2 Speech conforms to no ratio, foolishly (7)
  - 3 Below university, take tea for one? (4)
  - 4 Norfolk town hears fragrance within – and takes another view! (8)
  - 5 (C) French race goes round right muddle (5)
  - 6 Door museum (6)
  - 11 Fussy but funny caped nit (8)
  - 12 (W) Business needs to mend backward ways? (6)
  - 13 (C) Beautiful (in a French way) and quick (7)
  - 15 Very large heat – but no time – for Shawforth family (5)
  - 17 South (roughly) needs our rough clean (5)
  - 18 Get rid of... get rid of pea! Go on! (4)

## REGULAR CLUES

(for italicised ones, see cryptic tutorial for a little extra help)

- ACROSS**
- 1 Depth (of understanding) (10)
  - 7 *City* (8)
  - 8 Visitors from far galaxies, maybe? (4)
  - 9 *Writer* (4)
  - 10 Turn around (7)
  - 12 A style of automobile (11)
  - 14 Adding it all up (2,5)
  - 16 Dearie me! (4)
  - 19 *City* (4)
  - 20 Mounted bullfighter (8)
  - 21 *City* (10)

- DOWN**
- 1 A flatbread (5)
  - 2 Speech (7)
  - 3 Item (4)
  - 4 Disagrees (with accepted opinion?) (8)
  - 5 *City* (5)
  - 6 Slatted door (6)
  - 11 Pernickety (8)
  - 12 *Writer* (6)
  - 13 *City* (7)
  - 15 Family name – rhymes with “Ole” (5)
  - 17 Scrub vigorously (5)
  - 18 Egg on (4)



If you have any legal queries, please do not hesitate to call us on 01706 854167. We are aiming to do most appointments by telephone or video conference in order to minimise the risks relating to Covid.

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For those unfamiliar with the concept, numbered ducks sponsored for a pound are entered into the Duck Race, with cash prizes for first, second and third place ducks of £100, £75 and £50. Even the last duck wins a tenner!! You will find sponsor sheets in many of our local shops/businesses or you can purchase online via [http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Annual\\_New\\_Years\\_Day\\_Duck\\_Race](http://www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/Annual_New_Years_Day_Duck_Race) Results will be announced at the end of the race and the winners will be contacted to arrange distribution of prizes.

Bubbles and Brews will be joining us again this year offering breakfast butties and delicious hot drinks, available between 11am – 3pm

All proceeds from the duck race are ploughed back into the tourism and leisure events for Whitworth.



## COMMUNITY CARING FOR COMMUNITY

Like many other foodbanks The Lighthouse Community Foodshare in Whitworth is seeing a worrying increase of people from all walks of life needing its services. Gone are the days when foodbanks mostly saw the homeless or people with addictions – now professionals and families with two working adults are also struggling to make ends meet.



The Lighthouse is proud to help anyone in need but it's becoming more challenging. As shops also tighten their belts to reduce costs they have less surplus food to give to foodbanks. Even with the generosity of the local community over three quarters of the food given to the Lighthouse comes from Rochdale shops, yet over three quarters of Lighthouse clients are locals. Cash donations are also understandably reduced. The Lighthouse has been moved by the generosity of its supporters: anonymous donors, those on modest incomes who know what it's like to struggle, the grants given by town and borough councils.

All help counts and every penny goes towards the service which is provided entirely by volunteers. Donations and new volunteers are always sought after and welcomed. The more they have, the more people they can help.

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29 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Tin of Baked Beans</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Pasta Sauce</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> November <b>Tin of Carrots</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> December <b>Chocolate</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>Jar of Jam</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> December <b>Tin of Tuna or Meat</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Shower Gel or Soap</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Soup</b>
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## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND CLUB

It was great to have **Rushbearing** back on the local agenda at the beginning of September, after a two-year gap. Dancers and musicians all enjoyed a great day out and provided fine entertainment.

In the immediate lead up to Christmas there will be the usual carol concert on the afternoon of the 18th December. All welcome.

Quizzes continue every other Sunday evening which are free to enter.

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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## WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A

Membership of the u3a is made up of retired and semi-retired people from the Whitworth area who wish to continue learning, make new friends and have fun. Monthly meetings are held at The Ashcroft on the first Wednesday of the month from 1.00 pm for refreshments and notices followed by a talk.



Our speaker on 7th December is Carol and Steven Robson's Fools Gold Christmas Special. In January the speaker is Dr Chris Babbs – 'Music and Medicine'. In February we have Peter Horgan, legal advisor, everything you need to know about Tax, Wills, Probate, Estate Planning etc. In March Andrea Sarginson, local author, will be talking about her book, 'Man of Glass'.

Our newest group, 'Ukulele Group' which started in September, is proving to be very popular. On the last day trip out a large group travelled to Port Sunlight, with a fascinating and informative tour of the village with plenty of time to explore the Lady Lever Art Gallery. The next trip is to Chatsworth House in November.

New members are welcome for an annual membership of £15 and £2 monthly meeting subs. Anyone interested may attend two meetings before joining. A full list of speakers, interest groups and contact details can be found on the FB page and website [u3asites.org.uk/whitworth](http://u3asites.org.uk/whitworth).

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## COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

The Whitworth in Bloom volunteers not only plants flowers and bulbs in the town, they have also been busy planting fruit trees and bushes. At Britannia, there is a community orchard with apple and plum trees (keep a look out in the spring for the daffodils planted around the base of the trees); on Cowm Park Way there are fruit bushes as well as trees and Healey Corner has apples growing in the recently planted bed.

If you are tempted to pick some fruit, please remember the countryside etiquette which advises picking a third for human consumption, leaving a third for birds and simply leaving a third on the plant or tree in order for it to produce the best future yields.

If you would like to be part of this team, please text 07904 130 206. We're always grateful for extra hands!



## CARING FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE - WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

We need to bring to everyone's attention the devastating impact dog worrying has had on our local farmers and graziers this year.

We would like to reiterate our message from the summer issue of Whitworth Valley News. The CRoW Act 2000 states that ALL DOG WALKERS must keep their dogs on a short lead of 2 metres between the 1st of March and 31st of July and at ALL TIMES in the vicinity of livestock throughout the year. Whether you believe your dog would or would not worry livestock the law clearly states that ALL dogs must be kept on a lead when in the vicinity of livestock, no exceptions.



When a dog or dogs attacks an ewe or lamb it is the most horrific sight imaginable. The fear and pain the animals go through are unimaginable and for a farmer to come along and see the aftermath is unbearable.

There has never been so much disturbance of livestock, maiming and killing of animals in our local area and it is all preventable, by simply ensuring that dog ownership is always responsible where livestock are grazing and complying fully with the CRoW Act 2000. Just a reminder to everyone that graziers have the RIGHT in LAW to close the high ground entirely.

We would urge **EVERYONE** to do the sensible and lawful thing whilst exercising their dogs on moorland, around grazing animals, **PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON A LEAD**. Thank you

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## ROSSENDALE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Volunteer Community First Responders attend serious, and life threatening 999 emergencies and treat patients prior to the arrival of an ambulance. Oli is one of the latest recruits to join the Rossendale team.

IT Engineer Oli Healey 20 (pictured) is currently studying a degree apprenticeship. He wanted to do something to support his community. Hearing about CFRs he decided to apply. Starting with some online learning he has recently completed face to face training sessions and successfully passed his final assessments.

He said, "Any initial nerves were quickly forgotten. The course attendees came from different areas. All had differing skills and backgrounds. The course tutors were really good and despite the seriousness of the subject the time flew. I have much more confidence in dealing with emergency situations and using a defibrillator if needed. I also know there is lots of support from within the team and the ambulance service and I can't wait to get on call."

If you are interested in joining the team (you don't need any prior first aid knowledge) or for an informal chat, contact Team Leader Dawn Taylor on 07812 303856 for more details and to apply log onto [www.nwascf.com](http://www.nwascf.com)







**Whitworth Sports Festival 2023** is scheduled for the nine days between **Saturday June 10 and Sunday June 18**. Other than the fact that the Junior Fell Race will take place on the evening of Thursday June 15 there are no details yet, but Janet Whitehead will be contacting known event organisers before long.

If you have an event that **you** would like to offer please contact her, or any other member of Whitworth Sports Council.

**Skyline 8** is pencilled in for **Sunday May 14**, the direction this time being anticlockwise i.e. from Lobden to Britannia, through Lee Quarry and down Rooley Moor Road.

Any offers of help (marshalling, backmarking, 4x4 vehicles) to Jo Furtado on [jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk) or 07813180748.

Through the kindness of the Library and the Leisure Centre Whitworth has two **Community Galleries**, where local organisations (and individual artists and photographers) can mount exhibitions showing what they are all about.

Currently showing at the **Leisure Centre** - Whitworth Valley Football Club; to be followed by artwork by the children of St Anselm's School (from Nov.25); then Over the Tops walking group (Dec.16); Tonacliffe School (Jan.13); and St Bartholomew's School (Feb.3).

Meanwhile at the **Library** for a few more days it's an exhibition showing the building of the new High School from first hole in the ground to completion; then, on Nov 25 it'll be Whitworth Valley FC; with OLSA from Dec.16; OTT from Jan.13; and Tonacliffe School from Feb.3.

Anyone, individually or on behalf of a local organisation, who wishes to exhibit is asked to contact Jo Furtado on 07813180748 or via [jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jofurtado@hotmail.co.uk).

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- 14:00 – 16:00 **Knit and Natter** All welcome!
- 18:15 – 18:45 **Bedtime Story** - every last Monday of the month, wear your pyjamas and snuggle up with a favourite teddy (18 months - 8 years).

**Tuesdays**

- 10:00 – 12:00 **Scrabble Club** Great company and good fun – why not join us?
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Storytime and More! Stories and themed activities** (18 months - 5 years).
- 15:00 – 17:00 **U3A Wellbeing** 1st Tuesday of month.  
07762 757925 (Sheila) for info.

**Wednesdays**

- 11:00 – 12:00 **Therapeutic Exercise and Wellbeing**  
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- 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** on last Thursday of month.  
07790192120 (Jean) for info.
- 13:30 – 15.30 **U3A Art Group** 1st Thurs of month.  
07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info.
- 14.00 – 15.00 **U3A Creative Writing** 1st Thursday of month.  
07903 570008 (Kay) for info.

**Fridays**

- 10:15 – 11:00 **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** (birth to 3 yrs.).
- 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).

**... 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.**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Updates can be found in the library, or on the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, or contact [friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list.**



It's about a year since a group of volunteers were cordially invited to a meeting at Whitworth library to see if a Youth Club could be revived for our valley.

The group decided there and then, that there was indeed a need for a youth club and that it would have to be started from the ground up to make this a success.

The volunteers come from a range of backgrounds with complementary skills but one goal the volunteers all had in common, to deliver a youth club, accessible to all of our young people in the Whitworth Valley. There have been many trials and tribulations along the way, however with sheer determination and grit, a weekly youth club for two age groups has been delivered.

After much deliberation and after consultation with young people between the ages of 11 and 16, Valley Youth Vibe was proudly launched on the 13th of October 2022.

Valley Youth Vibe are using Holt Mill exclusively for our youth group meetings and would like to take this opportunity to thank **Angela Rhodes, Healey Care Manager, Sarah Rhodes and Alex** for their tremendous support and for allowing Valley Youth Vibe meetings to continue at Holt Mill.

Sarah and Angela's staff member Alex have both volunteered their time to assist us at our meetings and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future, thank you to you both. Holt Mill was favoured by all the young people for the warm and friendly atmosphere it emanates and has proven to be an incredibly popular venue with good reason.

The volunteers listened to our young people and worked with them to deliver a new and improved youth club that caters for two separate age groups.

Its aim is to continue to provide a safe environment for our young people to gather and make new friends and explore new activities. However, this is your youth club, and we welcome suggestions from you to improve the service we offer.

## WHAT WE OFFER

Venue: Holt Mill every Thursday and Friday, commencing Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th of October 2022.

**THURSDAY: 14 - 16 year old // FRIDAY: 11 - 13 year old**

An entry fee of £1 will be payable and will include free biscuits and cordial. There is a tuck shop where you can buy a variety of snacks at affordable prices.

Holt Mill is a safe and secure venue with a pool table, music and large screen TV. There are a host of games available to play with and craft materials to explore and develop your creative side.



## WORKING TOGETHER

To ensure Valley Youth Vibe remains viable and successful, it will endeavour to raise funds. Fundraising will be an important aspect to its success and longevity, and Valley Youth Vibe know we can count on the support of the lovely people of Whitworth.

To kick off its fundraising events, stalls have been provisionally acquired at Shawforth Chapel on the 26th of November and the Ashcroft Christmas Market on the 27th of November 2022 respectively. Donations for the tombola would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at Finlay Jude Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm up to the 25th of November 2022.

New and enthusiastic volunteers would be welcomed to join the team so if you feel this is something you would love to become involved with, please contact Gill Pearson at [gpearson21@hotmail.com](mailto:gpearson21@hotmail.com) who will provide you with all the information you require and walk you through the application process.



Finally, each and every one of us working for Valley Youth Vibe will endeavour to make our youth club an enjoyable experience for all who attend. Please, come and join us, all are most welcome

Thanks to everyone involved for their enduring support, energy and time and a special thank you to Lois at Shawforth Chapel.

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## WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BRASS BAND

Whitworth band travelled to Bolsover on Saturday 1st October to compete in the third section of the Entertainment contest being held. They were awarded first place and their front row cornet player, Oliver Tattersall won the soloist prize for the section.



Following on from this they had their first concert at The Ashcroft, performing with the Academy band and Youth band. This concert was in memory of Jimmy Grogan, who was a great supporter of giving young people opportunities to learn to play in the locality. A big thank you to all supporting parents and families for attending and providing raffle prizes.

Their winter playing includes Whitworth Remembrance service, a Parkinson's society fund-raiser concert - 26th Nov at Rochdale Golf Club, An introduction to Christmas afternoon concert - 27th November, St.Paul's Church, Ramsbottom and alongside our street carolling in December we will be playing in a fundraising concert for the Whitworth Cancer Research group on 4th December at The Ashcroft.

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Information about our Light up a Life services, including our virtual service, is available on our website.

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### Christmas Fair

After being unable to hold the Christmas Fair for the past two years, Springhill Hospice invites you to get into the festive spirit and join them at Kingsway Park High School on Sunday 27th November 2022 for the return of this much loved event.

The Christmas Fair is free to attend and will run from 11am – 4pm.

### Santa Dash

This year's Santa Dash will take place at Queen's Park, Heywood from 11am. Santas will have the option to take on the 2km route or do it twice, making it 4km!

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### Wear Your Woollies

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# WORKING HARD FOR WHITWORTH

Following the by-election held on 29 September, Scott Smith is now also Rossendale Borough councillor for Facit and Shawforth ward.

Scott continues to work closely with Whitworth's Member of Parliament, Jake Berry, to ensure that whether in Futures Park, County Hall, or in Parliament, residents get the answers they need.

It was great to see so many Whitworth businesses nominated for Jake's Independent Shop of the Year competition – with BC Bakes representing Whitworth in the top ten independent shops across Rossendale.



Scott and Jake are ready to help with any issue you might have. You can contact Jake on [jake.berry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jake.berry.mp@parliament.uk) or 01706 215547, and Scott on [scott.smith2@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:scott.smith2@lancashire.gov.uk) or [scottsmith@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:scottsmith@rossendalebc.gov.uk).

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### Small Business Saturday

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The library is providing space for local small businesses to come and promote their ventures to the local community on Saturday 3 December. If you are interested in booking one of our tables to showcase your business then please contact Amy, Whitworth Library Manager, on 0300 123 6703 or at [whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk)

Info about the campaign at [smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com/about-us](http://smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com/about-us)

### The Shared Reading Group Christmas Event

Thursday, 15 December, 10:00 – 11:30

Join us for a variety of Christmas-themed readings with obligatory mince pies and yuletide log provided for refreshments.

### Baby Bounce and Rhyme Christmas Party

Friday, 16 December, 10:15 – 11:00

Join us for nursery rhymes, children's Christmas songs and presents for children aged from birth to 3 years old.

**Drop in at the library to find out if more festive events are happening, or contact Amy, Whitworth Library Manager, on 0300 123 6703 or at [whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:whitworth.library@lancashire.gov.uk)**

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS see pg14 for the puzzle



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