Warrington Grotto Gui



Christmas services

- Holy Trinity, Market Gate: Carols by Candlelight, Sunday, December 17 at 6.30pm; Christmas Eve, Holy Communion at 10.30am: Christmas Day Services at 10.30am and 6.30pm
- Everyone is welcome to a carol concert at the Salvation Army Hall, Academy Street, at 4.30pm on December 10. On Christmas Eve there will be a family carol service at the hall from 4.30pm to 6pm. A Christmas family communion will be
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Walton Hall

Visit Christmas past down at Walton Hall.

For a chance to step back in time the Victorian-themed Christmas at Walton Hall Gardens Winter Wonderland is just the

It takes place over the first three weekends in December, between 11am and 4pm, where young and old alike can visit Father Christmas in his beautiful grotto.

Visitors can also get involved with the Christmas activities taking place daily in the traditionally decorated heritage yard which will be brought to life with schools choirs singing carols, bands playing festive music as well as entertainers

There will also be land train rides, pot decorating and even the chance to make vour own Yule log decorations.

Also available will be delicious hot festive food to tickle and tantalise the tastebuds and for those of you with green fin-

gers, there will be a plant sale on Sunday. There will be charges for some activities but entry to the heritage yard is free.
If you would like more information, you

can visit the website on www.warrington.gov.uk/walton gardens or ring the estate office on 01925 261957.

Park up and have fun

Warrington Borough Council's ranger service has organised some festive events with a difference.

At Black Bear Park you can make Christmas presents for the birds – some delicious Black Bear puddings to help them survive the cold weeks ahead.

Drop in any time during the event at the ranger cabin in the park on Sunday,

December 17, between 1pm and 3pm.
On the same day at Risley Moss Local Nature Reserve rangers' office, take part in 'It's Christmas' – a chance to make your own yule logs and other decorations to brighten up your home.

Sleigh bells ring

Bridgewater Rotary Club will be spreading the Christmas cheer throughout December with a festive tour of Warrington's supermarkets.

The club will be heading to the big shops in December to make collections as well as creating Christmas grottos in-store for all the children.

This will include a visit to Morrisons in Greenall Avenue on December 3, a slot at Tesco in Winwick Road on December 7, a stay at Sainsburys in Church Street on December 9 and 10, a return to Tesco on December 14 and a trip to Asda at Westbrook on December 17.

In addition to the supermarket dates, the club will also be going to The Forge at Stockton Heath on December 21.

Bridgewater Rotary Club always provide a wealth of services during the festive season and as you can see, this year is no exception.

So head to one of these events, grab some Christmas shopping and let your little ones enjoy the popular grotto experience. If they're lucky Santa might even be there!

Robin along

MAKE your own red robin pom-pom decoration during a decoration making session at Warrington Museum.

It takes place from 10am to 3pm on Thursday, December 21.





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bookings are now being taken. Gulliver's Christmas Kingdom is also

paying a visit to Golden Square.

The Golden Square Christmas Grotto. organised in conjunction with Gulliver's World, is open every day until Christmas. The price of £4.99 also includes a gift.

The grotto is open from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm; Sunday, 11am to 4.30pm, until December 24.

At the centre of everything

Why not visit the Cockhedge Centre's wonderful animated Christmas display designed to get you in the mood for



While you are there look out for the special children's competition.

On Saturday, December 9, an amazing

Christmas tree stilt walker will be provid-

ing entertainment in the centre.
If you have been good, he will even give you a free gift! On Saturday, December 9, 16 and 23 children can meet Father Christmas and enjoy some free Christmas chocolates.

On Saturday, December 16, everyone is invited to take part in a fantastic Christmas craft workshop.

Shoppers will be shown how to make Christmas themed crafts or make a Christmas card for that special person.

This event is fun, creative and great for

Dig deep at Bents

Children can join Santa for a party meal with crackers, balloons, carol singing and a special gift for each child at Bents Garden Centre, in Glazebury, every day until Friday, December 22.

Demonstration evenings are also being held until December 13. Discover some top tips for creating your own decorative masterpieces every Wednesday at 7pm. On Saturday, December 9, enjoy some

festive family fun during a weekend of special magical treats for young and old.

It includes a full size carousel and Shet-land Pony petting area for the children and hot punch and mince pies for the grown ups. And keep a look out for the arrival of fresh Christmas trees – one of the largest selections in the region.

From Saturday, December 2, all children can write a letter to Santa and hand it to the snowman at the Big Freeze frozen food stall in Warrington Market. The snow-man will make sure that Santa gets the letter and every child will receive a reply from the man himself.

Alternatively, why not pay a visit to Father Christmas inside his charity grotto next to the Disability Information Desk in the market. He will be there every weekend throughout December, with all proceeds going to the Disability Partnership.

Farming around

Christmas at Farmer Ted's, in Downholland, Ormskirk, is always great fun and this year will be no exception.

Santa has once again agreed to pay a visit on his way to the North Pole because he had such a great time last year.

To meet Santa, jump aboard the Santa Express. This is Santa's special tractor ride to his workshop. On arrival, you'll be met by one of his elves and invited inside.

Here, you can take a look around all of the different winter scenes and even write a postcard to Santa himself.

Then when your time comes, you will

be asked to enter his special room where he is accompanied by his trusty reindeer and of course, Rudolph.

You'll get to chat with him and if you've been good, he may even give you a present. On your way out, don't forget to post your letter in the talking letter box and finish off your journey with a walk back through the animal barn.

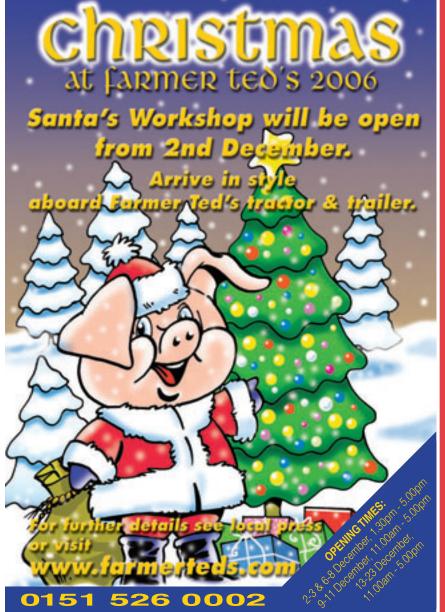
Santa will be at Farmer Ted's on December 2 and 3, 1.30pm to 5pm; December 6 to 8, 1.30pm to 5pm; December 9 to 11, 11am to 5pm and December 13 to 23, 11am to 5pm.
Entry to see Father Christmas is £3.50

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Nordman Fir

One of the most popular Christmas trees, it has attractive, fragrant, dense foliage. Its needles are not sharp, comparatively, and they do not drop as readily as others if the tree dries out. ■ Norway Spruce

Cheaper to grow, this should be reflected in the price you pay, and its availability. Overall colour of Norway spruce is usually excellent, but needle trees are cut fresh and kept properly watered. retention is considered poor unless the

■ Scots pine Scots pine is known for its excellent needle retention. In a water-filled container it will remain fresh for the

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Do you leave it late in order to pick up a bargain and have one that stays healthy until twelfth night, or do you pick one up early and spend the next few weeks hoovering up pine needles at the end of every evening?

It might be that you could find the perfect solution – a long-lasting tree with good needle retention – if you follow some simple rules when buying and caring for your tree.

Trees will have been on the move from the beginning of November, sliced or uprooted from their plantation ready for the earlybird shoppers, so even if you're protesting at the early start to the Christmas buying season, chances are that the tree you end up buying will have been on the road for at least a few days, if not a week or more, by the time you pluck it from the shopfloor.

Whatever tree you choose, slice a few centimetres from the bottom and give it a good drink in a bucket of water as soon as you get it home.
When deciding where to place the

tree indoors, site it away from radiators or other heat sources, and away from

Buying tips:

Measure your ceiling height before buying, and take into account whether the tree will be standing on the floor or

You don't want to get carried away and have a tree that's too tall for your room.

Go to a shop that is well-lit and which keeps its trees in a shaded area

delivered to the shop. It you buy one soon after its arrival it will be very fresh having been cut recently.

Ask the retailer when the trees came in and how often they have deliveries through the Christmas season.

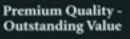
Test for freshness. Green needles on fresh trees break crisply when bent sharply with the fingers - a bit like a fresh carrot. Pines have different indicators because of the fibrous nature of their needles compared to firs.

The needles on fresh pines do NOT break, unless they are very dry.

Look for other indicators of dryness or deterioration: excessive needle loss, discoloured foliage, musty odour, needle pliability and wrinkled bark.

A good rule of thumb is, when in doubt about the freshness of a tree, select another one. If none of the trees on the lot look fresh, go to another shop.

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Does your home offer a festive welcome, or cold cheer, and is it more grotty than grotto? Here are our top 10 tips to make sure your home is a place visitors will want to come back to



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1 How's your front door? Make it a sight to see with a holly wreath or a decorated potted shrub

2 The hall is the first part of the house they experience. Make sure it's free of clutter and give it a touch of festive appeal with fairylights – kitsch, but charming!

3 Make the whole house smell of Christmas, either by burning cinammon joss sticks or by brewing up a bowl of punch on the stove. The scent will flood through your

4 Warm the cockles of their heart with a real fire. If your fireplace is blocked, it may simply need some remedial work to open it up again, but gas is a convenient alternative and there are even some electric fires now that can give the effect.

5 Lower the lights to create a more intimate feel. Instead of harsh overheads, rely on lamps – move them round the room until you get

6 Dine by candlelight. There's no light more romantic and intimate.

7 Indulge in some super fluffy hand towels and luxurious soaps for the

8 No matter how busy you are in there, make space for people in the house, and they'll always end up

on a velvet throw and some cushions for the bed. Ideal for

10 Most importantly – don't try too hard and get in a tizzy. A relaxed host is the best way of all to make guests feel welcome!







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