

**EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS**

**BEYOND A JOKE**

Wednesday 26th - 30th September 7:30 pm Tyldesley Little Theatre, Lemon Street Tyldesley  
A Comedy, Multiple fatalities have occurred - natural causes, accident or murder? Geoff discovers the truth during a weekend visit to his girlfriend  
Ticket Line: 07845 105195

**SOMETHING NEW EXTRAVAGANZA**

Tuesday 26th September 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
Expect comedy, sketches, authors, poetry, storytelling and ne'er-do-wells. Expect the unexpected.  
Festival special featuring Yorkshire's finest comi-tragi-poet Jimmy Andrex  
Tickets £3 Advance // £5 On the door: Box office: 01942 834747

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Wednesday 27th September 10am until 12 noon  
Resource Centre St. Nathaniel's Ridyard Street Platt Bridge  
A Coffee Morning and Raffle in aid of Macmillan

**CANCER AND SURGERY LISTENING EVENT**

Wednesday 27th September 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm  
The Nowgen Centre, 29 Grafton Street, Manchester, M13 9WU  
Have you had cancer surgery or will you be having cancer surgery in the future in Greater Manchester?

Did you or do you feel prepared for your surgery?  
What information do you need before surgery?

Come and share your experiences with other patients and carers and healthcare professionals to help us shape the information and support we provide for patients undergoing surgery and their families. We want to know what we do well and what we need to do better. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to book a place: please contact Shannon Obaldeston on 0161 625 7306 or [shannon.osbaldeston@nhs.net](mailto:shannon.osbaldeston@nhs.net)

**ASHTON FESTIVAL**

Wednesday 27th September 7 pm St Thomas' Church Hall, Warrington Road, Ashton in Makerfield  
Talk by David Fearnley on the Ashton-in-Makerfield Regiment of Soldiers Lancashire Hussars  
Tickets £3.50 & £4.00 Tickets available from Ashton Library from 4th September Also from the Festival Stall, Ashton Market on Tuesday's 12th, 19th and 26th September & Saturday's 9th, 16th and 23rd September

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES TO TACKLE ONLINE HATE CRIME AND PREJUDICE**

Wednesday 27th September, 6 pm – 8 pm in Manchester City Centre  
Stop Hate UK, in partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority, is looking for volunteers who are committed to opposing all forms of hate crime, and will seize this opportunity to challenge online hate speech and reclaim the internet from those who wish to create fear, spread hatred and create division.

Volunteers should be aged 18+ and preferably have a working knowledge of social media. Volunteers will receive full training from Stop Hate UK so that they can:

- identify those committing hate crime online
- get offensive material removed
- produce messages that promote diversity and inclusion

Volunteers will be set up with an online identity, and trained on how to operate safely and remain anonymous. Stop Hate UK will cover expenses and provide the tablets. We anticipate volunteers will spend about three hours per month engaged in this activity, and can opt out at any stage.

Book your place by emailing [mike@stophateuk.org](mailto:mike@stophateuk.org)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL LAUNCH EVENING**

Wednesday 27th September 7.30pm at St John's Church, Church Street, Pemberton, Wigan

Come and find out the full programme of events and join us for refreshments as we celebrate our 5th Festival.

### **WATCHING GOLDFISH SUFFOCATE**

Wednesday 27th September 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan

A small scale try out production premiered in 2014 and opened to wide spread acclaim, 5 star reviews and received three nominations including Best New Play, Best Fringe Production and Best Actor (David Degiorgio). In 2017 the show returned to equal acclaim at the Greater Manchester Fringe Festival, the show went on to win Best Revival and David picked up the coveted Best Actor award. Now the show comes to Wigan, to the Old Courts, back to Dave's home town to continue to spread the word about mental health.

For anybody who likes powerful, contemporary and original theatre then this is a show not to be missed. For more info check <http://www.vertigotheatreproductions.co.uk/Goldfish/>

Tickets £10 Advance // £12 On The Door: Box office: 01942 834747

### **DRINK AND DRAW - POP ART**

Wednesday 27th September 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan

KAPOW! After graduating with BA Hons in Design from the University of Ulster, Belfast, in 1988, Cath Cleary returned to Wigan and worked as a commercial artist in advertising for 18 years, designing the likes of Haribo packaging and more! She has a huge appreciation for the pop-art movement and will be sharing some techniques with you so that you can create your very own POW-factor posters.

This event is suitable for: lovers of Pictionary, wine drinkers, stencillers, art in the everyday obsessives, tea drinkers, colour buffs, total beginners, cool arty types, oddballs, and everyday human beings.

Tickets £3 Advance // £3.50 On The Door: Box office: 01942 834747

### **VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW**

Thursday 28th September Standish Methodist Church, High Street, Standish,

Various organisations in Wigan Borough are doing a Roadshow to give details of volunteering opportunities for everyone, provide volunteering inductions, and award certificates. You'll then be ready to volunteer.

Why volunteer?

Make new friends and get to know your community

Gain work experience and new skills to improve your CV

Gain confidence & self esteem

Open the door to new employment opportunities

Increase self worth and feel valued

Have a new adventure

For more details ring 01942 233323 or turn up on the day

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday 28th September 10 am – 12 Noon St Richard's Parish Hall, Crabtree Lane, Atherton

Open to all, admission for the coffee morning is £2 including refreshments.

There will be various stalls and a raffle to enjoy.

### **VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW**

Thursday 28th September 1 pm – 6 pm Wigan & Leigh Carers Centre Frederick Street Hindley

Various organisations in Wigan Borough are doing a Roadshow to give details of volunteering opportunities for everyone, provide volunteering inductions, and award certificates. You'll then be ready to volunteer.

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### **NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE AND NATIONAL LIVING WAGE... HELPING YOU HELP LOW PAID WORKERS WEBINAR**

Thursday 28 September between 11 am and 11.30 am

HM Revenue and Customs are inviting a variety of different organisations to a webinar on Thursday 28 September between 11 am and 11.30 am. The webinar will highlight some of the common errors employers make with National Minimum Wage and explain the options available for workers to get back any pay arrears they may be owed.

To access first register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/270883765827538179>

The webinar will cover:

- Giving you a better understanding of National Minimum Wage – what are the errors employers make and how to spot them
- Insight into how HM Revenue and Customs investigates National Minimum Wage cases
- The complaint process – how a worker can make a complaint if they have a concern and what to expect

The webinar will last for 20 minutes.

### **EMPOWERED CONVERSATIONS**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1 pm - 3.30 pm

Sunshine House Community Hub, Wellington St, Wigan WN1 3SA,

The Empowered Conversations course offers a practical approach that helps people to stay connected with loved ones with dementia.

Get in touch with Emma at Empowered Conversations if you would like to book on the course:

0161 212 4981 [emma@empowered-conversations.co.uk](mailto:emma@empowered-conversations.co.uk) [www.empowered-conversations.co.uk](http://www.empowered-conversations.co.uk)

### **GREATER MANCHESTER LAW CENTRE AGM 2017**

Thursday 28th September 2017 6.30pm at Mechanics Institute, 103 Princess Street, M1 6DD  
'Fighting together to change Government welfare reform policies' - Keynote speaker on Strategic Litigation: Rebekah Carrier, solicitor and director of Hopkin Murray Beskine.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM - you don't have to be a member. Everyone is welcome to hear about successful past year and participate in making plans for the future. All members will receive formal notification of the AGM by the end of August. Only registered members have the right to vote at the AGM. Please contact Astrid Johnson or Roz Burgin on 0161 796 2244 or email [development@gmlaw.org.uk](mailto:development@gmlaw.org.uk) for any questions.

Don't forget to follow GMLC on Twitter and Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest news

### **ANDY BURNHAM'S QUESTION TIME**

Thursday 28th September 7 pm – 9 pm

Stretford Public Hall Chester Rd, Stretford, Manchester M32 0LG

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, is delighted to invite you to his monthly Question Time event.

Question Time is your opportunity to ask Andy a question about the issues that matter to you.

How to watch Question Time

Attend the session – book your place here

Watch the live stream on Twitter: @MayorofGM – the question and answer session will start at 7.30pm

How to ask a question

If you'd like to ask Andy a question and you can attend the session, you can submit your question on the online booking form here

If you can't attend you can email your question to: [questiontime@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:questiontime@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

You can tweet during the session @MayorofGM and use the hashtag #AskAndyGM

Andy will try to answer as many questions as possible and similar or related questions may be combined together. However, it cannot be guaranteed that there will be time to answer all the questions.

Question Time will be held on the last Thursday of every month – this is the evening before the Combined Authority meeting – in the area in which the Combined Authority meeting will take place. Therefore there will be plenty more opportunities to attend a session near you.

This is an open invitation to anyone who lives, works or studies in Greater Manchester.

### **ASHTON FESTIVAL**

Thursday 28th September 7 pm Byrchall High School: Warrington Road Ashton-in-Makerfield

Byrchall High School & St John Rigby College Entertain Tickets £3.50 & £4.00

Tickets available from Ashton Library from 4th September Also from the Festival Stall, Ashton Market on Tuesday's 12th, 19th and 26th September & Saturday's 9th, 16th and 23th September

### **TOM WALKER TRIO: BLUES N BOOGIE**

Thursday 28th September Doors Open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan

Tom Walker has been honing his guitar playing from a very young age, earning respect and admiration from music lovers and musicians across the globe. Voted Best Artist on the introducing stage at The Great British Rock and Blues Festival and is playing The Ealing Blues festival in July.

Tickets £8 Advance £10 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

### **VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW**

Friday 29th September YMCA Hilton St, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8PD

Various organisations in Wigan Borough are doing a Roadshow to give details of volunteering opportunities for everyone, provide volunteering inductions, and award certificates. You'll then be ready to volunteer.

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For more details ring 01942 233323 or turn up on the day

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Friday 29th September 10am to 12 noon, YMCA Hilton Street Ashton in Makerfield Wigan

All welcome , come along for a brew and cake, there will also be a raffle and bottle stall, and a stand for the volunteer roadshow.

Help us to raise funds for this worthy cause.

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Friday 29th September 12 noon - 3pm Grand Arcade, Wigan

A consultation into community health services for families, children and young people has opened. Start Well is a model of joined up work in communities, connected to early years settings, schools and general practice. It is aimed at ensuring children have the best start in life, arriving at school healthy, well and ready to learn, so they can go on to access opportunities to be successful, healthy, independent adults.

There will be a range of opportunities for people to have their say. Parents must register beforehand with the centres for the focus groups and to access the free childcare facilities. For anyone unable to attend these sessions but want to have their say the consultation is also available online at:

[www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations)

### **CLASSIC CINEMA**

Friday September 29th

Doors open 12.30 pm for 1 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Especially for senior citizens to come along meet new people and watch a classic film

Film – My Fair Lady

More details 0796 964 7466 or email [enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com](mailto:enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com)

### **THE HISTORY OF PARSONAGE & BICKERSHAW PITS**

Friday September 29th – Sunday 1st October. St Peter's Church, Firs Lane, Westleigh, Leigh

The church has teamed up with Age UK Wigan Borough and the Bright Days team. Artefacts such as old photo's, paintings, video's, and mining memorabilia will be the focus.

The Friday session runs from 6 pm to 8 pm

Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and

Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm

### **ANNUAL MACMILLAN FUNDRAISER**

Friday 29th September from 3 pm St James Social club, St James Road, Orrell, Wigan  
Includes cakes, vegetables and fancy goods sale, followed by the main beauty and fashion show at 7 pm. Tickets £6 from Kath McGuire on 01695 721038

### **LEIGH FILM SOCIETY**

Friday September 29th 7 pm for 7.30 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh  
Come along to watch something different. Refreshments are available.  
We do not have a licence to sell alcohol but you are welcome to bring your own.  
Film – Little Men More details 0796 964 7466 or email [enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com](mailto:enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com)

### **ASHTON FESTIVAL**

Friday 29th September 7 pm Bryn Road South, Ashton in Makerfield  
Seagulls Gym Tickets on sale at Seagulls Gym; £5.00  
Tickets available from Ashton Library from 4th September Also from the Festival Stall, Ashton Market on Tuesday's 12th, 19th and 26th September & Saturday's 9th, 16th and 23th September

### **KAZ HAWKINS LIVE**

Friday 29th September Doors open 7.30pm The Old Courts, Crawford Street Wigan  
Watch Kaz Hawkins on the links below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5IsbbhijWA>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2L0-vi2rDpc>  
Tickets £5 Advance £7 On the door Box office: 01942 834747

### **ROSS & RACHEL**

Friday 29th September 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan  
Ross & Rachel tells the mind-bending, heart-breaking story of what happens when a couple that was always meant to be together, gets together ... And stays together.  
Age Restriction: 16+ Seating is unreserved. Tickets £8 Advance // £10 On The Door  
Box office: 01942 834747

### **LADIES NIGHT**

Friday September 29th 7.30p.m Appley Bridge Community Centre, Appley Lane North Appley Bridge  
The centre will be transformed into a luxury liner for a cruise themed evening. A twist on a Macmillan coffee morning. Tickets £15 from Elaine Roper at All Saints School

### **CASTLE BUILDER**

Friday 29th September 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
The Castle Builder tells the true story of an inmate in a Norwegian psychiatric institute who over 5 years built a castle on a remote headland. But ...where was he getting his bricks from?  
The show spirals outwards from personal accounts into tales of other outsider artists who've been inspired to build gigantic extraordinary structures, alone, in secret, and without artistic validation from the real world.  
Vic Llewellyn and Kid Carpet re-imagine these stories and tell them with visceral live music, dancing, projection & heart felt storytelling and chewed bread sculptures.  
The show also includes the presence of an invited maker/artisan who constructs during the duration of the piece and presents something unique to the audience at the climax of the show. Tickets £6 Advance // £8 On The Door: Box office: 01942 834747

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 30th September 9 am – 12 Noon St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall Manchester Road Astley

There will be bacon and sausage barmes, toast, tea and coffee to enjoy.  
For more information, or to donate items, call Mary Barton on 07946 512861.

### **PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP**

Saturday 30th September 10 am – 12 Noon The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
What makes an amazing story? Where can we find them? How can we turn these stories into plays? Over two action-packed hours we'll look at practical ways of generating material, shaping story, deepening character, and working with structure. It's a lot more fun than it sounds.

Led by Thomas Martin, director of 'Ross & Rachel.' (Ross and Rachel is showing at The Old Courts on Fri 29th and Sat 30th September.)

Suitable for anyone interested in creative writing, directing or making theatre!) Age 14+

Tickets £4 Advance // £5 On The Door Box office: 01942 834747

### **WIGAN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Saturday 30th September – Sunday 1st October 10 am – 4.30 pm

Robin Park Sports Centre, Loire Drive, Wigan

The 50th exhibition incorporates the North West Festival of Diesel and Electric Layouts.

Tickets £10 on the door or £8 [www.wiganfrm.org.uk](http://www.wiganfrm.org.uk)

### **ALMOST ALWAYS MUDDY**

Saturday 30th September 10.30 am – 12 Noon The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Where do all the children play? Where have all the playgrounds gone? Join the team of Almost Always Muddy in their Junk Yard playground of treasures and build them a place to tell their story.

Almost Always Muddy is an immersive story telling experience. In the first part you are in a junkyard: pallets, tubes, ropes, nets, fabric. You are invited to use all the materials to build the places stories can happen. The Junkyard will morph into a magical place for adventure.

In the second part, the Almost Always Muddy team of improvisers transform your creation into a theatrical storytelling Adventure, with live music, live making and special effects.

Almost Always Muddy is the story of a Hero's Quest for courage, improvised by the Almost Always Muddy team and led by the world you have built and the suggestions you give.

This an interactive piece so expect to get building and use your imagination!

During this interactive show there is a chance for parents and carers to make something separately, to surprise the children! Get involved.

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+

\*Tickets £6 each, and we are offering a discount for groups of 4. All adults need to buy tickets. Box office: 01942 834747

### **IMPOSSIBLE THEATRE MAKING**

Saturday 30th September 1 pm – 3 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

"Be reasonable, demand the impossible". With Vic Llewellyn & Kid Carpet

A workshop in how to begin making your own theatre show

This could be a solo show or a collaboration with other people.

Using games and simple exercises to flex your imagination muscles and explore the individual building blocks that go into a show. We can help with things like structure, narratives, the use of music and where can we perform it?

Vic Llewellyn is a Phillippe Gaulier trained actor with 25 years' experience of making shows in theatres, opera houses and streets around the world. Kid Carpet has been makes his own music and shows for children. He has released 8 albums and made 5 shows for children.

Ages 16+ Tickets £4 Advance // £5 On The Door: Box office: 01942 834747

### **ALMOST ALWAYS MUDDY**

Saturday 30th September 3.30 pm – 5 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

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### **LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL**

Saturday 30th September 4.30pm The Pelican Centre, Tyldesley

Film – Disney's MOANA (2016 Animation) Tickets Adults £3 Children £1-50 (swimming optional) from

[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

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In this disquieting duologue for one performer, Olivier-nominee and Critics Circle Most Promising Playwright winner James Fritz (Four Minutes, Twelve Seconds, Hampstead Theatre/West End) takes an unflinching look at the myths of modern love.

Age Restriction: 16+ Seating is unreserved.

Tickets £8 Advance // £10 On The Door Box office: 01942 834747

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Golborne Brass Band Tickets £4.50 & £5.00

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### **FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS OF VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**

Saturday 30th September 7.30 pm St. John's Church, Standishgate, Wigan

Classics by three great British composers feature in a concert by Wigan choir Exultate. Works by Stanford and Parry plus Vaughan Williams are on the programme. Paul Chamberlain conducts with Carol Wareing and Peter Kwater on the organ.

### **ROLL BACK THE YEARS**



Saturday 30th September 7.30 pm Leigh RUFC Round Ash Park, Hand Lane, Leigh

Organised by Leigh Soroptomist's

Music, raffle and buffet supper

Tickets £12-50 with all proceeds to Francis House Children's Hospice and Soroptomist's charities.

More details at [www.sileigh.co.uk](http://www.sileigh.co.uk)

### **ED TUDOR POLE & THE SEX PISTOLS EXPERIENCE PLUS SUPPORT**

Saturday 30th September Doors open 8pm The Old Courts, Crawford Street, Wigan

Tickets are £10 or £12 on the door and available from The Old Courts, Static Records and online @ Box office: 01942 834747

### **ALMOST ALWAYS MUDDY**

Sunday 1st October 11 am – 12.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

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### **FAMILY FUN DAY AND DOG SHOW**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 11 am – 4 pm Astley Street Car Park Tyldesley

There will be a dog show with two rings to enjoy as well as a bouncy castle, a range of stalls and a tombola. Food and drink will be available to buy at the event, as will dog food and accessories.

### **CAN I WEAR JEANS IN NORTH KOREA? A TALK ABOUT LIFE INSIDE THE SECRETIVE STATE**

Sunday 1st October 2.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Can I wear jeans in North Korea? What happens if I use the internet? What about porn? Can I watch TV? Can I visit if I'm gay? What are NK's top tourist attractions? Why would I even want to go?

Join us for a rare tales about North Korean adventures brought to you by the well-travelled guys behind Lupine Travel. Followed by a Q&A session.

You'll like this if you're interested in travel, adventure, politics, photography, or things that are a little bit different.

Our current exhibition North Korea: An Exploration features propaganda posters, collected items and photographs taken by explorer Dylan Harris (open 1-30 September). This talk probes further into the experiences of Dylan and his colleagues who run tours to North Korea regularly.

Please buy tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. Our bar will be open for drinks and snacks. Over 14's with an adult. Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Monday 2nd October 10 am – 2 pm Spinning Gate Shopping Centre Leigh

A consultation into community health services for families, children and young people has opened. Start Well is a model of joined up work in communities, connected to early years settings, schools and general practice. It is aimed at ensuring children have the best start in life, arriving at school healthy, well and ready to learn, so they can go on to access opportunities to be successful, healthy, independent adults.

There will be a range of opportunities for people to have their say. Parents must register beforehand with the centres for the focus groups and to access the free childcare facilities. For anyone unable to attend these sessions but want to have their say the consultation is also available online at: [www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations)

### **FIRST WORLD WAR'S THIRD BATTLE OF YPRES**

Tuesday 3rd October 1.30 pm Tyldesley Library Stanley Street Tyldesley

A talk about a key battle in the First World War. Titled Passchendaele – The Forgotten Battle, the talk will see Richard Sivill tell the story of the part North West regiments played in the Third Battle of Ypres in the Flanders region of Belgium.

Richard visited the battlefields this year. Admission is £1, including refreshments, and all are welcome to attend.

### **REGULAR SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES**

Tuesday 3rd October 6 pm – 9 pm Community Room, Tesco, Leigh

“We will try to help veterans and armed forces families in any way we can, so please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat.”

For more information about the charity and its upcoming support sessions visit [www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk](http://www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk) or ring 07515 892720

### **LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL**

Tuesday 3rd October, 7.30 PM Legends Bar Leigh Sports Village, Sale Way, Leigh

This Sporting Life (1963) Cert 12, 2 hours 14 minutes, Drama/Sport

Starring: Richard Harris, Rachel Roberts, Alan Badel, William Hartnell, Arthur Lowe

'Despite success on the field, a rising rugby star senses the emerging emptiness of his life as his inner angst begins to materialize through aggression and brutality, so he attempts to woo his landlady in hopes of finding reason to live.'

This is a FREE event but you do need to obtain tickets from our Box Office

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EJMHEE> for entry on the night.

### **FUNDING SURGERIES**

Wednesday 4th October 1 pm -5 pm Compassion In Action, Patrick House, 58 Leigh Road, Leigh

Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions. You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email Tracey Wormald at [T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk)

### **50PLUS**

Wednesday 4 October at Oxford hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 2.30 – 3.30

Bulb Planting Coffee/tea and chat “Thought for the Month” 01942 609748/677391

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Wednesday 4th October 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Atherton Start Well Centre, Formby Avenue, Atherton, Manchester, M46 0HX

A consultation into community health services for families, children and young people has opened. Start Well is a model of joined up work in communities, connected to early years settings, schools and general practice. It is aimed at ensuring children have the best start in life, arriving at school healthy, well and ready to learn, so they can go on to access opportunities to be successful, healthy, independent adults.

There will be a focus group session, offering free childcare. Parents must register beforehand with the centre for the focus groups and to access the free childcare facilities. For anyone unable to attend these sessions but want to have their say the consultation is also available online at:

[www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations).

### **POPS THE ANDERSON LECTURES 2017**

Wednesday 4th October, 5.30 pm – 8 pm

Birley Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Bonsall Street, Manchester, M15 6GX

POPS is delighted to host the Anderson Lectures for its fourth year. This year the focus will be on life sentenced prisoners and the transition from custody back into the community. POPS will consider the challenges this transition presents for both the prisoner and their family, how these obstacles might be minimised and overcome, and contemplate the particular issues facing prisoners from BAME backgrounds.

The Anderson Lectures is usually over-subscribed, so early registration is advisable.

This is a free event but donations to the work of POPS are welcome on the evening. Refreshments will be available. For further information and to register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-anderson-lectures-2017-registration-37065495896>

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Wednesday 5th October 9:30 am to 11 am Tyldesley Health Centre, Poplar Street, Tyldesley M29 8AX

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[www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/consultations)

### **VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW**

Thursday 5th October 10 am – 4 pm Leigh Infirmary The Avenue Leigh Lancashire WN7 1HS

Various organisations in Wigan Borough are doing a Roadshow to give details of volunteering opportunities for everyone, provide volunteering inductions, and award certificates. You'll then be ready to volunteer.

Why volunteer?

Make new friends and get to know your community

Gain work experience and new skills to improve your CV

Gain confidence & self esteem

Open the door to new employment opportunities  
Increase self worth and feel valued  
Have a new adventure  
For more details ring 01942 233323 or turn up on the day

### **BIG LOTTERY REACHING COMMUNITIES MASTERCLASS**

Thursday 5 October 10 am – 4 pm 151 Dale Street Liverpool L2 2AH

Competition for the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities funding has never been greater. To succeed, potential applicants need to use their development time wisely and tailor their submission to make their bid stand out from the crowd.

Description:

This course will take you through the steps of planning and preparing a Stage 1 Reaching Communities revenue application.

In particular, you will:

- Learn the language of the Lottery and how to package and present your project
- Be able to make the best use of the information you have collected to design and develop your project proposal
- Learn about evidence of need and how to define and develop your proposal outcomes
- Understand key considerations in the development of your budget
- Explore techniques for writing high quality funding applications.

This masterclass is aimed at anyone who has already been involved in writing smaller/medium sized funding applications to charitable trusts (e.g. Awards for All, Children in Need, Comic Relief) but who is now looking to progress with larger scale project development bid writing to Big Lottery. For those new to project development and bid writing, we would recommend attending Introduction to Fundraising as a first step.

Registration Procedure: <http://www.lcvs.org.uk/training/big-lottery-reaching-communities-masterclass-2/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/event/register&id=60&reset=1>

Tel: 0151 227 5177 Email: [info@lcvs.org.uk](mailto:info@lcvs.org.uk) Web: <http://www.lcvs.org.uk>

### **NATIONAL OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Thursday 5 October 1 pm – 3 pm Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS

Greater Manchester Older People's Network invites you to a National Older People's Day Celebration.

Lunch is provided. Places are limited.

To book a place, visit: <http://bit.ly/2wxc1pT> or contact Anna on 0161 834 9823.

### **EMPOWERED CONVERSATIONS**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 1 pm - 3.30 pm

Sunshine House Community Hub, Wellington St, Wigan WN1 3SA,

The Empowered Conversations course offers a practical approach that helps people to stay connected with loved ones with dementia.

Get in touch with Emma at Empowered Conversations if you would like to book on the course:

0161 212 4981 [emma@empowered-conversations.co.uk](mailto:emma@empowered-conversations.co.uk) [www.empowered-conversations.co.uk](http://www.empowered-conversations.co.uk)

### **ARTHRITIS SELF HELP GROUP**

Thursday 5th October 7 pm

Conference Centre Wrightington Hospital Hall Lane Appley Bridge Wigan WN6 9EP

Living with any form of arthritis? Come along everyone welcome. Share, meet like minded people.

Learn coping skills. Speakers; events and lots of fun

More details from Barbara on 01257 791337 or Ann 01695 721199

### **LISTEN UP CONFERENCE & EXPRESS YOURSELF**

Friday 6th October. 10.30 am – 2.30 pm St Peter's Pavilion Hurst Street, Hindley

For local people with learning disabilities to come along and have your say and share the things that matter to you on any of these topics:

- Work, Learning,
- Leisure & Fun,
- Choices Control & Rights,
- Feeling Well,
- Family Friends & Relationships,
- Where & How I Live.

You could draw, paint, knit, sing, weave, sculpt, print etc. Why not make a short video and send it in, this could be recorded on a mobile phone.

Send a copy of your work via email to [listenup@wlpf.org.uk](mailto:listenup@wlpf.org.uk)

Or you can post it to Wigan & Leigh People First, 149A, Lowton Road, Golborne WA3 3HT

### **EXHIBITION EVENING: INTIMATE. CURATED BY MARTYN & PAULA LUCAS**

Friday 6th October 11 am The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Celebrate the opening of 'Intimate', a playful and thought-provoking exhibition which brings together a range of North-West and London-based artists working in painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, print, video and digital art. Several of the artists have made new works for the show, which is curated by Paula Fenwick-Lucas and Martyn Lucas and supported by Arts Council England through Grants for the Arts.

The concept of 'intimate' is explored directly in the content of many of the art works where the interplay of human relationships is depicted through narrative - a moment of exchange or closeness which appears tender, awkward, beautiful or compelling.

Curated by Martyn Lucas and Paula Fenwick-Lucas

The exhibition is open Monday-Saturday (11-4pm) between 6<sup>th</sup> – 28th October. Free entry

### **STATE OF THE UNION IN CONCERT PLUS SPECIAL GUEST IONA LANE**

Friday 6th October Doors Open 7 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

State of the Union is back! With undeniable musicality, powerful songs, exquisite playing, Boo Hewerdine (UK) and Brooks Williams (USA) embark on their first tour in three-years. And they've got a new album, The Saltwell Sessions (available only at the shows), to celebrate the new tour. The evening will be kicked off in good style by North West singer-songwriter Iona Lane

£15 in advance / £17 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

### **LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL**

Friday 6th October 7 pm ALRA North The Mill at The Pier Wigan

Young Filmmakers Event Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EKEEHD>

### **THE VELVETS**

Friday 6th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

2017 sees the 50th anniversary of The Velvet Underground's first album release, the iconic 'The Velvet Underground and Nico'. New British outfit, THE VELVETS perform a selection of songs from that album, alongside tracks that cover the whole of the group's catalogue from 1967-1970.

The Old Courts are delighted to welcome THE VELVETS, a group of talented multi-instrumentalists who re-create the VU soundscape and add their own unique lustre finish. Not so much a 'tribute' act but more a celebration of one of the most influential and important bands in the history of rock music.

Tickets £8 In Advance £10 On the door; Box office: 01942 834747

**FNL: ALGORITHMS + OSCARS WILD/ STRAY WEATHER/ CARDINAL SIN / SCRUBBER FOX**

Friday 6th October Doors Open 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

A predominantly electro indie vibe at this Friday Night Live: featuring bands to really get your groove on to. Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

**JUST FOR FUN - QUIZ AND KARAOKE**

Saturday 7th October 7pm Beehive Community Centre (formerly Lindale Hall) Lindale Road,

Only £4.00 per ticket Hot Supper Bring your own booze. To book contact 0161 3768229

[BeehiveCommunitycentre@hotmail.com](mailto:BeehiveCommunitycentre@hotmail.com) @BeehiveLindale

All proceeds for the upkeep of the Beehive Community Centre

**LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL**

Saturday 7th October 7.30pm, with doors opening from 6 pm The Turnpike Gallery, Leigh

We come to the main event where we will showcase short & amateur film makers from across the UK..

There will be a bar & refreshments available throughout the evening and there is also free parking at the venue.

Tickets for this event cost £5 each and are available from our Box Office.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EIIFGE>

**"A CELEBRATION OF SWING"**

Sunday 8th October 12.30 pm Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club Vauxhall Road Wigan WN13LU

By Wigan Jazz Club has been arranged by Age UK

Featuring Swing Time Big Band with vocalist Emma Holcroft

Admission free; Tickets available from Harry Unsworth Age UK Market Street Wigan from 1st September – 01942 615883 or Ian Darrington on 01942 243974

**'TEACHERS'**

Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th October St Joseph's Hall, Chapel ST Leigh WN7 2PR

Welcome to Whitewall High School ... where anything can happen in a drama lesson

Three students, put on an end of term play about the trials and tribulations of their new Drama teacher, as he tries to deal with staff and pupils alike. Meet the deputy head, Doug the caretaker, Oggy Moxon, the school bully, and a host of other colourful characters.

Tickets will be available from our Box Office: Spectrum Blinds, Chapel St Leigh or pay on the door on the night. £8 adults and 16yrs & under £4

**PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A**

Tuesday 10th October 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: U3A Trip Contact Pam Ashton for details

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments please contact Pam Ashton on 01257 400254 or visit our regularly updated website:

[www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh)

New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

**HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Wednesday 11th October 1 pm - 2:30 pm Westleigh Start Well Centre, Westleigh Lane, Leigh, WN7 5NJ

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Wednesday 12th October 11am - 12:30 pm. Standish Library, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan

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### **SING ALONG**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish

Wigan Rotary Club is inviting anyone to come and join them and Sing Along. There will be a mixture of well known songs for everyone to enjoy. The sessions are free and open to anyone, and are also suitable for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wigan Rotary President Gwyneth Millard explained 'you don't have to be a good singer, and you don't need to be able to read music. If you can reasonably manage to sing Happy Birthday then you're in!' she continued 'the sessions will be run by a retired music teacher, all we now need is for lots of people to come and enjoy some good company and a good sing along.'

Booking is not required and for any more details or queries please ring the Wigan Rotary Club number 07813 471000

### **RUGBY LEAGUE NIGHT**

Thursday October 12th 6.30 pm Aspull Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Aspull, Wigan

With Leeds Rhino's Jamie Jones Buchanan and Andy Kirk and Wigan legend Bill Ashurst

Tickets Free from Karen Eddleston on 07715 929758

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Friday 13th October 9:30 am – 11 am Westfield Start Well Family Centre, Montrose Avenue, Wigan

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Friday 13th October 1 pm – 2.30 pm Central Park, Montrose Avenue, Wigan

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### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Friday 13th October 6 pm – 9 pm Lamberhead Green Working Mens Club 16 White St Wigan WN5 8JW  
Family Fun Night by Silver Linings Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **MARCHING TOGETHER**

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Standish Methodist Church, High Street, Standish, Wigan  
With Wigan Voices In Harmony & Prospect Brass Band Featuring band music, 60's songs and musical hits. Tickets £6 & £5 from 10257 400852 or 01257 422107 or pay on the door

### **EMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm St John's School, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Murder at St John's Murder Mystery St John's Dramatic Society. £3.00 bring own drinks and nibbles  
Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **DIRTY FACE**

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Sunshine House Community Centre, Wellington Street, Wigan  
This is a play by On the Road Theatre company and is about the History of Pit Brow Women and how they faced the hardship when they were faced with losing their jobs and the women decided to protest and fight for their rights.  
Tickets £4-50 £2 Concessions Contact [barbara@sunshinehousewigan.com](mailto:barbara@sunshinehousewigan.com) or 01942 820026

### **LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL**

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Leigh Parish Church

We complete this year's festival with a screening of a French Canadian film Jesus of Montreal (1989)  
Cert 18, 1 hour 58 minutes, Drama

Starring: Lothaire Bluteau, Catherine Wilkening, Johanne-Marie Tremblay

'A group of actors put on an unorthodox, but acclaimed Passion Play which incites the opposition of the Catholic Church while the actors' lives themselves begin to mirror the Passion itself.'

Tickets available from Box Office <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EJMHDH> and cost £5 each.

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Saturday 14th October 9.30am- 12 noon Ormskirk Rd/Chapel Street Pemberton, Wigan

Free activities

Full details ring 07766 862756 Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)



### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Saturday 14th October 12 noon St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Pay as you feel lunch Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **WIGAN STEAM ART LAB**

Saturday October 14th 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Library Street, Wigan  
Drop in to our family art sessions and make flying rockets, mathematic string art, 3D cardboard animals, luminous Christmas decorations and more!  
All ages welcome All children must be accompanied by an adult  
Suggested donation £3 per child

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Saturday 14th October 2p p St John's Church, Church Street Wigan WN5 0DT  
Groundwork Churchyard nature walk 01942 375209 [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS**

Saturday 14th October 7.30 pm Lowton Social Club, 214 Newton Rd, Lowton, Warrington WA3 2AQ  
With The Golborne Band & Three Towns Operatic  
Tickets from Kathleen Johnson 01942 224659 or Kathleen Houlton 07375 661910

### **FOCUS - DUTCH PROG, ROCK LEGENDS**

Saturday 14th October Doors Open 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
With their unique brand of progressive rock, Focus manifested themselves at the start of the '70s as the most successful and appreciated of all the Dutch pop-rock exports. Fronted by founding member Thijs Van Leer, and best known for their hits "Hocus Pocus", "House of The King" and "Sylvia", as well as critically acclaimed albums 'Moving Waves', 'Focus 3' and 'Hamburger Concerto', the iconic Dutch music masters are back with their tenth album, which is guaranteed to please their legions of fans!  
Plus support from Grassroots and SecondSon  
Tickets 12.50 ADVANCE // £15 On the door: Box office: 01942 834747

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Sunday 15th October 10 am St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Harvest Festival Full details ring 01942 375209  
Donations to The Brick Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Monday 16th October 9:30 am – 11 am  
Platt Bridge Start Well Family Centre, Rivington Avenue, Platt Bridge, Wigan

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Monday 16th October 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Leigh Central Linked Site Windermere Road Leigh WN7 1U

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### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Monday 16th October St Mark's School Alexandra St, Newton, Wigan WN5 9DS

Singing Festival Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **INCLUSIVE CREATIVE SESSIONS**

Monday 16th October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, Hindley Library, Hindley, Wigan  
Enjoy creative activities, arts and crafts and gentle exercise

Sessions are aimed at people who are 50+ and would like to learn new skills, socialise with others and improve their health and well being. Refreshments served at each session. Cost £ 1  
For more information and to book, call 07926513210 / 07533777328

### **COMMUNITY VENUES – OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 17th October 10 am – 12 noon Mealhouse Court, Mealhouse Lane, Atherton

Wigan Council are interested in supporting local charities, CIC's and community groups who would like to run activities for older people by sharing our community spaces. You are invited to come along and have a look at our FREE facilities which may help you to work more closely with us and deliver greater outcomes for our communities.

### **COMMUNITY VENUES – OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 17th October 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Clifton House, Keats Avenue, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan

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### **REGULAR SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES**

Tuesday 17th October 6 pm – 9 pm Community Room, Tesco, Leigh

“We will try to help veterans and armed forces families in any way we can, so please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat.”

For more information about the charity and its upcoming support sessions visit [www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk](http://www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk) or ring 07515 892720

### **FUNDING SURGERIES**

Wednesday 18th October 1 pm -5 pm Platt Bridge Community Zone, 81, Ribble Road, Platt Bridge  
Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email Tracey Wormald at [T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Wednesday 18th October 7 pm St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Wigan Community Choir and Believe Voices (world premiere)

Concert in aid of Mayor's Charity

£5.00 adults Children free Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Thursday 19th October 4pm – 5.30 pm Dean Trust Wigan Greenhey, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 0DQ  
Performing Arts Showcase Featuring students from Dean Academy and local Primary Schools For family and friends of students Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Friday 20th October 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm St John's School, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Macmillan Coffee, Tea, Cake and Concert Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Friday 20th October 7 pm – 9pm Music Projects Ormskirk Road Pemberton, Wigan

Open Mic Night Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **LADIES FASHION SHOW & POP UP SHOP**

Friday 20th October Doors open 7p.m Sunshine House Annex, Wellington Street, Wigan

Ex High Street Fashion at 50% or more off. Charity Raffle with Fabulous prizes

Tickets £3 and more information from Sunshine House reception 01942 820026

### **THESE SMITHS WITH SUPPORT FROM WALLGATE CIRCUS**

Friday 20th October Doors Open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

In short, you will never see a better tribute to The Smiths. Hailing from Manchester, avid Smiths fans and aficionados, These Smiths deliver the best possible homage. Fronted by "Stars In Their Eyes" Morrissey sensation, this band have the full repertoire. Charming Man, The Boy With The Thorn In His Side, There Is A Light That Never Goes Out.....They're all in there. Support on the night comes from Wallgate Circus, cool local mod/Motown inspired outfit making their much awaited comeback and The Continental Phase who bring 90's indie-inspired rock pop. fitting supports for what will be a top night.

Tickets £8 Box office: 01942 834747

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Saturday 21st October 10 am – 3 pm Church Street, Pemberton, Wigan

Festival Day Curious Critters, Rides Fun Bus, Games, Stalls, Food, Activities,

Live music and more. Full details at 07766 862756 or 01942 217024

Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Saturday 21st October 11 am – 4 pm Trinity Methodist Hall, 21 St John St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Cake Off Adult and Children's cake competition Cakes to buy and Cream Teas served  
Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **WIGAN STEAM ART LAB**

Saturday October 21st 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Library Street, Wigan  
Drop in to our family art sessions and make flying rockets, mathematic string art, 3D cardboard animals, luminous Christmas decorations and more!  
All ages welcome All children must be accompanied by an adult  
Suggested donation £3 per child

### **MAMA PERFORMS AN EVENING OF GENESIS MUSIC**

Saturday 21st October Doors open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
MAMA are the all-era Genesis Tribute band and they will be performing songs from albums such as Nursery Cryme all the way through to We Can't Dance. The five band members are based in the North West England area. They are led by front man and lead vocalist John Wilkinson, highly acclaimed for his ability to deliver on the Phil Collins vocal sound of Genesis with power, passion and total precision.  
Tickets £12 Advance // £15 On the door : Box office: 01942 834747

### **REGGAE NIGHT FEATURING SUPERJAM**

Saturday 21st October Doors open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan  
Vibes down in The Bailiff Bar on Saturday 21st October as we welcome back the incredible Superjam for a night of top notch Reggae. Expect Bob Marley, expect Peter Tosh, expect outstanding material, expect dancing, backing singers, a crazily talented band from across Europe and beyond and most of all, expect positivity and good times. Tickets £4 Advance // £5 On the door Box office: 01942 834747

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Sunday 22nd October 6.30pm St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT  
Festival Evensong with combined choirs of St John's and St Luke's  
Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **CATALYST TRAINING PROGRAMME**

Monday 23, 24, 25, 26th October 9am to 4pm.  
3rd Floor, Church House, 90 Deansgate Manchester M3 2GH.  
A fantastic opportunity to gain some Leadership skills for young people aged 16 to 26 years old.  
Every year, Near Neighbours runs a Catalyst Leaders programme which offers free training to young people of diverse faiths and backgrounds, the programme sets out to equip young people with the skills and confidence to take on leadership roles, develop local social action and transform their own communities.

Refreshments and lunch will all be included. All candidates need to ensure they attend all 4 days in order to complete the training.

More details from Samra Kanwal Near Neighbours Coordinator- Greater Manchester  
T: 0161 8281413 M: 07927 550744 Email: [samra@greatertogethermanchester.org](mailto:samra@greatertogethermanchester.org)

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Enjoy creative activities, arts and crafts and gentle exercise

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### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Tuesday 24th October 10 am – 12 noon & 1pm – 3pm  
Pemberton Masonic Hall, Chapel St, Wigan WN5 8JP  
Norley Art Group Guest Artist Free to spectators and a drink  
More details at 01942 247653 Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **CRAFT TUESDAYS**

Tuesday 24th October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm  
Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB  
This weeks – Clay Green Masks To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

### **PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A**

Tuesday 24th October 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm “Hut-on-the-hill” on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)  
Speaker: Steve Halliwell: St Kilda: The Lonely Isles  
There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments please contact Pam Ashton on 01257 400254 or visit our regularly updated website:  
[www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh)  
New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

### **HELP YOUR CHARITY SHINE WITH VIVA**

Wednesday 25th October 10 am – 2 pm  
Radiant Works, Burnley Road, Rossendale, Lancashire, BB4 8EW  
Do you need help coming up with creative ideas to attract more customers and raise more money for your charity?

During the session some of our campaign curators will share their expert knowledge about how we can help raise your profile through a well-researched campaign, which will ultimately reach new audiences.

Viva is ideally placed to help you identify your unique selling points and help you to shout about them. Cost: £15, which will be donated to Caritas Care So what are you waiting for? Book now by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-a-campaign-can-help-your-campaign-sparkle-tickets-37340949786>

### **PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Wednesday 25th October St Francis Hall, City Road, Kitt Green, Wigan  
Cameron’s Legacy Charity Concert  
Featuring Jake (The Voice Kids UK) Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

### **SING ALONG**

Thursday 26th October 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish  
Wigan Rotary Club is inviting anyone to come and join them and Sing Along. There will be a mixture of well known songs for everyone to enjoy. The sessions are free and open to anyone, and are also suitable for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wigan Rotary President Gwyneth Millard explained 'you don't have to be a good singer, and you don't need to be able to read music. If you can reasonably manage to sing Happy Birthday then you're in!' she continued 'the sessions will be run by a retired music teacher, all we now need is for lots of people to come and enjoy some good company and a good sing along.'

Booking is not required and for any more details or queries please ring the Wigan Rotary Club number 07813 471000

### **STRAIGHTFORWARD THEATRE PRESENTS 'EDWARD AND ELIZA AND THE SMASHING OF THE VAN**

Thursday 26th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

The year is 1867. British army veteran Edward Brett and his Irish wife, Eliza, are struggling to raise their children and make a living from a small shop in Macclesfield. An event occurs which will have a dramatic effect on their lives

Written to coincide with the 150th anniversary of real events, it is a memorable story to be enjoyed by all, with themes still very relevant today. Tickets £8 Concessions £6 Box office: 01942 834747

### **CONNIE LUSH BAND: BLUES N BOOGIE**

Thursday 26th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Connie Lush is widely recognised as one of the finest blues singers that the United Kingdom has ever produced. That indisputable fact was acknowledged when she was voted Best UK Female Vocalist by readers of Blues In Britain for 5 separate years, earning a richly deserved place in the Gallery of the Greats. Don't miss this special one-off show by a true superstar of the Blues!

Tickets £10 Advance £12 On the door Box office: 01942 834747

### **CLASSIC CINEMA**

Friday October 27th

Doors open 12.30 pm for 1 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Especially for senior citizens to come along meet new people and watch a classic film

Film – Scared Stiff. More details 0796 964 7466 or email [enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com](mailto:enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com)

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Friday 27th October 7 pm – 11.30 pm Standish Social Club Smalley Street Standish Wigan

Entertainer, Sweets, Popcorn & More: Tickets Adult £4 Children £2 from behind the bar. We're dying to see you!

### **LEIGH FILM SOCIETY**

Friday October 27th 7 pm for 7.30 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Come along to watch something different. Refreshments are available.

We do not have a licence to sell alcohol but you are welcome to bring your own.

Film – Black Sheep More details 0796 964 7466 or email [enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com](mailto:enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com)

### **LUCKY HENS RESCUE HALLOWEEN EVENT**

Saturday 28th October 11 am – 3 pm

Lucky Hens Rescue North West Manchester Road Hindley WIGAN WN2 3DR

Meet all the rescued animals. Craft Stalls, Face Painting. Soup & Refreshments, Pumpkin Carving Adults £1 Children 50p Main Road parking

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Saturday 28th October from 5pm Beehive Community Centre Lindale Road M28 1BG

Fancy dress prizes for children and adults. Games & Raffles Music Hot food

Bring your own Booze: Fun for all the family!

Tickets only £1.50: Contact the centre on 0161 3768229 or [beehivecommunitycentre@hotmail.com](mailto:beehivecommunitycentre@hotmail.com)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Sunday 29th October Pemberton Masonic Hall, Chapel St, Wigan WN5 8JP

Halloween Party Pemberton Community Association

Tickets from Pemberton Lighting Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

**PEMBERTON FESTIVAL**

Sunday 29th October 7.30 pm Trinity Methodist Church, 21 St John St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Wigan Ukulele Club £3.00 adults; Children free Full details at [www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com](http://www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com)

**CRAFT TUESDAYS**

Tuesday 31st October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

This weeks – Halloween Crafts:

To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

**MY LIFE SPOOKTACULAR 2017**

Tuesday 31st October 7 pm – 9 pm Thompson House, Pepper Lane, Standish, Wigan

My Life will be holding its annual Halloween event Come on down for spooky treats, scary tricks, food, drinks and entertainment! Just £3 per person, call 01257 472900 or email [info@my-life.org.uk](mailto:info@my-life.org.uk)

**FOR DETAILS OF REGULAR EVENTS PLEASE SEE SEPERATE SECTION**