

The Newsletter of Dodleston Parish Council

# LocalLife

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## Message from the Editor

# Welcome to your Pre-Christmas 2016 Local Life



**Roger Taylor**  
- Editor

## Hello Everyone

We hope that you enjoy the new features in the Magazine. The Profiles will help you to get to know some of the people who contribute so much to

our Community. Some contact details may enable you to get in touch with the people who make the village tick – whether you want to contribute or merely go along to support them.

We make no apologies that there are more advertisements. If we can increase revenue from this source, we can continue to produce Local Life whilst contributing to the cost of printing the magazine.

On the same subject, we hope that you may favour the

advertisers with your business. This will reward them by increasing their turnover within the area.

We regret that some of the regular features are missing. We are featuring events that take place in early December so we took the view that it was most important that early delivery of Local Life was most important.

Roger Taylor  
**Temporary Editor**

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SDO - School Days only / Dyddiau Ysgol yn unig

# School Age News

## Dodleston CE Primary School

It's been a whirlwind of a term with all sorts of exciting events happening. Our Reception children have settled so well into the school family and we are now showing round children and parents who may join us in September 2017.

You may have noticed us in the Chester Chronicle recently after an exciting visit from Pudsey Bear. We were fortunate enough to win a competition for a special 'Spotacular' visit – one of only 20 schools in the UK. It was a fabulous morning with fun, excitement and a greater understanding of the impact our contribution will make to the lives of others.



Our families are so generous and Harvest was no exception. Our Harvest Service was held in St. Mary's Church on 7th October and was a wonderful celebration of thanksgiving and sharing. We support a local charity who work with families in crisis, Save the Family, as we do each year.

A 'Big Breakfast' was held in school in October raising over £160 for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. I always enjoy the 'Big Breakfast' in school. Although it's always packed

## Dodleston Primary School PTFA

Dodleston Primary School Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) is set up with the aim to encourage good relations between staff, parents, governors and others associated with the school, to support the school and to advance the education and wellbeing of the pupils in it. We organise fund raising activities, to involve as many people as possible and to make the activities fun! The PTFA isn't just about raising money for the school, but our role is also wider than that, it is about creating that unique sense of community. This year we are focusing our efforts on raising £3,000 for some new school books such as atlas's, bibles and reading set, we also fund transport for school trips and a birthday book for every child.



and noisy, it has a lovely atmosphere as children, parents and grandparents all enjoy sitting chatting whilst eating breakfast. The bacon butties are always a big hit! Recently, the PTFA organised a fundraising launch which this year will contribute to replacing our well-used Atlases, Bibles, Dictionaries, Thesaurus

(or Thesauri) and range of fiction books. It was such a lovely event with a book sale (used and new books were available), bookmark making and a wonderful story teller who delighted and enthralled the children and adults alike.

Of course, we are now building up to Christmas and have started work on our annual Christmas Production which this year is called, 'Home for Christmas'. It is a lovely story about kindness, thoughtfulness and thankfulness and holds to the Christmas message of love.

Along with our Christmas performance, the PTFA are busy organising the Christmas Fair which will take place in the Village Hall, 3.30pm on Friday 2nd December. Please come along and support the school by drinking tea and eating mince pies – it would be lovely to see you. Our choir are singing at St. Mary's Coffee morning on Wednesday 7th December at 11am and again, it would be lovely to see you. We have a fabulous choir this year and they enjoy an audience to sing for.



We also have our Panto trip, our Christmas Dinner, our Christmas Party and our Christmas Carol Service to look forward to. This is a very busy time in school but a wonderful time. It is such a privilege to share Christmas celebrations with our fabulous children and their families.

**We would like to wish you all a peaceful, happy Christmas.**

So far, this academic year, we have held a cake and uniform sale and a second hand book event in school. On Friday 2nd December we will be having a Christmas Fair in the Village Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm, all members of the community are welcome to attend. You can listen to the school choir sing, eat mince pies and brows the stalls with crafts, tombola's and our famous hamper raffle (tickets available on the day). Entrance is free and Father Christmas will also be there!

**Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas  
The PTFA Committee**



# Events at St Mary's Church, Dodleston

## Dear Friends

I must say I do appreciate the opportunity to occasionally pop a few words in for Local Life. It must be a huge amount of work that goes in to producing the high quality publication it is. There is always something of interest in it. Thank you and congratulations to everyone on the great work you do. Do you realise we also have our own Church Magazine mostly monthly (bimonthly in the Summer and December/January) which is delivered to those who wish to subscribe to it for a modest fee per annum to cover cost of paper?

It is not a rival to Local Life which has become such a feature of village life – far from it, we always take a keen interest in both magazines! For Church news and Church Events such as services, concerts and displays and regular groups like Crafty Creations Group, Coffee Morning and so many other things during the whole year and items like Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings you may find this little magazine helpful with its slightly different emphasis.

We would like to increase the circulation of what we call the parish magazine (as it gives many details too about All Saints Church, Higher Kinnerton our sister church in the Parish). We feel it is important as well as our much welcomed Local Life magazine to have a way of letting people know what is happening in our Churches during the year. You will find some details kindly reproduced here for our Christmas services.

Psst! Have you heard about our Christmas Tree festival in St Mary's on the first weekend of December? Well do come along! Don't trail in Chester (endless queues of traffic) come to your village church and find some Christmas warmth and a glow to carry you through to the big day.

When once again we will celebrate together the birth of the Saviour of the World Jesus Immanuel (means God with us in Hebrew). To all our neighbours and good neighbourliness to all around us.

**Every blessing at this Christmas time**  
**Hazel x**



## Your Church Diary. Services

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:

11.00am Morning Worship  
 6.30pm Holy Communion

### Sundays following:

11.00am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

### Coffee Morning:

The first Wednesday of the month. 10.30am – 12noon

### Crafty Creations:

Second Monday of each Month – 10.00am – 12noon. Please come along to St Mary's if you would like to know more about the exciting project we are working on.

## Events and Other Services:

**2nd/3rd/4th December** – Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's organised by Dodleston Local History Group. Friday 2nd 3pm-7pm

**Saturday 3rd – 3pm – 7pm and Sunday 4th, 2pm – 5pm.** Refreshments will be available and admission is £1 (children free).

**Saturday 17th December** – Rectory Open House, 10.00am – 12.30pm for mince pies and mulled wine.

**Wednesday 21st December** – Joint Carol Service with Church and School, 6.00pm

**Saturday 24th December** – Midnight Communion at 11.00pm

**Sunday 25th December** – Holy Communion at 11.00am

St Mary's Church supports the West Cheshire Food Bank – any donations can be brought to church.

# Dodleston & District WI

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## Images

1. Ellie Parker gave an amazing talk about her trip to Swaziland
2. Sarah from Eat My Flowers told us about her start up and it's amazing success
3. Bruce from W.Edge & Son Butchers gave a fascinating insightful, historical talk

## Doesn't time fly? Since last writing in August, Dodleston & District WI have continued with our varied monthly programme.

In September we were joined by Sarah and Ellie Parker who told us about their visit to Swaziland with Abbey Gate College. The college has formed links with Milinzini High School in Swaziland and they were able to tell us about the charity work that they have carried out during their visits and the challenges faced by the people that live in that area.

Ellie's recent trip was part funded by the Parish Council so giving the talk was a great way for her to tell more people in the Parish about her experiences.

In October, we had a very interesting talk by Bruce Edge from **Ernest W. Edge & Son, Butchers in Handbridge**. We learnt everything from the history of this shop and butchery through the ages, through to the best cuts, the difference between a butcher and supermarket meat, province of the animals and much more, plus we got a 10% discount card!

In November, we held our annual AGM and then met Sarah from **eatmyflowers.co.uk**. She told us all about her start up business and her products of lollipops containing petals and crystallised flowers which she sells to high end retailers and hotels such as the Dorchester Hotel and Harrods. At the end of the evening we all had a go at crystallising a flower to take home. WE can expect to see some use of these skills at next year's Autumn show I think!

Coming up we are looking forward to switching on the lights and singing some carols around the tree outside church at 5.30pm on the 3rd December. We will also have a decorated tree in the History group and church Christmas tree festival over the same weekend so do look out for that if you are attending this event. Our Christmas 'do' is a Fawltly Towers themed evening in Rossett, what could possibly go wrong?! We will also be crafting out our December meeting on the 8th December at 830pm in the village hall, all are welcome.

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# Dodleston Village Foundation



## Autumn Show 2016

In partnership with Dodleston WI and under the direction of Liz Shanklin a well-attended Autumn Show took place this year on Sunday 11th September. There was an impressive set of entries for this year's event giving the judges plenty to do. After the judges had left and prize winners had had their entries admired Liz and Jon Goldie presided over an auction all entries offered raising much needed funds for both organisations.

## Comedy Night 2016

On Saturday 8th October the Village Hall hosted the 5th Comedy Night proving once again to be a fantastic evening of entertainment and lots to laugh at. "The best ever" according to somebody. This annual event was again ably organised by DVF treasurer Steve Graham. Tony Vino returned as compere this year and while he may have been quietly impressed at the at brightly refurbished hall interior he remained comically unimpressed by the stage curtains! A sold out hall full of Dodleston folk with their friends and family enjoyed a very tasty cottage pie meal or the equally tasty vegetarian option prepared by Margaret Lloyd and her team and then settled back to be entertained by George Zach and Andy White. Comedy night will return again in 2017 – and judging from feedback on 2016 it looks like all the tickets will sell fast.

## Dodleston Village Hall Lift

The DVF have become increasingly aware of the number of hall users who, through age or disability, find tackling the stairs difficult or are unable to climb the stairs to the upstairs meeting room. Following consultation with hall user groups, and after due consideration of all feedback received, we have been able to obtain a grant from Veolia Environmental Trust, through the Landfill Communities Fund, to finance the installation of a lift. We are delighted to be able to proceed with this project early in 2017.



## Village Hall Bookings Secretary

All future bookings for the Village Hall are now being managed by our new bookings secretary Lynn Mayo who can be contacted on 01244 660124 or lynn.mayo@tiscali.co.uk



## Village Day 2017

At a meeting on Wednesday 12th October at the Village Hall the planning for a bigger better Village Day started to take shape with a working title of Dodleston Summer Festival. Early indications are that 24th June will be the date and the Parish Council Sports Field will be the place. Michael Green has taken a lead in developing the strategy for us to include a wide variety of activities, stalls and contributors from the whole village and further information will be available soon. So watch out for notices on the Parish Council notice boards and in Chapel Stores.



## DVF 100 Club

Winning number for the monthly prizes.

<b>August</b>	
<b>September</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>8</b>

The big £100 prize draw for December will be held at the DVF committee meeting – date to be confirmed. Reminders for the annual £12 subscription renewal for those paying by cheque will be posted through letterboxes in January. Anybody else wanting to join the DVF 100 Club then please contact Stephen Bowden on 660499

# Dodleston & District Parish Council



## Dodleston Cricket Club 2016 season

We have had a fantastic first season on our home ground. We have a new pavilion, a fantastic playing area and pitch and first class practice facilities that are the envy of most clubs.

**The playing season was comprised of midweek league games on Wednesday evenings and then some weekend fixtures when we teamed up with Chester Boughton Hall. In the midweek league we finished mid table which was a big improvement over recent seasons and the games that we lost were pretty close – except for one horror game in the rain where we had a complete batting collapse. Notable highlights of our season (apart from improving all round in our performances) were...**



• Matt Hughes, our captain this season, picked up the player of the year award for our league from Geoff Miller (ex England player and chairman of selectors) at the end of season prize giving. The award was based on nominations from the other teams in our league so a great result for Matt and the club.

- Winning the first game of the season by one run off the last ball of the match, Matt Hughes 50 not out, Pete Wagenaar 26.
- On the bowling front we had some great performances - against Burton we had a complete batting collapse but on the bowling front Ravi Gurusinghe took 4-30 and nearly got a hat trick. Other stand out bowling figures were Matt Hughes 5-25 against Handbridge.
- We had further strong batting performances in other close games with half centuries from Jay Jones 51 against Westminster Park and Matt Hughes scoring 51 off only around 25 balls against HSBC.
- Best opening partnership of the season was between Mark Romans and Jeremy Parker making 60 in the last game against Castle Square with Mark making a swift 37.
- Our fielding also improved with the most notable catches being made by Lewis Neale, Andrew Barnett, Jay Jones and Robin Bennett.

- We also had our first lady player turn out for Dodleston – Gabby Parker aged 15 who usually plays for Chester Boughton Hall Ladies 1st XI came to our rescue when at the last minute (due to someone's car breaking down) we were a player short in the last match of the season – and we won.
- We also teamed up with Chester Boughton Hall Ladies to run an introduction to cricket session for the Dodleston WI which was a great success, and could be run again next season.

We are starting to plan some events for next season (that starts in April) – we will be playing league cricket on Wednesdays, nets practice on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm, and we are hoping to build the partnership with Chester Boughton Hall Cricket Club with a couple of exhibition matches and more regular weekend cricket.

Thanks to everyone who has played and supported the club both this year and in previous years, thanks also to the Parish Council for creating the sports field and giving us the real privilege of playing on our own home ground in the village.

If anyone would like to join the team, help to score, or wants to know how to get into cricket or get involved please get in touch with Jeremy Parker 01244 661526.



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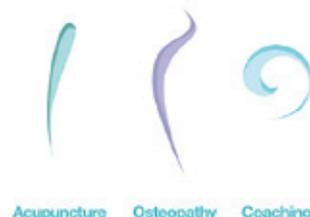
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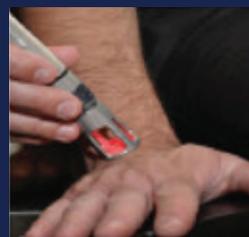
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## progress for players

In the last edition of Dodleston Life, we put out a call to all former members of Dodleston Youth Players to help us complete a picture of the last 50 years of the group. I am delighted to say that we have had a good response so far and are hopeful that we can fill in many of the gaps in our knowledge of the earlier years of Players.



*Young members of the cast getting into the panto spirit*

If you have not yet contacted us please do so as we would love to hear from you. (see contact details below) I can also now give you more details of our plans for our Anniversary in 2017/18. We are going to hold a reunion weekend on the 23/24th of September 2017. The main attraction will be an exhibition of photographs and other memorabilia with a party on the Saturday night when hopefully there will be a variety of entertainment symbolising the 50 years of Players. The Sunday will

then host the auditions for the 50th pantomime to be produced in February 2018. We will be keeping you up to date with details as they emerge, but for now, please put this date in your new diary as we would love to see as many of you there as can make it.

If you want to sneak peek at some of our photographs, come and find our tree in St. Mary's Christmas tree festival in December.



Norman Robbins was a prolific writer of pantomimes and a highly regarded and successful Dame in the world of professional pantomimes. As he died earlier this year I decided to choose one of his scripts to present to you as a tribute to his contribution to theatre.

We have performed many of his pantos in the past, but this years offering is "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe".

Many people look blank or raise eyebrows when they hear the title, as it is not one of the more well known pantomime stories. However, please don't let that deter you from coming to see it, as all the usual pantomime fun is included. The Dame is being harangued by the Mayoress, the princess falls for the poor boy, havoc

is caused when the Giant loses his shoe and throughout there is lots of singing, dancing and silly fun. A treat for the whole family!

Please support your local youngsters, and adults too, who work so hard for five months of the year to do their best for you. Performance dates are 16 to 18 February 2017. Booking forms will be available in the shop in the second week in January. See you then!

### DYP contact details

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## Babies & Toddlers Group

Babies and Toddlers group has been running since the 1880s and has been led by many different people, over the years. We meet every Thursday morning from 10-11.30 in the village hall, during term times. Parents, grandparents and carers come along with babies and toddlers for a busy time of free play, craft activities, snack time (coffee and cake or biscuits for the grown-ups!) and a sing-along.

There is a small charge of £2 per child plus an extra £1 for additional children. This year, we are taking part in the Dodleston Christmas tree festival on 2nd-4th December when we will make decorations for our own little tree which will be on display in the church. We are ending our term with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa on Thursday 22nd December.

Dodleston Baby and Toddler Play Group meets every Thursday morning during term time in the village hall, 10-11.30. Free play, arts and crafts, music and singing, snacks and refreshments. Come and meet other parents and grandparents for a chat and a cuppa! Only £2 per session (plus £1 for additional children). Follow us on our Facebook page.

**For more information contact Helen on 07951 880702 or just turn up!**



**Well – not so long ago we had a very small Brownie Pack and now we are full ! How quickly things change in the world of Little People.**

We reopened after the summer holidays with a distinctly animal theme, starting with a Beatrix Potter night to commemorate 150 years since the lady's birth. She was a great friend to the Girl Guide movement and even sent one of her precious drawings to the Guides from Chorlton-cum-hardy who had camped on her land.

We also took advantage of a partnership with Pets at Home, who gave us a fascinating insight into the pros and cons of owning and caring for a variety of furry friends – cue "please may I have a guinea pig" - and produced a booklet to enable several of our girls to obtain their Friend to Animals badge.

Our thanks go to Maria Davies for spearheading a creative food session on the unlikely theme of Edible Fireworks, and with even more daring we are about to embark on Science Investigator with our Assistant County Commissioner Dr. Watkin. Safety goggles anyone?

**Brown Owl Janet Butler 01244 676544**

*Our photo shows....Charlotte and a bearded dragon*

# A message from Cllr. Mark Williams Representing Huntington and Dodleston



## URGENT: Have your say on the future of our area!

The Boundary Commission for England published their initial proposals for new Westminster parliamentary constituencies in September 2016, starting off a twelve week consultation process. These new boundaries would take effect by the general election in 2020 and YOUR views are invited.

At present the Huntington and Dodleston Ward, of which I am proud to be your local councillor, is in the City of Chester constituency as it has been for many years. **Under these initial proposals, the Boundary Commission recommend that there should be no change and that our area should continue to be represented by a Chester MP. I very much welcome this and I'm sure the majority of residents will feel the same.**

As your local councillor I work hard week in, week out to represent your views either directly or by working with our parish councils locally. I believe I am best placed to do that when our area is linked with others, like the Great Boughton and Caldley areas and villages like Christleton, who share a similar outlook and identity (whilst also having their own particular and special character!)

**Unfortunately, the Labour Party locally believe Huntington and Dodleston should be sliced away from Chester and lumped in with other areas to make up an 'Eddisbury' constituency.** Whilst I recognise the historic nature of that constituency, I do not believe it would be the right fit for communities that make up this ward, not least because it would exclude many local and national businesses, such as MBNA, from a Chester constituency. Your local Labour MP claims he doesn't agree with his party on this but he's failed to make the case strongly enough to stop them putting it forward.

To stop this happening and for the new City of Chester constituency to come into being as proposed, it would be helpful if as many local residents, parish councils and groups as possible could let their views be known by participating in the consultation process.

Here are a few reasons you might like to think about when making a submission to the Boundary Commission (details about how to do this are below):

- Chester is our principal city and 'county town' - our community has always looked towards Chester for historic, cultural, shopping, employment and leisure reasons - the iconic River Dee runs through the ward into the city - it makes sense for us to be represented by a Chester MP;
- Huntington, Dodleston, Poulton, Pulford and Eccleston have a very long history associated with Chester. Some areas are even mentioned in the Domesday Book and it has been reported that as far back as 80AD Roman soldiers used to visit places such as Huntington during their time off for recreational purposes;
- Our villages and communities have strong transport links with Chester, from bus services such as the number 5 and DB services which we have fought hard to support and retain to local roads like the A483 and the A55 main road which link into the Chester ring road, the city is accessible and nearby; and
- With controversial issues like planning developments locally always on the agenda, local residents need to be able to contact an MP who is familiar with Chester, its immediate vicinity and the issues that matter to us. This would be harder if their focus was on larger areas like Winsford or the other more rural parts of Cheshire that would make up an alternative constituency.

## How to have your say

If you share these views and would like to comment on these proposals (or if you have alternative points of view!) then you have until **Monday 5th December 2016** to do so. Here's how:

Online: Visit the website, [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk) and fill in the online form  
In writing: **Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BQ**

Look for the North West of England proposals and be sure to comment, in your own words, on the City of Chester constituency as proposed by the Boundary Commission.

Please make your voice heard on this important issue for our community. If you would like any further information or to talk through what representations you might be able to make, please contact me.

With best wishes,

Cllr. Mark Williams

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**01244 245525 or [mark.williams@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:mark.williams@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)**

# Local News And Events



## Late Newspaper Delivery

Lloyd and the Dawn Patrol are tearing their hair out at the unpredictable times that Menzies & Co deliver the papers – any time between 6 & 7am or even later. The contracted delivery time is 6.15. When Lloyd calls them there is a range of excuses – fog, training someone.... But nothing changes! The Post Office and Chapel Stores provide a vital service to our community. If you're in the shop when the delivery arrives one morning, let the driver know what you think of their service.



## November Fifth

The bonfire and fireworks were a huge success and provided a valuable cash surplus which will be used for the community's benefit. We are sincerely grateful to the many volunteers who helped on the night and the following day's clearing up. We also learned lessons for next year – a more efficient means of getting cars of the site; more food and drink vans; and more fairground rides for the children. We aim for next year to be even bigger and even better! DB1 Bus Service Under Threat? A meeting at Higher Kinnerton Village Hall was organised by Gareth Evans and attended by a team from Flintshire County Council, led by Paul Robson. Flintshire is planning to withdraw subsidies from all bus routes in the county. DB1 starts in our neighbouring village before tracking through Lower Kinnerton and Doddleston on its way to Chester. At the moment it is jointly funded by Flintshire and Cheshire West and Chester Councils. It is too early to say whether the service might be withdrawn because the consultation is in its early stages. We'll keep in touch with Mr Robson and update our readers in the next issue.



## Mobile Library Visits

From November 30th 2016, the library will visit Doddleston every three weeks. It will be on the Car Park by the Church from 10.15 to 10.40am. This is an improvement

on its previous 4-weekly visits and greatly welcomed. Santa's Rocket I don't know about you, but this year seems to have gone particularly quickly. They say it goes faster the older you get. Well it must go VERY fast for me! Of course, this is my favourite time of year so if it comes round faster each year I don't mind. I hope you are excited as me, the North Polar, the reindeer and my helpful elves. All preparations are well under way here. All I need now is to know what presents everyone wants to open Christmas Day. Luckily for the people of Doddleston, you have a direct postal service to the North Pole: Santa's Rocket. Thanks to Sam and Lloyd at Chapel stores, Santa's Rocket will be parked outside the shop during December. Just make sure you write your letters to Santa, and post them in the rocket before Sunday 18th December. Santa's Rocket will be launched that evening at 7pm. So look towards the Church at 7pm and watch as your letter speeds its way to me express delivery. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. I certainly will!



## Community mini-bus scheme

The Parish Council is looking into the feasibility of providing a community transport service. This would provide residents with more flexibility and convenience and better meet the transport needs of our community. Be haven't worked out ant details yet, but successful schemes operate in other parts of the country and offer door-door services, trips to the shops, outings and opportunities for groups to hire a mini-bus. At this stage we're interested in knowing what sort of demand there might be. So if you are an individual or group who might benefit from the operation of a community transport scheme please contact Councillor Mike Dix at [mike.dix@doddlestonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mike.dix@doddlestonparishcouncil.co.uk)



## Chicken Sheds Hearing

was held in Doddleston Village Hall on November 22nd. With four representatives from CWAC and five from the Appellant's Planning Consultants, it promised to be a long day. The Hearing was under the control of Bern Hellier and there were ninety (yes 90!!!!) local people in the Audience. They applauded a stirring presentation from Peter Bullivant of Tudor Farm. Mr Hellier plans to conduct a second site visit on November 23rd, after which he will give due consideration to everything he has read, seen and heard before announcing his decision.



**Dodleston Primary School  
PTFA Christmas Fair  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
3.30-5.30pm  
Dodleston Village Hall**

**All Welcome**

**Please come along and hear the School choir  
singing..**

**Have a drink and a mince pie while you peruse  
the lovely craft stalls..**

**We've got an amazing raffle, tombolas and lots  
of games!**

**Thank You for supporting our school**



# Dodleston Christmas Tree Lighting 2016



## Saturday 3rd December 5.30pm

### Christmas Carols and Mince Pies

This event has been organised for the community by

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