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https://www.facebook.com/CelebrateFestivalWhalleyRange/



Congratulations to Chris Ricard from Whalley Range Community Forum for winning the 2017

Our Manchester Women Intergenerational Award. Also to Finalist Justin Garner from the Whiz Project for his stunning Outdoor Photographer of the Year entry!





We are pleased to say that the Whiz youth centre is now a credited Duke of Edinburgh's Award provider. This was funded by Children in Need and will help young people from the area achieve the prestigious D of E award. We are taking 8 young men to Linnet Clough just on the edge of the Peak District, where they will be doing their expedition for their Bronze award. They will be self-sufficient for two days and one night where they will be camping and cooking their own meals. During the day they will be navigating on a route set out by the leaders on this trip. This weekend is a trial for the final expedition in two weeks where they do it all again - but with a different route. For some of these young people it's the last part to achieving the award. *Justin Garner, Whiz Project worker*



The Heart of Whalley Range



The countdown to the 20th Celebrate Festival is well under way, and it's looking like it could be the **best yet.** The theme this year is "Love Whalley Range", so we're celebrating what's great about where we live. Local performers on the main stage include favourites Boz Hayward and the Chorlton Rock Out School, who will be joined by Celebrate newcomers Rangeela and Vieka Plays, whilst the acoustic area will host solo artists and interactive workshops. Did you know that Whalley Range is home to TWO circuses? And this year they are both joining us to provide free workshops for all ages - Higher State Aerial Entertainment return with their popular aerial hoop lessons, whilst Travelling Light Circus will teach you how to spin poi and hula hoop. There's lots more workshops inside the makers tent too, and if you've got little ones you'll be excited to know that the bouncy castle will be FREE between midday and 1pm. The Age-friendly and Health & Wellbeing marquee will feature intergenerational activities, local information and health advice too: there's something for people of all ages at Celebrate! Volunteers are welcome: contact us on 881 3744 or by email: celebratewhalleyrange@gmail.com See you there!



Local residents were very sad to hear of the passing of Sir Gerald Kaufman - who has supported community events and local causes in Whalley Range over many years. Sir Gerald was a great character and he will be sadly missed.



This will be the 11th
Anniversary of the Arts
and Crafts Weekend.

Visit our <u>Facebook page</u> for more information and the list of exhibitors nearer the time. Green Walk, off Wood Road, Whalley Range M16

It is an event organised by a group of Green Walk residents who open their houses to local artists/designers to use as exhibition space to showcase and sell their work. This will include paintings, ceramics, glass, photography, jewellery and more. Previously the event has attracted a large and enthusiastic following from the local community and further afield, with attendance growing year on year. With close to 50 artists taking part, the event is a must for those wanting to spend a leisurely afternoon over the bank holiday weekend. If you are feeling hungry then there will be our fantastic cream teas plus food from I knead Pizza, Tibetan Kitchen, The Manchester Tart Company and Ginger's Comfort Emporium. Car parking is available at the Carlton Club, Carlton Road, off Wood Road, to avoid parking on Green Walk itself. Follow the event on Facebook here or twitter @GreenWalkAC Contact us if you are a local artist / designer and interested in getting involved greenwalkartsandcrafts@gmail.com



YSG meets Taewondo Champions: During February Half Term a selection of our Dodgeball World Champions were treated to an inspirational visit to meet two other champions in an altogether different sport! Lutalo Muhammad and Mahama Cho are stars in Taekwondo and train locally at the National Taekwondo Centre in Newton Heath.

Muay Thai star visits YSG youth club: YSG were delighted to host the inspirational Mubz Bajwa at our Youth Club in February. Mubz is a Guinness World Records title holder, professional Thai Boxer, former British Title challenger and a Muay Thai instructor.

YSG Girls group is getting a regeneration!

Due to the expansion of the staff team YSG are hoping to get involved in lots of new and exciting projects. Visit https://goo.gl/h00hCI or E: catherine.fuller@yosg.org.uk



Get the Bike Hive MCR buzzing again

Following the theft of the bikes from Alexandra Park the group have set up a Crowdfunding project to help them get back on track. They now need people to like it to increase their chance of getting it approved so they can start seeking donations & attract match funding. Help us improve the wellbeing of local people and place. Let's get the Bike Hive MCR buzzing again with a range of biking activities for all ages and abilities throughout the week.



Pledge at: https://www.spacehive.com/bikehivemcr

Co-op Community Causes

Did you know that Co-op members can support local causes by nominating one of three community projects to receive 1% of what they spend on its products? If you are a member you can choose which local cause your own 1% goes to. If you don't nominate, it's shared out between the causes of your nearest Co-op. New causes are chosen every 6 months. The latest local causes include our own Celebrate, the Edge Art & Culture and Chorlton & Whalley Range Woodcraft Folk. To choose a project or find out more, visit: www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund

We watch for fly-tipping!

Respect your community and the environment: dispose of waste correctly



The next fly-tipping and clean-up campaign meeting is on Wednesday 19th April at 7pm at Manley Park Playcentre. Find out more and join the next phase of the Alley clean-up. Visit the info stall at Celebrate on May 1st to get involved with the campaign.



The impressive Withington Road Mural early stages...



Watch this space for the completed work of art...



Age-Friendly Whalley Range and Chorlton Volunteer Photographer, Anthony Morris, has an exhibition of his fantastic work at Chorlton Library 3rd - 29th April.





Call Chris on 881 3744 or agefriendlywhalley range@gmail.com

Our recent Age-friendly Whalley Range & Chorlton event was kindly hosted by Adactus housing Scheme Manager, Gloria Thompson at Ivy Court on Beech Road. The event on March 17th featured lots of information stalls and a craft activity, pampering - and a presentation about how food and lifestyle can help protect you from memory loss and dementia. Lots of residents came along to join in the discussion, to meet health & wellbeing and advice services and to share lunch. Our special guest was the Lord Mayor of Manchester – Cllr Carl Austin-Behan - who chatted to everyone about the great work carried out by Manchester volunteers - and posed for lots of photos! Read more and see more photos on our website at: https://goo.gl/40Uohh



Chorlton Good Neighbours



Sarah Mitchell, one of our volunteers/trustees is running a marathon in June with half any amount raised coming to Chorlton Good Neighbours. If you would like to support her with a donation please go to the details below: Your support would be much appreciated https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sarahmitchell2017

Local Dead Witch Painting on Loan to National Museum of Computing

The Jam Street Bar & Grill on Upper Chorlton Road became the centre of art and technology fame last year when owner Kaldip Bamber purchased a painting for the cafe that turned out to be a rediscovered 1983 work by John Yeadon of the Harwell Dekatron/WITCH computer, which now fully restored is the oldest original digital working computer in the world. The life size painting is due to be loaned by art lover and probation officer Kaldip to the National Museum of Computing in Bletchley Park as part of its 5 years celebrations since the rebooting of the computer. Jam Street continues to be a home for the arts with regular poetry and music nights, hosts a breakfast club for a local primary school and is a patron of the annual Celebrate festival. See their site on Facebook.



Try something new for Spring! Courses starting April 2017

These courses are for learners aged 19 or over and are free to learners on means tested benefits. Limited crèche places available for children 6 months - 5 years for all daytime courses, at £2.50 per session per child.

Intermediate Computing – Mondays 10-12am from April 24th, £36.75 for 10 weeks

Life in the UK Test Preparation – Mondays 1-3pm from April 24th, £40.80 for 12 weeks

Ready, Steady, Cook! – Tuesdays 10am -12.30pm from April 25th, £40.80 for 12 weeks

Driving Test Preparation – Tuesdays 1-3pm from April 25th, £40.80 for 12 weeks

Photoshop – Wednesdays 10 -12am from April 19th, £36.75 for 10 weeks

Positive Thinking for Jobseekers – Thursdays 1-3pm from April 27th, £50 for 5 weeks

Design for Publishing – Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm from April 20th, £40.80 for 12 weeks









Anatolian Folk Night
Thursday 27th April
7.30 - 10.30 pm
Dulcimer Bar,
567 Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton
M21 0AE

Beautiful, uplifting folk songs from Turkey and the Middle East, including songs in Turkish, Kurdish, Armenian and Arabic, from local songstressess Paula Darwish and Serpil Kılıç. Special guest from London is bağlama player Erdoğan Bayır. Come ready to chill, dance and be happy. More information about the music and where to get tickets from the website www.countryandeastern.net.













<u>Useful Numbers</u> Councillors

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Police

Emergencies 999 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 Community Forum
WRCF 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. www.whalleyrange.org

Whalley Range Community Forum Meetings

Venue to be confirmed 7pm Thursday 11th May 2017 7pm Thursday 13th July 7pm Thursday 14th September 7pm Thursday 9th November

E: communityforumwhalleyrange@gmail.com

T: 0161 881 3744 c/o JNR8, 82 Cromwell Ave

WRCF on Twitter

http://tinyurl.com/8ywpozc

The Policing team for Whalley Range:

Police Constable Summer Roberts Police Community Support Officers

PCSO Ahmed Farooqi
PCSO Jacqueline Cosgrove
PCSO Iain Tuft

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

St Margaret's Centre Forever Garden's Orchard Tender & Loving Care Day Saturday 22nd April at 11am.
All welcome, including the sunshine! Brantingham Road M21 0TT