

Christmas fun round-up



■ A SALE park took on the feel of a Christmas market on Saturday as visitors tucked into some festive treats. Over 500 visitors flocked to Walkden Gardens to sip on some gluhwein and mince pies as Holy Family Primary schoolchildren sang and the Salvation Army brass band played on. This is the fourth time the park's Friends group has held the carols around the dovecote and once again it proved a success. Vice-chairman Rob Frier said: "We had mulled wine and sausages were being cooked so it smelt like a Christmas market, especially with the smoke in the air and the ground all frosty." "The music from both Holy Family and the Salvation Army also made people feel festive. "The event went very well and there were so many people present."

LEFT: Children singing outside the Dovecote in Walkden Gardens, Sale
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LEFT: Elves Jamie Bramley and Emma Watling, 13 and 14

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RIGHT: Lucy Wainwright and Sarah Keebler with their stall selling Christmas goods

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BELOW: Pearline Storer, Amy Jones and Alex Jones, 11 at a confectonary stall

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■ OVER 100 people decided to get festive by visiting a Shrefford Park. The Christmas carnival at Victoria Park again proved a hit with families, who enjoyed meeting Santa and visiting various stalls at Saturday's event. Shelley Quinnton, Hulme, chairwoman of the park's Friends group

which organised the fair, said: "The event went very well. "It was a bit quieter than previous years but there was a really good atmosphere and Santa was fantastic. "We also had lots of help from local teenagers on the day which we're very grateful for."



ABOVE: Freya and Sean O'Neill, five and one with Santa (AKA James Flanagan) in the grotto

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LEFT: Rachel Scully, seven, gets a Christmas tree painted on her face

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RIGHT: James Williams with his very festive dog Zara

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