

Your bi-monthly guide to what's on at Belong Wigan

August / September 2025





B's memory café Free monthly dementia support





A day at the farm

Join us at Smithills Open Farm on Wednesday 6 August from 11am - 4pm.

Get ready for a fun-filled day and explore everything the farm has to offer. You'll have the chance to pet and feed animals, enjoy a scenic tractor ride, browse the gift shop, and treat yourself to homemade ice cream, freshly baked treats, and hearty favourites in the farm café (charges apply). Cost £11.50pp; includes entry to the farm and transport. Don't miss out – call today on 01942 855600, to secure you place.





Presenting - Jimmy Jean

Join us for a special live performance by Jimmy Jean as he brings back timeless favourites from years gone by on Thursday 22 August.

Join us in The Venue, from 2pm to 3pm, for a wonderful afternoon filled with music, memories and plenty of toe-tapping fun. Cost £4pp; call 01942 855600 to book.

Blackpool Illuminations trip

Enjoy a full day of seaside fun and sparkle as we head off to Blackpool on Wednesday 10 September for a memorable visit packed with activities.

Our first stop will be Madame Tussauds world-famous waxworks, where you can snap selfies with the stars. We'll also enjoy a packed lunch, followed by traditional fish and chips for dinner. As the day comes to a close, we'll enjoy a magical ride through the dazzling Blackpool Illuminations before heading back to the village. If you'd like to join us, we'll be leaving the village at 10:30am and returning around 9pm. Cost £35pp. Book early so you don't miss out!



Get your dabbers ready and join us for our lively community bingo evenings on Tuesday 26 August and **Tuesday 30 September** in The Venue for fun and prizes. Doors open 5:30pm. eyes down 7pm, finishing around 9pm. Cost £7 for a full book (8 games and a flyer). Tea and coffee available for 60p.

Pride celebration



Join us in the garden, on Monday 4 August from 2pm – 4pm, for an afternoon of fun, games, and a delicious barbecue as we celebrate Pride, inclusivity, and community. Expect laughter, great food, and plenty of colour – all in true Belong style. Everyone's welcome. Free entry.



A day at the farm Tractors, treats and tails



Illuminations trip Lights, stars and seaside fun



We welcome members of the whole community

CrossRoads

We're thrilled to welcome back the CrossRoads Boy Band for another fantastic afternoon of music and nostalgia on Friday 12 September from 2pm - 3pm



in The Venue. Join us as they perform hits from the past that are sure to get everyone singing along. Cost £4; booking required.

B's memory café

B's Café, in Belong Wigan, offers a warm and welcoming space where families, friends and carers of people living with dementia can come together over a cuppa and cake. The next sessions will take place on Monday

25 August and Monday 29 September, from 2pm – 4pm in The Bistro and will include a dementia workshop with Belong Admiral Nurse, Bridget Lawler, on both dates. Entry is free and members of the public are welcome. Get in touch for further details and to book.



Summer 60s

Enjoy a swinging afternoon of music as David Eley returns with his lively Summer 60s show on Friday 19 September from 2:30pm -

3pm in The Venue. Enjoy an afternoon of great music, good vibes and a touch of 60s sunshine packed with all your favourite hits from the decade. Cost £4, booking required.



Lifebeats

Enjoy an uplifting and energetic afternoon with Lifebeats on Wednesday 17 September from 2pm – 4pm in The Venue. A vibrant music session where everyone can join in, no experience needed. Beat along with drums and tambourines and enjoy a cheerful sing-along. Cost £5pp; booking required.

Our events programme is inspired by the interests of our community. If there is anything you would like to see added, please share your ideas by email with our Experience Coordinator, **Charlene Frodsham: charlene.frodsham@belong.org.uk**

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For more updates of special offer and events follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Theme nights

Join us for our next bistro theme nights and enjoy a delicious 3-course meal in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Each evening features a unique theme and menu – perfect for a special night out. Upcoming dates are Tuesday 19 August and Tuesday 23 September at 6pm in The Bistro. Keep an eye on posters and social media closer to the time, or call reception on 01942 855600, for full menus and themes – and come hungry!

Live music

We're excited to welcome talented vocalist, Dennis Frere-Smith, for an afternoon of live music and



entertainment on Friday 26 September from 2pm in The Venue. Come along and give Dennis a warm Belong welcome as he performs for the first time in our village and enjoy a delightful afternoon of song with popular tunes, you'll be sure to sing and sway along to. Cost £4, booking required.