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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



The Mayor's Charity bake stall at the recent Family Fun Day which raised £300 for the charity fund.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I can tell you that I am absolutely loving being the Mayor of Whitworth. I can't think of a better job! During these first three months I have been invited to numerous events and initiatives in and out of our town and I'm happy to report that I have managed all but one for which my Deputy Mayor kindly stepped in. I send most sincere thanks to all who have invited me; I feel honoured and very proud to be asked to attend. It has opened my eyes to seeing what a busy, innovative and creative community we have.

Mayor-Making and Civic Sunday were most enjoyable; I hope everyone who came along enjoyed the celebrations as much as I did. Thank you for supporting me. Since the beginning of my year of office my busy diary has included opening and closing the Whitworth Sports Festival, visiting the staff and students at Whitworth High School and participating in their awards ceremony at Rochdale Town Hall and the fire cadets passing out parade, the 'Grand Opening' of the newly designed tea gardens at the tea rooms in Healey Dell and the newly refurbished Springhill Hospice Charity shop here in our town and summer fairs at our local schools. For those of you who came to

Family Fun Day you will have seen my cake stall which raised over £300 for the Mayor's Charity Fund. We had an excellent fund raising meal at the Promenade which was enjoyed by all and raised a fantastic £418 for my charity fund, thank-you to Michael Whitby for his help arranging this event. Unfortunately space doesn't allow me to mention everything I've done.

By the time this magazine is delivered I will have visited Kandel, our twin town in Germany, with the Town Twinning Committee for the 50th anniversary celebrations. It will be a great honour to represent Whitworth in such a momentous year.

I am very much looking forward to the Rushcart in September and once again I will be having a cake stall to raise more funds for my charity. If anyone would like to support me by baking a cake or a fruit pie or just donating to the charity then please contact our Town Clerk (**01706 852018** or email **info@whitworth.gov.uk**).

Further ahead, plans are in the making for 'Hillybilly Rocks' my charity country and western hoedown event in October which will be a real family fun evening. Tickets are on sale now from Whitworth Post Office, UBS and The Riverside, order yours quick as we expect them to sell out.

I am incredibly proud and honoured to represent Whitworth as your Mayor, and I look forward to meeting as many people as I can during my year in office.

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Councillor Madeline
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The articles on this page were written by guest student journalist Katie Davies



SHOP LOCAL FOOD AND CRAFT MARKET

Whitworth Shop Local Food and Craft Market is based at Hallfold Church from 10am-3:30pm on the second Saturday of every month. The Market was set up two years ago by voluntary members of the Whitworth community. The Market is a not-for-profit organisation, meaning every penny that it generates by the hiring out of stalls goes into four things: insurance, building hire, advertising and back into the local community.

This year, the Market asked for ten Whitworth based charity, or non-funded, organisations to be nominated by the attendees of the Market to receive £100. Boxes with the organisations names were made, where people could purchase tokens to put into them as well as attendees receiving extra tokens if they purchased from the stalls.

After three months of voting, the top five organisations resulted as Whitworth Brownies & Guides, Whitworth After School Club, Whitworth Vale and Healey Youth Band, Whitworth Choir and Keep Whitworth Tidy Group. A representative from each organisation was presented with a cheque for £100 on Saturday 9th July 2016 from The Committee (Lynn & Ian Knight, Karl Burrill and Naomi Kenyon).

You can find out more information about the market at www.whitworthmarket.co.uk.



Some of the community groups who benefited from the £100 donation.

THE WHITTY CRAFTERS

The Whitty Crafters are a lovely group of ladies situated at Greenbrook House on Cowm Park Way. The group specialises in all things arts and crafts and hold multiple weekly meetings to promote their creativity and artistic talents. Every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm until 4pm, they have a weekly knit and natter session where they knit, crochet and natter about a range of interesting topics whilst engaging in peaceful activities.



The Whitty Crafters at the Family Fun Day, look out for their stall at the Rushcart on 4th September.

They also have scheduled Thursday meetings from the same time of 2pm to 4pm, which consists of card making, jewellery making, clay modelling and sewing.

Currently, the Whitty Crafters are producing things to sell to the public. This is in order to raise funds which will inevitably buy a defibrillator to be located at the residence of Greenbrook House. The group had their first official stall at the Riverside for the 3rd July Family Fun Day and they will be back again with more crafted goodies for the traditional Rushcart on Sunday 4th September.

LOCAL NEWS

IMPORTANT AND URGENT NOTICE

Please can anyone whose wedding at St Bartholomew's is planned for September this year, contact Reverend Lyn on 01706 853931 as soon as possible.

JOIN THE SPODDEN VALLEY EXPLORERS CLUB

Spodden Valley Revealed will be a new visitor destination celebrating the stories of the area around Whitworth and providing a unique community asset for the future. Over three years, a trail of discovery will be developed off the new Greenway along identified routes in the landscape through a programme of creative activities and learning for local people of all ages.

On Sunday 3rd of July, you may have discovered the first outing of the Spodden Valley Explorers Club. Senior Explorers visited Whitworth Family Fun Day, collecting a vast array of stories about Whitworth and made some amazing Explorer badges with people of all ages. The Explorers also had the pleasure of sharing our tent with Glassball, an artist collaboration, who collected recordings of local stories and brought some fascinating artefacts from Whitworth Museum along for everyone to look at.

This was just one of the many upcoming Explorer events with Spodden Valley Explorers, who are always looking for new adventurers to join us in this exciting adventure into the past... Bronze Age settlers on the moors, the horse doctors of Whitworth Square, the valley that drowned, the ruined villages, and the Great Pedestrian, 'Treacle' Sanderson. These are just a few of the stories that make up the shared heritage of the Spodden Valley.

If you want to become a member of the Spodden Valley Explorers Club, where you will be informed of upcoming explorer events, please send your details to diana@midpenninearts.org.uk or come along to the Whitworth Rushcart (4th September) and look out for the Spodden Valley Explorers.



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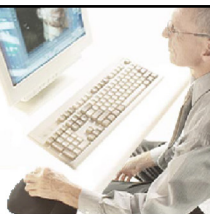


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WHITWORTH NEWS

A BRIGHT NEW OUTLOOK AS WHITWORTH HOSPICE SHOP OPENS AFTER REFURBISHMENT



Mayor of Whitworth cuts the ribbon left to right, Sarah Ford, The Mayor of Whitworth and Julie Halliwell.

The reopening of Springhill Hospice's Whitworth shop on Market Street was eagerly awaited by customers in June, keen to see the new and improved facilities.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza, witnessed by Springhill Hospice's Chief Executive, Julie Halliwell and Income Services Manager, Sarah Ford. Declaring the shop open, Councillor De Souza paid tribute to the work of the four hundred and more volunteers who support the work of the Hospice. "They make such a valuable contribution and save the Hospice around half a million pounds a year," she said. "Shops such as the one here in Whitworth could not stay open without them and we really must applaud and congratulate the work they do in helping to support the wonderful service that Springhill Hospice provides."

Customers were welcomed to a Bucks Fizz reception to celebrate the reopening of the shop which had closed for two weeks while the work took place. The bright new fascia and complete refitting of the shop inside, with new lighting, carpet, display areas and changing facilities, was declared a huge success with one regular shopper admitting to 'withdrawal symptoms' from its closure.

"We have been able to greatly improve the look and feel of the shop itself to create a much more pleasant shopping experience for our customers," said the Hospice's Sarah Ford. "Significant works have also been carried out to modernise the building itself, replacing the stairs, improving access to the upstairs storage areas and providing much needed welfare facilities for staff and volunteers."

The Whitworth shop is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm and Saturday morning to 12.30pm and donations of clothes, bric a brac etc are welcomed. For further information about becoming a volunteer or to arrange for larger donations, including furniture, to be collected ring Springhill Hospice Fundraising on **01706 641790**.

WHITWORTH BAND CLUB

The following "Artistes" are booked to appear at the Band Club in the near future:

Friday 3rd Sept brass quintet
4th Sept folk with Whisky Chorus
17th Sept vocalist Gemma Doyle

8th October Idol Frets
15th October Exit
5th Nov Exit

On the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday 13th November Whitworth Brass Band followed by Jazz group. The Sunday evening fun quiz takes place every other weekend; check notice board outside the Club for dates. Quiz commences around 8.30 and is free to enter. The Club also hosts regular Sunday evening Karaoke sessions. Both Sky and BT sports channels are now available.

The Club is available for special events and there's a small meeting room for community groups to use, all free of charge - contact the Steward on **852484**. Follow the Club on Facebook, which is updated weekly with a selection of guest ales available and details of forthcoming events.

WHITWORTH NEWS

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WHITWORTH VALLEY NEWS

There are currently a limited number of advertising spaces available in the popular Whitworth Valley News magazine. It is published four times a year (end Feb, May, Aug and Nov) and has a print run of approx 3,900 copies per issue. It is delivered to every household in the Whitworth area, and to numerous businesses and key stakeholders, and is also available as a download on the Town Council's website, www.whitworth.gov.uk. The magazine is mainly split between editorial news items, which we receive from local groups, organisations and individuals, and advertising, the vast majority of which is very local. Due to the nature of the magazine we have a cap on the number of adverts we carry per edition, to ensure that there is plenty of space available for the editorial content. The magazine's main aim is to provide coverage, promotion and information on local events, organisations and businesses, advertisers from the Whitworth area are given priority.

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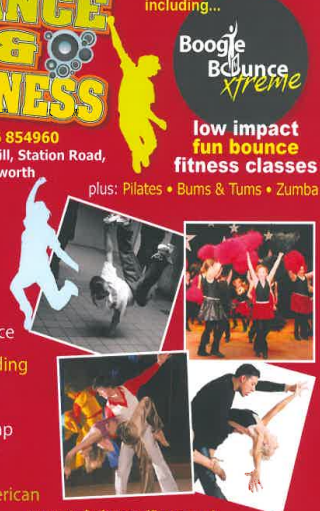
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YEE-HAW! MAYOR'S CHARITY HOEDOWN PROMISES FUN FOR ALL

The Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza, invites you to dust off your boots, chaps and cowboy hats and saddle up for a rootin' tootin' charity shindig in aid of the Mayor of Whitworth's charity fund on Saturday 22 October at the Riverside, Whitworth.

This promises to be a really fun evening for all the family, the bar watering hole will be open and there will be a hot cowboy hog roast, complete with corn, slaw, jacket potatoes (vegetarian option also available)! Doors will open at 7pm and there is lots of cowboy fun planned including line dancing and Country and Western music. Cowboy hats and boots are encouraged.

Book tickets early to avoid the stampede! Tickets cost £20 per adult, £12 for under 12's including hot buffet. So come on y'all, mosey on down to book your tickets. Tickets are available from Whitworth Post Office, UBS and The Riverside while stocks last. Alternatively, give Melanie, the Town Clerk a holler on **01706 852018** or email info@whitworth.gov.uk or purchase tickets online using www.eventbrite.com and search Hillybilly Rocks.

All proceeds raised at the event will go towards the Mayor's Charity Fund. This year the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza will be supporting some of the wonderful groups and charities who do so much to make Whitworth the place it is. Her charity proceeds will also go towards Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis, a charity very close to her heart as Madeline's late husband, Mike had this condition.

ROSSENDALE 60'S FESTIVAL 2016

The Rossendale 60's Festival is now in its fourth year, and will be held over the weekend of the 9th -11th September. The events confirmed so far includes the launch event, which will be held at The Whitaker on Friday evening 9th September, and include entertainment from the 'Wonderful Things' group.



- The Whitaker's 'Whitstock', presents a weekend of live music, classic cars, great food and a range of stalls selling local produce. Cafe Artisan will be featuring live bands playing 60's inspired music over the weekend.
- The East Lancashire Railway will be getting into the spirit of the 60's at Rawtenstall station.
- 'Baby Boogie' will be held at The Boo Theatre on Sunday 11th.
- The Clog Market will be on Sunday 11th September in the Town Square selling quality vintage, handmade arts and crafts with a 60's twist.
- 'Scoot Rossendale' will be staged at Bacup Cricket Club on Sunday 11th, drawing in scooters from all over the Northwest.

Organisers are keen to encourage new additions to the Festival, so if you have an idea and would like to discuss it, please contact Barry at b.hyde3@ntlworld.com. For further information on this year's events, please go to www.rossendale60sfest.wordpress.com

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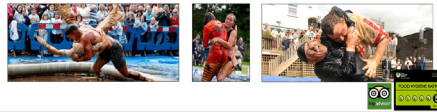
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THE RIVERSIDE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

At the end of October this year The Riverside are to celebrate their 10th Anniversary of the opening of this building. There will be a weekend of exciting activities starting with "Stars in your Eyes" on the Friday 28th, a celebration dinner and cabaret on Saturday 29th and culminating in a family Halloween party on Sunday 30th.

There are many people now living in Whitworth who are unaware of how CLAW came into being and many of the population who have forgotten our beginnings and just take the Riverside and The Leisure Centre for granted. Just to remind you, they started in 2002 as a group of people who were determined to re-open the swimming pool after Rossendale Borough Council closed it down. They formed a limited company and managed to get charitable status and were able to start work on a very dilapidated building. A fund raising committee was also formed and they worked hard to bring in the money to pay for upgrading both the building and the plant and machinery. Many local people came along to help; electricians, plumbers, tilers etc. and many who were willing to wield a paintbrush or help with the cleaning – all volunteers. They also managed to convert the old sauna and steam room into a gym, which is still very popular. The grand re-opening took place in June 2003. There have been many trials and tribulations but they have achieved the virtually impossible by keeping this facility open for 13 years and they are continually making improvements.

Within a few months of the Leisure Centre opening disaster struck as the old Civic Hall burned to the ground. The fight, led by CLAW, began with RBC who wanted to build houses on the site. However, the passionate feelings of the community were eventually listened to and this lovely building was erected with the proviso that CLAW should run the function suite and it finally opened in October 2006.

The board of Trustees appreciate the hard work and loyalty shown by the staff at both facilities and they are sure that you will agree both facilities are a credit to Whitworth.

The Riverside and the board of Trustees would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at their 10th Anniversary Celebration weekend. For more information on these events please contact Lisa or Aimee on **01706 854130** or email riverside-whitworth@zen.co.uk

ST MARY AND ST ANSELM CHRISTMAS FAYRE

St Mary and St Anselm will be holding their Christmas Fayre at The Riverside on Saturday the 5th 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.

WHITWORTH SWIMMING CLUB

Whitworth Swimming Club are looking forward to welcoming 20 visitors from Kandel during the annual exchange and showing them all that Whitworth has to offer. Look out in the December issue of the Whitworth Valley News for a report from the visit.



10th Anniversary Celebrations

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THE BUTTERFLY ROOM HAS MOVED!

Due to the huge success, The Butterfly Room have decided to relocate to bigger premises with easier access and a more prime location within the village. They still offer all the usual treatments and welcome all new clients. The staff would like to thank all the local tradesmen that helped with the refurbishment and most importantly to all the lovely clients for their continued support. The Butterfly Room is extremely busy, book in advance to avoid disappointment. Please contact **01706 353566** for bookings.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS ARE?

A defibrillator is to help victims of Sudden cardiac Arrest. Statistics suggest that the survival rate of a SCA with CPR alone is 5%; by using a defibrillator, the survival rate increases to 50%. The Community Public Access Defibrillator in Whitworth is located at Sunnybank Day Care Centre, Market Street, Whitworth OL12 8QL.

We are currently conducting a survey of all the locations of defibrillators within Whitworth. If you have a defibrillator in your organisation, please contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk on **01706 852018** or email info@whitworth.gov.uk to be added to the list.



NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE AT ST JOHN WITH ST MICHAEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

There are currently places available in 'Little Learners Nursery' at St John with St Michael CE Primary School. They offer free 15 hour places plus optional full time sessions. Please contact the school for information on **01706 852614** Love Life, Love Learning.

WHITWORTH BUSINESS NEWS

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BERNI INN

Berni Inn has now been open for four years, as soon as the staff saw the room at the Fudge factory, Market Street, Whitworth, they knew it would make an ideal function room and the last few years have been spent building the business from scratch. The hard work and dedication has paid off as now, Berni Inn, is in a position to open as a Function Room and Private Restaurant. Massive thanks to all the wonderful staff and loyal customers who have helped Berni Inn achieve their goal.

When planning a private celebration, whether it is a corporate event, special birthday, christening or maybe an anniversary; Berni Inn offers a warm and intimate venue for gathering colleagues, friends and relatives together.

The private restaurant is able to cater for private parties of 20 or more guests.

To enquire about availability for your function or to book the private restaurant, please ring Berni **07918 176723**.



NEW SESSIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS AT PAINT A POT!

In response to customer feedback, Paint a Pot are now adding two evening sessions at the Horse Carrs studio to complement the existing daytime sessions. The new sessions will run on Monday evenings from 4pm -5.30pm for families and groups of children costing £1.50 per person plus the purchase your chosen activity. There will also be an adult and over 12's group from 6pm till 9pm and this session will be run at £3 per person, it will be advisable to book for these sessions.



A piece made using the brand new foam clay.

Paint a Pot now have 3 options to choose from;

- Under-glazing, where you paint your masterpiece and then return to collect at a later date after glazing and firing.
- Acrylic paints are new to Paint a Pot and they will be offering expert tutoring to learn the technique of dry brushing. This medium also requires no firing meaning you can take your painted piece home with you on the same day.
- **BRAND NEW PRODUCT** called Foam Clay which is completely mess free and another medium that dries so that you can take it away the same day.

Watch this space for new craft options being added in the future!

Paint a Pot parties are also becoming more popular, not just with children but also with adults who want to do something a bit different. Please get in touch if you would like some crafty family fun (phone **07411 018244 or 07411 043 981**), and keep a check on the Paint a Pot website **www.paint-a-pot-and-more.co.uk** for more details.

WHITWORTH NEWS

IT'S RUSHCART TIME AGAIN!

The Whitworth Rushcart takes place on Sunday 4 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 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 2016 Rushcart, please contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk, on **01706 852018** or email info@whitworth.gov.uk

OFFICIAL WHITWORTH CALENDAR 2017

Now in its seventh year, the official Whitworth calendar remains a popular purchase. Previous editions have been delivered to delighted ex-pats across the world, and numerous copies are hanging in the kitchens of homes around Whitworth. For the 2017 edition, the Tourism and Leisure Committee has joined forces with the Spodden Valley Revealed project to highlight Whitworth's unique and special heritage. The calendar will provide a fascinating delve into Whitworth's yesteryear, and the calendar is well worth the £5 cost. The calendar will be available to purchase from Sunday 4 September (Rushcart day) from a number of outlets in the town - the Riverside, Post Office, UBS and Jan's Butty Shop.

This year the calendar is sponsored by several local businesses'. For more information, or details of how to sponsor the 2018 calendar, please contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk, on **01706 852018** or email info@whitworth.gov.uk

WHITWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OFFICIAL SWITCH ON

On Sunday 27 November 2016, Whitworth's Christmas Lights will be officially switched on. Members of the public are encouraged to come to the Civic Hall (The Riverside) from 5.30pm. The proceedings start at 6pm in the hall, when the Whitworth Vale and Healey Youth Band will play a selection of festive tunes, we will be entertained by the wonderful Whitworth Community Choir and there may even be an appearance from a certain 'man in a red suit'!

Then everyone will gather outside the hall to see the lights officially switched on by the Mayor of Whitworth, with the help of the lucky winners of the Town Council's schools colouring competition.

The Riverside will be serving a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for a small charge, with kid's refreshments also available. Father Christmas will be issuing sweets to the children, 2017 Whitworth calendars will be on sale and ducks will be available to sponsor for the New Year's Day Duck Race. The evening is expected to draw to a natural close around 7.00pm. Entry to this event is free, and all are welcome. For more details, contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk at Whitworth Town Council, on **01706 852018** or email: info@whitworth.gov.uk or phone the Riverside direct on **01706 854130**.

WHITWORTH NEWS

WHITWORTH 2016 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMEMORATIONS

On Sunday 13 November, Whitworth residents young and old will gather to remember those lost and injured during times of conflict. The town's Remembrance Sunday commemorations will begin with the Remembrance Sunday procession, which will leave as usual from opposite the former Town Council Offices (just north of the corner of Market Street and Tong Lane) at 10.20am; the processional route will be the subject of a road closure order for this short period of time and drivers are advised to avoid the area. The procession will be led by Whitworth's Mayor, Councillor Mrs Madeline De Souza, who will be supported by the Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band, plus the local uniformed organisations, Town, Borough and County Councillors, representatives of the town's schools and places of worship, Lancashire Constabulary and members of the public.

The procession will arrive at Whitworth's Memorial Gardens in Facit at approximately 10.40am, and will be followed immediately by a Service of Remembrance around the Cenotaph, including a two-minute silence at 11am. The service will be led by the Mayoral Chaplain, Rev Father Frank Thorpe of St Anselm's RC Church.

Following the Service of Remembrance, everyone is invited to cross the road for light, warm refreshments at The Riverside (Civic Hall).

For more information on this year's commemorations, please contact Melanie Hearn, Town Clerk, on **01706 852018** or info@whitworth.gov.uk



Whitworth's official...

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON!



Sunday 27 November 2016
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- The Mayor of Whitworth
- Whitworth Community Choir
- Refreshments, including mince pies and mulled wine
- Howard Wilkinson Photography: have a festive family photo!
- Christmas songs galore with Whitworth Vale & Healey Youth Band
- A certain 'man in red'!

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY COMMEMORATIONS



Please join the Mayor of Whitworth, Councillor Madeline De Souza, and members of the Whitworth community at the 2016 Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

Sunday 13 November 2016

10.20am: procession leaves from opposite the old Council Offices (corner of Market Street and Tong Lane).

10.45am: Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, Memorial Gardens, Facit, led by the Mayoral Chaplain, Rev Father Frank Thorpe of St Anselm's RC Church.

Please stay for light refreshments at the Riverside after the service - all are welcome.



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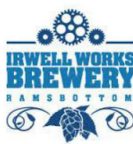
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WHITWORTH NEWS



Emmerdale's Meg Johnson hands the dossier to Jennifer Mein, Leader of Lancashire County Council

FRIENDS OF WHITWORTH LIBRARY GROUP

On hearing in May, that Lancashire County Council had earmarked Whitworth Library for closure, The Friends of Whitworth Library immediately distributed petitions in local venues to save the library.

The aim was to present a dossier including nearly 4000 signatures, library users' testimonials, schoolchildren's library-themed work, photos of the library's usage and press cuttings to Jennifer Mein, leader of Lancashire County Council. So much was gathered, including superb schools' work, that this resulted in two dossiers being presented by Emmerdale's Meg Johnson to Ms Mein at the library Open Day on July 16.

A Pre-loved Book Sale, with over 1000 books donated by local residents, took place at the Co-op on 9 July to help fund the event which hosted a face-painter, balloon-modeller, storytime sessions, talks by a local artist, historian and poet and the regular groups of Scrabblers, Knit 'n' Natterers, and exercisers. A raffle, to which many local businesses generously donated 37 prizes, was also organised. Both events demonstrated local people rallying together to support the library and Ms Mein commented on the strength of the community spirit she felt during her visit.

At the time of writing, the FoWLG awaits further news from Lancashire County Council at the end of the consultation period on August 14.

SEE WHAT WHITWORTH LIBRARY IS DOING. WHY NOT COME ALONG AND JOIN IN? ALL WELCOME!



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 Saturday 09:30 – 13:00

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

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 Storytime Session – Every Tuesday, 2:15pm – 3pm (ages 18mths to 5 yrs)
 Bounce & Rhyme – Every Friday, 10:15am – 11am (from birth to 18months)
 Lego Club - Every Saturday morning, 10:30am – 12pm (ages 5 upwards)

ADULT WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Mondays Knit and Natter – 2pm – 4pm
 Tuesday Scrabble Club – 10am – 12:30pm
 Afternoon Tea – Last Friday of the month - 2:30pm – 4pm. Come on 29th July!
 Lancashire Reading Journey Children's Events in Summer (Booking required):
 Thursday 4th August 2:15pm – 3pm, ages 5 – 12 yrs, 'The Pioneering Princess and The Reading Prince story time and party'
 Thursday 18th August 2:15pm – 3pm, ages 5 – 12 yrs, 'The Lancashire Cheese Unicorn & the Lancashire Reading Dragon story time and puppet craft'
 Thursday 1st September 2:15pm – 3pm, ages 5 – 12 yrs, 'Burglar Boy and The Cotton Mill Lamb story time and games'

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WHITWORTH SCARECROW FESTIVAL

The sixth Whitworth Scarecrow Festival took place from Saturday 25 June to Sunday 3 July, and the talent and imagination on display was as impressive as ever.

The festival saw 30 separate displays scattered across the length of the town, with entries ranging from characters from popular children's films to original ideas inspired by topical events or pure imagination. Some displays were produced by members of the public and some were made by schools, churches and local businesses and voluntary organisations. The weather this year was not on our side and some scarecrows did suffer the effects of the wet weather by the very end of the nine days, even so, there was a great take-up of the official trail maps.

The festival spirit was dampened, however, by the vandalism of a couple of scarecrows, with the 'Royal Ascot' display made by Healey Care Ltd, situated at Healey House (near Oakenshaw Avenue) where the Queen scarecrow was cruelly taken, never to be returned. The service users at Healey Care who spent lots of time and care making their amazing display were devastated that someone would do this, especially as last year they had their display tampered with also.

This year the public voted on which display they would like to see win. 144 votes were cast, and the winner was announced at the town's Family Fun Day on Sunday 3 July and the winner was presented with a trophy, certificate and a £50 cash prize:

Winner: 'Pirates Surprise' (Our Lady and St Anselms Primary School)

2nd Place: 'Scarecrow's Got Talent' (School Terrace)

3rd place: 'Joshua the Brave' (Oak Close)

The festival is organised by the Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee. Councillor David Chorlton, chair of the Committee says: "The main aims of the festival are to encourage a sense of pride in our town, and to give the community something a little different; judging from the very positive feedback we feel the Festival continues to achieve these aims. On behalf of the Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the Festival and who took the time to visit the displays. The entrants worked so hard on their displays – some were funny, some more poignant, but all were wonderful and we look forward to doing it all again in 2017. As always, we would encourage as many members of the Whitworth community to take part next year, and dates and details of how to enter will be issued in due course."



Royal Ascot - Photograph used with kind permission of Mike Burgess.

For more information, please contact Whitworth Town Council on **01706 852018** or info@whitworth.gov.uk

THANK-YOU!

The Cock & Magpie and friends organised and took part in the National 3 Peaks Challenge on Saturday 2nd & 3rd July 2016. A huge thank you must go to all the local businesses and residents who donated food & drink to keep the walkers and support team fuelled with energy and to those who provided vehicles & fuel.



Another thank you must go to the support team for their fantastic support throughout the challenge, making sure the walkers were transported to the next mountain safely and in plenty of time to complete the challenge within 24hrs, making sure food & drink was in plenty of supply and keeping them all motivated throughout the challenge.

A massive **THANK YOU** must go to all the walkers for their fantastic support, grit and determination to complete the challenge within 24hrs and we can say that they smashed it completing the challenge between 22 & 23hrs plus raising in the region of £4,000 for Manchester Royal Infirmary Heart Unit and the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

WHITWORTH NEWS



WHITWORTH AND HEALEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As often as the weather has allowed, members of the Horticultural Society have met on a fortnightly basis since May to tend the flowerbeds at the Memorial Gardens, the bed alongside the bowling green at the Civic Hall and a bed at the bottom of Union Street. There has been an increase in the numbers of volunteers so the work has seemed a little easier and the results haven't been as hard to achieve. So, it was with utter dismay, disbelief and disgust that the Horticultural Society learned of the

theft of Lancashire stone from the steps leading up to the bandstand, coping stones from the walls behind the bandstand and various stones surrounding benches. At a time when the country has been paying tribute to the fallen of WW1, it is sickening to think that there are people out there who can display such a lack of respect.

Still, the work goes on and the fortnightly meets will take place to ensure the gardens look their best for all to enjoy. If you feel you could lend a hand (no experience necessary) on a Tuesday afternoon, please call Anita Farrow, **01706 853768**.



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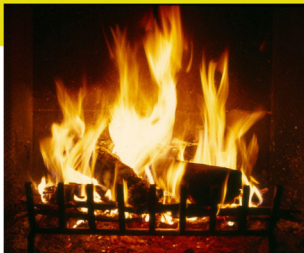
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WHITWORTH NEWS

SHAWFORTH METHODIST CHURCH

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All welcome to join the Sunday Worship Services (10.30 am)

Toddler Group (Mon & Wed 9.30 am - 11.30 am)

Friday Drop - in (Come for tea/coffee & toast and a natter) (10.30am-12 noon).

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Brownies and rainbows have had a fun filled term completing their senior section spectacular badge. Congratulations to all of the girls on achieving the badge. They would also like to say a massive thank you to two local businesses - Whitworth Prints and Ann's School Wear who have provided all the girls with printed Hi Vis vests for outings, they have already come in very useful for the Brownie car wash and Rainbow bake sale event which the girls raised a fantastic £160!

Thank you to everyone who donated and everyone who assisted in running the event. As this Brownie and Rainbow year comes to an end, along with the school year, thank you to everyone who has helped this year with everything Brownies and Rainbows have done. Have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

For more information on please contact via the Facebook page www.facebook.com/Brownies-Rainbows-Whitworth

WHITWORTH NEWS

WHITWORTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A recent donation to the museum piqued interest. A dark brown teapot with added white clay and painted flowers bearing the name "Mary Shepherd, Facit 1882". This was because we already had two similar teapots. Mary could be the daughter of Thomas Shepherd, born in Belper who married James Mellor in 1885. The oldest teapot "Mary Dearden, Millgate 1878" is quite likely to be Mary Howarth who married Daniel Dearden. She died 3 years later and is buried in Whitworth Cemetery. The largest pot "Mrs S J Shorrocks, Brickfield 1882" has proved impossible to research. Brickfield is an area of Bacup but there is no sign of anyone with the name Shorrocks.



Recently donated teapot with the name Mary Shepherd

Research on the teapots themselves proved easier. They were produced in Church Gresley between the late 1860's and 1914. Ann Bonas sold them from her shop in Measham and so they became known as Measham or barge ware. People who passed by on the Ashby canal placed their order and collected them when they next travelled through. The teapots became a popular gift to take home to loved ones.

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LOCAL NEWS

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Littleborough Food & Drink Festival created a buzz, attracting hundreds of people to the centre on Saturday 11th June. After a successful trial last year, organisers aimed to make this year bigger and better. There was a range of stalls serving up delicious wild boar burgers, meatballs, pizza and more. The food trail had over 30 shops hosting tasters from local food producers and restaurants.

Overseen by Littleborough Deli's Andy McKay, cookery demonstrations from local chefs; Graham Sherwin, The Green Door, Marc Rothwell, The White House and Andy, each cooked up a series of delicious dishes for the public to watch.



One of the cookery demonstration at the Littleborough Food & Drink Festival

The Jaeger Maestros and Wardle Junior Blast provided music plus there was free face painting for children.

Secretary, Simon France, said: "There was a tremendous atmosphere in Littleborough with lots of families coming down to sample a huge range of food and drink. The cooking demos were fantastic and really showcased the skills of our local chefs."

The Festival secured a grant of £2,000 earlier in the year from the Crook Hill Community Benefit Fund. If your community project needs funding, visit www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/crook-hill-community-benefit-fund or call Liz Payne on **01282 543775** for more details.

WHITWORTH SPORTS FESTIVAL

Whitworth Sports Festival, back in June, took place in a rather rainy week and so involved a lot of finger-crossing and shower-dodging – mostly successful, although the footballers, bowlers, riders and rounders players did have moments of dampness over the first weekend. Alex Lord was awarded the Ian Clegg Legend trophy for an outstanding contribution to the Festival, although Tracey Mitchell, amongst other things setting a new record for female veterans at the Treacle Challenge, ran her close. As did Charley Hoyle, who ran the Junior Fell Race in the fastest time for over 20 years. Cloughhead Gun Club's clay pigeon shooting session was so popular they're considering a second session for those they couldn't accommodate during Festival. Kidsanity was such a success that various parents are trying to persuade Magic Michelle to run the event on a regular basis. Thanks are due to all the event organisers; to all those who handled entries, especially Haydn and his crew at the Leisure Centre; and to all the primary school staff, teachers and office personnel, who as ever motivated their pupils brilliantly.

Next year's Festival will run from Saturday June 9 to Sunday June 18. The Sports Council is always on the lookout for new ideas, new events and new people to lend a hand. If that's you please contact Jo Furtado on **853442** or **07813180748**.

Photos of this year's event – thousands of them! – are available to download, free, from www.whitworth-sports-council.co.uk.

PS Salle Angelo Fencing Club, based in Rochdale, put on a successful open try-out for beginners during Festival, and are wondering whether there might be enough people in Whitworth who would like to do a bit more, if the club can organise sessions locally. If you are interested, call Jo, or Paul Marr on **07814018777**.

WHITWORTH NEWS

ROCHDALE FIELD NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

Do you know an Ash from an Elm, or Frog from a Toad? Rochdale Field Naturalists are organising a series of free walks aimed at helping beginners to identify the natural world around them. The walks will be at different locations throughout the borough.

The first, on basic tree ID, will be held on Sunday 18th September at Milnrow Memorial Park, starting at 1.00 pm until 3.00pm and everyone is welcome.

Future walks will be looking at fungi, birds and water life.

Strong shoes and binoculars are recommended. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

The field naturalist society offers a wide range of activities from talks, wildlife wanders, coach trips, and surveys of nature reserves such as Healey Dell.

Membership is only £10 per year and you don't have to be an expert to join us, most people aren't. All you need is a love of nature and a thirst to learn more about it. All events are open to non-members.

For more information about our events visit our website at www.rochdalefieldnaturalistsociety.co.uk or email us at rfnsenquiries@talktalk.net

GALLERY AT THE BATHS

The gallery will be shut for a week from September 2 for a bit of gentle refurbishment, but either side of that date the exhibitions are:

August 12	Scarecrows!
September 9	Whitworth Rushcart
September 30	The Riverside – 10th Anniversary
October 21	Our Lady and St Anselm – Peter Pan
November 11	St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School

The Gallery is a community venue, so if you or your organisation would like to exhibit at some point in the future, please contact either Jo Furtado (**07813 180748**) or Christine Ashcroft (**01706 853012**).

WHITWORTH SKYLINE WALK

Over 300 people of all ages set out cheerfully on Whitworth's third Skyline walk on May 15... and most were even more cheerful, if tired, when they finished the high-level 14-mile circle and could relax with a meal and a drink back at HQ – Lobden Golf Club. This year's route went anti-clockwise. Opinion was split 50-50 as to whether that was better or worse than the previous two editions which had both been clockwise. Whatever, next year will even up the score. Skyline 4, on Sunday May 14 2017 will be anticlockwise again, enabling those not confident of a 14-miler to do the 5-mile Eastern Skyline that a couple of dozen completed this time around.

Anyone who would care to help out in May with marshalling or (especially) back marking is asked to contact Jo Furtado – **01706 853442** or **07813 180748**.

WHITWORTH NEWS

CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

It's been an incredible couple of months for the local group. The band concert on the 5th June to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday which was organised by Ian and Janet Sandiford raised £3,333 and the week after the Golf tournament at Lobden raised £3070. The group would like to thank Ian and Janet and the ever supportive members of Lobden golf club for their fantastic support.

A car rally/treasure hunt from the Cock and Magpie raised over £200 and provided much entertainment - another one is planned from the Band club on Sunday 21st August please contact below if you would like to join us.

Other events planned are another golf tournament at Lobden on Sunday 4th September should anyone wish to play please contact one of numbers below. A bonfire party (without the bonfire) will be held at Greenbrook House on Saturday 5th November. Another fund raising meal will be held in October date and venue not finalised as yet and then Christmas is upon us! The annual band concert takes place on Sunday 4th December at the Riverside. Alan Jordan professor at the Patterson Institute and local lad will once again be in attendance and speak in his unique way informing us of the encouraging developments being made in treatments and how the equipment purchased with the money you raise is helping.

If you have any suggestions for fund raising events, would like to attend any of the fund raising dinners or other events, please contact Michael Whitby on **01706 852613** or Joyce and Arnold Ashworth on **01706 343424**.

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BAND

By the time of publication the band will have visited Germany for the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Town Twinning with Kandel. Fund raising went very well to assist in funding the trip with over £1000 raised from the Static cycle ride to Kandel - they even managed to cycle the distance back. A big thank you to Aaron Wolfe and Paul Johnson for organising this.

Win the band raffle raised £500 the lucky winner being Julia Bradbury ticket number 18. Julia intends to hold a charity fund raiser next year watch this space.

The Jimmy Grogan memorial concert was a huge success again and this raised over £1200 for youth band development and towards the Academy Scheme being run in the local schools. This year the concert showcased the young players from St Bartholomew's Academy and the new learner band alongside the Youth and Senior bands.

As you read this the band will be starting to develop their Christmas programme and schedule. Before this will be the Rochdale contest over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd October. The youth contest will take place on Saturday with a Gala concert in the evening.

The band now have their new CD on sale price £10 if you would like a copy please ring number below. 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**.

WHITWORTH WHEELERS

The newly formed Whitworth Wheelers is a local cycling club who meet at The Sportsman on Wednesdays at 6.30pm and Sundays at 9.30am. There is already an established road biking group and they are hoping to grow to include Mountain Biking, Ladies Biking and Family Biking too. All welcome just come along. For more information contact Steve Butterworth **07973 693853**.

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