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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Residents and readers,

I will take over as the Mayor of Whitworth until May 2023. This will be the first time I will be Mayor, and I am looking forward to the challenge and opportunity it presents especially after the difficult two years we have had during the pandemic. Hopefully, these dark days are now over and a brighter future is ahead. I will be ably assisted in the role by my family and friends.

As the Mayor, I will be attending all manner of events and initiatives in Whitworth and acting as an ambassador for our town at events outside Whitworth. I will chair the Town Council's full council meetings and will be a figurehead for the town. I also intend to raise money for the Mayor of Whitworth's Charity Fund through a variety of initiatives - watch this space - hopefully, something for everyone to enjoy and join in with and a few challenges along the way!

During my year in office, my primary focus will be on trying to make Whitworth an even better place to live, by focusing on the improving of the environment where we live, working with the Police to improve the safety on our streets, working with Lancashire County Council to improve footpaths and roadways and working to improve accessible and inclusive facilities for our children and young people. We will be holding lots of fundraising events over the year to raise money to support these endeavours.

My official engagements start straight away with the diary filling up fast already, please contact me if you would like to invite me along to your event.

I have lots of events in the pipeline that you are all invited along to starting with the 'Meet the Mayor', a picnic complete with strawberries and cream! On July 10th at Lobden Golf Club, after a 9 hole golf competition, Whitworth and Healey Brass Band will be playing. I am hosting an over 55's Christmas party on the 11th December at the Ashcroft and the Civic Dinner will take place on the 22nd April 2023. Look out for more details of these in future editions and news on future events including Bottomless Brunches and Music on the Moors!

With best wishes,



Cllr Janet Whitehead, Mayor of Whitworth



Councillor Janet Whitehead, Mayor of Whitworth accompanied by her husband Derek and their family



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WHITWORTH CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN STYLE

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. Get involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign in the run up to the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend which takes place from 2nd to 5th June.

Here is a rundown of events taking place in Whitworth that we have been informed about:

At **Whitworth Library on Tuesday, 31 May 2-3pm**, join in a craft activity and make your own flag and wreath in time for the Platinum Jubilee and on **Saturday, 4 June 10:30-11:30**, you can add a royal crown to your wardrobe!

Healey Care compass group will host a **majestic family tea party** on **Thursday 2nd June 11am to 2pm** at Holt Mill, LLOYD Street. There will be craft tables to make a Tower of London, a Queen's Guard and cupcakes, hand flags and bunting to decorate. There will be a game of 'pin the diamond on the crown' and a prize for the best fancy dress in the theme of red, white and blue or British icon. All welcome, refreshments are also available.

Whitworth Town Council along with council volunteers will light a Platinum Jubilee Beacon, at **9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June** along with over 1500 other towns across the communities across the four corners of the nation and the Commonwealth. The beacon will be located on the top of Brown Wardle and residents will be able to view it from lower down in the valley by looking up towards the hill.



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Platinum Jubilee Corgi

Print, colour and decorate your Jubilee corgi.



On **Friday 3rd June from 2pm to 8pm**, **Whitworth Valley Football Club** invites everybody to their Rawstron Street Ground to join with them in celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

What should be a fantastic family fun filled event will include live music and entertainment, stand up bingo, various food/refreshment stalls, Inflatables, face painting and much more!

Tickets are on sale NOW online at <https://www.whatsoccurinrochdale.co.uk/event-details/whitworths-jubilee-celebration> or by phone 01706 853353. Tickets are priced at £5 each or 4 for £15 (Under 5's are free).

Please bring blankets and/or chairs to sit on! Make yourself comfortable and enjoy the celebrations!



On **Saturday 4th June between 12 and 4pm**, everyone is welcome to **Queen For The Queen** at the Ashcroft, to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee in style. The event has been jointly organised by Whitworth Tourism and Leisure Committee and The Ashcroft and will feature free live music, including a Freddie Mercury tribute, Between the Vines, Idol Frets and the Mash Up Men. There will be food available supplied by Lancashire Hospitality Co-operation and their 'Bombay Brew' trailer. As usual the Ashcroft bar will be open during the event. Little ones can have a go on the 'Fun Bus' and visit a fire engine and meet their local firefighters. There will be an opportunity to have your photo taken with the Queen herself and visit local craft stalls. During the event the winner of the Jubilee flag competition will be announced.



JUBILEE FLAG COMPETITION

Decorate a flag for the Queen's Jubilee and hang it outside your home or business. To enter the competition, send a picture of your flag, with your name, age and contact details to team@the-ashcroft.co.uk before Friday 27th May to be in with the chance to win an Amazon voucher. Open to the public, businesses, and organisations in Whitworth. Winner to be announced at 'Queen for the Queen' Jubilee event at the Ashcroft in collaboration with the Tourism and Leisure Committee on Saturday 4th June.



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Decorate a flag for the Queen's Jubilee and hang it out. To enter, send a picture of your flag, with your name, age and contact details to team@the-ashcroft.co.uk before Friday 27th May 2022 to be in with the chance to win an Amazon voucher. Open to the public, businesses, and organisations in Whitworth.

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WHITWORTH DOUBLE GLAZING REPAIRS

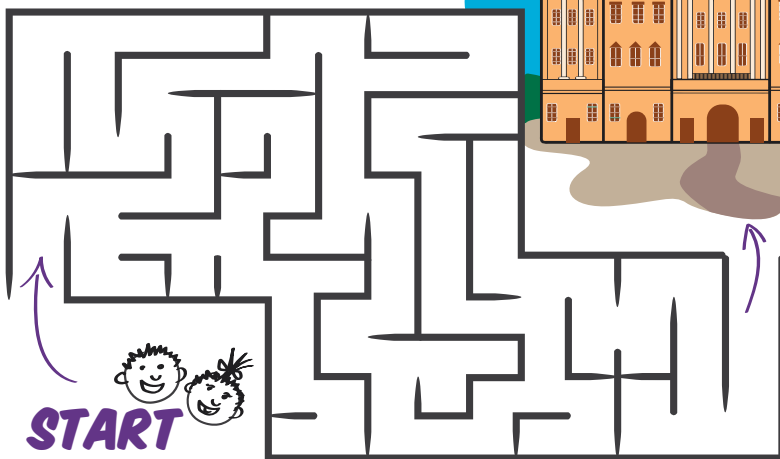
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LUNG HEALTH CHECKS LAUNCHED TO SAVE MORE LIVES

With one of the highest mortality rates for lung cancer in England, past and current smokers aged 55 to 74 in Rossendale are being invited by their GP to an NHS lung health check to diagnose lung cancer earlier and save more lives.

The check takes place in two stages; an initial phone assessment with a specially trained health care professional. If found to be at high risk, they are offered a low dose CT scan of the lungs for further investigation. The scanner is housed in a mobile unit and will be parked at an accessible site in Rossendale.

Lung cancer can often be caught too late as there are rarely symptoms at the earlier stages. The programme is designed to check those most at risk of developing lung cancer in order to spot signs earlier, at the stage when it's much more treatable and ultimately saving more lives. The programme estimates it will diagnose around 9,000 cancers earlier than would have been. This offers the opportunity for earlier interventions, including curative surgery, which will save people's lives.

For more information on the Targeted Lung Health Check programme, please visit <https://lungcheckslsc.co.uk/>



SUNFLOWER APPEAL

Springhill's Sunflower Appeal gives you the chance to pay tribute to those who meant so much to you by making a donation to the Hospice in exchange for a personalised sunflower plaque. As part of the Sunflower Appeal, you will receive: A personalised, keepsake sunflower plaque, which can proudly display in a meaningful place, Sunflower seeds to grow at home this Summer and a thank you letter and sunflower grow guide.



You will be invited to the Hospice gardens on Sunday 7th August 2022, to join Springhill Hospice for their annual Summer Garden Celebration. Anyone who has dedicated a sunflower plaque to their loved ones will be able to collect it from the sunflower patch. Alternatively, you can choose to collect your plaques earlier to proudly display in your homes.

The Sunflower Appeal is a much loved tradition that is valued by the community, as it allows you to remember the light someone had once brought into your life.

To sign up for Springhill's Sunflower Appeal, please visit www.springhill.org.uk/sunflower-appeal

For more information, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01706 641790 (Opt 1) or email fundraising@springhill.org.uk

SUMMER GARDEN CELEBRATION

Springhill Hospice will be opening their gates on Sunday 7th August 2022 to once again welcome you to their Summer Garden Celebration!

Springhill's Summer Garden Celebration will be held from 11am -3pm in the Hospice gardens. This is the perfect opportunity to tour their beautiful grounds, purchase home grown plants and produce, have fun with family and friends and browse plenty of craft and food stalls.



If you made a dedication to Springhill's Sunflower Appeal, you will be given the opportunity to collect your personalised sunflower plaque from the Hospice gardens. The plaque will serve as a reminder of the happy memories you once shared with your loved ones, and let you know of the difference you've made to the patients and families at Springhill.

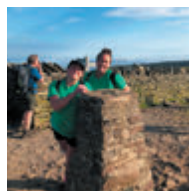
To book a stall at the Summer Garden Celebration, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01706 641790 (Opt 1) or email fundraising@springhill.org.uk

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

Make 2022 the year you do something amazing and take on a challenge for Springhill Hospice! Springhill's challenge programme includes lots of different ways you can show support by taking on a fundraising activity.

This year's challenges include:

- The Yorkshire Three Peaks, an amazing 24 mile walk over the Yorkshire dales, climbing the heights of Pen-y-Ghent (694m), Wharfedale (736m) and Ingleborough (723m).



Taking place Saturday 30th July 2022

- Tandem skydive, where you will be securely harnessed to a professional skydiver, free-falling from up to 15,000 ft and reaching a speed of about 120 mph!



Taking place on Sunday 22nd May 2022 and Sunday 11th September 2022

For each of these challenges, Springhill Hospice will be working with experts in their fields to ensure that your experience is safe, well organised and enjoyable. Whether you are new to the wonders of the great outdoors or an experienced adventurer, you will feel right at home!

To sign up for one of our challenges please visit www.springhill.org.uk/challenges.

For more information, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01706 641790 (Opt 1) or email fundraising@springhill.org.uk

RUSHCART 2022

Organisers are looking forward to hosting the unique Whitworth Rushcart ceremony on Sunday 4th September - the full works with the Whitworth processional dance, Broom Girls clearing the way for the cart pullers and the following of guest sides rounded off by the Britannia Coconutters BUT! We need help. An input of new, younger volunteers to get involved and carry on the tradition. Some of the garland dancers were there when the Rushcart was revived in 1976 and they are getting on a bit!



For most dance sides it is a hobby, practising and performing regularly through the year. The Whitworth Rushcart dancers are purely ceremonial, they meet up before the event to run through the dance, help build the cart, dress up for the day and lead the procession then meet up for a pint afterwards- that's it for the next 12 months. It is more like turning out for the Village Fete tug of war team once a year than being committed to membership of a club.

The garland dance should be done with 16 but hasn't been since the early 90's. Now it is hard to find 8 to 10 of the original dancers who are fit enough to turn out. Six years ago some of the wives and daughters joined in to help keep numbers up so there is room for the ladies too. The broom girls, cart pullers and general helpers also need new blood so if dancing isn't your thing don't worry. For more information contact Clive Morton on 01706 852018 or email Melanie, town clerk on info@whitworth.gov.uk

If you want to be part of something special to the place where you live, why not get involved?

JUST MOVE!

Our bodies were made to move. **There's strong evidence** that people who are active have a lower risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, depression and dementia. Being active raises self esteem, causes positive mood changes by promoting chemical changes in your brain, thereby improving your mental well being. If you want to stay pain-free, reduce your risk of mental illness, and be able to go out and stay independent well into old age, you're advised to **keep moving**.



Why not join us at **Riddiough Court, Hall St, Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 8TL on Fridays 2 - 3pm for gentle exercise**, aimed at healing areas of the body that can be problematic such as knees, and lower back (always check with your GP first before starting any exercise if you have illnesses) The chair exercise includes: mobilisation of all joints, light cardio (or more vigorous depending on your ability and level, it's easy to adapt to what you need) targeted exercise for knees, lower back, hands and fingers, also co-ordination exercise to challenge the brain and balance exercise for those who are able.

Please contact **Rosemary on 07886 963024** for more details.

WHITWORTH MEN'S SHED

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

The project is based at 6, Milner Street, off Hall Street and is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am until 12pm.

The Shed's gardening group have received a licence granting permission for them to improve the verge that runs behind Whitworth Men's Shed and along the Milner Street car park. There are also a number of other groups working together on different activities. If you're looking for somewhere to take on a personal challenge, the Shed now has a number of equipment restoration projects to choose from.



Alternatively, if you'd rather sit and watch with a brew, that's fine – there's always someone to talk to! For more information pop in or visit the WMS website www.whitworthmenssheds.org.uk.

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

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM YOUR ANGLICAN CHURCHES IN WHITWORTH AND FACIT

For the first time in more than 100 years, as of 1st June 2022, there will cease to be a named Vicar of Whitworth or Facit. The personal touch that we have enjoyed as a community, will sadly cease to exist. St Bartholomew's and St John's will be part of a new Rossendale Team, consisting of 9 churches and 3 full time vicars. The fine tuning of what this means for the people of Whitworth and Facit is still to be finalised.

For many years now, attendance numbers have drastically fallen and with this comes the inevitable decrease in income. Each parish is completely self-funding and receives no monies from either the Government or the Church of England. Church is not seen as an integral part of life these days and the sad time has come when cuts have had to be made. If a church is not supported by its community, it is not sustainable in its present form.

From 1st June 2022, if you would like to book a Baptism or Marriage service or wish to speak to a member of the clergy, contact details for both churches are on achurchnearyou.com. Services for funerals are arranged through your chosen Funeral Director.

Remember, the church is here for everyone and you will find a warm welcome awaiting you. Make the first move and join in worship, it is never too late!

GALLERY AT THE BATHS

There have been some impressive exhibitions on view over the past three months in each of Whitworth's two **Community Galleries**. Currently at the **Library** are photos showing what was achieved last year by the Whitworth in Bloom volunteers, on their way to winning a well-earned silver gilt award in the county's annual judgement. On June 10 they'll be followed by another set of photographs, by the U3A Photography group. Some of you will have seen this exhibition recently at the Leisure Centre, where there were lots of discussions about people's favourite pictures. St Bartholomew's School will exhibit from July 1, followed on July 22 by a second, different, exhibition of pen-and-ink drawings by local artist Peter Williams. If you missed the first set, don't miss these! Meanwhile, at the **Leisure Centre**: currently photos from Whitworth Sports Festival 2019, from June 10 – St Bartholomew's School; and from July 1 – Peter Williams's drawings.



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CARING FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE - WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

We are well into the season of lambing, calving and foaling and those of us who roam the local moors will be well aware of the season we are in and perhaps the issues that have concerned local graziers and farmers for many years, namely the worrying of sheep.

The CRoW Act 2000 states that ALL DOG WALKERS must keep their dogs on a short lead of 2 metres between the 1st March and 31st of July and at ALL TIMES in the vicinity of livestock throughout the year. To protect livestock and ground nesting birds, lapwing, curlew, merlin and snipe, graziers have the RIGHT in LAW to close the high ground entirely.

There have been a number of very sad and preventable incidents involving ewes and lambs so far this year, caused by dogs off their leads and worrying sheep and their lambs on the local moors. One particular farmer has lost a couple of pregnant ewes already due to worrying by dogs off their leads. These poor, defenceless animals were in a dreadful, bloody state which resulted in the humane destruction of the pregnant ewes. Between Christmas and February last year, the same farmer lost a total of 24 ewes due to dog worrying. Besides the egregious act of sheep worrying, graziers are having to deal with the separation of ewes from their lambs, caused solely by dogs off their lead and running wildly on the moors in the vicinity of them. This is incredibly distressing and damaging to both animals.

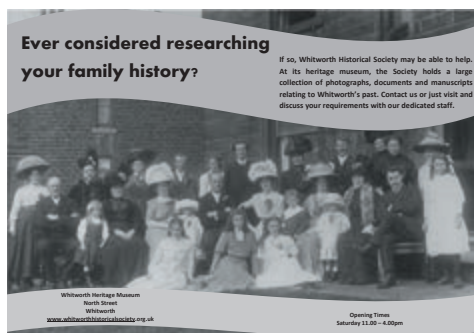
There has never been so much disturbance of livestock, maiming and killing of animals and it is all preventable, by simply ensuring that dog ownership is always responsible where livestock are grazing and complying fully with the CRoW Act 2000. Please see the Manchester Evening News for graphic and disturbing photographs of sheep that have been worried recently.

WHITWORTH MUSEUM - FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Over the past few years, there has been a great deal of interest in family history research. Although there are many on-line tools available to assist the process, they can often be confusing and, all too frequently, lead to a result that is either wrong or unsatisfactory. Specialist staff at Whitworth Museum have, over the years, developed an impressive level of skill in this subject and are keen to share their knowledge and make available some of the unique resources from the museum's archive to those interested in learning more about this fascinating subject.

Anyone with an interest in this subject, regardless of where the family is thought to originate, is invited to a **Family History Workshop** which will be held at Whitworth Museum on Sunday, 19th June 2022. Numbers are limited so it is advisable to book beforehand. The session will run from 9.30am until 1.00pm and the entrance fee of £5 will include light refreshments. For more information, or to book a place, 'phone 07914 903208 or email archivist@whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk.

Whitworth Museum is open each Saturday from 11.00am – 4.00pm throughout the year. Visit our website, whitworthhistoricalsociety.org.uk for more information about the collection.



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OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY LOCAL CRAFTS IN THE LIBRARY?

Over the past few months, there have been a range of beautiful craft items on display in the lockable, illuminated cabinet in the library, including locally wood-turned pieces. This library facility allows craft workers to bring their handiwork to the public's attention by exhibiting their finished pieces, not only for the individual artistic value, but also to raise general awareness about the types of crafts produced locally. This secure cabinet is available for local individuals or community groups to display their products over a 6-week period. Providing background information about the crafts on display would be useful together with appropriate contact details, so that visitors to the library can raise any questions with the featured local artists and designers. Please contact the library to book a 6-week display slot.

SPODDEN PLAY PARK UPDATE

After some pandemic delays and awful weather, the contractor team plan to return to site in early May. They'll remain on site until all the work is done - if the weather holds, they hope to get everything finished before the end of June. In May, Proffitts will be running some planting sessions with local children, the plants will bring colour and wildlife interest to the site for future years. In autumn and winter there are plans to add more woodland tree whips too- the trees can't go in at the moment as the non-native laurel shrubs had to be treated as well as the weather is much too warm now.

The project has taken longer than anticipated, but Proffitts are really excited about getting the site finished and seeing people enjoy the space over the summer. Thanks to everyone who has supported the project team so far. See you all in Spodden Valley soon!



SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT THE ASHCROFT

The Ashcroft have plenty to keep the kids busy this summer.

- Skate and Scoot- Sunday 24th July, 2.30pm to 4pm. Indoor roller skating experience £7 each, suitable for all ages. Bring a scooter or some skates, £2 if you want to hire out a pair of skates. Spectators welcome, bar open for refreshments.
- Rock Painting Coffee Morning – Monday 25th July, 10am to 12
- Paddling Pool Coffee Morning – Monday 1st August, 10am to 12- bring a towel.
- Bouncy Castle Party – Thursday 4th August- to be confirmed.
- Biscuit Decorating Coffee Morning – Monday 8th August, 10am to 12
- Rainbow Crafts Coffee Morning – Monday 15th August, 10am to 12
- Bonkers Bingo (Family Friendly Edition) – Wednesday 17th August- to be confirmed.
- Sand Pit Play Coffee Morning – Monday 22nd August, 10am to 12
- Mask Making Coffee Morning – Monday 29th August, 10am to 12

For a Coffee Morning, just pop in. For all other events, please check social media or ring (01706 854130) to get tickets. Venue hire is available for all celebrations, weddings, christenings, birthday parties, life celebrations, and much more. Enquire for more details.



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WHITWORTH IS BLOOMING AGAIN

The volunteers came out in force during the lovely spell of weather in March. As well as the usual litter-picking and clearing up after winter weather, additions were made to Beasties BnB, blackcurrant bushes were planted on Cowm Park Way North and five rose bushes have now been planted in front of The Ashcroft in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Some of the volunteers have been concentrating on tidying up the Garden of Remembrance at Whitworth Cemetery, and this has been admired and appreciated by visitors and locals alike. As Cllr Olaolu said in her article in the last magazine, '...we hope everyone who visits will feel their loved ones are laid to rest in a beautiful, peaceful setting'



By the time you read this, lots more work will have taken place to ensure Whitworth looks as bright, tidy and colourful as possible. None of this could happen without the time and effort of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a Bloomer, please checkout our facebook page, contact 07904 130206 or just speak to one of the volunteers!

ANGLO RECYCLING JUTE SACKING

Anglo Recycling will be carrying on the business of recycling jute sacking now that Howard Ellis of Dewsbury has decided to retire. Howard used to trade with Anglo Chairman, Simon Macauley's father starting in the 1980's. Now that ill health has forced Howard to step back Anglo are delighted to begin the process of relocating the recycling line onto their site.



These sacks from Rwanda will not go into landfill or be sent abroad for reprocessing but will be recycled in the beautiful Rossendale Valley in Lancashire into a range of flooring and biodegradable products.

WHITWORTH VALE AND HEALEY BRASS BAND

The new year saw a win in the third section at the National Mineworkers contest at Butlins, Skegness and fourth place at the North West regional area contest in Blackpool a. Next year, Whitworth band will be competing in the second section nationally having gained a promotion with the result at Blackpool.

The next concerts are: 12th June at St.Paul's Ramsbottom; 24th June at Rochdale Golf club for the Parkinson's society. The band will have competed at the local Buxton brass festival on the 15th May and in the Whit Friday marches on 10th June.

Band welcomed seven new players into the academy band on a Wednesday evening in January and will be adding to the academy group numbers again after the successful concert at Britannia Primary school at the end of the spring term. As part of the ongoing reorganisation, Whitworth band welcome the return of any brass instruments that have found their way into the local community.

For further information please contact Michael Whitby 852613



Sunday 12 – Sunday 19 June 2022

EVENT COLOUR KEY:

- Must enter in advance
- Turn up and join in

A celebration of Whitworth sporting activity for all ages, all genders and all levels of fitness, experience and ability

We're BACK !! (well, hopefully) After 2 years of not being able to take place Whitworth Sports Festival is back on. A little thinner than previous years, but hopefully, something for everyone to take part in. Basic details below, but if you have a query call the event organiser, or Janet Whitehead 07795577647, or go to www.whitworth-sports-council.co.uk.

■ **METCOM GYM**, have offered open access to Whitworth residents 15yrs +, across the week – Free taster sessions 6am/6pm/6.45pm and 7.30pm – just turn up or contact Danny 07809127571 for further details.

■ **WHITWORTH WATER-SKI**, during Festival and **the week before**, is offering anyone the chance to try out any of their activities at member rates. Ring 01706 852151 for details.

Rossendale Leisure Trust will be giving **free swim tokens to all who take part in Festival events**. They can be redeemed at the Leisure Centre on John Street at any appropriate time until July 26. (Under-8s must be accompanied in the pool.)

ENTRY FORMS for all those events that require **PRE-ENTRY** will be available this year from various places, but must be returned to one of the following:

*The Ashcroft * The Leisure Centre (Baths) * Any Whitworth Primary School

Your entry form can be returned, with entry fee, to any of these places – it doesn't have to be the place you picked it up. BUT do please read entry forms carefully to see **WHEN** you must return them by, and please note that **different events have different deadlines**.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE – The Leisure Centre/Cowm Reservoir

The Mayor will officially open the Festival at 7.45am, and then, for the first time EVER!! straight into the famous... **Splash and Dash at 8am** but this time we kick off with an Adults event!! Come on mums and dads – the kids have been doing it for years – now it's your turn!!

Then, about **8.15am** it's the kids' turn – for all those 8-16-year-olds who would like to swim 8 lengths of the pool, then run 1.75 miles to the res. and round. (Their family supporters are welcome to watch both parts of the event too.)

All competitors must **MUST PRE-BOOK to enter, so pick up a form**.

**** Extra-early-rising marshals are needed for this event. If you'd like to help out, please ring Jo on 07813180748*

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE – THERE'S MORE

- **10am** **The Arena (above the stables opposite the Cock and Magpie) EQUESTRIANISM**

And here's another iconic Whitworth event, offering a chance to see fabulous beasts up close in competitive action – dressage, show jumping, puissance – in a unique setting. Just follow the signs up the hill. Refreshments available.

- **2pm** **Sportsman, 464 Market Street**

POOL COMPETITION ■

Registration from 1.30pm. Turn up and join in – that simple! **FREE, of course!**

MONDAY 13TH JUNE

- **6.30pm** **Whitworth Square (Red Lion)**

MOUNTAIN BIKING ■

This one's for over-16s with some MB experience (or the willingness to give it a right go), a bike in decent nick and a (compulsory) helmet. It'll consist of a 2-hour tour of the hills around Whitworth. Ring Richard on 07780697381, or just arrive in good time.

TUESDAY 14TH JUNE

- Inter primary-school Tri Golf and Rounders competitions.

WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE

- **7.30pm** Scout Hut, Longacres Lane – start/finish Edward Street **SENIOR FELL RACE** ■

A challenging race of 3+ miles over Brown Wardle and onto Hades but still do-able by a reasonably fit novice: minimum age is 16 on the night. This year the race is part of a local grand prix circuit, so there's expectation of a good field and a competitive race. Registration is at the Scout Hut from 5.30pm, or ring Andy Lee on 344436.

THURSDAY 16TH JUNE

- Inter primary-school Tri Golf and Rounders competitions.
- **10am** John Street Football Pitch **NORDIC WALKING** ■

Hamish is a National Trainer with British Nordic Walking. Research has shown that Nordic Walking has many health benefits, providing whole of body exercise. He is keen to promote this sport, both in schools - where it has been shown to help young people who aren't keen on exercise to do more exercise - and amongst adults in the Rossendale and Burnley areas. **MUST PRE-ENTER** Book online following this link - <https://www.fibodo.com/>

- **4.30pm** Lobden Golf Club **JUNIOR GOLF** ■

Another chance to try out for **FREE**. Kevin and his army of volunteers are making the usual generous offer: if you're 16 or under and you'd like to try your hand at golf, just turn up at the friendly clubhouse and they will loan you the equipment, coach you *and* feed you some tea. How can you refuse!

- **7pm** Lobden/Brown Wardle **JUNIOR FELL RACE** ■

This will be the 36th edition of this unique event. Down the years hundreds of Whitworth runners from 8 to 16 years old, male and female, have taken on the challenge of running around Brown Wardle and back over the top. Only one overall winner, of course, but there are 18 age/sex categories, and a special medal for anyone breaking 20 minutes for the first time, and – if you've run before – the chance to beat your own personal best. If you wish to run, you **MUST PRE-ENTER, so pick up a form** - NO entry on the night. Registration will be in the Golf Clubhouse.

*** Jo's looking for extra **marshals** for this event. If you'd like to help out, please give him a call on 07813180748. ***



FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

- **10am** Riddiough Court **YOGA** ■

Yoga's a fantastic activity for anyone. You do the exercises at your own level, without any comparison with others in the room, working within the limits of your own body, aiming to maintain or develop your physical flexibility and enjoying a period of quiet mental relaxation too. Never tried it? Now's your chance. Want to get back into it? Ditto. **Whatever your level or age**, experienced yoga teacher Rita Thompson is offering a **FREE group taster**. **YOU'LL NEED TO BOOK** – ring 07935964137 to arrange, please. Depending on take-up Rita may run one one-hour session, or two at half an hour.

- **Tea-time onwards** Lobden Golf Club **Anyone for...CROQUET? (and other lawn games)** ■

A family evening of gentle lawn games for all the family – all ages welcome. **No charge**. Bring your own picnic and blanket, enjoy a drink, and have a go at giant Jenga, boules, quoits etc, and if you've never tried croquet, now's your chance. Refreshments and snacks will be available from the bar. A bit of fun on a balmy evening...if we're lucky. (And if we're not we'll do what we can inside the clubhouse.) followed by our first ever sports quiz for all the family!

- **7pm (following the Lawn games and croquet)** Lobden Golf Club **FAMILY SPORTS QUIZ** ■

Test your sports knowledge with our first ever Sport Quiz run by Tom
Tom will be testing you out – only for fun really! Various prizes. So, get them teams together and head for the golf club – bar will be open too!

SATURDAY 18th JUNE

- **A MINI-GALA MORNING OF SPORT FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AT WHITWORTH VALLEY FOOTBALL GROUND, From 10am to roughly 12 noon All activities* are FREE.** *(bar one)

- **Family and Friends ROUNDEERS** ■ (courtesy of Rossendale Leisure Trust)

Participants need to be aged 11+ with any children to be accompanied by an adult at all times. Each participant will be put into a team on the day. **MUST PRE-ENTER** You need to book online using this link <https://forms.gle/VbP3yYezvUjGrWdN8> Then all you need to do is turn up and enjoy the session **FREE!**

- **Kids (and maybe even adults?) sports day activities** ■

TUG'O'WAR, SACK RACES, and our special Whitworth variation on welly-wanging...FLIPPER FLIPPING! **FREE TO ENTER.** And we'll finish with our traditional (well, we've done it once before) EGG-CATCHING, where there will be a small charge, with all proceeds going to a local charity.

- **Pilates taster sessions** ■

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- **2pm (registration from 1.30pm)**

Sportsman's Pub

Darts competition ■

Registration from 1.30pm. Turn up and join in – that simple! **FREE, of course!**

SUNDAY 19th JUNE

- **10am (registration 9am)**

Whitworth Valley Football Pitch

WVFC Football Tournament ■

A Mini Football Tournament, in which Whitworth Valley Juniors from Under-10 to Under-12 will take on whichever other clubs take up the sporting challenge: the exact format depends on take-up. Stars of the future? Who knows? But with any luck it'll be competitive but cheerful, frenetic but friendly – and a fitting finale for our Festival.

At some point during the morning we aim to present the **Ian Clegg Trophy**. Ian passed away ten years ago, having been something of a legend of sport within Whitworth, and since 2012 we have awarded the trophy that bears his name to whoever we feel has made the most impressive contribution to the Festival as a whole. The honour board of past winners reads:

2012	Kerrie Lawler	2013	Joe Reeve
2014	Robbie Blezard	2015	Carl Ashworth
2016	Alex Lord	2017	Christine Ashcroft
2018	Charley Leech	2019	Greenwood Family

This year, additionally, Ian's son Rob, to mark the tenth anniversary of his dad's sudden death, is taking on ten big events, ranging from the Rossendale Triathlon to the Three Peaks. He is aiming to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. In honour of his dad, Rob's aim in relation to the events themselves is completion not competition - for Ian the biggest thing about sport was not winning, but the simple pleasure of taking part...not that you'd have known it when he tackled you!

If you'd like to contribute, thank you...you'll need to go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/robert-clegg6>



WHITWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE

Whitworth Medical Centre is currently undergoing some changes that will improve patient care and create a sustainable practice for the future.

Did you know that Whitworth Medical Centre now have additional healthcare professionals who patients can have an appointment with for minor ailments, including UTI's; ear/chest/throat infections; skin conditions and many more. There is a Physician Associate (Reece), Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Michelle), MSK (Musculoskeletal healthcare professional) and Student Doctors as well as a Pharmacist (Anam) who can undertake medication reviews. It is hoped that appointments with these professionals will free up GP resources and provide greater all round care for the Whitworth community.

The Online Services are a great alternative to ringing or visiting the surgery, these are accessible via Patient Access. These online services include book, check or cancel appointments with a GP, nurse, or other healthcare professional, order repeat prescriptions, see parts of your health record, including information about medicines, vaccinations, and test results and to also see communications between your GP surgery and other services, such as hospitals.

To access these online services please visit: patient.info/patient-access
For any help with setting up the online service please speak to one of the receptionists.

CRAFTERNOONS AT ST BART'S

Parents and pupils have been enjoying learning time together at St Bartholomew's CE Primary school in their exciting 'Crafternoon' events. Each term throughout the year, classes have been holding special afternoons based around a particular area of their curriculum and parents have been invited to join-in with both the fun and the learning.

This work has included investigating what the blood does and how important it is to our bodies in PE and Science, designing 'super-fast' food delivery systems for parents in DT, creating accurate volcanoes and globes in Geography, planting seeds and bulbs in Science, Christmas story activities for Art and looking at the Easter message in RE.

Headteacher, Nick Crabtree, explained, 'It's been a great success. We looked at how we could engage our children more with their learning and, of course, who better to help with this than their families. We've had parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles all joining in and the children have loved it – learning lots along the way too!'

The Crafternoons will be continuing into the summer term where staff are hoping to enhance learning even more with fun and exciting ideas that support their school curriculum.

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JACK WILKINSON YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

Jack was a town councillor and became an Honorary Townsman of Whitworth in 1996. This is an annual award given in his memory. Whitworth Town Councillors have voted for this year's recipient of this prestigious award. In 2022 this prestigious award was awarded to Leo Poulter, Charlie Hastewell and Alfie Walker at the Covid Unsung Stars Awards on 14th May.

Leo Poulter has a genetic eye condition called optic atrophy, which has left him severely sight impaired. He is currently learning braille and being trained up to use a white cane and he wanted to thank the guide dogs charity so he started fundraising for them.

This young man has been planting sunflowers and other plants to give to people as a kind gesture. In addition to this, he collected Christmas items to donate to the Lighthouse, foodshare for them to create into special Christmas hampers for families in need at Christmas including over 900 selection boxes.

Charlie Hastewell is a young student at Whitworth Community High School. Before and during the pandemic, he demonstrated community spirit and managed several fundraising projects in aid of Rochdale Children's Moorland Home, Guide Dogs UK, Royal British Legion poppy appeal and Syke 40th Rochdale Scout Group.

If that isn't enough, he is also a member of Whitworth Vale and Healey Band, Syke Explorers, currently undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award and even a Beaver leader.

Alfie Walker is a young man who brought a lot of sunlight to others. This young man came up with the idea of starting a covid caterpillar made up of brightly coloured painted rocks. The idea was that people would paint their own rocks and add them to the tail of the caterpillar. The caterpillar sparked the imagination of the local community and grew to over 400 rocks at its longest! He put Whitworth on the map, even being invited onto BBC Radio Lancashire for an interview.

The covid caterpillar is finally now in its permanent home, the flower bed outside Whitworth Leisure Centre for everyone to enjoy for years to come.



JEFF OGDEN SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Jeff was a great contributor to the Whitworth community in his time and this award was presented in his memory by a member of his family at the Covid Unsung Stars Awards on 14th May. This year, members of the Town Council voted to award this prestigious award to Steve Haigh, Eric Halliwell and the Lighthouse Foodshare Volunteers.

Steve Haigh has worked tirelessly for so many years to improve our area. He works 7 days a week, keeping the memorial gardens tidy and he also helps with the bowling greens. He always does this with a smile on his face. He's not averse to giving his time to anyone in need, and is a valued volunteer to groups such as Whitworth Men's Shed. He is genuinely kind and incredibly generous with his time. He has worked his way from one end of Whitworth to the other helping cutting grass and maintaining floral displays, this has enabled Whitworth in Bloom to rejoin the North West in Bloom competition and achieve a Silver Gilt medal.



Eric Halliwell is a force of nature. Since the first lockdown took effect he has been in Facit Memorial Garden daily, tending to and maintaining the gardens for everyone to enjoy. When he isn't doing that he is out litter picking or running errands for his neighbours. And all of this with a huge smile on his face.



The Lighthouse Foodshare Project started in September 2020 providing many local residents and families with a lifeline by providing food parcels and support. It would not be possible without the amazing volunteers who give up their time to make a difference.



These are not the only unsung stars that were recognised at the awards in May, we are so lucky to have so many amazing people within our community. **Steve Butterworth** is always one of the first to offer his services when needed and the pandemic was no exception using his kitchen to provide meals for families in need. **Frank Bergin** goes above and beyond the call of duty every day ensuring the pupils at Tonacliffe get to school safely. **Peter Kershaw** is a valuable asset to the town and is out in all weathers on a daily basis litter picking on a voluntary basis to keep the area clean and tidy.

Joy Barlow, Louise Dews, Sam Clarke, Laura Prime, Los Lees, Julia Hall and others dropped everything during the lockdown to volunteer their time to deliver food and prescriptions to those in need.

Village Cars and Hope 4 Women have offered constant support and donations to numerous charities during the pandemic, donating over 100 Easter eggs, toiletries, clothes and much more. Dave also supported by delivering groceries and treats to local care homes putting a smile on people's faces during a difficult time.

Martin and Dawn Duffy the pandemic was a busy period for Martin and Dawn, and they always delivered their service with compassion. Martin does a lot of voluntary work for the Ashcroft, loaning and setting up sound and lighting equipment. He was a reliable member of CLAW who made a valuable contribution to the venue over the years.

Derek and Margaret Livesey allowed people to stay in and stay safe whilst they continued to work ensuring parcels were delivered.

Whitworth Playgroup kept their playgroup open with the highest standard of cleanliness and safety offering families that support if they may have needed it, keeping children active and socialising the best they could under the circumstances.

Healey Care A whole new set of safeguards were put into place not only to protect the service users but also to protect the staff who they were now totally reliant on. Hand washings, masks and social distancing were put into place at every property.

In-house cinema sessions were put on and cook and eat sessions to help with the service users anxieties of not being able to go out to do the usual things they liked to do. Many days during the summer were almost outside garden discos, music playing, ball games, paddling pools.

Whitworth Town Council would also like to thank **RRG Toyota Rochdale**, **Harden Transport** and **Rossendale Leisure Trust** whose sponsorship made it possible for the event to go ahead.



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CANCER RESEARCH WHITWORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE

The group held its first fundraising meal for 2 years at the Ashoka in April. It was a huge success with £625 being raised. Thanks go to Raj and all his staff for their generosity and contributions, everyone who donated prizes, attended and joined in the raffles and auctions. The next fundraising meal will be at the Rose and Bowl in June. The next event is the Songs of Praise at Christ Church, Healey on Friday 20th May at 7pm. There is no charge for entry but a collection will be made on the night. The Annual golf tournament at Lobden takes place on Sunday 26th June, always a popular event and well supported and an afternoon tea will take place at Lobden Golf club on Sunday 25th September.

The group are looking to hold a musical event maybe a folk evening at a local venue negotiations are taking place once arranged details will be posted on whitworth facebook page

The group would also like to thank Glenn from GLS who raised £820 instead of gifts for his birthday.

The committee is always on the lookout for new members or any new ideas for fundraising. They meet once a month and members help out at the organised events. If you would like to attend any events, learn about or join the committee or make a donation please contact: Michael Whitby 852613, Elaine Bagshaw 853935 or Arnold Ashworth 343424.

WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3



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 1pm for refreshments and notices followed by a talk.

The speaker on 1st June is Sarah Slater, a Hampton Court guide who will regale members with the Secrets, Sex, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660—1830. On 6th July Pat Osborne will tell members all about The Brontes Behind Closed Doors (everything you didn't know about them!) The August speaker is Josephine Gosling and her talk is entitled Amazing Walks and what to look out for on walks.

New members are welcome for an annual membership of £15 and £2 monthly meeting subs. Anyone interested may attend two meetings before joining. The group is holding an Open Day on 22nd June at The Ashcroft when group leaders will be available to promote the many interest groups. A full list of speakers, contact details and interest groups, can be found on the Facebook page and website (u3asites.org.uk/whitworth).



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MAYOR'S OVERVIEW

Cllr Maureen Jones, Mayor of Whitworth 2021 - 2022

This has been a very strange year for me, as Mayor and although the world has opened up again, I have attended fewer events than previous Mayors have done. I have noticed an upturn recently though and expect a much busier year for Councillor Janet Whitehead who takes over the reigns as Mayor on Thursday 19th May 2022.



Councillor Maureen Jones attending an event at Healey Care.

I have hugely enjoyed chairing the meetings of the town council. I want to thank members of the public who have attended our meetings too. I really hope residents will continue to attend our meetings and get involved with the Town Council in future.

INITIATIVES

The Council is supported by **Town Clerk** Melanie Hearn, and **Town Caretaker** Glen Iliff. The council also contracts a **Parish Lengthsman**, Derrick Jones, who is new in post this year, for general repairs and maintenance. All three maintain healthy attendance sheets.

The Town Council sponsors the **Whitworth community police car** which has proved invaluable to the local constabulary. A competitive lease has been negotiated along with a partial sponsorship deal seeing RRG Rochdale contribute £500 per year.

The Town Council's **website**, www.whitworth.gov.uk, is well a used asset to the Council as a one-stop-shop of Whitworth information for residents and visitors. The Town Council-produced quarterly **Whitworth Valley News** magazine continues to be a very popular read.

The Town Council works in partnership with Rossendale and Lancashire Councils and other local organisations including Lancashire Police and Together Housing to provide the best possible services for the Whitworth community. To give examples, the Town Council facilitates monthly **Multi-Agency meetings**, where representatives of all the main agencies come together to tackle issues in the town.

The **Town Council's Tourism and Leisure Committee** organises a large number of events annually. The Committee is currently working on 'Queen for the Queen' alongside the Ashcroft. A jubilee family fun party, as well as looking forward to hosting the Rushcart again for the first time in 3 years. Additionally, the Town Council itself is responsible for organising Whitworth's Remembrance Sunday commemorations. All these events serve to preserve and strengthen the town's identity and provide a solid sense of community and civic pride.



Weather laying - picture used with kind permission of Mr Mike Burgess.

Whitworth Sports Council have produced a successful set of walk leaflets to support people as they explore what Whitworth has to offer. In addition, they are pleased to have eventually been able to run the popular skyline walk again this year and are looking forward to the Sports Festival in June.

Whitworth in Bloom managed to put on a blooming fantastic display to cheer Whitworth up. The 2021 projects included planting a new **beasties B&B** wildlife haven on Cowm Park Way North and the group supported the Welcome Back Fund initiative to cover the town with **hanging baskets**. They developed the **community orchard** area at Healey corner, added a beautiful **fountain planter** and further developed the **public toilets**. All these activities contributed to a well deserved silver gilt medal in the North West in Bloom competition.



Whitworth has been twinned with Kandel for 54 years and the friendship between the towns continues. Cllrs Aldred and Jim Mellor are instrumental in keeping the twinning alive, and thanks are due to them for their continued work; if you wish to get involved with **Town Twinning** in Whitworth please contact them.

As a statutory **planning** consultee, the Town Council passes comments on all Whitworth applications; Rossendale Borough Council then takes these observations into account when reaching planning decisions. Since April 2021, 44 applications have been considered by the Town Council, ranging from home extensions to new developments.

CONCLUSION

Whitworth Town Council continues to work to the best of its ability to serve its community. The Town Council strives to be as accessible as possible, with the magazine and website facilitating communications to the community, and social media and the availability of the town clerk and councillors, along with the public council meetings, enabling a two-way communication with residents, organisations and businesses.

The Town Council works with local organisations and authorities to improve its offer and to enhance the lives of everyone in Whitworth, and to ensure that any issues or problems are monitored and dealt with swiftly. On a lighter note, the Town Council continues to provide and support a range of fun, family events and initiatives throughout the year, encouraging community spirit and togetherness. There will, as always, be challenges and opportunities presented over the year ahead, but the Town Council is well equipped to deal with both.

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...are proud to announce that the CAMRA local area have again rewarded efforts to deliver top quality cask beers with "Club of The Year". The Band Club will be providing some extra options with additional beers on offer over the Rushbearing weekend in early September.


The committee and staff look forward to welcoming customers over the Queen's Jubilee weekend.

The clubs Facebook and webpages provide updates on events and beers on tap, including some changes to opening times for live football on TV. Remember the club now opens at 5pm on Fridays and 3pm on Saturdays.

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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-19.

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- ▶ Swimming lessons
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**See what's happening in Whitworth Library...
activities are free unless stated**

Mondays

14:00 – 16:00
18:15 – 18:45

Knit and Natter All welcome!

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
14:00 – 15:00
15:00 – 17:00

Scrabble Club Great company and good fun – why not join us?

Storytime and More! Stories and themed activities (18m- 5 years).

U3A Wellbeing 1st Tuesday of month. T. 07762 757925 (Sheila) for info.

Wednesdays

11:00 – 12:00
19:00 – 20:30

Therapeutic Exercise and Wellbeing with Sheila Daly (07762 757925).
£5 donation.

Yoga, Pilates and Relaxation with Sheila Daly (07762 757925).
£5 donation.

Thursdays

10:00 – 11.30
10:00- 12:00

13:30 – 15.30
13:30 – 15.30

14.00 – 15.00

Shared Reading Group All welcome!

U3A Family History on last Thursday of month. T. 07790 192120
(Jean) for info.

U3A Art Group 1st Thurs of month. T. 07800 820096 (Lindsay) for info.

U3A Flower Arranging 3rd Thursday of month. T. 07411 520771 (Nina) for info.

U3A Creative Writing 1st Thursday of month. T. 07903 570008
(Kay) for info.

Fridays

10:15 – 11:00
15:15- 16:45

Baby Bounce and Rhyme (birth to 18 months).

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
13:00 – 15:00

Lego Club (for all ages).

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

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

Everyone welcome!

Updates can be found in the library, or on the Friends of Whitworth Library Group Facebook page, or contact friendsofwhitworthlibrarygroup@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

IT'S THOSE BLOOMING CROSSWORDS AGAIN!

The same grid for both. The same answers for both. Two ways of getting the answers – the first set of clues are cryptic, the second set regular.

As usual some of the clues are Whitworth-centric, but this time it's not so much geographic as avian: answers to these are of course common to both crosswords too. Answers on page 34

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 7 Rip Norse to shreds in jail? (8)
- 8 Burnley's captain – king, but humble (4)
- 9 London's tall building goes south – tough! (4)
- 10 How's day? Confusing. Mysterious. (7)
- 14 A US soldier at the gallery causes a stir (7)
- 16 Indian music, played backwards, creates jelly (4)
- 19 Puzzled? I'm in the car
- 20 Sort a con out for Inspector Gadget and Bugs Bunny (8)
- 21 Stunt singe goes wrong at sign of day's end (7,3)

DOWN

- 1 Boy befuddles rich with tree (5)
- 2 Little Alan drops out down under to land in Europe (7)
- 3 Downhill snow activity is lost to critical piece (4)
- 4 Reverses our boats, says Geordie (8)
- 5 No medium – persuasion for wanderer (5)
- 11 Good tact? Whatever- canine becomes feline (in three easy steps) (3,2,3)
- 17 Rugby Union scrum-half goes east for argument (3,2)

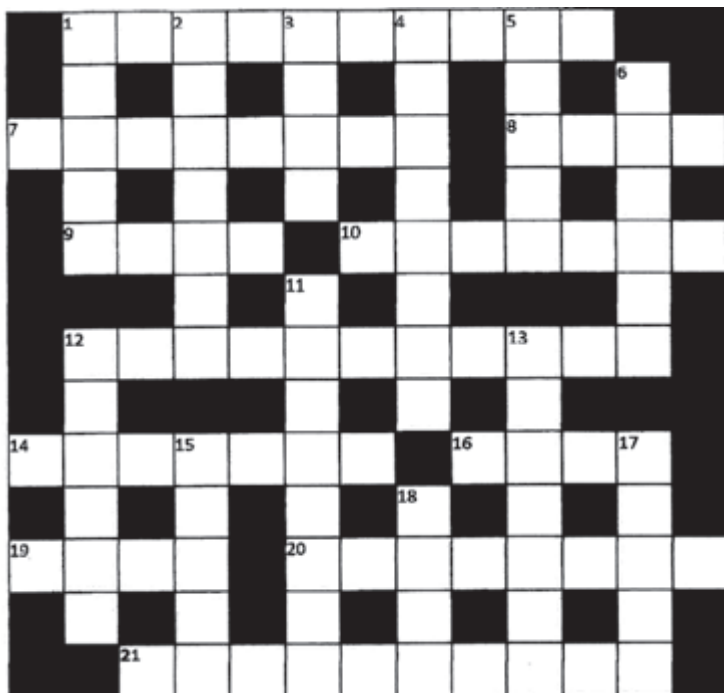
REGULAR CLUES

ACROSS

- 7 Captive (8)
- 8 They'll inherit the earth (4)
- 9 Rock-like? (4)
- 10 Indefinite, difficult to see (7)
- 14 Stir (7)
- 16 It's used in making jelly (4)
- 19 Small (4)
- 20 The Simpsons, Tom and Jerry (8)
- 21 Golden orb slipping below the horizon (7,3)

DOWN

- 1 Tree (5)
- 2 Central European country (7)
- 3 Trap him for checkmate (4)
- 4 What a believer does (8)
- 5 Someone of no fixed abode (5)
- 11 Gromit phones Sylvester (3,2,3)
- 17 The bit after the last fence at the Grand National (3,2)



SHAWFORTH METHODIST CHURCH

- Sundays

-

10.30am Sunday Services
All Welcome and stay for a brew afterwards
- Mondays

-

9.30am-11.15am Toddler Group
- Tuesdays

-

7pm-9pm Whitworth Community Choir Rehearsals
- Thursdays

-

Starting in March Little Bookworms Booking details
<https://little-bookworms.class4kids.co.uk>
8pm Last Thursday in the month Model Flying Club
- Fridays

-

10.30-12.00 Community Drop In Drop in for tea/coffee
and toast (and a natter) All welcome
- Saturdays

-

Coffee and Lunches (Seasonal- look out for information)

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FORTHCOMING POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) MEETING DATES:

6th June 10.30am to 11.30am, 13th June 7pm to 8pm, 4th July 7pm to 8pm, 6th July 10.30am to 11.30am.

All meetings are open to the public and take place in the Police office at the Ashcroft.

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