

EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 15 February at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 10 am – 12 noon
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

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COFFEE MORNING

Friday February 16th from 10 am Atherton Library York St, Atherton
This is a drop-in event, there is NO CHARGE and EVERYONE is welcome to join us

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 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm 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

NORTHERN SOUL AND MOTOWN

Saturday 17 February 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm 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

"HELP US RECYCLE YOUR SURPLUS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT!"

Sunday 18th February 10 am and 4 pm

Do you have any equipment loaned by the hospital that you no longer need? Then please let Rotary help you! Over the years the hospital has loaned equipment to patients to aid their recovery which by now, in many cases, will be surplus to their requirements. So here is a wonderful opportunity to return it to the hospital enabling them to recycle it for reuse! Four of the borough's Rotary Clubs have arranged to use premises in their area to enable the public to return any equipment which is surplus to their needs.

Residents can bring any item to the addresses listed below but it would be appreciated if it was clean to reduce the work of the Council in recycling before returning it to the hospital. If the item is too large or heavy telephone one of the numbers and the Rotary Club will arrange with the Council for this to be collected.

Please Note - Medicines, Tablets, Bandages etc., cannot be accepted.

The collection centres are:

Sunshine House, - Wellington Street, WIGAN WN1 3SA 07813 471000

Tesco Leigh Extra, -The Loom, Derby Street, LEIGH WN7 4BA 07881 229601

1 Ashton Scout HQ, - Woodedge, ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD WN4 9LH 07546 063931

DRB Photos 153, Elliot Street, TYLDESLEY M29 8FL 07834 584134

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://wiganccgintroductiontosocialmedia.eventbrite.co.uk>

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.shoultosoldier.org.uk

FILM: CHILDREN OF GOD

Tuesday 20 February 8 pm – 10.45 pm 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 1.30pm 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, Manchester M4 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>

MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday 22nd February 7pm - 9pm

St Luke's Church, Golborne Road, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan WN4 8SJ

In a Peer Support Group, everyone is welcome to talk about what it is like to live with Mental Health Difficulties such as Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Grief and Bereavement within a safe and comfortable environment, or even looking to seek ways on how to support a family member going through a distressing time.

A Peer Support Group is built on respect, trust and acceptance, promoting a non-judgemental space for anyone to feel safe & comfortable to talk about their thoughts, feelings & emotions, while respecting the group's important confidentiality rules.

The group's key elements include being built on shared experiences and empathy, and looks towards exploring mental well being, ways of managing your mental health and moving forward in life.

Engaging in the group's relaxed conversation talking about your own mental health is often what helps you and others too. But you can also just come along and listen and welcome to talk when you feel ready. Talking within a peer support group can be extremely therapeutic.

If you feel you or someone you know would like to come along or on any future evenings, to please Contact me: Andre (Group facilitator) for 'Place Availability on the Group and Details'

arpeergroup@outlook.com OR text/call: 07444077857

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Tutor led: Cost £1

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FUEL POVERTY AWARENESS DAY

Friday 23 February 0 am-12.30 pm Albert House, 17 Bloom Street, Manchester, M1 3HZ

The training will include:

Training on energy efficiency, payment methods, discounts and tariffs, switching supplier, SMART meters, dealing with energy debt and ensuring advice is holistic

- Discussions and debates on key issues: Self disconnection of pre-payment meters, heating or eating
- Working together to reduce fuel poverty in Greater Manchester

The session is appropriate for those working/ volunteering in the third sector that support members of the public.

A basic knowledge of the problems associated with fuel poverty such as self-disconnection of pre-payment meters is required.

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/citizens-advice-manchester-fuel-poverty-awareness-day-training-tickets-42502449972>

THE NATIONS BIGGEST HOUSEWARMING

Friday 23rd February 10am- 2pm. Fur Clempt, Central Park Montrose Avenue, Wigan

The event is in partnership with National Energy Action and forms part of the National Fuel Poverty Awareness Day. The day highlights the pressing issue of Fuel Poverty and the importance of ensuring people have access to a warm, dry, safe home. Within the borough, over 15,000 households will struggle to keep themselves warm and well this winter.

The coffee morning will be an opportunity to access advice and connect with some of the fantastic FREE services we have across the borough. Fur Clempt have kindly agreed to host the coffee morning and will be offering cakes and hot drinks throughout the day as well as they're existing lunchtime menu

Pop along to discuss any issues you may have, whilst enjoying a brew and a piece of cake as part of Fur Clempt

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch

For more information call Leanne on 01942 486931

CLASSIC CINEMA

Friday February 23rd

Doors open 12.30 pm for 1 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

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

Film – King & I

More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

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 8 pm – 11.30 pm 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

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

WIGAN JAZZ CLUB

Sunday 25th February, 12.30pm, (doors open 12 noon) till 3ish Maybe a little later – it is jazz after all. Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club, Vauxhall Road, Wigan, WN1 3LU
'An Afternoon Celebrating Great Jazz Standards'
Jamie Brownfield Quartet & Munch Manship Quartet

Admission £12 non-members, £11.30 concessions, £11.00 Jazz Club members, under 12 years free, accompanied by a responsible (ish) adult. Pay on the door or book on-line at justaddtickets.co.uk
All the information you need to know, including photographs on www.wiganjazzclub.co.uk

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>

CLASSIC CINEMA

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Film – King & I

More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

ARE YOU INTERESTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL NHS?

Monday 26th February 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm Sunshine House (Annex), Wellington Street, Wigan,
Book onto our Introducing the Local NHS Training event, an information session to learn more about the local NHS, what the CCG is and what other organisations we have in the borough.

Places are limited and can be booked;

Online – <https://introducingthelocalnhs.eventbrite.co.uk> Call – 01942 482711

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

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>

RUGBY MEMORIES WITH BILLY MELLING.

Tuesday 27th February 2 pm. – 4 pm Fur Clemp, Central Park, Montrose Ave, WN5 9XL

Join Billy and friends to revisit classic warrior matches on screen

Drinks and snacks available 'Pay As You Feel' A Dementia Friendly Community activity

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP:

WHAT MEDICINES DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ROUTINELY AVAILABLE ON PRESCRIPTION?

Tuesday 27th February 2p.m-4pm Leigh Cricket Club, Pennington Suite, Beech Walk, Leigh

NHS England have launched a public consultation on whether medicines that can be bought over the counter should be available on prescription.

This free event is for any patients and residents of Wigan Borough to come and talk to us about the contents of NHS England's consultation and what changes this could mean locally. This will be a 2 hour workshop

If you would like to attend this please let us know at shapeyournhs@wiganboroughccg.nhs.uk or 01942 482711.

REFLECTIONS ON THE DELIVERY OF PROBATION SERVICES AND THE COMMISSIONING OF PROBATION SERVICES

Tuesday 27 February 5 pm – 7 pm

Manchester Metropolitan University, Geoffrey Manton Bldg, Rosamund St West Manchester M15 6BH

This free seminar will feature Dame Glenys Stacey DBE, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Probation. Dame Glenys was appointed as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Probation in March 2016. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation exists to set standards and drive improvement in probation services, with the joint aims of reducing reoffending and protecting the public.

In this seminar Dame Glenys will reflect on what probation inspection is telling us about the quality of probation services and offer her thoughts on what needs to be done to ensure probation services are delivered to a high standard to reduce reoffending and help change people's lives.

Please note you must be a member of the Academy to attend an event, membership and services are free. For further information and to register, visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reflections-on-the-delivery-of-probation-services-and-the-commissioning-of-probation-services-tickets-42321125626

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/>

ARE YOU EVER REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTES AT A MEETING?

Thursday 1st March 2 pm – 4 pm
Atherleigh Park Hospital (new Mental Health Hospital across from Sainsbury's in Leigh)
Conference Room Atherleigh Way, Leigh, WN7 1YN
Our Introduction to Minute Taking session is aimed at beginners and will cover the basic skills of taking notes, giving you the confidence to produce effective minutes for meetings.
Places are limited and can be booked;
Online - <https://introductiontominutetaking.eventbrite.co.uk> Call – 01942 482711

ARTHRITIS SELF HELP GROUP

Thursday 1st March 7 pm
Conference Centre, Wrightington Hospital Hall Lane Appley Bridge Wigan WN6 9EP

Living with any form of arthritis? Come along everyone welcome. Share, meet like minded people. Learn coping skills. Speakers; events; lots of fun
More details from Barbara on 01257 791337 or Ann 01695 721199

MENTAL HEALTH MARKET

Friday 2nd March 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Kingsleigh Community Centre, King Street, Leigh
Improve your mental wellbeing. Wigan and Leigh Recovery Teams are hosting a Marketplace of Mental Health Support

Come and talk to services in the Wigan and Leigh area that can support mental health issues. Plus meet local dementia and carer support groups; health and educational services and many more!
All Welcome For more information, contact Recovery Team South 01942 772116

60'S CHARITY NIGHT.

Friday 2nd March 7.30 pm St Jude's Social Club, Pool Stock Lane, Wigan
Join us for food, fun, music, raffle and auction All proceeds go to the Storehouse Project.
Tickets are £15 per adult with an discount of £2.00 if you book early using the code 'EARLYBIRD'.
To book tickets go to <https://event.bookitbee.com/14708/60s> night or telephone 07816623612.

PROJECT TO REVIVE MEMORIES OF OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Saturday, March 3 from 11 am to 3pm Bedford High School Manchester Rd, Leigh

Creative not-for-profit group Healthy Arts, in association with Wigan Council, Bedford High School and film experts from North Star Digital, is exploring memories of former students of Leigh Grammar School on Manchester Road and Leigh Girls' Grammar School on Windermere Road, which both officially closed in 1976.

There have been workshops organised for old Grammar School pupils to attend and have their memories recorded or share artefacts such as photographs or documents. If old Grammar School pupils would like to attend a workshop, contact Martin on 07542 114383, e-mail contactus@healthyarts.org.uk or visit the Archives Service at Leigh Town Hall.

There is also a Facebook page called Leigh Grammar School Heritage Project where anyone interested can find updated information.

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS MOT

Monday 5th March 1 pm – 4 pm Kildare Grange, Sutherland Street, Hindley

Free Fitness Check ups and activity advice for all over 60+

There will also be other services there on the day including:

- Pensioners Link
- Age UK Wigan / Bright Days
- Health First – who will be undertaking health checks
- Healthy Routes
- Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles

<http://www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org/wigan/mot.htm> Booking 01942 488481

CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 6th March 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week - Mothers Day cards and Trinket boxes

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

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WIGAN COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CONCERT WITH THE MASTERSINGERS

Saturday 10th March 7.30 - 9.30pm Trinity URC, Milton Grove, Wigan

Wigan Community Choir is delighted to present their next concert when they will be joined by renowned recording choir, The Master Singers; who have recorded with big names such as Ken Dodd, Cleo Laine, Roger Whittaker and Howard Keele. They have performed in concerts across the country and into Europe, as well as recording CDs at some very high profile venues, ranging from Parr Street Studios to the legendary Abbey Road Studios.

They can count among them a number of talented composers and arrangers. It's a very mixed programme, from Handel to Gershwin, Irving Berlin to Queen, as well as some traditional folk songs and anthems. So there's something for everyone.

Tickets £7 and £5 concessionary. Pay on the door

HINDLEY SPEAKS

Monday 12th March 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

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 12th March 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

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 13th March 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.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk

PROJECT TO REVIVE MEMORIES OF OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

March 13 from 1pm to 3pm The Old Grammar School on Railway Road, Leigh

Creative not-for-profit group Healthy Arts, in association with Wigan Council, Bedford High School and film experts from North Star Digital, is exploring memories of former students of Leigh Grammar School on Manchester Road and Leigh Girls' Grammar School on Windermere Road, which both officially closed in 1976.

Chair of Healthy Arts Julie McKiernan said: "Participation in the project is growing as people become more aware of our work. "We want to hear from as many former pupils as possible about their experiences so that the young people gain as much as they can from the project."

There have been workshops organised for old Grammar School pupils to attend and have their memories recorded or share artefacts such as photographs or documents. If old Grammar School pupils would like to attend a workshop, contact Martin on 07542 114383, e-mail contactus@healthyarts.org.uk or visit the Archives Service at Leigh Town Hall.

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WIGAN DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

Tuesday 13th March 2:00 – 4:00pm Carers Centre Frederick Street, Hindley
Next monthly meeting full details Email: Wigan.DAA17@gmail.com

MOVE MORE OFTEN COURSE

Wednesday 14th March. 9.00am - 3.00pm Hindley Leisure Centre

Moving More Often is a one day training course that outlines the basic concepts of physical activity, which includes: physical activity benefits, barriers and motivators to activity, planning a physical activity programme, risk assessment and safety issues. Activity workshops compliment the theory and give a further insight into exploring other physical activity opportunities to engage people in activity.

If you or anyone else is interested in the training please contact Gill Healey on 01942 886802 or email Gill.Healey@ihlmail.org Please see attached flyer for further information.

ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER MANAGERS VOLUNTEERING FOR ALL: MEASURING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BENEFITS

Thursday 15 March 10:30 am to 4:30 pm The Whitworth, Oxford Road, Manchester, M15 6ER

We all know the great impact volunteering makes, but how do we measure the benefits?
Can we quantify the health and wellbeing advantages of a particular volunteer programme?
Join the Association of Volunteer Managers to hear the results of key studies in this area, and how volunteer managers make the most effective use of this knowledge.

This event will address various aspects of the volunteer journey from the volunteer managers perspective, with a particular focus on measuring the health and wellbeing benefits for everyone involved: the volunteers; the programme managers and volunteer leaders; the organisation; the end users and clients. The event will hear the results of some key work into volunteer motivation and behaviour, including: assessing the volunteering habits of certain groups; attracting and working with younger volunteers and families; two different assessments of wellbeing.

There will be a facilitated roundtable discussion, comparing the viewpoints of volunteer managers with guest volunteers from some of the programmes discussed during the day, as well as networking and discussion sessions for attendees to share and compare their own challenges and experiences.

Cost: AVM member: £25, Non-members: £40

For further information and to book a place, visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/avms-volunteering-for-all-measuring-the-health-and-wellbeing-benefits-tickets-42078689493?aff=MACCnewsletter

or contact Greville Southgate, L&D Officer on 020 7426 9192,
or email: greville.southgate@volunteermanagers.org.uk

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND?

Thursday 15th March, 2pm – 3pm

Wigan Life Centre South, Room 17, College Avenue, Wigan, WN1 1NJ

The sessions aim to raise awareness and create an understanding of what it is like to live with Dementia.

Places are limited and can be booked;

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

THE HAIGH ST PATRICK'S PARTY

Saturday 17 March Haigh Country Park

The day starts with a special St Patrick's Day Park Run. Run in your Irish themed hats and outfits. Prizes for best dressed. You'll need to register for this FREE 5k run through the plantations of Haigh at www.parkrun.org.uk/haighwoodland

In the Kitchen Courtyard you'll find Steak and Stout Pie, Irish – Beer Soda Bread, Guinness and Baileys Cup Cakes and Guinness Brownies on the menu.

At the Two Left Feet Tap Room there is a Guinness Bar and Irish Drinks.

Courtesy of the Art and Craft Gallery, 10 shamrocks have been placed around the park. Decipher the clues and win prizes on this FREE special Shamrock Trail.

Sing and dance along to Irish Folk Band – Beware of the Pig in the Kitchen Courtyard. The 8-piece Irish Band from Wigan are described as ... 'Fun, fantastic, fit, flirtatious, funky and fast – playing the best of contemporary, traditional and original Irish music!' And it's FREE!

WIGAN AND LEIGH PENSIONERS LINK – 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 17th March

Curtain up 7.30 pm

St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street Leigh.

There is live entertainment from the popular Ashton on Mersey Show band

Tickets £8 (including buffet) available from Pensioners Link Office or Spectrum Blinds (inside Stones Carpets, Chapel Street, Leigh

RUN WIGAN FESTIVAL 2

Sunday March 18th Wigan

Joining Jack have organised a Half Marathon, 5Km and Family 1 mile all starting in Market Street, Wigan for you to either take part or just spectate. There will be music, entertainment and European food market too.

For full details and to register for one of the events go to www.runwiganfestival.co.uk

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU: PUBLIC SECTOR MEETS THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Monday 19th March 9 am to 12 noon Leigh Miners, Twist Lane Leigh Lancashire WN7 4EF

For groups in Atherton, Tyldesley, Astley, Mosley Common and Leigh

Knowingyourcommunity1@wigan.gov.uk

Do you know what public services and voluntary and community services there are in your local community?

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BOOK LAUNCH OF 'A NEW HEALTH AND CARE SYSTEM: ESCAPING THE INVISIBLE ASYLUM'

Tuesday 20th March 4 pm – 7 pm

Benzie Building, 4.03 Manchester Metropolitan University, Higher Ormond St, Manchester, M15 6BG

In his new book, Alex Fox OBE, Chief Executive of Shared Lives Plus, asks how we can find sustainable and human ways to care for people with long-term needs

The rules and assumptions of the invisible asylum are felt in 'community' services that feel nothing like community. Alex Fox proposes his alternative model: replace current institutionalised responses by focusing on maintaining well-being rather than reacting to crisis. Responsibilities, resources and risks are fairly and transparently shared as this book offers steps which citizens, front-line services and government can take to achieve progress.

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/book-launch-of-a-new-health-and-care-system-escaping-the-invisible-asylum-tickets-42125734205>

GREATER MANCHESTER GREEN SUMMIT

Wednesday 21st March 2017 Venue: TBC

The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has announced his ambitions for making Greater Manchester one of the leading green cities in Europe.

To deliver this, a landmark Green Summit will be held in spring 2018. This will be led by an expert panel of some of the brightest environmental minds in the UK, including academics and researchers from the University of Manchester. Members of the public will also be able to contribute views and ideas through an extensive public engagement process.

Andy said: "Today is an important day, not only for the people of Greater Manchester, but their children, grandchildren and generations to come. "I want to bring people together to debate if we are doing enough on climate change. By building a low-carbon economy in Greater Manchester, we will put ourselves in a strong position to attract more jobs and investment.

"Greater Manchester absolutely has the knowledge, radical thinking and resources to deliver on this; we've a wealth of academic research and practical know-how to tackle this issue head on, if we put our minds to it."

The panel of experts includes specialists from the Tyndall Centre at the University of Manchester, environmentalists and businesses, who will lead a public debate on how plans can be developed to achieve carbon neutrality as early as possible.

A public engagement programme will pool together ideas for changing the way we use and generate energy for our homes and workplaces; encouraging more sustainable travel; improving our air quality; making better use of our green spaces; growing our economy; and innovating through low carbon technology.

To follow and contribute to the conversation follow #GMGreenCity @MayorofGM and @GMLowCarbonHub on Twitter.

To register your interest in taking part in an event or keeping up to date with the Mayor's Green Summit, please contact the Greater Manchester Environment Team at: LCH@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU: PUBLIC SECTOR MEETS THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Wednesday 21st March 9 am to 12 noon St Peter's Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley, Wigan

For groups in Hindley, Abram, Platt Bridge, Scholes, Ince, Ashton, Lowton and Golborne

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Thursday 22nd March 9 am to 1 pm Sunshine House, Wellington Street, Wigan

For groups in Wigan town centre, Pemberton, Norley Hall, Worsley Mesnes, South Ashton, Standish, Shevington and Aspull.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND?

Thursday 22nd March 2pm – 3pm

Atherleigh Park Hospital (new Mental Health Hospital across from Sainsbury's in Leigh)

Conference Room, Atherleigh Way, Leigh, WN7 1YN

The sessions aim to raise awareness and create an understanding of what it is like to live with Dementia.

Places are limited and can be booked;

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

STABAT MATER by DVORAK

Saturday 25th March 7.30 pm St Michaels Church, Swinley, Wigan

If you only know Dvorak as a writer of folk inspired melodies, come and be surprised

Tickets £8 concessions £7 and pay at the door

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 26th March 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

CTRLSHIFT

Tuesday 27th March – Thursday 29th March The Edge, Wigan, WN3 5AB

Take positive action to create a fairer, more democratic and sustainable society during this time of unprecedented change for the UK.

Join change makers from across economy, land, social justice and environmental sectors for this highly participatory event.

Full details and booking www.ctrlshiftsummit.org.uk

CRAFT SESSION

Tuesday 27th March 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week - Easter egg decorating and Easter baskets

With Chapter One Tea Rooms & Nomad Rangers

Cost £4: Call To Book 01942 255 287

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

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

Speaker: Vic Heaney - Walking from the Pyrenees to Blackpool

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-

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

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH THE WIGAN UKELELE BAND

Friday 30th March 7.30 pm Culcheth Village Club, Wigshaw Lane Culcheth

Organised by Shoulder to Soldier Free to all Armed Forces Families £5 for any else who would like to attend. If you need at ticket contact Angela on 0751 589 2720

FOR DETAILS OF REGULAR EVENTS PLEASE SEE SEPERATE SECTION