

Devonshire Place at Devonshire Road.

Join in with a game of Dominoes every Monday from 1pm at the centre. On Wednesdays from 1pm you can join in with a game of Bingo. There is also a craft session which takes place every Friday from 9am till 11am. The craft session costs £2.



Ted's Tales

Local author Ted Dakin enjoys reading his short stories to anyone who likes to take a step back in time to an age now lost forever. Enjoy tales of growing up in Wigan before and during the war. Tales sprinkled with humour, tragedy and unforgettable characters. Readings are free to local groups, but any donations to the Alzheimer's Society will be greatly appreciated. For more information or to book a reading, ring: 01942 498193.

Driven

Do you enjoy driving? Register with Driven Community Transport and they will match you with residents near you who are isolated or struggling to get out and about - medical appointment, day care, visit family etc. You choose when you want to drive, all training provided, friendly volunteer team, all expenses paid and a great rewarding hobby. Call Amanda on: 01942 409602 for more information. It's Good To Be Driven.

Belong Atherton at Mealhouse Lane.

A free to attend coffee morning is held here on Mondays and Thursdays from 10.30am till 12noon. Come along and have a cuppa and a chat! Every Friday there is a 'Songs of Praise' session by Friends of Hindley Green Family Church from 10.30am till 11.30am. There will be a Christmas Fayre held here on Sunday 24th November 2019 from 11am till 4pm. You can also book to have your Christmas party at the Belong village, with a festive menu available for £16.50 per person. Menus are available from the village, and bookings can also be made at the village.

It's party time at St Joseph's Hall, Chapel Street with Guest artist Blue Savannah

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun on Friday 29th November 2019 from 12.30pm. There will be a bar, as well as a raffle to take part in. Tickets cost £8, which includes buffet, and are available from Ratcliffe's Bike Shop, Bradshawgate as well as from the Pensioners Link office, 27 Charles Street, Leigh.

Atherton and Tyldesley Botanical Gardens Bowling Club at 232 Tyldesley Road.

Join in with some crown green bowling with a friendly group. Social members are also welcome. For more info, give Mavis a call on: 01942 876600 or on: 07779 923826.

Age UK Wigan Borough AGM at Queens Hall, Market Street, Wigan.

The AGM will begin at 12.30pm and will run till around 1pm. Sandwiches will be served afterwards. All are welcome to come along.

If you would like to be included in the next guide, or would like to request additional copies, give us a call or send us an email!

Telephone: 01942 615895 Email: ambition@ageukwiganborough.org.uk



All About Atherton

What's on for the over 50s in Atherton NOV 2019

One to one IT sessions

Would you like to learn some basic IT skills at your own pace? Or would you be available for a few hours per week to pass on some of your IT skills?

If you said yes to either of these, we want to hear from you!

Give us a call on: 01942 615895.



Christmas Carol Concert

St Mary the Virgin Church, St Mary's Way, Leigh.

A free event on Wednesday 18th December from 1pm till 2pm, featuring a performance from The Silver Choir. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after the concert.



Age Friendly Atherton - Sit Thi Deawn Project.

Look out for the age friendly flower logo in the local shop windows! Businesses that display this logo have agreed to providing at least a seat, patience, a glass of water and an emergency phone call to those aged 50+ in an emergency.

My Generation

The 'Talking About My Generation' news team have published the third edition of The Record newsletter and podcast. This includes articles about three grandmas from Wigan who took up writing in their retirement and a retired senior Fire Officer who went back to Wigan Fire Station 40 years after his retirement.

You can read the [newsletter here](#) and listen to the [podcast here](#). If you'd like a paper copy of the Record, phone Liz at Age UK Wigan Borough on 01942 615895 and she'll send you one in the post.

If you live in Wigan borough and would like to try your hand at being a community reporter, there's still time for you to join in. Contact Grace at Yellow Jigsaw: grace@yellowjigsaw.co.uk or Liz at Age UK Wigan on 01942 615895 for more info.

Keep an eye out for our new training courses for volunteers!



Crafts 4 Us at Atherton Town Hall, Bolton Road (First floor).

Have a go at a variety of crafts every Thursday from 1.30pm till 3.30pm. There's lots to try including card making, using a loom, jewellery design and more. Suggestions about new crafts are always welcomed and taken on board. The sessions cost £3 to attend.

Tyldesley Creative Writers at Tyldesley Library, Stanley Street.

Take part in a creative writing session every Tuesday from 10.30am till 12.30pm. The first session is free to come along and give it a try, The session will then cost £2 after this, which includes refreshments.



Happy Timers CIC Monday Club at Mealhouse Court, Mealhouse Lane.

Have a hot "pay as you feel" meal on the second Monday of the month from 12noon till 2pm. You can also enjoy some fun activities and a chat in a warm and welcoming environment. All are welcome to come along. For more information call Marlene on: 07734 070203 or Sandra on: 07855 851183.

Atherton Baptist Church at Tyldesley Road.

Enjoy some lunch and a chat on the First Tuesday of the month. The meal costs £3.40 which includes main course, dessert and tea or coffee. Please book your place before attending by calling Pat on: 01204 655555. Come and have a hot drink and a chat at the coffee morning which is held every Wednesday from 9.30am till 11am. There is a £1 cost to attend.

Leigh Classic Cinema Club at The Pelican Centre, Castle Street.

Watch a classic film in an informal and dementia friendly environment on the last Monday of the month. The film starts promptly at 1pm, with doors opening at 12noon. All films shown have subtitles. Feel free to bring your lunch or snacks, tea and coffee is available. A £2 donation to come along would be gratefully received. Carers may accompany for free. For more info call Elizabeth on: 07969 647466.

Making Space

Do you have caring responsibilities and are aged over 50? Could you benefit from some extra support? Making Space help to support carers by providing information, advice, confidence building, sign posting and much more. To have a chat about how they could assist you, call: 01942 367160.

Brew and Banter Carers and Former Carers Group at Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue Hindley.

Are you looking after someone? Have you had caring responsibilities? Come along and join the group every Friday from 10am to 12.30pm. There is a £1 donation cost to attend. For more information call: 07773 226052.



Hesketh Manor at Bullough Street.

Eyes down for a game of Bingo with a friendly group! This is held every Friday from 1pm till 3pm.

Atherton Library Crafts Group at Atherton Town Hall, Bolton Road.

The group meets every other Tuesday from 1.30pm for a crafting session. The sessions are free to come along to, and using materials costs £1. For more information on the next session call: 01942 404817.

Dementia Buddies at Atherton Town Hall, Bolton Road.

Enjoy some lunch with a friendly group at the Memories Tea Room. Upcoming date for the group meeting is: Monday 2nd December 2019 from 11.30am till 2pm. There will be entertainment, a quiz and bingo. Please book your place before attending by calling 07412 521040. This costs £3.50.

You can also come along to the coffee morning on the third Friday of the month from 10am till 12noon. Upcoming date for this is Friday 20th December. Have a hot drink, a chat and some cake. There's no need to book, it's free to attend and all are welcome to come along.

Blakeborough House at Elizabeth Street.

There is a community coffee morning held here on the first Monday of the month from 10am. All are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Ted Listens

Ever thought about recording your memories for posterity? Come and have an informal chat with local author Ted Dakin and record your memories onto a CD. For more information or to make an appointment, call: 01942 615895.

Atherton Arts at The Bridge at Dorset Road.

Come along to an art and crafts session every Friday from 10am till 12.30pm. Materials are free to use for the first four weeks so you can give something new a try. The first session is also free to attend with sessions costing £4 after this, which includes tea and coffee. For more info call Annie on: 01942 895764.



Bright Days Christmas Party at Queens Hall, Market Street, Wigan.

Join in the festivities on Wednesday 11th December from 1pm till 3pm. Enjoy entertainment from T'Other 2, and a buffet meal. Tickets cost £5 and must be booked in advance as there are limited places!

To buy tickets or for more information, call: 01942 615883.



Atherton Central Methodist Church, High Street.

There are regular coffee mornings at the church from 9.30am till 12noon. The next coffee morning will take place on Thursday 28th November 2019. There is also a festive coffee morning which is on Thursday 12th December. The church will host a Christmas Concert on Wednesday 11th December 2019. For more information or for tickets, call: 07803 627676. There is also a Carol Service which will take place on Sunday 22nd December 2019 at 6pm.

