

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

Turnpike Gallery

01942 404469

Fri 8 Dec, 10am – 1pm

Jewellery making for adults
Techniques such as laminating, dyeing, cutting and basic wire work. £2 deposit.

Fri 8 Dec, 3pm – 5pm & 6pm – 8pm

Affordable Art Market
Paintings, prints, calligraphy, ceramics, jewellery and textiles.

Sat 9 Dec to Sat 20 Jan

Plastic Fantastic
13 artists and designers from across the UK – quirky, innovative and unique.

Sat 9 Dec & Sat 6 Jan, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Arts Active for 8-12's
Create a mobile hanging from recycled plastic bottles. 5-7 yrs with an adult.

In the Country

Sun 17 Dec, 1pm – 3:30pm

Winter Begins...
Pennington Hall Park, Leigh. Make a table decoration using natural materials; festive music from North Ashton Band; warm drink and a mince pie! 01942 766708. Free

Sun 17 Dec, 12pm – 3pm

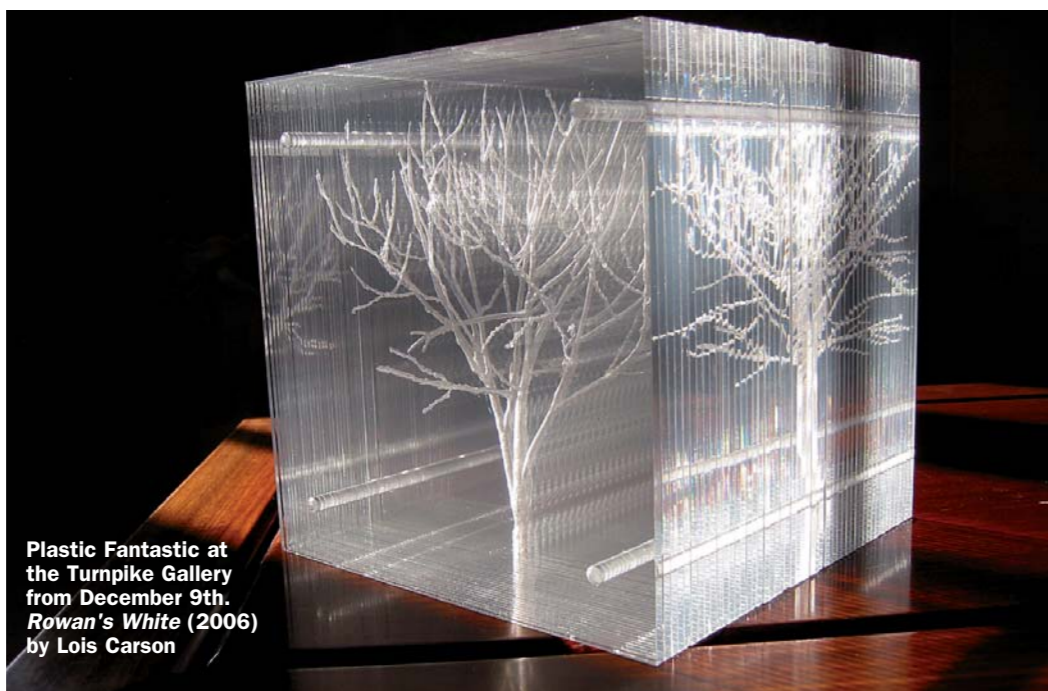
Christmas Decorations
Mesnes Park, Wigan. Decorations from natural materials. Meet in the café. 01942 245369.

Thu 21 Dec, 10:30am – 12pm & 1:30pm – 3pm

Christmas Crafts. Three Sisters Recreation Area, Ashton. Make your own Christmas decorations using found materials. 01942 720453.

Tue 26 Dec, 10:30am – 1pm

Boxing Day Trek
Ashurst Beacon. Five mile trek starting at Appley Bridge, and returning along the picturesque Leeds/Liverpool Canal. 01942 720453.



Plastic Fantastic at the Turnpike Gallery from December 9th. *Rowan's White* (2006) by Lois Carson

Sat 6 Jan, 10am – 12:30pm

Hedgelaying
Pennington Flash Country Park, Leigh. Expert guidance from the rangers. 01942 605253.

Sun 21 Jan, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Three Sisters & Pennington Flash Circular
One way walk (4-5 miles) from Three Sisters to Pennington Flash (9:30am - 1pm) or Pennington Flash to Three Sisters (1pm - 4:30pm) with return transport provided. Or make a day of it and walk (9-10 miles) from Three Sisters to Pennington Flash and back again. Booking 01942 720453.

Sat 27 Jan, 10:30am

Bird Watch Bonanza
Wigan Flashes hosts the National Garden Bird Survey. Help record sightings. Meet at Welham Rd, off Carr Lane. 01942 233976.

Health Walks

Short walks in various country parks – all start at 11am

Tues 2 Jan –

Three Sisters. Meet visitor centre. 01942 720453.

Mon 8 Jan –

Wigan Flashes. Meet Worsley Mesnes Health Centre. 01942 233976

Tues 9 Jan – Mesnes Park.

Meet café. 01942 245369
Wed 10 Jan – Pennington Flash. Meet visitor centre. 01942 605253.

Haigh Country Park

01942 832895

Booking essential for most events

Sun 10 Dec & 17 Dec

Santa Sundays (1pm – 4pm) & *Craft Fayre* (10am – 4pm)
Visit Father Christmas. Santa Sundays £3.50 per child. Craft Fayre in aid of Derian House, free entry.

Sun 10 Dec, 1pm – 3pm

Christmas Candles & Cards
Make Christmas cards and crafty candles. 8 years + accompanied by an adult. Small charge.

Sun 10 Dec, 7pm, Mon 11 Dec, 10am & 7pm & Tue 12 Dec, 10am

The Snow Queen
Meet Hans Christian Anderson's magical characters. A Christmas treat for all the family. £8 (adults), £6 (children), £25 (family – 2 adults, 2 children).

Sun 17 Dec, 1pm – 3pm

Yuletide Logs & Christmas Cones
Festive fun with Christmas cones, Yuletide logs, mulled wine and seasonal tunes. 6 years +. Small charge.

Wed 20 Dec & Thu 21 Dec, 7pm

Murder Mystery at Haigh
Lord Crawford, Alexander Lindsay, 8th Earl of Balcarres and his wife Lady Margaret Lindsey invite you to a celebration dinner in honour of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to

open the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary. But all is not what it seems and your detective skills will be called upon to help solve the most deadly crime. Period dress optional. 01942 832895. £35

Sun 7 Jan, 1pm – 3pm

History of the Hall
Interesting facts about our social history. 10 years+ with an adult. Small charge.

Sun 14 Jan, 1pm – 3pm

History of the Grounds
Guided walk. 10 years + with an adult. Small charge.

Sun 21 Jan, 1pm – 3pm

Nuts & Nestboxes
Prepare a nutty treat for the birds and make your own nest box. 6 years +. Small charge.

Fri 26 Jan, 7pm

Psychic Supper
With Medium Mary Holt. Includes 4 course meal. £25

Heritage Events

Until Sat 20 Jan

Bloomin' Lovely
The History Shop, Library Street, Wigan. The history of horticulture in our lives, and in the life of the borough. 01942 828128. Free

Sun 10, 17, 24 Dec; Wed 20, Thu 21, 11:30am – 3pm

A Christmas Past – Stir the Christmas Pudding
Experience the excitement of a Victorian Christmas at Wigan Pier. Watch the Wigan Pier Theatre Company let you into the secrets of making a perfect plum pudding. 4-11 yrs. 01942 323666.

£6.95 (£5.95 Wigan residents) per child, Concessionary £3.95 (£3.50 Wigan residents) – Adults

Sun 10 Dec, 3:15pm – 4:15pm

The Holly & The Ivy
Christmas concert of carols & readings in The Way We Were Museum, Wigan Pier. (plus mince pie and glass of sherry). 01942 323666. £3.95

Thu 21 Dec, 2pm – 3pm

Father Christmas Wore Green
The History Shop, Library Street, Wigan. Look back at Christmas Past and make a bouncing Father Christmas. 4-11 years with an adult. 01942 828128. £1

Leisure Venues

Booking & Info 01942 486900 except where stated

Formby Hall

Alder Street, Atherton
01942 876496

Wed 13 Dec to Sat 16 Dec, 7:30pm

Puss in Boots
Sat matinee 2pm start. Presented by New Garrett Theatre. 07927 760072. £6, Concessionary £5

Sun 17 Dec, 7:30pm

Christmas Brass Band Concert
Tyldesley Brass Band. 01942 876496. £5, Concessionary £4.50

Sun 24 Dec and 5 Jan, 8pm

Christmas Social Dance
Leigh NCDS. 01942 876496. £2.50 (members) £3.30 (non members)

Thu 28 Dec, 7:30pm

Friendships New Year's Social Evening. Sequence, Jive, Disco, Line Dancing. 01942 876496. £3.50

Sat 30 Dec, 8pm

Northern Soul/Tamla Motown
Featuring local DJs. 01942 876496. £4

Sun 31 Dec

Hooked on Country New Year's Eve Party
Featuring 'Bandelero'. 01942 792293.

Sun 21 Jan

Charity Brass Band Concert
01942 672971.

Wed 24 Jan to Fri 26 Jan

Bents & Bongs Beer Bash
01942 672971.

Lowton Civic Hall

01942 672971

Fri 8 Dec and 11 Jan,

8pm – 2am

The Very Best in Northern Soul
01942 672971. £5 on the door.

Fri 29 Dec, 11am & 2:30pm

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs
For School Parties. Party prices – All classes £5.50 (morning show), £6.50 (afternoon show). 07810 840422.

Sat 27 Jan, 7:30pm - 1am

Abba Tribute Night with Planet Abba. 01942 603680 or 01942 742255. £25

Ince Public Hall

01942 497533

Fri 26 Jan, 7:30pm - 11pm

Burns Night Supper
Haggis, piper, dancing & bar. 01942 861539 or 01257 273846. £13.50

Monaco Ballroom, Hindley

01942 255138

Thu 7 Dec

Community Carol Concert

Sun 10 Dec, 7:30pm

Houghton Weavers' Christmas Concert. Tickets from Wigan TIC on 01942 825677. £9, Concessionary £8

Sat 23 Dec, 8pm - 12am

Northern Link Singles Night

Sat 6 Jan, 8pm - 2am

Northern Soul & Tamla Motown
£5 on the door

Fri 19 Jan, 7:30pm

Garage Pro Wrestling Show
£6. Family tickets £18 (2 adults, 2 children).

Music & Theatre

Wigan Music Society

01257 422551

Sat 16 Dec, 7.30pm

Glad Tidings from the Rawstorne Singers
Whitley Methodist Church, Spencer Rd, Wigan

Sat 27 Jan, 7.30pm

Piano Recital by Hugh Mather
Trinity United Reformed Church, Milton Grove, Wigan

Wigan Little Theatre

Box office 01942 242561
www.wiganlittletheatre.co.uk

Until 9 Dec

Roleplay, by Alan Ayckbourn
An evening of comic chaos directed by John Churnside

Fri 12 Jan – Sat 27 Jan

Sinbad the Sailor, by Bill Collins
Traditional panto for all the family directed by Ellen Fitton.



Countdown to Christmas

Lighting up Leigh with a spectacular fireworks display.

In town centres across the borough the Christmas spirit is alive and well this year, and there's plenty of seasonal offerings and festive lights to tempt you to 'shop local'.

Watch out for 'best-dressed' window displays in Ashton and Hindley, and a Count the Baubles competition in Atherton and Tyldesley from November 27th.

Many Christmas lights had already been switched on before Borough Life hit the streets, but in Ashton the switch-on takes place outside the library at 7pm on Friday December 1st, followed by traditional carols and festivities.

In Pemberton the lights will be switched on 30 November at 4pm with a school band performance and Santa's grotto at the corner of Chapel Street and Ormskirk Road. In Platt Bridge there's a Christmas party on December 9th from 12-4pm at Platt Bridge Labour Club, featuring a children's entertainer and games.

Late night and Sunday shopping is in full swing in Leigh and Wigan where all car parks are free up to Christmas on Thursdays from 6-9pm and on Sundays.



The ever popular Houghton Weavers bring their Christmas show to Hindley's Monaco Ballroom on December 10th.