

## Shevington Federation Schools - Carol Service at Wigan Parish Church

On 13 December parents, family and friends braved a very cold night to attend the Carol Concert at Wigan Parish Church performed by children from the Shevington Federation schools, Millbrook and Shevington Vale. The church was absolutely packed to hear a fabulous performance of Carols and Christmas songs by children from various classes including some solo performances.

Thunderous applause was given at the end of the concert and the Headteacher, Mrs Tomlinson, praised the work and efforts of the children in delivering such an outstanding performance. This was echoed by everyone present. We are looking forward to next year's concert.

## Christmas Shop-Front Award 2022

Pam Powell – our judge - travelled around in all weathers (often on foot) and assessed all the shop windows in the Parish in early December.

The Parish Council approved Pam's recommendations for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners and also for the entries to be given a special commendation. However, we would like to thank all shops that made an effort to decorate their windows – even if you did not receive an award this year, you will have achieved something worthwhile by lifting the spirits of local residents at a time when they needed to be lifted.

Undeterred by the heavy showers, the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Jess Diggle, visited the winning shops to make the presentations on Saturday, 7 January. Photos of Cllr Diggle making the presentations are shown below.

### Carlton & Stanley Opticians – First Prize

*Very attractive and eye-catching window in turquoise and silver with a reindeer in the centre*



**Shevington Parish Council has small grants available for local community groups. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download one from our website.**

**Have Pride in Your Parish  
DON'T Fly Tip  
Take it to THE Tip!**

## Warning! - There is Danger on the Ice

Please remind children how dangerous frozen canals, ponds and other waterways can be at this time of year. Although they look pretty and tempting, they are dangerous and can be fatal, particularly during a cold spell like the one we experienced just before Christmas.

Just a few points to remember :

- Don't wander too near the edge - icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip and fall in.
- Don't be tempted to test the thickness of the ice - it's easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Make sure your children understand how dangerous it is to play on ice.
- Adults should set a good example by staying off the ice themselves.
- Dog owners should ensure they keep their pets on a short lead so they are not at risk of falling in.



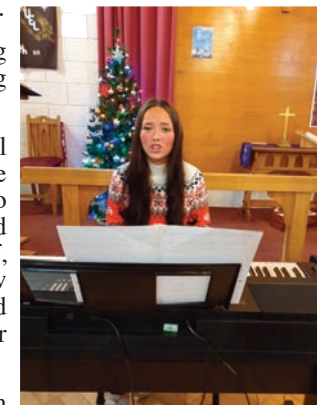
Please stay safe and enjoy the beautiful winter Scenery.

## Derian House - Christmas Fundraising

In early December Tony Bostock organised two musical events. A Saturday evening Christingle / concert at Shevington Methodist Church was followed on Sunday by an afternoon of carol singing at Golden Days Garden Centre.

At the Christingle / concert traditional carols were sung cheerfully by all present but the highlights of the evening were contributions from young people.

Georgia Linde, a Manchester music student, sang beautiful versions of Silent Night and other carols which she performed in her own special musical style! We were also entertained by Tony's two young grandsons, George and Arthur. These two young boys, aged 11 and 9 and a half, are already talented rugby players and also show considerable aptitude for music. George accompanied himself on guitar singing 'Last Christmas' by Wham. Arthur played the keyboard.



On Sunday afternoon about 20 people gathered at Golden Days Garden Centre to sing carols. Colourful Christmas jumpers and fun headgear plus various musical bells and tambourines helped us all to make a 'joyful noise'. Well done again, George, who joined us that afternoon to sing his solo, despite having played earlier in

two rugby matches!

The collections from both events amounted to £425.00 ... all proceeds to Derian House Children's Hospice.

Despite the difficult times we live in, people were very generous with their donations ... Thank you to the members of the public who joined us and sang along with us! Thanks also to members of the Methodist Church who prepared the oranges for the Christingle.

### Slobbery Chops – Third Prize

*3 large stars with Father Christmas in one, elf in another and reindeer in a third*



### Shevington Village Kitchen – Second Prize

*World Cup and Christmas window: Father Christmas is kicking a 'ball' which is the snowman's head – very funny!*

