

# CentralScene

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## Lighting up the town for Christmas

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**Free parking** at NCP multi-storey car parks **at weekends and Bank Holidays**  
**Plus Free after 3pm** Monday to Friday - from 22nd November



# Library and Museum Service events

Alongside our fabulous new galleries including Bolton's Egypt, there's plenty of activities going on in our library and museum this winter.

## Down Memory Lane - reminiscence group - Bolton Central Library

Do you or someone you know have dementia? Bolton Central Library is hosting an Age UK group for people with early onset dementia and their carers. The next session takes place on Weds 5th Dec between 1.30pm and 3pm.

For further information contact Bolton Central Library on 01204 332853 or Dawn Crossley at Age UK on 01204 701525 or dawn.crossley@ageukbolton.org.uk

Admission free



## Relaxed Saturdays - Bolton Central Library and Museum

Come along on the third Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am and join us for our relaxed openings.

They are designed for visitors who would prefer a quieter visit to our buildings, for people with autism, learning disabilities or sensory and communication disorders, along with their families.

## The Art of Noticing - Bolton Central Library and Museum

Join us for acts of slow looking in the art gallery. In these short, focused sessions we will explore one artwork, taking time to gain a deeper understanding of the piece. Free and no need to book, just turn up. Last Tuesday of every month, at 1pm to 1.30pm.

Admission free

## Knit and Natter - Bolton Central Library and Museum

Can you knit or crochet? Or would like to learn how? If you'd like to make new friends, come and join us.

Bolton Central Library, every Monday 11am to 2pm. Refreshments provided.

Admission free

## Follow the yellow brick road to Bolton for the Octagon Theatre's 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz'

**Lost in munckin land with flying monkeys and wicked witches, Dorothy and her dog Toto need to find their way back home to Bolton.**

With the help of her new friends; Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the cowardly Lion, they set out to Emerald City to find the Great Oz - a wonderful wizard from Wigan. Come along with us for an adventure in the magical world of Oz - see dazzling landscapes and spellbinding music performed live on stage by the characters we all know and love!

For 2018 we will be taking our Octagon festive show to the Premier Suite at the Wanderers ground whilst our building undergoes a major redevelopment. For further information go to octagonbolton.co.uk or call the Box Office on 01204 520661. You can book in person at the Market Place Shopping Centre - find our Box Office on the upper floor next to Debenhams.

# Countdown to Christmas begins at Crompton Place

## Crompton Place is getting ready for the festive season with its 'Sleeps 'til Santa' Christmas countdown.

Our pair of cheeky pyjama-wearing elves and the jolly man himself, Santa, will be bringing the magic of Christmas to Crompton Place with a giant slumber party!

There will be an enormous bed, stories, festive crafts, games and a Christmas party playlist as well as a trail to find Santa's nine naughty reindeers hiding in the centre.

Come find us between Select and Beaverbrooks or visit [www.crompton-place.co.uk/](http://www.crompton-place.co.uk/) events for more information.

Crompton Place has lots of shops for the perfect gift for your loved ones this Christmas including Boots, Warren James, The Fragrance Shop, Primark, Select, Blue Inc, Beaverbrooks and more! See below for our late-night opening hours:

Thursday 22nd November – 9am – 7pm

Thursday 6th December – 9am – 7pm

Thursday 13th December – 9am – 7pm

Thursday 20th December – 9am – 7pm

Friday 21st December – 9am – 7pm

The car park will be open until 9pm on all late shopping nights.



CHRISTMAS AT CROMPTON

# Sleeps 'til Santa



Find us  
Between  
Beaverbrooks  
and Select!

Join Our  
**PYJAMA-WEARING ELVES  
ON THE COUNTDOWN  
TO CHRISTMAS**

with crafts, games and Santa's story-time.



See website for full details.

[www.crompton-place.co.uk](http://www.crompton-place.co.uk)





# A feast of festive treats for everyone... all part of Christmas in Bolton

## Bolton's Big Light Switch On

**Thursday 22nd November  
5pm – 7pm**

Join a host of stars at our family favourite Light Switch On event on Thursday 22nd November, sponsored by Market Place Shopping Centre. We'll be joined by Coronation Streets very own Tyrone Dobbs aka the fantastic Alan Halsall who will help the Mayor of Bolton and Santa light up the night sky. With music and dance from some of Bolton's finest local talent as well as the stars from our Panto and the fantastic finale to our Light Festival it promises to be a night to remember! The fun starts at 5pm, so wrap up warm and join us on Victoria Square.



## Light Festival

**21st October – 22nd November**

A series of light-themed performances will take place across the town from late October culminating in a fantastic lantern parade as part of the Christmas lights switch on, on 22nd November.

With events marking the Hindu festivals of Dashehra and Diwali to a spectacular light display projected onto Bolton Town Hall on November 16th and 17th the festival offers a great opportunity for everyone to explore their creativity and get involved! For more information visit [www.boltonlams.co.uk/lightfestival](http://www.boltonlams.co.uk/lightfestival)



## Winter Festival

**8th December – 6th January 2019**

The wonderful Winter Festival takes up residence on Victoria Square from Saturday 8th December, open daily except Christmas and New Year's Day, it promises to be fun for everyone. Bring the whole family down for a spin on the ice, with special Penguin Club sessions for younger children (8s and under) happy hour and half skates why not channel your inner Torvill and Dean?

Santa's also got a new home this year, you'll find his brand-new grotto all warm and snug inside the Albert Halls (no more queuing in the rain or snow!), with opening hours to fit in with the fabulous Pantomime why not make a day of it?

For full details about this year's Festival and to book tickets visit [www.boltonwinterfestival.com](http://www.boltonwinterfestival.com)





# reats part Bolton

Drop in to Bolton town centre this winter for loads of great family, friendly activity. Whether you want to enjoy a traditional Christmas pantomime, shop for all your festive needs at our award-winning market or take a spin on our ever-popular covered ice rink it's all here. Read on for some great ideas to keep the whole family entertained.



## Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

1st – 30th December

Join Snow White and friends in this festive family favourite, with lots of laughs and thrills along the way it's the perfect treat for all ages! Set in the fabulous Albert Halls tickets are selling fast so book early to avoid disappointment

[www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk)

## Bolton Central Library and Museum

15th December, 10am and 2pm

### Celebrate Christmas with the Stick Man

Enjoy an interactive storytelling performance of Julia Donaldson's family favourite 'Stick Man'! Meet Officer McGovern who needs your help to find Stick Man and return him to his Stick Lady Love and their Stick children three.

There'll be lots of singing, dancing along with Christmas themed fun. Plus, a visit from a special guest! Tickets just £5 per child (£2.50 Adult) and are available from Bolton Museum's shop or call **01204 332211**.

For lots more great ideas don't forget to go online [www.visitbolton.com](http://www.visitbolton.com)

## Mayor's Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December - 10am-2pm  
Bolton Town Hall

## Bolton Market

Supporting local life (all year round)

Don't forget to pay Bolton's fantastic market a visit in the run up to Christmas to get the freshest fruit, veg, cheeses, fish and meats. You can also pick up beautiful holly wreaths or get some fantastic last-minute gift ideas and, with additional trading days on Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th December (closing at 3pm) you won't get caught out before the big day! Bring the little ones with you too on Saturday 8th and 15th December where there's some great fun activities.

11am - 3pm

**Face painting**

11am - 3pm

**Kids craft and cooking club**

11am & 12.30pm

**Magic shows indoors**

11.45am - 12.15pm & 1.15pm - 1.45pm

**Balloon Modelling**

2pm **Live music**



## Free Parking

Christmas can be a costly affair, so we're delighted that once again the town centre NCP car parks (Topp Way, Deane Road and The Octagon) are offering **FREE** parking each weekend and after 3pm each weekday\* too. \*from 22nd November - 4th January 2019



## Shop 'til you drop....

Don't forget our town centre shops will be open for the traditional pre-Christmas late night shopping each Thursday from Thursday 22nd November. With a great choice of high street stores and smaller independent retailers you'll be sure to find the perfect gifts for even the most discerning person!

Why not take the little ones to **FREE** story telling with Santa in Crompton Place too on Saturday 8th and 15th December – see page 2 for details



# Christmas in Bolton

With only a few weeks to go until Christmas there's still time to get yourself ready. Whether you're going out, enjoying the office party, decorating the home or kitchen table or just relaxing there is something for everyone in Bolton town centre.



Sequin Flower  
Sweater  
£69.99  
Zara



Jingle Christmas  
Jumper  
£30.00  
River Island



Pyjama Top  
and Bottom  
£25.00 each  
M&S Collection



Red Reindeer Boucle  
Christmas Jumper  
£30.00  
River Island



Red Christmas  
Mrs Claus Sweater  
£30.00  
Next



Rudolph  
Christmas Hat  
£15.00  
Next



Knitted Dog Dress  
£9.99  
H&M



Gem Earrings  
£19.99  
Zara



Ice Cream Van  
Bauble  
£6.99  
TK Maxx



Reindeer Plate  
£6.99  
TK Maxx



Jacquard-knit Dress  
£24.99  
H&M



# The place to shop late and celebrate!

When it comes to Christmas in Bolton, there's one place you can tick everything off your list! From finding the perfect present for friends and family, to celebrating with your mates and bringing the magic of Christmas to life for the little ones – Market Place is the place to go!



The bright, airy malls form a stunning backdrop to a fabulous days' shopping at any time of year, but this festive season, you'll find them adorned with brand new, beautiful decorations.

The fantastic line up of stores for fashion lovers includes Zara, Topshop, Topman, River Island, H&M, New Look and Next. While Pandora, The Perfume Shop, Smiggle, The Entertainer, The Body Shop, JD Sports and Debenhams, make ticking through your gift list a breeze, leaving plenty of time for fun!

From Breakfast with Santa, to virtual reality sleigh rides and a whole host of festive entertainment in the run up to

the big day, there's fun by the bucket load! The Vaults makes the ideal destination for those traditional catch ups with friends - with Nando's and Prezzo, plus Bolton independents including The Bank, The Baltic Cellar, Great Ale and The Cave. While The Light cinema and Amazonia indoor adventure play offer some much needed respite from your frantic festive schedule.

Late Night shopping starts on Thursday 22nd November, with shopping until 8pm every Thursday until after Christmas, plus until 6pm Monday and 7pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the week before Christmas.

## Light Cinema Bolton

The Light is a new, state-of-the-art nine screen Cineplex within the Market Place Shopping Centre. The cinema is state-of-the-art boasting comfy seating and extra leg room space for a super comfortable experience.

Whether you're a hopeless romantic, sci-fi fan or love to be scared senseless, The Light Cinema offers a range of viewing experiences. From big-screen blockbusters, world cinema to independent films in a smaller, more intimate setting, there is sure to be something for everyone and parking is **FREE** too, just validate your ticket at the counter.

Wait, there's more! The Light comes with a plush new, fully licensed café bar, so make sure you're seen at the hottest social scene in town. Not only this, but you too can hire out a screen and showcase your film making talents.

Some of the major upcoming releases include: 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to

Find Them: The Crimes of Grindelwald', 'Bumblebee', 'Aquaman', 'Wreck it Ralph 2', 'Creed 2' and more!

For full films times go to [bolton.lightcinemas.co.uk/film/now-showing](http://bolton.lightcinemas.co.uk/film/now-showing)

We also show a litany of live events throughout the year that include: Royal opera house showings such as 'The Nutcracker', 'Queen of Spades' and more. National Theatre live showings such as 'Antony and Cleopatra', 'A Christmas Carol' and more. Live music events such as Take That, Black Sabbath, Cliff Richard and more.

For full listings of upcoming live events go to [bolton.lightcinemas.co.uk/arts](http://bolton.lightcinemas.co.uk/arts)





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