

MIDDLETON ARENA

events

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The Take That Experience - see page 8 for details

WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF EVENTS

at Middleton Arena!

We have everything you need to keep you entertained going into the colder months, including two fantastic pantomimes!

As Heywood Civic Centre undergoes redevelopment, we're delighted to still be able to bring Heywood's very own pantomime to Heywood Sports Village, where *Snow White* will bring magic and joy this Christmas.

Meanwhile at Middleton Arena, this year's pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* promises to be bigger and better than ever! Brought to you by the same production company behind last year's *Snow White*, expect hilarity, spectacular sets and a fabulous cast.

We have some brand new shows hitting our stage this season, including music shows such as *Billy Joel - The Piano Man* (page 10), *Get It On* (page 7) and *Stax of Soul* (page 14). Calling all true crime fans - *The Serial Killer Next Door* (page 9) and *The Makings of a Murderer* (page 16) will offer insight into some of the world's most notorious investigations.

We also see the return of some hugely popular shows from previous years, including *Milkshake Live* (page 7) and *Thank ABBA For the Music* (page 12).

With Christmas coming up, our gift vouchers offer a world of entertainment for your loved one, see page 22 for more information.

Read about how to book on page 4, and visit us at yourtrustrochdale.co.uk for more information on the charity's wider activities.

We look forward to seeing you this season!



BOOKING AND FACILITIES

ONLINE
Book online 24 hours a day at **yourtix.co.uk**

TELEPHONE
Call our box office on **0300 303 8633**, Monday - Friday, 10am - 2.30pm

IN PERSON
Middleton Arena's box office is open Monday - Friday, 10am - 2.30pm

ESSENTIAL COMPANIONS
Our Essential Companions scheme exists to enable all patrons to equally participate in Middleton Arena and Heywood Civic Centre events. It is offered to all those who require a companion to assist in accessing the facilities.

More information on applying for our Essential Companions scheme can be found at **middletonarena.com**

ACCESSIBILITY
All public areas at both venues are fully accessible, with lifts to upper floors available at Middleton Arena. Both also have accessible toilets and baby changing facilities.

For more accessibility info, please see **yourtrustrochdale.co.uk** or call **0300 303 8633**.

SLICE CAFÉ
Middleton Arena's Slice Café is open during show times, offering a range of snacks and hot and cold drinks. Both Middleton Arena and Heywood Civic Centre also have fully licensed bars.

WHERE BETTER TO HOST YOUR EVENT THAN MIDDLETON ARENA?

Middleton Arena is designed to be flexible and can be used in many different ways. The upper and lower auditoria can be split by a sliding wall to create two separate areas. The upper auditorium can be used as a studio, performance space or function room. Middleton Arena can accommodate 503 people in a theatre style set up, or 280 for a banquet set up.

Middleton Arena is available to hire for:

- Events or shows
- Film and television work and period film shoots
- Conferences
- Exhibitions
- Celebrations and parties

The multi-purpose Slice Café Bar can also be hired and the stage is an ideal space for smaller conferences or an unusual twist on corporate meetings and events.

For further information, contact the events team on **arts.events@yourtrustrochdale.co.uk** or call **0300 303 8633**.

Alternatively scan the below QR code and complete the form at the bottom of the web page.



THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

SATURDAY 5 AUGUST, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £33.60

Get ready for all the hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship in this breath-taking live concert spectacular.

You'll be Going Loco Down in Acapulco as we take you back down memory lane with all the Motown classics from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops and many, many more.

Celebrate the sound of a generation with one very special night of *The Magic of Motown!*



MILKSHAKE! LIVE

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST, 12PM & 3.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

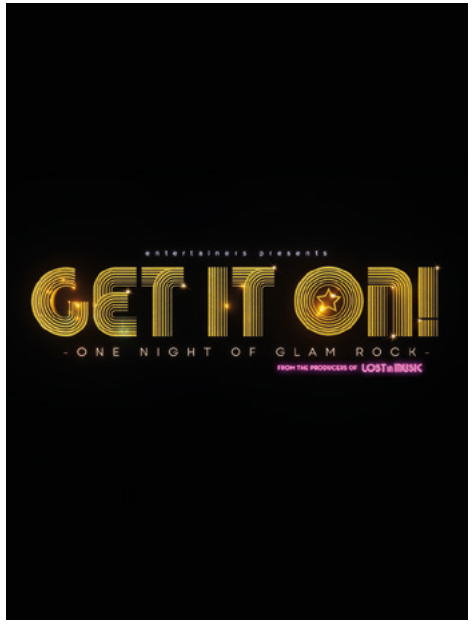
Tickets: Adult: £17.33 / child (under 16) £16.28

Milkshake! Monkey is back and can't wait to put on a spectacular new show for you all, joined by some of his favourite *Milkshake!* friends for the most dazzling show you have ever seen!

Join Paddington, Daisy & Ollie, Milo, Noddy, Pip and Posy, Blue's Clues & You! and of course *Milshake!* Monkey for an unforgettable family time at *Milkshake!* Monkey's Musical!

This brand-new show has plenty of laughter, audience interaction and great fun to get everyone up on their feet.





GET IT ON!

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £29.40

It's time to bang a gong and *Get It On* for one night of glam rock!

Girls rock your boys as we bring you the biggest glam rock show of a generation. An outrageous celebration of a golden age, *Get It On* brings you the costumes, the make-up and the music.

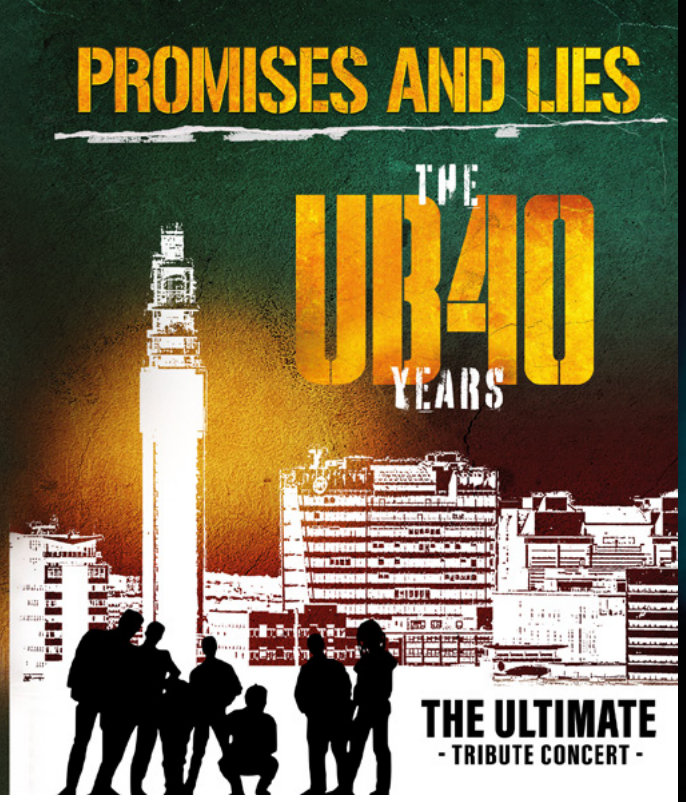
Featuring some of the biggest hits from T.Rex, Mud, Slade, Bowie, Suzi Quattro, Wizard, Sweet and many more. Come on feel the noize and dress to impress for this feel-good show of the year.

PROMISES AND LIES - THE UB40 YEARS

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA
Tickets: £26.78

The world's premier show in celebration of 'The Kings of Reggae' - experience all the hits from The UB40 Years, fronted by international tribute Andy Bagnall plus a line up of supremely talented musicians.

In this reggae pop extravaganza expect to hear *Red Red Wine, (I Can't Help) Falling in Love With You, Rat in Mi Kitchen, I Got You Babe* and many, many more.





THE TAKE THAT EXPERIENCE

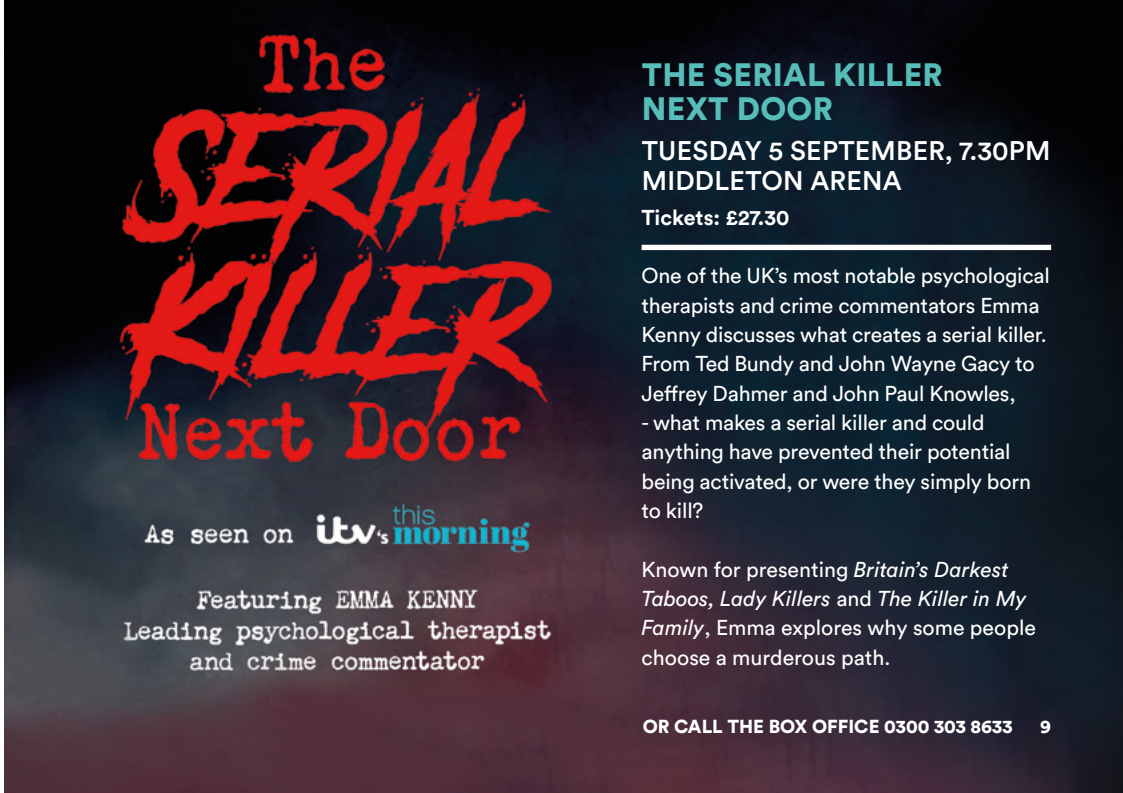
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA
Tickets: £28.35

As Take That celebrate over 30 years as the UK's number one boy band, The Take That Experience mark a decade together as their most popular and recognised tribute act.

With acclaimed vocal performances, stunning replica costumes and iconic dance routines, The Take That Experience recreate the magic of Take That live on stage with their Greatest Hits Tour.

Including *Pray, Relight My Fire, Patience, Rule the World* and many more.





THE SERIAL KILLER NEXT DOOR

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA
Tickets: £27.30

One of the UK's most notable psychological therapists and crime commentators Emma Kenny discusses what creates a serial killer. From Ted Bundy and John Wayne Gacy to Jeffrey Dahmer and John Paul Knowles, - what makes a serial killer and could anything have prevented their potential being activated, or were they simply born to kill?

Known for presenting *Britain's Darkest Taboos, Lady Killers* and *The Killer in My Family*, Emma explores why some people choose a murderous path.

BOWIE EXPERIENCE

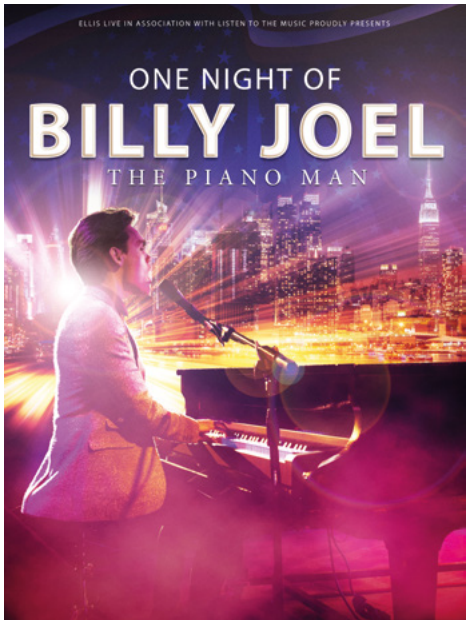
FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER,
7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £26.25

A must for all Bowie fans, Bowie Experience is a spectacular concert celebrating the sound and vision of David Bowie, with all the hits from A to Ziggy.

Bowie Experience will amaze you with an astounding attention to details, bringing the golden years of David Bowie to the stage. So put on your red shoes and *Let's Dance!*





ONE NIGHT OF BILLY JOEL: THE PIANO MAN

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £25.73

The ultimate celebration concert to one of the most iconic and best-selling artists of all time.

In this brand-new touring show, Robert Schmuck (Billy The Kid) and his amazing 7-piece band perform breath-taking musical arrangements of multi-million selling songs such as *My Life, Uptown Girl, River of Dreams, An Innocent Man, Just the Way You Are* and many more. It's a non-stop hits show!

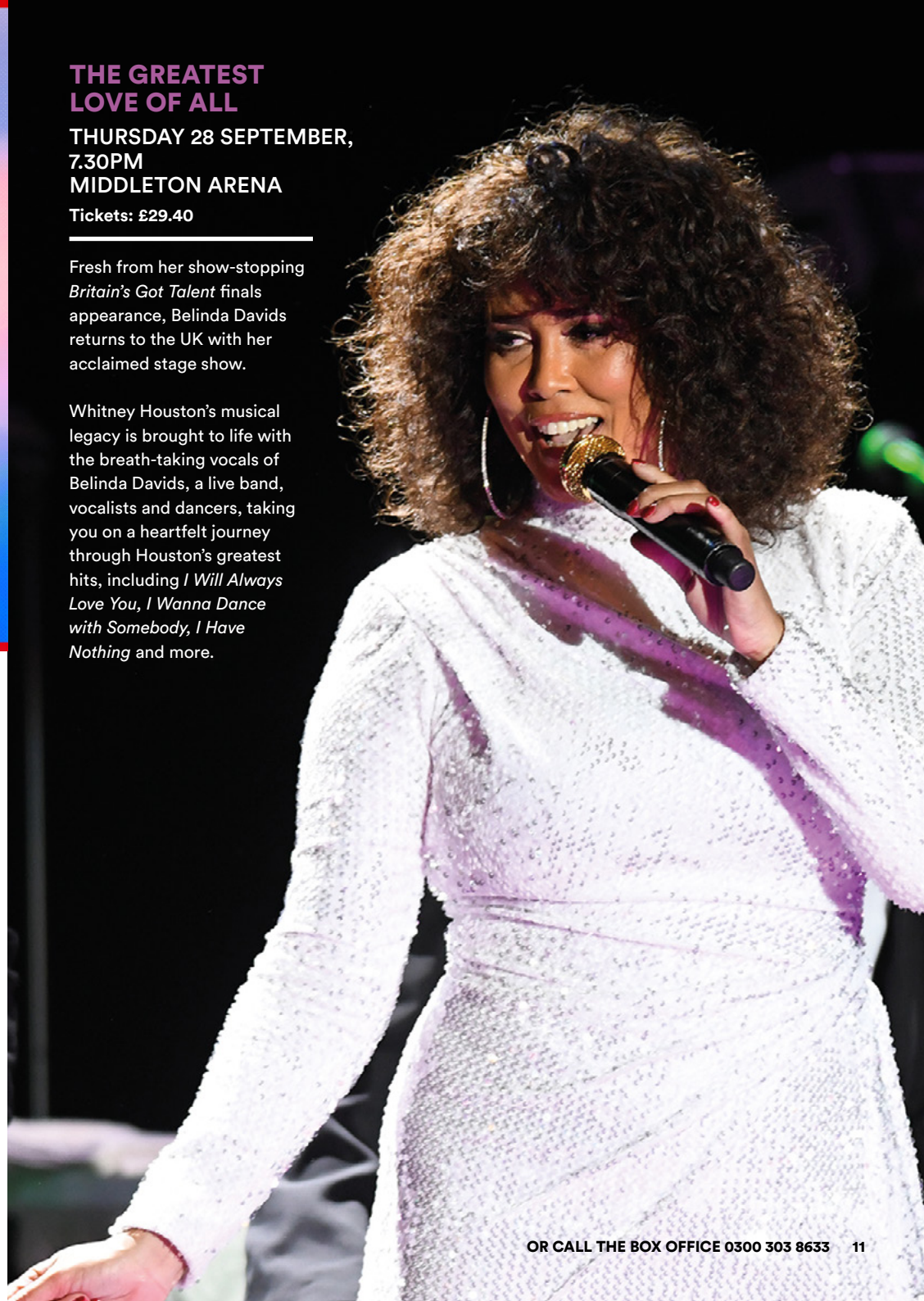
THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER,
7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £29.40

Fresh from her show-stopping *Britain's Got Talent* finals appearance, Belinda Davids returns to the UK with her acclaimed stage show.

Whitney Houston's musical legacy is brought to life with the breath-taking vocals of Belinda Davids, a live band, vocalists and dancers, taking you on a heartfelt journey through Houston's greatest hits, including *I Will Always Love You, I Wanna Dance with Somebody, I Have Nothing* and more.



HELLO AGAIN: THE NEIL DIAMOND SONGBOOK

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £28.35

The world's greatest celebration of the life and work of Neil Diamond, starring Brooklyn Creed and The Salvation Band.

Using evocative imagery, video and narration to enhance the magic, *Hello Again* takes you on a musical journey through Neil Diamond's glittering 50-year career, which has included massive hits such as *Sweet Caroline*, *Forever in Blue Jeans*, *America* and more.



THANK ABBA FOR THE MUSIC

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: Adult: £25.20 / concession £23.10 / child (under 16) £23.10

Grab your platforms and flares for the UK's No.1 ABBA-fest! Featuring all of ABBA's greatest hits, including *Dancing Queen, Waterloo, Mamma Mia, Take A Chance On Me, Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! SOS, Fernando, Super Trouper* and many more!

With stunning costumes, live band, interactive video projection, some tongue-in-cheek Swedish humour, and of course ABBA's spectacular trademark harmonies - this is the ultimate feel-good party show.

ABBA and 70's fancy dress optional... but encouraged!



DO YOU BELIEVE IN GHOSTS?

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £29.40

Welcome to a haunting night at the theatre. Are you feeling brave?

If you are, join us and we'll tell you all the secrets of what goes on when the theatre goes dark. When the only thing to guide you is the Ghost Light, to keep mischievous spirits away.

Sharing ghost stories of things that go bump in the night, or the day, *Do You Believe in Ghosts?* will raise the hairs on your arms and send chills down the back of your neck...

STAX OF SOUL - 40TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £21

The original. A reputation that needs no introduction. Stax of Soul are bringing their much-loved soul review to Middleton as part of their 40th anniversary tour.

Recreating the very best from the catalogues of Stax, Atlantic, Motown and Northern Soul plus tributes to James Brown and The Blues Brothers, Stax of Soul bring you the ultimate Soul Party.

Includes over 30 soul classics, including *Tears of a Clown, My Girl, Move On Up, Papa's Got A Brand New Bag* and lots more.



HEYWOOD AODS PRESENTS DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

TUESDAY 17 – SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
(AND 2.15PM SATURDAY MATINEE)
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: Adult £17.85 - £16.80 / concession £15.75 - £14.70 / child (under 16) £15.75 - £14.70

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on your stage! Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities.

DREAMCOAT STARS

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £28.35

Featuring stars from hit production *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, this magical evening of West End and Broadway musical classics is packed full of songs from the nation's most-loved musicals, including *Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, SIX, Wicked, Moulin Rouge* and more.

Draw back the curtains, sing along and relive all your favourite productions in one epic show!

THE MAKINGS OF A MURDERER

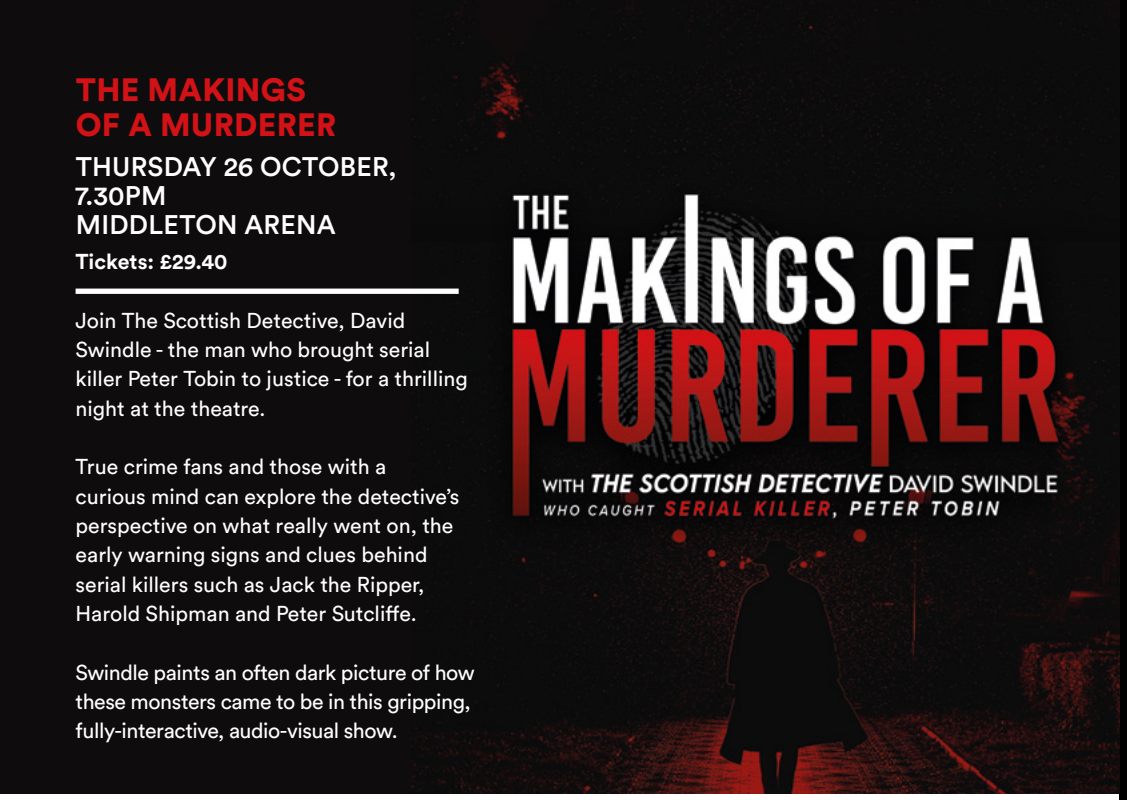
THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER,
7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £29.40

Join The Scottish Detective, David Swindle - the man who brought serial killer Peter Tobin to justice - for a thrilling night at the theatre.

True crime fans and those with a curious mind can explore the detective's perspective on what really went on, the early warning signs and clues behind serial killers such as Jack the Ripper, Harold Shipman and Peter Sutcliffe.

Swindle paints an often dark picture of how these monsters came to be in this gripping, fully-interactive, audio-visual show.





THE RETRO ROCK SHOW

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER, 7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: Adults: £25.20 / child (under 16): £23.10

The RETRO Rock Show is a live two-hour extravaganza, performed by the finest rock musicians who have toured with some of the biggest names in rock!

From the moment the lights go up and the band hits the stage you'll be taken on a musical *RETRO* journey featuring songs by Queen, Starship, Fleetwood Mac, Def Leppard, Roxette, Berlin, Van Halen, U2 and many more.

Packed with high energy and a full stage production that makes this show one of the most exciting to see. Featuring Kerry O'Dowd from BBC's *The Voice UK* on lead vocals.

TWIST & SHOUT - THE ULTIMATE 60'S NIGHT

SATURDAY
4 NOVEMBER,
7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £25.20

A fun-packed musical journey back to the Swinging Sixties!

An all-star cast from the West End deliver a musical powerhouse of a show that starts with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power and Free Love of the late sixties.

Music lovers are invited to return to a time when skirts got shorter and hair got longer as an incredible cast revives the hits of The Beatles, Herman's Hermits, The Rolling Stones, Dusty Springfield and many more!

CELINE - MY HEART WILL GO ON

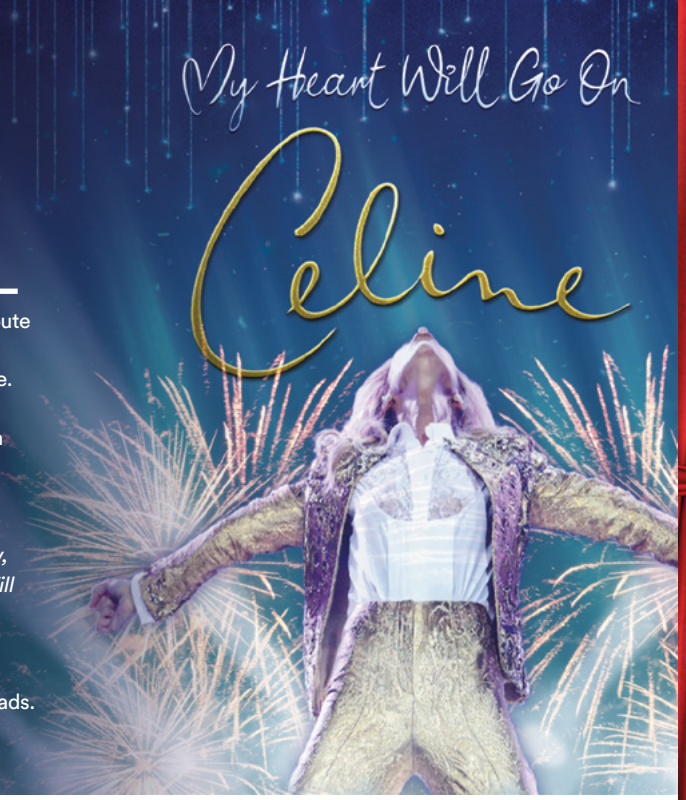
THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER,
7.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £26.25

Experience the ultimate Celine Dion tribute concert, celebrating the music and life of one of the greatest singers of our time.

Starring Alexandra Darby as Celine Dion and an outstanding live band, you'll be taken on a magical ride through four decades of hits that include *The Power Of Love, It's All Coming Back To Me Now, Because You Loved Me and My Heart Will Go On*.

Join us for an unmissable evening as we pay homage to the Queen of Power Ballads.





GIRLZ WORLD

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER,
6.30PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: £18.90

A non-stop diva extravaganza for fans of all things pop music!

Sing along to all your favourite songs as we celebrate some of today's most sensational pop artists, including Ariana Grande, Pink, Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Dua Lipa, Katy Perry and Little Mix.



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THERE'S A MONSTER IN YOUR SHOW

THURSDAY
16 NOVEMBER,
1.30PM & 4PM
MIDDLETON ARENA

Tickets: Adults £17.05, child (under 16) £14.85

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations are leaping from page to stage, as the beloved *Who's in Your Book?* series makes its debut as a brand-new musical show.

Expect plenty of fun for your littlest ones as their favourite characters, including Monster, Dragon, Alien and Unicorn, come to life in a show that is packed with playful moments to enjoy together.

There's a Monster in Your Show... and he can't wait to meet you!



THIS CHRISTMAS, YOU'RE INVITED TO A PANTOMIME FULL OF FE, FI, FO & FUN!

JACK & THE BEANSTALK AT MIDDLETON ARENA.

Join our hero Jack, his mother Dame Trott & his brother Silly Billy as they try to defeat the evil Fleshcreep and his master the Giant who lives in the great castle in the sky. Jack dreams of marrying Princess Jill, he hopes that if he saves the village his dreams may just come true. With help from The Fairy and some magic beans anything is possible...

Don't miss this year's spectacular pantomime featuring a superb cast, beautiful scenery, colourful costumes, amazing special effects and lots and lots of laughs!

Book Your Tickets Now.

*Suitable For All Ages



PERFORMANCE TIMES

Dec 2023		Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Fri	1	10.00am		7.00pm
Sat	2		2.00pm	6.00pm
Sun	3	No Performances		
Mon	4	10.00am	1.00pm	
Tue	5	10.00am	1.00pm	
Wed	6	10.00am	1.00pm	
Thu	7	10.00am	1.00pm	
Fri	8	10.00am	1.00pm	7.00pm
Sat	9		2.00pm	6.00pm
Sun	10		1.00pm	5.00pm (S)
Mon	11	No Performances		
Tue	12	10.00am	1.00pm	
Wed	13	10.00am	1.00pm	
Thu	14	10.00am	1.00pm	
Fri	15	10.00am	1.00pm	7.00pm
Sat	16		2.00pm	6.00pm
Sun	17		1.00pm	5.00pm (R)
Mon	18	No Performances		
Tue	19	10.00am	1.00pm	
Wed	20	10.00am	1.00pm	
Thu	21	10.00am	1.00pm	
Fri	22			7.00pm
Sat	23	11.00am	2.30pm	6.00pm
Sun	24	11.00am	3.00pm	
Mon	25	Christmas Day (No Perfromances)		
Tue	26		2.00pm	
Wed	27		2.00pm	6.00pm
Thu	28		2.00pm	6.00pm
Fri	29		2.00pm	6.00pm
Sat	30	11.00am	2.30pm	

S - Signed Performance, Sun 10 December, 5.00pm
R - Relaxed Performance, Sun 17 December, 5.00pm

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TRIO ENTERTAINMENT RETURN TO HEYWOOD FOR THE FAIREST PANTO IN THE LAND - SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS!

SATURDAY 16 - THURSDAY 28 DECEMBER
HEYWOOD SPORTS VILLAGE
Tickets from £9.50

Mirror, mirror on the wall, which is the most spectacular pantomime of all?

Join Snow White in her fairytale adventure of a lifetime. Will Prince Ritchie rescue his beloved Snow White from the Wicked Queen's evil spells? Will the horrible Henchman complete his perilous task upon the Princess? Will the Seven Dwarfs get to the poisoned apple before Snow White?

Find out with this all-singing, all-dancing production from the team behind last year's Jack and the Beanstalk.



PERFORMANCE TIMES

DEC 2023	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sat 16	-	2pm	6.30pm
Sun 17	11am	3pm	-
Mon 18	-	1pm	6.30pm
Tue 19	-	1pm	6.30pm
Wed 20	-	1pm	6.30pm
Thu 21	-	1pm	6.30pm
Fri 22	-	2pm	6.30pm
Sat 23	11am	3pm	6.30pm
Sun 24	11am	3pm	-
Tue 26	-	2pm	6pm
Wed 27	-	2pm	6pm
Thu 28	11am	3pm	-

NEW VENUE FOR 2023

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Enjoy savings on theatre and concert tickets throughout the year with our Best of Friends scheme for only £15 a year.

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Benefits include:

- Discount of 15% on tickets for shows throughout the year*
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- Priority booking for certain shows (email address required)

To apply, visit yourtrustrochdale.co.uk/best-of-friends-membership

*Please note, not every show is included in the Best of Friends scheme.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Your Trust Gift Vouchers are the perfect gift! You can purchase with confidence knowing that there will be something for everyone at your local venues.

Our gift vouchers, which start at £5, can be redeemed against all events at both Middleton Arena and Heywood Civic Centre.

For details contact the box office on **0300 303 8633** or email **arts.events@yourtrustrochdale.co.uk**



HOW TO FIND US

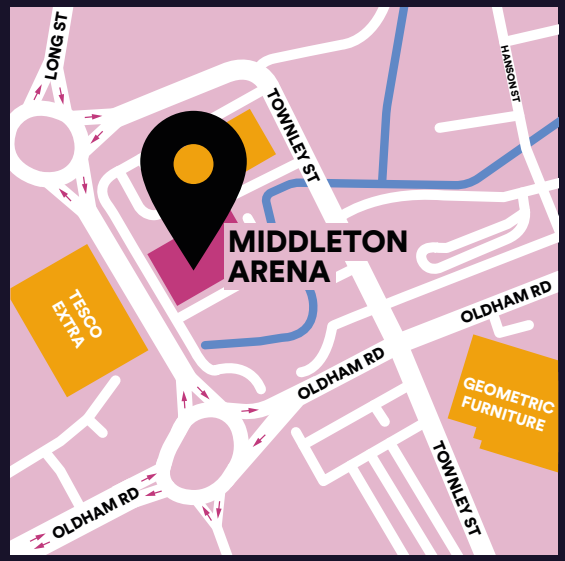
MIDDLETON ARENA

Located two minutes from Middleton town centre, bus station and additional pay and display car parking.

By car, Middleton is approx five minutes from the M60 (Junction 19) and the M62 (Junction 19) and 15 minutes from Manchester City Centre. Please use postcode M24 1AG if you are navigating by sat nav.

Nearest train station: Mills Hill is a 25 minute walk away. See tfgm.com for timetables.

Nearest bus routes:
17 - Rochdale to Shudehill; 163 - Piccadilly Gardens to Bury; 18 - Manchester Royal Infirmary to Langley; 415 - Oldham to Middleton. See tfgm.com for timetables.



HEYWOOD SPORTS VILLAGE

Heywood Sports Village is located on the outskirts of Heywood town centre, off Queen's Park Road.

Heywood is approximately five minutes from the M62 (Junction 19) and M66 (Junction 3). Please use postcode OL10 4TW if you are navigating by sat nav.

Nearest bus routes:
B3 – Bury to Norden, B4 - Bury to Heywood; R2 - Rochdale to Bury. See tfgm.com for timetables.



AT A GLANCE

DATE	TITLE	VENUE
AUGUST		
Sat 5 Aug	The Magic of Motown	Middleton Arena
Sun 13 Aug	Milkshake! Live	Middleton Arena
Thu 17 Aug	Get It ON!	Middleton Arena
SEPTEMBER		
Fri 1 Sep	Promises & Lies: The UB40 Years	Middleton Arena
Sat 2 Sep	The Take That Experience	Middleton Arena
Tue 5 Sep	The Serial Killer Next Door	Middleton Arena
Fri 8 Sep	Bowie Experience	Middleton Arena
Fri 15 Sep	One Night of Billy Joel	Middleton Arena
Thu 28 Sep	The Greatest Love of All	Middleton Arena
Fri 29 Sep	Hello Again	Middleton Arena
OCTOBER		
Fri 6 Oct	Thank ABBA For the Music	Middleton Arena
Sat 7 Oct	Do You Believe in Ghosts?	Middleton Arena
Fri 13 Oct	Stax of Soul	Middleton Arena
Sat 14 Oct	High School Musical	Middleton Arena
Sun 22 Oct	Dreamcoat Stars	Middleton Arena
Thu 26 Oct	The Makings of a Murderer	Middleton Arena
Sat 28 Oct	The RETRO Rock Show	Middleton Arena
NOVEMBER		
Sat 4 Nov	Twist & Shout	Middleton Arena
Thu 9 Nov	Celine: My Heart Will Go On	Middleton Arena
Sun 12 Nov	Girlz World	Middleton Arena
Thu 16 Nov	There's a Monster in Your Show	Middleton Arena
Mon 27 Nov - Fri 29 Dec	Jack and the Beanstalk	Middleton Arena
DECEMBER		
Sat 16 - Thu 28 Dec	Snow White	Heywood Sports Village

FURTHER AHEAD

DATE	TITLE	VENUE
JANUARY		
Sat 13 Jan	Ballet Theatre UK - The Wizard of Oz	Middleton Arena
Fri 19 Jan	Connect with David	Middleton Arena
Sat 20 Jan	Fastlove: A Tribute to George Michael	Middleton Arena
FEBRUARY		
Sat 3 Feb	Circus Spectacular	Middleton Arena
Sat 10 Feb	Walk Like A Man	Middleton Arena
Sun 18 Feb	The Greatest Magician	Middleton Arena
Fri 23 & Sat 24 Feb	Fleetwood Mac Legacy	Middleton Arena
MARCH		
Fri 1 Mar	The World Famous Elvis Show, starring Chris Connor	Middleton Arena
Fri 22 Mar	Million Dollar Men	Middleton Arena
APRIL		
Sat 13 Apr	The Mersey Beatles	Middleton Arena
Fri 26 Apr	A Century of Swing	Middleton Arena
MAY		
Fri 10 May	Rat Pack - Swingin' at the Sands	Middleton Arena
JUNE		
Thu 6 Jun	Clinton Baptiste: Roller Ghoster	Middleton Arena
Sat 8 Jun	Thank ABBA For the Music	Middleton Arena

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