



Twerton & Whiteway Community Network Newsletter

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Hello! This is the second newsletter of the **Twerton & Whiteway Community Network**. With early summer fully under way now, mid-April (when we last wrote to you) feels like a long time ago! All the fabulous trees and hedges of our



neighbourhood are in full leaf, and the birds are chattering away. There's also lots of upcoming plans which involve being outside and celebrating our lovely green area.

Writing this are Kate and Sally, the Network coordinators. You can read more about our role in the last newsletter, but essentially we're here to put in the time needed to maintain the crucial links that connect us to each other and our neighbourhood. Sometimes that looks like listening to people's stories at the Southdown Methodist Church's Lunch Club, sometimes it's connecting local artists with St Michael's school to organise a puppet show, and sometimes it's meeting Curo's resident engagement team to talk about their residents having as powerful a voice as possible. A reminder that the Network is

Pictured: A beautiful nature mandala created by the Natural Pathways group at Bath City Farm

all of ours to shape.

If anything in this newsletter gives you an idea, or makes you feel strongly, do get in touch, the more of us the merrier when it comes to building a community voice.

Rose Cottage Family Fun Day

A few weeks ago Lorraine, Nathan and the brilliant team at Rose Cottage/ Lighthouse Cafe hosted a Family Fun Day, complete with boules, ice cream sundaes, craft activities and a name-the-teddy competition.

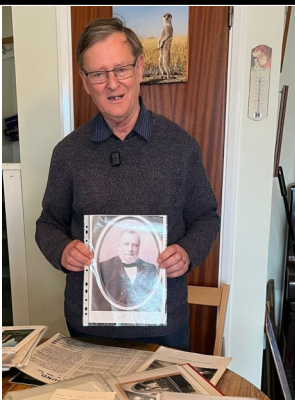
Bath City Foundation's 'Reconnecting Twerton' group showed off their skills while we all enjoyed the sunshine together. It was Mental Health Awareness week at the time, so it felt great to unite in a bit of fun with all different generations. Keep your eyes peeled for their next community event!



Catch up with Twerton historian Peter Little

After a chance encounter with Peter's wife Joy, we were given the opportunity to go and see Peter Little's impressive archive of photos and historic documents about Twerton.

Peter, who played the organ at St Michael's Church for 33 years, has written several pamphlets and books about the history of our community (the proceeds of which have gone to Rose Cottage). Peter kindly let us photograph much of his collection, which we hope to share on our website in due course. Thank you Peter!



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Whiteway Family Fun Day set for Saturday August 17th

This feels like big news! There hasn't been a fun day on the park for a good few years, but many people have shared fond memories with us of the parties organised by local legends in days gone by.

This one will be in memory of Lynne Lewis, a sorely missed youth worker who died 20 years ago but left countless young people better off for having met her. So far confirmed are a music stage, bouncy castle, food and drink, inflatable goal, splat the rat, hook a duck, cake stall. What's still needed are gazebos, tables, chairs and people to volunteer with set up and to keep it all running. Can you help out on the day, or donate a raffle prize? Call **07398 589680**.

First aid training

9th July—for anyone in the area who wants to come.

The community training budget from the Network's Lottery grant is £500 a year and first aid seemed like a good place to start.

With the NHS stretched as it is, the more we know about to take care of ourselves, the better. It can also be really empowering.

'FWE Training Services' who will be running it are a small local company who also work as NHS frontline medics and will cover CPR, choking, falls and heart attacks, but will also run the sessions as responsive to what people want to ask and discuss.

Other community training ideas for the future are food hygiene certificates, help with form filling out and paperwork eg PIP, training in funding applications, and women's health workshops. Let us know if any of these might be of interest to you, or if you have other ideas.



Flower Show



On a similar theme, who remembers the Innox Park flower show? The last one was sometime in the 1980's. Please let us know if you have memories of this, because there's a revival coming up next year! With any luck, working along with local growers, the park will once more be filled with blooms for a day, along with a tea party on tablecloths made by the community with help from the quilters at the American Museum!



Very exciting.

Neighbourhood Walks

There's a few different stomp-arounds in the pipeline and they're a brilliant way of reconnecting with our local environment, socialising, and giving the old mental health a turbo boost.

Blooming Whiteway are planning a 'front gardens tour' soon (watch this space), and there are Network plans afoot for some community walks to map/take notice of what and where our local assets are and how they're used. This will mean different things to different people, which is the exciting part.

Also out there is the idea to go out with older folks in the community and hear the stories of different site, recording these stories to keep as a precious part of the area's history. Once we have dates for anything like this, they will be posted on the socials and website. We share these ideas in their early stages so as to ask for input from anyone who wants to be part of them, so **get in touch** if interested (contact details on other side).