

Wednesfield & Fallings Park

Local Neighbourhood Partnership

Apprentice star Ruth to join community for Christmas event

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The whole community will come together to celebrate the start of Christmas in Wednesfield on Friday December 3, 2010.

Wednesfield and Fallings Park Local Neighbourhood Partnership is working with Wolverhampton City Council's Outdoor Events team as well as schools, community groups and organisations to make this year's Christmas lights switch on one of the best yet.

Pupils will perform carols, college students will record the event for a project and residents will be able to pay tribute to a loved one by supporting a tree of remembrance funded by local organisations.

The fun begins as pupils from five local primary schools perform carols in St Thomas's Church between 4pm and 5pm. Media students from City of Wolverhampton College are being invited to record them for an audio CD which will be sold to raise funds for next year's event.

107.7 The Wolf DJ Dickey Dodd will be entertaining the audience in the High Street as Wednesfield-born Apprentice star Ruth Badger helps Wolverhampton Mayor Councillor Malcolm Gwinnett switch on the Christmas lights at 5.30pm. There will also be fairground rides and Father Christmas will arrive on his sleigh accompanied by helpers from Wednesfield Rotary Club.

Wednesfield and Fallings Park Local Neighbourhood Partnership, Ruth Badger, J Gessey Plumbing and Heating Ltd, Wednesfield Rotary Club, Guru Nanak Gurdwara Temple of Wednesfield, the Age UK charity shop and Wednesfield Traders Association have joined forces to fund the Christmas tree, which will also act as a Tree of Remembrance supported by the Rotary Club, Wednesfield Library and Sainsbury's.

It will be positioned on the amphitheatre outside the new £2.2m library which opened earlier this year.

Performances by Ashmore Park Choir, GreyColl Pipe band, Wednesfield High Choir & other performers will take place on the Amphitheatre between 13th – 17th December.

Simon Hamilton, Wednesfield and Fallings Park Local Neighbourhood

Partnership Officer, said: "This year's Christmas lights switch on is a great example of the local community coming together.

"I am delighted at the number of people and organisations who have given their time and money to support the event and hope that residents will come out in force to enjoy the show which we think will be one of the best ever."

Councillor Matt Holdcroft, Wolverhampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture, added: "This year Wednesfield will be celebrating Christmas in style and as a major shopping centre I hope the festive spirit will attract visitors from across the city."

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