

PRESS RELEASE

christmas in cirencester



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Cirencester set to sparkle at this year's festive events

Come celebrate a truly memorable family Christmas outing in our vibrant and historical market town with this year's Cirencester Sparkles festivities.

Cirencester Town Council is proud to host some great events full of festive cheer, showcasing our beautiful town; local talent, great shopping and delicious dining experiences.

To kick start the celebrations, the eagerly awaited Cirencester Sparkles Advent Festival takes place on Saturday 28th November. This year will be even better with more lights, lots of family fun, live entertainment, fairground rides, interactive games, food & sweet sensations plus special pop-up performances taking place all around the town.

The Market Place will be closed to traffic from 9am to 9pm and a special Christmas Farmers' Market will be held that morning from 8.30am to Midday. The Advent festivities will start at 1pm and will feature a special themed Christmas market, mouth watering food stalls and a main stage showcasing a dazzling array of live music and performances.

As per tradition, the day will culminate at 6.30pm with the Christmas light switch on and fireworks bonanza. We are delighted that local actress and TV personality Lisa Maxwell will be our celebrity this year. Lisa, renowned for her long standing role in *The Bill* and previous panelist on *Loose Women* will press the switch that will burst Cirencester Sparkles into life.

Entertainment highlights include Curious Little Band, Cirencester Male Voice Choir, and members from local theatre art school's Stagecoach, MJUK and Stage Smart. The evening's entertainment will be compared by our old friend BBC's Vernon Harwood. Also watch out for the Wyvern Theatre's Christmas Elves who will be bringing a special guest!

Free parking will be available in all Cotswold District Council Car Parks from 4pm, so get the family together and come and enjoy some festive fun in our beautiful town. There's no need to worry about dinner that day as there will be plenty of delicious food and dining options available, plus some great Christmas Shopping to be had.

Further festive events feature the Cirencester Christmas Market on Saturday 5th December from 9am – 4pm hosting a wide selection of high quality traders and craftsmen. This market provides the perfect opportunity for Christmas shopping and a great day in town with carols, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine!

The Cirencester Farmers' Market for December will take place on Saturday 12th & 19th December; here you can buy delicious locally sourced and produced products for your Christmas dining.

Set against the back drop of the Christmas tree and sparkling lights, with music and carols, Cirencester is guaranteed to sparkle this year.

Special community notice:

It's your community event so we would love you to get involved!

We are inviting entertainers who may give an hour or two of their time to demonstrate their talent and add some colour and vibrancy to the town on Advent Festival day (Saturday 28 November). So if you can sing, play an instrument, juggle, perform magic or just be happy to welcome visitors whilst dressed in costume then please get in touch.

We are also looking to find some volunteers on the day to help with the setting up and smooth running of the Advent Festival, so again if you can spare an hour or two to help again please get in touch.

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Contact

For general information on Christmas in Cirencester please contact the Town Council on t: 01285 655646 e: info@cirencester.gov.uk Twitter: @cirentc Facebook: Cirencestertowncouncil Web: www.christmasincirencester.org.uk

Photocall opportunity

Photographers are invited to all the events, please contact Suzie Lew, Cirencester Town Council on 01285 655646 or 07460 441227.

Notes to Editors

- For more information on the event visit www.christmasincirencester.org.uk
- Official publicity image of Lisa Maxwell attached to this Press Release. Further high resolution images for the event can be provided on request
- For further information please contact Suzie Lew, Cirencester Town Council suzie@cirencester.gov.uk 01285 655 646

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