

'Singalong' Stoke Ash and Thwaite 21&22 December 2021

In the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday in the week leading up to Christmas, parish councillors and volunteers gathered firstly at the barn in Limetree Farm and then, next day, at the Walnut Tree car park. There, they dressed up as elves, to assist Santa (Gordon Leggett) in the dispensing of mulled wine, sausage rolls and minced pies to villagers, as the Santa's decorated and lit up trailer progressed through the villages, to the chorus of amplified Christmas music and carols. As young children were encountered along the way, Father Christmas gave out small presents, and those who had dressed up in a 'christmasy' (or nativity) costume got an extra chocolate Santa Claus. Two small children at the top end of Stoke Ash dressed up for the occasion and appeared at an open window, even though they were subject to covid isolation. It had been planned to end each evening by singing carols together in the barn, or St George's Hall, but it was decided that it would be safer not to collect together in a closed area to sing.

The sausage rolls and minced pies were kindly gifted to the villages by Anne and Shane of the White Horse pub.

Chris Maisey



Val Lane



Abi Turner



Geoff Tancred
Dick Maisey



Gordon Leggett

Roger Kember



Paul Morris



Karen, Mark & the Maiseys



