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In memory of
**Cllr David
Greenhalgh**
1967 - 2021



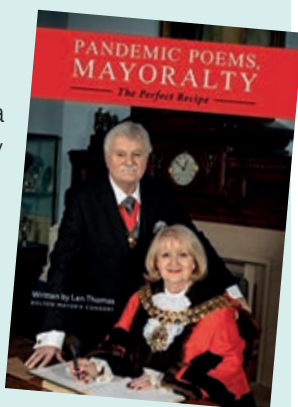


Pandemic Poems, Mayoralty - The Perfect Recipe

Leonard Thomas, husband and Consort to the Mayor of Bolton, Cllr Linda Thomas, has authored a book of poems, a heartfelt journey through the last 12 months.

Then local celebrity chef Mike Harrison pulled together a fantastic collection of recipes from local chefs and restaurants. The result is a glorious collection of warm words and yummy food!

The mayor's book 'Pandemic Poems, Mayoralty - The Perfect Recipe' can be purchased on Amazon. All proceeds will go to the mayor's Charity Fund.



Bolton's Big Wellbeing Conversation

The people of Bolton are being asked to take part in Bolton's Big Wellbeing Conversation and the chance to win a £25 gift card!

The survey will help us understand mental health in Bolton, so that we can target and plan services.

Anyone with low mental wellbeing over a long period of time may need help.

It's normal that mental wellbeing can fluctuate. But it has been especially true during the COVID pandemic.

People do not need to give their personal details to complete the survey and all the responses will be anonymous. Please fill in the short survey on our website. For paper surveys email: engagement@imhn.org or call **0117 405 5863**.

Bolton in the spotlight

LIGHTS, camera action! The cameras have continued to roll in Bolton in 2021, despite the pandemic.

Bolton's impressive range of locations have been as much in demand as ever, with no less than 12 productions using the town so far this year.

Film and TV productions have managed to find ingenious ways to produce dramas by using social distancing, daily testing and other health and safety measures.

The industry continues to be attracted to Bolton,

both as a period and modern day backdrops, and for the town's TV and film industry-friendly facilities.

The locations range from the iconic Le Mans Crescent, an 1930s street in the heart of the town centre, with its stunning central archway doubling for London's Whitehall, to the former BHS Retail unit off Victoria Square in which large sets can be built for hundreds of actors, extras, costumes, make up and production staff.

Another popular location is the historic Smithills

Hall, and the borough has a wealth of parks and green space, especially Queens Park, which is often used by production crews.

This year has seen a wealth of series and one-off features filming in Bolton, from Sky TV's Wolfe, to BBC Online's Meet the Khans. The popular period drama Peaky Blinders filmed in March, while ITV has also been to Bolton for some filming away from the famous Coronation Street set.

Councillor Martyn Cox said: "Despite a

challenging year for filming and TV production, Bolton continues to be a destination of choice for the UK's programme makers.

"This is a direct result of the hard work that has gone into supporting filming in the borough, and delivers a significant boost to the local economy.

"Bolton is becoming a regular fixture on primetime TV, helping promote the area to a national and international audience."



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Cllr David Greenhalgh obituary

We recently shared the sad news that Bolton Council Leader, Cllr David Greenhalgh, passed away aged 53.



A Christmas day baby born to delighted and loving parents Margaret and Roy, David lived his entire life at the family farm in Bradshaw, owned for four generations of Isherwoods.

David's parents were both teachers of music and founders of Bolton School of Music, so it was inevitable that David would follow in their footsteps and eventually take up a career in music and theatre. He often recalled his early life of the whole family, with aunties and cousins all singing round the piano. In particular, on Christmas day when David would read poems to the family, he was a born mimic who could bring those

words alive and keep the whole room enthralled.

School life for David started at Cleveland's where he made many happy memories and then on to Manchester Grammar, before completing his degree at Bretton Hall. There he attained a degree with honours in theatre and the arts. At Bretton David made lifelong friends many of whom are now living all over the world, but thanks to social media he kept in regular contact remaining a huge part of their lives.

After finishing his degree he moved to the bright lights of London working in the Theatre, he even did some advert voiceovers which he said certainly kept the wolf from the door. He toured the country performing reviews, comedy sketches, plays and musicals. He worked with the Actors Company at Wigan Pier, and toured in 'Oh What a Lovely War', 'A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum' and many more. Finally he got a part in London's West End in Les Miserable, life was good and full of promise, but sadly tragedy struck and David was diagnosed with kidney failure so unfortunately he had to retire from the stage career he had planned. He then came home to Bolton for six years of dialysis before receiving his first kidney transplant.

During that time David reinvented himself and built up a new business selling Kitchenalia at Botany Bay,

specialising in ground coffee and teas of every flavour imaginable. He also restarted his political career, soon rising through the ranks and becoming the Chairman of the local party.

In 2006, he became Councillor for Bromley Cross and the shadow spokesman for adults' services. This was despite having to have another kidney transplant, a heart valve replacement, and surgery to repair a broken spine. David was undaunted and he quickly moved up the ranks to become Deputy Leader in 2011, and finally Leader of the Conservative group in 2013. Then in 2019 he became Leader of Bolton Council, and was the first Conservative Leader of Bolton Council for over 40 years, which was one of his proudest moments.

David was extremely talented, and highly intelligent he strove every day to make Bolton a better place. He reached out to all communities and treated everyone as equals, quickly gaining their trust that he was a man of his word.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his openness, and his fairness by the people of this borough.

By his hundreds of friends there will be many special memories, no one ever felt left out with David, he made everyone feel special and he will remain in our hearts forever.

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LET'S GET TESTED BOLTON



The way to get back doing the things we love.
Life is gradually returning to normal with the easing of Covid restrictions.

However, COVID-19 has not gone away and we still need to do everything we can to reduce the rate of infection.

We are using a dual strategy.

It is vital that adults who have not been vaccinated take up the offer of a jab. People need two doses of the vaccine for the best protection against serious illness.

Dr Helen Wall, senior responsible officer for Bolton's vaccination programme, said: "I can't stress enough how important it is for everyone

who is eligible to get their vaccination as soon as possible.

She adds: "There are still thousands in Bolton who haven't had their first dose yet and sadly, we have seen more unvaccinated young people being admitted to hospital.

"We have a range of vaccination clinics operating across the borough, including walk-in clinics, appointments via your GP and sites you can arrange through the national booking service. Please, get fully vaccinated as soon as

possible so we can beat this together!"

Boltonians are also being urged to take twice weekly rapid lateral flow device (LFD) tests at home. If we want to go on holiday, go to a football match or host a birthday party, then regular testing must become part of our lives.

One in three people with COVID-19 do not show any symptoms but could be spreading the virus without knowing. Positive tests mean people can self-isolate to protect others.

The LFD tests are simple,

free and quick and results are shown within 30 minutes. They can be accessed at a test site, collected at a pharmacy or Community Collect site or ordered for home delivery.

Bolton Wanderers Football Club are backing the call for self-testing at home. The club said: "Bolton Wanderers are right behind the COVID testing drive for our town. As in every team we all have our part to play. Do the right thing and get tested."

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- Bolton Wanderers Football Club



Find out how to get tests at
www.nhs.uk/get-tested



Health chief praises Bolton's response to COVID variant

In May this year, Bolton was at the centre of national attention as we battled rising cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19.

Thanks to an enormous effort from everyone in the community; cases eventually began to fall.

This success prompted a visit from Jenny Harries, the Chief Executive of the newly founded UK Health Security Agency, who visited Bolton to learn more about our response.

She heard how Bolton Council, Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust, the Army, the national Surge Rapid Response Team, schools, charities, community groups and local volunteers all pulled together to bring down local infection rates.

Community engagement, door-to-door visiting, increased vaccination, enhanced testing, contact tracing and supporting self-isolation were all vital elements of this joint response.

Bolton was held up as an example for other areas of how communities could pull together to overcome the

challenge of the Delta variant.

Speaking after her visit, Dr Harries said:

"It was a real privilege to visit Bolton and see first-hand the excellent work they have been doing to drive down rates of the Delta variant and understand how Bolton's experience may assist other areas across the country.

"I have been particularly impressed with how the town has come together – including Bolton Council, public health teams, schools, voluntary and NHS services and colleagues from the Army - to respond to the challenge.

"Crucially, local communities have responded incredibly well by coming forward in their thousands to be tested and vaccinated. It has been a hugely successful community effort.

"It's really important that people continue with this mammoth effort by getting into the habit of taking tests twice a week.

"By continuing to be careful and by getting the vaccine when called we can help to keep our loved ones safe.

"Let's not give up on our good work now – and remember to keep following hands, face, space, fresh air."

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- Dr. Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UK Health Security Agency

A special day means...

TESTING US ALL

1 in 3 people spread Covid-19 without knowing it.

Testing twice a week can stop the spread.

Our infection rates go down. Life gets back to normal.

PS. You still need to test even if you've been vaccinated.



FREE RAPID TEST KITS
www.nhs.uk/get-tested

**Bolton
Council**

Hello summer!

Stay cool and safe this summer

Most of us welcome the warmer days of summer, but high temperatures can bring a range of problems we should all be aware of



Bolton Council is asking residents to consider their own health and the safety of others during hot summer weather.

Keeping cool is vital when the thermometer starts to rise. Public Health England stresses that older people, children and those with underlying health conditions are at most risk.

Tips on how to beat the heat include drinking plenty of water and avoiding excess alcohol, caffeine or hot drinks.

Anyone heading to parks or public spaces to cool off is asked to be considerate of others and follow sensible COVID-19 precautions such as social distancing and hand hygiene.

Bolton residents are also urged to keep an eye on vulnerable neighbours at risk.

But cooling off in the wrong places can also be risky. Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) is urging people to stay safe by not swimming

or jumping into open water.

Even strong swimmers can suffer from Cold Water Shock, which can kill in just 60 seconds. You also never know how unpredictable under-water currents can be, or what is lurking beneath the surface – people have drowned after getting tangled up in undergrowth in the water.

We also all have a responsibility to keep our moorlands safe. Residents are reminded to never light barbecues or campfires when visiting moorland.

This summer is the third anniversary of the 2018 Winter Hill fire, which spread across seven square miles and put homes and vital infrastructure at risk.

Fires can easily spread in hot weather and the smallest action can have devastating consequences.

So, stay cool this summer – but please don't forget the risks and dangers to yourself and others while you are having fun.

Bolton Food & Drink Festival 2021



FRI 27 TO
MON 30
AUGUST
2021

We're back with an extra special August bank holiday for the whole family!

There's something for everyone at our 16th annual festival with our award winning markets, live music, entertainment and much more each day



Family friendly entertainment

Festival Market with speciality stalls and artisan traders

Street performers

An all new Picnic zone in Queens park

Foraging and food experiences

Food, drink and crafts from around the world

Outdoor bars with live music stages

Free cookery demonstrations



Keeping us all safe and secure

The festival has been planned with additional COVID measures in place so everyone can safely enjoy themselves. There's more space to help social distancing and there's extra seating as the festival spreads out of town into the park.

Fab food: regional and local chef cookery demos from celebrated chef Jean-Christophe Novelli and local heroes Simon Wood, Andrew Nutter and Rob Owen Brown (free to attend).

Award-winning markets: our traders offer food from all four corners of the globe, from Indian street food to fish 'n' chips, plus fantastic arts and crafts.

Kids' fun: children's entertainment with a seaside-themed family zone – complete with sandy beach in our marquee, a traditional Victorian Strongman Show as well as Punch and Judy, arts and crafts and face painting. Plus the Octagon Theatre's family festival is running from Fri 27 – Sun 29 August.



Live music: the return of the Main Music stage on Le Mans Crescent, and Victoria Square acoustic stage, both featuring daily headliners and brilliant local musical talent.

Special events: Beer and Cheese tasting, a Microgreens Masterclass and daily foraging with Bolton's own expert Forager, Colin Unsworth. (Booking required).

Great outdoors: a celebration of Bolton's parks and green spaces with a Foodie Haven and Picnic Zone in the town centre's Queens Park, including world foods and an obstacle course and climbing wall!

Lots more: With the welcome return of Bolton's best restaurant competition and more activities being added so everyone to come together safely across the borough follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Insta @boltonfoodfest or visit us online at www.boltonfoodanddrinkfestival.com and sign up to the newsletter for all the latest news.

For full line up and special event details visit the website

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Bolton to act on Climate Change

Bolton Council is committed to fighting climate change and has set out a plan to cut emissions and protect our environment.

Bolton Council declared a Climate Emergency in August 2019, recognising the serious impact of climate change both at home and across the world.

COVID-19 has put many of these challenges under a spotlight, prompting many to call for a “green recovery” from the pandemic.

Earlier this year Bolton Council completed the Big Climate Conversation with residents.

We asked the people of Bolton what their priorities are, and your responses have helped inform our strategy for a greener future.

The survey of residents’ opinions on Climate Change and the council’s aspiration to become carbon neutral by 2030, took place from Nov 2020 to Jan 2021.

Just under 1,180 responses were received, a quarter from young people.

Unsurprisingly, given its high profile of this issue, 84% of respondents think climate change is important and 64% are more worried now than last year.

Bolton residents gave their thoughts in the survey on some possible local contributions to this global problem.

The most popular ideas were:

- Package free shopping from local providers (67%)
- Increased options for upcycling (63%)
- Information on energy efficient homes (54%)
- Greener community transport (52%)

Bolton Council hopes to announce later in 2021 a Joint Framework for everyone in Bolton to work together in partnership to make the town carbon neutral by 2030.



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so we can empty your
beige paper and card bin



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Free holiday activities
and food sessions

Summer

26th July to 28th August 2021

fun



Join #TeamBolton for a variety
of activities this Summer!



School holidays can be a challenging time for families who may struggle with the extra cost of food and childcare.

Children will have access to both nutritious meals and a wide range of rewarding activities this summer, as Bolton Council continues to support families during the school holidays.

This summer, most sessions will run for four hours a day, four days a week for four weeks from July 26 to August 28.

The council has worked closely with the charity and volunteer sector and offers a network of free holiday clubs across all parts of the borough offering physical activities, new skills and learning about nutrition.

Activities are entirely optional, and all eligible families can still receive free lunches from one

of Urban Outreach's BL Lunches pick up points whether or not they choose to take part.

Sessions are open to everyone with priority given to those children on free school meals, with some additional extras offered to just children receiving free school meals, including a free four-week leisure pass in August for 11 to 16-year-olds.

The sessions are funded by £1,487,820 from the government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme, for use over the Easter, Summer and Christmas breaks.

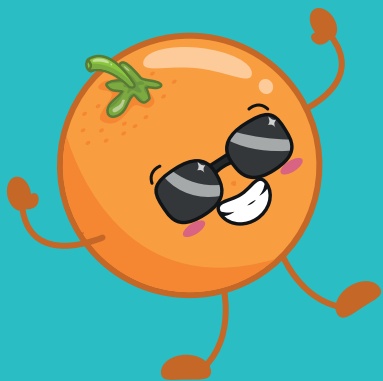
Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet

Member for Children's Services, Cllr Anne Galloway, said: "After a very challenging 18 months for all children, we are delighted to offer the opportunity for them to make new friends, get active and learn new skills this summer.

"We want every child in Bolton to get the best possible start in life and giving families access to healthy food and nutritional information is a vital part of that.

"I want to thank our many partners in the community and volunteer sector who continue to support our Holiday Activity and Food programme."

Find out what's
on and book at...
www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF



Single Kieran is loving being a foster dad



Being a foster carer is something that Kieran had wanted to do for a long time.

Now at the age of 42, he has become an approved foster carer and has his first child placed with him.

He knew that he could provide a loving, caring home - a safe place for a child or young person.

As a single person working full time, Kieran wasn't sure it would be possible, and he wanted to make sure that the fostering team would welcome him.

And as operations manager of Dad Matters - a perinatal mental health charity supporting new dads - he also wanted to ensure that he could continue working full time if he fostered.

Kieran said: "I knew I had something to offer a child or a young person.

"It was a thorough process. We discussed everything that has happened in my life, from birth right up to today, and

it was quite therapeutic talking to someone about everything.

"I found myself thinking about all the things in my life that were important not just for fostering but for life in general.

"I'm now three months into my first placement and it's going swimmingly - we're having a great time.

"I'm really surprised at how well I've taken to it. I get a lot from it and I know the young person living with me would say the same.

"We have a great relationship and I'm just sad that it took me to the age of 42 to take that first step.

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For more information about becoming a foster carer visit

www.bolton.gov.uk/fostering

email fostering@bolton.gov.uk

or call **0800 1071564**



Bolton's Fund

new grants available for charities and voluntary groups

Bolton is a town with a big heart and caring people. We have over 58,000 volunteers giving over 211,000 hours each and every week – an incredible contribution to the life of the borough.

Volunteering has changed significantly over the course of the last 15 months. We have seen a huge response from local people, volunteering their time (some for the first time) to help people in their local communities.

The council has a longstanding record of working with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector (VCSE) in Bolton.

In 2019 it brought together funding from Bolton Council, NHS Bolton CCG, Bolton at Home and Bolton CVS to form Bolton's Fund.

The fund supports an eco-system of 1,600 groups and organisations that reach deep into Bolton's communities, across all areas of life. Over 70% of these groups are micro and small – completely volunteer-led and managed.

Over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bolton's VCSE sector has been instrumental in supporting collective efforts across Bolton's communities.

Throughout 2020/21, Bolton's Fund has successfully administered 281 investments with a total value of £1,233,614.

This year new funding rounds are available. These can be applied for under various themes, ranging from Social

Enterprise and Skills to Children and Young People to Standing Together/Hate Crime. There is also a Festive Fund which can be applied for in the autumn.

More information will be available for groups and organisations which want to apply for funding, so check for updates on the Bolton CVS website.

Watch out too for stories we will be sharing of local groups about how Bolton's Fund is supporting our communities.

Bolton Council's Executive Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Cllr Nadim Muslim, said:

"We are looking forward to seeing the great ideas around our funding themes that groups have to help achieve their aims.

"In addition to the support on offer through Bolton's Fund, Bolton CVS is always on hand to offer advice and guidance."



Kenny's triumph brings joy after difficult year

Bolton's own Jason Kenny officially became Britain's most successful ever Olympian on Sunday by clinching gold in the men's keirin at Tokyo 2020.

The win took him clear of fellow cyclist Bradley Wiggins in the all-time Team GB medal table.

His unprecedented nine medals, including seven golds and two silvers, see him ranked above sporting icons like Sir Steve Redgrave and Sir Chris Hoy.

Jason retains a strong connection with his hometown and continues to be a great ambassador for Bolton.

Next year will mark a decade since the Jason Kenny

centre was renamed in honour of his double gold winning efforts at London 2012.

Bolton Council's Councillor Martyn Cox said:

"Congratulations to Bolton's Jason Kenny, Britain's most decorated Olympian.

"After such a difficult year it's wonderful to celebrate such an achievement."

"I'm sure a well-deserved knighthood will not be far behind."

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- Cllr Martyn Cox, Bolton Council

Free family fun at the Octagon

The weekend of Friday 27th to Sunday 29th August will see variety of activities for kids at the Octagon.

All family activities are free, but 2.5 hour time slots must be booked in advance on **01204 520661** or **boxoffice@octagonbolton.co.uk**.

There will be hushed voices as kids listen to interactive storytelling in the main auditorium with Crocodile Tales, stories with bite from a professional actor.

There will be funky beats at the glamorous air-conditioned studio where a professional dance artist will lead families a merry dance.

Pop on your dancing shoes! Dad dancing is positively encouraged, as mums, dads and grandparents can strut their stuff along with their little ones. Limited capacity means timeslots must be booked.

