

Westhoughton Local History Group

in conjunction with the 2023 European & UK National Heritage Open Days

Invites you to:

“THE WINGATES BAND STORY”

1873 ~ 2023

& Associated Aspects of Howfen’s History

An exhibition graphically profiling the remarkable story of one of the most famous brass bands of all time, and featuring numerous photographs, documents, recordings, music, memorabilia, and ephemera (with many items publicly displayed for the first time), augmented by musical interludes by ‘pedigree’ Howfen entertainers, and TWO different but complementary illustrated talks highlighting some of the more unusual and lesser-known chapters of this compelling local tale...

The entire event is FREE OF CHARGE, and will be staged at

WESTHOUGHTON LIBRARY/CARNEGIE HALL, MARKET STREET, BL5 3AT

(With the kind permission & support of Bolton Library & Museum Services)

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Sat:10am to 5pm; Sun: CLOSED; Mon: 10am to 5pm; Tues: 10am to 7pm

Wed: CLOSED; Thurs: 10am to 5pm; Fri: 10am to 5pm

Get this key Library event ‘BOOKED’ in the diary NOW!

(...and ANOTHER INVITATION: Throughout Saturday 16th September, WINGATES BAND will be hard at work preparing for an important contest, and you are welcome to visit the bandroom at Wingates Square (BL5 3PS) for the fascinating experience of witnessing a ‘PUBLIC REHEARSAL’...Do give it a try!!)

Throughout the initial **'Heritage Days'** period, members of the WLHG team will be in attendance, stewarding the exhibition, whilst on the **'Event Days'** (September 9th,14th & 16th), there will be Wingates-related **RAFFLES, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS** will be available, and the opportunity to purchase WLHG and Wingates Band **MERCHANDISE** in support of two worthy local organisations.

IMPORTANT NOTE: After end of the Heritage period, the exhibition will remain in-situ on the library upper level until **TUESDAY, 31st OCTOBER.**

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## HERITAGE WEEK PROGRAMME

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 9th:

- 10.30am:** PUBLIC EXHIBITION PREVIEW  
**11.00am:** Welcome / Introductory remarks by DAVID KAYE (Chairman, WLHG), followed by the OFFICIAL OPENING of the exhibition in the CARNEGIE HALL by JIM BERRY, lead singer of *The Houghton Weavers*  
**11.30am – 12.00 noon:** Musical Entertainment by WINGATES BAND  
**12.30pm – 1.00pm:** Entertainment by JIM BERRY  
**1.30pm – 2.00pm:** Musical Entertainment by WINGATES BAND ENSEMBLE  
**2.30pm – 3.00pm:** Entertainment by JIM BERRY

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 14th:

- 10.00am:** Library Opens; Public access to Exhibition  
**10.30.am:** Illustrated Talk by DAVID KAYE:  
**The History of Wingates Band ~ Part 1**  
**(Aspects of the band's story in 12 objects – with apologies to Neil MacGregor!)**  
**12.00 – 12.30pm:** Musical Entertainment by JIM BERRY

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 16th:

- 10.00am:** Library Opens: Public access to Exhibition  
**10.30am:** Illustrated Talk by David Kaye:  
**The History of Wingates Band ~ Part 2**  
**(Aspects of the band's story in a single TWEET...yes, just 280 characters!)**  
**12.00noon – 12.30pm:** Entertainment by Corrie Shelley (Singer/Songwriter)  
**12.30pm – 1.00pm:** Entertainment by Jim Berry  
**1.30pm – 2.00pm:** Entertainment by Corrie Shelley