

STANDISH VOICE JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

NEW YEAR

Standish Voice would like to wish all our members a very happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our Christmas Market this year was the most successful yet – with thousands of people thronging the streets and bringing revenue to Standish's businesses.

Everything went smoothly and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

We made a small profit on the day which will be used for future Christmas Markets.

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped us stage the Market – we will be having a get-together with them soon to discuss the event.

We are always looking for new ideas for the Market, so if you have any – or would like to join our organising committee – please reply to this email.

The biggest, buzziest and busiest Standish Christmas Market is over for another year (apart from us packing away today!).

Standish singer Neil Dunlop was the finale of nine hours of free entertainment...

Thanks to everyone who came and our amazing, selfless volunteers.

Thanks, too, to everyone who bought a mulled wine, prosecco or commemorative cup - every single penny goes to paying for the Market.

And we would like to thank these people and organisations for their help...

The lovely Standish Christmas Market organising committee: Kathy Robertson, Ian Trafford, Paul Ogden, Diane Gore, Cllr Judith Atherton, Sarah Djali, Claire Callaghan, Christine Crossan, Cllr Debbie Parkinson, Heidi Lipscombe, Emma Perry, Richard Perry, Steve Iddon, Jacqui Houghton and Ren Ellery. Also, thanks to the main Standish Voice committee, especially Treasurer Karen Bliss, Fran Aiken and Gill Foster. Stubborn Rhino coffee for the use of their van. Also, the residents and businesses of Cross Street, Market Place and Church Street, our sponsors and all the businesses who have given a raffle prize, Wigan Council, Standish Aldi, Chris Boyle and the live stage entertainers who give their time and talent for free, the Rev Andrew Holliday, the bell ringers and all at St Wilfrid's Church, Standish Methodist Church, St Marie's Church, Wood Fold School and The Standish Centre for use of car parks, The Globe pub for free use of their room for our Market committee meetings, Neil Dunlop for the karaoke (raising £148 for charity), and Standish councillors Judith Atherton, Debbie Parkinson and Ray Whittingham for Brighter Borough funding.

Also, Prospect Brass Band, the Friends of Standish Library, Cross Street Arts and our wonderful volunteers, too numerous to mention specifically, who work on the day from 6am to 9pm, and during the day before and after, to stage the Market.

We would not be able to hold the Market if not for financial support from this year's sponsors.

Sponsors sign up to a package of help for the Market. This year they were:

GOLD: Gerrards Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners

SILVER: Tracy Phillips Estate Agents; Clear Ears / Podiatry @ The Clinic Rooms; N R Barton Chartered Accountants; Standish Self Store

BRONZE: La Mama's; Vincent's Solicitors; Tim's Pizza Takeaway; Top Grades Tuition; Standish Styling Opticians; One Stop Hire; SmartSTRAT; Potters Bar

We also held a Standish Christmas Market raffle organised by Standish Voice committee member Diane Gore, Councillor Debbie Parkinson and Councillor Judith Atherton.

Pictured are Debbie, left, with Sharon Gerrard, of Standish Christmas Market Gold Sponsor, Gerrards carpet and upholstery cleaners picking the winning tickets.

The prizes were: Standish Styling Opticians, voucher (£200); Gerrard Specialist Cleaning, voucher (£100); Copper Vines, Prosecco Afternoon Tea for 2 + vouchers (£152); Simply Beautiful, voucher (£50); Harwoods, chocolate class (£50); La Mama's, voucher (£25); Changing Rooms, voucher (£20);

Village Hair, free cut and blow; Time For Me, gift; Uncle Joe's Hamper; Wigan RLFC Family Ticket; Potters Bar, bottle of gin; House of Commons Whisky; Barbara's, voucher; Interior Designs, Gift Bag.

AGM

Standish Voice will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.45pm on January 17th.

We will be sharing reports of the year and electing new committee members.

All members – and if you receive this newsletter, you are a member – are invited to attend.

If you would like to stand for election as a member of our committee, please email our Chair, Gill Foster at standishneighbourhoodforum@gmail.com

The AGM will be held at Alberts, on School Lane, and we would like to thank them for giving a room free of charge for our meetings.

HOUSING PLAN FOR ARBOUR LANE

A planning application for five large houses has been submitted for Green Belt in Standish. The plan would see the five detached homes built on greenfield land on Arbour Lane, next to ones recently built.

The application is for land north of Black Horse Croft, opposite Kiwi Nurseries.

Standish Voice will be objecting to this plan as it is proposed for the Green Belt, where no development is allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances.

A spokesperson for Standish Voice said: "There has been a huge programme of housebuilding in Standish which has overwhelmed our infrastructure but none of it has been built on our Green Belt. "It is vital that the very strict rules of development in our precious Green Belt are upheld and this application is strongly refused.

"Allowing this application would give free rein to other housebuilders itching to tear up our green fields around the village for yet more inappropriate development."

To view the application and to comment see: <https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMZLM8RR0C800&activeTab=summary>

LONG DISTANCE PATH PLANS

A new long-distance footpath which passes through part of Standish is being established.

Lottery funding will waymark and publicise the route – The GM Ringway – which will pass through Worthington Lakes, down Chorley Road and back up to Red Rock.

You can read more about it below and see the Standish section here:

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/1133609>

<https://www.manchesterworld.uk/news/gm-ringway-new-long-distance-footpath-covering-186-miles-of-greater-manchester-scenery-gets-green-light-3899256>

REVAMPED WALKING ROUTES FROM THE LINE

Wigan Council is improving walking and cycling connections with The Line as part of an upgrade to routes in Standish.

Robin Hill Lane has been tarmacked as part of the works and new pedestrian crossings are to be installed soon on Preston Road and Old Pepper Lane with footpaths being made into bridle paths so cyclists and horse riders can use them.

Below is information on the scheme.

Do you want to have a New Year walk and at the same time understand what Wigan Council is doing to improve footpaths and cycleways in Standish?

The council is conducting two guided walks this month taking in extensions to The Line and other footpaths which are being upgraded.

The walks meet at Standish Leisure Centre on January 19th and 24th.
See the images for more information on each date.