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# CHRISTMAS IN WHATLINGTON



Around seventy people flocked to the Village Pageant where local youngsters played all the parts as the nativity story was replayed in pouring rain. Starting in the church, the service moved outside, taking in the shepherds' bonfire, an inhospitable innkeeper and, finally, a warm 'stable' for the final

prayers and carols, led by Rev John Hawkins and accompanied by a brass band. Warming mulled wine and soup, courtesy of Lesley and Hugh Apthorp, rewarded those who had braved the sudden turn of weather to be at the historic heart of the village Christmas.

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No room at  
the inn











# Bargain hunters fill up on gifts



Local traders and craft people sold products from hand-made cards and Christmas decorations to eco products, local honey and soft furnishings at the Whatlington Connectors festive market. Torrential rain kept numbers down compared with previous events but still enough to allow for a £150 donation to the NSPCC.



# Villagers tuck into a very festive supper

The Village Hall welcomed villagers, friends and family to celebrate Christmas at the annual Festive Supper.

Guests were treated to boeuf bourguignon, nut roast and potato gratin followed by chocolate roulade, and all the while raising a glass or two.

Chair of the hall committee Linda Walker said: "The room was filled with fun and laughter as this year's quizmaster Richard Maidment tested our general knowledge before Charles Williams drew the winning raffle tickets. Thank you to everyone for giving so generously.

"My thanks, also, to everyone for coming and to all those who worked so hard to make the evening such a jolly occasion.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year one and all and we hope to see you at more village events in 2026."

Whatlington Connectors would like to thank all who have attended our many events this year. As well as offering a variety of occasions for villagers to connect with one another we have raised hundreds of pounds for local charities.

