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CHRISTMAS IN CONGLETON 2016

There's lots of festive fun to be had in our town this Christmas and New Year, as well as great places to shop, eat and meet with friends and family.

In this booklet we have tried to capture the essence of Christmas in Congleton. We've endeavoured to cover it all - but it's a busy town with lots happening. If you tell us about anything we've missed we'll add it to www.congleton-tc.gov.uk In this booklet you'll find out more about...

- The Light Switch On- Friday 25th November- 4-7.30pm. Lights on at 5.30pm
- Town Centre Events & What's On Locally
- Fairs, Fetes and Carols
- Town Hall Events

We would like to encourage everyone to come into Congleton in the lead up to Christmas. If you've not been in town for a while come and see what's new! As well as our national retail offer, there's a great range of independent shops selling unusual, quality presents and gifts. We have some great daytime venues for coffee and cakes, as well as a flourishing evening economy with busy bars, pubs and restaurants. Save yourself the fuel and hassle and keep it local this Christmas!

- Enjoy Christmas in Congleton 2016!

Congleton Town Council, Congleton Community Projects and everyone on the Christmas Crackers Team!

SUNDAY OPENING DATES

Many shops will be open on Sunday 4th, 11th and 18th December



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Christmas Gifts & Gift Vouchers now available in store.

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Cheshire Marshals

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APPOX 15 Places to be entertained!

There's plenty of Congleton businesses ready to help make life easier for you this

Christmas time!

For a detailed list of shops in Congleton see

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk





Friday 25th: CONGLETON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON:

Town Centre, 4.00pm-7.30pm. Lights on at 5.30pm.

Plus: Quality Gift & Craft Fayre: Town Hall, 4.00pm-7.30pm- as part of the lights switch-on.

Saturday 26th: Rode Hall Silver Band, Town Centre, 10am-12noon.

DECEMBER

Saturday 3rd: "Disco through the Decades" Charity Fundraiser in aid of the British Heart Foundation at the Cygnet Club, Swan Bank.

Wednesday 7th: Festive Ladies Evening at Bare Health, 7-9pm.

Saturday 10th: Salvation Army- Carols in the Town Centre, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Wednesday 14th: Sound Shaman Healing Workshop at Bare Health, 7.30-9.00pm.

Thursday 15th: Town Carol Concert at St Peter's Church, 7.30pm. **Saturday 17th:** Beartown Classic Car Club, Town Centre, 9.00am-

1.00pm- raising money for the Donna Louise Trust.

Saturday 17th: Carol Singing in the Bridestones Centre from New Life Church- collection in aid of Town Mayor's Charities, 11.00am-12noon

Sunday 25th: Don't be alone this Christmas- Christmas Lunch & Friendship at the Old Saw Mill, Back River Street. For more details, contact 07834 525165.

JANUARY 2017

Saturday 14th-15th: East Cheshire Hospice Christmas Tree Collection - minimum suggested donation £4.00 per tree.

For more information, see www.echtrees.org.uk or contact Richard Raymond on 01625 612025.

Christmas Wishes from RJ & J Moore

Fruit, Veg and Flowers, Christmas Trees & Holly Wreaths, Festive Fruit Baskets, Plants, Outdoor Pots & Hanging Baskets



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Watch out for **Congleton's Annual** Santa Tour



Coming to a street near you!

A group of former Round Table members have kept the Congleton Christmas Santa Tour going – They will be out with Santa from Thursday 1st December until Tuesday 20th December. You can find out Santa's whereabouts on his Facebook page, CongletonSanta, or at www.congletonsanta.org.uk

Charities and organisations that are interested in assisting and benefitting should contact james@congletonsanta.org.uk







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WHAT'S ON LOCALLY

Daneside Theatre-01260 271095

November 15th-19th, 7.30pm

All Shook Up - Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre

November 20th, 7.00pm

Film at Daneside: Bridget Jones' Baby

November 26th, 7.30pm

Kingfisher Dance Show

December 3rd, 7.30pm

Christmas Show - Congleton Rotary Club

December 10th, 7.30pm

Louise Carter School of Dance

December 11th, 7.00pm

Film at Daneside: TBC

January 14th-21st 2017

(Performance times vary)

Dick Whittington- Congleton Pantomime

January 22nd, 7.00pm

Film at Daneside: TBC

Electric Picture House- 01260 270908

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 11am - 4pm

October 22nd- November 19th 11am-4pm

Wabi Sabi- Solo Exhibition of Paintings by Bruce Lyons

November 26th, 7.30pm

She Wins All The Races -Theatre Performance

November 5th, 12th, 19th 11am-4pm

Lantern Making Workshops

November 26th- January 7th

Christmas Affordable Art Exhibition

Clonter Opera- 01260 224514

November 12th, 7.00pm

Opera Gala

November 26th, 7.30pm

Lock In Christmas Carol

December 3rd, 7.00pm

Gospel@Clonter

- London Adventist Chorale

December 10th, 7.30pm

The Rat Pack at Christmas



Congleton's Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday, 25th November

Quality Gift & Craft Fayre

4.00pm - 7.30pm Town Hall

Visit the Town Hall for a fabulous range of quality gifts – great for Christmas presents! **FREE** Entry.

Congleton Charity Stalls

4.00pm – 7.30pm Pedestrian Area & High Street

Local charities and organisations will be setting up their stalls and offering fun, fundraising activities. See if you are lucky on the nigh as well as supporting good local causes.

Tasty Street Food 4.00pm - 7.30pm

Indulge yourself with some great sweet or savoury flavours from carefully selected local suppliers from the Food & Drink Festival.

Giant Snow Globe from 4.00pm

Step inside a giant Snow Globe for a fantastic Christmas snow scene photo.

Fair Rides from 4.00pm

Join in the fun of the fair, with rides on the closed High Street and in the Fairground Car Park, Rides in the Fairground Car Park will stay open into the evening.

The Main Events

4.00pm Congleton's Town Crier opens the Festive Fun!
5.05pm Grand Lantern Procession leaves Lawton Street

led by Santa in his Sleigh

5.30pm The town's Christmas lights will be switched on

6.50pm Goodbye Santa, as he heads back to Lapland

7.00pm Headline Act- Megan Dixon Hood

7.30pm Close

There will be a variety of Live Music and Entertainment throughout the night, including:

Christmas Snow Globe

- Salt City Jazz Men
- Spotlights Glee Club
- Can't Sing Choir
- Marlfields Primary School Choir

- Sambamba
- Joanne Bailey Elite Dancers
- Congleton Pantomime
- Daisy & John
- Megan Dixon Hood

Late Night Shopping

Many of Congleton's Shops are staying open late - Some will be offering special Christmas sweets and treats, as well as a chance to do some late-night shopping – *Call in and warm up!*

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FAIRS, FÊTES & CAROLS

NOVEMBER

- **12** St James Christmas Bazaar, St James Church, 10am-3pm
- 24 Quinta Primary School, Merry Market, 3.15pm
- 25 CONGLETON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON: Town Centre, 4.00pm-7.30pm. Lights on at 5.30pm- Quality Gift & Craft Fayre: Town Hall- as part of the lights switch-on.
- **26** Christmas Ribbon Sale, Berisfords, Thomas Street, 9.00am- 12noon
- 26 Cheeki Monkeys Christmas Market at Eaton Bank Academy, 10am-12.30pm
- **26** Smallwood Primary Academy Christmas Fair, 12noon
- **26** Saint Mary's RC Primary School Christmas Fair, 2pm

DECEMBER

- 2 Woodcocks' Well Christmas Fair, 6pm
- 2 Mossley Primary School Christmas Fair, 6pm
- 3 Christmas Ribbon Sale, Berisfords, Thomas Street, 9.00am-12noon

- 3 Christmas Fete, Congleton Golf Club, 11.00am
- 6 Carols on the Car Park, Church House, 7.00pm onwards, with Rode Hall Silver Band & local school choirs.
- 9 Buglawton Primary School Christmas Fair, 5.00pm
- 9 Havannah Primary School Christmas Fair, 5pm
- 10 St James Church Coffee Morning, Congleton Library, 9.30am- 12noon
- 10 Astbury St Mary's Christmas Fair, 10am at Astbury Village Hall
- **13** Father Christmas Storytime, Congleton Library, 10.30am (aimed at pre-school children)
- **13** Stepping Out Concert, St James Church, 7.45pm- ticketed event
- **15** Father Christmas Rhymetime, Congleton Library, 10.30am (aimed at pre-school children)
- **15** Daven Primary School Christmas Fair, 3.30pm
- **15** Town Carol Concert, St Peter's Church, 7.30pm
- **21** Christmas Coffee Morning, Congleton Library, 10.30am









CONGLETON TOWN HALL

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^{*}Depends on seating arrangements Full catering service available

Prices exclude VAT

Contact Sue/Andrea 01260 270350 EXT 6

Please feel free to email us on info@congletontowncouncil.co.uk or visit www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

TOWN HALL EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- **11th** Congleton Community Projects: 70s Soul Night Fundraiser, 7.00pm
- **12th** Congleton Choral Society Concert: 7.30pm
- 19th Rotary Young Artist Competition: 9.00am 12.00pm
- **19th** U3A Activity Groups Showcase: 2.00-7.00pm
- **22nd** National Blood Service Give Blood: 1.55pm 4.15pm; 5.30pm 7.45pm
- **25th** Christmas Gift & Craft Fayre: 4.00 7.00pm, part of the Christmas Lights Switch-On. **FREE ENTRY**.
- 26th Congleton Youth Orchestra Concert, 7.30pm

DECEMBER

- **2nd** Prism Winter Wonderland Christmas Party: Secure tickets by emailing **bookings@ww16.co.uk**
- **5th** National Blood Service Give Blood: 1.55pm 4.15pm; 5.30pm 7.45pm
- **9th** National Blood Service Give Blood: 1.55pm 4.15pm; 5.30pm 7.45pm
- 17th Congleton Choral Society Concert: 7.30pm

JANUARY

10th National Blood Service - Give Blood: 1.55pm - 4.15pm; 5.30pm - 7.45pm

The Town Hall is a great venue for work parties, special birthdays and weddings.

Bookings are being taken now for November and December 2017. Don't miss out!

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TOWNHALLSTUDIOS

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CHURCH SERVICES

Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus and spreading the Christian message. Many of Congleton's churches put on extra or special services during the festive period including advent services on the four Sunday's leading up to Christmas (the first Advent Sunday is the 27th November), crib and nativity services for the younger members of the community, midnight Communion on the 24th December and Christmas Day services. Some churches also put on special carol services or family celebration events.

Where churches have given details of timings of particular services we have included them on the Christmas pages of our website at www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

All the churches will make you very welcome - feel free to go along to any of the services. Details of phone numbers for the churches can be found in the Town Guide (available free of charge from the Tourist Information Centre) so you can always speak to someone from the church if you are concerned about walking in for the first time on your own.

STREET PASTORS

Street pastors are volunteers from local churches who have a genuine concern for their communities. After professional training, teams go out at night to engage with people. The Street Pastors' main role is to make themselves available to care, listen and offer practical help to whoever they meet, especially young people.

Street Pastors are out on Congleton's streets every Friday/Saturday evening. If you are interested in supporting the project in any way speak to your Church Leader.

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Congleton Town Council and Congleton Community Projects would particularly like to thank the following for their hard work and support with the Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas 2016.

All the talented performers, volunteer helpers, contractors and members of the public who come together to make Christmas in Congleton so special. Thank you to the shops and businesses for supporting this guide, buying Christmas trees and putting on events. Also to the Electric Picture House for hosting the Lantern Making Workshops for the Grand Lantern Procession.

For their financial support, we would like to thank Congleton Town Council, Congleton Inclosure Trust, Congleton Town Trust, Young Peoples Trust and our sponsors Congleton Partnership and Senior Aerospace Bird Bellows.

The Christmas Crackers team is made up of Jackie MacArthur, Jo Money, Chris Booth, Cllr. Bob Edwards, Martha Hayes, Cllr. Anna Morrison, Douglas Parker, Craig Rome, Lynda Speakman, Sue Trow and Linda & Albert Ward.





Friday 25th November

Grand Lantern Parade

Led by Salt City Jazz Men

Leaving Lawton Street at 5.00pm
Arriving at the Christmas Tree at 5.20pm
Christmas Lights switched on at 5.30pm
Street entertainment throughout the night

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk
www.congletoncommunityprojects.org

from 4.00pm - 7.30pm