



Christmas Carols

WHO ARE WE?

We're a group of local volunteers investing £1 million of National Lottery funding in the St James Street area of Walthamstow. We are independent of any local authority, but we receive support and guidance from the Local Trust, a charity which oversees similar programmes in 150 communities across the country.

St James Street Big Local was established in 2012 and runs until 2026. But we're working on legacy projects that will long outlast the scheme and make our area a better place to live for many years to come.

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What do we do?

We run projects and events for the benefit of the local area, as well as supporting others to do the same.

Some of the things we've organised or supported include:

- street art and the 1B Coppermill Lane window gallery
- annual events like the jumble trail and carol concert
- shop-front improvements on St James Street and the High Street
- resident-led projects like social clubs and a children's magazine
- funding and training for social enterprises.

How can you get involved?

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to support our work! You could join our partnership committee and make decisions on strategy and budgets. We also have opportunities for people to volunteer as:

- taxi bike cyclists
- oral history interviewers
- events coordinators
- translators
- community connectors (helping us to reach out to people during our consultation)

We also open to suggestions for volunteering roles that don't already exist, so if you feel you have skills or experience that could assist us, please let us know!

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OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

**O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.**

**God of God light of light
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God begotten not created:
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.**

**Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.**

DECK THE HALLS

**Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la-la-la...
Don we now our fine apparel, Fa la la-la-la...
Troll the ancient Yule tide carol, Fa la la-la-la...**

**See the blazing Yule before us, Fa la la-la-la...
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la-la-la...
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la-la-la...
While I tell of Yule tide treasure, Fa la la-la-la...**

**Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la-la-la...
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la-la-la...
Sing we joyous, all together, Fa la la-la-la...
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la-la-la...**



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

**Good King Wenceslas last looked out
On the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shown the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.**

**Bring me flesh, and bring me wine.
Bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I will see him dine
When we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.**

**In his master's step he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing**

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER

**Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it glows.**

**All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
play in any reindeer games.**

**Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"**

**Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history**



THE FIRST NOEL

**The First Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

(Chorus)

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.**

(Chorus)

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought**

(Chorus)



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

**On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
A Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
5 Gold Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the sixth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
6 Geese a Laying
5 Gold Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

(Continued...)

**On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying, 5 Gold Rings,
4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
8 Maids a Milking, 7 Swans a Swimming,
... etc
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.**

**On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
9 Ladies Dancing, 8 Maids a Milking,
... etc
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
10 Lords a Leaping, 9 Ladies Dancing,
... etc
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
11 Pipers Piping, 10 Lords a Leaping,
... etc
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree**

**On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:
12 Drummers Drumming, 11 Pipers Piping,
10 Lords a Leaping, 9 Ladies Dancing,
8 Maids a Milking, 7 Swans a Swimming,
6 Geese a Laying, 5 Gold Rings,
4 Calling Birds, 3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree.**

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

**Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

**You better watch out, you better not cry
Better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is comin' to town
He's making a list and checking it twice
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is comin' to town
He sees you when you're sleepin'
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake
Oh! You better watch out, you better not cry
Better not pout, I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is comin' to town**

(Repeat)

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

**Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.**

**Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**

**E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.**

**Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**

**Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rhyme
Your evetime song, ye singers.**

**Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!**



GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**From God our heavenly Father
The blessed Angels came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tiding of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
Doth bring redeeming grace
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

(Chorus)

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest Heav’n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.**

(Chorus)

**Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.**

(Chorus)

JINGLE BELLS

**Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh**

**Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way:
Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight**

**Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh yeah**



HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

**Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
Next year
All our troubles will be out of sight**

**Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the Yuletide gay
From now on
Our troubles will be miles away**

**Once again as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Will be near to us once more**

**Some day soon
We all will be together
If the Fates allow
Hang a shining star
Upon the highest bough
And have yourself
A merry little Christmas now**

WHITE CHRISTMAS

**I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white.**

(Repeat)