BOLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2026

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A warm welcome to Bolton newcomers. If you have not received a "Welcome to Bolton" leaflet, and/or would like to join the parish emailing list, please let me know (cllr.shelagh.leyland@boltonparish.gov.uk).
There are three "WhatsApp" groups: a general **Bolton village** one for sharing local information such as accidents, road/bridge closures etc; a **buy & sell** (to join either of these contact Andrew Booth (07423430128), and a **gardening** one for info about village activities, plant swaps etc (Helen Gerrish 07713074798).

Parish Newsletter

As the new Clerk does not live in the parish, I will continue to do the newsletter for the time being. I'm afraid it will no longer be delivered by hand: it is time consuming, relatively expensive and seemingly not widely read. It will be shared by email and WhatsApp, on the parish web-site, and the notice board at the bus stop, some copies will be available at the Community Café and in the newspaper box. **A big thank you to the volunteers who have delivered this newsletter in the past**

Councillor vacancies

I (Shelagh) have joined the PC as a councillor, but we still have one vacancy. The PC works pro-actively for the benefit of the community, the village wouldn't function nearly as well without it. You may be unaware of the work that the PC does on your behalf unless you read this newsletter, or attend or read the minutes of the PC meetings.
Next May all councils in W&FC have to be re/elected – this is your opportunity to get involved and make a positive contribution to our community. You do not need any special qualification or previous experience to become a councillor.
WE NEED NEW BLOOD!

Highways issues: 20 mph speed limit : this will be implemented in Bolton in the coming months, but W&FC is just replacing the existing 30mph signs with 20mph. They refused a buffer zone, and would not start the limit at the bridge.

Use of the Bolton/Cliburn road as a "rat run":

The Parish Council had a meeting with representatives of National Highways (NH, responsible for the A66 works) and W&FC highways (responsible for our road). As a result, you will have seen the signs on the A66 urging drivers to ignore Sat Nav etc, & "time to Penrith". NH is trying to block Sat Nav systems from suggesting the Bolton route as an alternative: it generally only saves a couple of minutes. Other traffic management possibilities are being explored in collaboration with Cliburn.
At the PC's request, W&FC is undertaking traffic use and safety studies of the Bolton/Cliburn road. Site visits are being done this month and hopefully a report with recommendations will be produced by the beginning of November. NH will pay for any improvements that are necessary as a result of the dualling work.

Hall Extension plans

The Hall Committee is forging ahead with plans to start construction of the accessible toilet block early next year. The first stage is to get the foundations and drains done, so the planning permission doesn't expire. The Committee thank Bolton Willows Trust for the donation of £10,000, and Age Concern Appleby £5,000. The Community Café has recently donated £2,000. Profits from the Bonfire night will go toward the fund. As will a Xmas family quiz and a bingo night (see below).
Easyfundraising has raised a disappointing £150. With Xmas shopping coming up, please consider joining - it doesn't cost you anything. A huge number of retailers take part, including the major supermarkets, it's so easy when you do your on-line shopping
Support a Good Cause | Easyfundraising sign up here, the Cause is Bolton Memorial Hall

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Christmas Raffle - this will be launched on Bonfire Night. Cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25. The raffle will be drawn at the last Community Café before Xmas 15/12/26 -tickets available at bonfire night and from Committee members.

27th November: Xmas Family Quiz at 6.30 in the Memorial Hall (with bar). £2 per person -Tickets not necessary but several tables already booked. Teams of 2 – 6, Contact Deborah 07825 458288

12th December: Prize Bingo night in the Hall (with bar). More info later

"Extra Mile" bus service

The Extra Mile | Westmorland and Furness Council

This is a new flexible and bookable service from rural areas to Penrith, either one way or return. Rather than using fixed bus stops, the journey is based on where you are and where you want to go. This is ideal for things such as hospital appointments.

The service runs:

- Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm
- Sundays, 10am to 4pm

You can book a journey using an App

Download the Extra Mile app from the Apple App Store

Download the Extra Mile app from Google Play

You can use the app to find pick up and drop off locations, choose your journey times and pay your fares

You can also book **by telephone**. **Telephone:** 03332 406 965 (option 2, followed by option 4)

The telephone line is open Mon - Frid, 9am until 3pm

You will need to have your bank card to hand to pay.

Fares: Adult £5 single £8 return

Senior citizen or disabled pass holder £2.50 single, £4 return

Bolton Nursery has some exiting news

After a lot of planning, an application has been submitted for a boiling revamp of the nursery. This will enable better use of the available space, plus creation of a separate community space dedicated for new parents and families. More information is available here Bolton Village | Facebook

Bolton Busy Bees Nursery

This is the school-based nursery, catering from 3-year-olds onwards. It offers a warm, caring environment where children learn, play and thrive. To arrange a visit or find out more, please contact the school office on 017683 61511.

BOLTON WI

The AGM will be on the **9th November** at 2pm. This is only for WI Members.

December 14th, 2pm Jen Dunn will make 'Jolly Biscuits' for Christmas. Non members are welcome, but please let Cathy know if you wish to come, as Jen will need to make the right number of biscuits**.**
Cathy Smith 07732 642733

BOLTON MU

Monday 16 November, 2pm, Bolton Memorial Hall
New member Charlotte Tudway will be telling us about her work as the Director of Education in the Carlisle Diocese.
Visitors are welcome, £3 includes light refreshments. More information from Rowan 07934 452392.

All Saints Church Service
Church as usual has a service at 9.15am every Sunday

Bolton Community Cafe

Tuesday 3rd November, another amazing lunch in the Memorial Hall - doors open 12.30, 1 pm start, get there early. Still a great bargain at £7.00 all in.
Other Tuesdays from 2 till 4pm – tea, coffee, biscuits & delicious cakes, come and enjoy a natter & great refreshments.

Parish Council Meeting The next meeting will be on Monday 16th November. All welcome