

Dementia Buddies - Celebrate the official opening of the Memories Tea Room on Saturday 1st December from 11am at Atherton Town Hall. There will be a festive market with lots of stalls to browse from 12noon. Following this, watch the switch on of the Memory Tree at Prospect House, Bolton Road at 6.30pm which will be followed by entertainment from a choir and drinks. Christmas Luncheon Club on Monday 3rd December from 10am – midday at Atherton Town Hall. Enjoy a meal with entertainment provided by Gerry Sandon. Tickets cost £6 and must be booked in advance by calling: 01942 603175 or 07412 521040.

Brass Band Christmas Concert at St John's Parish Church, Market Place, Atherton. Come along and enjoy a brass band carol service on Friday 14th December from 7pm.

Community Flower Crafters at Green Grass Centre, Spa Road, Atherton.

Join the group in some festively themed crafting activities. On Monday 3rd December 2018 from 10am – 12noon, come along and make a Christmas wreath using real greenery. On Monday 10th December 2018 from 10am – 12noon, create a Christmas candle table decoration. Please book in advance by calling the centre: 01942 892 168. £2 to attend.

Carol Service at St John's RC Church, Standishgate.

Wednesday 12^{th} December from 1 pm - 2 pm. Join in with some carol singing, or just enjoy the performances by the Silver Choir and Ellie X. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after the event. It is free to attend and all are welcome!



Christmas Party at Queens Hall, Market Street, Wigan.

Have a jolly get together on Wednesday 19th December from 1pm -3pm. Have a chat and enjoy some festive activities. Food will also be served. This is a free event but places MUST be booked in advance by calling: 01942 241972 or 01942 615880.

Orrell Musical and Dramatic Society

Take in a carol singing performance at Tesco in Wigan on Thursday 13th December from 7.30pm – 9pm and Sainsburys in Wigan on Thursday 20th December from 7.30pm – 9pm.

Atherton Walking Nativity at Market Place, Atherton.

Listen to the story of the birth of Jesus on 13th December. The walk starts at Market Place, Atherton at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a short carol service in St Johns Parish Church.

Brass Band Christmas Concert at Atherton and Tyldesley Botanical Gardens Bowling Club. Enjoy some musical entertainment and some good company on Monday 17th December from 11.30am. Tickets cost £7 each, which includes pasty and peas.

Winster House at Helvellyn Road, Norley Hall.

Come and enjoy a day of festive family fun on Saturday 8th December from 12noon – 4pm. There will be stalls, a raffle, face painting and activities and games for children.

Atherton Central Methodist Church at High Street, Atherton.

Attend an evening of entertainment at a Carol Concert featuring Bolton Millennium Gospel choir on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm. Tickets cost £6, which includes refreshments. Contact Lynda on: 07539 852470 or Keith on: 07803 627676. Have a hot drink and a chat at the Christmas coffee morning on Thursday 13th December from 9.30am – 12noon. All are welcome to attend. On Sunday 16th December there will be a carol service by candlelight from 6pm, which will be followed by coffee and mince pies. There will also be a Communion service on Christmas Eve from 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.



Mealhouse Court at Mealhouse Lane, Atherton.

Join the group on 3rd December from 12noon – 2pm for the Christmas Get Together with entertainment from Mike and Me. The group will also be having a Christmas party on 17th December from 12noon – 2pm. All are welcome.

Blakeborough House at Elizabeth Street, Atherton.

Have a go at some crafts with some festive craft mornings on Friday 7th, 14th and 21st of December from 10am – 12noon. There will also be a Christmas coffee morning on 3^{rd} December from 10.30am, with a visit from a local school and a choir.

Brookdale Court at Pennington Road, Leigh.

Join in with the Elf Day in aid of Alzheimers on 17th December 2pm – 4pm. There will be a cake sale and raffle. On Christmas Eve, you can enjoy some entertainment and a buffet from 7pm. This will cost £3 to attend.

Belong Atherton at Mealhouse Lane, Atherton. (01942 898410 for more information) Enjoy an afternoon tea on 9th December from 3pm. Must be booked in advance before attending. £7 with tea or £9 served with Prosecco. Enjoy some tea and entertainment from carol singers from Hindley Green Family Church on 12th December from 1pm-3pm. £5 cost to attend. 15th December from 11am – noon enjoy a free morning of festive cheer and song. On the 28th December there will be a festive get together with entertainment from Carl Gordon. 7pm -9pm. There will be a raffle and the bar will be open to purchase drinks. £8 to attend.

St Wilfred's Parish Hall at Church Street, Standish.

Enjoy a free traditional lunch on Christmas Day from 12.30pm. There will be a warm greeting along with a sherry or hot drink. Transport is available if arranged prior. Please call to book your place/discuss transport. Call Helen on: 07747 883006 or Debra on: 07834 597302.

MS Support and Therapy Group at Marsh Green Community Centre, Kitt Green Road. Have a look around the sale room at the centre for some bargains every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am – 3pm. New stuff coming in daily and lots of Christmas goodies! Come along and browse the group's Christmas Craft stall at Parbold Village Hall (2 The Green, Parbold) on Saturday 1st December, lots of Christmas present ideas!



We hope you enjoyed this seasonal edition of our What's On guide. The full guide will be back in the New Year. Wishing you all a warm and cheerful holiday from the Ambition for Ageing team!

Pauline, Martine, Liz and Jo.

