

Please note that we make every effort to include events in time. But *Borough Life* takes up to three weeks to distribute and you might not get it until some events have passed. For all events visit [www.wlct.org/whatson](http://www.wlct.org/whatson)

### Turnpike Gallery

01942 404469

**Until Saturday 9 September**  
*Audio Art Lab – Sound Machine*  
Interactive exhibition for all the family exploring the art of sound.

**Saturday 2 September, 10:30am – 12:30pm**  
*Arts Active*

Work alongside an artist to create a sound sculpture. Suitable for children aged 8-14.

**Saturday 16 September to 30 September**  
*An Eye for a Picture*  
Celebration of photography with local photo clubs

**Saturday 7 October to 25 November**  
*Tony Bevan – Selected Paintings 1987 – 2005*  
Work by one of Britain's leading figurative artists.

**Saturday 14 October, 10:30am – 12:30pm**  
*Arts Active – Get Drawing*  
Annual national Big Draw campaign to get everyone drawing. (Suitable for ages 8-14)  
**Booking required for Arts Active - 404469.**

### In the Country

Booking essential on numbers listed.

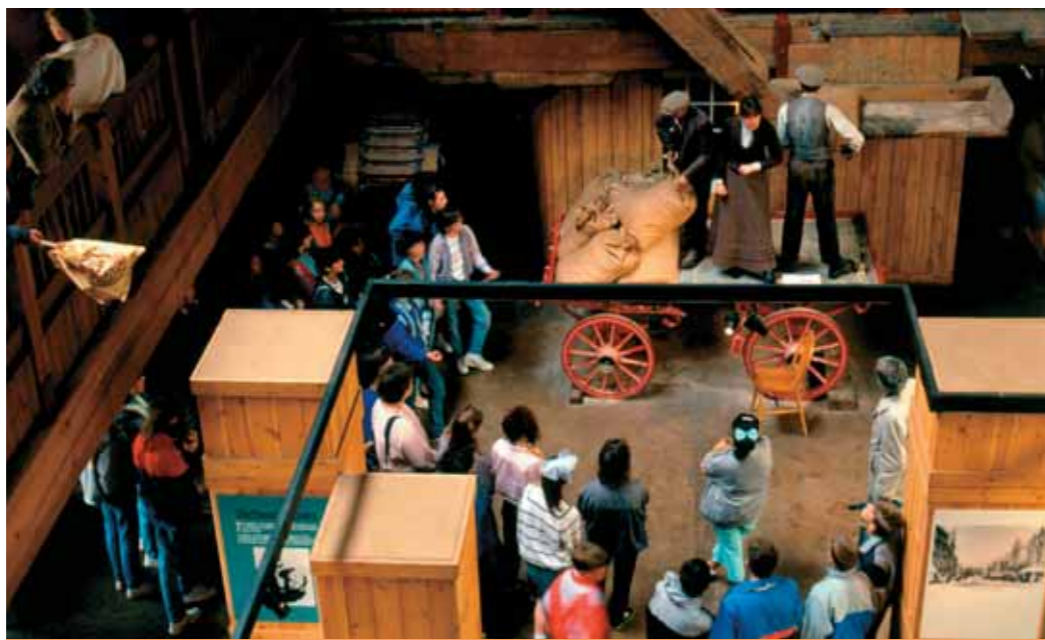
**Saturday 26 August, 8:45pm – 10:45pm**

*Bat Detectives*  
Pennington Flash Country Park. See bats close up and in action. 01942 605253.

**Sunday 27 August, 2pm – 4pm**

*Brass in the Park*  
Pennington Hall Park, Leigh. Relax to the sounds of a traditional brass band. 01942 766708.

Jubilee Park, Ashton in Makerfield.  
An afternoon of listening to a



If you've never been to Wigan Pier, then here's your chance. Residents can visit *The Way We Were* museum at Wigan Pier FREE as part of a national heritage open day on Sunday 10 September.

traditional band.  
01942 245369.

**Tuesday 29 August, 10am – 11:30am**

*Look See Smell Touch*  
Three Sisters Recreation Area, Ashton. Short walk and games for 4-6 year olds. 01942 720453.

**Thursday 31 August 11am**  
*Health Walk*

Lowton Civic Hall  
1 hour steady walk.  
01942 766708.

**Thursday 31 August, 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

*Fun and Games*  
Three Sisters Recreation Area, Ashton. Find out more about how animals live here while you play. 01942 720453.

**Saturday 2 September, 8:15pm – 10:15pm**

*Bat Detectives*  
Pennington Flash Country Park. Night walk to see bats in action. 01942 605253.

**Sunday 3 September, 1pm – 3pm**

*Haigh Hall*  
Guided walk through the grounds. 01942 832895.

**Monday 4 September, 7:30pm – 9:30pm**

*Bat Walk*  
Three Sisters Recreation Area. See bats close up and in action. 01942 720453.

**Tuesday 5 September, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

*Health Walk*  
2-3 mile walk through Pennington Flash Country Park. 01942 605253.

**Thursday 7 September, 11am – 12 noon**

*Health Walk*  
Alexandra Park, Newtown. 1 hour gentle walk taking in the reed ponds at Parsons Meadow. 01942 245369.

**Saturday 9 September, 6:30pm**

*Last Night of the Proms*  
Pennington Hall Park, Leigh. Evening of entertainment. Admission free by ticket only. 01942 766708.

**Saturday 9 September, 7:30pm**

*Noctules by Night*  
See the noctule bats of Wigan Flashes. Meet Welham Road. 01942 233976.

**Monday 18 September, 7pm – 9pm**

*Bat Walk*  
Orrell Water Park. 01942 720453.

**Saturday 23 September, 10am**

*Finding Fall*  
Guide to the first signs of Autumn at Wigan Flashes. Meet at Welham Road. 01942 233976.

**Saturday 23 September, 10:30am – 2pm**

*The Pennington Trail*  
Pennington Flash Country Park, Leigh.

Circular 8 mile walk around the

Flash, Leeds Liverpool Canal and old Pennington. 01942 605253.

**Sunday 24 September, 1pm – 3pm**

*Winter Baskets*  
Haigh Hall. Create a winter basket. Small charge. 01942 832895

**Thursday 28 September, 11am**

*Health Walk*  
Lilford Park, Leigh. Meet at the Elmridge entrance – 1 hour steady walk. 01942 766708.

### Wigan Music Society 01257 422551

**Saturday 16 September, 7.30pm**

*Dulcian Wind Quintet*  
With James Orrell (treble) and Keith Orrell (piano). Trinity United Reformed Church, Wigan Lane, Wigan.

### History Shop Library St. Wigan 01942 828128

**Saturday 26 August to 30 September**

*A Feast of Photography!*  
Talented local photographers display their award winning work. Wigan Photographic annual show 26 Aug – 9 Sept, Atherton Photographic annual show 16 - 30 Sept.

**Monday 16 October to 20 January**

*Bloomin' Lovely*  
The history of horticulture in our lives, and in the borough.

### Haigh Hall

01942 832895

**Friday 13 October, 7pm**  
*Murder at Haigh Hall*

Come and dine with the Crawfords. Detective skills required. Period dress is optional. £35 per person.

### Wigan Pier

01942 323666

**Sunday 10 September**

*Heritage Open Days*  
For local residents, FREE entry into the museum. Reduced price entry (£2.50) for Trencherfield Mill engine.

**Thursday 21 September & Thursday 5 October, 10:30am – 11:30am**

*Reminiscence Workshops*  
Journey back to Victorian Wigan and discover what life was like for a typical working class family. Free to museum ticket holders or £2.50 per adult (not suitable for children). Ring to book 01942 323666.

### Libraries – Events

**Saturday 9 to 16 September**

*Under 5's Festival*  
Fun packed events at all libraries, including stories, crafts and games.

**Sunday 10 to Saturday 16 September**

*Agatha Christie Week*  
Celebrates the best-selling novelist of all time (and one of the most-borrowed from Britain's libraries). Displays, reading lists and reading group events are organised.

**Thursday 14 September 10am**  
*Reading Group*

Orrell Library. Monthly reading group. 01942 705060.

**Sunday 1 October**

*Black History Month*  
Selected Black & Asian novels, music, cuisine, arts.

### Leisure Venues

Booking & Info 01942 486900 except where stated

**Monaco Ballroom, Hindley**  
01942 255138

**Thursday 21 September**

*Band Concert*  
With the RAF Regiment band. tel. 01942 521523.

**Friday 22 September, 8pm**

*Classic Clapton*  
Performed by *After Midnight* tribute band. £11.50

**Wednesday 27 September 2pm – 4pm**

*50/50 Social Dance*  
Ballroom & Sequence dancing with Dave 'K'. £2

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**Wednesday 27 September, 7:45pm – 11pm**

*Social Dancing*  
Ballroom/Latin and Popular Sequence. £3

**Formby Hall**

Alder Street, Atherton  
01942 876496

**Friday 20 October, 8pm – 11:30pm**

*Rock & Roll Extravaganza*  
With Nostalgia Showband, the North West's top Rock & Roll band. Proceeds to St. George's Church, Atherton. To book tel 01942 884251. £6

**Lowton Civic Hall**

01942 672632

**Saturday 30 September –**

**Sunday 1 October, 10am – 5pm**

*Leigh Model Railway Society Exhibition*  
12 working layouts. Information from Steve Rogers, 01942 672632.

## The 2006 Ashton-in-Makerfield festival

**Saturday 23 September, 10.30am – 2.30pm**

*Market Square*  
Market Fun Day and Town Crier

**Saturday 23 September, 10.30am – 2.30pm**

*Talk/Tour of St Oswald's Church*  
3pm  
John Francis

**Sunday 24 September, 10am – 2.30pm**

*Rangers' Guided Walk*  
Meet at Three Sisters Visitor Centre

**Sunday 24 September, 4pm**

*Songs of Praise at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*

**Monday 25 September, 7.15pm**

*Seagulls Gymnastic Display*  
'The New Place', Bryn Road South  
£3 Adult £2 Concession

**Tuesday 26 September, 10am – 12 noon**

'Chatterbox' Coffee Morning at St Thomas's Church Hall

**Tuesday 26 September, 11am – 12.10pm**

*Active Living Festival Health Walk*  
Meet at Viridor Woods Car Park

**Tuesday 26 September, 7.15pm**

*Local History Talk by Walter Carney*  
R L Hughes Primary School  
£4 Adult £3 Concession

**Wednesday 27 September, 3pm**

*Floral Demonstration* Makerfield Florist

St Thomas's Church Hall £3

**Wednesday 27 September, 7.30pm**

'Four in Harmony' – John Walton Organ; Wayne Gorner, Piano; Jessica Tickle, Violin; Susan Campbell, Mezzo Soprano  
Congregational Church £5 Adult £4 Concession

**Thursday 28 September, 7.45pm**

*Trinity Girls' Band*  
NUPRO  
£5 Adult £4 Concession

**Friday 29 September/Saturday 30 September, 10am – 7pm**

Ashton Art Group Mini Exhibition  
St Thomas's Church Hall

**Saturday 30 September, 7.30pm**

*Haydock Male Voice Choir*  
St Thomas's Church  
£5 Adult £4 Concession

**Sunday 1 October, 1pm – 4pm**

*Rangers' Guided Walk*  
Meet at Three Sisters Visitor Centre

**Monday 2 October, 3pm**

*The Story of St Thomas's Church* by Syd Hibbert  
St Thomas's Church

**Monday 2 October, 7.45pm**  
*Organ Recital with John*

*Walton/Paul Tushingham*  
St Oswald's Catholic Church

**Tuesday 3 October, 10am – 12 noon**

'Chatterbox' Coffee Morning  
St Thomas's Church Hall

**Tuesday 3 October, 11am – 12 noon**

*Festival Health Walk*  
Meet at Three Sisters main car park

**Tuesday 3 October, 7.15pm**

'The Lancashire Cotton Queens' with Maureen Gilbertson  
R L Hughes Primary School  
£4 Adult £3 Concession

**Wednesday 4 October, 7.30pm**

*Pemberton Old Wigan (JJB)*  
*Brass Bands*  
St Edmund Arrowsmith High School  
£5 Adult £4 Concession

**Thursday 5 October, 8pm**

'The Ryans' (Irish Band)  
NUPRO. £5 Adult £4 Concession

**Friday 6 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm**

*Festival Art and Craft Day*  
Ashton Library

**Friday 6 October, 7.15pm**

*Quiz Night hosted by Churches Together*  
Our Lady's Parochial Centre. £3

**Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm**

*Wigan Choral Society*

St Thomas's Church  
£5 Adult £4 Concession.

*Tickets available from Monday 4 September from Ashton Library.*

*Also from Festival Stall - Market Square Saturdays, 23 and 30 September and Tuesdays, 26 September and 3 October.*

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