

# Ware Dickensian Evening

Friday 6th December 2024  
6:30pm-9:30pm



[www.dickensian.org.uk](http://www.dickensian.org.uk)



# Dickensian 2024

## Message from the Organiser

Welcome to Dickensian 2024. Dickensian has played a key part of Christmas in Ware for the last 30 years. I have also organised the event for 20 of those years. Our committee has worked hard this year, and my grateful thanks go to them, particularly Keith Batchelor, who handles our road closures and Health and Safety and James Craker (Crackerjac) who has created our new website. This year we will once again host many local community and craft stalls in Tudor Square, High Street and the Drill Hall with Thomas Birch Funfair and our Entertainment throughout the evening alongside many new local shops and businesses staying open and supporting us. The Garden City samba band are proudly sponsored by Saffron Building Society to mark the reopening of their Ware High Street branch.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**Jan Wing**

## Volunteers

Thank you to the Ware Dickensian Committee, always going above and beyond to keep everyone safe and enjoying the evening. Our Stewards on the night are all unpaid volunteers.

This year we are to be helped by Hertford Regional College Uniformed Public Services Students, Hospitality Students and Graphic Design students who did a live project to design our Programme Cover.

Barriers are managed by MainDoor Security; Road Closures by RENTEQ; Radio Comms by Mid-Herts RAYNET; Health & Safety by Keith Batchelor and First Aid Post is provided by St John.

Our local Councillors are litter picking for the event. We also are grateful to HRC students for their help with the event and for donating their time to help on the night. The Creative Art and Enterprise Students will be selling their products in West Street, near the Maltmaker.

## Donations & Sponsors

The Ware Town Partnership is very grateful for the financial help given by: Ware Town Council and HCC Locality Grants from Cllr Jonathan Kaye and Cllr David Andrews.

Thank you to the local businesses who gave donations towards our security, first aid and health and safety for this event or supported us with advertisements and joined in the festivities!



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**Ware coming  
home for  
Christmas!**

**Our elves have been busy working on the refurbishment of our Ware branch – and it's time for us to unwrap it.**

Come along to 57 High Street, SG12 9AD, and enjoy some festive treats and a sneak peek before we fully reopen for business later this month.



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CANDLES  
Hayley White

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TREE  
ORNAMENTS

James Grant  
Gin and Rum

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Gnomes

Jayne  
Armstrong  
Peppers

Tai Christie  
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Scents

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Festive  
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Books

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and jewellery

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Christmas jumpers  
etc

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Silver jewellery

Lorna Stewart  
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Claire Statham  
CHRISTMAS  
EVE + HUG

Louise Barden  
– Writers  
Group

Debbie Armstrong  
Sterling Silver  
Jewellery

Jayne Topping  
WARE SWIFTS

EMERGENCY  
EXIT

STEVE  
COLLINS –  
Silver jewellery

STEVE  
COLLINS  
Pebble Art

Mandy Livingstone  
CHRISTMAS  
DECORATIONS

NADIJA –  
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AND TEXTILES

Tiff Murphy  
TRINKETS &  
TREASURES

Megan Ridge –  
Book Marks  
Coasters

Shannon Baker  
VENETIAN  
BAUBLES, VASES

Briony  
Applegate  
CERAMICS

Bernadette Winter  
Decoupage items  
coasters

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THE CHEESE  
BOARD

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White SKIN  
SOAK

Ms Xiang  
Handmade  
Gemstone  
jewellery

Lisa Ruggeri –  
Local Children's  
books

JO BRITTON  
MALVA BOTANICS  
SOAPS SHAVING

KAREN GLAVEY  
THE CHEESE  
BOARD

VINTAGE  
TEA ROOM

WARE DRILL  
HALL INFO

CAROLE  
PORTER  
WAX MELTS

Barbara  
Zacharuk  
AMBER BEES

# Entertainment

## High Street



Mother and Father Christmas  
**6:30pm – 9:30pm**



Rock Choir  
**6:30pm – 7:00pm**



Garden City Samba  
**7:30pm – 8:00pm**



Hertfordshire Holly  
**6:30pm – 9:00pm**



Ware Library  
**6:30pm – 9:00pm**

Make tree decorations + design a postcard for santa!

## Tudor Square



Stagecoach Hertford and Ware  
**6:30pm – 7:00pm**



Ware Musical Theatre  
**7:00pm – 8.00pm**



Ware Brass  
**7:30pm – 8.00pm**

## Other



Ware Ukulele Group  
**7:30pm – 8:30pm**  
Ware Drill Hall



Christmas Tree Festival  
**6:00pm – 9:00pm**  
Leaside Church



St Mary's Church  
**6:00pm – 9:00pm**



Mulled wine, mince pies and gift stalls

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Christmas gifts

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Entertainment Area

Ware Wine & Beer Circle

Friends & Trends

St Joseph Church

Friends & Trends

Drummond Cheeses

Police Office

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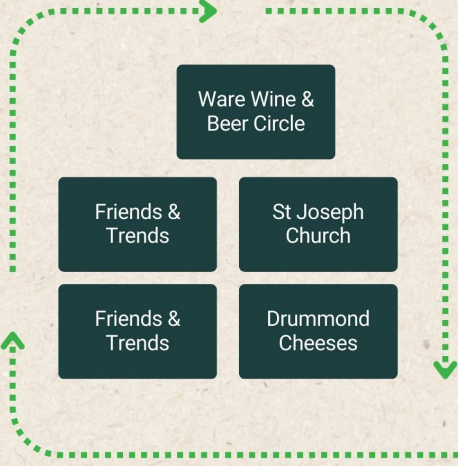
Michelle Fisher

Make Believe Group

Rotary Club of Ware

3rd Ware Scouts

5th Ware Scouts



Ware Police

Toby's Glass

Beiregali Gifts

Peach Tacos + IPA



# West St

In front of Maltmaker Garden

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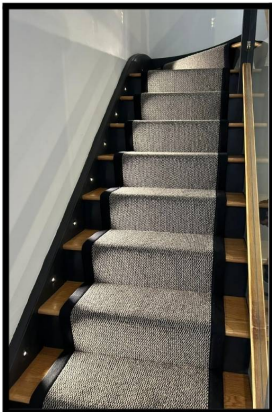
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# Information

## Road Closures

The following roads will be closed during the event: Amwell End, Baldock Street, Church Street, East Street, West Street and the High Street from the bottom of New Road to Priory Street. The roads will be closed officially by an order made by East Herts Council in collaboration with Hertfordshire Highways and the Police. Traffic diversion signs will be in place and stewards at the closure barriers to assist emergency vehicles.

## Toilets

Public toilets are in the following areas: Priory Grounds, St Mary's Church & Drill Hall. Community toilets are also available in: Tesco, Spread-eagle, Brewery Tap, Old Bull's Head and Café Frappe.

## Parking

All public car parks (except for the library car park) will be available throughout the evening and will be free from the early evening.

## Lost Children

Lost Children Post will be based in The Priory car park and is organised by Hertford St. John's Ambulance and co-ordinated by Mid-Herts RAYNET.

## Our New Website

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*The Ware Town Partnership wishes  
you all a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy, Healthy New Year!*



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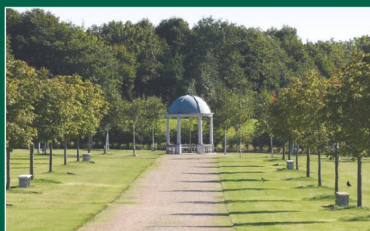
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