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£1 billion blueprint unveiled



GATEWAY ZONE: How the proposed transformation of Trinity Quarter, integrating existing buildings with new mixed used developments could look

A £1 billion blueprint to transform the future of Bolton town centre has been published.

The masterplan contains proposals to redevelop the town centre by creating:

- 1800 new homes

- 7400 new jobs
- £412 million extra economic activity

The money and devel-

opment will be spent in five areas – Trinity Quarter, Cheadle Square, Crompton Place, Church Wharf and Croal Valley.

For further details see page 3.

Paddy to switch on the 'lighties'

PADDY McGuinness will be switching on the town's Christmas lights this year.

The Christmas lights switch on will start at 5.30pm on Thursday November 16, with Paddy counting down to the big switch-on at 7pm.

The local lad who shot to fame in his friend Peter Kay's series of Phoenix Nights and Max and Paddy's Road to Nowhere is now the presenter of two prime time shows on BBC One and ITV, as well as doing stand-up comedy tours.

He is the latest addition to a long line of celebrities who have switched on the Christmas lights in Victoria Square, including Peter Kay, Jason Kenny, Danny Jones, Vernon Kay and Amir Khan.

For further information about the lights and Winter Festival leading up to Christmas see our Central Scene supplement inside.



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Smithills wing restored to glory



BOLTON HERITAGE: Stephen Taylor SPIE Ltd; the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Roger Hayes; Cllr Cliff Morris, the Leader of the Council; and Julie Spencer, Head of Bolton Libraries and Museums at the opening of the restored wing, with (inset) the room in all its glory



WORK to sympathetically restore the west wing of Smithills Hall is now complete.

The Devey Wing, which incorporates the Devey Room, Ainsworth Room and Entrance Hall has been refurbished with many of its original Victorian features restored to their former glory.

Smithills Hall is a 14th Century Grade 1 listed building, with the Devey Wing, designed by Victorian architect George Devey, added later.

Over the years the rooms were adapted for modern use, with original features partitioned off and contemporary light fittings and heating installed. Prior to

the restoration, the room was used as a learning studio for family craft activities and educational visits.

The restoration, carried out by SPIE Ltd in partnership with architects Bradshaw, Gass and Hope LLP, has revealed the original parquet flooring, oak pan-

elling, ornamental ceiling and a beautiful ingle nook fireplace.

It is hoped the room will be used for weddings, conferences and seminars.

Funds for the project were enabled by the sale of land, which forms the near-by Smithills Estate, to The

Woodland Trust in 2015.

Cllr Cliff Morris, Leader of Bolton Council said: "Smithills Hall is such a fantastic, historical and well-used building, so it's really good to see it benefiting from a refurbishment which has restored it to its former glory."

Help with business rates

MORE businesses will be able to get temporary relief for business rates.

The government has re-evaluated what companies will pay in business rates and many faced an increase in what they pay.

New powers mean that the council can offer discounts to pubs and those small businesses facing large increases,

and offer discretionary discounts based on circumstances.

The council already offers a range of discounts for new build business properties, unoccupied buildings, to charities and non-profitmaking organisations, and in exceptional circumstances.

For further information contact 01204 331730.

£1bn council blueprint unveiled

THE council announced initial details of the plan in July and the authority has since approved borrowing £100m to kick-start the project.

The remainder of the plan will be funded by private sector investors.

The £100 million will be used for a range of priorities including site assembly; getting sites ready to be developed; public realm improvements, and infrastructure.

It is hoped that work on the first phase of site clearance could start as early as Spring 2018.

The strategy aims to transform key areas of Bolton town centre with housing to attract families, young professionals, older people and students.

Some of the main proposals include:

- **Trinity Quarter** – creating a mixed Grade A office and residential development. A new hotel, office block and a multi-storey car park could be built at 'Trinity Gateway'. The council is already in talks with NCP about the car park. A new pedestrian route through Trinity Quarter is also proposed, anchored by open space via four interlinked squares.

- **Cheadle Square** – developing housing and apartments on the former bus station site. On Queen Street creating student housing and a mixed used development to complement cultural venues such as the Octagon, Museum and Library, and establishing a pedestrian route between Bolton Town Hall and Le Mans Crescent with Queens Park.
- **Crompton Place** – the framework envisages transforming the empty

BHS store with an upper floor food court overlooking Victoria Square, exploring the possibility to expand Primark and creating a new pedestrian access between Bradshawgate and Hotel Street.

- **Church Wharf** – Church Wharf would be designated a new town centre 'quarter' with a mix of apartments and town houses, as well as a new pedestrian route along the River Croal.

- **Croal Valley/Central Street** – opening up the River Croal with an im-

proved environment to make it a town centre feature - proposals include building houses and flats which would overlook the improved river frontage. A series of 'pocket parks' are proposed along the river.

International design company BDP worked with the council to develop the strategy.

Residents, businesses and visitors can view the masterplan at <http://bit.ly/2hgHSnK>.

The council is borrowing £100m over a 50 year period to kick-start different development schemes and it will mean that no cost savings will need to be made to fund the redevelopment.

The loan will involve a repayment at a very low interest rate, which will be paid back using the Manchester Airport dividend and a dividend from the Yorkshire Purchasing Company, which it receives annually.



ABOVE: Illustrative example of the proposed transformation of Crompton Place's facade, fronting onto Victoria Square.

Message from the Leader



Councillor Cliff Morris

WELCOME to the Winter edition of Bolton Scene.

Several months ago we announced we were working on a major plan to regenerate Bolton town centre.

Plans are in place which would see £1 billion of investment. The council is able to borrow £100m to get development going, with the rest of the money coming from the private sector.

In this edition of Bolton Scene we focus on the next steps with the publication of the areas we are looking at.

This masterplan shows how forward thinking and ambitious this council really is.

We now want to get to work as quickly as possible. We are already speaking to a number of developers and partners about delivering the different schemes outlined in the framework.

Although it is ambitious we are confident that this is an achievable vision that identifies key areas of the town centre, and it will be a game-changer in terms of transforming the centre of Bolton.

It is no secret that town centres across the country continue to face tough challenges. We are also realistic that the plan may need to change and adapt over the years to reflect changing economic conditions.

What we do know is that without the council's direct intervention, there is a risk that the necessary pace and scale of change that is required will simply not be achieved.

This is not simply looking at one or two compact areas in isolation - it is joined up, strategic planning to transform the town centre for decades to come.

It is part of the huge jigsaw in our town centre regeneration plan, which can be clearly seen already with the new interchange, the improvements to Newport Street, our plan to revamp Oxford Street and Knowsley Street, and the support we have given to the fantastic improvements to the Market Place Shopping Centre, with the Vaults and the new cinema.

Bolton Council appoints new Chief Executive



THE council has appointed Tony Oakman as its new Chief Executive.

Tony has worked in local government throughout his career and has most recently been the Deputy Chief Executive at Dudley Council.

He has a wealth of experience in delivering and improving adult social care, children's social care, community and health and well-being outcomes. He has a strong track record of partnership working, delivering transformation and working with partners on regeneration and a place-based vision for Dudley.

As Chief Executive, he will be key to delivering effective high quality services in Bolton. His experience will ensure that Bolton continues to play a strong role in the Greater Manchester City Region and to get the most for

the town from devolution.

He will also be focusing on delivering major regeneration projects in Bolton that will help secure greater economic prosperity and growth for the future, including the new town centre masterplan, Logistics North and Rivington Chase developments.

Tony, who was born in London, lives in Appley Bridge and is married with three children.

Councillor Cliff Morris, Leader of Bolton Council said: "Tony has a passion for working in public service and more than thirty years' experience in local government.

"He will be a great asset to the council at a time when we have to make significant savings, transform services and maintain community outcomes despite reducing resources. He shares our

values and understands the challenges that face us and I have no doubt he will be an outstanding Chief Executive."

Tony said: "As an adopted Northerner who has lived in the North West for the last thirty years, it is a great privilege and honour to be given the opportunity to work in Bolton. I am passionate about the opportunity to work on behalf of local people and committed to delivering regeneration in the borough and improving opportunities for residents."

He is expected to take up the post in early 2018 and will have a handover period with the current Chief Executive Margaret Asquith, who is due to retire at the end of March.

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Flytippers fined for dumping waste

FOUR residents have been taken to court as part of the council's continued crack down on flytipping.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Councillor Nick Peel, said: "Flytipping is antisocial and shows a complete disregard for local people.

"Pursuing prosecutions like these demonstrates the council's continued commitment to deal with those who commit enviro-crime.

"I would encourage all residents to report flytips to the council and any other information that will help us identify the culprits."

Flytipping can be reported online www.bolton.gov.uk/flytipping.

Catching the offenders

Anyone caught flytipping or dumping rubbish now faces a £400 on-the-spot fine.

Previously, the only way the council could deal with flytipping was to take the offenders to court and if the offender did not turn up to court, the case couldn't be heard.

Cases of large scale flytipping, or which involve hazardous waste, as well as repeat offenders in flytipping, will continue to be prosecuted through the courts, where culprits face fines of up to £50,000 or a year's jail if convicted.

The council has also invested in two mobile lamppost mounted cameras, to help in the fight against illegal tipping. These will be positioned in known hotspots and will assist the council in identifying and tracking down flytippers, both in daylight and in the dark.

Officers will also be provided with bodycams, which can record conversations with potential offenders, in order to assist in providing evidence for the issuing of fixed penalty notices and any subsequent court cases.

Flytipping can be reported online www.bolton.gov.uk/flytipping.



Youngsters enjoy fun-packed summer

YOUNG people across the borough enjoyed a summer packed with fun and free activities.



Bolton Council's Play and Youth Service delivered its annual Summer Fun programme for four to 17 year olds.

Activities included arts and crafts, sports, games, cookery sessions and archery; free play sessions in the park or in centres; the annual Play Day on Victoria Square and arranged special skate park sessions for scooters, skateboards and blades.

Held...

245 free play sessions

140 free youth sessions

4 skate park sessions

2 childcare schemes

amounting to **1,680** hours over the summer

Entertained more than **2,200** children

Consumed **3,200** litres of juice

2,740 pieces of toast

Driven **2,438** miles

Had more than **3,000** social media interactions



Shared
lives

Share your life and share your home

The Shared Lives service from Bolton Cares are looking for warm, friendly and caring people to join our fantastic team of carers.

The service offers crucial, home-based support and friendships to people who have a variety of needs, from physical and sensory disabilities to mental health conditions and dementia. Our specialist team work with the individual (and their support network) to ensure their Shared Lives Carer can offer the support they need and will help them build confidence and independence through long lasting friendships and relationships.

And, the outcomes can be fantastic, helping people to have a new outlook on life, creating feelings of value and belonging, often for the first time in their lives. They can make new friends and get involved in clubs and activities and even enjoy a first holiday, all as a result of the support and companionship of their Shared Lives Carer.

Don't just take our word for it, read Cathy's story to see the very real difference our Shared Lives service delivers...

Cathy

56 year old Cathy has lived with her Shared Lives Carers since 2012 when she moved in following the death of her father. She has a learning disability, Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy which is well controlled with medication.

Cathy lives a full life and goes to a Bolton Cares day centre twice a week and to the carer's caravan most weekends. Cathy has made friendships at the caravan and enjoys going to the social club.

Her carers also take her on holiday with the family every year. Cathy has fitted into the family very well and they spotted

that she had an interest and potential to learn to read. Cathy's carers arranged for their friend, a former teacher, to come to the house every week to spend time with her to help her learn to read. Cathy has weekly lessons and spends an hour with her teacher copying passages from books. She is now able to spell her name and is proud of this achievement.

Her speech is clear to people that know her but harder for strangers to understand. The Shared Lives team are currently exploring what technology may help Cathy further with her communication and reading. The carers hope that these new skills will open up other opportunities to help develop her independence and life skills.



If you feel you have what it takes to become a Shared Lives Carer and can welcome someone like Cathy into your family we'd love to hear from you.

In return we offer a generous payment allowance and will support you through on-going professional support, advice and guidance in this very rewarding Shared Lives journey.

Call us for an informal chat on **01204 337515** or visit our website and complete the online form www.boltoncares.org.uk/sharedlives

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Bolton launches Suicide Prevention Strategy

THE council, NHS and voluntary organisations are working together to make sure there are 'no more suicides' in Bolton.

The Bolton Suicide Prevention Partnership is led by representatives from Bolton Council, NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Greater Manchester Mental Health (GMMH) NHS Foundation Trust and the voluntary sector.

It works closely with organisations such as schools, housing associations, the emergency services and faith leaders.

Together they have agreed that every suicide represents a tragedy for people's families, friends, neighbours and colleagues and that every suicide has the potential to be prevented.

As a result, the partnership has made a collective commitment to do all they can to work towards achieving no more suicides in Bolton.

They have produced a suicide prevention strategy which sets out the action they will take to achieve their goal.

It was launched to the public and interested partners on World Mental Health Day last month.

Bolton's suicide rate has recently fallen in recent years and, on average, there are around 26 incidences a year.

The majority occur among white males, and the average age during the past 12 months was 42 years.

Twice as many suicides occur in the most deprived areas and there are a range of risk factors including a history of mental health problems; a history of self-harm; living alone; a history of violence; alcohol and drug misuse; and being unemployed.

The strategy contains a

number of key priorities to:

- identify high risk groups and implement action to reduce risk;
- identify and support people who may become vulnerable due to specific life events;
- improve mental health support, and
- develop suicide prevention training for frontline workers who come into contact with those at risk.

In addition, the strategy highlights the need to work with the media to encourage sensitive reporting of suicide and to improve the way organisations share information.

Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "It may seem ambitious that our aim is for no more suicides in Bolton, but we are truly committed to work together to achieve this.

"We are not saying we can achieve this in a certain number of years but from this day forward, we will do everything we can to help people change their opinion that suicide is an option.

"Every life lost to suicide represents a personal tragedy and we believe that, with the correct support in place, early identification of risk factors and a strong partnership approach, there is the potential to prevent this from happening.

"Suicide has a devastating effect on families, friends, colleagues and people who work in certain services. It is in everyone's interest to try and reduce the number of suicides in Bolton, and it feels natural to want to see an end to this tragic loss of life altogether."

The partnership intends to develop a public campaign to raise awareness of the need to reduce suicide and will closely monitor progress of the strategy.

The strategy is available to view at www.bolton.gov.uk.

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Amazon moves in

AMAZON is building a new distribution centre at the Logistics North site.

The online retail giant will provide 1200 jobs at the centre located between Farnworth and Over Hulton when it opens next year.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Cliff Morris, said: "It is fantastic that such a major company has decided to open such a huge operation

in Bolton.

"We are absolutely delighted that this development will create at least 1,200 jobs for local people and those living in the surrounding area - great news for our residents.

"Logistics North is one of the most important sites in the region and this is further proof that it is the perfect distribution site for business."

You Can Foster in Bolton

Can you do something incredible and help a local child in foster care achieve their ambition?

The You Can Foster campaign is encouraging more people to come forward and foster for their local authority. In Bolton we really need more foster carers, especially for siblings and teenagers.

As well as providing a loving home for children and young people in care fostering can be rewarding for carers too.

Sean and Karen had previously fostered for a private agency but transferred to Bolton because they felt that only a Local Authority could offer them the professional support they needed when fostering teenage boys.

Sean recalls the first time he took a foster child into his house and says that it was really strange, no mistake, but after the first couple of weeks it became totally natural.

If you've got a spare room and some time to care for a child or young person get in touch with our team to find out more about whether fostering is right for you and your family.

Find out more at youcanfoster.org/Bolton, call us on **0800 107 1564** or search for us on Facebook as Foster With Bolton.

“It's the one thing most people ask me when they're thinking about fostering,” he says. “What it feels like to bring someone new into your house. I understand why they're asking but honestly you don't notice after a while. I think becoming a foster carer has made me a more patient person and that's a great thing.

“I think I must have been very impatient when I was younger,” he laughs. “I'm not now, that's for sure.”

“If I was to offer one piece of advice to a new carer it would be to make sure that you make the young person a genuine member of the family,” says Sean. “Once you do that there is no longer a stranger in your home, and you're building up trust with someone who's probably had very little trust in their life. It really does make all the difference. I know it has with us and the teenagers we've looked after.”



youcanfoster.org

▶ Working together for a Better Bolton

There have been some exciting developments in Bolton recently.

As part of Bolton’s plan for better health and social care we have pledged to make changes to the services you receive.

Care Home Excellence

The quality of life for residents in care homes is set to improve further through the Care Home Excellence programme.

34 of our 36 older peoples care homes have signed up and committed to making improvements in return for support from the Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The ‘Red Bag’ initiative, which has just been launched, is a small change which will hopefully have a big impact on home care residents when they do need to go to hospital. The red bag will go with the resident to hospital and stay with them until they

We want to:

- Use technology to improve patient care.
- Improve Bolton’s care homes as well as the social care provided in people’s homes.

return home providing a highly visible way of identifying someone as a care home resident as well as somewhere for their personal items such as glasses or dentures to be kept safe. The bag has been used successfully in other areas and is proven to reduce the length of stay in hospital.

Residents and their families are also being asked what would improve their quality of life. Suggestions are being put forward to the Care Home Excellence Innovation Fund and we hope to have the first projects off the ground very soon. Bids include things like creating sensory gardens, providing community space so residents can interact with community groups more easily and creating reminiscence spaces and materials.

Telemedicine in Care Homes

Telemedicine is a service that is being introduced to support recent care homes changes. The service has been designed especially to support older people’s residential care and nursing homes, and to help frail elderly residents to “live well”.

The service is provided by “Immedicare” which is a partnership between Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and technology experts, Involve.

Each care home will be provided with a laptop, which is used to make video calls to experienced Care Nurses who use the video link to carry out an assessment of a resident’s condition.

The new service will be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week and there’s more still to come! Keep your eyes peeled for more details of the new and innovative ways we are working to support you to live a longer and healthier life.

Bolton Care Record

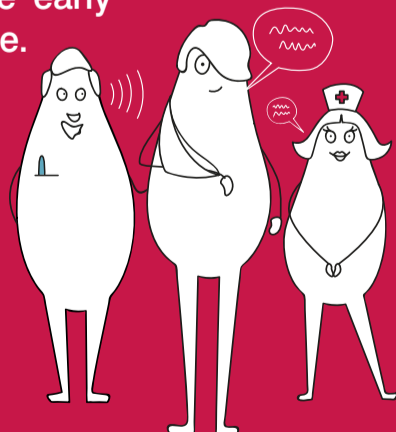
In September the eagerly anticipated Bolton Care Record, the new confidential computer record that will allow health and care professionals to access up to date information about you, was rolled out to nine GP practices in the Bolton area as part of what we call the ‘early adopters’ phase.

After intense testing data has started flowing from these practices. Meaning 30% of Bolton’s population now have a digital care record.

Previously, patients at these practices had to repeat their information to health and social care professionals where no patient history has been available on a digital basis. Now a digital summary including previous test results, medication history, GP and hospital appointments can all be instantly viewed when permission is given.

Dr Simon Irving – Consultant Acute Physician at the Royal Bolton Hospital Foundation Trust, said “There has been real enthusiasm and excitement from staff. There is a wealth of information to which we haven’t previously been able to see. The more GPs that come on board, the greater the chance of the patient having a shared care record that we can access to check vital information.”

We will keep you updated as we begin to roll this out to more GP practices across Bolton.



Central Scene

www.visitbolton.com

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All lit up for Christmas

BOLTON'S home grown comedian and presenter Paddy McGuinness will be giving us a festive treat when he switches on the town's Christmas lights on November 16.

The local lad who shot to fame in his friend Peter Kay's series of Phoenix Nights and Max and Paddy's Road to Nowhere is now the presenter of two prime time shows on BBC One and ITV, as well as doing stand-up comedy tours.

He is the latest addition to a long line of celebrities who have switched on the Christmas lights in Victoria Square, including Jason Kenny, Danny Jones, Vernon Kay and Amir Khan.

Paddy, who was born in Farnworth and attended Mount St Joseph school is a proud Boltonian, who still supports Bolton Wanderers and still lives in the North West with his wife Christine and their

three young children, who will be joining him for the switch on.

The Christmas lights switch on will start at 5pm on Thursday November 16, with Paddy counting down to the big switch-on at 7pm.

Paddy said: "I'm delighted to be switching on the lights in Bolton, my home town this year.

"I've always been a proud Boltonian and still enjoy coming back here regularly, so hope everyone will come down to see me say 'no likey, no lightie' as I switch on the lights!"

The Leader of Bolton Council, Councillor Cliff Morris, said: "We're really pleased to be able to welcome Paddy to Bolton's Christmas Lights switch-on and thrilled that he has agreed to flick the switch for us this year.

"Paddy is a local lad who has really put Bolton on the map and we're really pleased

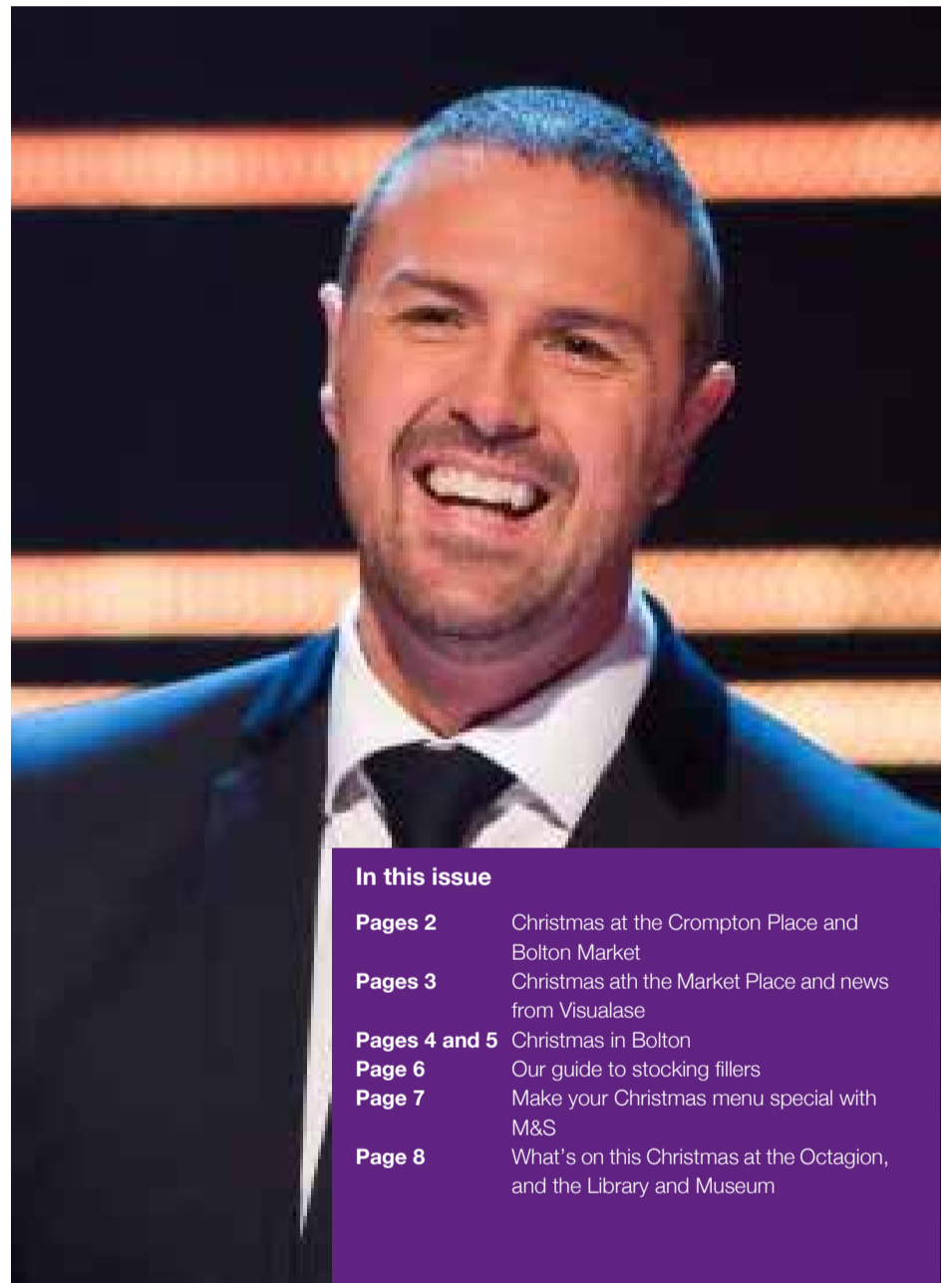
that he still comes back regularly to visit.

"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."

Nikki Wilson Cook, Centre Manager for the Market Place, who are sponsoring the switch-on said: "The Christmas lights switch-on marks the start of the countdown to Christmas and the also the beginning of the shopping season. We love being part of this fantastic family event."

For all the build-up and action at Bolton's Christmas light switch-on, follow the council on Twitter @BoltonCouncil and get involved using #BoltonXmasLights

For more information about the Winter Festival visit www.boltonwinterfestival.com/whats-on/



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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 16th 2017 - Jan 7th 2018

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

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Crompton's Christmas Critters

Join us this festive season at Crompton Place and meet our Christmas Critters!

Saturday 2nd December, 11am – 3pm

Meet Bjorn our life-size animatronic polar bear and his herder Ursula

Saturday 9th December, 10am – 4pm

Take part in our animal puppet show and have your face painted

Saturday 16th December, 11am – 3pm

Meet our festive, eco-friendly squirrels on their mission to save the planet

Saturday 23rd December, 10am – 4pm

Make some magical reindeer food with Rudolph and Santa's elf

There's something for everyone at Crompton Place this Christmas, from festive fashion and beauty, to fragrances, food and jewellery. Shop at Primark, Select, Blue Inc, Beaverbrooks, Warren James, Boots, The Fragrance Shop and more!

For more information Visit:

<http://www.crompton-place.co.uk/events/>



HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

The market has over 200 stalls to choose from located both indoor and outdoor which are all under cover. Customers travel for miles just to visit the famous fresh Fish, Meat, Fruit & Vegetable halls and our newly refurbished Lifestyle hall and food court seating area.

The outdoor, undercover market complements all our halls on Bolton Market.

The Lifestyle section offers everything from furniture to flowers, bedding to broomsticks. Plus much, much, more along with a friendly service, hints and tips. Plenty of Christmas gift ideas for all ages.

There are plenty of eateries to choose from and a food court for the more leisurely where you

Open : Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

Our award winning market has everything you need to plan the perfect Christmas.

With everything under one roof at good prices and from all local businesses.

So there is only one place to be when planning for your Christmas and New Year festivities, Bolton Market.

can sit and watch the world go by whilst drinking and eating both continental and traditional foods.

Bolton Market provides everything you need for your weekly shop and to stock up ready for the Christmas and New Year festivities all at fantastic value. Fruit and vegetables can be plain or exotic, but always fresh and healthy.

Our famous fish and meat market is considered to be the best and largest in the north west, offering outstanding variety, low prices and excellent quality fish, meat, eggs, poultry & frozen foods. So there is only one place to be when planning for your Christmas and New Year festivities, Bolton Market.



At Bolton Market we've got all the ingredients to make your Christmas a Cracker.



Look Again at laser eye surgery



There are dozens of thank-you cards in the welcoming reception area at Visualase that say it all — patients are pleased with the services offered at Bolton's only centre laser eye clinic, located in the centre of town. Who wouldn't appreciate clearly vision in time for Christmas?

Since Visualase opened in 2001, it has become the go-to clinic in the area for laser eye correction, praised for the personal touch, not the hard-sell. The staff pride themselves in having the

surgical skills and expertise, as well as courtesy and friendliness, to help patients happily along the road to freedom from glasses and contact lenses.

Ophthalmologists, optometrists and nurses form a tight-knit team at this independent clinic, where patients are seen by a surgeon from their very first appointment.

The initial, one-to-one, one-hour assessment and consultation appointment is free, and thorough. It determines a patient's

suitability and provides details of the different types of treatment available.

This valuable consultation time, with a doctor rather than a salesperson, is rare in the industry, according to clinic manager Hilary Duxbury. "It is very reassuring to meet your doctor in advance and he will explain what happens to you before, during and after your treatment and answer any questions you may have," she said. "It also means that if you are suitable and decide to proceed, you have

already met and established a relationship with your doctor."

Visualase have a variety of consultation appointments available from weekdays, evenings and weekends so you can always find a time to go attend.

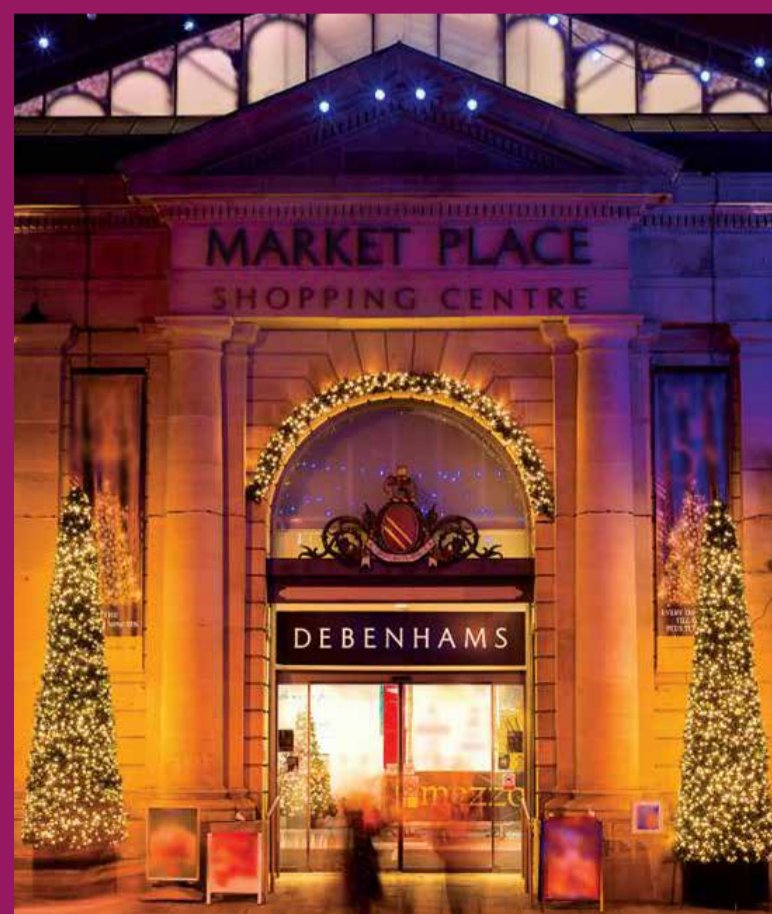
To make laser eye treatment affordable to every patient, there's a wide range of payment plans including 12 months 0% interest-free credit.

These patients all see clearly now — and are

happy to be waking up with great vision every day, enjoying family life, sports, hobbies and holidays without the hassle and inconvenience of glasses or contact lenses.

To many, laser eye surgery proves to be life-changing, and the only regret most patients have is not having had the treatment done earlier...

For more information, phone Visualase on **(01204) 387467** or visit **www.visualase.com**



Market Place makes the perfect Christmas

With the festive season fast approaching, your thoughts might be turning to how you're going to spend Christmas and all the preparation it entails.

Whatever you decide, Market Place has you covered.

The stunning, bright and airy malls, adorned with beautiful decorations and filled with the merriment of festive entertainment make for a pleasant day's shopping. With a huge selection of popular high street fashion stores including Zara, Topshop, Topman, River Island, H&M, New Look and Next, to cover your every fashion need. While stores like

Pandora, The Perfume Shop, The Entertainer, The Body Shop, JD Sports and Debenhams provide perfect present inspiration for everyone on your list. When it comes to setting your celebrations in motion, you'll be spoilt for choice down in The Vaults. From household favourites like Nando's, Prezzo and Gourmet Burger Kitchen to Bolton exclusives including The Bank, The Baltic Cellar, The Dessert Café, Great Ale and The Cave Champagne and Cocktail Bar. You're guaranteed to satisfy the cravings of everyone in your party. While venues such as The Light cinema and Amazonia indoor adventure play offer a little much needed respite from your frantic festive schedule.

Late Night shopping kicks off at Market Place on Thursday 16 November, to coincide with the Bolton Christmas Light Switch On. With shopping until 8pm every Thursday until Christmas and every night from 18 – 23 December, plus extended browsing and shopping-up times on Sundays, there's plenty of time to get everything you need.

Free parking

at NCP multi-storey car parks

- Deane Road
- Topp Way and
- The Octagon

At weekends and Bank Holidays

Plus Free after 3pm

Monday to Friday - 16th Nov - 5th Jan 2018

Plus a Free Metroshuttle bus service operating around the town centre.



Bolton Christmas Lights Switch On



Victoria Square, Bolton Town Centre
Thursday 16 November 2017
5.30-7pm



Let the Bolton... See the Lights – Paddy McGuinness celebrity switch on
 • Light parade • Musical entertainment • Fireworks finale

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Bolton Winter Festival

Victoria Square, Bolton Town Centre
2nd December 2017 - 7th January 2018

- Covered ice rink
 - Christmas Markets*
 - Snow slide
 - Santa's grotto
- *from 9th December

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It's Christmas!

Stuck for that extra something to give your loved ones this Christmas? That little something special on top of your main present?

Take the hassle out of shopping with these great ideas from our town centre partners. We've scoured their ranges so you don't have to and come up with a range of stocking fillers for the whole family. But this is only a taste of what's available - there's much more to choose from in store.



This **Christmas Prosecco candle** for £6 from **Next** candle embodies a crisp fragrance, capturing the sparkling effervescence of prosecco with a combination of citrus, fruit, and alcoholic notes with the intensity of amber and spice.

A **Very British Problems Card Game** for £10 from Next is sure to get the competitive spirit going among the family.

You'll need to fine-tune your drawing skills like never before with the **World's Smallest Etch-A-Sketch** from Next for £8

Just in time for the new Star Wars film there's this **Millennium Falcon Remote Control toy** from Peacocks for £16.00 Or this **Resistance X Wing Fighter model kit** from TK Maxx for £12.99

Unicorns are the in thing and these **Girls Unicorn snap on watch** £5 from River Island and **M&S Unicorn lip balm** £3.50 are available.

For the woman in your life there are these **Red diamante pave round face watch** £28.00 and **Black mini croc embossed lock front purse** for £16 from River Island, and **Elizabeth Arden Beauty Eau De Parfum** £12.99 from TK Maxx

While for the men this **The Saville Row Company Navy and Red Floral Tie and Cufflink Set** for £19.99 from TK Maxx makes a stylish stocking filler.

For the little ones there's a **Vtech baby Doggie playhouse** for £12.99 and **Disney Frozen Mosaics by numbers set** £5.99 from TK Maxx

Top picks for your tastiest Christmas yet

Whether you're having a big Christmas get together or an intimate family gathering make your festive feast extra special and avoid last-minute catering panics with M&S.

Quick welcome drinks

Serve up some seasonal spirit with our pre-mixed No Big Dill cocktail, a blend of gin and a delicate dill infusion. Shake it up over ice and serve with a frozen dill frond garnish alongside smoked salmon canapés.



A perfect pudding

End your meal on a high with our intensely fruity pudding that's bursting with nuts and cherries and enriched with Cognac, port and stout. Drench it in brandy and lashings of thick brandy-laced cream to serve.



Easy party bites

With only a small amount of cooking and prep required, our luxury selection of bite-sized delights, like mini scallops encroûte with champagne sauce and baby beef Wellingtons, mean less time in the kitchen and more time with your guests.



Mini family favourites

Christmas Eve, post-Christmas Lunch, every day – when isn't a good time to enjoy a mince pie? Our handcrafted minis take the traditional treat to the next level with hazelnut-topped, brandy buttercream and pecan versions.



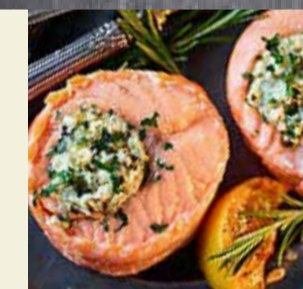
Your best-ever turkey

The turkey is the star of most people's Christmas dinner. Make your meal the main event with our free-range Pembrokeshire bronze bird – raised on clover-strewn fields by our trusted farmer, this is our top turkey.



Festive fish alternative

If turkey isn't your favourite, serve something a little bit different instead, like an impressive fish dish. Our new medallions are made with succulent Lochmuir salmon and stuffed with garlic, creamy mascarpone and herbs.



A show-stopping cake

Give your classic Christmas cake a fresh twist this year with this frosted wreath. Made with plump sultanas, Vostizza currants and glacé cherries, and decorated with handmade leaves and berries, it's almost too pretty to eat... almost.



The essential cheeseboard

If we know anything about food at Christmas, it's that there's always room for more. Keep everyone satisfied long after lunch with a tempting selection of cheeses. Add grapes, seeded crackers and chutney and let the feasting recommence.

Upgrade your garnishes

Lunch isn't complete without the garnishes. Our rich cranberry and port sauce, creamy bread sauce, succulent bacon-wrapped outdoor-bred pork sausages and caramelised onion stuffing baubles will keep guests coming back for seconds.



A simple Boxing Day feast

Boxing Day deserves more than just turkey leftovers. Wow guests come lunchtime with a glazed ham. This fuss-free joint is served cold with no cooking required, but the sticky sloe gin topping and edible sparkle keeps it special.



Friday 17 November 2017 -
Saturday 13 January 2018

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OCTAGON THEATRE BOLTON PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens
Adapted for the stage by Neil Duffield
Directed by Ben Occhipinti

Age guide 5+

Tickets £26 - £12
octagonbolton.co.uk
Box Office 01204 520661



As the snow settles on the rooftops of a Victorian Town, festive joy fills the hearts of every adult and child across the land.

That is except for miserable, miserly Ebenezer Scrooge, who says "Bah Humbug!" to the festive season. However that evening everything is about to change. Visited by the ghost of his old business partner Jacob Marley, Scrooge is taken on a mysterious journey of redemption through Christmases past, present and future.

Featuring a host of classic Christmas carols this heartwarming and uplifting story is the perfect festive treat.

Original story by Charles Dickens
Adapted for the stage by Neil Duffield
Director Ben Occhipinti

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Unveiling Ancient Egypt

Join Bolton Museum and Libraries for a celebration of all things Ancient Egyptian with 12 months of free talks and activities for all ages, with experts from around the UK.

★ Indicates family friendly event



Saturday 4 November 2017

11am Make an Egyptian Collar ★

1pm 7000 years of Ancient Egypt in 60 Minutes by Sarah Griffiths, Ancient Egypt Magazine ★

2pm Make a Paddle doll ★

Thursday 7 December 2017

7pm Everywhere the Glint of gold: Tutankhamun's Treasures by Claire Ollett, University of Birmingham

Thursday 4 January 2018

7pm Travellers and Collectors in the North West by Hilary Forrest, Manchester Ancient Egypt Society

Saturday 3 February 2018

1pm Journey to the Afterlife by Ian Trumble, Bolton Museum ★

2pm Make a Shabti ★

Thursday 1 March 2018

7pm Nefertiti in Bolton by Dr, Joyce Tyldesley, University of Manchester

Cinema at the Crescent

See Egypt on the big screen - all film screenings will take place in the Bolton Central Library's Lecture Theatre.

Thursday 16 November 2017

7pm The Mummy (1999)

Thursday 21 December 2017

7pm The Prince of Egypt (1998)

Thursday 18 January 2018

7pm Bubba Ho-Teo (2002)

Thursday 15 February 2018

7pm Cleopatra (1963)

Thursday 15 March 2018

7pm The Scorpion King (2002)

FLU

What you **Think** you know...

Flu is a horrible nasty viral infection that is spread around by coughs and sneezes.

There are many myths surrounding the flu and the flu vaccine so let us spell out the facts for you...

It's important to remember that if you have an ongoing health condition, even one that's well managed, are pregnant, or aged 65 and over, catching flu could make you seriously ill - that's why you're eligible for a FREE flu vaccine.

PS Did you know...

All children aged 2-3 are now eligible for the FREE flu nasal spray?

Don't put it off, contact your GP today.

You may think...

The facts...

× The flu is just a bad cold

Flu comes on more quickly than a cold, has nastier symptoms, and lasts longer. You're more likely to have a fever, some aches and pains, and to feel very tired.

× The child flu vaccine is an injection

The child flu vaccine is a quick, easy and painless nasal spray that all 2-3 year olds can now get FREE at their GP practice.

× The flu vaccine gives you flu

It is not possible to get flu from having the flu vaccination, or indeed any other viral infection such as a bad cough or cold.

× Flu can be treated with antibiotics

Antibiotics only work against bacteria. The flu is caused by viruses.

× You're fit and healthy and you won't catch the flu

It doesn't matter if you are the fittest person alive, anyone can pick up the flu virus. Generally, 1 in every 6 of the population gets flu each year - healthy people included!

× Only kids, over 65s and pregnant women need a flu vaccine

Whilst its important that anyone at a higher risk of catching flu gets vaccinated. Anyone can get flu and pass it on to those around them without any symptoms. Would you want that on your conscience?

Westhoughton gets keys for new building

A NEW community venue has opened in Westhoughton.

The new Westhoughton Hub, in the former college building, has now been taken on by Westhoughton Community Vision, a new community association formed by local residents, councillors and local businesses. The deal has been arranged by Bolton Council and Bolton College, working to benefit local people.

Their aim is to provide a venue for the people of Westhoughton, with access to meeting spaces, advice, information, educational, social and leisure opportunities. They have also consulted with the local community about their wishes and needs and what they would like to see in the building.

Some users have already signed up to run from the centre, such as Aspire Dance and Stage using it for its varied programme of dance, stage and gymnastics classes, whilst Howfen Radio will broadcast its community radio station from the centre.

Westhoughton Community Vision is currently talking to other organisations interested in using the building, such as vocational courses as well as cultural, social and leisure groups, but not to duplicate any existing provision already on offer in the town.



DOOR KEY: Gaynor Ratcliffe, Chair of Westhoughton Community Vision and Councillor Anna Marie Watters celebrate the community handover of Westhoughton Hub

Councillor Anna Marie Watters, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Voluntary Sector at Bolton Council said:

“I’m delighted that we have been able to work with the college to transfer this building into community ownership. This building is very important to the people of Westhoughton, as a meeting place for the community and will now become a real community hub, providing meeting spaces, information, educational, social and leisure opportunities.”

Bill Webster, Principal of Bolton College, said:

“We are delighted to hand over the building to the local community. Members of Westhoughton Community Vision have worked incredibly hard on behalf of the residents of Westhoughton and the Hub will be a real asset to the people who live and work in the area.”

Gaynor Ratcliffe, Chair of Westhoughton Community Vision said:

“The birth of the Westhoughton Community Hub is a testament to all the hard work and commitment put in by the team, volunteers and the community. There is a great feel to the new Hub and we are delighted with the response from the residents of Westhoughton to this new and exciting project.”

We have worked closely with Bolton Council, Bolton College, Bolton CVS and other stakeholders to get the best outcome for the community and together we know we can make a difference. We are looking forward to opening our doors, everyone is welcome, please come along and join us at the new facility.”

What’s on at Westhoughton Hub

- Aspire Dance & Stage
- Howfen Radio
- Sewing Club (they sewed the tree in the pic attached)
- Red Squirrel (wood work and basic DIY classes)
- Yoga, Salsa and other fitness classes
- Get Active walking club
- Mental Health and Well-being support with BAND and MHIST

Coming up soon:

- Bolton College courses including English, Maths and Wellbeing
- Pilates
- Arts & crafts
- 7-day opening

Everybody is welcome to call in the Hub anytime Monday to Friday between 9am – 9pm (10pm on Thursdays) for a coffee and a chat with one of the Hub volunteers, or email gaynor.wcv@gmail.com



Rail station upgrades

WORK to improve a number of rail stations across Greater Manchester is taking place.

Twenty-five stations, including Hall i’th’Wood, Bromley Cross, Lostock, and Horwich Parkway, will see customer information screens, public address systems, CCTV cameras, help points and induction loops installed.

Some stations will also see tactile paving installed on the platform edges to make platforms safer for

passengers with a visual impairment.

The £2.4m works, funded by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) as part of its Rail Station Improvement Strategy (RSIS), are set to be completed by early summer next year.

For information on public transport across Greater Manchester visit www.tfgm.com, call 0161 244 1000 (7am-8pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am-8pm at weekends and bank holidays) or follow @OfficialTfGM on Twitter.

Street works

IMPROVEMENTS to the way Knowsley Street and Oxford Street look have been approved.

The works are aimed to complement the work taking place to Newport Street. They will include:

- Stone paving and granite kerbs, incorporating drainage, along both sides of the street creating a level footway and removing any trip hazards;
- The introduction of some short stay on street parking bays;
- Bollards to avoid overrunning by cars in the parking bays,
- A new loading bay to serve the Market Place;
- Removal of the phone kiosks and

replacement on Oxford Street;

- Removal or replacement of columns on Oxford Street
- Introduction of new outdoor seating along the Market Place façade;
- Additional cycle stands;
- Trees to replace those that are required to be removed as part of the scheme and
- Space for units in the Market Place to have outdoor seating

Any utility work such as electrical work is likely to take place before Christmas with the main work starting on Knowsley Street early in 2018.

Car park

PLANS for a new multi-storey car park, which will serve Bolton Interchange, have taken a step closer.

The council’s parking partner, NCP, has been approached to submit designs for a suitable building at the Trinity Gateway site as part of the council’s Town Centre Masterplan.

Trinity Gateway comprises land bounded by Trinity Street, Bradshawgate and the Bolton to Blackburn railway line (Bolton-Blackburn).

The precise siting and design of the car park building will be finalised prior to submission of a planning application.

There will be a pedestrian route to Trinity Street to facilitate the shortest route to the Interchange entrance.

Funding for the car park will come from the £100 million budget the council has approved to kickstart a further £1 billion of private investment

2016-17 Financial Year Members Allowances

NB: The sums indicated in the table are gross amounts, subject to Income Tax and National Insurance contributions and are for the 2015/16 financial year.

Sum of Amt	Basic	Special Responsibility	Travel & Subsistence	Grand Total	Sum of Amt	Basic	Special Responsibility	Travel & Subsistence	Grand Total
Abdullah, Cllr.Mrs Shamim	5,431.84			5,431.84	Irving, Cllr.Mr Liam	11,416.08			11,416.08
Adia, Cllr.Mr Ebrahim Ayub	11,416.08	12,010.92	145.37	23,572.37	Ismail, Cllr.Miss Bilkis	11,416.08			11,416.08
Allen, Cllr.Mr Robert George	11,416.08			11,416.08	Jones, Cllr.Mr Kevan Stanley	11,416.08	2,163.48		13,579.56
Ayub, Cllr.Mr Mohammed	11,416.08			11,416.08	Kay, Cllr.Mrs Rosa	3,805.36			3,805.36
Burrows, Cllr.Mr Derek	11,416.08	5,151.00	289.18	16,856.26	Kellett, Cllr.Mrs Joyce	11,416.08	2,758.32		14,174.40
Burrows, Cllr.Mrs Carol Ann	1,215.38			1,215.38	Kirk-Robinson, Cllr.Mrs Zoe Jennifer	11,416.08			11,416.08
Bury, Cllr.Mr Alan Stephen 1	11,416.08			11,416.08	Lewis, Cllr.Mrs Kate	1,093.84	493.55		1,587.39
Byrne, Cllr.Mr John	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08	Martin, Cllr.Mr Andrew	11,416.08			11,416.08
Byrne, Cllr.Mrs Lynda J	11,416.08			11,416.08	McKeon, Cllr.Mr Kevin Peter	11,416.08	664.65		12,080.73
Chadwick, Cllr.Mr David Andrew	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08	Mistry, Cllr.Mr Champak Gulab	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08
Cox, Cllr.Mr Martyn Andrew	11,416.08			11,416.08	Morgan, Cllr.Mr Andrew Philip	11,416.08			11,416.08
Critchley, Cllr.Mr Norman Andrew	11,416.08			11,416.08	Morris, Cllr.Mr Clifford (Cliff)	11,416.08	30,680.76	54.29	42,151.13
Cunliffe, Cllr.Ms Ann	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08	Murray, Cllr.Ms Madeline	11,416.08	2,153.45		13,569.53
Cunningham, Cllr.Mr Mark	10,341.98			10,341.98	Newall, Cllr.Mrs Deborah Susan	10,341.98			10,341.98
Darvesh, Cllr.Mr Hanif	11,416.08	8,017.44		19,433.52	Parkinson, Cllr.Mrs Diane	11,416.08			11,416.08
Dean, Cllr.Mr Mudasir Ahmed	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08	Peel, Cllr.Mr Nicholas	11,416.08	12,010.92		23,427.00
Donaghy, Cllr.Mr Martin Gerard	11,416.08	7,589.16		19,005.24	Pickup, Cllr.Mr Stephen	11,416.08			11,416.08
Evans, Cllr.Mr David	1,215.38			1,215.38	Radcliffe, Cllr.Mrs Jacqueline	10,341.98			10,341.98
Fairclough, Cllr.Mrs Hilary C	11,416.08	6,209.52		17,625.60	Richardson, Cllr.Mr Paul	11,416.08			11,416.08
Francis, Cllr.Mr Micheal	11,416.08	1,352.00		12,768.08	Shaikh, Cllr.Mr Shafaqat	11,416.08	4,486.35		15,902.43
Gibbon, Cllr.Mr Rees	10,341.98			10,341.98	Shaw, Cllr.Mr Colin	11,416.08			11,416.08
Gillies, Cllr.Mrs Jean	11,416.08			11,416.08	Sherrington, Cllr.Mrs Elaine	11,416.08	5,204.17		16,620.25
Graham, Cllr.Miss Anne	1,215.38			1,215.38	Silvester, Cllr.Mr Richard Edward	11,416.08	4,486.35		15,902.43
Greenhalgh, Cllr.Mr David Wells	11,416.08	10,349.52		21,765.60	Spencer, Cllr.Mr Anthony Noel	11,416.08	664.65		12,080.73
Hall, Cllr.Mr Walter	1,093.84			1,093.84	Swarbrick, Cllr.Mrs Carole	11,416.08			11,416.08
Harkin, Cllr.Mr Guy James	11,416.08	14,551.56	560.36	26,528.00	Thomas, Cllr.Mrs Linda	11,416.08	18,407.28		29,823.36
Haslam, Cllr.Mr Richard Stuart	11,416.08	3,939.96		15,356.04	Walsh, Cllr.Mr John	11,416.08			11,416.08
Haworth, Cllr.Miss Susan	11,416.08	319.03		11,735.11	Watters, Cllr.Ms Anna-Marie	11,416.08	4,486.35		15,902.43
Hayes, Cllr.Mr Roger Cliffeey	11,416.08	2,882.52		14,298.60	Whitehead, Cllr.Mr Darren Peter	10,341.98			10,341.98
Hornby, Cllr.Mr Sean C	11,416.08	2,882.52		14,298.60	Wild, Cllr.Mr Paul	11,416.08			11,416.08
Ibrahim, Cllr.Mr Asif Ismail	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08	Wild, Cllr.Mrs Christine	10,341.98			10,341.98
Ibrahim, Cllr.Mr Ismail	11,416.08	-123.39		11,292.69	Wilkinson, Cllr.Mr Alan	11,416.08			11,416.08
Iqbal, Cllr.Mr Mohammed	11,416.08	4,845.26		16,261.34	Zaman, Cllr.Mr Akhtar	11,416.08	5,151.00		16,567.08
					Grand Total	682,175.14	204,694.30	1,049.20	887,918.64

2017 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994

THE BOLTON (CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENTS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES, SUSPENSIONS & RESTRICTIONS) (NO.142) ORDER 2017

The Borough Council of Bolton has made an Order, which will be operative from 16 November 2017, to enable the following events to take place:

The Bolton Christmas Light Switch-On & Fireworks Display - between approx. 15:00 and 20:00 on 16 November 2017.

The Horwich Christmas Light Switch-On - between 17:00 and 19:00 on 1 December 2017

The Dunsar Christmas Light Switch-On - between 16:00 and approx. 19:00 on 3 December 2017.

The Astley Bridge Christmas Light Switch-On - between 12:00 and approx. 18:00 on 3 December 2017.

1. 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.

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)

Dunsar 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.

2. This Order will also temporarily suspend or alter traffic movement as shown below

Temporarily suspension of hackney carriage stands:

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 15m 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 25m in a westerly direction.

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

Temporary suspension of temporary one-way traffic movement:

Queen Street from Back Deansgate to a point 15m south of Cheadle Square;

Back Deansgate from Howell Croft North to Queen Street.

Temporary suspension of one-way traffic movement:

Blackhorse Street between Ashburner Street and Deansgate;

Coronation Street between Newport Arcade and Great Moor Street.

Temporary one way traffic movement:

Back Deansgate from Howell Croft North to Queen Street, permitted direction of traffic from east to west;

Queen Street from Back Deansgate to 15m south of Cheadle Square (south side) permitted direction of traffic from north to south.

Temporary suspension of contra-flow bus lane:

Blackhorse Street between Deansgate and Ashburner Street.

Temporary suspension of left turn only:

Blackhorse Street (northbound) at Deansgate.

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. The Order will cease to have effect at 23:59 on 3 December 2017 or on completion of all events, whichever first occurs.

Dated this 2 November 2017

S. Young - Director of Place, Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU
www.bolton.gov.uk/trafficorders

Christmas and New Year bin collections 2017

How will my Christmas and New Year collections be affected?

Normal collection date	Revised collection date
Monday 25 December 2017	Wednesday 27 December 2017
Tuesday 26 December 2017	Thursday 28 December 2017
Wednesday 27 December 2017	Friday 29 December 2017
Thursday 28 December 2017	Saturday 30 December 2017
Friday 29 December 2017	Sunday 31 December 2017
Monday 1 January 2018	Tuesday 2 January 2018
Tuesday 2 January 2018	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Wednesday 3 January 2018	Thursday 4 January 2018
Thursday 4 January 2018	Friday 5 January 2018
Friday 5 January 2018	Saturday 6 January 2018



Recycle your Christmas tree

For a charge of £13 Bolton Community Transport Furniture Services will collect and recycle your real Christmas tree. Call 01204 364777 before Friday 5 January to arrange collection. You can also take it to your local tip free of charge.

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

Follow us at: @Recycle for Bolton @Recycle4Bolton



Make the most of your Christmas feast

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

Each year the UK throws away the equivalent to **263,000** turkeys, **7.5m** mince pies, **17.2m** Brussels sprouts, **740,000** slices of Christmas pudding, **11.9m** carrots and **11.3m** roast potatoes.

Instead of throwing away your leftovers why not try these tasty recipes...

Cranberry Turkey Pasties

500g pack shortcrust pastry
200g leftover roast turkey, diced
2 tbsp cranberry sauce
6 leftover stuffing balls, roughly chopped (140g)
50g low fat soft cheese
75g frozen peas, defrosted
1 medium egg, beaten

Method

- Preheat the oven to 200°C, gas mark 6
- Roll out the pastry and cut 6 x 17cm (7") circles
- Mix together the turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, soft cheese and peas and divide between the pastry circles. Brush the pastry edges with egg. Bring the edges up and press to seal well to form a pasty shape
- Place the pasties on a baking tray, sealed edges facing up and brush with the egg. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden

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

Bubble and Squeak

1 red onion, finely chopped
450g leftover mashed potato
300g leftover mixed cooked vegetables e.g. roast parsnips, green beans, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli or peas, chopped into small pieces
Salt and black pepper
25g hard cheese, grated
25g butter, melted
Plain flour

Method

- Heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the finely chopped onion for 4-5 minutes until soft
- Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the onions into a large bowl
- Add the mashed potato and cooked vegetables, season well. Add the cheese, mix well and divide the mixture into six portions
- Using your hands, shape each portion into a cake. Put a little flour on a plate and coat each cake in flour on both sides
- Put onto a greased baking tray and brush with a little melted butter. Bake in a preheated oven (200°C/400°F/gas mark 6) for 25 minutes or fry on both sides until golden brown

Need more liners?

Tie an empty liner around the handle of your green bin or food waste container on collection day and the crew will leave you a new roll. You can also pick up a roll from the One Stop Shop at Bolton Town Hall or one of the UCAN Centres.

Going for gold



SPECIAL HONOUR: Fabrice Muamba picks up his Special Recognition Award from Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Linda Thomas



SPORTING GLORY: The Bolton Active Sports awards are one of the biggest in the country

TOP STARS: The winners of this year's Bolton Active Sports Awards

THE cream of Bolton's sporting crop was celebrated at the Bolton Active Sports Awards last month.
The awards were a

packed evening of entertainment and celebration, with former Bolton Wanderers player Fabrice Muamba as special guest and North West Tonight and BBC Break-

fast presenter Roger Johnson as host. It was one of the biggest sports ceremony of its kind in the country with nearly 1000 people attending. Fabrice picked up at surprise

Special Recognition Award for his contribution to sport and raising awareness of defibs in the country from Deputy Leader, Cllr Linda Thomas.

Changing Lifestyle Recognition Award sponsored by USN Bolton Arena

Charlene Kirk
At the young age of 37, Charlene's life changed incredibly from being fit and active to having a heart attack, cardiac arrest and then having to be fitted with a portable machine attached to her heart to keep her heart pumping and ultimately keep her alive. She has worked incredibly hard on her physical and mental recovery.



Club/Class of the Year sponsored by Decathlon Bolton

AFC Masters
AFC Masters is a pan-disability football club which means it provides football for players with all abilities. Players have a broad spectrum of disabilities from autism to cerebral palsy, visual impairments to epilepsy.

Coach of the Year sponsored by Nissan Bolton

Iain Massingham
Iain is unstinting in the giving of his time and enthusiasm to AFC Masters and the individuals who make up the club. He is extremely empathic towards the needs of all players, coaches and other volunteers within the club.

Disabled Achievement Award sponsored by Bolton Council

Emily Tate
Emily has Downs Syndrome and has overcome many barriers to be able to participate in and enjoy sport. She has taken part in various dance shows and dances

Disability Sports Achiever of the Year sponsored by Air Vaut Trampoline Park

Megan Errington
Megan has been stunt cheerleading for two years and joined the BGC squad in January 2016. She has been a valued and dedicated member of the competition squad, attaining championship status at three different levels.

Junior Sports Team of the Year sponsored by The Emerson Group

Bolton Futsal U12s
Bolton Futsal U12s defended their national title, undefeated, an accomplishment never performed before against 1000 teams across seven regions.

Senior Sports of the Year of the Year sponsored by Agilisys Horwich Hockey Club

Ladies 1st Team
Horwich Hockey Club introduced a ladies team two years ago after successfully backing an England Hockey Back2Hockey Campaign to get more women and girls into hockey. After their second season they have won division 4, winning all 10 of their league games.

Unsung Hero in Sport of the Year sponsored by iPro Sport

John Dawson
John is a very dedicated man who has volunteered his services to Turton Swimming Club for more than 40 years. He has been a swimming instructor, chief coach, chairman and vice chairman, whilst he has been at the club and has assisted thousands of children how to swim.

Sports Achiever of the Year sponsored by University of Bolton

Dylan Barrett
Dylan is only 12 years old and he is regularly competing and winning at British, European and World level at kickboxing. Dylan is the current British, European & World Champion and has won nine World Championship titles to date. Dylan is world number one for his age and weight, which is an amazing achievement for someone his age.



Volunteer in Sport of the Year sponsored by Carrs Pasties

Kiera Byland
Kiera volunteers at a variety of centres, such as Ladybridge Disability Swim Club, to support children in learning to swim and coaching cycling at Bolton Hot Wheels. She helps children to learn to swim and to be confident in the water. Kiera is a positive role model as she is a young disabled person herself.

Young Volunteer of the Year sponsored by Saville Audio Visual and Portfolio Design

George Baylis
George has Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Irlen's Syndrome, Autism and continence difficulties. Even at a young age he has a huge amount of wisdom and experience that he willingly shares with others to reassure and support.



School Commitment to Sport and PE award sponsored by YPO

St Thomas Halliwell CE Primary School
St Thomas Halliwell recently won School of the Year at the Primary School Sports Awards were they showcased their fantastic school, highlighting their platform for school PE and sporting activities. Children currently benefit from over four different clubs each half term, along with an active playground during, before and after curriculum time.

Liam Chronnell Memorial Trophy for contribution to boxing

Liam was a young sports reporter for the Bolton News, with a passion for boxing. He passed away suddenly just before Christmas 2011. The Bolton News has created this award to be presented to a volunteer dedicated to boxing. This year's award went to Winston Miragh. Winston has worked as a volunteer at Gloves Community Centre for more than thirteen years and also has helped to set up Metro Boxing at the Castle Hill Centre. In all those years, he has trained dozens of local youngsters in boxing, driving to boxing shows up and down the country from weekdays to weekends to ensure that the boxers get the best experience possible. Whether he is coaching boxers for the championships or to compete on local shows, Winston finds it rewarding helping to organize Metro Boxing charity events, training boxers from various disadvantage areas and being part of the amateur boxing world.

Agilisys is proud to sponsor Bolton's Best, proud to be part of communities in which we work



At Agilisys we deliver success through innovation... working with our clients to transform services that make a difference to millions of people across the UK

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PARTY NIGHTS THIS CHRISTMAS

DIRTY DANCING

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

New for this December, a night spent Dirty Dancing! The Premier Homage Show features all the popular hits and dance moves, with an afternoon Matinee show for family days out and an evening show including a disco for a great Christmas night out.

EVENING PARTY
PRICE £35.00pp

Arrival from 7.30pm, with a three course meal followed by the famous show of all time and then a disco until 1am.

Minimum age 18 years

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER
TRIBUTE TO TAKE THAT
PRICE £42.00pp

The Boys are 'Back for Good' and it's set to be an evening that you will 'Never Forget' with our Take That Tribute Band featuring Dan Hadfield as Gary Barlow! Arrival from 7.30pm, a three course meal followed by live entertainment and a disco until 1am.

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
& FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
LIVE BAND NIGHT
PRICE £42.00pp

Let our live band entertain you throughout the evening and keep you on the dance floor until the early hours! Arrival from 7.30pm, a three course meal followed by live entertainment and a disco until 1am.

Minimum age 18 years

NEW YEAR'S EVE
FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Welcome in 2018 with all your loved ones at our Family New Year's Eve Extravaganza. Come and see our very own Lofty Junior and his Bolton Beauty along with other familiar faces from the movies! Our live show will entertain the children with a two course buffet and a disco until 1am. We have everything you need to see in the New Year!

ADULTS £47.00pp
CHILDREN £27.00pp

*AGED 1 YEAR AND UNDER GO FOR FREE

For more information please call
01204 673610 or email
events@boltonwhiteshotel.co.uk



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Rock and roll at Albert Halls shows

FANS of rock and roll are in for a treat with shows playing in 2018 at the newly refurbished Albert Halls.

Showaddywaddy, billed as the 'greatest rock and roll band in the world' will be playing the Albert Halls on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

The band, formed in Leicester in the 1970s, recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have sold more than 20 million records and have toured the world.

Aficionados of the 'Big O' will love Barry Steele in the Roy Orbison Story, which is set to appear at the Albert Halls on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

Barry Steele is widely recognised as one of the world's leading vocalists playing homage to Roy Orbison. He has stunned audiences across the globe with his uncanny similarity and ability to authentically revive the exquisite toe-tapping sound of this musical legend.

Finally, fans of the King will love the World Famous Elvis Show, starring Chris Connor, which is set to perform at the Hall on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Chris Connor will perform Elvis Presley's greatest hits with his 12 piece band and a full orchestra. He will also be joined by special guest comedian

Lee Lard, a Peter Kay tribute act.

Tickets for all shows are available from Quay Tickets on www.quaytickets.com

For further information on any shows, please contact the Albert Halls office on 01204 332157, or follow @TheAlbertBolton or the Albert Halls Facebook page

Menopause the Musical

Starring Cheryl Fergison (EastEnders), Maureen Nolan (The Nolans), Rebecca Wheatley (Casualty) and Hilary O'Neil (ITV's Copy Cats) this hysterical all-singing, all-dancing comedy is set in a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common, meet by chance and make fun of their woeful lives experiencing 'The Change' and their problems with forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges.

Age advisory +16. There are two shows on Fri 11 May 2018 at 4.30pm and 7.30pm

The Albert Halls is launching its comedy club nights in the Lancaster Suite, first set of dates 15 December, 31 December and 13 January, 10 February, 10 March, and 14 April.

Hike the Pike for Bolton Hospice

BOLTON Hospice is hosting a new charity fund raising event this December.

Hike the Pike is a sponsored festive family five mile hike from the Jolly Crofter pub up to Rivington Pike to raise funds for the hospice. All participants will receive a Santa suit and children participants under 6 years old will receive an elf outfit to wear on the hike.

It's the perfect event for the whole family (including your dog) and will be a great opportunity for a festive family photo.

Once you reach the top of the pike you can place a special flag to remember someone you miss this Christmas and children will find a special post box to post their letter to Santa.

Registration is £10 for adults and £7.50 for children. Registration includes a Santa suit or Elf costume. There will be entertainment on the day for the whole family and festive refreshments will be available to purchase from Jolly Crofters.

For more information or to sign up please visit www.boltonhospice.org.uk, email us at events@boltonhospice.org or call 01204 663 055.

Fit for future at Bolton One

THE £1m refurbishment of the Jason Kenny Centre at Bolton One has been completed.

The refurbishment includes new equipment and new facilities, providing high quality, state of the art facilities for Bolton residents.

In the gym, main fitness suite and the free weights room, equipment has been upgraded or replaced with new equipment and rooms refurbished.

The studio and changing rooms have also been refurbished and a new sauna and steam room installed.



NEW LOOK: The refurbished gym

At your leisure at Horwich



SWIMMING POOL: The new facility at Horwich

THE final touches are being put together at the new Horwich Leisure Centre as this edition of Bolton Scene went to print.

The centre, built on the site of the former car park, is due to open in a few weeks and now building work is complete internal finishing and equipping the gym and other areas were taking place during October.

The new centre includes a 25 metre six lane swim-

ming pool, a separate teaching pool, a 100 station fitness suite, spin and dance studios, a four court sports hall and changing facilities.

It will also include a diverse range of the latest equipment:

- Discovery Series equipment from Lifefitness with touch console technology that will allow you to run, cycle or cross train through the Grand Canyon.
- Watt Bikes used by World

and Olympic champions and elite cyclists

- An Octane free runner which allows a workout with no impact on the joints of the body and can be used for walking, jogging or running.
- The new wet changing

village on the ground floor will include different spaces suitable for individuals, families and groups.

The project is being funded by Bolton Community Leisure Trust which manages the centre, and Bolton Council.