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Amazon jobs flow in

THE building of Amazon's new fulfilment centre in Bolton is in full swing.

When the site opens later this year, it will begin recruitment for 1,200 new full time permanent jobs.

The internet giant is the latest company to come on board at Logistics North. The distribution and manufacturing site off the M61 has attracted several big names, such as Aldi, to open new sites there.

Recruitment for the range of roles has already begun and people interested in potential opportunities should visit www.myamazonjob.com/opportunities.

The new centre joins Amazon's 16 fulfilment centres across the UK.

JOBS BOOST: Pictured taking a look around the development of the new facility is Paul Ashraf who has been appointed as General Manager at the site

Vision for town

“Let's talk Bolton up”

Bolton is planning ahead with the council working with businesses, voluntary groups, other public sector organisations, and other groups through the Bolton Vision Partnership. They're all working together to improve the borough by 2030. In this edition of Bolton Scene we speak to the new Council Leader, Cllr Linda Thomas, and new Chief Executive, Tony Oakman, about the future.

“I'M really privileged to be taking on this role to champion our borough and our people,” said Councillor Thomas.

Cllr Thomas was appointed Leader of the Council at a special meeting of the Full Council last month and outlined the two most important areas:

- Driving forward re-

generation and improving our town centres for the future

- Narrowing the gap between the most vulnerable residents and the better off

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Free Parking

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

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

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Bolton Council

What does the council do for me?

Every day your council runs hundreds of different services at a cost of:

- £6.52 per person per day
- £1.56 from Council Tax
- £1.69 from Business Rates
- £3.21 Government grant



We empty approx. **53,200** bins per working day. During 2016/17 we collected **328.5** tonnes of recycling per day and **410.9** tonnes of general waste every day



We receive **5** complaints for Trading Standards to investigate every day



1564 books are borrowed every day from our libraries



We issue **9** licences every day such as taxi driver applications and street trading



There are **3555** visitors to our libraries and museums every day



3254 people visit one of our leisure centres every day



317 miles are covered every time we do a full route grit



We carry out **3** requests for pollution inspections every day



Around **5** older people receive a visit every day to plan with them how they can live independently in their own homes



3 food hygiene inspections are carried out every day



and around **44** children and young people receive advice about social care every day



We help **48** people with advice about housing every day



We register **36** births, civil marriages and deaths every day

...and much more!

To find out what else the council does for you visit www.bolton.gov.uk



Vision for town...

She said: "To improve prosperity in the borough we've secured £100m to drive forward the changes that residents want to see in Bolton town centre.

"It's also about restoring the vibrancy of our other town centres, such as Farnworth, which is a top priority for me."

The council announced last year it will borrow £100m to kick-start different development schemes as part of a £1 billion masterplan to regenerate Bolton town centre. The ambitious redevelopment proposals aim to transform the centre.

Areas for development will include Church Wharf, and Trinity Street – where a new hotel, office block and a multi-storey car park could be built.

Strengths

The new chief executive of Bolton Council, Tony Oakman, said he was delighted to be working in Bolton.

"Bolton was a place I wanted to come to and I already feel like part of the Bolton family. It is the people in this town that make it such a special place and we need to be positive about the borough's strengths."

At the recent Vision Conference, Tony spoke of the need to mobilise the borough in celebrating its strengths and rising to the challenges, by working together.

"This is a place I wanted to come and work in, because of the vision, where the

borough is heading and because of the people. People make places. Everywhere I've been everyone has been very welcoming, everyone has been very positive, people want to make you listen to what they want to see happen.

"That's not to say that there are not things that we need to improve, or that we can build on.

"But negativity gets us nowhere. We can all talk about what's not right. But actually the brave people are those that stand up for the things that need to happen, stand up for the things that need to change, and importantly talk help shape and improve things.

"I want to work with you as Chief Executive of this council to shape, to inform and to work in partnership. As a council we can't do it on our own, but by listening, by understanding, by sometimes agreeing or disagreeing, we come to an agreement about what our key policies are and what we need to do."

Councillor Thomas added: "Some of you have asked how can we deliver with less and innovate in the face of austerity. Narrowing gap underpins everything we do and it's what I'm personally been committed to my whole life.

"We're pushing forward our anti-poverty support offer, the most generous in Greater Manchester. So far we have secured more than £2 million to help our most vulnerable residents who are really struggling."



NEW VISION: Pictured at the Vision Conference are (from left) Dave Singleton, Chair of Bolton Vision; Councillor Linda Thomas, Leader of the Council and Tony Oakman, Chief Executive of Bolton Council



YOUTH VOICE: Jonathan Wright and Jaya Patel speaking at the conference

Young people are future

BOLTON'S young people are at the heart of the borough's vision for the future.

Youth MPs Jonathan Wright and Jaya Patel addressed hundreds of leaders from the business, education, health, voluntary and community sectors at the 20th Bolton Vision Conference.

Jonathan and Jaya reflected on the success of the first Youth Vision Conference last October

They also talked about the important role that young

people had to play in the strategy for Bolton 2030 and presented a video with their hopes for the future of the town.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "The youth council is a great example to their community and the energy and ideas they brought to the day was just fantastic."

The day also featured a performance from the Youth Council.

Church Wharf plans next steps



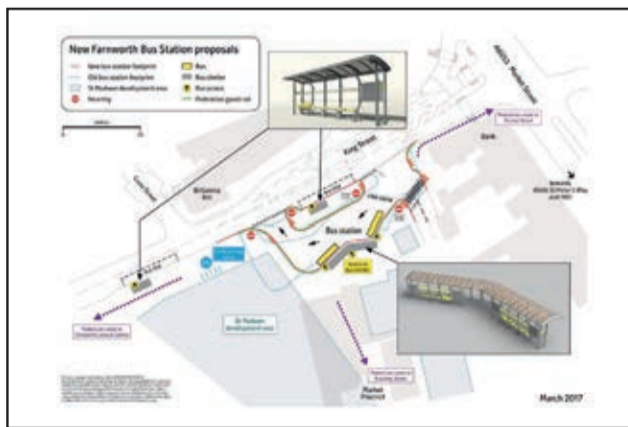
DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The river Croal could become a major feature

PLANS for the multi-million redevelopment of Church Wharf have taken a step forward.

Local businesses and the public have commented about a document which is to be used to redevelop the area.

The plans see the area having a mixed type of housing, some officer and commercial development, and opening up the River Croal as green space and an attraction.

Work starts to new Farnworth bus station



WORK has started to the new bus station for Farnworth.

The existing bus station on King Street has closed while the development takes place.

The new facility will include improved bus shelters and seating; CCTV;

street lighting; cycle parking; improved passenger information and wayfinding signage.

Passengers should check www.tfgm.com for details of bus stop locations and bus route changes.

It is expected to open in summer 2018.

Multi-storey plans move forward



TRINITY GATEWAY: The new scheme could be similar to one in Stockport

PROPOSALS to build a multi-storey car park near the new Bolton transport interchange have taken another step forward.

The former Wayne Walker meat store and Motor-cycle Mega Store are being demolished.

Plans for a multi-storey car park, hotel and offices are being put forward in their place.

The new car park is expected to be one of the first projects in the £1 billion regeneration of the town centre.

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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

In the summer 2017 edition we spoke about our exciting new plans to invest in and improve your health and social care services in Bolton.

Now, a few months down the line, we want to tell you what we have done so far ...

VIRTUAL EYE CLINIC

We have invested £750,000 towards more staff and the latest equipment for our Virtual Eye Clinics at Waters Meeting Health Centre.

5,750

new appointments!

So you get seen more quickly!

The new service will:

- ✓ Reduce the amount of time you have to wait to receive an appointment with the Hospital Eye Service.
- ✓ Reduce the amount of time you have to spend at your clinic appointment. The new service has already seen patients go home after approximately 1 hour, instead of what would previously have taken 2-3 hours at the hospital.



IMPROVING YOUR EXPERIENCE AT A&E

Next time you go to A&E you may be seen by a GP, Mental Health Worker, or our Home First Team.

These are part of our improvements to ensure you get the best care in the lowest possible waiting time.

We know many people who turn up at A&E are experiencing over a four hour wait and because of this we are looking to assess patients earlier. This means that if you have an issue which can be solved by a more appropriate NHS service/professional such as a GP, Mental Health Worker or the Home First team, for elderly patients, we can redirect you to one of those people on-site. So you don't have to wait in the emergency department any longer than you need to.

More
Health professionals

Ensuring you get seen by the right person at the right time, and in less time!



Central Scene

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Issue - Spring 2018

£1 billion boost for town centre

Since the council launched the £1bn town centre masterplan last year we've busy working behind the scenes to make progress.

The first steps are starting to take shape. The council has borrowed £100m to kick start a further planned £1bn investment from the private sector in the town centre up to 2030 and beyond.

The masterplan looks at:

- A more focused and stronger retail core.
- Introducing town centre housing - focusing on empty and brownfield sites close to the centre to build high quality housing, including a mixture of affordable homes.

- Grade A office development - there is strong demand for office space and a lack of availability locally and regionally.

Redevelopment will include creating 1800 new homes, 7400 new jobs and generating economic activity worth an additional £412m over five strategic sites.

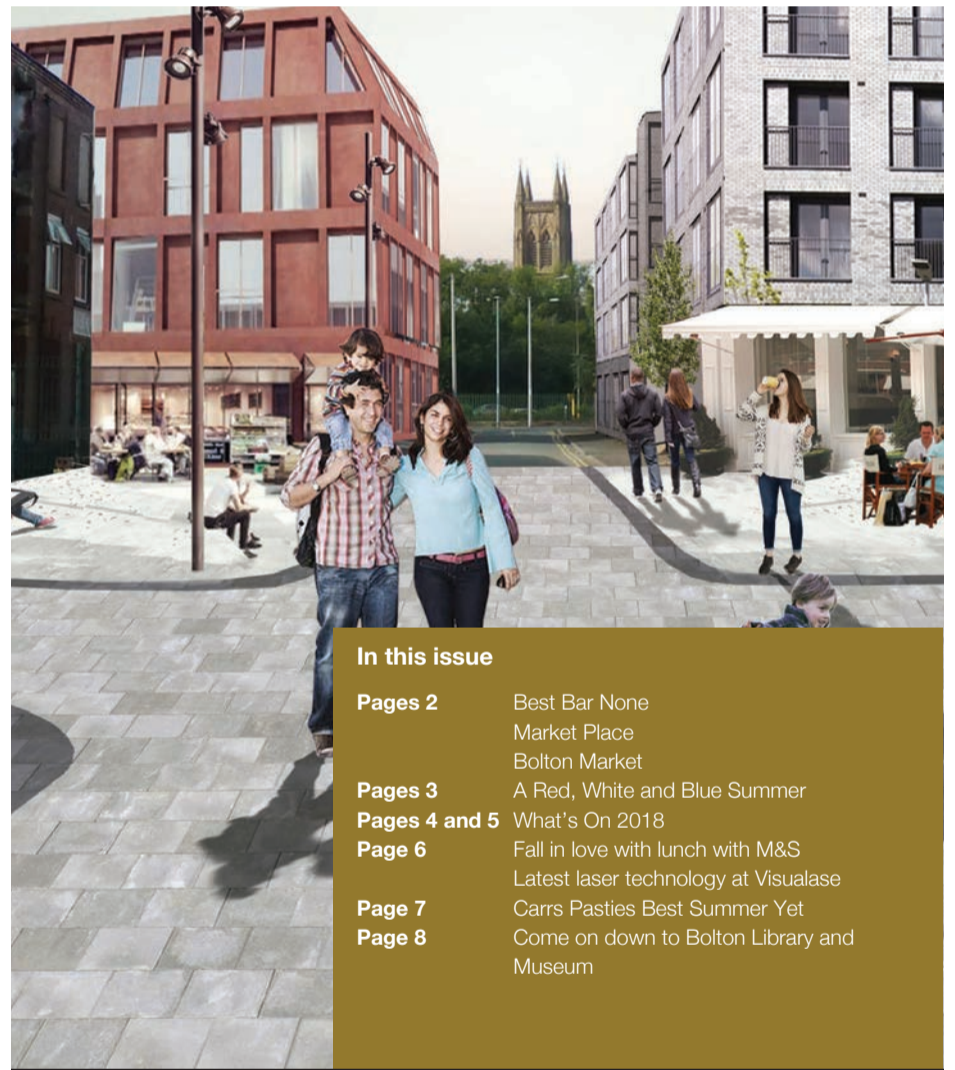
The latest news is that a planning document for to guide the development of the Church Wharf area has been drafted. Church Wharf will be a new town centre 'quarter' with a mix of apartments and town houses, as well as having a new pedestrian route along the River Croal.

Plans for a new multi-storey car park near Bolton transport interchange have taken another step forward.

The former Wayne Walker meat store and the adjacent Motorcycle Mega Store at the junction with Trinity Street and Bradshawgate will be demolished. A planning application for the multi-storey car park is expected to be submitted soon after.

The Trinity Gateway scheme also includes proposal for a hotel and offices.

- **See inside this issue for news from our town centre partners and a packed calendar of town centre events this year.**



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Come on down to Bolton Library and Museum

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Best Bar None



A new project is tackling town centre problems.

Violent crime has fallen by 33% in licensed premises following the launch of a new project.

Best Bar None is a nationally recognised scheme to improve standards within licensed premises, reduce problems and address vulnerability.

The Bolton scheme was launched in 2017 with 17 venues signing up. The standards are scored Bronze, Silver and Gold awards with venues having three months to reach the required standards. All premises scored above the required Bronze standard with the majority being awarded Silver and several more receiving Gold. One of the venues stood out more than the others (Level Nightclub) and achieved a special Platinum award.

To be accredited each premise was subject to an intensive process by an independent assessor and had to demonstrate competence and present their policies and procedures in relation to various elements of their operations. Workshops and training sessions around child

sexual exploitation and counter terrorism were delivered. The workshops and training sessions were well attended with 40-50 staff from licensed premises coming along.

Last November Best Bar None (Bolton) launched the 'Ask for Angela' scheme. Any person who finds themselves in a vulnerable position can be safely and discretely removed from any potential danger.

During the Christmas period #ask Angela was activate on five occasions in two venues preventing some potentially very serious incidents.

All accredited venues embraced the scheme and a number of them are going to be part of the new Student Safe Zone.

This year the scheme is expected to grow to approximately 24 premises. Westhoughton town centre has seen the positive impact of what has happened in Bolton and a scheme will be launched in the town.

AWARD WINNING: Members of the team won the Best New Scheme Award 2017 at the Best Bar None Awards at the House of Lords.

Shop, dine, enjoy!

Located right in the heart of Bolton, Market Place is your go-to place for fashion, food and fun.

The stunningly transformed historic market hall forms the beautiful backdrop to a fabulous day's shopping. With a great collection of stores including Zara, Topshop, River Island, New Look, Debenhams, H&M, Next, and Oasis, they've got your fashion essentials covered. Whether you're heading off to sunnier climes or looking forward to a summer staycation, you'll find your seasonal must-haves

in stores like Boots and The Body Shop. Every shopping trip requires at least a little pit-stop, and with a great collection of cafés from global favourites like Costa and Starbucks to thriving local names like Mezzo and Carrs as well as the truly indulgent Creams, you're really spoilt for choice. If you have a little longer to enjoy a leisurely lunch or an evening meal with friends, then The Vaults makes the ideal destination. The unique and vibrant destination, hidden within the historic vaults of the old market hall, is home to a great choice of

restaurants and bars including Nando's, Prezzo, GBK, Pepe's Grill, Great Ale, The Bank, The Cave and more.

The Light Cinema offers the very best in cinematic luxury. With fully licenced screens meaning you can enjoy a tittle with your movie, extended legroom as standard, and the latest audio-visual technology to ensure the ultimate experience.

Amazonia indoor adventure play and The Lost Valley adventure golf offer a little light relief for adults and kids alike.



Bolton Market

Support local life

The market has over 200 stalls to choose from located both indoors and outdoor which are all under cover.

Opening Times
Open every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm.

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Red, white & blue

Summer

It promises to be a great British summer with a Royal Wedding, the World Cup and Wimbledon.

So why not show your true colours by adding a splash of red, white and blue to your wardrobe?

We can't guarantee sunshine for Harry and Meghan's big day; prevent England getting knocked out on penalties or promise that another Brit will lift a trophy at SW19. But these bold pieces are sure to brighten up even the dullest day and lift the spirits no matter what the sporting results.

Go all out with a head-to toe-look, feature one statement piece or keep it subtle with well-chosen accessories.

Women



Navy jumpsuit, £59.99, TK Maxx



Red Earrings, £10, River Island



White wide leg trousers, £45, Next



Per Una red blazer, £69, M&S



Navy bag £30, River Island



Red court shoes, £35, M&S

Men



White Denim jacket £45, River Island



Crew Jumper, £29.50, M&S



Navy shorts, £39.99, TK Maxx



Sweater, £26, Next

What's On 2018

There's a fantastic line



April

Saturday 21 – Teenage Market –
Victoria Square

Sunday 22 – St. Georges Day
Parade – Victoria Square to Parish Church

May

Saturday 5
Farnworth Suffragette Centenary – Farnworth

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 – Boltfest –
Queens Park

Sunday 27 – Civic Sunday – Victoria Square

Thursday 31 - Summer Holiday event by the
Octagon Theatre – Victoria Square

June

Friday 1 to Saturday 23 – Summer Holiday
event by the Octagon Theatre – Victoria Square

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 Horwich Festival
of Racing

Monday 25 – Armed Forces Flag Raising
ceremony – Victoria Square

Saturday 30 – Armed Forces Day – Victoria
Square

July

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 – Bolton Strongman
– Victoria Square

Saturday 14 – IRONKIDS – Bolton town centre

Sunday 15 – IRONMAN UK Triathlon –
Queens Park and across Bolton

Tuesday 24 to Thursday 26 – Sport on the
Square – Victoria Square

Saturday 28 – Teenage Market – Victoria Square

...up of events for the whole family this year...



August

Wednesday 1 – National Play Day – Victoria Square

Friday 3 and Thursday 23 – Gullivers Travels – Queens Park

Friday 24 to Monday 27 – Bolton Food and Drink Festival – Bolton town centre

September

Saturday 15 – Teenage Market – Victoria Square

Friday 21 to Sunday 23 – Bolton Pride events – Victoria Square

October

Thursday 25 – Get Ready for Winter – Victoria Square

November

Friday 2 – Firework display - Leverhulme Park

Sunday 11 – National Beacon Lighting – Victoria Square and Bolton town centre

Sunday 11 – Remembrance Sunday – Victoria Square and Bolton town centre

Thursday 22 – Christmas Lights Switch-on – Victoria Square and Bolton town centre

December

Sunday 1 - 30 – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – Bolton Albert Halls

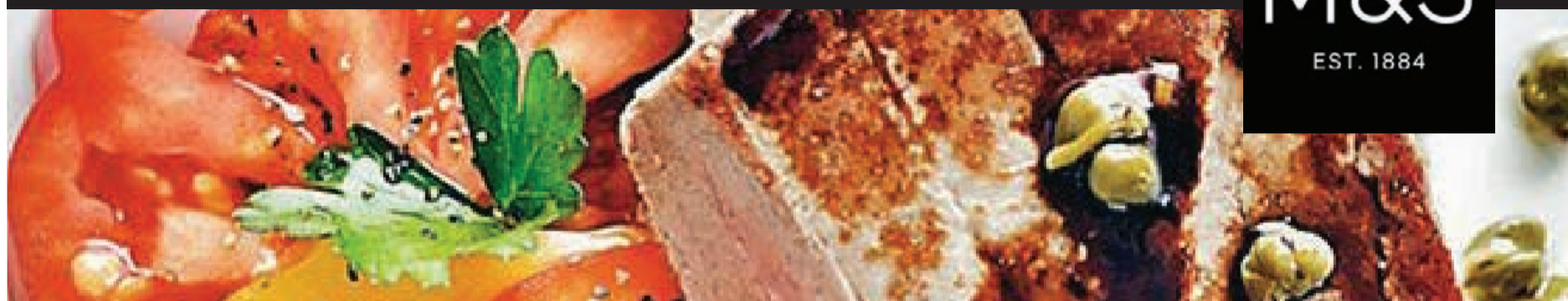
Saturday 8 December
Mayors Christmas Fair

Saturday 8 December to Sat 6 Jan 2019 - Winter Festival – Victoria Square and Bolton town centre

For further details about events see www.visitbolton.com/whatson

Fall in love with lunch

M&S
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Often overlooked or under thought, lunch can be the forgotten meal.

Change all that with our M&S ideas, inspiration and recipes for a truly lovely lunchtime – whether you're at work, entertaining or enjoying a lazy weekend

Everybody has different preferences for their midday meal – some prefer a high-powered protein hit while others are keen on the slow-burning energy of grains. Whether you're a health aficionado or a pure foodie, you'll find some great ideas in store.

Recipe: Flash fried tuna and tomato salad

Ingredients – serves 4

- 3 tsp olive oil
- 500g Yellowfin tuna steak
- 450g mixed tomatoes
- 1 handful large flat-leaf parsley
- 1 garlic clove
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp capers
- 1 loaf crusty bread

Method

Half the mixed tomatoes, or slice if large - we used a mixture of red and gold santini, rosa, green tiger and jester. Finely chop the garlic cloves. Drain the capers. Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large, non-stick frying pan. Season the tuna steaks and add to the pan.

Cook for 2-3 minutes each side, so that the tuna is rare in the centre.

Remove the fish from the pan and cut it into chunky pieces.

Arrange on a platter with the tomatoes and parsley.

Add the remaining oil to the pan, with the garlic.

Sizzle for a minute, remove from the heat and stir in the balsamic vinegar and capers.

Spoon over the tuna and tomatoes, and serve with crusty bread.

Latest laser technology at Visualase

Visualase is delighted to announce the arrival of the latest laser technology at our clinic. The Schwind Aramis laser is now being used to treat our patients giving them the leading technology for laser eye surgery. This laser has a proven track record and is documented by excellent clinical results in numerous scientific publications and has earned many national and international awards. So, if you think it's time to make a change from your glasses or contact lenses and would like more information please browse through our website www.visualase.com or give us a call on (01204) 387467.



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For many of our patients, laser eye surgery proves to be life-changing and the only regret most have is not having had the treatment done earlier so make 2018 the year you treat yourself to better vision.



Carrs Pasties best summer yet

This year, Carrs Pasties is celebrating its 80th anniversary and the company has big plans for the summer.

The family bakery started in 1938 by making meat and potato pasties in the back of what used to be the U.C.P. Tripe Shop on Halliwell Road. The demand soon grew and soon enough the shop became Carrs Pasties. Since then, the company has grown and now has four shops in Bolton in addition to many other stockists around the North West.

As well as the shops and business customers, Carrs Pasties has also developed an events delivery service. Customers can now order pasties for a range of events including parties and business lunches.

According to Matt Carr, commercial direction at Carrs Pasties, summer in 2018 is going to be the best yet: "We feel very lucky to be part of a town that supports us so much. While we will be doing our best to return the favour by getting involved with events like the Bolton Food and Drink Festival and the Octagon Theatre on tour, it's also very important to use our anniversary to step up our work with charities that continue to rely on local support. Please join us in both our celebrations and fundraising efforts, together we can make Bolton even more of a generous, friendly place than it is already famous for."



To find out more information on booking pasties for an event visit:
www.carrspasties.co.uk or call 01204 387 117.

Come on down



As work continues to our new gallery, Bolton's Egypt, there's still plenty going on in our museums and libraries.

The new gallery with a full size reproduction of the burial chamber of Thutmose III as its centrepiece and depict Bolton's important links to ancient Egypt in a family-friendly and interactive exhibition.

In order for the work to take place, the museum – which is situated on the top floor of the building – is now closed to the public for the duration of the project.

In the build up to the new gallery opening we have free talks and activities for all ages, with experts from around the UK.

Thursday 5 April
7pm - Daily Life in Ancient Egypt with Kha and Meryt by Prof. Joann Fletcher & Dr. Stephen Buckley

Saturday 5 May
11am - Make Tube Cat Mummies

1pm - Stories and Myths from Ancient Egypt by Bolton Storytellers
2pm - Make a Scarab Beetle

Thursday 7 June
7pm - Religion in Ancient Egypt by Dr Stephen Snape, Liverpool University
You can also see Egypt on the big screen with our film screenings in the Bolton Central Library Lecture Theatre.

Thursday 15 March
7pm - The Scorpion King (2002)

Thursday 19 April
7pm - Gods of Egypt (2016)

Thursday 17 May
7pm - Stargate (1994)

Thursday 21 June
7pm - Agora (2009)

Animals and Us exhibition

We have an interactive, family exhibition now open at Bolton Museum – with a tiny mouse as star of the show.

Leopold, the inquisitive mouse, has been designed by Chorlton illustrator Anna Violet and is the mascot for Animals and Us. He guides visitors through the exhibition, showing them how all animals – from insects to elephants – are an important part of our everyday lives.

The Animals and Us exhibition is in the new exhibition space on the lower ground floor of the museum in Le Mans Crescent. Entrance to the exhibition is free.

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri and Sat
9am to 5pm, **Wed** 9.30am to 5pm and **Sun** 10am to 4pm.

Further events

Arty Babies - Bolton Central Library and Museum
Calling all babies and their families, join us for Arty Babies - a fortnightly baby group at Bolton Central Library and Museum. Arty Babies brings

our collections and resources to life through songs, play and sensory activities. Free entry, no need to book, just pop by. Arty Babies will meet at **10.30am on: 27 March, Tuesday 10 April, Tuesday 24 April, Tuesday 8 May and Tuesday 22 May.**

An evening with Alice Broadway

Alice Broadway, author of best selling novel 'Ink', will be joining us at Bolton Central Library to give us all the inside scoop behind the first instalment of the INK trilogy, as well as her upcoming second instalment 'Spark'. She will engage in an entertaining Q&A with a chance for questions from the audience. A free raffle for a signed book will also be running on the evening.

There will be a chance for guests to meet Alice and have their own copy of her book signed.

Wed 21 March, 6.30pm
Please book your free place on Eventbrite

Crime writer Karen Hamilton

Meet psychological thriller writer Karen Hamilton who will be talking about her debut novel 'The Perfect Girlfriend' - described as a "frightening depiction of unbridled obsession, where love and pure hatred grapple on a knife edge." There will be an opportunity to buy a signed copy of Karen's book. Light refreshments will be available.

Fri 23 March, noon
Please book your free place on Eventbrite Silver

Screenings with subtitles - My Cousin Rachel

Watch romantic drama film 'My Cousin Rachel' with subtitles for deaf and hard of hearing. The film is based on the novel by Daphne Du Maurier, author of Rebecca. Light refreshments for sale. Free, no need to book.

Wed 28 March, 2pm

* family friendly events

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YES!



SUPPORT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

We want people to feel connected in their community and neighbourhoods and we are placing people within communities to help achieve this goal.

Community Asset Navigators will link you up with support and activities in your area - you shouldn't feel isolated!

Known as Community Asset Navigators, these people will be used as a link between you and your community in a bid to improve the general health and wellbeing of people living in that area.

We are all aware that older people can sometimes feel isolated. So we will be improving social lives by helping people to take part in community activities.

For younger people who may be feeling alone or disconnected we will be using the Community Asset Navigators to introduce them to sports clubs and other leisure and social activities to help them make new friends and feel included.

CARING FOR YOU IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD...

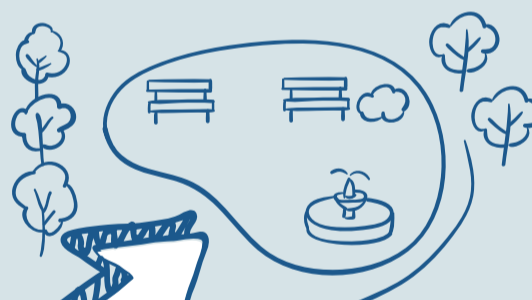
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GP PRACTICE



CARE HOME



More...

- ✓ access to gardens
- ✓ therapeutic equipment
- ✓ dementia friendly environments
- ✓ support - staff numbers have increased!

LOOKING AFTER OUR CARE HOME RESIDENTS

Taking care of older people in Bolton is something we take very seriously. We have put money into training courses to develop our care home managers and improve the care of residents.

34 registered managers are due to benefit from additional training.

We have also identified where we want to focus on improving. These include areas such as; reducing isolation to improved leisure activities and an increased social life with friends and family. We have gone some way to addressing these already by



Designed to provide you with the best care possible in your area - focussing on bringing these services to you.

So far, 17 pharmacists have been recruited, mental health workers are expected very soon and physios should be available from September 2018. In addition to prevent you getting ill we are increasing the amount of Health Improvement Practitioners.

More support to help and prevent long term health conditions.

Health Improvement Practitioners going from...

20 to 50!

Easter Recycling

Around **3,000 tonnes** of Easter egg packaging is produced every year, which is equivalent in weight to **3.1 million** Easter bunnies!

Remember to recycle the **cardboard box** in your **beige bin**

Don't forget the plastic packaging goes in your grey bin and is converted into **green energy!**

Please recycle the **foil** in your **burgundy bin**



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You can recycle card and paper from around your home

good to know from your **bathroom**

Top tip:
 • Put a bin in your bathroom just for recycling

good to know from your **bedroom**

Top tip:
 • Remember to recycle your toiletries and tissue boxes

good to know from your **kitchen**

Top tip:
 • Flatten boxes to save space in your recycling

good to know from your **lounge**

Top tip:
 • Cardboard packing from your online orders can also be recycled



Remember, no plastic or polystyrene trays or plastic bags

To order your recycling containers visit www.bolton.gov.uk/lovere recycling

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Bolton Council

Live healthy, happy, and independent

THE NHS and social care services, are working together to support people aged 65 and over to get the right support at the right time to remain, healthy, happy and independent.

They have come together to set up the Staying Well service. It's based around you and your needs and also works with organisations such as the Volunteer Centre Bolton and Age UK.

What do we have in Bolton to offer you?

We have a team offering Staying Well visits. A Staying Well Co-ordinator will phone you to arrange a time to visit you at home.

StayingWell
thinking today for tomorrow



We will have a conversation about Staying Well and ways in which you can confidently continue to enjoy

the things in life that matter to you.

Together, if we find that you could benefit from

some information, advice or need access to the right support, we can help find ways to do this.

Following the visit your Staying Well Co-ordinator will write a summary of the visit for your records. A copy will be sent to you, and to your GP with your consent.

We look at twelve areas:

- Interests and hobbies
- Getting out and about
- Carers support
- Health
- Managing your money
- Communications
- Friends and family
- House and home
- Managing your medication
- Emotional wellbeing
- Volunteering and work
- Personal care and daily tasks

What's in it for you?

- Staying well and healthy in body and mind.
- Support at the right time to help you keep doing the things that you enjoy and stay independent.
- Making choices about health and wellbeing.
- Advice that focuses on you and your family.
- Working together to make sure that you are at the heart of what we do.
- Information about activities and groups local to you.
- Support to explore new groups of interest to you.
- An opportunity to share your skills.
- A chance to think about the future.

For more information please call The Staying Well Team on: 07833 237 917 or 07917 212 673

Charity awarded nearly £500K lottery grant

A HOUSING scheme that supports young people has been awarded a lottery grant to help them into the world of work.

Bolton Young Persons Housing Scheme (BYPHS) was awarded a Big Lottery Reaching Communities Grant of nearly half a million pounds.

The organisation will now use the cash for its 'Chances' project, which supports young people aged 16 to 25. They have already been homeless and are living in the scheme's temporary accommodation but are continuing to struggle.

The young people may also have experienced a range of issues including mental ill health, sexual exploitation and domestic abuse.

The lottery grant will now ensure that the council is able to continue to offer children in its care a range of work experience opportunities and enhanced routes into employment.

£12 million boost for Rivington Chase

A NEW access road to the £262m Rivington Chase development will enable much needed homes can be built more quickly.

The council has been awarded £12m million to create the new road. The money will also be used for works to the land which the road will be built on.

It will provide the main access to vehicles for Rivington Chase and will link the planned 1700 home site with Middlebrook retail park, Horwich Parkway railway station, and junction 6 of the M61.

The government funding is to support local infrastructure to make housing developments viable and accelerate housing delivery.

Leader of Bolton Council, Cllr Linda Thomas, said: "This is great news and we always promised we would address local residents' concerns about access to the site and how any extra vehicles in the area would be catered for.

"We understood that the local community had concerns about highways infrastructure, and we said this would have to be in place before any houses are built.

"The level of investment proposed in the whole scheme will result in major direct financial investment into Horwich, which will benefit both the town and the whole borough.

"Work on the site will also bring hundreds of new jobs for the community."



New community facilities in Blackrod

NEW sports and community activities are available in Blackrod.

The Blackrod Sports and Community Centre has been taken over by the community, as a meeting place for local groups.

Local people have set up the Blackrod Sports & Community Centre CIC (Community Interest Company) to manage and maintain the building. The council awarded them an £80,000 grant from its Community Empowerment Fund, for a new roof for the centre and some internal modifications to the building.

The community interest company aims to increase use of the centre and pitches by local community and provide activities for all members of the Blackrod community.

Chris Essex-Crosby, Chair of Blackrod Sports and Community Centre CIC said: "As trustees, we are proud to take on the management of the Blackrod Sports & Community Centre. We are grateful for the confidence shown in us by Bolton Council."

Anyone wanting to have a look or make a booking can do so by email at bsacc.bookings@gmail.com or telephone on 07935 907531.

Flytipping action

THE council is taking action against those who flytip.

We have taken the following cases to court:

- Stephen Millar was sentenced to 12 month conditional discharge and almost £1000 after he dumped chip board,

waste bags, glass and cardboard behind his home.

- Jozef Bihari was fined £890 for repeatedly leaving waste in his backyard which the council had to clear.
- Lisa Marie Sutton failed to remove a corner sofa, a double mattress, bed-

ding, stinking black bags and other rubbish from her rear yard and was fined £712.

- Carmen Tomescu failed to pay on the spot fines after she left a fridge, and 12 black bin bags of rubbish behind her house and was fined £1132 by the court.

- Sandor Zeno Hovarth was fined £770 for leaving a sofa, a chair, chipboard, clothes and other waste behind his house.

- Ladislav Bihari left a single mattress leaning against the wall of his backyard and was fined £620.



Glowing reports for services

TWO services which enable people with disabilities to live either independently or with a carer have passed inspections with flying colours.

Inspectors from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) judged the Shared Lives service and the Supported Living service to be 'Good' in all five categories: safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led. Their overall judgement was that the services were 'Good'.

These services are run by Bolton Council's local authority trading company, Bolton Cares.

People who use the Supported Living service live in a shared tenanted accommodation where staff assist them to live independently, while Shared Lives enables adults with disabilities to live with a carer as part of a family environment.

Inspectors spoke to people who use the services, their relatives, and the staff and managers.

Teaming up to help children find the right families

A NEW 'super' team for the North West is searching for families for children waiting for adoption.

For the first time the number of children waiting for care is higher than registered adopters.

Adoption Now is a new adoption agency, which brings together Bolton, Tameside, Oldham, Bury, Rochdale, and Blackburn with Darwen councils to share best practice, resources and expertise.

There are around 100 children waiting for adoption across the six authority areas, with 20 of them from Bolton.

Adoption Now is keen to hear from people of all backgrounds who are interested in adoption.

For further information visit the Adoption Now website or contact 01204 336096 for an informal chat.

HORWICH CIVIC EVENTS 2018 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOLTON

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994

THE BOLTON (CIVIC EVENTS HORWICH) (TEMPORARY CLOSURES, SUSPENSIONS AND PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (NO.17) ORDER 2018

The Council intends to make an order which will enable the following events to take place in Horwich on dates as indicated:

RIVINGTON PIKE FELL RACES

Between approximately 2pm and 4.30pm on Saturday 31 March, Lever Park Avenue will be closed from Scholes Bank to Dryfield Lane.

The alternative route for traffic will be: Scholes Bank - Dryfield Lane.

A DAY FOR ST GEORGE

Between approximately 11am and 2.30pm on Saturday 21 April, Brownlow Road will be closed from Lee Lane for approximately 30m in a north-easterly direction (the area of carriageway adjacent to the Saddle Public House).

The alternative route for traffic will be: Lee Lane, Longworth Road, Beaumont Road, Brownlow Road.

HORWICH CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Between approximately 11am and 2pm on Sunday 24 June, the following roads will be closed:
Chorley Old Road between Stocks Park Drive & Church Street,
Church Street between Chorley Old Road and Lee Lane,
Lee Lane for its entire length,
Chorley New Road (south-east bound) between Scholes Bank and Ramsbottom Road,
Ramsbottom Road for its entire length,
Victoria Road between Ramsbottom Road and Church Street.

In addition, the 7.5 tonne weight restriction limit except for access will be suspended on Stocks Park Drive between Victoria Road and Chorley Old Road / Church Street.

The alternative route for traffic will be:

(a) North-west bound – Stocks Park Drive, Victoria Road, Chorley New Road.

(b) East bound – (phase one) Scholes Bank, Chorley New Road, Victoria Road, Stocks Park Drive.

(c) East bound – (phase two) Scholes Bank, Lee Lane, Church Street, Chorley Old Road, Stocks Park Drive.

HORWICH FESTIVAL OF RACES

Between approximately 2pm and 11pm on Saturday 16 June, the following roads will be closed:

Lee Lane for its entire length,
Winter Hey Lane for its entire length,
Church Street between Winter Hey Lane and Victoria Road,
Chorley New Road between Scholes Bank and Winter Hey Lane,
Harrison Street for its entire length.

Between 8am and 6pm on Sunday 17 June the following roads will be closed:

Lee Lane for its entire length,
Winter Hey Lane for its entire length,
Chorley New Road between Scholes Bank and Winter Hey Lane.

Between 7am Saturday 16 June and 6pm Sunday 17 June the following roads will be closed:
Jones Street, St John Street and New Brunswick Street for their full lengths

In addition:

(a) the 7.5 tonne weight restriction limit except for access will be suspended, on Mason Street between Chorley New Road and Vale Avenue; on Vale Avenue between Mason Street and Crown

Lane; on Crown Lane between Chorley New Road and Station Road; on Station Road between Crown Lane and the A6 Blackrod By-Pass.

(b) there will be a temporary prohibition of waiting restriction established on Crown Lane west side from Chorley New Road for 25 metres in a southerly direction; east side from Chorley New Road to 15m south of Vale Avenue; on Vale Avenue both sides from Crown Lane to Mason Street; on Mason Street south side from Vale Avenue to 50m west of Greenstone Avenue; and on Mason Street north side from 60m west of Tomlinson Street to Vale Avenue; Scholes Bank, south side from its junction with Chorley new Road to its junction with Lever Park Avenue.

The alternative route for traffic will be:
Victoria Road, Chorley New Road, Mason Street, Vale Avenue, Crown Lane, Scholes Bank.

During the period of each event all vehicles not directly engaged in the event will be prohibited from entering, proceeding, stopping, standing and waiting in lengths of roads affected.

Street notices will be published prior to each event and this Order will only be operative during the times and on the days specified above in respect of each individual event.

Bolton Council. 12 March 2018.

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Bolton Life!

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Steaming ahead

SEE some of the north's industrial heritage this May Bank Holiday.

Bolton Steam Museum has the largest collection of working textile mill steam engines in the country. The museum preserves some of the steam engines which powered the textile industries of Lancashire and Yorkshire and is run by volunteers from the Northern Mill Engine Society.

It will be open Sunday and Monday 6 - 7 May, 10am-4pm and Sunday and Monday 27 and 28 May, 10am-4pm. Admission is free but donations can be made to Northern Mill Engine Society.

The museum is located on Morrison's Atlas Mills Supermarket site (next to the petrol station), Mornington Road, Off Chorley Old Road, Bolton, BL1 4EU.

Queens Park to star in Ironman



WINNER 2017: Last year's Ironman UK winner Cyril Viennot crossing the finishing line

ATHLETES competing in Ironman UK will face a new challenge with the addition of beautiful Queen's Park to the marathon route.

The transition and event hub will move from the Macron Stadium to Bolton town centre for the race on July 15, 2018.

This means athletes will now cycle along Chorley New Road into Queens Park, on Spa Road. The 26.2 mile run will then start at Queens Park and will consist of four laps taking athletes around Bolton town

centre before ascending through Queens Park to Chorley New Road.

The swim remains at 2.4 mile swim in Pennington Flash and the 112 mile bike course is largely similar to previous races.

Ironman and Bolton Council announced in July that the event will remain in Bolton until 2022.

As part of the Ironman weekend, the world's biggest Ironkids event takes place in Bolton on July 14, 2018.

For more information about the changes and to enter, please visit the event website, www.ironman.com/uk

A MAGICAL TREAT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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Emmerdale's "Rachel" **GEMMA OATEN** as Glinda The Good Fairy

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Paralympian's approval for leisure centre

HORWICH'S new state-of-the-art £10m leisure centre has received the seal of approval from a local paralympian.

Rik Waddan, medallist in London 2012 and Beijing 2008, lives in Horwich and had a look around the new centre just before it opened.

He said: "I think it's an amazing facility. There is a lot of space, and the latest up to date equipment and technology. I'm sure a lot of people will enjoy the facility."

The new leisure centre, on Church

Street, features a 25-metre six lane swimming pool, a teaching pool, a 100-station gym, spin and dance studios, a multi-purpose room and a four court sports hall.

The new building has taken just over a year to construct and is part of a wider investment in Horwich including a new primary school and 3G pitch.

The centre has been jointly funded by Bolton Council and Bolton Community Leisure Trust (BCLT) who will also manage the facility.



NEW CENTRE: The new facilities at Horwich have now opened