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

December '25 / January '26

The Wheel visit
Music in Mind café concert



Burns
Night
Celebrate in true
Scottish style







Christmas market

Step into the festive magic on Friday 13 December, from 1:30pm - 4:30pm, as the village comes alive with festive cheer at our Christmas market.

Wander through stalls filled with handmade crafts, delicious festive treats, and unique gifts. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and scents of the season as you soak up the joyful atmosphere with friends, family, and neighbours. Calling all stallholders! Stalls are just £10 each, so don't miss your chance to showcase your creations, bakes, or festive goodies. Spaces are limited, so call 01942 898410, to book early and secure your spot.

Festive trip to Bents

Visit Bents Garden Centre with us on Tuesday 16 December and experience the magic of the season.

This festive outing is sure to be full of fun, beautiful decorations, and Christmas spirit. If you'd like to join us, we'll be leaving the village at 11:30am and returning at 2pm. Cost £10pp (to cover transport only). Spaces are limited and fill up fast so book early to secure your spot.



Carols and cheer

Join us in The Bistro on Monday 23 December for a heart-warming Christmas sing-along with the Freshfield Music Group.

Enjoy a magical afternoon filled with festive favourites, the enchanting sound of the harp, and plenty of Christmas spirit. Sing along to your favourite carols, and share the joy of the season with friends and neighbours. Entry is free and so are the smiles!



Festive treat

Pop into The Bistro and treat yourself to our turkey baguette with stuffing and cranberry, the perfect festive treat to brighten your day. Available throughout December, it's the ideal way to enjoy a little taste of Christmas for just £6.30.



Christmas Eve cinema



Spend Christmas Eve with us on Wednesday 24 December at 2pm and enjoy a magical movie afternoon. We'll be featuring a beloved Christmas classic that tells the heartwarming story of Kris Kringle and Christmas miracles. Get cosy with a cup of hot chocolate and tasty snacks and soak up the festive atmosphere. Cost £3pp; get in touch for further screening details and to book.

Christmas market Family, festive magic: 13 December



Festive trip to Bents Garden centre visit: 16 December





We welcome members of the whole community



Burns Night celebration

Join us on Sunday 25 January from 3pm – 4pm as we celebrate Burns Night in true Scottish style. Join us in The Venue and enjoy traditional music, good company, and a taste of haggis, neeps and tatties. It's a wonderful way to brighten up January with warmth, laughter, and a wee bit of poetry. Call reception for further details and to book.

The Wheel visit

Join us for a special outing to Wigan and Leigh College Wheel Restaurant for a Music in Mind concert on Monday 1 December. We'll be leaving the village

at 12:30pm and returning at 3:30pm. It promises to be a lovely day of music, community and connection don't miss out. Contact reception for further details and to book.



Experience Days

Belong Experience Days offer a specialist day care service designed to provide enrichment, companionship, and peace of mind for carers, all within the warmth of our vibrant village community. Guests can enjoy a variety of daily activities and events, relax over lunch in The Bistro, and enjoy drinks and snacks throughout the day,



while also having the opportunity to connect with our friendly support teams. Be a part of a caring community and feel what it's like to 'Belong' – call today on 01942 898410 to find out more and to book a taster session.

National Pie Day

Join us on Friday 23 January from 2pm – 3pm as we honour one of Britain's favourite dishes with a village-wide pie celebration. From savoury classics to sweet treats, there will be plenty to taste, share, and enjoy, and it's completely free. Bring your appetite and if you like, your own homemade pie, to share with friends and neighbours. No booking required.

Join the team

We're looking for home carers to join our award-winning Belong at Home team, supporting people to continue living independently in their own homes. If you own a car and want the opportunity to



make a real difference in your local community while working for the sector leader when it comes to home care, we'd love to hear from you. Scan the QR code to learn more and apply online, or visit www.belong.org.uk/careers

B's memory Café

B's Café, in Belong Atherton, offers a warm and welcoming space where families, friends and carers of people living with dementia can come together over a cuppa and cake. Meet with Belong's Admiral Nurse for dementia advice and support and join in with dementia-friendly activities with members of the experience team.



The next sessions will take place on Wednesday 10 December and Wednesday 14 January, from 2pm - 4pm in The Venue, on both dates. Free to join - call the village to find out more and to book.

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, jade.shield@belong.org.uk





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