

EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS

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Wednesday 3 January at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 2.30 – 3.30
Board games; Refreshments “Thought for the Month” 01942 609748/677391

WILDLIFE FANS INVITED TO PRESENTATION

Friday 5th January 7.30 pm

Chowbent Unitarian Chapel on Alder Fold Street, off Bolton Old Road in Atherton

Leigh Ornithological Society (LOS) will be hosting its sixth Ken and Jean Gallimore memorial meeting. It will be presented by Pauline and Ian Mellor-Greenhalgh and will include snaps of birds, mammals, fungi, insects, flowers and landscapes. The slideshow will be supplemented by stories on how the images were obtained.

Entry for the event free of charge but a small donation from non-members would be gratefully accepted.

People wishing to attend are asked to arrive at the chapel at 7.15pm with the presentation likely to finish around 9.15pm

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 8th January 1 pm – 3 pm Pelican Centre, Castle Street, Tyldesley

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shouertosoldier.org.uk

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 9th January 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm “Hut-on-the-hill” on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Mervyn Saunders: Message in a bottle

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments visit our regularly updated website: www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh

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

WIZARD OF OZ A PANTOMIME

Wednesday 10th - Saturday 13th January 7.15 pm

also 11 am & 2.30 pm Saturday 13th

Atherton Community School Hamilton Street Atherton M46 0AY

Presented by the New Garrett Theatre Group

Ticket Prices: Adults: £8 Concessions & Children: £6 Family Ticket: £22 for 2 adults and 2 children

Block bookings welcome (10+) and a discount will be offered.

To book tickets please call: Tel: 07927 760072

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11 January at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE

10 am till noon

Meet your friends over tea, coffee & cakes

Proceeds to “Mind” for better mental health

DEMENTIA MEDICATION AWARENESS

Thursday January 11th 1pm-2pm Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre, Hindley

For carers that look after someone with dementia who want to gain an understanding of what the medication they have been prescribed is for and what it does.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Thursday 11th January 2018 - Saturday 27th January

7.30 pm Weekdays

2.15 pm Saturday & Sunday

Wigan Little Theatre Crompton Street, Wigan, WN1 3SL

Bookings can be made online (a booking fee of 60p per ticket applies). You can also telephone the Box Office on (01942) 242561.

Visit in person or complete a postal booking form <http://www.wiganlittletheatre.co.uk/>

NATURE OF THE BEAST

Thursday 11th January 7.30 pm -10.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

A feature-length documentary about socialist and Labour politician Dennis Skinner

Raised alongside nine siblings within a mining village, Dennis has fought for the rights of the working class for over 50-years. Uncompromising in his views and with a set of incorruptible principles, Dennis is respected and feared on both sides of the House of Commons.

Nature of The Beast looks at what lies behind his passion and drive, and tracks his rise from a local councillor to today where he is one of Britain's most recognisable politicians - known as 'The Beast of Bolsover'.

Box office: 01942 834747

Tickets: £8.00 in advance - Standard unreserved seating £5.00 in advance

Concessions unreserved seating £10.00 on the door - unreserved seating

THE DURAN DURAN EXPERIENCE

Friday 12th January 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Duran Duran exploded onto the UK music scene in the early 1980's with catchy, New Wave Synth Pop.

Formed in 1978, the band quickly adopted their trademark sharp style and sharper sound and spawned timeless hits such as 'Reflex' 'Rio' 'Ordinary World' 'Hungry Like The Wolf' 'The Wild Boys' 'Girls On Film' and many more. The Duran Duran Experience embodies the flair, confidence and water-tight live performance of the band.

Box office: 01942 834747

Tickets £9 in advance / £11 on the door

HANS SHENANS / THE STETSONS ELECTRIC/ THE HIGH RIP / PINK SHIRTS FOR PALE PEOPLE, MAT TURNER AND A REVERBERATION DJ

Friday 12th January 8 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Hans Shenans headline with a bouncy post-punk mix of original material (influences include Television, The Rats, Blondie, Pulp, & The Buzzcocks amongst others...) Support from local rock n' rollers The Stetsons Electric, The High Rip, Pink Shirts For Pale People, Mat Turner and a Reverberation DJ set of 60's, garage, psych and other wonderful weirdness.

Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

FLASH - A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN

Saturday 13th January 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Flash - A Tribute to Queen bring you the sound, energy and aesthetic of the original band. You will enjoy OUTSTANDING renditions of 'Under Pressure' 'We Will Rock You' 'Somebody To Love' 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and many, many more. The band is a spectacular homage and you will not be disappointed. Acoustic support for the night comes from the fine vocals of both John Anderton and Degsy, who'll be getting you warmed up and ready to rock for the main event.

Tickets £10 in advance / £12 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

FOLK GATHERING - RUN OUT THE GUNS

Saturday 13th January 7.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Come aboard, down some grog, stomp your feet to the grass roots beat and prepare to Run Out The Guns... featuring fine quality musicianship across Guitar, Fiddle, Mandolin, Banjo, Bouzouki, Bass and Percussion, expect shanties, jigs and reels from the distant past to the modern day.

£3 ADV/ £4 OTD Box office: 01942 834747

A TRIP TO THE MORECAMBE BAY AREA AND LEIGHTON MOSS RSPB

Sunday 14th January

Meet at Doctor Nook Car Park, opposite Leigh Library, around 8am.

Anyone wishing to attend has been asked to come prepared for wet and cold weather and bring enough food and hot drinks for the day. Non-RSPB members will need to pay an entry charge for the visit and people without any experience of bird-watching are welcome to go on the trip.

Car sharing is also available.

To book a place contact Leigh Ornithological Society (LOS) Secretary Angela Pike at leighos.secretary@gmail.com /07816 178582.

DOING IT FOR JOAN VARIETY EVENT HOSTED BY EVA CURLESS

Sunday 14th January 6 pm – 11 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

In memory of Joan Blackburn, The Old Courts are attempting to raise money in order to install disabled washroom facilities, so that no one is denied the chance to come and enjoy the arts.

Join us for a fun evening of comedy, music and poetry, hosted by Eva Curless.

Tickets £5 Box office: 01942 834747

MUSIC & SINGING

Monday 15th January 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

With Bob Kettle. Join Bob in an all round creative music and singing session.

Learn to play instruments, create songs and socialise in a warm and comfy environment.

For booking ring 01942 316455

GETTING THE MOST FROM COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Monday 15th January 10 am – 4.30 pm LGBT Foundation 5 Richmond Street Manchester

Community fundraising is all about getting people involved, and supporting, assisting, advising and guiding those individuals & organisations who want to help you. Done well, it can be a powerful tool for reaching out and engaging with new supporters, as well as a solid source of long-term income.

This hands-on course will help you develop the practical skills and knowledge needed to become an effective community fundraiser as well as build your confidence.

Full details & cost at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-the-most-from-community-fundraising-tickets-39724883195?ref=ebtn>

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 16th January 11.30 am – 1 pm

Dorset Road Community Centre, Atherton

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families, and have a bite to eat with us at The Centre Café. Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 16th January 6 pm – 8 pm Community Room, Tesco Leigh

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018

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NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Tuesday, 16th January 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Thompson House Equestrian Centre, Pepper Lane Standish

Are you looking for a new challenge, want to change your career, or get back into employment?

My Life is expanding and we need dedicated and talented individuals with big hearts to work for us, supporting people either at our base in Standish or within families and out in the community.

We are holding two information evenings at our site to explain more, either on 16 January or 6 February 2018.

No experience is necessary, just a big heart and a passion for helping others.

So what have you got to lose? Book your place on your preferred date now by phoning 01942 233422 or email p2e@my-life.org.uk

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS TO BE GOOD EMPLOYERS - FREE TRAINING FOR CARERS OF ADULTS

Wednesday 17th January 10 am-1 pm Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre, Hindley Wigan

Do you employ a PA to support the adult you care for or are thinking of doing in the future? Then why not come along to this free training

The training covers: How to recruit a PA, Training, Skills and Expectations, Health and Safety, Pension Responsibilities, Insurance, Managing Absence and Performance, Free Toolkits and Templates and further Support Available

Free lunch provided.

Places will need to be booked by contacting the Carers Centre on 01942 705959.

Take a look at what else Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre has to offer by visiting <http://www.wiganandleighcarerscentre.org.uk/> or 'Like' our Facebook page to 'Receive Notifications' on updates

CRAFT GROUP

Wednesday 17 January at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Lavender bags £1 to cover cost of materials

Tea/coffee & cake 01942 609748

FILM: TITANIC

Wednesday 17th January 8 pm – 11.15 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

The Old Courts in association with Cinema for All are proud to present the £1 Cinema Club.

Whilst we work on the membership Scheme we have decided to screen a few selected showings for just £1 Each. Keep an eye out on our website for the membership launch and be involved in choosing the future films, and access discounts and members only events.

Box office: 01942 834747

MONTHLY SCULPTURE CLASS

Thursday 18th January 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

Join Paul for an afternoon of Sculpting, Clay Work, Techniques, Socialising, Free Pot of Tea!

To Book ring 01942 316455

FILM: PULP FICTION

Thursday 18th January 8 pm – 11 pm

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INSPIRE CONCERT

Friday, 19th January 7.30p.m Trinity United Reformed Church Milton Grove, Wigan

A performance by the finalists of Wigan Young Musician of the Year 2017 and winners of The O'Neill Scholarship in aid of Derian House Children's Hospice. Sponsored by Wigan Rotary Club

Tickets available on the door: £5 for Adults • Free for Children

RODDY RADIATION (THE SPECIALS) AND THE SKABILLY REBELS

Friday 19th January 7.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

The legend bus is rolling into town once more. This time bringing the one of the coolest and most respected guitarists of a generation - Roddy Radiation, the master of Ska guitar and long-time linchpin of The Specials. After 32 years of treating audiences to his own Ska-Rockabilly brand of "Radiation" therapy, Roddy Byers stepped away as The Specials' lead guitarist and into the centre spotlight as the frontman/guitarist of the SKABILLY REBELS.

Tickets £10 in advance/£12 on the door. Box office: 01942 834747

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE 2ND BIRTHDAY

Friday 19th January 8 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Join us in The Bailiff Bar for birthday celebrations with sets from local lads on the rise The Vellys, Fred Perry top 20 band – and fantastic indie-rock 3 piece Shamona, and we also welcome back the now award winning (alternativefriday.com - best indie earworm 2017) Mosley Bar who played our first ever FNL showcase,

Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

NORTHERN SOUL AND MOTOWN

Saturday 20th January 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

WE ARE BACK AND HERE TO KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE! Resident DJ's Deano and Crew return bringing you the best in classic Northern Soul and Motown. Dance, drink, be merry, dance some more and enjoy the music we all know and love! Let's start 2018 with a bang! Tickets £4 in advance / £5 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday 20th January 7.30 pm Orrell Red Triangle Cricket Club, Winstanley Road, Orrell, Wigan

Austin Knight's wit, Earthy humour and timing will have you rolling. Tickets £10 from www.ortcc.org.uk

BLUES'N'BOOGIE: ZOE GREEN BLUES BAND

Saturday 20th January 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Zoe Green delivers a powerful, sultry Blues Rock vocal and high octane performance accompanied by the ridiculously talented young guitarist Ali Clinton, legendary bassist Dave Clarke, Toby Wilson on drums and Ben Marshall on keys. ZGB are currently writing and recording new original music ready for

an exciting year of live performances in 2018. The whole band is a powerhouse, delivering an explosive set of originals and covers in an unmissable show. Tickets £8 in advance/£10 on the door
Box office: 01942 834747

HINDLEY SPEAKS

Monday 22nd January 10.30 am – 12.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley
A morning of history, mystery and storytelling as we talk of the town our lives within it and how it's changed over the years With local history writer Julie McKiernan To book ring 01942 316455

MUSIC & SINGING

Monday 22nd January 12.30p.m – 2.30p.m Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley
With Bob Kettle
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AUTISM EDUCATION TRUST IN THE NORTH WEST

Tuesday 23rd January Registration 9:30 am for 10 am start
Museum of Science & Industry, Manchester, M3 4FP
Come along and find out how the AET can support you in your work with our young people
We offer a nationally recognised 3 tier training programme:
- making sense of autism
- good autism practice
- leading good autism practice

Training is specific to early years, school, & post 16 settings
To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-education-trust-in-the-north-west-tickets-39546759422>

Cost £20 per person: Subject to VAT and booking fee

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 23rd January 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)
Speaker: Vivian Clayton & Jackie Brindle "Travel for Life: Drive Safely for Longer"
There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments visit our regularly updated website: www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh
New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

HIDDEN SENTENCE TRAINING

Wednesday 24th January 9.30 am – 1 pm
POPS Head Office, 1079 Rochdale Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8AJ
Hidden Sentence is for all professionals who work with children, families and offenders including children's centre workers, troubled families workers, school staff, play workers, health visitors, and family intervention teams
The course gives a clear overview of the issues facing prisoners' families, examines in depth the emotional and practical impact of imprisonment on families and explores a range of strategies and

resources to help you support them. The training utilises a mixture of taught material, group-work, video content and desk-based activities to engage all learning styles.

Full details, Costs & Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hidden-sentence-training-240118-tickets-39042969573?aff=es2>

'THE STORY OF CINDERELLA'

Wednesday 24th January to Saturday 3rd of February 7-15 pm

Matinees are Saturday 27th January 12 noon and 4-30pm

Sunday 28th January 2pm and Saturday 3rd February 2pm

St Joseph's Hall Chapel St Leigh WN7 2PR

Directed by Doreen Johnson and Pauline Nevell

Plenty of song, dance, music and of course an abundance of comedy for all the family

Tickets are £10 adults and £5 for 16yrs and under. Concessions 24th 25th and 31st January.

All tickets £5 Tickets are available from SPECTRUM BLINDS (Stone Carpets) Chapel St Leigh

SUPPORTING CLIENTS WITH HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

Thursday 25th January 9.30 am – 4.30 pm LGBT Foundation, Central Manchester

This one-day training event supports front-line staff and managers to raise their confidence, awareness and skills when working with men and young people who have sexual conviction histories or otherwise have problematic and harmful sexual behaviour.

The course covers:

- What we mean by 'harmful sexual behaviour' (HSB)
- The risks and needs associated with HSB
- Understanding what motivates HSB
- Our roles in working with these clients within the legal framework
- What does support for these clients look like
- Safe working practices and personal resilience

This event is designed for front-line staff and their managers in care and support sectors - including housing, mental health, youth work, refugee services, offender services, policing, social care, faith communities CPD certificates are awarded.

Any queries& booking Email training@saferlives.com or call 07476683012

THE SOMETHING NEW SHOW

Thursday 25th January 7.30 pm – 11 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Like variety? Improv? Open Mic?

Join Kirsten Luckins performing poems from her books, Ros Ballinger is a performance poet and stand-up comedian. The night is glued together as usual by Casino Improv, you WILL be entertained!

FREE ENTRY

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

Friday 26th January & 2nd February 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

In conjunction with Healthy Arts

For booking ring 01942 316455

**GREATER MANCHESTER THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH NETWORK:
RESEARCHER POSITIONALITY IN CROSS-CULTURAL RESEARCH WITH BME COMMUNITIES**

Friday 26th January 2 pm – 4 pm

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester,

Eva Duda-Mikulín from Manchester Metropolitan University will share her experience of conducting cross-national comparative research with us and reflect on the learning it generates for studying different BME communities in Greater Manchester.

Refreshments provided.

The Greater Manchester Third Sector Research Network is a friendly environment for peer support and information exchange. The Network is for you if you are:

- Based in the third sector in Greater Manchester and your role includes finding information and using it to support your organisation's work
- An academic or independent researcher with an active interest in researching the voluntary sector
- Involved in the third sector in Greater Manchester and interested in staying abreast of research-related issues and methods

More details & booking Susanne Martikke on susanne.martikke@gmcvo.org.uk or 0161 277 1031

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January & Friday 2nd February – Saturday 3rd February St John's School Hall, Church Street, Pemberton, Wigan

Performed by St John's Dramatic Society Tickets £7 & £5 from Anne 01942 621701

"A MAN CALLED OVE"

Friday 26th January 7.30 pm Turnpike Gallery Civic Square Leigh

This is a Swedish language film with English subtitles.

"Ove, an ill-tempered, isolated retiree who spends his days enforcing block association rules and visiting his wife's grave, has finally given up on life just as an unlikely friendship develops with his boisterous new neighbours.

Full details & Tickets at www.leighfilmsociety.com

DOING IT FOR JOAN: LAWRENCE HOY 'BEYOND THE SEAS' ALBUM LAUNCH

Friday 26th January 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

On 26th January 1788 the First Fleet landed in Botany Bay, Australia. Among the convicts were two from Wigan, Mary Smith and Henry Taylor, both sentenced at Wigan Magistrates Court to 'Seven Years Transportation to Some Parts Beyond the Seas'.

This Australia Day, Lawrence Hoy celebrates the CD launch of his album, "Beyond The Seas" a musical tribute to Australia's first settlers, back where it all began, at the former Wigan Magistrates Court, now The Old Courts. Lawrence will be supported by Pauline Blackburn and the duo Steve Higgins & Gerry Kennedy. Entry is free - but please bring a donation to 'The Joan Blackburn fund for disabled access at The Old Courts'.

FNL: NEPTUNE VALLEY /THE LAST RESERVES

Friday 26th January 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Band on the rise, Neptune Valley return for another headline set after a storming set last year. Expect slick catchy rock riffs from this Indie funk outfit, support from punk rock 4 piece The Last Reserves – who make their Old Courts debut, alongside blues soaked rockers Bison Tickets £3

Box office: 01942 834747

ONE STEP BEHIND! A TRIBUTE TO MADNESS

Saturday 27th January 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

One Step Behind is the UK's Premier and longest surviving MADNESS tribute band. Formed in 1993, they achieved widespread recognition playing venues the length and breadth of Britain including the Marquee Club in London & jaunts into Europe and beyond.

Tickets £10 in advance / £12 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

MUSIC & SINGING

Monday 29th January 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

With Bob Kettle. Join Bob in an all round creative music and singing session.

Learn to play instruments, create songs and socialise in a warm and comfy environment.

For booking ring 01942 316455

TOGETHER FOR OUR VETERANS

Tuesday 30th January 10 am to 12 noon Sunshine House Annexe Wellington Street Wigan

From Healthwatch Wigan & Leigh Our January forum has been put together in partnership with EDs Veteran Centre. We have worked together to engage and listen to veteran's experiences locally and will be delivering our report 'The views and experiences of veterans accessing health and social care services in the Wigan Borough'.

Registration and refreshments are open from 9.30 am for a prompt 10am start. The event will close at noon followed by a buffet lunch. Please feel free to circulate this invitation. Places are FREE but it would help us if you could book places for room availability and catering arrangements.

For further information contact Karen Wilson on 01942 834666

or email karenw@healthwatchwiganandleigh.co.uk

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INDEPENDENT VENUE WEEK - LIVE LOUNGE SPECIAL!

Tuesday 30th January 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Join us in the Bailiff Bar for this Independent Venue Week Live Lounge special! Not only will we have our usual relaxed and friendly Open Mic evening, we'll also have special performances from The Lonestars and Small Town

FREE ENTRY

CROWDFUNDING FOR SOCIAL CAUSES: A BEGINNERS MEETUP

Wednesday 31st January 2.10 pm – 5 pm

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

Donation-based crowdfunding is a new way of raising funds and allows you to source money for a project by asking a large number of contributors to donate a small amount, and asking a small number of contributors to donate a large amount. In return, backers may receive token rewards that increase in prestige as the size of the donation increases.

This workshop is hosted by Chuffed.org, one of the leading (free!) global crowdfunding platforms for social causes and Creative Support. During this Workshop, Chuffed.org Community Leader Ruby Whalley will show you how to:

- Find your crowd (figure out who is going to support your project and why)
- Tell a specific, inspiring story that your supporters care about

- Set an achievable target and blow it out of the park
- Create a marketing and promotion plan for your campaign

As this is a hands-on workshop, places are limited to max. 12 participants

Full details Costs & Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chuffedorg-crowdfunding-for-social-causes-meetup-manchester-tickets-39951663501>

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

Wednesday 31st January 7.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Back by demand, The Old Courts are delighted to announce an evening of live Classical music in The Victorian Courtroom. This orchestra of regional musicians will entertain you with renditions of beautiful Classical music in the fantastic splendour of our Victorian venue. Tickets for this event are strictly limited, when they're gone they're gone.

Tickets £3 in advance / £5 on the door

Box office: 01942 834747

INDEPENDENT VENUE WEEK – ELECTRO

Thursday 1st February 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Four acts take over the night: each with a slightly different vibe. Grave Diggers Union (influences include Depeche Mode, The Cure, Echo & The Bunnymen, Bauhaus), indie tinged Dead Circus (similar vibe and sound to The XX, Tame Impala and New Order) and we also welcome the alt. electro pop of Sam Leoh (check out their brilliant new EP Butterfly Effect.)

£3 Entry Box office: 01942 834747

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MOTHERSHIP - LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE

Friday 2nd February 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Led Zeppelin tribute MOTHERSHIP - described in Classic Rock Magazine as “the most authentic-sounding Zep tribute in the UK” - present a brand new show celebrating the music of the greatest rock band in history. Join us to celebrate more than two hours of live classic Zeppelin – complete with spectacular laser and multi-media support.

Tickets £12 in advance / £14 on the door

Box office: 01942 834747

ACOUSTIC ROOTS: BLAIR DUNLOP

Saturday 3rd February 7 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Blair Dunlop, the award-winning British singer, songwriter and guitarist, has now released 3 albums, 2 EP's and toured widely around the globe. All of this in a short 4-year career is astounding alone, but what sets Blair apart from his peers is the lyrical and musical maturity with which he writes

Tickets £14 in advance / £16 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

MOD NIGHT FEATURING THE IMMEDIATES

Saturday 3rd February 7.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Headliners 'The Immediates' are a sharply-dressed four piece Mod band from Blackpool - playing nothing but Retro Mod, Beat, R'n'B, Northern Soul and Ska.

Expect The Who, The Kinks, The Small Faces, The Jam, The Yardbirds, The Lambrettas, Booker T and many more. Support on the night comes from the jewel in Wigan's crown that is Rik Jones and Wallgate Circus frontman Kieran Devlin stripping back to his roots. YEAH!!!

Tickets £6 in advance / £8 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

BLUES'N'BOOGIE: MAT WALKLATE & PAOLO FUSCHI BAND

Saturday 3rd February 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Mat Walklate and Sicilian blues guitarist and singer Paolo Fuschi met in Manchester in 2014. United by a love of all styles of blues from the 1950s onwards, they play a diverse, dynamic set illustrating all shades of blues and allowing each others' instrumental, vocal and improvisational qualities to shine. Each performance is rock-solid, yet full of inspiration and spontaneity. Lining up for our BluesnBoogie night as a 4 piece band, this will be a show to remember

Tickets £8 in advance / £10 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

PLANNING YOUR FUNDRAISING

Monday 5th February 10 am – 4.30 pm LGBT Foundation 5 Richmond Street Manchester

Too much to do and not enough time to do it in?

This course will help you identify your priorities and to effectively plan your fundraising activities and workload. It will also help you to balance proactive versus reactive fundraising approaches and support in-aid of fundraisers for maximum returns. We'll contemplate some quick win areas as well as long term gains and the benefits of an appropriate donor/supporter journey.

We'll be considering a range of different fundraising sources and the methods or tactics used to tap into them helping you to understand the benefits of a mixed fundraising portfolio and the cross-over between different areas so the donor continues to support you. You'll go away with some practical tools and tips to help you become more effective in your fundraising

Full details <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planning-your-fundraising-tickets-40162863205?ref=ebtn>

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Thompson House Equestrian Centre, Pepper Lane Standish

Are you looking for a new challenge, want to change your career, or get back into employment?

My Life is expanding and we need dedicated and talented individuals with big hearts to work for us, supporting people either at our base in Standish or within families and out in the community. We are holding two information evenings at our site to explain more.

No experience is necessary, just a big heart and a passion for helping others.

So what have you got to lose? Book your place on your preferred date now by phoning 01942 233422 or email p2e@my-life.org.uk

SMALL LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TRAINING DAY

Thursday 8th February 9.30 – 4.30 (registration from 9.15)

Methodist Central Buildings, Oldham St, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Our next Manchester event will offer over 100 delegate training places so that all small charities, can access the skills they need to become self sustaining. This training day is part of the Small Local Charities and Community Groups Training Programme. Training sessions cover a wide range of fundraising techniques and back office skills delivered by experienced and knowledgeable trainers

Developing Corporate Relationships (Full Day)

The course will look at the different ways in which companies may get involved with charities; whether that be through financial donations, gifts in kind, sponsorship or through employee volunteering. Read more on the Course Content section when you book by following this link.

<http://www.thefsi.org/services/training/manchester-february-2018-8th/>

Fundraising from Trusts & Foundations (Full Day)

With an estimated 9,000 independent trusts and foundations in the UK giving £2 billion in grants each year they are a prime source of funding for your charity. Read more on the Course Content section when you book by following this link.

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Demonstrating Your Impact (Full Day)

Effectively demonstrating your impact to your key stakeholders such as donors, grant makers, partners, trustees, media and staff is essential for securing ongoing support for your work.

Read more on the Course Content section when you book by following this link:

<http://www.thefsi.org/services/training/manchester-february-2018-8th/>

An Introduction to Online Fundraising & Crowdfunding (AM Half Day)

The Internet is now used daily by 82% of adults in the UK and online fundraising is continuing to grow as an income channel for charities. This course, delivered by Localgiving, will provide an overview of how charities can raise funds online and break down the key terminology surrounding online fundraising and crowdfunding. Read more on the Course Content section when you book by following this link.

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Developing & Delivering and Online Fundraising Campaign (PM Half Day)

As the amount raised online by charities continues to grow, it is important for organisations to ensure that they have a structured approach to raising funds online. This course, delivered by Localgiving, will provide participants with an overview of the necessary steps needed to develop and deliver a successful online fundraising campaign. Read more on the Course Content section when you book by following this link

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Full details at <http://www.thefsi.org/services/training/manchester-february-2018-8th/>

MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

Friday 9th February 7.30 pm St Michael's Church Hall, Shaw Street, Swinley, Wigan

An evening of song dialect and Lancashire humour in aid of Wigan mining statue appeal

Tickets £5 from Marianne 01942 492855

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 12th February 1 pm – 3 pm Pelican Centre, Castle Street, Tyldesley

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families

Sessions throughout 2018 For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultertosoldier.org.uk

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 13th February 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Pat Martin on Madagascar - "Wild Life & Strange Death"

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments visit our regularly updated website: www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh
New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 13th February 11.30 am – 1 pm Dorset Road Community Centre, Atherton
Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018
For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultertosoldier.org.uk

INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING

Wednesday 14th February 9:30 am – 4 pm
Trinity Hospice Low Moor Road Bispham Blackpool FY2 0BG
Are you new to the sector or thinking of changing careers into the sector and looking to improve and develop your understanding and knowledge of fundraising? Delivered by experienced trainers based locally to you, the Introduction to Fundraising course offers you a practical introduction to the profession covering basic principles and best practice. You will also learn how to ensure your fundraising activities are legal and ethical. As a result you should be able to better understand and improve your organisation's fundraising performance and why your relationship(s) with your donors and supporters is critical to your success.
Full details & costs <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-fundraising-14-feb-18-in-blackpool-tickets-40037331737?ref=ebtn>

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Monday 19th February – Saturday 24th February 7.30 pm
St Thomas's CE School, Church Street, Golborne
Pantomime performed by Golborne St Thomas Amateur Dramatic & Operatic Society Tickets £6 Adults, £5 Concessions, £3 Children Ring 01942 561799

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 20th February 6 pm – 8 pm Community Room, Tesco Leigh
Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018
For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultertosoldier.org.uk

SOMEONE'S SONS

Friday 23rd February 7 pm Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club, 180 Vauxhall Rd, Wigan WN1 3LU
The Germans arrive in the Prisoner of War Camp in Leigh during World War One, injured local boys are being cared for at the Military Hospital at Haigh Hall, zeppelin bombs are dropped on Wigan and the girls who are now working in factories whilst the men are away fighting at the front. Family conflict, young romance and the impact of the zeppelin bomb create both humour and moving drama. Performed by On The Go Theatre Company
Hot Pot Supper with beetroot, cabbage, crusty buttered roll and mushy peas, followed by apple pie & cream. Tickets FREE for armed forces family and £2 for everyone else.
Tickets from Angela 07515 892720 Or email info@shoultertosoldier.org.uk

THE HAPPY MONDAZE & TRUE ORDER

Friday, 23rd February 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA
The music of The Happy Mondays and New Order played live in The Grand Vault by the brilliant 'Happy Mondaze' and 'True Order' It's as simple as that. We have two of the very best acts on the same bill for what will be a mega knees up. Blue Monday; True Faith; Bizarre Love Triangle; Kinky Afro; Loose Fit; Bob's Yer Uncle; Step On. Tickets £10 Box office: 01942 834747

"JAWBONE"

Friday 23rd February 7.30pm Turnpike Gallery Civic Square Leigh

Film Showing - "Jawbone"

"Former youth boxing champion Jimmy McCabe, after hitting rock bottom, returns to his childhood boxing club and his old team, gym owner Bill and corner-man Eddie."

Full details & Tickets at www.leighfilmsociety.com

THE ICICLE WORKS

Saturday, 24 February 7.30 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

The Icicle Works are coming to The Old Courts. This cult band (named after the 1960 short story "The Day the Icicle Works Closed") boasts hits such as "Love Is a Wonderful Colour" and "Birds Fly (Whisper to a Scream)". Fronted by inimitable singer/songwriter Ian McNabb

Packed, selective shows around the UK have reaffirmed The Icicle Works as what we already knew they were, A truly great live band with spectacular, timeless music. Do not miss this!

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

HOW TO WIN SUPPORTERS AND FUNDS ONLINE

Monday 26th February 9:30 am – 4.30 pm DWF LLP 5 St Paul's Square Old Hall Street Liverpool

Focusing on the fundraising rather than the technology, this course will give you a thorough understanding of how you can use popular websites and tools to support and extend your donor base and increase the money you raise. The emphasis is on practical advice and giving you ideas that will be relevant to your organisation which you can implement quickly and usually at very low or no cost.

Online fundraising has moved on from just running a good website and emailing your supporters. Your supporters, members, alumni and donors are now spending their time at other popular sites like Facebook, Twitter and YouTube – they are getting used to publishing their own content online - including photos, videos and blog posts – so you need to follow your donors.

Full details & costs <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-win-supporters-and-funds-online-tickets-39724681592?ref=ebtn>

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 27th February 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Senior Moments: Sue & Pauline "Music, verse and laughter"

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