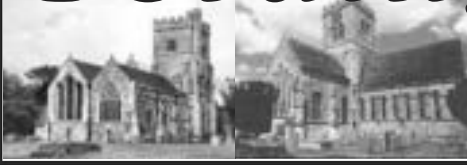


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11.30am to 6.15pm
Ringwood Town Centre

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- ★ Christmas Market
- ★ Two Santa Parades
- ★ Miniature Steam Train Rides
- ★ Street entertainment
- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Live music
- ★ Circus workshop
- ★ Children's fair

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Full programme and more information www.ringwood.gov.uk
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"Lighting up Fordingbridge" as we walk through the Town centre with Santa for the Christmas lights switch on.



If your group would like to be part of the parade then please return the following information as soon as possible to familybefriender@yahoo.com

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IT'S not often that we're left speechless(!), however the outpouring of support we have received has been incredible. We really are truly humbled and grateful to everyone for their support.

One of the things we've enjoyed the most is the opportunity to meet people personally, allowing us the time to get to know not only more about the local businesses in the area but also the customers they serve. Many of you have a story behind the shop front. A reason for doing what

you are doing. There are a number of unique, independent stores in our beautiful towns that provide something a little different. At this time of year when you're thinking about gifts and offerings, remember to take the time to explore the local high street. From the toy shops and florists in both Fordingbridge and Ringwood, to the independent butchers, fish mongers and farm shops, there are so many hidden gems to discover.

This week, we took a trip for our anniversary and tried something a little different. A sheep walking experience at the Chewton Glen. We were introduced to the Teddy Bear Sheep, Hershey and Henry, who kindly accompanied us for a walk around the grounds. We learnt a lot about the breed, how they're cared for and the many uses for their wool, including making jewellery and blankets that are bespoke and can be purchased. These types of unique gifts are the perfect present to give to someone you love, and allow the magic of Christmas to continue well past 25th December!



So before you open up a web browser and frantically search for a mass produced present during your coffee break, take an extra couple of minutes to walk out of your work space and investigate your local high street this festive period.

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A letter from Cllr Gareth DeBoos (Ringwood Town Mayor, but writing in a personal capacity).

AT the NFDC ‘Place and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Panel’ on 14th September 2023, officers proposed increases in parking charges at NFDC carparks and stated that the increase in charges will “address the rising costs of providing and maintaining car parks in light of inflation over the last 6 years and brings the charges more in line with comparable authorities”. The Panel voted to agree the increases.

I have received dozens of emails from people that either own or have staff working in businesses in Ringwood town centre about the planned increase of particularly the Long Stay Parking Clocks - the annual charge will increase from £140 to £220 next year.

I would like to share some of their points, and I quote:

"The increase is a days wages for me"

"There is no concession or discount for the hard working people trying to keep Ringwood and its shops running"

"It is difficult enough to recruit staff without them having to pay excessive parking fees"

At the NFDC Panel meeting, officers presented cost data for annual permits from Chichester (£704), Fareham (£520) and Test Valley (£680) and it was suggested that the proposed £220 cost of a NFDC Long Stay clock represented very good value. Businesses and staff in Ringwood appear to disagree. A worker from Sainsbury’s pointing out that there is free parking provided for staff at places close to Ringwood, such as Tesco in Ferndown or Morrisons in Verwood. Another suggested that Wimborne should be used as the comparator for Ringwood.

I am intending to take up the issue with NFDC and I have asked the chair of the New Forest Association of Local Councils to test whether the dissent in Ringwood is shared across the New Forest area.

If any readers, especially those that use the Long Stay carpark, wish to contact me about this issue, my email is below.

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The popular Market Town of Ringwood is preparing to launch the festive season in style later this month with their annual Ringwood Winter 'Wanderland' series of activities. Starting with the flagship event on Sunday 26th November, the Wanderland brings people into Ringwood Town Centre to see the hugely popular town lights, Christmas tree, Christmas windows and support the wonderful local shops, businesses and community organisations.

The free event, organised by Ringwood Town Council, promises to be even bigger this year with activities taking place in the Market Place, Gateway Square, the High Street and Southampton Road. Festivities begin at 11.30am and includes a market with over 70 stalls stretching down the High Street and Market Place. Stalls include local arts and crafts, produce, gifts and charity stalls plus hot food and drink including mulled wine, Yorkshire pudding wraps, bratwurst & stone baked pizza.

A charity bar, run by the Ringwood and District Roundtable will be positioned in the Market Place where there will also be live entertainment from 1:30pm. A small fair will entertain younger children, Ringwood and Burley Band are performing on the High Street as well as walkabout entertainment from Steamship Circus.

Following on from its successful run last year, a mini 'Polar Express' will provide rides down Southampton Road. The miniature steam train is operated by Chuffley Light Railway and the station will be located in Fridays Cross. Children can have a go at free Circus Skills in Gateway Square where there will also be performances from a local choir.

Santa will be in his grotto from noon in Ringwood Gateway. Tickets, which are just £5 will be sold in advance from the Town Council offices. Santa will also appear in two parades. The first leaves the town centre car parks at 11:30am.



Sunday 26 November 2023

Programme

11.30am

Santa's Parade - from the Furlong

12noon - 5.00pm

Santa's Grotto - Ringwood Gateway

12noon - 6.00pm

Christmas Market - High Street, Market Place and Gateway Square

12noon - 4.00pm

Free Circus Skills Workshops - Gateway Square

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Steamship Circus Walkabout Entertainment - The Furlong Shopping Centre, High St and Market Place

12noon - 6.00pm

Small children's fair - Market Place

12noon - 5.30pm

Miniature Steam Train - Friday's Cross

Live music and entertainment

From noon

Ringwood and Burley Band - High Street

1.00pm

The Buskerteers - Gateway Square

On stage in the Market Place

1.30pm The Little Dance Club

1.45pm Jan's Gems Dancers

2.30pm Churches Together Community Choir

3.15pm The Tuesdays Community Singing Group

4.00pm Sodapops

4.45pm Rock Choir

5.30pm Poppy Neame

5.45pm

Santa Parade from the Furlong to Market Place

6.00pm

The Christmas Lights are switched on

More details are available on

ringwood.gov.uk/events/ringwoodwinterwanderland



He will drop into The Furlong Shopping Centre and make his way around the town centre. The second parade leaves at 5:45pm and he will arrive for 6pm in the Market Place for the all-important switching on of the Christmas Lights.

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Voting closes end of December, download the voting form straight from the QR code included or go to the town council website below.

For more information about the event including the programme, grotto or window competition please visit our website <https://www.ringwood.gov.uk/events/ringwood-winter-wanderland/>

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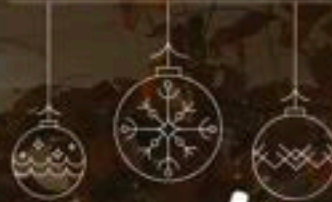
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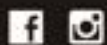
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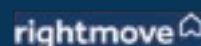
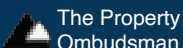
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