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

We'd like to share with you details of the events and services available in and around Wem over the Christmas period. It's a great opportunity to support local businesses but more importantly to support each other, especially those who may be lonely, isolated or in distress.

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

Christmas Walk

Your local Parish Councillors invite you to join us for the Accessible Walk Around Wem this Christmas. We'll gather at Wem Town Hall and stroll through the town to admire the beautiful Christmas lights. After our walk, we'll reconvene at the Town Hall at 7pm for a warm cup of hot chocolate together. We'd love you to join us to enjoy the festive atmosphere and share in some conversation.

Join Us
**ACCESSIBLE WALK
AROUND WEM**
To view the Christmas lights

Volunteers from the Wem Parish Paths Partnership (Wem P3) Group and Wem Walkers are inviting you to join us as we walk around Wem to view the Christmas lights and spend time together. We'll also finish off at Wem Town Hall to enjoy a warming hot chocolate together.

- ✓ Thursday 12th December 2024
- ✓ Meet at Wem Town Hall for 5pm and Return at 7pm for Hot Chocolates

Walking Guides will be made available for the walk

As we'll be walking in the dark please bring torches with you and wear high-visibility clothing. Some tabards will be made available.

www.walksaroundwem.co.uk

Frost Fayre

We hope that you can make it to Edstaston Village Hall's Frost Fayre. On Friday 29th November you'll see a range of local crafts and is a great way to start your Christmas shopping. £4.00 entry which includes a welcome drink and mince pie. Tickets are available on the door.

Edstaston Village
Hall
Frost Fayre

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
2024
16:30 UNTIL 20:30PM
FEATURING HIGH QUALITY
LOCAL ARTISAN
STALLHOLDERS

Entry by ticket:

£4.00 TO INCLUDE A
WELCOME DRINK AND
MINCE PIE.

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED VIA:
EVH@RYEBANK.CO.UK
OR AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR.

If you require any assistance or support during the festive period, please visit our website at www.wemrural-pc.gov.uk. There, you'll find the latest local news, important information, and contact details for your Parish Councillors.

Festive Menus now Available at Our Local Pubs

Get into the Christmas spirit with festive dining at our local pubs! Here's a look at what's on offer this holiday season. Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment and make your holiday celebrations extra special at these local pubs.

The Horse & Jockey Community Pub

HORSE & JOCKEY

CHRISTMAS MENU
One Course £21.95 - Two Course £29.00 - Three Course £34.00

STARTERS

Chicken and Parma Ham Roulade with homemade Damson chutney

Smoked Salmon and Prawn Cocktail – with delightful Bloody Mary dressing and rosemary toasted bread

Garlic Mushroom Rocketteller - portobello mushroom, filled with onion, bacon, cheese crumb on a toasted English muffin

Sweet Potato and Pumpkin Soup with mildly spiced onion bhajis(V)

Duck and Orange Pate with baked ciabatta and plum chutney

MAIN COURSE

Roast Shropshire Turkey with all the festive trimmings, roast potatoes, house recipes chipolata & cranberry stuffing

Tea Poached Salmon, crispy skin, with Hasselback potatoes and wilted spinach, creamy prawn sauce

Crispy Half Roast Boneless Duck in aromatic herbs with classic orange sauce

"RUMPELSTILTSKIN" - prime cut tender rump steak topped with stilton, crispy bacon and mushroom served with rich red wine sauce and chips

Mushroom, Spinach and Chestnut Wellington, roast potatoes & vegetables and sweet tomato sauce (V, GFA)

DESSERTS

Chocolate Brownie with crème fraiche

Chocolate and Raspberry Roulade with lashes of cream

Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce

Tiramisu - topped with Italian chocolate shavings

Mars Bar Cheesecake, mango coulis

Oaks Farm Ice Cream - 2 scoops

-To reserve a table call: 01948 411 470-

Christmas Menu available from 2nd December to 24th December
Pre-order is required

£10 deposit is required
Non-refundable if cancelled with less than 48 hours' notice.

A fresh food environment allows us the flexibility to ensure we can cater to any requirement. A fresh food environment also means that we DO NOT offer a 100% guarantee that no trace elements of an allergen may be found in our dishes.

The Bull & Dog

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU
£80 PER HEAD INCLUDING COFFEE AND MINCE PIES

STARTERS

(V)(VE)(GFR) Wild Mushroom & Tarragon Soup, Crispy Shallots, Truffle Oil and Garlic Cabata

Bacon, Chestnut & Cranberry Sausage Roll with Celery Puree, Port & Sage Gravy and Cranberry Jam

Pil Pil King Prawns, Black Pudding Bon-Bons and Pea Puree

(V) Baked Goat's Cheese with Herb Crumb, Sticky Figs, Toasted Walnuts, Rocket Leaf and Balsamic Dressing

(GFR) Salmon & Dill Rilletes (Poached Salmon & Smoked Salmon) with Marinated Cucumber, Pickled Radish, Citrus Crème Fraiche and Dill Crackers

(V)(VE) Thyme Baked Pear, Ricotta & Chestnut Biscuits with Rocket Leaf Salad and Honey Dressing

MAINS

All dishes are served with a selection of vegetables: creamed leeks, braised red cabbage, sprouts & baby onions, carrots & peas

(GFR) Roast Breast & Leg of Turkey, Pigs in Blankets, Sausageons & Cranberry Stuffing, Yorkshire Pudding, Traditional Trimmings and Roast Gravy

(GFR)(V)(VE) Homemade Vegan Chestnut & Cranberry Nut Ballotine, Yorkshire Pudding, Traditional Trimmings and Port Wine Gravy

(GFR) Confit Duck Leg, Roast Garlic & Lentil Mash and Boney Cherry Sauce

(GFR) Roasted Hake Fillet with Tuscan Bean & Orzo Pasta Sew, Cavolo Nero and Basil Pesto

(V) Smoked Cheddar, Caramelised Red Onion & Spinach Tart, Hazelnut Crumble Topping with Roasted Garlic & Rosemary New Potatoes and Apple Chutney

(GFR) Ox Cheek Braised in Mulled Wine with Vegetable Gravy, Crispy Shallots & Yorkshire Pudding

PUDDINGS

(V)(GFR) Christmas Pudding, Brandy Sauce and Cranberry & Orange Jam

White Chocolate, Orange & Ginger Trifle - Clementines, Orange Jelly, White Chocolate Custard, Ginger Sponge, Chantilly Cream & Dark Chocolate Shavings

(V) Bara Brith & Brioche Bread and Butter Pudding with Spiced Rum Custard

(VE)(GFR) Dark Chocolate & Almond Fudge Tart with Vegan Honeycomb Ice Cream and Almond Brittle

(V) Balleys Cream Profiteroles with Caramel & Toasted Hazelnuts

(V) Black Forest Roulade, Boney Cherry Compote and Chocolate Ice Cream

The Bull and Dog, Cozon, SY13 2RA www.thebullanddog.co.uk (01948) 880259
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What's on at The Tilley

CHRISTMAS FAYRE MENU

2 COURSES £21.50
3 COURSES £27

STARTERS

Spiced pumpkin soup

Savoury warm profiteroles, stuffed with goats cheese, red onion chutney & spinach, garlic aioli

Marinated pigeon breast, roasted chicory, celeriac remoulade

Crayfish & prawn cocktail, cucumber mousse, mango, croutons

MAINS

Turkey roulade, stuffed with spinach, apricot & sausage, wrapped in smoked bacon, seasonal vegetables

Blade of beef, smoked cheddar & onion chutney mash, sprouting broccoli, silver skin gravy

Brie, cranberry, spinach & walnut puff pastry lattice, tomato relish, seasonal vegetables

Seafood chowder, new potatoes, mange tout, crusty bread

DESSERTS

Lime profiteroles, dark chocolate sauce

Apple & fig crumble, custard

Passionfruit liquor & dark chocolate cheesecake, mango sorbet

Cheese & biscuits, selection of local cheeses, biscuits

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU

ADULTS £75
CHILDREN £37.50

STARTERS

Celeriac & chestnut soup, crusty bread

Smoked chicken, poached peach, croutons salad

Confit duck leg, pea purée, beetroot risotto

Beetroot cured salmon gravala, balsamic crostini, dressed leaves

MAINS

Turkey roulade, stuffed with spinach, apricot & sausage, wrapped in smoked bacon, seasonal vegetables

Braised lamb, crustied in cashew, apricot & mint, garlic roasted new potatoes, seasonal vegetables

Smoked bacon wrapped cod, avocado & caper battered new potatoes, samplire

Stuffed butternut squash, wild rice, spring onions, herbs, feta, mozzarella, Mediterranean vegetable ragu

DESSERTS

Poached pear frangipane, honeycomb ice cream

Rocky road & chocolate ganache cheesecake, cherry ice cream

Lemon tart, raspberry sorbet

Cheese & biscuits, selection of local cheese, chutney, biscuits, grapes, celery

DECEMBER FESTIVE MENU
(runs alongside regular menu until 24th December)
£24.50 two courses, £29.50 three courses

STARTERS

(V)(VE)(GFR) SWEET POTATO, SPINACH & COCONUT SOUP, CORIANDER SAMBAL AND WARM GARLIC NAAN BREAD

(V)(VE) BUTTERNUT SQUASH, ROASTED VEGETABLE & CASHW NUT FILO PASTRY PARCEL WITH KACHUMBIAR SALAD AND TAHINI SAUCE

(GFR) OX CHEEK & MUSHROOM TERRINE WITH CELERIAC PUREE, PICKLED CHANTENAY CARROTS AND THYME CROSTINI

(V) BAKED GOAT'S CHEESE WITH HERB CRUMBS, STICKY FIGS, TOASTED WALNUTS, ROCKET LEAF AND BALSAMIC DRESSING

(GFR) SALMON & DILL RILLETES (POACHED SALMON & SMOKED SALMON) WITH MARINATED CUCUMBER, PICKLED RADISH, CITRUS CRÈME FRAICHE AND DILL CRACKERS

MAINS

(GFR) ROAST BREAST & LEG OF TURKEY, PIGS IN BLANKETS, SAUSAGEONS & CRANBERRY STUFFING, TRADITIONAL TRIMMINGS & ROAST GRAVY

(V)(VE)(GFR) HOMEMADE BUTTERNUT SQUASH & CRANBERRY VEGAN NUT BALLONET, TRADITIONAL TRIMMINGS AND PORT WINE GRAVY

(GFR) CONFIT DUCK LEG, ROAST GARLIC & LENTIL MASH, HONEYBAMBAHUBANTENAY CARROTS AND BONEY CHERRY SAUCE

(GFR) ROASTED HAKE FILLET WITH TUSCAN BEAN & ORZO PASTA STEW, CAVOLO NERO AND BASIL PESTO

(GFR) BRISKET OF BEEF BRAISED IN MULLED WINE WITH WHOLE GRAIN MASH, BALSAMIC HASH, SAUTEED GREENS AND CRISPY SHALLOTS

(V) (GFR) WILD MUSHROOM & CHESTNUT STROGANOFF WITH TOASTED ALMOND UBLE, VEGAN BUTTERED GREEN BEANS

PUDDINGS

(V)(GFR) CHRISTMAS PUDDING, BRANDY SAUCE AND CRANBERRY & ORANGE JAM

WHITE CHOCOLATE, ORANGE & GINGER TRIFLE - CLEMENTINE FRUIT, ORANGE JELLY, WHITE CHOCOLATE CUSTARD, GINGER SPONGE, CHANTILLY CREAM & DARK CHOCOLATE SHAVINGS

(V) BARA BRITH & BRIOCHE BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING WITH SPICED RUM CUSTARD

(V)(GFR) PEAR & PECAN NUT CRUMBLE TART WITH CINNAMON ICE CREAM

(V)(GFR) RASPBERRY & PISTACHIO ETON MESS WITH LEMON CURD SAUCE

(VE)(GFR) DARK CHOCOLATE & ALMOND FUDGE TART WITH VEGAN HONEYCOMB ICE CREAM AND ALMOND BRITTLE

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Here's how you can enjoy the festive season at Tilley Raven in December:

- **Friday, December 6th:** Enjoy an evening with **Emelye Evans**.
- **Wednesday, December 11th:** Test your knowledge at our **Christmas Quiz** night!
- **Friday, December 20th:** Don't miss **Oilly Flarell's** lively performance.
- **Saturday, December 21st & Sunday, December 22nd:** Join us for **Breakfast with Santa** (reservations required).
- **Monday, December 31st:** Celebrate the New Year with **The Wind Up!**

Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter's & St Paul's Church will be open and available for set-up of Christmas Trees as follows:

- Tuesday 26th Nov from 11:00am - 9:00pm.
- Wednesday 27th Nov from 10:00am - 4:00 pm
- Thursday 28th Nov from 10:00am - 8:00pm
- Friday 29th Nov from 10:00am - 4:00pm

All trees to be taken down on Friday 13th

Business Networking

As part of our ongoing commitment to support local businesses and in partnership with Wem Town Council, we are hosting the next business networking event on Monday, 25th November, from 5–7pm at the Horse & Jockey Community Pub in Northwood. The event will feature a free quiz, and all attendees are invited to reserve their place directly with the pub and pre-order their main meal for £11.95. Additionally, if you'd like to contribute, you can donate a raffle prize to support the event. Plus, enjoy a free drink on arrival!

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

CHRISTMAS 2024
at SS Peter & Paul's Church, Wem.

30th November
14:00 Church Open for Wem Christmas Lights switch on & Christmas Tree Festival

30th November -13th December
09:00 – 17:00 Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 14th December
10:00 -12:00 Christmas Fayre

Friday 20th December
19:30 Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December
CHRISTMAS EVE
15:00 Crb Service
23:30 Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December
CHRISTMAS DAY
09:45 Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY 29th December
10:00 Benefice Eucharist

Monday 30th DECEMBER
15:00 Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall

WEM SCOUTS
CHRISTMAS TREES

Website: www.wemscoutschristmastrees.co.uk
Email: wemscoutschristmastrees@gmail.com

BEAUTIFUL FRESH, LOCAL
NORDMANN FIR TREES &
WILLOW WREATHS

Order online, or come see

29 Nov, Thomas Adams
Christmas Fair
6.30pm-8.30pm

30 Nov, Wem
Christmas Festival
1pm-6pm

7 & 14 Dec,
Outside CoOp
10am-2pm

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY!

YOU ARE INVITED

Christmas Business Networking

Join us for a festive Christmas Business Networking Event, the perfect opportunity to connect with local businesses, exchange ideas and build valuable relationships.

Enjoy a delicious dinner, take part in a fun quiz, and complete for prizes. To secure your place, pre-order your meal and make payment at the Horse & Jockey Community Pub by 18th November. Don't forget your business cards as we come together to celebrate the season and strengthen our local business community.

MON 25 Nov 2024
6-8pm
Horse & Jockey Community Pub in Northwood

• FUN SOCIAL FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
• CHRISTMAS QUIZ/RAFFLE
• PRIZES FOR BEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Pre-booking is essential as spaces are limited.
Phone 01948 411470
to pre-order your food and reserve your place.

In partnership with Wem Rural Parish Council and Wem Town Council to support local businesses.

Wem Storecupboard

Wem Storecupboard and Wem Youth Club are holding **Post Christmas Afternoon Tea** 30th December.

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

Pick up your copy of the Wemian

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the Wemian. It is a free magazine and it contains local news and information about events coming up this Christmas. It includes details of Santa's Schedule, Christmas Day Dinner and much more.

You can pick up your copy from several places such as Edstaston Village Hall, Wem Town Hall, Horse & Jockey Community Pub, Wem Library and GP surgery.

Wem Christmas Festival

Saturday 30th November
2pm onwards

Merry Christmas

Live Entertainment on stage from 2.30pm
Community Christmas Singing at 5pm

Wem Jubilee Band Local Choirs
St Peter's School Choir and other musical talent

Market Stalls 1pm - 6pm
Christmas Trees for Sale
Giant Snowglobe Hot food and drinks
Santa's Sleigh
Fire engine and much, much more...

Christmas Lights Switch on at 5.30pm

NSWHEELERS
COMMUNITY BUS

Do you need help getting to the shops?

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Contact NS Wheelers to arrange minibus pickups to weekly markets or individual lifts in cars.

WWW.NORTHSALOPWHEELERS.CO.UK
PHONE 07597 273959
EMAIL: WHEELERSCBP@GMAIL.COM



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Councillors invite members of their ward to contact them to discuss any issues or matters of concern.

You can also contact us:

Parish Clerk:
 Helen McCabe
 Tel: 07720 854185
 Email:
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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

DATE	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
25th November (1-4pm)	Wem Town Hall	Stained Glass Workshop
25th November (6-8pm)	Horse & Jockey Community Pub	Business Christmas Networking & Quiz
29th November (4.30-8.30pm)	Edstaston Village Hall	Frost Fayre
29th November (6.30-8.30pm)	Thomas Adams School	Christmas Fair
30th November (1-4pm)	Wem Town Hall	Penguin Needle Felt Workshop
30th November (1-5pm)	Wem Town Hall and High Street	Christmas Festival & Lights On with Magical Christmas Market
2nd Dec (10am-1pm)	Wem Town Hall	Stained Glass Workshop
6th Dec (5-9pm)	Wem Town Hall	Magical Christmas Market
7th Dec (10am-3pm)	Wem Town Hall	Christmas Wreaths Workshop
7th Dec (10-1pm)	Wem Town Hall	Stained Glass Workshop
7th Dec (7pm)	Wem Town Hall	Andre Rieu's 2024 Christmas Concert: Gold and Silver
8th Dec (2pm)	Wem Town Hall	Andre Rieu's 2024 Christmas Concert: Gold and Silver
12th Dec (5-7pm)	Meet at Town Hall	Accessible Walk around Wem
13th Dec (7.30pm)	Wem Town Hall	Film: Red One (12A)
14th Dec (10am-12.30pm)	United Services Club	Coffee Morning
14th Dec (1.30pm)	Wem Town Hall	Christmas Afternoon Tea Party
14th Dec (2-3pm)	Wem Town Hall	Christmas Singing
15th Dec (2pm)	Wem Town Hall	Royal Ballet: Cinderella
16th Dec (1-4pm)	Wem Town Hall	Needle Felt Workshop (Robin)
16th Dec (6-9pm)	Wem Town Hall	Stained Glass Workshop
17th Dec (1.30pm)	Wem Town Hall	Film: Red One (12A)
19th Dec (1-4pm)	Wem Town Hall	Needle Felt Workshop (Mouse)
20th Dec (7.30pm)	Wem Town Hall	GreenMatthews Presents: Gaudete!
21st Dec (1pm)	Wem Town Hall	Film: Relaxed Screening of Elf
25th Dec	Wem Seniors Club	Christmas Dinner

Wem TOWN HALL CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKETS

Get in the festive spirit at our Winter Markets, featuring a range of tasty treats and local and handmade products made by crafters from the area.

Saturday 30 November,
1pm - 5pm
(Part of the Wem Christmas Lights)

&
Friday 6 December, 5pm - 9pm

Free Entry

Don't forget that the weekly market is on every Thursday morning at Wem Town Hall and Jubilee Square for any last minute shopping.