

Bolton Scene

The council newspaper for the Bolton family

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Christmas all wrapped up



CHRISTMAS SHOW: Gold medal winning cyclist Jason Kenny will be turning on the Christmas Lights, while this year's festival will see a covered ice rink

WE'VE got winter and Christmas all wrapped up starting with our Christmas lights switch

on, (November 17).

Olympian, Jason Kenny will be doing the honours turning on the lights and with

our traditional Christmas parade, a fiery stage show on Victoria Square and a host of local talent, plus

the firework display and switching on of the lights, there'll be something for everyone.

But that's not all. December will see a bigger and better Christmas Market, and a Winter Festival running

into January with a covered ice rink, large snow slide, traditional nativity scene, Santa's grotto, Santa's Express and festive entertainment.

For further details see page 16 and our town centre supplement inside.

The Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor Cliff Morris, said: "We've pulled out all the stops again this year to make it a marvellous, magical Christmas in Bolton. Starting with the lights switch-on, we will have something for all the family in the run up to Christmas, including plenty of festive entertainment and attractions in the town centre.

"I'm also looking forward to a wonderful Winter Festival in the build up to Christmas as we welcome back old favourites."



Free parking

at NCP multi-storey car parks Deane Road, Topp Way and The Octagon at weekends and Bank Holidays

After 3pm every weekday from Nov 17th 2016 - Jan 8th 2017

Plus a Free Metroshuttle bus service operating around the town centre... For more information visit www.visitbolton.com

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Do something incredible

A **CAMPAIGN** has been launched to attract more people to become foster carers.

Bolton is one of 23 local authorities backing the #youcanfoster campaign which aims to replace foster carers leaving due to retirement and natural turnover, at the same time as an increase in the numbers of looked after children.

The campaign wants to dispel some of the out-dated misconceptions about children in foster care as well as those around who is eligible to foster - and attract more people to step forward and find out more.

Whether you are older, single or never had chil-

dren, you can foster.

Bolton currently has more than 280 children and young people in foster placements and this number continues to grow.

Need

Bolton needs foster placements for:

- brothers and sisters - including sibling groups of three or more children or young people;
- older children and young people - more than half are aged 10 or older;
- long term - where children and young people are not be able to live with their own families for a number of years, if at all.

ple stay in a family where they feel secure, while maintaining contact with their birth family.

- Children with complex or additional needs including behaviour that challenges. There is a need for 'short break' carers - carers providing a variety of different types of part-time care, stays for anything from a few hours each week to a couple of weekends each month, giving their own family or their full time foster carers a break).

Everyone

The council's Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children, Councillor Ann Cunliffe,

said: "We are always on the look-out for new foster carers, from all walks of life, and we appreciate those who are able to create a family for our children who need it most. The council can offer a wealth of experience and support to foster families and we encourage people who might be interested to talk to us about the possibilities available.

"We are particularly keen to hear from local residents who can offer a home to local children who are older or are part of a larger sibling group - maybe their own children have grown up and left home and they have space in their home and heart to continue family life with a foster child."

For more information on fostering visit <http://youcanfoster.org/>

"Fostering has been the most challenging but also the most rewarding thing we have ever done"

Pearl 56, from Farnworth, who has fostered 20 children during the last 16 years said: "My husband will agree with me when I say that it has been the most challenging but also the most rewarding thing we have ever done. I used to work as a nurse but I decided I wanted to devote my time to fostering and I love it. I enjoy working from home and it doesn't feel like work at all.

"We make the children part of the family and I can't think of anything else that I'd rather do. Initially we did worry about the kinds of challenges we would face, but you get an abundance of information beforehand from social services and there has never been a child that we have said no to. The key is never to be afraid to ask for help or advice if you need it."

Foster our future

Are you.. **Committed?** **Inspirational?** **Resourceful?**

If you are, then **Bolton Council** Fostering Team **needs you** to care for children and young people



Meet the challenge - reap the rewards

We are looking for exceptional people to support, motivate and encourage young people to make positive life choices

We offer competitive rates, excellent support and development opportunities

We need carers for children over 7 and groups of brothers and sisters

Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk/fostering
Email us fostering@bolton.gov.uk or ring

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Curtain's up

TWO key town centre developments are on track this autumn.

The nine-screen Light Cinema, with a capacity of 1200 seats, developed in the Market Place Shopping Centre has opened.

The Market Place's owners have invested millions of pounds in the centre including opening up the Vaults with new bars and restaurants and a special chefs quarter which proved a big hit with visitors to the Bolton Food and Drink Festival. New shops have opened with the return of big names such as

Body Shop and Top Man, but it's more than just about retailing - there's also lots for families to do, including a mini golf course and miniature train.

Early 2017 sees the re-opening of the Albert Halls providing refurbished theatre, function rooms and other public areas.

Both projects are a key part of the council's strategy for the town centre to improve to be a place where peo-



ple visit, meet family and friends and spend time in.

A town centre cinema

was a key aim and the council worked hard to get a private sector partner who would be able to develop it.

As well as improving the entertainment facilities at the Albert Halls the council is also supporting the refurbishment of the Octagon Theatre. The venue is one of the top regional theatres in the country and

plans are being developed to focus on modernising and enlarging the building,

and improving accessibility and accommodation for the theatre's on and off-stage theatre projects, including its work with young people.

A one off grant of £2m from the council enabled the theatre to bid for a further £4m from the Arts Council. The rest of the funding will come from grants and donations.

And as we announced in the last edition of Bolton Scene a new visitor attraction, Eternal Egypt, will be developed in the museum to highlight its significant collection of Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

Message from the Leader



Councillor Cliff Morris

The national housing crisis presents challenges for all our communities and this month I want to update you about how the council is working to tackle this and ensure homes are built in a way that is controlled, measured and sustainable.

As one of the ten councils in Greater Manchester, we are working together to produce a joint plan to manage the supply of land for jobs and new homes across our region; this plan is being called the Spatial Framework.

The desire to invest and develop in Bolton is something we should be proud of because it clearly shows confidence in our local economy. Our plan will ensure that we have the right land in the right places to deliver the homes and jobs we need up to 2035, along with identifying the new roads, rail and utility networks that we need to achieve this.

There are always difficulties in the relationship between local authority planning and central government, as legislation can change in the blink of an eye. Of course these topics inspire passion, and we try to pull in the direction of maintaining local democracy and not have big decisions dictated to us by central government - it is after all why planning committees exist.

As the Spatial Framework was developed it issued a 'call for sites' which was open to all developers. I want to be clear that these responses from developers are not the council's wish list - our plan is to work towards using as many brownfield sites as possible with existing planning permissions. We are looking at ways to make sure developers carry out their plans to build on those spaces, which in many cases they currently are not.

I want to reassure you that before this gets to the final process we will look at every single developer application and press hard for infrastructure investment to ensure that Bolton is treated fairly.

Refurbished Albert Halls wins award

THE Albert Halls complex will open early next year after a year-long refurbishment.

The extensive project was carried out by Wilmott Dixon and included repair and replacement of the roof, as well as refurbishment of all rooms in the Albert Halls.

The roof was replaced with Welsh slate, in keeping with the original slates and the council and Wilmott Dixon have been awarded a Welsh Slate Living Heritage award for the work they have carried out.

Inside the Albert Halls, the contractors have refurbished and redecorated all the function and conference rooms, including fresh paintwork and new carpets. In the corridor outside the council chamber, the contractors discovered an original tiled floor underneath the carpets and this has been restored to its original glory. The Festival Hall has been repainted, recarpeted and the chandeliers removed and cleaned, whilst in the Albert Hall, the organ has been removed and restored.

The Lancaster Suite has also been refurbished and will be available for conferences and functions

The Albert Halls new layout also includes a café bistro and the council is currently talking to potential occupiers.

Leader of Bolton Coun-

cil, Councillor Cliff Morris, said: "We are delighted that work is almost completed on the conservation and regeneration of the Albert Halls.

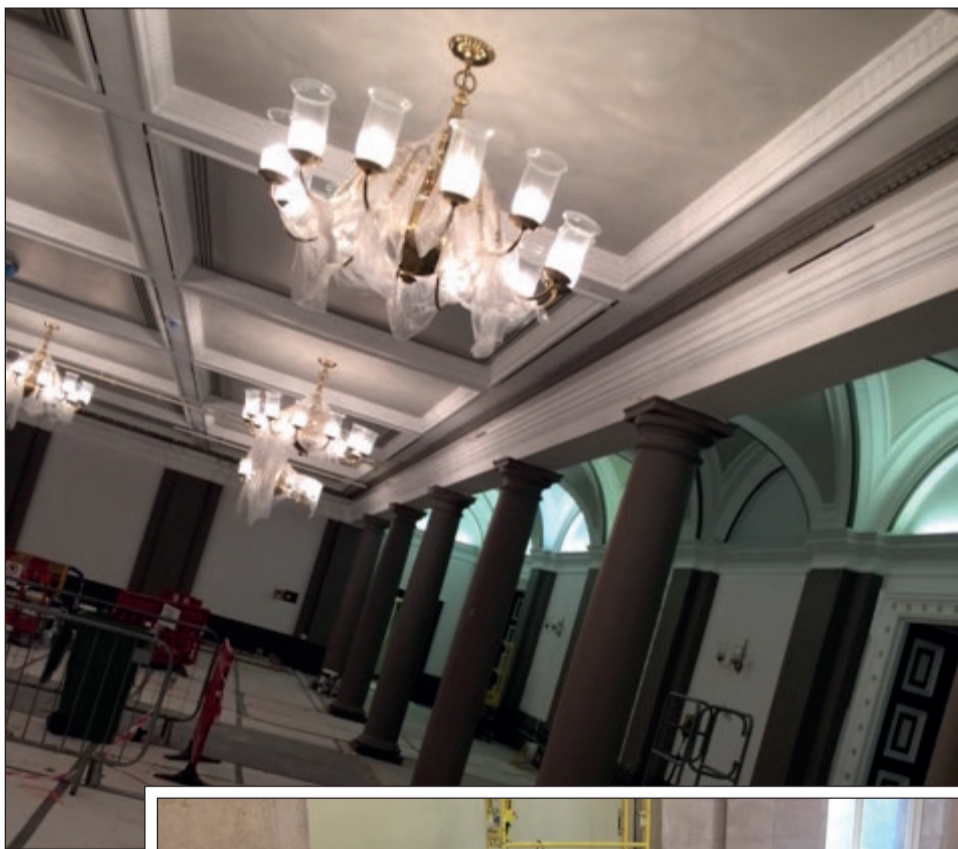
"We are also really pleased to be the first recipients of the Living Heritage award from Welsh Slate, which demonstrates the care and attention we have taken in restoring the halls, as we know it is an important building for Bolton people.

"The roof repairs and stonework repairs were essential as part of ongoing maintenance and the work will help maintain the building for many more years to come.

Meanwhile the restoration of the Festival Hall, Lancaster Suite and other conference rooms will allow us to provide a modern multi-purpose venue, suitable for a range of activities which will help us to make this historic building more economically viable for years to come."

The entire building is Grade II listed and certain repairs and maintenance works were essential to preserve the asset's listed status.

The project has been paid for from one-off capital money that the council receives to spend on projects but which can't be used to run services which need regular income to keep going.



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Brightmet



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Remembering black history

THE Mayor of Bolton officially opened this year's Black History Month celebrations in Bolton.

Events throughout October were organised by the African Community Association of Bolton to recognise the contributions and achievements of the Afri-

can community. Local artists delivered workshops about storytelling, drama, dance and music at various venues across the borough.

The Mayor, Councillor Lynda Byrne, is pictured opening the event which featured readings and a display of African dancing.



Helping you to help yourselves

WE WANT your ideas for how communities can be improved.

The council faces a lot of demand for its services, so has set up the Community Empowerment Fund to help communities help themselves.

Local community, voluntary and other non-profit making organisations can apply for a one-off investment to run a project or service.

We would like to see opportunities for people to become more active and connected, and helping people to do things for themselves so they don't need council services. For example, by:

- Running a local community facility, such as a community centre
- Getting more people involved in your community
- Joining up with other groups or organisations in your community to work together
- Encouraging people to reduce waste and recycle more
- Promoting, maintaining

and using local parks and green spaces

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving people's health
- Reducing the number of children living in poverty

During the last two years the council has invested £1.3m into the fund with around half a million pounds awarded so far.

One scheme which was awarded funding of £33,000 was Castle Hill Wrestling Club to run sessions for five to seven year olds and eight to 16 years. It teaches children the basics of wrestling, but also children healthy eating and nutrition. The funding has been used to find and train volunteers, deliver taster sessions in schools and set up a membership scheme to become self-financing.

The club has helped more than 220 children get fit and healthy with several going on to join the British Wrestling Association and with potential to compete. The club is also working with four schools.

Groups can apply for grants between £500-£40,000. If you are unsure if you meet the criteria the

CVS can help. Tel 01204 546010. Further details about the grants can be found at www.bolton.gov.uk/cef



TEAM WORK: Max Zeglen (left) and Jake Whelan receive instruction from coach Ryan Kay, with (above) coach Eddy Kavanagh teaching Alfie Shepherd and Kyle Winston about healthy eating



Improved day care in Horwich



NEW CENTRE: The new centre improves day care in Horwich



THE Brazley Centre in Horwich has been turned into a £1m day care facility.

It's been developed to support the health and wellbeing of older residents and those with a learning disability. Older adults' day care provision and day care for adults with learning dif-

ficulties have moved into the new hub.

The work included a new extension to the front of the building to incorporate a welcoming entrance, sensory room and activity room. There is also a pleasant conservatory style extension created to the side of the building to provide a lounge area, plus improved outdoor space for service

users. The community centre has also benefited from a refresh and should open up more opportunities for community use.

The Deputy Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "We're pleased to be investing in services for older people and for those with disabilities, and it is sure to be an

excellent facility for the community.

"We recognised that the Brazley Centre could be refurbished and put to better use, therefore offering us the opportunity to bring together two services under one roof. It's also great to see our continued work with the NHS, delivering real improvements in services for our residents."

Be safe this Bonfire Night

HALLOWE'EN and Bonfire Night are occasions where families get together to enjoy the festivities, but there are times when this can be spoiled by the mindless actions of a few people.

The police, fire, council, and other agencies are working together to make sure people enjoy the celebrations safely. 'Treacle' is the name given to the campaign in which agencies join forces to prevent Bonfire and firework injuries, antisocial behaviour and criminal damage during this period.

Hallowe'en can be a lot of fun for children and young people, but it can also be distressing and intimidating for some residents. If you are going 'trick or treating' please respect and consider others to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.



For Guy Fawkes please consider attending an organised event rather than risking your safety by having your own bonfire. This year the official organised event will take place at Leverhulme Park on Friday 4th November. There will be a funfair starting at 6pm and fireworks display from 8pm.

Visit www.safe4autumn.com to find out about other organised events in Bolton.

Attending an organised bonfire is always the safest way to enjoy the festivities, but if you still want to hold your own bonfire, please make sure you keep yourself and your family safe by visiting safe4autumn.com for some bonfire and firework safety advice.

To report firework nuisance or other anti-social behaviour call Greater Manchester Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Meet your councillors...

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Kearsley



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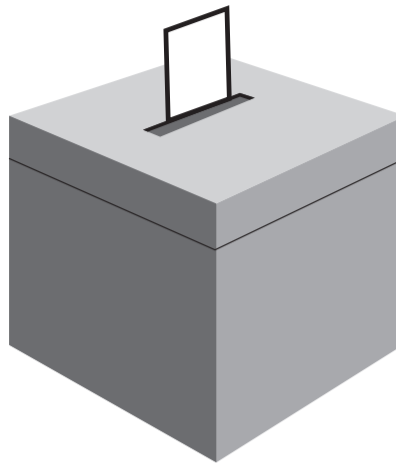
Have your say

CHANGES to Bolton's Parliamentary constituencies are being proposed as part of a national review.

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England.

It has proposed reducing the number of MPs in England from 533 to 501, as part of reducing constituencies across the UK from 650 to 600. It is also trying to make sure that the number of voters in each constituency is

roughly equal - no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507. Constituencies currently have between 54,232 to 105,448 electors.



In Bolton it is proposing:

- Bolton West to include the council ward of Halliwell.
- Bolton North East should

include the Rumworth and Great Lever wards from the existing Bolton South East constituency.

- As a result of the proposed changes in the boroughs of Bolton and Bury, it is proposed that a new constituency, to be called Farnworth, be created from five Bolton Council wards and three Borough of Bury wards from the existing Bolton South East and Bury South constituencies.

Further information about the changes can be found on the commission's website www.bce2018.org.uk

The deadline for comments is 5 December.

Racing ahead



RACE WINNERS: Neil Pendlebury of Leigh Harriers is pictured winning the race in a time of 1hr 11min 49 secs while the first female runner to cross the line was Carmen Byrne of Holcombe Harriers in 1hr 29min 25secs. (Pictures courtesy of Mark Lysycia www.marklysciaphotography.com)

THE Bolton Community Half Marathon was a great success attracting some 700 runners for the tough course.

The race started and finished on Le Mans Crescent, and went along Chorley New Road then followed the Middlebrook trail, with a loop through Lostock and Westhoughton before returning along the Middlebrook trail back to the finish.

Bolton has a long history of running and sporting competition and world record holder Ron Hill competed for Bolton Harriers. In the early 1980s the Bolton Marathon was one of the first and biggest in the UK. The spiked running shoes was also invented in Bolton by the company which went on to become Reebok.

Crackdown on flytipping

SIX residents have been taken to court as part of a continuing crack down on flytipping.

Sisters Iveta Lakatasova and Monika Lakatasova were both given a community order with a curfew and tagged for eight weeks from 7am to 7pm. They were also ordered to pay costs each of £377 and victim sur-

charge and costs of £85.

The pair were caught following an investigation by an environmental enforcement officer in Great Lever.

Both sisters admitted flytipping the waste on four separate occasions.

Three people were also given fixed penalty notices for leaving waste in back streets, including a sofa and wooden shelving. Aneta Calota, Monika Kotlarova and Rafael Marek were all fined between £80 and

£160 pounds and ordered to pay costs of up to £185 each, plus a victim surcharge.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Councillor Nick Peek said:

"We are determined to crack down on fly tipping, which causes all sorts of problems for local residents, from attracting pests to becoming a fire risk. The waste also costs local taxpayers for the council to

remove it.

"We are pleased that these sisters have been handed a community order, which includes carrying out community payback work, such as removing litter and flytipping.

"We hope that picking up other people's waste will demonstrate the act as a deterrent to those thinking of leaving their waste in the back streets in future."

Transport boost for Logistics North

A VITAL transport link to Bolton's Logistics North industrial estate has been extended to help shift workers.

Logistics North Local Link has extended start times following discussion with major employer Aldi. The first trip now runs from 4am to meet the 5am early morning shift. The afternoon service has also been extended to run one hour

earlier from 1pm.

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) worked with Bolton Council and developer Harworth Estates to launch the flexible bus service to help more people reach employment.

Aldi is a major employer at the Logistics North development, off the A6 near Farnworth.

People simply need to register once and can then

book journeys online or by phone for up to one week before, with just an hour's notice needed.

For people travelling from outside the area, pickups can also be booked for journeys from local bus and train stations, including Bolton and Farnworth Bus Stations and seven local train stations.

The service runs every day (except Christmas Day,

Boxing Day & New Year's Day) to meet start and finish shift times, from 4am to 9am, 1pm to 6pm and 7pm to 1.30am.

Full details of the Logistics North Link including fares and concessions are available at www.tfgm.com/locallink or by calling 0161 200 6012, where people can also register to use the service and book journeys.



BUS LINK: Cllr Guy Harkin (Deputy Chair of the TfGM Committee) and Cllr David Chadwick (Bolton Council Cabinet Member for Special Projects, Transport and Skills) check out the new service

Meet your councillors...

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and Mon
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Fri 18 Nov
and Fri 17
Dec, 5-6pm
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Westhoughton South



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▶ Working together for a Better Bolton

Winter is nearly here...

This time of year can be great fun but cold weather and shorter days, plus more colds, flu, and other bugs mean that winter can also be a difficult time for many of us.

Bolton Council and NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are working together to help you and your family stay safe, and healthy this winter.

Have you had your flu vaccine?

Remember vaccinating against flu doesn't just protect you but it also protects those around you.

Contact your GP for more information.

Bolton Care Record

Bolton Council and the CCG are making a few changes to health and care services in Bolton so they work better for you. As part of our plans, local health and care organisations will be working more closely to make patient care even better.

To do this, we need to make some changes so that everyone involved in your care can see your medical records. This means that your GP, a specialist at the hospital, a district nurse, or a social care professional (to name but a few...) will have access to complete, accurate, and up to date information and you won't have to repeat yourself all the time.

Included in your Bolton Care Record will be the medication you are currently taking, your allergies, test results, and critical medical and care information. Health and care staff who are directly involved in your care will be able to access your information but only if they have your permission to do so.

The benefits for you:

- Joined up care is safer care.
- Faster care in an emergency. Sharing records means that health and care professionals can skip the questions and focus on you.
- More time spent on you and your care, instead of going over the same information over and over again.
- Your care plan (if you have one...) is quickly available to all those who need it.
- More effective record sharing helps services work better together, potentially reducing hospital stays so you can get home sooner.

Where to go when you're not well...



Self Care

Lots of minor illnesses can be effectively treated at home. The best prescription for a cold is to get lots of rest, drink plenty of water, and take paracetamol. Cough and cold medicines can be bought over the counter and will help to relieve your symptoms.



Pharmacy

Many medicines are available at your local pharmacy without a prescription and pharmacists offer expert advice without an appointment. Lots of Bolton pharmacies are open at evenings and weekends.



GP

All Bolton GP practices are open 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday, with additional weekend appointments available at Halliwell Surgery and Deane Medical Centre. Your practice provides same day assessment for children under 12. If your practice is closed, the number for the GP Out of Hours Service will be given on the answerphone message.



A&E

Is for serious and life threatening conditions only. If you go to A&E with minor health problems you may be turned away and directed to a more suitable NHS service.

Could you help a neighbour this winter?

Some people find it harder to continue with their daily activities during the winter months. People may find it difficult to go to the shops, visit friends or go on days out.

Those struggling to pay their gas and electricity bills may be less likely to invite friends and family round to visit. All of these factors combined can make winter a difficult time.



How can you help?

Watch out for the signs of winter illness - People with existing health conditions are particularly vulnerable during the winter months as cold weather can increase risk of illnesses such as colds, coughs, flu, heart attacks, strokes, breathing problems and hypothermia.

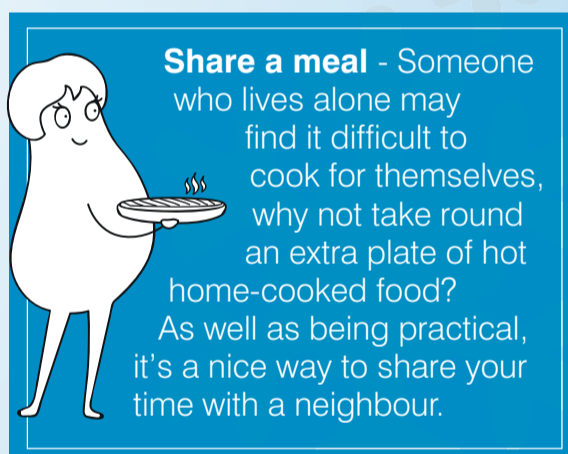
Look out for signs of serious illness, such as drowsiness, slurred speech and the person not complaining of feeling cold even in a bitterly cold room. If you're worried, ask if there's a relative or close friend you can phone, or call the GP.

Start a conversation - Talk to your neighbours when you pass them on the street and build up relationships, this will make it easier to start conversations when you want to offer any help.

If your neighbours are older they may have hearing difficulties or memory problems so make sure that you speak clearly and take time to listen.

Offer practical help - Ask if they need any help with tasks such as shopping, posting letters, and collecting prescriptions.

Share your time - Volunteering is a great way to help, from befriending services to lunch clubs, your local community and voluntary service can help you find a volunteering opportunity, call Bolton CVS on 01204 546060



Help with household tasks - Some health conditions may worsen during the colder months meaning that some people may benefit from help with basic chores. This could include taking out the rubbish, changing light bulbs, fastening sash windows, clearing snow off the path, and putting up pictures. This is also a good opportunity to have a chat and see how someone is feeling.

There are numerous services across Bolton that can help people get out and about and engage with others over the winter months, from lunch clubs at Age UK to community sessions at your local UCAN centre.

You can find the information for these services and more at: www.mylifeinbolton.org.uk

Struggling to pay your energy bills?

Are you or someone you know having difficulty paying your energy bills?

Bolton Money Skills service can help, from switching to applying for help to paying your bills Call 01204 332916, also Bolton Care and Repair may be able to help you access grants towards household improvements call 01204 328178.



Christmas and New Year

Waste and recycling bin collections 2016

Normal collection date

Revised collection date

Monday 26 December

Tuesday 27 December

Tuesday 27 December

Wednesday 28 December

Wednesday 28 December

Thursday 29 December

Thursday 29 December

Friday 30 December

Friday 30 December

Saturday 31 December



Recycle your Christmas tree

For a charge of **£12** Bolton Community Transport Furniture Services will collect and recycle your real Christmas tree. Call **01204 364777** before **Friday 6 January** to arrange collection. You can also take it to your local Recycling Centre.

Recycle this Christmas

We all know Christmas can be a busy time with so many lists to write, shopping to organise and parties to attend.

But don't forget to recycle over Christmas.

Christmas dinner, New Year's Eve celebrations and friends and family popping round all mean one thing – fridges and cupboards stocked with food and drink.

Bottles made from plastic and glass, cranberry sauce jars, mince pie foil cases can all go straight into the burgundy bin, but remember to give them a quick rinse in washing up water and remove any plastic tops or lids.

On Christmas morning after opening the presents recycle all the wrapping paper and cardboard boxes in your beige bin along with the cardboard sleeves from food packaging

and brandy sauce cartons when preparing your Christmas dinner.

Food waste such as vegetable peelings, turkey bones, plate scrapings, Christmas pudding, tea bags and coffee grinds, and any out of date food can be put in your food waste container or green bin.

And while we might spend a little extra time getting ready for Christmas and New Year nights out, just remember that toiletries such as plastic shower gel and shampoo bottles, deodorant and shaving gel aerosols along with card packaging from face creams and moisturisers can all be recycled!



For more information or to order your recycling container visit:
www.bolton.gov.uk/lovereycling

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Council

Do it online

IF YOU need to let the council know about a problem then there is an easy way to do it online.

You can report a range of problems through the council's website – www.bolton.gov.uk

FLYTIPPING: This is the illegal disposal of waste on public land and we treat it very seriously. We will prosecute anyone caught fly-tipping waste. Our website has a form for you to fill in to give us as much information as possible – where the waste is; what is in the waste if you can tell; and as much information as possible if you saw who left it.

We will look through the waste to see if there is any evidence of who has dumped it and we will aim to remove the fly tip inside three weeks. Please don't disturb the waste as it could be dangerous.

Bolton at Home will clear up waste left on their estates, while any left on private land will be the responsibility of the land owners.

POTHoles: You can report potholes or damage to roads or pavements by completing our online form. We inspect our public roads and pavements at regular intervals but we still need your help to bring to our attention possible hazards and problems.

DOG MESS: Owners must clean up after their pets if they have fouled public land, and if they don't, could be fined £75 or prosecuted with a fine of up to £1000. Our website has a form where you can report dog fouling.

BIN COLLECTIONS: Waste and recycling collections take place between 7.30am and 6pm. There can be a number of reasons why your bin may not have been emptied, including the street being blocked by cars. If your collection is missed, call 01204 336632 or email wasteandrecycling@bolton.gov.uk before 5pm the next working day after your collection was due to take place.

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Going for gold

LOCAL sporting stars have been honoured at this year's Bolton Active Sports Award.

The awards celebrate the achievements of local sporting stars, volunteers, clubs, and people who have overcome difficulties to take part in athletic activity.

The winners were announced at a ceremony last month with former Wanderers' player Kevin Davies as guest of honour.

Bolton Council's Cabinet Member for Culture, Youth and Sport, Cllr John Byrne, said: "Bolton has a fantastic network of sports teams and physical activities, and it's encouraging to know that so many people enjoy taking part and keeping fit. Not only that, there are scores of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly, including coaches, mentors and volunteers".

Look out for the next few editions where we will feature some of the winners.

Winners were:

- Club/Class of the Year award sponsored by Decathlon Bolton – Theatre Dance Studio
- Instructor/Coach of the Year Award sponsored by Carrs Pasties – Jemma Entwistle
- Junior Sports Team of the Year, sponsored by The Emerson Group - FC Strikerz Athletics
- Senior Sports Team of the Year, sponsored by Saville Audio Visual - Hunters Masters Group Stunt



SPORT WINNERS: The winners of this year's awards

- Sports Achiever of the Year, sponsored by Swinton Insurance - Katie Jackson
- Unsung Hero in Sport Award sponsored by the University of Bolton – Neil Brown
- Young Volunteer of the Year, sponsored by Nissan Bolton - Joseph Crowder
- Disability Sports Achiever of the Year, sponsored by Air Vault Trampoline Park - Jim Heggie
- Changing Lifestyle Recognition Award, sponsored by Bolton Arena - Warren McKay
- Volunteer in Sport of the Year Award sponsored by Bridgewater Community Healthcare Trust – Laura Peacock

Several special awards were also presented:

- The Liam Chronnell Award, in honour of a former Bolton News sports writer, went to Paul Usher.
- Get Active Bolton Recognition Award – Ann Hardman.
- Special Achievement Award – former Bolton Wanderers player Kevin Davies has been prominent over recent years in providing charitable enterprises for young people to achieve their goals through sport and physical activity while learning crucial life skills that will be with them for the rest of their lives.



SPECIAL AWARD: Kevin Davies receives his special achievement award from leader of the council, Cllr Cliff Morris

King Kenny's bicycle on display

THE childhood bike of our Olympic hero, Jason Kenny, has gone on display in Bolton Central Library.

Gold medallist Jason, from Farnworth, rode the Kona Main BMX as a teenager.

The red and black bike has been loaned to Bolton Library and Museum Services by fellow Farnworth resident Rob Tyler, who bought it at a local church auction.

Rob, who is married with two daughters, said: "My mum is a church warden at our Lady of Lourdes in Farnworth, which is the same church that Jason's parents attend. I noticed his BMX was going up for auction, and I thought it would be a good way to help raise funds for the church."

Bolton Council's Cabinet Member for Culture, Youth and Sport, Cllr John Byrne, said: "We are so glad Rob was put in touch with us as we love to help out in situations like this. Rob said he wanted the bike to hopefully inspire young people in the town, and show that to be a success at sport you don't need the latest kit."

He added: "I had this idea in my head that I could donate it to the Jason Kenny Centre or Bolton Council but I struggled to find the right person to speak to. Then I decided to donate it to charity to raise funds for a good cause, but wanted to make one last phone call to the council before doing so – and that's when I struck gold!"

The bike is now affixed to the wall of the Children's Library, with plans to transfer it to Farnworth Library at a later date.

Bolton Museum and Library Services also has on display a portrait of Bolton boxer and Olympic silver medallist Amir Khan in the Art Gallery; plus the Commonwealth medals of the country's most successful amateur wrestler, Albert Aspen, on display in the Bolton Lives gallery.

OLYMPIC ORIGINS: Rob Tyler has loaned Jason Kenny's childhood bike to Bolton Library and Museum Services – Cllr John Byrne tries it for size



Progress with new centre

VISITORS to Horwich Leisure Centre can see the progress being made to the new facility.

Foundations and concrete pilings have all gone in, and the steel sheet piles are now being installed ready for the retaining wall, with the steel frame arriving on site early November.

The new leisure centre is being built on the site of the former multi-storey car park, and the current centre will remain open until it is ready. The old centre will be demolished to make way for a modern health hub housing multiple GP surgeries and localised health services.

The project is funded by Bolton Community Leisure Trust, which manages the

centre, and Bolton Council to encourage more people to take up sport and live longer healthier and happier lives.

Ongoing communication with customers and residents to try and address any issues that have arisen and help minimise disruption.

As well as a dedicated information point within the centre progress pictures and live coverage of 'work in progress' can be seen through a time lapse camera on the Horwich Rebuild page at www.boltonleisure.com.

Wherever possible local businesses have been supported in the building of the new facility:

- All the steel frame building components has been produced, supplied and installed by a Bolton steel fabricator.

- The total tonnage of steel that will be used in the building will be 210 ton.

- The proposed concrete retaining wall has been supplied by a company that produces 1.5 miles of concrete wall a week from their factory.

- All the concrete for the foundation and slabs will be provided by a company from Horwich Business Park.



BUILDING WORK: How the new pool will look and work installing the pilings

2016 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT (SPECIAL EVENTS) 1994 SECTION 16

THE BOLTON (VARIOUS STREETS, BOLTON) (CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON AND FIREWORKS DISPLAYS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES, SUSPENSIONS AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS) (NO.79) ORDER 2016

The Borough Council of Bolton has made an Order, which will be operative from 17 November 2016, to enable the following events to take place:

The Bolton Christmas Light Switch-On & Fireworks Display - between approx. 16:00 and 20:00 on 17 November 2016.

The Dunscar Christmas Light Switch-On - between 15:00 and approx. 19:00 on 27 November 2016.

The Astley Bridge Christmas Light Switch-On - between 12:00 and approx. 18:00 on 4 December 2016.

The Horwich Christmas Light Switch-On - between 17:00 and 19:00 on 2 December 2016.

During the aforementioned periods all pedestrians and vehicles not engaged in the staging of the events will be either prohibited and or restricted from entering, proceeding standing, waiting, loading and or unloading, or otherwise remaining at rest in the locations specified below.

Bolton town centre event road closures:

Howell Croft North; from Back Deansgate and Howells Yard to Le Mans Crescent;

Le Mans Crescent; from Howell Croft North to Howell Croft South; Howell Croft South; from Le Mans Crescent to Ashburner Street; Ashburner Street; from Howell Croft South, Back Spring Gardens and Queen Street;

Victoria Square (north side of the Town Hall); from Howell Croft North to Old Hall Street;

Old Hall Street; from Victoria Square North to Deansgate;

Victoria Square (south side of the Town Hall); from Howell Croft South to Coronation Street;

Coronation Street; from Victoria Square (south side of the Town Hall), to the property boundaries of no.38 and 40 Newport Street.

Churchgate; between Silverwell Street and Deansgate / Bradshawgate;

Deansgate; between Churchgate and Bridge Street; Bridge Street; between Deansgate and Corporation Street; Corporation Street; between Bridge Street and Knowsley Street;

Knowsley Street; between Corporation Street and Deansgate;

Deansgate; between Knowsley Street and Howell Croft North;

Market Street; between Corporation Street and Hotel Street;

Hotel Street; between Market Street and Victoria Square.

Bolton town centre event footway closures:

Howell Croft North; west side from Le Mans Crescent, for approximately 20m in a northerly direction;

Le Mans Crescent; west side from Howell Croft North, to approximately 50m south of Cheadle Square.

Le Mans Crescent; east side for its entire length;

Victoria Square (north side of the Town Hall); south side from Le Mans Crescent, for approximately 50m in an easterly direction;

Victoria Square (south side of the Town Hall); north side from Le Mans Crescent, for approximately 50m in an easterly direction.

This Order will also temporarily suspend the hackney carriage stands specified below:

Howell Croft North; from 2m north of Victoria Square (north side of Town Hall) to 31m north of Victoria Square (north side of Town Hall).

Victoria Square (north side of Town Hall); from Howell Croft North for 15 m in an easterly direction.

Victoria Square (north side of Town Hall); from 21m east of Howell Croft North to 31m east of Howell Croft North.

Replacement hackney carriage stands will be established as follows:

Deansgate; from 14m west of Howell Croft North for 25 m in a westerly direction.

Deansgate; from 60 m west of Howell Croft North for 20 m in a westerly direction.

This Order may at the discretion of the Council also suspend the operation of on-street parking places situated within the areas of the closures affected by the above event. Alternative routes for traffic will be signed.

Dunscar event road closure:

Darwen Road; at its southern slip road leading onto Blackburn Road

Astley Bridge event road closure:

Andrew Lane / junction Blackburn Road; The northern access slip road between both roads.

Horwich event road closure

Westbound; Lee Lane from its junction with Julia Street to Scholes Bank

Eastbound; Lee Lane / Scholes Bank (area of carriageway fronting The Crown Hotel)

The Order will cease to have effect at 23:59 on 4th December 2016 or on completion of the Bolton, Astley Bridge, Dunscar and Horwich events, whichever first occurs.

Dated this 2 November 2016

**S. Young - Director of Place
Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU**

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Fantastic food festival

Around a quarter of a million foodies flocked to Bolton for the town's biggest and best food and drink festival yet.

As we reported in the last edition 263,000 visitors came along to the four-day event with some travelling from across the UK and as far afield as France to sample food and drink from 180 traders, and watch top chefs in action.

The event is part of the council's strategy to encourage people to visit the town centre and the borough. From a small start 11 years ago the event has grown to become the biggest food festival in the north west.

This month we round up what happened in pictures:

The ever popular James Martin returned to the festival for the seventh time. He said it was wonderful to see how it had grown over the years



Great British Bake Off winner, Nadiya Hussain, was appearing at the festival for the first time



Food demonstration and wine tasting with Kate Goodman, Oz Clarke and John Torode



The Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Lynda Byrne officially launched this year's Bolton Food and Drink Festival In the Vaults at Bolton Market Place with (from left) Virgil Simpson, Logistics Director from main sponsors Aldi; chef Michael Caines; and Cllr John Byrne, the Mayor's Consort



But it was about more than just the celebrities with cooks, bakers, and traders from around the region demonstrating their wares, and other activities for all the family...



The Pleasure Beach at the Octagon during the festival



The Mad Science zone



Coronation Street star Jennie McAlpine was served her food heaven or food hell by chef Mike Harrison



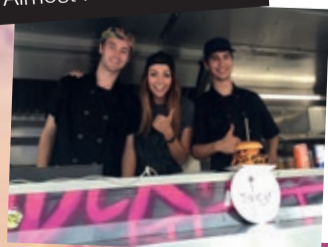
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The Magnificent Marshmallow

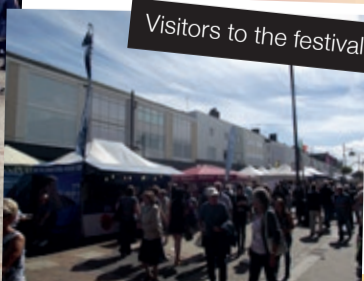


British touring car driver and former Emmerdale star Kelvin Fletcher at the University of Bolton stand

Almost Famous burgers



Entertainment on the square



Visitors to the festival



Sean Wilson



Franca's



Bolton Christmas Lights Switch On

Special
Guests
**Jason
and Laura
Kenny**

**5-7pm
17th November**

Victoria Square, Bolton Town Centre

**Oodles of music, entertainment and
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