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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Brixham Town Council lights up Brixham for Christmas!**

Brixham Town Council lights up Brixham for Christmas by continuing to organise the Brixham's Lanterns, Lights and 'luminations event which takes place the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Lanterns, Lights & 'luminations**

The event kick starts with the Comedy Grove in the Brixham Theatre at 8pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the door, but there is a strictly over 18s age limit.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> sees the main family event with the Lantern making workshop in the Scala Hall from 10am until 1pm. The workshop is free and everyone will be given an opportunity to either make their lantern or come along for help to finish their lantern in time for the evening's parade. As always, there will be experts on hand to help everyone with their creations.

Lanterns can be of traditional style or made from recycling products. There is only one stipulation – you must use a battery operated light to light up your lantern.

Santa's Fun Palace, BATS Theatre Shop and Christmas Cafe are also running from 10am until 4pm in the Scala Hall, Theatre and Function Room at Brixham Town Hall. All monies raised for this will go towards the refurbishment of the Theatre.

### **Road Closures**

Road closures are a must for this size of event and this year they will take place from 1pm until 8pm and include: Middle Street, The Quay, The Strand, Fore Street and Kings Street, with parking suspensions starting at 12pm.

### **Entertainment**

The Quay will be full of entertainment from 2pm until 7pm with children's activities and rides, entertainment from Paul Pickett of With a Difference Entertainment and mobile caterers selling hot pork rolls, hot beverages, sweets, mince pies and not

forgetting the Champagne bus! The Parade lead by Father Christmas travelling in style will start at 5pm from The Quay and wend its way through the town and back to The Quay in time for the harbour Christmas lights switch on and Fireworks display which will take place at 6pm.

### **Christmas Market**

Brixham Town Council will also be hosting a Christmas Market and will once again be returning to the outside allowing you to soak up the festive atmosphere. Thanks to Brixham Chamber of Commerce who financially supported the Christmas Market the event will be on Middle Street from 2pm until 7pm, giving you all an opportunity to enjoy the market throughout the whole event!

The Lantern's, Lights and 'luminations finale will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November with the Brixham Chamber's Sunday Market taking place in Fore Street from 10am until 4pm.

### **Brixham Appeals for Volunteers**

Organisers, Brixham Town Council, are appealing for volunteer stewards to ensure the event can safely go ahead.

Linda McGuirk, Assistant to the Town Clerk said "Brixham Town Council started the lantern parade in 2013 and since then it has grown year on year. This year, with the mild weather we are experiencing, we are expecting thousands of people to turn out for our event."

"We are in desperate need for volunteer stewards from 1pm until 8pm and anyone that is available to help should contact either myself or Tracy at Brixham Town Council on 01803 859678."

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### **Notes for editors**

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