

# Talk OF THE Town

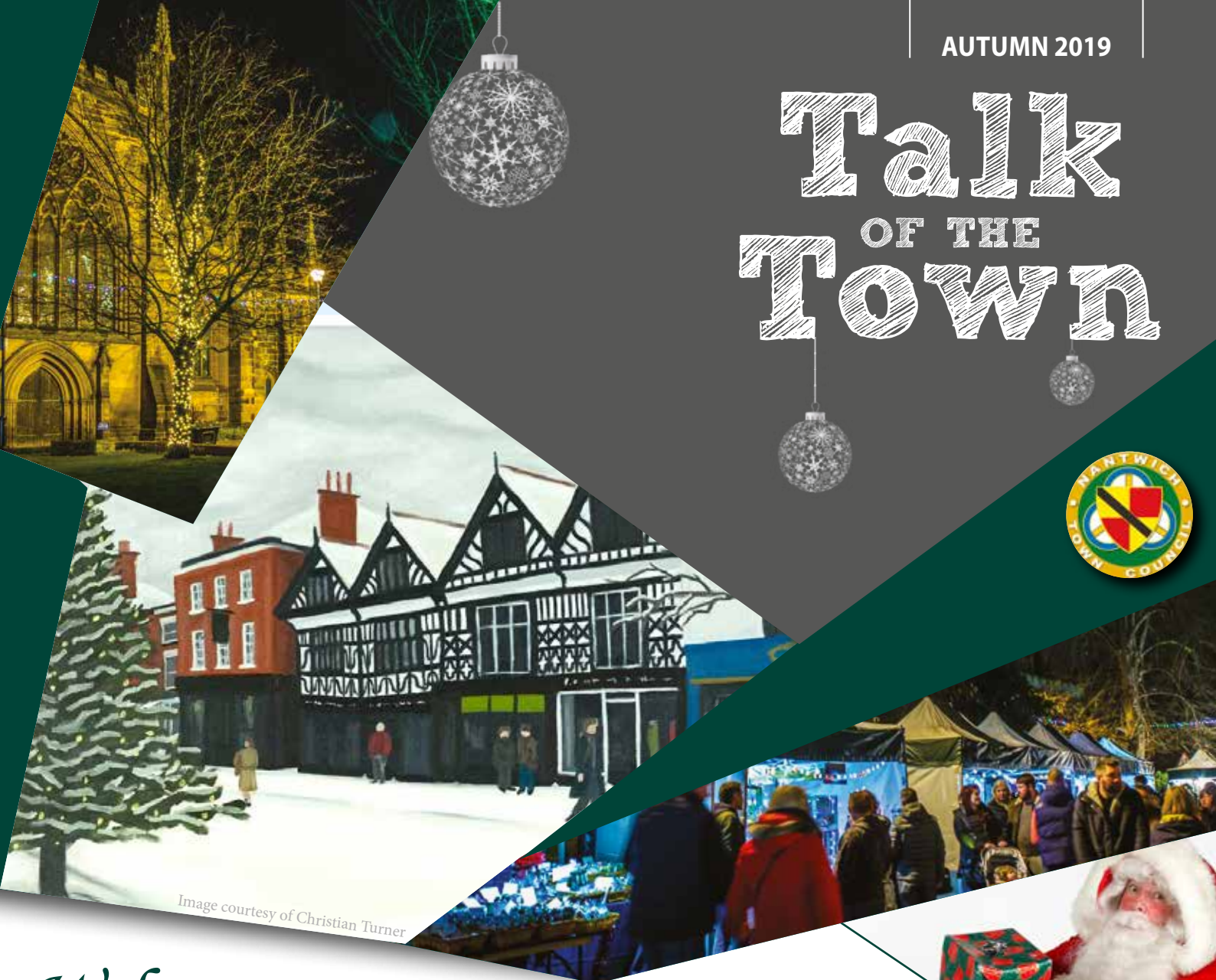


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## Welcome

Since my election as Mayor on the 10th of May, along with my Consort Councillor Carole Thomas, we have been very busy and attended over 70 events. We are overwhelmed by how well we have been received and how welcome everyone has made us, so thank you.

There have been the usual summer town events including Weaver Wander, Schoolsfest, Societies Spectacular and the Food Festival which brought thousands of visitors to our Town. We also had the first Nantwich Pride weekend.

However, because of the weather it was disappointing that Nantwich Show had to be cancelled, but as in previous years the International Cheese Show was still a great success.

Nantwich in Bloom have once again done us proud making the town look beautiful with their 'pollinators' themed displays and I hope to be announcing the town's Britain In Bloom success in the next edition.

As President of Nantwich Players I'm very proud of their successful season scooping no less than 17 Awards for their Main House and festival productions this year!

I cannot go without mentioning the wonderful achievement of Nantwich Cricket Club. The Whitehouse Lane team played the biggest game they may ever play at Lord's last month, the National Club final. Despite losing they did Nantwich proud.

We have had the privilege to attend numerous events involving our school children and young people, demonstrating their hard work and commitment to the task in hand, these included the Brine Leas Respect Graduation organised by the Cheshire Fire Service, the Summer Reading Challenge at Nantwich Library where 700 children took part this year, the Police Fishing Match and U.K. Kids Duathlons, at all the events it was a pleasure to present medals or certificates.

We are now in the run up to Christmas, but before that will be our Remembrance Parade and Service on the Square at 11.00am on Sunday 10th of November, we had a tremendous turn out last year lets hope for the same this year.

Our Tree of Light Ceremony is on Sunday 3rd of November with the Christmas Light Switch on Friday 15th of November.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Mayor of Nantwich

*Cllr Arthur Moran*



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## TOWN COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW CLERK

Nantwich Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Town Clerk.

Samantha Roberts commenced her duties in early autumn, replacing Ian Hope who retires from the Council after seven years of service.

Samantha joins the Town Council from Mold Town Council in Flintshire where she was the Town Clerk for seven years and previously gained a wealth of experience with local government authorities in Wales.

Nantwich Mayor, Councillor Arthur Moran, said "I am delighted that Samantha has agreed to become our new Town Clerk: she was the unanimous choice of the Councillors during the interview process. Samantha recognises the importance of continuous professional development given the ever-evolving role of the Town Clerk and is currently a second-year student on a Higher Education course in Community Governance.

She has a wealth of experience and we look forward to working with her on the many projects, opportunities and challenges that we face in the months and years ahead."

Samantha Roberts said "It's a real privilege to have been appointed to the position of Town Clerk for Nantwich, a beautiful historic market town and I am extremely grateful for the faith that the elected Members have shown in me. I would like to thank my new colleagues at Nantwich Town Council for their warm welcome and support. I am extremely pleased, proud and humbled, and look forward to working with members and colleagues to enhance Nantwich and all it offers."



## NANTWICH IN BLOOM

Nantwich in Bloom's summer pollinator theme has drawn many favourable comments from members of the public. Bee and butterfly friendly plants have made an attractive colourful display in the town planters, a large butterfly design in the centre bed and willow butterflies in the beds and planters around the town drew the attention of the judges and has been a joyous theme.

Our full sized wooden beehive and complementary plants attractive to bees and butterflies in one of the town square beds has been a riot of colour, the word 'bed' taken a little too literally by someone who thought it a good idea to jump into the middle of this beautiful display and lie down! After some hard work the bed was replanted by volunteers and was back to its former glory.

The Town Council and ANSA's efforts in regularly watering the plants and baskets during the summer was greatly appreciated.

We have once again been invited to the NorthWest in Bloom awards ceremony at Southport in November which means that an award is on its way – could this be the 9th successive year for a Gold Award for Nantwich in Bloom?

Planning has already started for next year and preliminary proposals have been made to revamp the beds outside the Parish Rooms and discussions are also in hand for our topical theme for 2020. Suggestions have been made to include dementia friendly/sensory planting to link with a forthcoming campaign in Nantwich next May.

Please come and say 'Hello' when you see us working in the town, we now have our information board around the working area and we are easily identifiable in our bright blue polo shirts.

Do you have a few hours to spare to help us with planting, dead-heading and watering etc? We also care for the Community Orchard, the beds and planters on Nantwich Railway Station and plan to take on a local allotment for growing plants. We are a small friendly group and we are proud of our town. Please ask our team for details or contact Penny at pennyrowlinson@hotmail.co.uk.





## NANTWICH TREE OF LIGHT

On Sunday 3rd November at 5pm people are invited to gather outside St Mary's Parish Rooms where a Tree of Light will be illuminated with a short service of prayer, hymns and poetry.

Rev. Dr Mark Hart will lead the service with an address from the Mayor of Nantwich Councillor Arthur Moran. The choir of St Mary's will be joining the proceedings.

Christmas is a time for families and friends, for celebrating and for giving; it also offers a chance to remember the loss of loved ones and to think about those less fortunate than ourselves.

On the lead up to the event, people are invited to make a donation of £5 to dedicate a bauble to a loved one or a special cause. For those who purchased a bauble last year, these can be re-hung for a donation of £3 and should be returned to Nantwich Civic Hall.

Donations can be made at Nantwich Civic Hall where you will be given the opportunity to fill a bauble with a name, message or items of your choice, which will then be hung on the tree of light until after the 12th night of Christmas, when the lights will be turned off and baubles removed.

Nantwich Town Council are leading the way by dedicating the first bauble to the late Harry Clewlow who sadly passed away earlier this year. Harry was a highly respected businessman in the town, Chairman of the Beam Heath Trust and former Town and Borough Councillor.

The full cost of the tree is covered by Nantwich Town Council and all donations will be divided between the Mayor's charities St Luke's Hospice, Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Support, The Royal British Legion and St Mary's Church.



## NANTWICH CONCERT BAND



Nantwich Concert Band have been busy performing over the summer with their Midsummer Music Concert in the Civic Hall, during the Food Festival and providing entertainment on the square.

The wind band (part of the NCB organisation) will be raising funds again for Children In Need when they will be joined by Nantwich Young Voices and Fraser School of Irish Dance, at Audlem Public Hall, Sunday 3rd November at 2.30pm.

Both bands can also be heard at their Christmas Concert at Methodist Church, Hospital Street, Saturday 7th December 7.30pm with free tea/coffee and a mince pie.

The wind band is for beginners or those wishing to play in a more relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are held at Brookfield Hall, Shrewbridge Road, Nantwich CW5 7AD Wednesday evenings 6pm to 7pm.

There are also some instruments offered free on loan to those wishing to play in the wind band. The main band follow the wind band rehearsals on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm to 9.15pm.

There is a varied repertoire of music from traditional wind band music through to more modern music and music from stage and screen. The band will always welcome new members but would particularly welcome Alto and Baritone Sax, French Horn and Oboe players.

For further information contact Musical Director Nick Birch  
Email: [musicaldirector@nantwichband.co.uk](mailto:musicaldirector@nantwichband.co.uk)

To find out more about the Band's latest news visit the website [www.nantwichband.co.uk](http://www.nantwichband.co.uk)

## NANTWICH FOOD FESTIVAL

In excess of 30,000 people poured into Nantwich during the weekend of its annual food festival, visiting the 3 food marquees, watching celebrity chef demonstrations, enjoying the entertainment and supporting local businesses. Yet, at the end of it, the town was left neat and tidy, thanks to a dedicated squad of festival volunteers.

Friday saw the festival get underway with over 200 exhibitors opening their stalls, children enjoying activities in the kid's marquee, live music on the 2 stages, street entertainment, and everybody soaking up the atmosphere as they tried the wide variety of food and drink on offer.

A major highlight was the transformation of the Civic Hall into a demonstration theatre, where four celebrity chefs, together with some local chefs demonstrated their cooking prowess to the delight of packed audiences.

The festival is about encouraging people to visit Nantwich and celebrating all that is good about the town and its local food and drink businesses. This is particularly true, when it comes to the Festival Food Awards. Thousands of people vote online for their favourite food and drink establishments and it is fiercely contested.

The Civic Hall in conjunction with local business, Applewood Independent, hosted this year's awards to celebrate and showcase the bars, restaurants, cafes and food producers we have within the area. Full details of the award winners can be found at [www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.nantwichfoodfestival.co.uk)

The festival organisers want to thank Nantwich Town Council, residents, local businesses and sponsors for their support, not only during the event but up to and after the Festival.

Next years' festival will be held over the weekend of Friday 4th - Sunday 6th September



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## NANTWICH PLAYERS

Nantwich Players launches it's second studio season at the beginning of November, and it is set to be an exciting season.



Following the success of its first season and National Festival success over the past year, which saw the new team from Nantwich Players sweep the boards at the regional and northern competitions, eventually making it all the way to the grand final and British all winners finals, NP Studio are back this November with their new season.

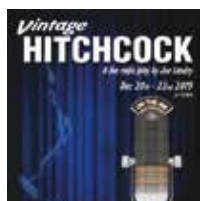
Opening the season is *Swallow* by Stef Smith. November 1st to the 3rd 2019. A striking piece of theatre about three strangers who are about to face their demons head on. Balanced precariously on the tipping point, they might just be able to save each other if they can only overcome their urge to self-destruct. This is a painful yet playful, poignant and uplifting play that takes a long hard look at the extremes of everyday life. Questions of identity, heartbreak and hope are explored with vivid poetic intensity.

Following *Swallow* NP Studio will be bringing a radio play to life once again, this time in the form of an evening of *Vintage Hitchcock* plays and performed before a live Studio audience in December. This leads into the NP Studio double feature presentation in February 2020 which will feature two contrasting plays, *Cliff's Edge* by Paul Beard and *Girl in The Machine* by Stef Smith.

And they will end with a comedy! The final play of the season will be the hilariously irreverent comedy *Immaculate* by Oliver Lansley. A wonderfully comic variation on the virgin birth in which a young woman finds her life spiralling into confusion when she wakes up one morning, unaccountably pregnant!

The Studio team are really excited to see what this second season brings and hope to attract many to watch these plays, but also new members who would like to join and get involved with the productions both on stage and off!

If your interested in becoming a member visit our website for more information: [www.nantwichplayers.com](http://www.nantwichplayers.com)



## NANTWICH SINGERS

The Nantwich Singers will be performing a concert of Christmas Music in St Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon 8th December at 3.00pm.

The programme of carols will contain old and new favourites by a variety of composers across the centuries and will last for an hour or so, followed by a glass of wine and festive nibbles in the side chapel with an opportunity for the audience to meet the singers.



On this occasion Nantwich Singers are pleased to be conducted by guest conductor Dr Martin Cook, a very experienced musician who has stepped in after the retirement this summer of Alison Phillips.

Please come along with friends and relatives to enjoy a musical start to the Festive Season! Tickets will be available at £12.50 from the Church Shop, Church Office or online at [www.thenantwichsingers.org](http://www.thenantwichsingers.org)



## NANTWICH MUSEUM installs new Audio Visual Technology

Thanks to the generosity of Nantwich Film Club the Millennium Gallery at Nantwich Museum now boasts a new audio visual system enabling the Museum to provide much improved presentation facilities for lectures and community events. The Film Club had noted that the existing equipment at the museum was "almost historic" and was pleased to have been able to bring it into the twenty first century.

The new equipment involves an electrically operated 16:9 format, 2.5 m screen and ceiling-mounted data projector capable of displaying presentations and films. A dedicated laptop computer feeds the projector and two wall-mounted speakers through a Bluetooth connection.



Museum Development Officer, Elliot Goodger welcomed the new installation noting: "The Museum's great appreciation for the generous Film Club donation and particularly the opportunity it provides for the museum to promote the Millennium Gallery as a professional space for hire.

Nantwich Film Club is an enthusiast volunteer run project which screens a variety of movies for the public at their regular venue, Nantwich Civic Hall.

There is a Camera Club Exhibition at Nantwich Museum, Tuesday 29 October 2019 - Saturday 4 January 2020.



The "2019 Nantwich Camera Club Photographic Exhibition" features recent work from members of the well established club.

The annual event, which attracts visitors from throughout the region, includes stunning print and projected images of a wide range of truly inspiring



## SANTA DASH

Sunday 14 December 2019 @ 10:00am

Continue the Christmas tradition of putting children first by bringing your friends and family to our 2019 Nantwich Santa Dash.

Every pound you raise will go directly towards helping some very special young people and their loved ones this Yuletide.

Walk, jog or run one of two distances - 2.5km or 5km - through Nantwich town centre.

Festive fancy dress is optional but there will be a prize for the best dressed!

There will also be mince pies, chocolate and medals at the finish line. Enter online £5 for adults and under 16s go free, or call the Fundraising Office on 01691 671 671 for more information.

Although there is no minimum sponsorship required we ask that you raise as much as you can!

[www.hopehouse.org.uk/santadash](http://www.hopehouse.org.uk/santadash)



Nantwich Rotary (NR) and Crewe & Nantwich Round Table (RT) are once again out and about with Father Christmas. Don't miss him near you:

### DAYTIME COLLECTIONS

- Saturday 7th December - Town Square (RT)
- Thursday 19th December - Town Square (NR)
- Friday 20th December - Morrisons (NR)
- Saturday 21st December - Town Square (NR)
- Monday 23rd December - M&S (NR)

### EVENING COLLECTIONS

- Thursday 4th December - Kingsbourne Estate (NR)
- 5th December - Welsh Row (NR)
- Monday 9 December - Queens Drive (NR)
- Tuesday 10 December - Manor Road (NR)
- Wednesday 11 December - Stapeley Estate (NR)
- Thursday 12 December - Shrewbridge Road (NR)
- Thursday 12 December - Whitehouse Lane (RT)
- Friday 13th December - Crewe Road (RT)
- Monday 16 December - London Road (RT)
- Monday 16 December - Cronkinson East (NR)
- Tuesday 18 December - Cronkinson West (NR)
- Wednesday 19 December - Queens Drive (NR)

# Christmas

## IN THE TOWN



## Christmas @ St Mary's Church

December 2 4pm 6pm	Advent Sunday <b>Christingle Service</b> Advent Carols
December 15 3pm 6pm	<b>Tots' Nativity Service</b> Nine Lessons & Carols
December 22 9.30am	<b>All Age Nativity Service</b>
December 24 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm 11.30pm	Christmas Eve <b>Crib Service</b> <b>Midnight Communion</b> (Carols from 11pm)
December 25 8am 10am	Christmas Day <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>All Age Communion</b>



## Christmas Nantwich

### Late Night Shopping

Thursday 21st November  
Until late

Join Nantwich  
retailers for a  
special evening of  
festivities.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS



Saturday 21st December	9am - 4pm
Tuesday 24th December	9am - 1pm
Thursday 26th December	CLOSED
Saturday 28th December	9am - 4pm
Tuesday 31st December	9am - 1pm
Thursday 2nd January	9am - 3pm

## ETSY MADE LOCAL - South Cheshire Christmas Artisan Market

The Designer Makers of Etsy South Cheshire will be back at Reaseheath College on Saturday 30 November to take part in their 4th Etsy Made Local. Fast becoming a not to be missed local Christmas shopping event with people travelling from 30 miles away to purchase unusual and unique handmade items.

This year we are delighted to hear that Reaseheath College will also be hosting a Food Festival on the same day. In addition the college will be selling items made by the students such as Speciality cheeses, Christmas cakes, Butter, Wreaths, Poinsettias and Christmas Trees. There will also be an opportunity for our younger visitors to meet Father Christmas in the Old Hall and spend time in the Zoo.



# AT THE Civic .....

## November

Friday 1

Sunday 3

Saturday 9

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Monday 11

Saturday 23

Sunday 24

Monday 25

**The Very Best In Stand Up**

**Beadyfair**

**Vintage Escapades Autumn Brocante**

**Ceroc Freestyle Dance**

**Nantwich Film Club - The Vanishing (15)**

**Celtic Fusion Charity Night**

**Dolls House Fair**

**Charity Bingo**



## December

Friday 6

Monday 9

Saturday 14

Saturday 21

Tuesday 31

**The Very Best In Stand Up**

**Nantwich Film Club (TBA)**

**Ceroc Freestyle Dance**

**Pure Presley**

**The Very Best In Stand Up**

**New Years Eve Special**



## Weekly Civic Events

### **Tuesday**

Short Mat Bowls

Table Tennis

Ceroc

**FREE entry to Tea Dances  
on Wednesday afternoons  
throughout December**

10.00am to noon

1.30pm to 4.30pm

7.45pm to 11.00pm

### **Wednesday**

50+ Club

Sequence Tea Dance

AC Fusion Dance

- Modern Line Dancing

10am to noon

1.15pm to 3.45pm

7.00pm to 10.30pm

### **Thursday**

Social Ballroom, Latin &

Popular Sequence Dancing

7.45pm to 10.30pm

## The Mayor's Big

# QUIZ

### Friday 27th March

A fantastic quiz night at Nantwich Civic Hall hosted by **Chris Radford** in aid of St Luke's, The Royal British Legion & Leighton Hospital Prostate Cancer Awareness.

**7.00pm doors, for 7.30pm start**

**Groups of 6**

**£10 per person**

**Fish & chips supper included**

Entries to Nantwich Town Council,  
Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG.

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or visit [www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Santa's DIZZY DAY!

**A fun-filled Christmas show  
and the chance to meet Santa!**

**Sun 1st - Wed 4th  
December**

**Child £11, Adult £6,  
Schools/Nursery £10.50**





# LIVE MUSIC @ Nantwich Civic Hall

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FOREVER

with

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**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

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Saturday 25th January

## Battle Of Nantwich

For over 40 years the faithful troops of The Sealed Knot have gathered in Nantwich to re-enact the bloody battle that took place almost 400 years ago. Full details of the event can be found at [www.battleofnantwich.co.uk](http://www.battleofnantwich.co.uk)

Paul Compton - Nantwich Events Photography

# NANTWICH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Friday 15th November

Mini-market from 12.30pm

Entertainment from 3pm

Switch-On 7.00pm