# News and Vents March/April 2015



Working towards an age-friendly Whalley Range

## Cromwell Community Cuppa Weekly afternoon tea on Cromwell Avenue



Some older residents living in Whalley Range have said they would like to meet up for a chat and a cuppa, to get out, meet with neighbours and find out what's happening locally. We hope to start meeting after Easter on

#### Wednesdays between 2-3pm

We have a lovely age-friendly space at the JNR8 Community Centre on Cromwell Avenue part of Manley Park Methodist Church.

Please come along with your friends!
Or come along on your own to make new friends!
We'll provide the tea, coffee and biscuits ©
Call Chris on 881 3744 or visit our stall at the







To find out more about a local group working together to save the Nello James Centre visit @SaveNelloJ on Twitter and the Facebook page: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/mz5g37f">http://tinyurl.com/mz5g37f</a> Manchester Evening News: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/lp3fq6m">http://tinyurl.com/lp3fq6m</a>

#### Trafalgar Court: Good luck to Elsa Thomsen!



Dear all,

Just to let you know that after 3 ½ years I am leaving Trafalgar Court to move to 'semi retirement' in Portugal. I would like to thank the community and especially Chris Ricard for all the help and support plus great events we have held here at Trafalgar Court; it has made a big difference to the place and my tenants have loved it. This will carry on, I'm sure, with the new manager who will start in April. I wish you all well in the future and please carry on the great work you are doing in Whalley Range. Elsa Thomsen, Anchor's Trafalgar Court, Whalley Range.

# Barakah Food Aid

For the people. By the people.

#### Can you help us?

Barakah Food Aid provides food parcels to people who are struggling in

Can you help the local community by donating non perishable food items, toiletries or your time?

Know someone who needs help?

Are you struggling yourself or concerned about a friend/neighbour who may need help? Do you know of a family or individual who has been sanctioned by the DWP?

All donations distributed to those locally in and around South Manchester and beyond. If we can help, we will. We are an independent non profit group, run by concerned members of the community.



Youth on Solid Ground Press Club creative writing sessions, in partnership with Invisible Inc.

For all young girls (ages 11-19)

Every Week: Saturdays 2:30am-4:30pm Manley Park Centre, York Avenue,

Whalley Range, M16 0AS

**Activities Include**: Creative Writing, Group Work, Discussions, Problem Solving Activities & Having **Fun** 

You can simply turn up, register on the day

Free session Delivered by Qualified Youth Workers, Mentors & Artists

Call 0161 862 0955 for details

#### Alexandra Arts

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#### Are you an older resident living in Whalley Range?

Then you are invited to Alexandra Arts free "Pankhurst in the Gallery"\* event on Thursday the 26th of March 5-8pm, held in the lovely Manchester Art Gallery.

In an accessible age-friendly environment, this is your opportunity to learn about and discover artworks commissioned for our autumn programme 'Pankhurst in the Park'; Celebrating Alexandra Park's rich history connected to the Iconic Suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst. You will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop linked to the gallery's collection, socialise with like-minded people in your community or simply enjoy the serenity of this exceptional location.

Leave it to us to organise free transport and refreshments for you. If you would like to come along please contact us on <a href="mailto:hello@alexandra-arts.org.uk">hello@alexandra-arts.org.uk</a>

Ring or send a text to: 07816683171(c/o Lotte Karlsen) 01618813744 (c/o Chris at JNR8 Community Centre) \* Age friendly 'Pankhurst in the Gallery' is part of the Wonder Woman festival 2015: Manchester's finest fem fest runs between 1-31 March, with over 35 organisations taking part to shine a light on some of the incredible, creative and campaigning women working in Manchester and Salford today.

This opportunity is funded by a MCC Cash Grant by the Whalley Range Ward.

# Whalley Range Methodist Church

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 @ 7:30pm An evening of entertainment provided by the Swing and Swing Again band. In aid of Church Building Fund. Tickets £5 (Under 16's £3)

Contact Rudy Rock for tickets on 226 9644



Adapted By David Greig

26th - 28th March 2015 at 7.30pm

Euripides's Greek classic, given a new twist: revitalised and rocked up!

ne of the greatest of all Greek tragedies – savage, comic and intensely lyrical – *The* hae powerfully dramatises the conflict between the emotional and rational sides of the lan psyche. The magnetic young Dionysus – icon, hedonist, god – returns home with is cult of female followers to exact his revenge, unleashing the full force of female sexuality on the city.

ADVANCE TICKETS NOW ON SALE





Manley Park Primary School News & Events

**Green Saturdays** (check dates on website) Exploring green spaces, getting in touch with nature and having fun with family and friends.

**A big welcome** to latest member of the team, Nichola Sobolewski - who is the Family Support Worker at the school and can be contacted on <a href="mailto:fsw@manleypark.com">fsw@manleypark.com</a>

**Earth Hour:** March 27<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm, Manley Park Junior School, College Road. A worldwide grassroots movement uniting people to protect the planet by switching off lights for one hour.

Contact the school on 881 3808 for more details

PTA Website: http://manleyparkpta.org/



Whalley Range on Wheels was set up in January 2015. We are a social enterprise based in Whalley Range. We want to enable more people to have fun on wheels and to enjoy the benefits of pedal power.

We are an inclusive community cycling club and an affiliated member of CTC, the national cycling charity (membership number 90085355). Open to anyone to join. http://whalleyrangeonwheels.weebly.com/

Watch the video from the Alex Park Whalley Range on Wheels event: http://tinyurl.com/mepmt42

#### Mindfulness + nature connection course

Feeling stressed, ungrounded, in need of rejuvenation? Or just curious...

Awaken to the joys of spring! A new 8-week course in Manchester, based at Alexandra Park Whalley Range. 2 hour session each week from 6 – 8pm

full day course (in forest or national park)

STARTS: Wed 15th April, 6-8pm ENDS: Wed 3rd June, 6-8pm Day course: Sat 23rd May, 10-5pm

Cost: £95 payable in advance (subsidised rate). Class size is limited to 8 for quality of experience

More: www.cultureprobe.co.uk/

Easter Services: Manley Park Methodist Church Good Friday service 10:30am

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>: breakfast @ 8:30/service @ 10:00am. All Welcome

#### JNR8 Easter Playscheme

Monday 13th - Friday 17th April - 2:30pm - 5:00pm Open Access - Fun Activities for 6-12 yrs For more information call Alison on 0161 881 3744



#### **Inspired by the Mighty Fall!** <sup>3</sup>

Come along to the Carlton Club on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March: Poppycock will be joined by Kill Pretty and STOOR With DJ set from The Present Occupier 8 til late £5 on the door. See you there:)

113 Carlton Road, Whalley Range, M16 8BE



For dogs and their owners and friends that enjoy Manley Park

## **Exercise Classes for Older Residents: Keep Fit and Have Fun!**

JNR8, Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range



### We are starting an exercise class for older men and women

Starting after the Easter break on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2-3pm with a qualified fitness teacher at the JNR8 Youth & Community Centre (Back of Manley Park Methodist Church)

Fiona the teacher is very experienced and runs exercise classes across Manchester for lots of older peoples groups

It should be fun and beneficial to your health!



Contact Chris Ricard at JNR8 Youth & Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester M16 0BG Tel: 0161 881 3744





The Bread Project Forever Kitchen has iust started fundraising on @Spacehive! Help make it happen: Visit http://spacehiv e.com/thebrea dprojectforever kitchen ... to pledge!





#### Term time Classes @ JNR8 Talk English

Mondays 10-1pm Attending the weekly 3 hour classes enables people who speak limited English the opportunity to build confidence and self-esteem, helps reduce isolation and build cross-cultural friendships.

Talk English classes provide support to people with little or no English – to help them improve their English skills, access services and get more involved in their community.

#### Tai Chi with Kaz

Mondays 1:30-2:30pm The Tai Chi form has for centuries inspired men and women of all ages, of all walks of life and of levels of fitness. Come and find out why!

#### **ESOL** for Women: Tuesday 10-11am

A term-time women-only accessible safe space to practice English with women of all levels, ages, faiths and cultures. Our two female tutors teach everyday things such as contacting school staff if a child is ill, making appointments and filling in forms.

#### 4 STEPS SKILLS - Computer Skills Made Easy Tuesdays 11am-2pm

Do you need help using computers and tablets properly? Do you need help to search for jobs? All welcome.

This course is brought to you by CSO-CIC with funding from European Social Fund and WEA

# **Keep Fit (Women Only)**

Wednesdays 10-11am

Keep Fit sessions in a safe accessible environment. Improve health, fitness, confidence and self esteem, reduce isolation and encourage participation.

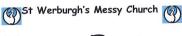
Keep Fit for Women - Free! Meet up, chat and get fit at our women-only group

#### BMHC: 'Give A Little of Yourself'

The Islamic Society of Britain and the British Muslim Heritage Centre cordially invites you to attend an evening with Canadian singer/songwriter Dawud Wharnsby and others, as part of Islam Awareness Week 2015 on Thursday 19th March 2015, 7:00pm There has been much focus on Muslims in Britain over recent months, questions around integration, the rise of "extremism", what do Muslims think about "freedom of speech" as well as whether Islam is responsible for terrorism? With so many pressing questions, it is always nice to have an opportunity for some answers as well to gain an insight into what being a British Muslim really means. register for free tickets: goo.gl/Ii9PsB Phone: 07886 183 519

Email: isbmanchester@gmail.com For more information please visit

our website: http://tinyurl.com/ob4nbsh



# Messy Easter

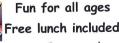


Ma Saturday 28th March 2015

10.30am - 12.30pm

Arts and Crafts Story and Song





Everyone welcome Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 OUH













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#### **Useful Numbers** Councillors

07901528750 Angeliki Stogia 07799560244 Aftab Razaq Mary Watson 860 5523 Whalley Range Forum 881 3744 Health Forum 881 3744 JNR8 881 3744 Whiz projects 881 3744

#### **Police**

Celebrate Festival

999 **Emergencies** Non-emergencies: 101 (15p per call) Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 Local Station 856 4973/856 4784 Council Planning 234 4537 **Environment Issues** Environmental Health 234 4875 Neighbourhood Services 234 5004 Ward Co-ordinator 455 1015

#### About the

# Whalley Range CommunityForum

The Whalley Range Community Forum is a representative voluntary organisation for residents of Whalley Range. The Forum aims to promote a positive image of the area, contribute to the development of appropriate government strategies, improve local facilities and services and increase communications with other organisations.

# **Upcoming Whalley Range** Community Forum Meetings

Trafalgar Court 100 Withington Road M16 7pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May

E: communityforumwhalleyrange@gmail.com T: 0161 881 3744

c/o JNR8, 82 Cromwell Ave



# The Policing team for Whalley Range:

Follow the team on Twitter for updates: https://twitter.com/GMPChorlton

#### **Neighbourhood Beat Officer:**

PC Summer Roberts

PCSO's: Carli Malone, Jackie Wroe, Simon Laing, Iain Tuft, Ahmed Faroogi