

Bolton Library and Museum Services

## Events programme

L.S. Lowry and Bolton Wanderers

# Going to the Match



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25 March to 25 June 2023

Imagination

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# Welcome

**This exhibition celebrates L.S. Lowry and Bolton Wanderers Football Club and has been created in partnership with The Lowry and Bolton Wanderers.**

The centrepiece of the exhibition is L.S. Lowry's iconic painting *Going to the Match*.

The exhibition will also celebrate the history of Bolton Wanderers in the year that marks the 100th anniversary of the club's first FA Cup Final victory in 1923.

Lowry's *Going to the Match* painting was recently put up for auction at Christie's where it was purchased by The Lowry in Salford for a record £8.1m. The purchase was made possible thanks to a generous gift from the Law Family Charitable Foundation.

Discover more about the exhibition with a **free tour**.

Last Saturday of every month at 11am  
**25 March, 29 April, 27 May, 24 June**

Last Tuesday of every month at 1pm  
**28 March, 25 April, 30 May, 20 June**

We hope that you will enjoy the exhibition and also take part in the events and activities.

Find out more at  
**[www.boltonlams.co.uk](http://www.boltonlams.co.uk)**







## Family Day

Sat 25 March,  
11am to 3pm

Come along and celebrate the opening of the new exhibition! We've got fun activities for all the family to enjoy.

### Explore the exhibition 11am tour

A chance to find out more about our latest exhibition.

### Then from 11am to 3pm there's...

- An artist led oil pastel workshop
- A pop-up footy photo booth
- Object handling
- A brass band will be playing a number of footy tunes

Free

No booking

## Pop up play performances

Temporary exhibition

Sat 25 March,  
12pm and 2pm

Watch Bolton Little Theatre in association with Phoenix Theatre company as they present an excerpt from "And Did Those Feet" by Les Smith and Martin Thomasson.

It is 1923 and Bolton Wanderers are in contention for the FA Cup. If they make it to the final, local newsagent, Bob, has sworn to walk all the way to Wembley stadium.



Watch full play at  
**Bolton Little Theatre, 22 to 29 April**  
Further details on page 10





# Workshops

Here's a programme of workshops for all the family to join in...



## Family workshops

11am to 3pm

### Artist led oil pastel workshop

Sat 25 March, drop in session

### SEND drama session

Tues 11 April, book on Eventbrite

### SEND drama session

Wed 12 April, book on Eventbrite

### Clay workshop

Wed 12 April, book on Eventbrite

### Print workshop

Sat 22 April, book on Eventbrite

### Collage session

Sat 13 May, 12pm to 3pm,  
drop in session

### Crowd noise making musical instruments

Sat 20 May, drop in session

### Artist led oil pastel workshop

Tues 30 May, drop in session

### Design a football ground

Saturday 3 June, drop in session

### Create a pop up picture inspired by Lowry

Saturday 10 June, drop in session



## Adult workshops

Free

16+

[www | eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Put your pencil or brush to paper with our drawing or watercolour painting sessions.

### Drawing classes

1pm to 2.30pm

Sat 10 June and Sun 11 June

### Watercolour painting sessions

1pm to 4pm

Sat 29 April, Sat 13 May and  
Sun 21 May



# Talks and film screenings

Invited guest speakers and films will give insightful background about the exhibition.

All these events will take place at Bolton Museum.

Free

No booking



## Mrs Lowry & Son

Lecture Theatre

Wed 29 March, 2pm

The film tells the life story of the renowned artist L. S. Lowry and stars Timothy Spall and Vanessa Redgrave.

## Bolton Wanderers, the early years

Fri 14 April, 1pm

Phil Mason, Chair of Bolton Wanderers in the Community, will trace the history of the club from its very beginnings recounting the many "firsts" in its history and some of the key moments including the story of the Wanderers at War and the Burnden Park disaster.

The talk will be accompanied by a screening of film of Bolton Wanderers playing on a threadbare pitch at Burnden Park in the early 1900s.



## Bolton Cup Kings of England in 1923

Fri 28 April, 1pm

Bolton Wanderers club historian Simon Marland will explore the Trotters route to the 1923 FA Cup Final, the first ever held at Wembley. Simon's talk will also include some remarkable film footage of the Cup final.

## L.S. Lowry and the Making of Going to the Match

In conversation event and Q&A

Fri 5 May, 1pm

Michael Simpson, Head of Visual Arts, and Claire Stewart, Curator of the Lowry Collection at The Lowry explore the background to Lowry's masterpiece.

What were Lowry's connections to Bolton and how did he come to create his great painting of Bolton Wanderers football ground?



## Going to the Match and The Great Game

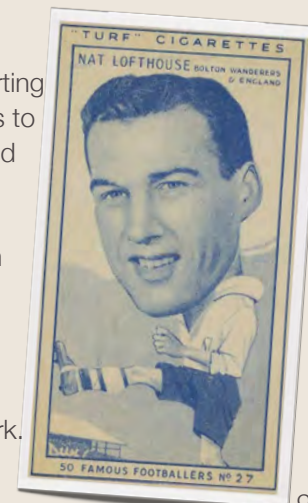
Tues 11 April, 1pm

This double bill presents a new film by Adrian Barber charting the experiences of Bolton Wanderers fans from the 1940s to the present day. The film has been specially commissioned for the Going to the Match exhibition.

Adrian's film will be shown alongside a newly restored film from the British Film Institute, The Great Game, 1946.

Filmed in 1946 when Nat Lofthouse was still a promising young player, the documentary shows 50,000 fans crowding into Bolton Wanderers' old ground Burnden Park.

Archive films courtesy of the British Film Institute





## Bolton Wanderers Charity Walk

Sat 22 April

Join BWFC Chairman, Sharon Brittan, on this sponsored walk covering historical Wanderers landmarks around Bolton.

The walk will finish at the University of Bolton stadium ahead of the home fixture against Shrewsbury town.

Event sponsorship opportunities are also available.

If you would like to register your interest, or require further details please email Francesca Austen [fausten@bwitc.org.uk](mailto:fausten@bwitc.org.uk)



## And Did Those Feet

by Les Smith and Martin Thomasson performed by Bolton Little Theatre with Phoenix Theatre Company

Bolton Little Theatre

Sat 22 to Sat 29 April

1923 in Bolton. While Alf and Hilda grieve for son Billy, lost to the Great War, their neighbours, Martha and Ted hope to get married, but the mills are on short-time, and Ted's Marxist younger brother, Jim, is calling for revolution... in Bolton. But, cheer up: after 50 years of heartbreak, the Wanderers are looking 'up for the Cup' and, if they make it to the final, local newsagent, Bob, has sworn to walk all the way to Wembley stadium.



Book tickets via  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/Boltonlittletheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Boltonlittletheatre)  
or phone 01204 524469

## In Lowry's Footsteps - Going to the Match

Sat 27 May, 1pm to 4.30pm

L S Lowry captured the essence of football in the 1950s, in his famous painting Going to the Match.

Tour Guide Suzanne Hindle will lead us back into an era of wooden rattles, back street runners, leather balls, working class mining and cotton mill communities as we retrace Lowry's route home to Pendlebury from Burnden Park.

Football shirts, scarves, hats actively encouraged on this tour, be proud wear your football colours with pride!

**Places are limited**

**Meeting point: Bolton Museum main reception**

**Note: the tour involves some walking, also transport by mini-bus**

Free

[www | eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite)



## May Half Term It's a goal

Sat 27 May to Sun 4 June,  
11am to 3pm

It's time to get sporty this half term with a week of football themed activities.

Join us for fantastic football activities, including designing your own kits and boots, making finger puppets, taking part in our football themed trail and much more!



## Early Man

Fri 2 June

Watch Early Man, a fun animated film, where a Stone Age tribe must defend their land from invaders by learning to play football and then facing them in a football match!

Free

No booking



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# Visitor Information

## Bolton Museum

Le Mans Crescent, Bolton, BL1 1SE

Tel: Museum **01204 33 2211**

email: [museum.customerservices@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:museum.customerservices@bolton.gov.uk)

## Group visits:

If your group is planning to visit us we would love to see you so please let us know when you intend to come.

## Museum opening times:

Monday 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 5pm

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10.30am - 4.30pm

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