

Winter events

Forthcoming Cinema in Fletcher's Lea:

Tuesday 31st January 2pm —'Bridget Jones's Baby' starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth & Hugh Grant. Tickets £5 from Ware Priory.

Thursday, 16th February—Half Term film for kids: , 2pm **Film to be confirmed.** Tickets £3 per child from Ware Priory

Tuesday, 21st February—'I, Daniel Blake' 2pm in Fletcher's Lea. Tickets £5 from Ware Priory

21st March 2017—'A Street Cat named Bob' starring Bob as himself! 2pm in Fletcher's Lea. Tickets £5 from Ware Priory.

19th April 2017—'Golden Years' 2pm in Fletcher's Lea. Tickets £5 from Ware Priory.

Sunday 22nd January Wedding Fayre from 11am until 4pm at Ware Priory. Free entry and fashion shows at 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Lots of special offers and prizes on the day. Meet the Priory Events Team & many of our suppliers of entertainment, venue decoration, cakes, jewellery, bridal wear and much more.

Saturday, 25th February, 4pm—Town Mayor's Afternoon Tea & Quiz, Fletcher's Lea. For details visit pick up a leaflet from the Priory or visit www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk. All proceeds to the Mayor's Charity, Pinewood School SG12 Youth Club.

Thursday, 23rd March, Town Talk, 7.30pm at Ware Priory. Cllr Peter Ruffles will present 'Twin Towns, Really'. Free.

Did you know...

Ware Food Bank at the Salvation Army, Baldock Street is open Tuesday 9am-11am & Thursday 9am-2pm.

Hertford Food Bank at the United Reform Church Hall, Cowbridge, is open Monday-Friday, 4pm-5pm. Hertford Food Bank operates a voucher system. Vouchers are available from Ware Town Council & Hertford Citizens Advice Bureau open Monday & Wednesday 10am-2pm at the United Reform Church, Cowbridge, Hertford and at Network Housing Association.



WARE - News from your Town Council January 2017



Winter doesn't stop large public events in Ware; November 5th & thousands turned out to Ware Fireworks night, one of Ware's flagship events put on by the Rotary Clubs of Ware, Great Amwell & the Hertford Shires. I understand a considerable sum of money was raised on the night which will be shared amongst local charities.

I was pleased to open the annual Christmas Tree Festival in Leaside Church on Dickensian Evening before heading over to Tudor Square to turn on the lights – the town had a real festive feel to it and it felt like the 'launch' of Christmas 2016. My congratulations to the Ware Town Partnership for a superb event and my thanks to those of you who bought a raffle ticket for the Mayor's Christmas Hamper during the evening. The photograph above shows a happy winner; Lisa Thompson from Watton at Stone who visited us on Dickensian Evening and bought the winning ticket.

It gave me great pleasure to welcome more than 100 representatives of local groups, charities & organisations who volunteer their time to a whole plethora of organisations and help make Ware the strong, vibrant and caring community it is.

It was a great pleasure to meet one of Ware's most senior residents, Mrs Connie Love at Willowthorpe on the occasion of her 100th birthday. I received a warm welcome at all the care homes in Ware when I made my Christmas visits during Christmas week. The Christmas Together in Ware team hosted a fantastic Christmas Lunch for those alone in Riverside Hall on Christmas Day, complete with entertainment and Christmas gifts. For those unable to attend, a hot Christmas dinner was delivered to their home. On January 1st I spent 'New Year's Day in Vienna' – in the Drill Hall (!) courtesy of Maltings Sinfonia. Their bi annual concert was its usual sell out success and I am very grateful that Maltings Sinfonia chose my charity, Pinewood School SG12 Youth Club, as one of the beneficiaries of the concert. Great recent performances too from the Ware Choral Society, Ware Brass, Hertford Symphony Orchestra and a moving play, 'Quarry' at St Edmunds College, Ware.

On February 25th I will be holding a charity quiz & afternoon tea in Fletcher's Lea. Tickets will shortly be available from Ware Priory. Details of forthcoming events are listed on the back of this newsletter and you can keep up to date by visiting www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk.

If there is anything you would like to bring to my attention please contact the Town Council office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, healthy & prosperous 2017.

Cllr Jonathan Kaye
Town Mayor

Need Funding?

Support to Local Organisations in 2016/17

Each year the Town Council allocates a budget for grants to support local organisations. The Grants made during the current year 2016-17 are

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| Friends of Sacred Heart School | £250.00 towards the cost of a circus event |
| Pins & Feathers Productions CIC | £200 towards the cost of a production at Place House Hall in October |
| EHC for DAG | £250 towards cost of cooking & arts sessions at Ware Youth people's centre |
| Wodson Park (from new homes bonus) | £5000 towards refurbishing changing rooms |
| East Herts Citizens Advice | £500 towards running costs |
| Ware & District Photographic Society | £315 towards their annual exhibition |
| Age Concern Ware | £285 towards cooker repair/Christmas lunch |

The Town Council supports the following organisations with annual grants:-

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| Ware Museum General Grant | £5,000 |
| Ware Museum Tourist Information Point | £2,100 |
| Ware Town Partnership Dickensian Evening | £1,600 |
| Ware Town Partnership Ware in Bloom | £1,300 |

If you're thinking about setting up a new group or need funds for a special project this year why not request an application form. The criteria for awarding grants are:

- to promote and encourage sports, leisure and cultural facilities
- to encourage and support local organisations
- to stimulate and encourage the concept of tourism and to foster civic pride

Council Services - Ware Town Council provides:

Management of Ware Cemetery
Management of two allotment sites
Litter bins & public seats
Support for Ware Youth Town Council

Ware Festival, Rock in the Priory, free Band Concerts, Town Tours, Winter Talks

Maintenance of the War Memorial, Church Clock & Churchyards at St. Mary's Church

Support & encouragement of Town Twinning with Wulfrath, Germany & Cormeilles-en-Parisis, France

As Trustee of the Priory Charity; management of the Priory, Fletcher's Lea, Children's Play area, Skate Park, Lido, Public Conveniences, Priory Grounds, School Holiday Cinema & Senior Cinema

To find out who your local Councillor is please visit www.waretowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone the Town Council on 01920 460316

Do you or someone you know need extra help if there's a power cut? UK Power Networks provide a 'Priority Services Register' for those who need extra help; older people, families with young children, those with specific medical conditions. Find out more & register by visiting ukpowernetoworks.co.uk/prioritysupport or call 0800 169 9970.

Hertfordshire County Council warns residents to beware rogue traders by taking these simple steps:

Say no to doorstep callers. Never buy goods or services at the door.

Search for Trading Standards approved traders on the Which Trusted Trader website or call Trading Standards

Agree a price including VAT beforehand—there's no evidence without a written contract.

Avoid paying cash in hand; it's better to pay by bankers draft or cheque as this can be traced

Hertfordshire Health Walks Jan-April 2017 Walk with us in the New Year & step your way to better health. The Countryside Management Service coordinates a programme of FREE, short & regular walks delivered by a team of trained, insured & passionate walk leaders. It's simple to take part, just sign up online or arrive 15 minutes before your first walk to fill in a paper form. Health walks are a sociable pastime, as many finish with the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee with fellow walkers. To find a Health Walk near you visit:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks