



The Stories of Our Lives – A community writing project Book launch at Chorlton Library

This year, Chorlton Good Neighbours and I teamed up to lead an experimental group in Chorlton. It drew together people who all shared the same belief. We agreed that, given the chance, people with life experience have such interesting and valuable things to say that their stories should be heard and recorded in some way. Older people with memories and stories to tell were connected with locals with an enthusiasm to listen and varying experiences of writing. Additional volunteers helped in different ways, for example by editing and designing the layout of the finished stories. We also received enough donations from helpers to get the book printed. It was with true team effort that this community group shared, recorded and compiled over 50 stories – enough to create a book that celebrates each of the significant lives glimpsed within it.

The group would now love to share this finished book with you, to speak of what it was like to be part of and reveal some of the background of how it was put together as a community. Come help us celebrate our efforts and learning at Chorlton Library on the 14th December from 2pm until 3.30pm. If you arrive at 2pm, you will see a short presentation, then there will be time to have a cuppa and chat with some of those who were involved. The event is free but if you would like to buy a book, a donation of £5 or more in cash is very welcome. CGN and I are continuing the story telling club on a monthly basis next year so all money donated goes towards future publications produced.

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Thanks for reading and hope to see you soon!
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