

Rotary Christmas festivities

THE Wiveliscombe and District Rotary Club will once again be organising a wide range of Christmas activities in the Wiveliscombe area.

Everything commences with Santa In the Square on Wednesday December 6th with Santa arriving in Wivey Square at 6pm, where he will be met by pupils from Wiveliscombe Primary School who have won a poster design competition, and together they will switch on the town's Christmas lights.

All local children will have an opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto in The Square and to receive a present from him. As in the past few years, there will be a ticketing system in place to visit Santa in his Igloo, so hopefully children won't have to wait for long in a queue.

Meanwhile, around the Square there will also be children's entertainment from 'Malcolm', hot food and drink - including roast chestnuts.

The Town Band will also be playing seasonal music by the Christmas tree and there will be carol singing for adults.

Several shops will be open late to assist that "special pre-



Santa with his trusty helper Elfin Sam

sent" search. Visit Carousel Pig, Wivey Hardware and the new Red Hat Arts co-operative who will be employing 'Child Labour' so look out for them too in the Square!

Webber's the Estate agent is also organising a short Town Treasure Trail - you can pick up an entry form from their office on the night.

So lots to see and do for all the family - making this evening a really special one,

and make everyone feel that the Christmas season has really begun.

The following week the Rotary Club will be supporting Santa as he tours the area, meeting young and old alike.

On Monday 11th December he will tour Milverton. On Tuesday 12th he will be in the South and East areas of Wiveliscombe whilst on Wednesday 13th he will visit the West and North including

Plain Pond and Northgate.

Santa and the Wivey Town Band will also be making a special visit to Cotford St Luke Community Centre on Friday 8th December, again at 6 pm, with more present giving to Cotford's children from his igloo.

The more elderly in Wivey will be able to see Santa on Wednesday December 20th when he and the Rotary members entertain the Pulsford Lodge residents and sing along with them songs that bring back those old memories.

The Wiveliscombe Rotary Christmas raffle this year is aimed at raising funds for the Kingsmead Zambia Exchange Link and other local good causes.

The first prize - a £100 Christmas Hamper, kindly donated (as in previous years) by Mike Stacey Construction. With between 30 -40 other prizes donated by other local businesses and friends of the Rotary and the Kingsmead Zambia Link committee - be sure to get tickets, priced only at 50p each on sale at Wiveliscombe House, Jones Garage and at most Rotary events.

The prize draw will take place at the White Hart Hotel on Saturday 23rd December at 7.30pm. Come along and see the draw for yourself and socialise with The Rotary Club.

On Christmas Day Santa will again visit homes to deliver "late presents" personally. Any presents for delivery should be left at Wilkie May and Tuckwood Estate Agents in Wivey not later than 3pm Friday 22nd December. There will be a charge of £1.50 per item which will go to Rotary good causes.

Over the past six years this scheme has been a brilliant success and the look on the faces of children, parents and grandparents when Santa appears on Christmas morning is a wondrous sight to behold.

Further details of this programme of Christmas events or other Rotary activities can be obtained from Eddie Gaines on 01984 62465

The Wiveliscombe & District Rotary President Adrian Kellett and members of the Club hope that all local residents have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OPEN DAY
Saturday, 2nd December 10 am - 2 pm



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Brimming over with gift ideas

RED Hat, the Wiveliscombe art and craft co-operative, is brimming over with beautiful, high quality, locally produced pieces of artwork that would make unique Christmas gifts.

We have welcomed several new members into the shop at 14 High Street, Wiveliscombe, and now boast probably the only bespoke tiara maker in the town!

So if you're planning a wedding, or just want to make a statement at a festive function, come and take a look!

Red Hat now stocks a range of coasters, placemats and tea towels with bold colourful designs or amusing animal pictures.

Another member of the prestigious Somerset Guild of Craftsmen has joined us and brought with her an exquisite range of stained glass pieces, with more than a hint of Tiffany about them, ranging from window hangers to lamps.

A silversmith is also marketing her range of individual, hand crafted pieces, including earrings, bracelets, and necklaces featuring hand polished semi-precious stones.

A new painter of detailed plants, fruits and still life is



drawing in passersby to admire her framed prints and cards.

The original founding members are still offering their wares to the shoppers of Wivey and beyond.

There is still time to commission a painting of your home, your pet or a member of the family from our resident watercolourist, who can often be found working in the shop.

A range of Christmas cards is on display now, featuring Wivey views and characters, or if you prefer, sumptuous fabric designs.

We will be open on the evening of 6th December when the Christmas tree lights are switched on in Wiveliscombe Square. Brian Sharman will be playing the lute and there will be a delicious range of festive fare and mulled wine, provided by the Wiveliscombe catering company Food with Attitude to sustain the late night shoppers.

Remember, the 'shop locally' campaign doesn't just apply to groceries, so come along and support your local artists.

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FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER: KARAOKE 8pm

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