



# NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2024

## Christmas Events

It's that time of year again, it's time to get excited about Christmas! So you can mark up your calendar, here's what's happening.

Christmas Fair	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	4pm to 7pm
Brunch with Santa	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11am to 1pm
Christmas Tree Festival	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3pm to 5pm
Christmas Afternoon Tea	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm to 4pm
Tea with Santa	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm to 4pm
Christmas Cocktails	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm to 11pm
Santa Dash	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am
Christmas Lunch	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm
Carols Around the Tree	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm

Information about the individual events can be found throughout the newsletter.

## Christmas Fair

We'll be kicking off the festive season with the Christmas Fair, which is taking place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**, 4pm to 7pm. As well as the magical carousel, there will be stalls selling crafts and Christmas goodies, face painters and refreshments. Refreshments this year will include hotdogs and jacket potatoes. Wristbands, for face painting and unlimited rides on the carousel can be purchased from the centre office at £1 each.

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 12pm. Come and enjoy a fabulous 3 course lunch, plus coffee and mince pies as well as entertainment. The cost per person is £10 and tickets go on sale on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. As this is a popular event, SUBs will need to have been paid for the 2024/25 year. Tickets are restricted to 2 per person.

## Tea with Santa

As it was so popular last year, we will be holding another Tea with Santa again. It is taking place on the afternoon of **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and includes sandwiches, cakes and refreshments plus a visit from the man in red! Tickets for this relaxed, afternoon event go on sale on Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10am.

## Santa Dash

Our family Santa Dash will this year take place on **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**. We will leave the Centre at 10am, picking up festive sweet treats around the village before returning to the Centre for hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Tickets will cost £6 per family and will go on sale on 4th Nov. If you are a house in West Moor that would like to be a sweetie stopping point, please contact the Centre.

## Brunch with Santa

This year, Brunch with Santa is taking place on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, 11am to 1pm. Tickets cost £6 per person. Adults have the choice of a bacon or sausage sandwich, and children have the choice of a sandwich or a cooked breakfast. Juice, yogurts, pastries and refreshments are included, as well as a visit from you know who and a gift for the children, if they have been good! Tickets go on sale on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10am. Please note that SUBs for the 2024/25 year need to have been paid, prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets can only be bought for your immediate family.

## Christmas Afternoon Tea

This year's Christmas Afternoon Tea on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**, 2pm to 4pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of delicious festive treats including entertainment. Tickets are £9.00 per person and go on sale on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10am and are restricted to two per person.

## Letter to Santa

Santa's post box will arrive at the Centre on Fri 22nd Nov accepting letters until Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. All letters posted will receive a personal reply from the man in red, please ensure all letters include a name, age, and return address.

## Carols around the Tree

This year's carol singing will take place on **Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** at 6.30pm at the tree next to the railway bridge. Bring your singing voice and maybe some loose change for the collection tin. We'll then go along to West Moor Club for refreshments.

### **Gardening Group**

The Gardening Group are asking for the leaves from your garden! They are planning on making leaf compost and will be happy to take your fallen leaves off your hands. Simply bag them up and bring them down to the Centre.

The Group are also asking if you can offer a little of your time to help dig over the flower beds around the village. You don't need to volunteer on a regular basis, just a couple of hours when you have the time. If you can help, please leave your contact details with the Centre. The group would also like to thank those who kindly donated to them to enable them to plant the Kings Garden at the Centre. We're sure that those who have visited the garden will agree just how beautiful it is looking.

### **New to the Centre**

We have been delighted to welcome several new groups to the Centre in recent months. It's so lovely seeing what you can do at the Centre growing.

#### **Clear Mind Meditation**

([www.clearmindmeditation.co.uk](http://www.clearmindmeditation.co.uk)) are here on a Monday evening and Friday afternoon. **Living Well with Cancer** hold Tai Chi classes, Breast Cancer Pilates classes and Men's Football sessions, to name but a few, at the Centre ([livewellwithcancer.co.uk](http://livewellwithcancer.co.uk)).

**LD North East** are here on a Tuesday afternoon with an Accessible Stay & Play session. ([info@ldne.org.uk](mailto:info@ldne.org.uk))

### **History Map of West Moor**

Members of the Sticherz Group have joined forces with Helix Art to produce a textile historical map of West Moor. The finished artwork will be unveiled at the Christmas Tree Festival.

The group meet on a Thursday, 12pm to 2pm and are looking for more crafters (knitting, crocheting, needlecraft) to come and join them recording history.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

This years' Christmas Tree Festival is taking place on the afternoon of **Sunday 1st Dec**, 3pm to 5pm. We are calling on all local businesses and groups to enter a 'tree'. It needs to be tree shaped, but not necessarily an actual tree, and decorated with items that reflects what you do. Check out our Facebook page for some ideas of what trees were entered last year. Please contact the Centre if you would like to enter. The event will also include craft competitions and refreshments. The fabulous fabric historical map of West Moor will be unveiled and our wonderful community choir will hopefully also entertain us.

### **Men's Group**

Just a reminder that the Men's Group still meet on a Thursday at 2pm. They play pool, dominoes and have a good chat! If you know someone who may enjoy spending an afternoon with them, please send them along.

### **Diamond Jubilee**

2025 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West Moor Residents Association. We are currently working on ways to celebrate the Association being part of the community. Do you have any photos of events you have been to? Do you have pictures of West Moor from years gone by? Please contact the association via the Centre.

### **Fall Prevention Classes**

Our next block of Fall Prevention classes (funded by UKSPF) will be starting at the Centre on **Fridays at 2.30pm**. The class will start on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Contact the Centre to book your space

### **Cycle Maintenance**

We will be holding a Cycle Maintenance session at the Centre on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** at 7pm. So if you would like to learn how to change an inner tube or fix your brakes, why not come along?

### **Trick or Treat.**

We are compiling the Trick or Treat list again. If you are happy for a knock at the door on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 5-7pm then please contact the Centre with your details. (this is the one where you have to provide the treats) The list and bands will be available to pick up from the Centre, free of charge, from the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### **Re-Start a Heart**

There will be two sessions held at the Centre on **16<sup>th</sup> Oct**, 5.30pm & 6.15pm where you can learn CPR. The sessions are aimed at those over 8 years. Contact the Centre to book.

### **Wine Tasting Evening**

Last few tickets available for the wine tasting evening on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. £12 per person. Contact the Centre to secure your place.