

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

**'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

**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

Phone 01942 316 455

**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

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**

Friday 2nd February 9.30a.m – 11.30a.m 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 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

### **WILDLIFE PRESENTATION**

Friday 2nd February 7.15pm with a start time set for 15 minutes later. Derby Room on the first floor of Leigh Library at Civic Square, Leigh

A talk based on wildlife around the River Lune in Cumbria will take place at Leigh Library on Friday. Dr Kevin Briggs, who has been studying the area for more than 40 years, will lead the presentation, which is entitled "Confessions of a Lunatic". It will include discussions of birds such as the oystercatcher, ringed plover, goosander and yellow wagtail.

The presentation is expected to last until around 9pm or 9.15pm. Everyone is welcome at the event with a small donation from non-members accepted.

Full details contact LOS secretary, Angela Pike, on 07816 178582 or e-mail [leighos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:leighos.secretary@gmail.com)

### **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

### **THE BIG COUNCIL BUDGET HACK - NORTH WEST**

Saturday 3rd February, 10a.m to 6p.m Upper ground floor, Federation House, Manchester, M4 4BF  
The Bureau Local is a 475-strong network of journalists, techies, designers, concerned citizens, subject specialists, and more, using data to tell local news stories that matter.

Their latest investigation is bringing together budget data for each of England's 353 councils to find out what makes the cut - and what doesn't - ahead of the government's next set of funding decisions in March.

This data is rarely scrutinised in some areas, and is never seen in aggregate, but we know cuts to vital services are about to bite - so your help is needed in making it accessible, understandable and something people might be able to act on.

Whether you're a source of information about what areas of the budget are key, are a data scientist, analyst or wrangler keen to help dive into the data dig out, or a storyteller, campaigner or designer, this event is for you.

The event is being held in association with Open Data Manchester and the University of Central Lancashire. For more background on what the investigation has found so far, head to the Bureau Local [www.thebureauinvestigates.com/blog/2017-12-19/is-your-council-about-to-cut-a-vital-local-service](http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/blog/2017-12-19/is-your-council-about-to-cut-a-vital-local-service)  
For further information and to register, visit: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-council-budget-hack-north-west-tickets-41837254354](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-council-budget-hack-north-west-tickets-41837254354)

### **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>

### **SOCIAL CARE & SOCIAL WORK CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY FAIR**

February 5th 10am – 1pm The Atrium, Brooks Building, MMU

Don't miss the chance to host a FREE stall at this successful annual event.

It is a great opportunity to engage with the future health and social care workforce. This event attracts students from across the Faculty of Health, Psychology, Social care and Social work as well as from Education, Youth and Childhood Studies.

- Promote and share what you do with students
- Advertise your current and future vacancies to graduating students who have a vested interest in the Social care sector.
- Recruit volunteers for your projects
- Network with colleagues from other organisations
- Book your stall today, places are limited

To book your stall <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mmu-social-care-careers-employability-fair-5th-feb-18-tickets-38626251157>

or if you have any questions please just get in touch- [v.morris@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:v.morris@mmu.ac.uk) or 0161 247 2495.

### **MUSIC & SINGING**

Monday 5th February 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

### **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

### **THE CHALLENGING HATE FORUM PRESENTS COMMUNITIES ARE CREATIVE TOGETHER**

Tuesday 6th February 2 pm – 4.30 pm Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester,

'Communities Are Creative Together' is the theme of this special public event organised by the Challenging Hate Forum (CHF) at Manchester Cathedral in support of Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018.

The Dean of Manchester will officially open the event at 2pm. The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester will then give the opening address, prior to some musical entertainment from a local choir.

Renowned artist Stephen Raw will talk about his work in progress entitled Ibrahim/Abraham/Avram which portrays the name of Abraham in three languages. Abraham's name has been chosen because he is widely considered to be the father of many nations. His artwork will be on display and there will be chance to talk to him about the creative process leading to this project.

Afternoon Tea will be served (suitable for all dietary and kosher needs) with an opportunity for networking and information gathering from a variety of stalls. This will be followed by an address by Councillor Nigel Murphy from Manchester City Council and the latest hate crime statistics from Greater Manchester Police. The audience will then be invited to participate in a fun, interactive poetry workshop on the theme of hate crime led by popular poet Sam Illingworth.

The afternoon will draw to a close with closing remarks by the Dean of Manchester and a photo call to include everyone present alongside the #WeStandTogether banner.

This event is free to attend and is open to the general public. People of all faiths and none are welcome to come along and be entertained and to learn more about hate crime and what is being done to tackle it.

This event has been supported with a grant from Manchester City Council.

For further information and to register, visit: [www.challenginghateforum.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.challenginghateforum.eventbrite.co.uk)

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

Tuesday February 6th 2 pm - 4:30 pm

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 billion 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](mailto: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

### **50 PLUS**

Wednesday 7 February 2.30 – 3.30pm Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE

“Who am I?”

Refreshments and a “Thought for the Month” 01942 609748

### **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.

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

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

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Friday 9th February 9.30 am – 11.30 am

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

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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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### **ANNUAL POTATO DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Sunday 11th February 11a.m – 3p.m Lucky Hens Recue, Manchester Rd, Hindley, Wigan  
Many varieties of Potato Seeds: Food & Refreshment: Tombola: Kids Craft Stall: Cake Stall  
Admission: £1 Adults; 50p Children Parking on main road

### **MANCHESTER MAKING SMOKING HISTORY CONFERENCE**

Monday 12th February 9.30 am- 4.30 pm

Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel, Portland Street, Manchester, M1 4PH

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 the following link: 'Making Smoking History in Greater Manchester' <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-smoking-history-in-greater-manchester-registration-41816654740?aff=>

Please use the following password: smokefree2018

Please direct any queries / dietary requirements / access requirements to:

Tracy Field Project Support Assistant 0161 778 7108 [tracy.field@nhs.net](mailto:tracy.field@nhs.net)

### **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.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk](http://www.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk)

### **CRAFT SESSION**

Tuesday 13th February 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

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

### **HOULDER 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](http://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>

### **CHARITY COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday 15 February at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 10.00 – 12.00noon

Proceeds to Action Hearing Loss Meet with your friends over tea/coffee and cake 01942 609748

### **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

Bring your own or start something new

Tutor led

Cost £1

More details & Booking contact Debra 07771 371491

### **RACE NIGHT**

Friday 16th February 7pm

Beehive Community Centre Lindale Hall Lindale Rd Mosley Common M28 1BG

Horses are only 50p each on the night. If you can't attend, why not buy a jockey or horse ownership before the night at just £2 each. No bar – so bring your own drinks (cheap night out!)

Tickets just £3 entry including hot supper Ring 01617997178 or 01617901715

Organised by Mosley Common in Bloom

### **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

### **BIRDWATCHING TRIP**

Saturday, February 17 (not on a Sunday as it usually is) meet at Doctors Nook Car Park, opposite Leigh Library at 8am.

LEIGH Ornithological Society (LOS): A trip to the society's mosslands

Everyone is welcome to join the group and people do not have to be experienced bird watchers. Car sharing is available and anyone interested are asked to go prepared for wet or cold weather and take enough food and hot drinks with them for the day.

If you would like to attend the trip, contact LOS secretary, Angela Pike, on 07816 178582 or e-mail [leighos.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:leighos.secretary@gmail.com)

### **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 Dobie 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

### **2018 PPG TRAINING PROGRAMME DATES**

Tuesday 20th February 2018 2 pm – 4 pm St Peters Pavilion, Hurst St, Hindley, Wigan

An introduction to Social Media

This will cover

- What is social media?
- How you can use social media?
- Getting you started

Places are limited and can be booked; Call 01942 482711

Online - <https://wiganccgintrouctiontosocialmedia.eventbrite.co.uk>

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**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

**ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY SUE CHISNALL-SUMNER**

Wednesday 21st February 10am to 1pm Shevington Library, Gathurst Lane, Shevington, Wigan  
You will experiment and play with alcohol inks by applying them onto various surfaces and items, which can be collaged to produce beautiful effects. You will learn how to apply the inks using different techniques which create movement. Please wear old clothes or bring something to protect your normal clothes.  
\*Suitable for adults & children over 12 years (accompanied by an adult)\*  
Book at library reception to ensure a place. Only £5.00 fee includes full tuition and materials

**CRAFT GROUP**

Wednesday 21 February at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 1.30 – 3.30pm  
Calligraphy; Refreshments; £1 to cover cost of materials 01942 609748

**LONELINESS CONNECTS US: YOUTH LONELINESS SUMMIT**

Thursday 22nd February 10am – 4pm Federation House, ManchesterM4 4BF  
We invite you to join us to develop practical and imaginative strategies for reducing youth loneliness at the Youth Loneliness Summit: research-informed, arts-inspired, youth-led social action to reduce youth loneliness.  
Youth loneliness is increasingly recognised as a significant social issue, with claims of a 'silent epidemic' of loneliness affecting as many as one in three young people in the UK.  
This event is part of the 'Loneliness Connects Us' project, a youth co-research project exploring youth loneliness from the perspective of young people. The aim of the research was to provide young people and those working with them new knowledge and strategies to reduce loneliness and increase belonging and solidarity. The research explored the diverse perceptions and experiences of youth loneliness in relation to social conditions such as poverty, transitions in life, and relationships of support and connection. A key finding was that although loneliness is an important part of life, we must take practical and political action to come together to reduce youth loneliness.  
The aim of the Youth Loneliness Summit is to build on the research by working with young people from the Greater Manchester Housing Providers' Youth Forum to support them in developing creative social action projects to reduce loneliness in their communities.  
For information: If you would like more information please email James Duggan (Research Fellow, MMU) on J.Duggan [at] mmu.ac.uk or follow us on Twitter @YouthLoneliness  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/loneliness-connects-us-youth-loneliness-summit-tickets-41756408542>

**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)  
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

### **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](mailto: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](http://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

### **CHAIR BASED EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

Saturday 24th February.

Start a career in health & fitness with our YMCA accredited course

The chair-based exercise course will equip you with the skills, knowledge & competence required to deliver chair based exercise to frailer, older adults.

Perfect for people who work with or care for older adults, as well as fitness professionals who are looking to expand their skill set.

For more information on all the courses we deliver, please contact us on 01942 828527

or email [learning@ihlmail.org](mailto:learning@ihlmail.org)

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

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

### **2018 PPG TRAINING PROGRAMME DATES**

Monday 26th February 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunshine House (Annex), Wellington Street, Wigan, WN1 3SA

Introducing the Local NHS

This will cover

- What is the CCG?
- What other organisations do we have in Wigan Borough and how do they fit together?
- Some of the local priorities around healthcare

Places are limited and can be booked; Call – 01942 482711

Online – <https://introducingthelocalnhs.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **AUDIENCE WITH MURDER**

Wednesday 28 February - Saturday 10 March Wigan Little Theatre, Crompton Street, Wigan,

This is an intriguing and witty thriller, full of unexpected twists. It's been called 'A Russian doll of a play', as layer after layer, it moves from a seemingly innocuous domestic play reading, through a murder mystery in the classic style, to a final most unexpected climax. Please note: The play contains strong language

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.

Full details <http://www.wiganlittletheatre.co.uk/performances/audience-with-murder/>

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