

EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS

CINDERELLA

Friday 12th January – Sunday 21st January

Evenings 7.30 pm on Fri 12th, Wed 17th, Thurs, 18th. Fri 19th, Sat 20

Matinees 2.00pm on Sat 13th & Sat 20th, and on Sun 14th & Sun 21st

St Michael's Parish Hall, Shaw Street, Swinley, Wigan

Are pleased to present another fun-filled and original family pantomime, with a delightful mix of slapstick, silly jokes, songs and romance in our magical production of "Cinderella"

Adults £6.00, Concessions £5.00, Group booking discounts available - buy 10 - and get the 11th free.

Great prices - great value for money! Ring June on 01942 236260 / 07806 787250 to book tickets

THERE OUGHT TO BE A PLACE

Saturday 13th – Friday 26th January

Cross Street Arts, 114-116 The Standish Centre, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan, WN6 0HQ

Cross Street Arts is delighted to be presenting the first solo-show by the incredible fine art/documentary photographer Phil Lancaster. Originally from Pemberton, Wigan, Phil now lives and works in Glasgow. Born 1966, he left Wigan when he was 18, moved back for a while when he was 35 but only for a couple of years.

There Ought To Be A Place is a reflection of his time spent working with the men and women who use the Marie Trust charity homeless centre in central Glasgow. More details ring 01257 424804

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

LEGACY FUNDRAISING

Wednesday 17th January 4.30 pm – 6 pm CFCCA, Market Buildings, Manchester, M4 1EU

Gary Kelly, Legacies Manager at Brain Tumour Research, will look at recent legal changes relating to legacies and will focus on what makes a successful and lasting legacy marketing campaign.

He will also look at how to tailor your stewardship processes to best manage a busy pipeline and how to make the most of national campaigns such as 'Remember a Charity'.

Gary will also touch on why In Memory fundraising is a key income stream to any charity and how to get the most out of it.

Booking & Costs <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iofnw-manchester-networking-event-january-2018-tickets-41291302397?ref=ebtn>

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

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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
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 12.30 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

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 22nd January 1p.m – 3p.m Pelican Centre, Castle Street, Tyldesley
Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018
Further details: 07515 892720 or go to www.shouleretosoldier.org.uk

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

CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 23rd January 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week - Memory cushions

Bring an item of your loved ones clothing and make a keepsake.

With Chapter One Tea Rooms & Nomad Rangers

Cost £4 Call To Book 01942 255 287

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

HAVE YOUR SAY MANCHESTER! HELP SHAPE THE UK'S OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN

Tuesday 23 January 3 pm – 6 pm

Federation House, 2 Federation Street, Manchester

The UK Open Government Network is travelling up and down the country to collect ideas and proposals on transparency, citizen participation and accountability as part of the development of the 2018-2020 UK Open Government National Action Plan

The ideas from the workshops will be fed into the discussions between the Network and the government for the 2018-2020 UK Open Government National Action Plan.

You do not need to be an expert on open government - we are looking for interested and impassioned citizens, community groups and civil society organisations who want to have a say and offer their ideas on how government at a local, regional and national level could be done better and in a more open way.

The event is for any civil society or voluntary sector organisation or individual who has ideas or wishes to discuss proposals to increase transparency, citizen participation and accountability. We are particularly interested in organisations with practical experience interacting with service delivery. But it is open to all!

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-manchester-help-shape-the-uk-action-plan-for-open-government-tickets-41041604544>

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

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Thursday 25th January 11a.m Council Chamber Leigh Town Hall. Market St, Leigh

2 pm The Atrium Wigan Town Hall, Hewlett Street, Wigan

Events organised with the help of Wigan Rotary Club

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

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS

Friday 26th January 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Devonshire Place Community Room, Devonshire Room, Atherton M46 9WE (next to the Park)

Painting, Soap Making, Glass Painting, Crochet, Knitting, Sewing Bring your own or start something new. Tutor led Cost £1

More details & Booking contact Debra 07771 371491

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

POP UP CAFÉ

Monday 29th January 12 Noon – 2 pm

Mealhouse Court. Mealhouse Lane, Atherton, Manchester, M46 0ED

Hot Lunch in association with Fur Clempst Pay As You Feel

To Book contact Community Activity Officer 07771 371491

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'.

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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

CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 30th January 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week - Tie Dye

With Chapter One Tea Rooms & Nomad Rangers

Cost £4 Call To Book 01942 255 287

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 30th January 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

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

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS

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Painting, Soap Making, Glass Painting, Crochet, Knitting, Sewing Bring your own or start something new

Tutor led Cost £1 More details & Booking contact Debra 07771 371491

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In conjunction with Healthy Arts

For booking ring 01942 316455

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.

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

WINE & CHEESE AFTERNOON WITH LIVE JAZZ

Sunday 4 February 1 pm – 4 pm

The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan, WN1 1NA

Are you ready for a perfect afternoon of fine wine, amazing hand-picked and paired Cheeses served with a side of contemporary and classic Jazz from our resident Saxophonist Dean Masser (formerly of Ronnie Scott's) and his ensemble in the beautiful surroundings of our Victorian Oak panelled Court Room?

Set on our round tables with fresh linen coverage and table decorations this delightful affair, akin to afternoon tea, affords a variety of seating options from Individuals to private tables of 6, 8 or 10 and comfort is assured. You will be whisked away as your senses go into a spin.

Entry includes a Wine Flight of Six (87ml) Wines hand-picked to flow through the afternoon as well as the pallet all paired with tasting cheeses and table nibbles to rest and reset the taste buds. A full bar service and hot drinks are available throughout the day in our adjoining Court Room bar served in privacy for our guests only.

Over 18's only

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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With Bob Kettle

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CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 6th February 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week - Leaf artwork

With Chapter One Tea Rooms & Nomad Rangers

Cost £4

Call to Book 01942 255 287

TAKING CHARGE? LEARNING FROM HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEVOLUTION IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Tuesday February 6th 2p.m - 4:30pm Lecture Theatre 4, Brooks Building, 53 Bonsall Street, Manchester, M15 6GX

Jon Rouse, appointed Chief Officer of GM Health and Social Care Partnership in March 2016 will be reflecting on the progress made and the challenges that he has faced since Greater Manchester signed a devolution deal with the government in 2015.

For the first time, the devolution deal gave leaders in Greater Manchester the ability to model decisions on a combined £6 billions budget. Their aim was to drastically transform the health of Greater Manchester's 2.8 million people and build clinically and financially sustainable model of health and social care.

Jon has played a critical leadership role, working closely with partners to deliver the five-year vision to radically improve health outcomes in Greater Manchester. His role has had a significant effect in the region's wider public sector, ensuring that health and social care play a central role in the economic growth planned through devolution.

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/taking-charge-learning-from-health-and-social-care-devolution-in-greater-manchester-tickets-41454487488?aff=es2>

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Tuesday 6th February at 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.

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

VALENTINES CRAFT SESSION

Wednesday 7th February 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley Wigan WN2 3EB

Lovers or Friends- Join us for a flirtatious afternoon of craft and card making for someone special. Don't forget the free pot of tea!

Cost £4 To Book Ring 01942 316455

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.

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

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

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

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS

Friday 9th February 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Devonshire Place Community Room, Devonshire Room, Atherton M46 9WE (next to the Park)

Painting, Soap Making, Glass Painting, Crochet, Knitting, Sewing

Bring your own or start something new

Tutor led Cost £1 More details & Booking contact Debra 07771 371491

SUFFRAGETTE

Friday, February 9th 7.30 pm. St Mary the Virgin, Leigh Parish Church St Mary's Way, Leigh

Leigh Film Society, in association with Leigh's constituency of Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), will be hosting a showing of 2015 film. The film society is teaming up with a state pension equality group for a screening to mark the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

Tickets for the event are £3 and the doors will open at 6.30pm.

To buy one visit <http://bit.ly/2CN93zO> or call 07969 647466

Refreshments are also available on the night.

For more information about the society including future screenings visit www.leighfilmsociety.co.uk

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

STANDISH'S FIRST DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Saturday 10th February: 4.45p.m – 8.30p.m Thompson House, Pepper Lane, Standish, Wigan
You can watch the film Grease through your windscreen. It costs £20 per car, with money going to ARC charity.

The ARC team said: "To avoid disappointment we would like people to book in advance - if there are spaces left we may be able to take bookings on the day.

"The best contact to book is Caroline Howarth on 07792 491854."

GLAMOUR & GLITZ BALL

Saturday 10th February 7p.m DW Stadium, Loire Drive, Wigan

Organised by Wigan Soroptimists

Featuring the band Street Level, and singer Olivia Garcia

All profit divides between Alzheimer's Society, the Brick, Wigan & Leigh Hospice, DIAS.

Tickets £45 from Sandra 07903243105 or Angela 01942 213296

THE SWINGING 60'S

Saturday 10th February 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan,

The 60s was the decade when everything changed. Fashion, conscience, confidence and culture and it was all summed up by the wonderful music that emerged. Support on the night comes from Joe Astley And The Back Pages. Box office: 01942 834747

GREATER MANCHESTER MAKING SMOKING HISTORY CONFERENCE

Monday, 12 February Manchester

The Greater Manchester tobacco control strategy sets out a vision to reduce smoking prevalence at a pace and scale greater than in any other global conurbation. This is for a very good reason. Smoking is still by far the biggest single cause of early death and ill health in Greater Manchester, with around 4,500 people a year – over 12 every day – dying of a smoking-related disease.

The morning of this dedicated Conference will involve a range of presentations from the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, Sarah Price, Partnership Executive Lead for Population Health, Michael Bloomberg, former Mayor of New York, Deborah Arnott, Chief Executive of Action on Smoking and Health, and Pauline Dekker, pioneer of the Dutch criminal case against the tobacco industry. The afternoon will involve a range of interactive workshops to support the mobilisation and implementation of the strategy.

Representatives from the GM VCSE sector are invited to register to attend this event. Please note, places are limited and will be allocated to assure representation across all Greater Manchester localities. An agenda and notification of venue will be circulated in the near future.

To register to book on to the event, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-smoking-history-in-greater-manchester-registration-41816654740>

Please use the following password: smokefree2018

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.shoultersoldier.org.uk

CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 13th February 12.30p.m – 2.30p.m

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

This week - Valentines craft session

With Chapter One Tea Rooms & Nomad Rangers. Cost £4 Call To Book 01942 255 287

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>

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS

Friday 16th February 9.30 am – 11.30 am Devonshire Place Community Room, Devonshire Room, Atherton M46 9WE (next to the Park)

Painting, Soap Making, Glass Painting, Crochet, Knitting, Sewing

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Tutor led

Cost £1

More details & Booking contact Debra 07771 371491

JERAMIAH FERRARI & BUD SUGAR DOUBLE HEADER

Friday 16 February 7.30p.m – 11.30p.m The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan,

We bring you not one but two incredible bands for an unmissable double header. Both sought after bands are festival regulars and guaranteed to lift any crowd into wild abandon!

Box office: 01942 834747

NORTHERN SOUL AND MOTOWN

Saturday 17 February 7.30p.m – 11.30p.m The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan,

We're back! It's that time again! DJ Deano and crew bringing you the best in classic Northern Soul & Motown.

Everyone's welcome to come along, dance, drink and be merry to anything from Doobie Gray to The Detroit Spinners, Frank Wilson to Spanky Wilson! Get involved, enjoy yourself, let go! Over 14's with an adult Box office: 01942 834747

WAGGY TAILS WALK

Sunday 18 February 11am in the Kitchen Courtyard at Haigh Woodland Park

Enjoy Haigh Woodland Park with your furry four-legged friends. Have a lovely walk around the grounds with breath-taking views. All dogs must be on non-extendable leads for the duration of the walk but there will be doggy playtime at the end.

The walk is approximately 4 miles and is on a mixture of surfaces which may be wet and muddy so please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

You don't need to book in advance

The event is free but the parks standard car park fees apply if you travel by car.

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

FILM: CHILDREN OF GOD

Tuesday 20 February 8p.m – 10.45p.m The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan,

Children of God paints a universally relevant portrait of desire, sexual conflict, tolerance and self-acceptance. Set on the sun-drenched Bahaman islands, Children of God is an award-winning, timeless and brave love story

Box office: 01942 834747

ANYTHING GOES CRAFTS

Friday 23rd February 9.30a.m – 11.30a.m Devonshire Place Community Room, Devonshire Room, Atherton M46 9WE (next to the Park)

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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@shouldertosoldier.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

FNL: THE BLACKHEART ORCHESTRA / T.W.JONES / HOONOSE

Friday 23 February 8p.m – 11.30p.m The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan,

The Blackheart Orchestra play an intimate show in The Bailiff Bar. Think Florence & The Machine and Portishead meet soft Kate Bush style vocals.

With four critically acclaimed albums, TV commercials and films under their belt this is not to be missed.

Acoustic support from T. W. Jones & Hoonose. Box office: 01942 834747

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"

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

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