

# Bolton Socialist Club

## NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to your May Newsletter and another great programme of events.** As always the Awards Night was a splendid and moving celebration of the great work done by Bolton's activists and a fitting testament to the town's radical traditions. The PM's cynical



decision to call a snap general election meant our special guest Paul Mason was unable to attend as he's bunkered down in Westminster helping put the Labour Party manifesto together. Paul will visit the club later in the year.

Pictured are Alan Johnson, Martin McMulkin and Eileen Murphy at last month's Awards Night.

Our usual reminder that subs for 2017 are due. Thanks to those of you who have already paid. They remain at £10/£3 low income. This a vital income stream for the club and contributes significantly to the upkeep and improvement of 16 Wood St. There's still lots to do with our historic building. So if you don't have a 2017 card yet please update as soon as possible.

**Please make out cheques to Bolton Socialist Club and send to Trudy Chilton c/o 16 Wood Street, Bolton, BL1 1DY.**

**Chris**

**The Clarion Choir** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, 2.00-4.00 pm.  
All welcome.

**Wood Street Writers** meet on the 2nd Saturday morning of every month, 10.00 -12.00 noon. All welcome

## May Events programme

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm

**Matt (The Quiet Loner) Hill's**  
**Desert Island discs.**



Matt was recently musician Singer/songwriter in residence at the People's Museum, where he developed his brilliant song cycle "Democracy" based on the struggle for the vote in Britain. He performed many of the songs at the

club in April. Tonight Matt reveals the music that informed his politics and helped shaped his outlook on life. Julia Simpkins asks the question and cues the tracks.

**Free event.**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 8.00

**Music Night with Steve and Friends**



Join us for an informal evening of singing, playing, maybe some poetry and a lot of fun. Always a great way to end the working week and get the weekend off to a flyer.

**Free event**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30

**Curry Night fundraiser for the Gaza Womens' Educational Fund.**



Razia, Ayesha and colleagues dish up the best curry in Bolton in support of this important and absolutely just cause. Bolton Socialist Club

alongside the Saddleworth and Sheffield groups, currently provides funding for over 40 female students to attend university in Gaza. In the centenary of the Balfour Declaration, an ever more essential cause.

**£10 minimum donation**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Bolton Socialist Club and Love Music Hate**  
**Racism present:**  
**Harp and a Monkey**



Tickets are already selling fast for the outfit voted Best Band 2016 on Folking.com website and with a top 20 folk album. Harp and a Monkey were described by Mike Harding as “absolutely

bloody wonderful!” Check them out here:  
[http://www.harpandamonkey.com/?page\\_id=6](http://www.harpandamonkey.com/?page_id=6)  
Tickets £10/£5 low income. Contact Julia on 07966 136169 or purchase from the bar.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 pm from Barrow Bridge**  
**Annual Walt Whitman Walk**



“A walk on to the moors, readings of Whitman’s poetry, a loving cup to share in loving comradeship.”  
A fixture in Bolton’s cultural calendar. Don your sprig of lilac and join us. Meet at Barrow Bridge roundabout and bus terminus. The 526 bus leaves Moor Lane in the

town centre at 20 minutes past the hour (at time of writing). Or meet with other walkers for a pre-walk lunch at the club.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 8.00 pm**



### **Write Out Loud**

NW legends Jefferama and Gordon Zola lead the proceedings at the monthly meet-up for the local poetry and spoken word group.

A supportive and informal atmosphere, and open to all.

**£1 admission, plus raffle**

### **June Highlights**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 8.00 pm**

**Roy Bailey** makes a welcome return to the club.



**Tickets £10/£5 low income.**  
**Contact Julia on 07966 136169 or purchase from the bar.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.45 pm**

**Red Cinema**

**Who Shall We Invade Next?** (Dir. Michael Moore 2006)



“Moore has created a punchy and exhilarating tribute to the various liberal-welfarist traditions of nations from

Europe and elsewhere. He cheerfully tours around, “invading” these countries and pinching their good ideas, with a view to bringing them back to the US, ideas such as France’s healthy school meals, Italy’s statutory paid holidays and Germany’s worker participation in boardrooms – defending them as tax-efficient and socially necessary.” **Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian.** Watch the trailer at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KeAZho8TKo>

**Saturday 24th June**

### **A Tribute to Ellen Strange**

**With Claire Mooney, Chris Keogh, Tracey Browne and other guests TBA.**



Ellen was the first recorded victim of domestic violence. This evening is devoted to raising awareness of the many forms of violence against women through a mix

of music, comedy and poetry and talk.