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WELCOME.... to the Christmas issue of Rural Review.

You can find details of the events and services available locally over the Christmas period. It's an opportunity to support local businesses but more importantly to support each other, especially those who may be lonely, isolated or in distress. A simple act of kindness may be all that is needed to lift someone's spirits so please look out for your chance to make someone smile with your thoughtfulness or generosity. Directly related to this simple message, your council wants to know your thoughts about what our community needs to stay Healthy and Well. The survey is available online using the QR code below or paper copies are available at Wem Library and Wem Medical Practice to where they can also be returned once completed by 16th December 2023.

From everyone at Wem Rural Parish Council we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a festive Coffee Morning at Edstaston Village Hall on Saturday 9th December from 10am to 12noon.

As well as the usual cards/dominos, table tennis, BYO "craft & chat" there will be "make and take" Christmas craft table (at a small cost) including badgemaking, paper chains, colouring etc.

Coffee/tea/mince pies £1 or donation.



Health & Wellbeing Survey

To scan in the QR code just take a photo on your phone and it will take you to the survey.



Santa's Schedule

Santa is planning his schedule and has sent some dates of when he'll be driving his sleigh in and around Wem. He may need to change some of his dates so check on the **Wem Rotary's Club's Facebook Page** for daily updates.

Christmas Dinner

The Rotary Club of Wem and District will again be serving a home-cooked Christmas lunch free of charge (donations accepted), 12noon on Christmas Day at the Wem Senior Club. Door to door transport and delivery available.

Become a friend of Wem Town Hall and support your local community venue— together we can make sure that Wem Town Hall is a venue that you can be proud of.

Wem Christmas Festival, Lights On & Market

The lights will be switched on Friday 1st December at 6.45pm.

The Wem Winter Festival Market is the perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping.

The Town Hall is open on Friday 1st December (5-8pm) and Saturday 2nd December (9am-1pm) for shopping.



A Christmas Carol in Concert

GreenMatthews bring you a brand-new retelling of the best-loved Yuletide adventure of them all – Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" In Concert.

At Wem Town Hall on Saturday 2nd December.



Tilley Raven

Give yourself and your friends something to look forward to for Christmas.

The Tilley Raven's Fayre menu is available all day everyday from the end of November. They also have live music on Friday evenings throughout December to get you in the Christmas mood.

Booking is essential, and £5 per person deposit is due to confirm! Call them on 01939236139 to book.

They also have a Christmas Day menu—just give them a call to find out more.



USC Christmas Fair

The United Services Club on Leek Street is holding a Craft Fair on Saturday 16th December between 10am-2pm and is a great opportunity for you to buy from local crafters and businesses.

Christmas Carols

The Northwood Methodist Church Carols will be at the Horse & Jockey in Northwood on Sunday 17th December at 11am. Teas/coffees, mince pies and cake will be served.

Promotion

Anthony Gilmore, a local photographer is running a Christmas promo on all his wall art.

You can enjoy a 25% off until 25th December when you shop at www.AnthonyPhotography.shop

Christmas Concert

Tickets are now on sale for Wem Jubilee Band's Christmas Concert. Ray & Jean Edge 01939 232001 Gemini Hair & Beauty Design wjbsecretary@outlook.com

Christmas Tree Sale

Wem Scouts we are in their fifth year of Christmas tree sales and are selling Christmas trees to help raise funds.

They are aiming to sell and deliver around 160 Christmas Trees and handmade natural wreaths in Wem and surrounding villages.

Please get in touch with them if you would like to order any Christmas trees!

1ST WEM SCOUTS
Free Delivery To Your Door!
 Order online or come and see us outside the CO-OP 25th November, 1st, 2nd, 9th December

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

www.WemScoutsChristmasTrees.co.uk
WemScoutsChristmasTrees@gmail.com

Beautiful Nordmann Fir Trees & Willow Wreaths

Toy Appeal

Wem Town's Football Club Christmas Appeal is now up and running. Please share and support and donate to make Christmas really special this year for our two charities.

As an extra option this year Hope House have requested specific toys so use the link or scan the QR code which will take you to our Amazon wish list, add what you want to your basket and when you check out, select 'mark jones' under the delivery address. Any issues please contact Mark from the club.

TOYS FOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS APPEAL
 Giving a little Christmas spirit to children at...

hope house | foodbank

Open to local food banks to help spread the Christmas cheer to children in need.
 COLLECTIONS CAN TAKE PLACE ON A SATURDAY MORNING OR CONTACT...

☎ Mark: 07854520581

@ Wem Town Football Club Official

NEW TOYS ONLY PLEASE AS THEY ARE GOING TO A HOSPITAL.

CHECK OUT OUR AMAZON WISH LIST...
 Go to... www.bit.ly/46118cW

or scan the QR code below...

DELIVERING A WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival is to enable local businesses and organisations to express their creativity and Christmas Spirit with the decorating of a Christmas tree.

These trees will be on display in St Peter and St Paul Wem from the 1st to the 15th of December. The Church will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day so that people can have a look at the displays.

To apply, contact Reverend John Jukes on 01939 235343 or revjohnjukes@gmail.com

St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Wem

Christmas Tree Festival 2023
 9am to 5pm
 Friday 1st to Friday 15th December

£5 to display a tree and advertise your business or organisation

All donations very welcome!

To apply, contact Reverend John Jukes
 01939 235343 / revjohnjukes@gmail.com

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Wem Storecupboard and Wem Youth Club Events

Wem Storecupboard and Wem Youth Club are holding the following events in December for the local community which you are invited to:

Monthly Community Lunch

This a free monthly event held in St Peter's and St Paul's Church Hall and is open to anyone to attend with lunch provided. It is chance for people to catch up, meet new people or just come for lunch. Our Christmas catch up is on 9th December from 11.30pm until 1.30. Booking is not required.

Post Christmas Afternoon Tea

30th December at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. This will be run by Wem Storecupboard and once again is free to attend. Afternoon tea will be served by the young people from Wem Youth Club. Booking will be required via Wem Town Council 01939 232733 or email claireglover728@gmail.com

Festive Offer from nsprint

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Do you have a story to share?

Wem Rural Parish Council would like to share news from local businesses, charities and community groups.



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 Please call 07720 854185 further details.



EVENTS COMING UP IN DECEMBER 2023

DATE	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
1st Dec (5-8pm)	Wem Town Hall	Winter Festival & Lights
2nd Dec (9am-1pm)	Wem Town Hall	Wem Winter Festival
2nd Dec (2-4pm)	Hadnall Village Hall	Hadnall Christmas Fayre
2nd Dec (7.30pm)	Wem Town Hall	A Christmas Carol
4th Dec (1pm)	Wem Town Hall	A Christmas Carol (Dementia friendly)
8th Dec 1pm)	Wem Town Hall	A Christmas Carol (Dementia friendly)
9th Dec (10am-4pm)	Calverhall Village Hall	Calverhill Christmas Fayre
9 th Dec (11.30am-1.30pm)	St Peter's and St Paul's Hall	Monthly Community Lunch
15th Dec (9am-5pm)	St Peter & St Paul's	Christmas Tree Festival
16th Dec (10am-2pm)	United Services Club	Christmas Fair
17th Dec (11am)	Horse & Jockey, Northwood	Christmas Carols
17th Dec (2pm)	Stanier Hall, Thomas Adams School	Wem Jubilee Band Christmas Concert
25th Dec (12noon)	Wem Senior Club	Christmas Dinner
30th Dec (2.30pm)	St Peter's and St Paul's	Christmas Afternoon Tea

There is a weekly market every Thursday at Wem Town Hall and Jubilee Square at Mick's Mill every Saturday and Sunday throughout December

Farming for the Future?

Earlier this year, members of WACA (Wem Area Climate Action), paid a visit to Shropshire Agroforestry Project, The Hollies, located at Soultion, on the north east fringe of Wem Rural. The tour was led by the owner, Peter Aspin.

Peter is very conscious that we will not be able to continue farming as we know it with the inevitable change in climate that is already upon us. We must look at new ways of growing food and rearing livestock – as well as looking back to the open-field system of Medieval times.

Briefly, as the photograph shows, this involves planting trees in rows, with grazing in between. Cattle can feed not only on the grass, but also on the trees. Also, the trees can provide a source of nuts and fruit, as well as timber. The planting arrangement has the added benefit of influencing the microclimate around the area, mitigating some of the worst effects of global warming. Peter is trialling different species of tree, native and from around the world, the latter also already being tolerant to climate extremes.

It is clear from recent weather events locally and globally that serious consideration of agroforestry methods is essential. Much more detail of Peter's principles and methods can be found on his website – www.silvaspin.org.uk. WACA is grateful to Peter for giving us his time in showing us his project.

