December 11, 2pm to 5pm

## Sampford Courtenay Christmas cheer

For the third year running a team of Sampford Courtenay residents have organised some 'Christmas Cheer' for the local residents and children to enjoy.

As a small child, organiser Marion was allergic to Christmas Trees, so her parents used to create a Christmas Grotto for Santa to leave his presents instead. Marion continued this tradition with her own children, grandchildren and their friends. Each year Marion produces a tableau of knitted characters from a popular children's book or film, together with an associated wooden

creation from her partner, Bill.

In 2019, her friend, Michele, persuaded Marion that all these tableau would make a fantastic basis to a Christmas Wonderland in Sampford Courtenay Village Hall for children to admire while they queued to meet Santa himself.

Last year, almost 60 children and their parents took their Covid safe slots to enjoy the Christmas Cheer. Many local parents likening it to the visits they made as children to see Santa at Waltons in Exeter.



If you would like to book your slot for this year contact Marion on 01837 82285 or email marion174@btinternet. com