

Well, what a year so far!

My first year as Chairman started as we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and I am writing this as preparations for the State Funeral are under way.

Here at the Wigan u3a, we have seen our numbers rise higher than they were pre covid, and have several more groups with a wider range of active group members and new leaders.

I would like to thank the members of the committee who are working tirelessly to help us grow. I am also extremely grateful to those who come along and help set up meetings and make the teas and coffees. We couldn't do it without you.

For anyone wanting to get more actively involved, then do please speak up. We are always looking new leaders and new ideas - don't worry help can be given.

From Chairman Sue Wilcock

This relaunch of our Quarterly Newsletter aims to give a flavour of what is planned for Autumn 2022 in our 'youth club for older people'.

A shout out also to our parent organisation, the u3a at a UK-wide level, which this month celebrates **Forty Years** of promoting positive ageing - encouraging people no longer in full time work to explore new interests and to continue to learn, through discovering new places, topics and skills. The Wigan group was only set up a few years ago but wholeheartedly promotes these aims.

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For a small membership fee (just £10 per annum, reduced to £6.50 if already a member of another u3a group) we'll keep you in touch with everything that's on offer in the Wigan group and provide an opportunity to come along and meet new friends.

**Come along and give us a try.**

## The Wigan u3a group continues to grow ...

We're now in our fourth year and pretty much back to a full program of meetings, trips, social events and activity sessions. There is now something happening in our program just about every single day of the month.

The best way to keep up with the latest announcements and opportunities, and to be in the right place to sign up and pay for events and activities, is to come along to the open-to-all '**Members Coffee Morning Meeting**' - on the Third Wednesday of each month at the Wigan Cricket and Sports Club, Bull Hey, Wigan. Refreshments, a Quiz, and lots of information available.

Other options to drop in and meet fellow members are at the monthly '**Speakers Meeting**' on First Wednesday of the month, again at the Cricket and Sports Club; or at the more casual '**Coffee'n'Natter**' mornings at the Royal Oak, Standishgate on alternative Wednesdays.

'**Trips and Outings**' and '**Social Events**' are organised as one-offs – maybe a coach or canal barge trip; or a themed night with music and food. Buy tickets for these quickly as they will only run if sufficient interest, but then are likely to sell out as the date approaches.

Beyond this, a range of '**Special Interest Groups**' now cover almost thirty different areas of activity, providing opportunities to share enthusiasms or pick up new skills. Sign up with whoever is leading the group, to be on the mailing list for what is planned, and to be notified of last-minute changes.

Some groups take place sitting round a table, others doing something more physically active. Some are tutor-led, but most are just organised by members for themselves. Crafts, music, languages, hobbies, cycling and walking, bowling, dining out, cinema and more – new topics being added all the time.

You can also check out any of the above offerings via our website – giving the latest details of the '**what, when, where and who to speak to**', in addition to wider information about what the u3a is, membership options, and links to send email queries if you still want to know more.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/wigan/home>

Finally, as a paid-up member of the Wigan u3a you also receive email updates, especially the '**Monday Round Up**' which provides reminders of any 'dates for the diary' coming up soon, plus updates on anything else new ...

Or just read on, in this **Newsletter**, to find out what sort of things we get up to, and what's planned over the next few months.

**Plenty on offer!! Just jump in and have an explore.**

## Member Meetings, Trips & Social Events – Dates for the Diary



### Full Group Meetings at Wigan Cricket and Sport Club Bull Hey, Wigan

Members Meetings – Coffee, Quiz, Event Sign-up and Info  
Wed 10:30 to 12:00

**19 Oct, 16 Nov, 21 Dec**

Speakers Meetings  
Wed 10:30 to 12:00 (£1 charge)

**Oct 5 - Barbara Lambert  
The Victorian Chemist**

**Nov 2 - Frank Vignon  
The Sixties – A Decade of  
Decadence – Youth in Revolt**

**Dec 7 - Malcolm Hollingdrake  
Crime Writing - Committing  
murder with just a pen.**

**u3a**  
learn, laugh, live

### Outings

#### Knutsford and Jodrell Bank

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

A special trip to the affluent town of Knutsford  
.... time to shop, browse and enjoy a nice coffee.  
Followed by an exciting trip to famous Jodrell Bank  
.... view the many exhibits and grounds plus a  
memorable presentation in the Space Dome.

**£30.00 per person**

Buy your tickets from Barbara'n'Sandra  
at the next meetings. Don't delay.

Board the coach at Wigan Youth Zone .... 9:00am.

You can park on Wigan Cricket Club car park. Please place your  
vehicle at the end and put u3a identification on the dashboard.

### Social Diary Dates ...

#### Friday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Mamma Mania! Abba Tribute  
night with DJ music and hotpot  
supper. (Ticket Sales now  
Closed – Sorry.)

#### Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Night:  
Entertainment from Acoustic  
Duo. Full details coming soon.



### Christmas is coming ...

Our 'Outings' organisers are  
staying closer to home for  
December, with a meal at the  
Wheel Restaurant on Tues 13<sup>th</sup>  
Dec. (Bookings open at  
September Members Meetings  
and places are likely to go fast.)

Plus individual Activity Groups will  
often be organising their own  
festive celebrations – be on the  
mailing lists for these dates.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/wigan/events>

for the most up to date listings and details

<b>Plus Some Extra 'Activity Group' Dates for the Diary</b>	
Sept Cinema Screenings	Cinema Group: Wed Sep 21 Wednesday – 'Ticket to Paradise' and Tues Sep 27 – 'Madama Butterfly'
Wed Sep 28th	Extra Local Walk + Lunch - (a little less 'local' than usual) - Spread Eagle in Sawley and along the banks of the Ribble
Thu Oct 20th	Dining Out: A special treat for lovers of a curry. At the highly recommended Babar Elephant, Billinge
Planned Hill Walks	Tue Oct 11th - Moel Famau, North Wales, Tue Nov 8th - Holcombe Hill, Bury, Tue Dec 6th – Garburn Pass, Lakes
Tue Nov 29th	Crafts Group - Christmas Wreath Making Demonstration – Site visit with Refreshments and Carols
Tue Nov 29th	Emergency Response First Aid, at Hallgate House, run by St Johns Ambulance Brigade (further dates to follow)

## Activity Group Update

Our Activity Groups provide a way to get together with like-minded people, in smaller numbers, to share common interests. Some groups may appear and disappear with the changing seasons, for example crown green bowling in summer then ten pin bowling in winter. Some groups will be in the same venue and calendar slot, month after month, whilst others (such as walking, cinema or dining out) move around in location or scheduling and so are notified to members via 'events' listings, additional to any regular calendar entries. A few never appear on either calendar schedules or events lists, since get-togethers are organised informally and at short notice.

**But no matter how a group operates, speak to the leader to register your interest, they will keep you informed of what's going on.**

**Any immediate questions, you can check out group publicity and can send emails to individual leaders (just click on carrier pigeon icon) via the groups section of the webpage**

<https://u3asites.org.uk/wigan/groups>

Read on here for information from our Groups Co-ordinator and from the Individual Group Leaders about what's been happening in the activity groups over the Summer and what's planned as we move into Autumn.

## **NEW! NEW! NEW!**

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Group Co-ordinator Ray has been hard at work over recent months, encouraging the setting up of new groups. These are some of the planned start-ups for Autumn. Sign-up sheets and further details (once finalised) should be available at our 21<sup>st</sup> September Members Meeting

### **Ballroom Dancing:**

A basic dance class at St Matthews Community Hall in Highfield - duration 6 weeks, to teach you some basic ballroom and easy sequence dances. All members plus non-u3a partner/friend are welcome to attend. One hour of teaching plus one hour of practice each week; run by qualified dance teachers Jan and Barrie Greenall, £6.50 per person, per week. Start date hopefully October, dependant on enough people signing up. Ray is the person to contact for this.

### **Singing for Beginners:**

This is a relaunch after the group's summer break - a tutor led 10-week course, building up a repertoire of songs to be performed. It has previously proved to be both fun and popular. Provisionally restarting on Tuesday 4th Oct, and held 1.30 to 3.00 at Wigan Sport Club. Latest info on this from Group Leader, Geoff Brown.

### **Ancestry:**

We have a new leader who is willing to guide members through the process of exploring their family trees. Sessions will be held at the Museum of Life 2nd floor Archives dept.

To ensure all members enjoy their experience of u3a we need as many groups operating as possible, but this does need more people willing to act as group leaders! This is not necessarily a big task, as all that is necessary is to act as a communicator between the group members and the groups coordinator. If you have specific knowledge, so much the better, but the leader doesn't have to necessarily be the main expert.

Groups are mostly run by members and for members. Leaders just organise when and where meetings happen and keep other group members informed; different people within a group might share the organising of individual activities, or just lend a hand, set a room up, make coffees, etc. Help can be provided to find suitable venues, promote the group, and such like.

Maybe someone is interested in leading a beer and chat group, no previous experience required? Must be over 18.

<p><b>If anyone is interested in leading a group on any subject or if you simply need contact information for an existing group, please email <a href="mailto:ray.stafford@u3awigan.co.uk">ray.stafford@u3awigan.co.uk</a> (Groups Co-ordinator) or come along to chat at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Members Coffee Morning</b></p>
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## **Book Club**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month**

### **Royal Oak, 1:30 pm**

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The popular book club meeting has now found a new home, at the Royal Oak. Unlike other book clubs, we pick an author but not a specific title – giving both a good overview of the range of their work *and* lots of opportunity for book swaps. Across different genres – recent authors have included Philip Pullman, Maureen Jennings, Edna O'Brien, Maggie O'Farrell, and coming up is Adele Parks – so we get to read books we might never otherwise have thought to try.

Space available for a few extra book critics if you want to join us.

Leader: Sheila Wignall

## **Cinema Club**

### **See Events Listings for Info on Selected Showings**

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The Cinema Club motors on following great and entertaining screenings of 'Top Gun – Maverick', 'Where The Crawdads Sing' and 'Downton Abbey'. We try to provide a wide choice of adventure, intrigue, romance, musical and even a bit of horror. This is your club so let Stephen know if any favourites are heading our way.

Leader: Stephen Horrocks

## **Coffee & Natter**

### **Wednesday Mornings, 11:00**

### **Royal Oak, Standishgate**

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This session is held on those Wednesdays when there is **no** formal u3a meeting scheduled at the Cricket Club, to give an alternate venue to simply drop in

for a coffee and to meet socially with fellow u3a members. (Usually the second, fourth and occasional fifth Wednesday of the month, but do check the website calendar to double-check this). The turnout for these sessions has been known to be enough for the pub to run out of coffee cups. If we're not in the pub itself, check the large and well sheltered beer garden at the back.

See: Barbara Hardy or Sandra Gray

## **Conversation Groups**

### **French, Spanish and German**

### **See Below**

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Languages are a new and growing area for our u3a. First French, then Spanish and most recently German conversation groups are now on offer. No qualifications required, no pressure to speak up if you don't want to – just an informal opportunity to step outside of speaking purely English, to help expand vocabulary and understanding of another language in a very relaxed way. Simple story exercises too for learning particular aspects of that language.

A theme is selected in advance of the meeting, to give the chance to prepare. Learn not only the language, but also learn about different countries and why fellow members love to visit these.

**French** - 10:30-12:00 BookCycle  
1st or 2nd Friday in Month, Jo Hunt

**Spanish** - 10:30-12:00 BookCycle  
1st or 2nd Thurs in Month, Jo Hunt

**German** – Still to finalise a regular meeting slot and select a leader.



### Crafts Group 2nd & 4th Fridays in Month Bookcycle, Lunchtime

So far this year the craft group experimented with air drying clay, and making small trinket bowls, coasters and other small pottery items. We also practised making macrame knots with a view to completing a project in the future.



After our summer break we will be planning projects and interests for the next twelve months. This year I hope that we will be able to have a number of small interest groups engaging in different activities at each meeting. So, if you enjoyed last year's crochet sessions and want to become more proficient, or are already an expert, join us to help make items to donate to charity. Or if you want continue with the macrame or engage in other craft activities, then do please come along.

Sue will also be organising an outing in late November, for a demonstration of Christmas Wreath making ideas, with refreshments and carols too. Please keep in touch for more details on this.

Leader: Sue Orrell

### Creative Writing 2nd & 4th Thursday of Month Postcode Cafe, 1 pm

The Creative Writing group is a small group at the moment – although that doesn't seem to limit our ability to write and chat! Whilst a couple of our members have seen their work published, most of us just have a genuine interest in writing for pleasure, whether that be poetry or prose. We share our work, ideas and inspirations, sometimes setting challenges for each other; although these are known as 'Take it or leave it' challenges – there's no pressure to write anything other than what sparks joy for you.

*some of us like to scribble  
a line or two of verse  
our work is very varied  
some lengthy  
some quite terse  
you may favour a short story  
a novel may be your aim  
rhyming couplets may float your boat  
no two pieces will be the same  
so if you like to wield a pen  
writing's your port in a storm  
then come along to our creative group  
where the welcome will be warm*

We've also begun to share information about writing competitions and are planning a trip to the Old Courts' open mic night sometime soon. To listen – at least at first – rather than perform.

If you like to write and are looking for like-minded people, then please drop us a line or speak to Sally Lang at any of the meetings.

Leader: Sally Lang

### **Crown Green Bowling** **Each Tuesday 11:00 - 13:00** **Boars Head**

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Another exceptional season for bowling after covid. Regular members continue to turn up and a few new members have been welcomed and everyone has enjoyed our non-competitive bowling with many laughs. The season is slowly coming to an end; hopefully the weather treats us kindly up to the end of September, maybe even October. Ending with our usual soup and sandwiches at the Boars Head.

Leader: Jimmy Wignall

### **Cryptic Crosswords** **2nd & 4th Friday in Month** **Postcode Café, 10 am**

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Turning what can be quite a solitary pastime into something more sociable, while keeping the little grey cells of the brain hard at work to fight off dementia! We go off on all kinds of conversational tangents, and have a good laugh, as we tackle the riddles and word plays in a selected puzzle grid. The group is full at the moment, but do enquire re waiting list.

Contact: Cath Simpson

### **Cycling** **In Assoc with BeWell Wigan** **Speak to Leader for Info**

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Want to get into cycling, on local mainly off-road routes; bike hire included if required? This is a way to link into the support for cycling offered by Wigan Borough. Speak to Ron for further details.

Leader: Ron Hardy

### **Dining Out** **See Events List for** **Dates and Venues**

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Dining Out has launched successfully with a sell-out series of affordable monthly meals at local, fine restaurants .... The Owls, Gallimores, Olive Garden ... 18 to 20 members enjoying themselves. More are planned - check out the Monday Round Up and u3a website .... these events book up quickly.

We also offer an excellent bi-monthly Afternoon Tea at the Royal Oak (pictured below) and a bi-monthly Curry Night at local establishments.



We do listen ... so some meals are now scheduled during the day. A Christmas meal will be offered, plus Burns Night celebration, and a Chinese Buffet next year.

Suggestions for a breakfast club, a hog roast and a group picnic have also been suggested .... waistbands will be expanding!

Talk to Jane and Stephen at the u3a meetings and coffee mornings.

Leader: Stephen Horrocks



## **Gardening**

### **2nd Monday in Month, 10 am**

### **Tesco Community Room**

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Our lively gardening meeting takes place once a month, and can be a great reminder of what tasks are coming up for the time of year. We discuss successes or disasters, and any bargains to be found; and we try to brainstorm any queries. Lots of useful local knowledge to draw on! Sadly, no space for new members at the moment, but do ask to be added to the waiting list in case this changes.

Leader: Frances Richards

## **Hill Walking**

### **See Events Listings**

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Usually one walk per month, going a bit further afield and taking on steeper and longer routes as compared to those offered by our 'Local Walks' Leaders.



Upcoming planned destinations include Moel Famau in North Wales; Holcombe Hill, Bury; and Garburn Pass, South Lakes. The walks need appropriate clothing and equipment, lots of stamina and reasonable weather, so important to speak to Rick to know what lies ahead on the planned route.

Leader: Rick Alston

## **Line Dancing**

### **2nd Monday in Month**

### **Hallgate House, 13:00-15:00**

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A couple of hours of dancing and laughter. Additional members welcome. Contact Angela at a members meeting or by email.

Leader: Angela Grundy

## **Local Walks**

### **1st and 3rd Friday in Month**

### **See Website for Details**

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We are a very friendly and welcoming walking group at u3a Wigan. Recently we have had a change in the leadership of this group, June and Mike Fishwick have stepped down from leading, Ray Stafford is now facilitating with the help of Jimmy Wignall, Roger Luckhurst and John Hempstock leading groups out every two weeks on local 5 mile walks, normally starting at 10 am from a given point or post code and ideally with free parking.

We try to make the walks easy and away from any strenuous climbs, we also try to recce the route to ensure it is suitable.

We will have a rest stop at some midway point for a chance to get our breath back and to have any refreshments you wish to bring with you. After continuing on our walk we try to end near a local cafe or pub for food, drink and chat.

Recent walks have been around Standish, Aspull, Haigh, Scotsman's Flash, Old Bickershaw Colliery and Orrell Water Park and due to the wealth of green space available in the Wigan area there are lots of paths left to explore.

People interested in this group should be physically capable of walking approximately 5 miles and not suffering from any covid symptoms, also be aware of probable bad weather and muddy conditions, so waterproof shoes and clothes are a good idea but most of all be prepared to Laugh and Enjoy the company and our local environment

Leader: Ray Stafford

### **Meet and Fish Speak to Leader for Info**

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Mostly just Jimmy and Mike still getting out on their fishing trips, anywhere from Crook Village to Northumberland Derwent reservoir We plan to continue throughout the year with more reports of 'the one that got away' and other stories.

Anyone who would like to join us, we are willing to teach you, if new to fishing.

Leader: Jimmy Wignall

### **Photography 4th Monday in Month, 10.00 am Tesco Community Room**

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Home or Away – always images to capture if you look around. Holidays are generally the best encouragement to get snapping though – especially when (like Ray) you visit snowy Norway and are lucky enough to get a northern lights display. But we do get the

occasional interesting sky strolling around Wigan too, so always good to be ready to snap those images.

The photo group resumes on September 26<sup>th</sup>, after its summer break, with members invited to bring along a few favourite images from their Spring and Summer, wherever that took them. But also to chat on the topic of mobile phone photography – (of which both of pictures above are examples). The pros of using these -which go way beyond the fact you always have a camera to hand when you spot a great scene - and the cons where you'd do better with a more traditional camera.

Leader: Cath Simpson

### **Ten Pin Bowling See Events List**

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Meeting at Hollywood Bowl, near Wigan Pier, our 22/23 season kicks off on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, meeting at 1:15 for a first game at 1:30pm. Still just £11 for two games and a drink of your choice.

Leaders: Ron & Barbara Hardy

### **Ukulele Group 4th Thursday in Month Little Fifteen 14:00 – 16:00**

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Wigan U3A ukulele is emerging from the dust left by the dreaded lurgy and is coming back, although slowly. August's meeting saw us go round the room selecting songs to play and sing from our no extensive collection, a lovely beer break to have a chat with fellow strummers and then on to more serious business.

We will be entertaining at the Members Meeting on Wednesday 21st September, and have asked our sister Ukulele group Ashton U3A to join us. We practiced the set that we will be doing and we're continually surprised that we keep starting, stopping and playing the right chords in all the right places, (unlike Eric Morecambe used to do on the piano). Turned out into an interesting meeting, especially the bit where we did 'Sweet Caroline' AND did it justice.

We have an opportunity, via Ashton U3A ukes, for an outing to see the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain performing at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 19th November. I've seen previous shows and been very impressed and entertained by their wide and varied programme. Should be a great evening. Speak to me or look out for announcements.

Leader: Stephen Corless

### **Urban Sketching** **2nd and 4th Weds in Month** **Various 10:00 - 12:00**

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At least twice a month, the urban sketchers gather somewhere around the local area, with sketch pad and pen/pencil (maybe a fold up stool too to get comfortable) and then check around for interesting subjects to record.

There is always a café or pub built into the plans too, so that after an hour of sketching, the session can be rounded off with a drink and a chat, looking at our work and sharing drawing tips.

All welcome.

Leader: Sally Duggan

### **Wine Appreciation** **1<sup>st</sup> Tues in Month, 19:30 - 21:00** **St Matthews Parish Hall**

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Apart from a couple of months when holidays got in the way, we have been meeting regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at St Matthew's Cricket Club – where we have been made most welcome and attendances have varied between 14 and 25 - perfect for the venue.

The themes covered so far include Italian wines, Rioja, local supermarket offerings, noble grapes, wines from popular holiday destinations, and wines promoted by celebrities (Gary Barlow, Keira Knightly, Ian Botham etc).

Future plans include New World vs Old, Australia, France, wines for comfort food (takeaways), and Christmas Day wines. Approx £6 per person, to be booked and paid in advance at members meetings.

Leader: Mike Crickett

### **Yoga** **Each Monday 10:30 - 11.30** **St Andrews Parish Hall**

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This newly formed group meets weekly. Abi, our yoga teacher, is really welcoming and ensures that both beginners and any more experienced yogis are catered for. It's a great way to start the week feeling limbered up and relaxed. The group has proved to be quite popular and is currently at maximum size, but do ask if you'd like to be added to the waiting list.

Leader: Alan Lang.

## OCTOBER 2022 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1/2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SA 10:30-11:30 Yoga  BBC 10:30-12:00 Committee Meeting	BH 11:00-13:00 Crown Green Bowling  SM 19:30-21:00 Wine Appreciation	CC 10:30-12:00 Barbara Lambert 'The Victorian Chemist' SPEAKERS MEETING  Cinema Club 'Mrs Harris' See Events List for Details	Dining Out Group (Sold Out - Sorry) La Mamas, Standish  BBC 10:30-12:00 Spanish Chat & Coffee	V 10:00-12:00 Local Walks Speak to Leader for Details  BBC 10:30-12:00 French Chat & Coffee	
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	SA 10:30-11:30 Yoga  TCR 10:00-12:00 Gardening  HH 13:00-15:00 Line Dancing	BH 11:00-13:00 Crown Green Bowling  Hill Walks Moel Famau, North Wales Speak to Leader for Details	V 10:00-12:00 Urban Sketching  RO 11:00-13:00 Coffee & Natter	PC 13:30-15:00 Creative Writing  BBC 10:00-12:00 Spanish Chat & Coffee	PC 10:00-12:00 Cryptic Crosswords  BBC 12:00 - 14:00 Craft Group  HB 13:15-16:00 Ten Pin Bowling	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SA 10:30-11:30 Yoga  TCR 10:00-12:00 Photography	BH 11:00-13:00 Crown Green Bowling	V 10:00-12:00 Urban Sketching  RO 11:00-13:00 Coffee & Natter	PC 13:30-15:00 Creative Writing  LF 14:00-16:00 Ukulele Group	PC 10:00-12:00 Cryptic Crosswords  BBC 12:00 - 14:00 Craft Group  SOCIAL EVENT - Cricket Club Mamma Mania! Abba Tribute Night + DJ & Hotpot Supper (Sorry - Ticket Sales now Closed)	
30	31					
	SA 10:30-11:30 Yoga					

Please note that this calendar gives advance scheduled dates, potentially liable to change. See Website for updated information and for latest events list (advance notice of future-month outings, social events, etc. and additional info re walks or other variable location activities).

Note: New and Relaunches Groups - Singing (CC, Tues 1:30), Ballroom Dancing (SM, TBC), Ancestry (MWL, TBC) and German Conversation – excluded from Calendar since still awaiting final start dates, venue and/or scheduling details at point of calendar production.

### Location Codes:

BBC - Beech Hill Book-Cycle, Buckley St W, Wigan WN6 7PQ  
 BH - The Boars Head, Wigan Rd, Standish, Wigan WN6 0AD  
 CC - Wigan Sports and Cricket Club Bull Hey, Parson's Walk, Wigan WN1 1RU  
 HH - Hallgate House, 74-80 Hallgate, Wigan WN1 1HP  
 LF - Little Fifteen, 17-19 Wallgate, Wigan WN1 1LD  
 MWL - Museum of Wigan Life, 41 Library St, Wigan WN1 1NU  
 PC - Postcode Cafe, Riveredge, Southgate, Wigan WN3 5AB  
 RO - Royal Oak, 111-113 Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL  
 SA - St Andrews Parish Centre, 120 Woodhouse Ln, Wigan WN6 7LZ  
 SM - St Matthew's Parish Hall, Billinge Rd, Wigan WN3 6BL  
 TCR - Tesco Community Room, Tesco Extra, Central Park Way, Wigan WN1 1XS  
 V - Various Locations – different sessions at differing venues.