

## **Saturday – 28 November**

Tree lighting ceremony at 4pm. Join Father Christmas and the winner of our unique Hats Off to Santa competition, as well as MP Norman Baker at Market Square. Norman will announce the winner of the merchant Window Display Competition.

## **Friday – 4 December**

Start the weekend with a Christmas Fun Quiz hosted by The Tudor House Restaurant at War Memorial Hall, including a hot meal. £6 per person. Doors open at 6:45. Bookings: Call Roger or Louise on 01323 870891 (funds raised to benefit ARC and Comforts and Joys 2010).

## **Saturday – 5 December**

Shire Horse Wagon Rides through Alfriston Village (leaving from Market Square)

Give your Christmas Wishes to the Snow Queen and hang them on the Alfriston Village Tree – you'll find her near the Market Cross, adding special magic to the wishes you can write on golden stars, helping them to come true! (Funds benefit Alfriston Players and Comforts and Joys 2010).

Christmas Coffee Morning at URC Hall, hosted by St Andrews Church (10am-noon)

Christmas Café at War Memorial Hall, featuring light snacks and warm drinks (hosted by the WI; noon-4pm)

Alfriston School Christmas Fair featuring Santa's Grotto, lots of festive stalls, refreshments and fun. Alfriston School, North Street (1-4pm)

Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake at Badgers Tea Room and win their special afternoon tea for two (entries until 4:30pm).

Thank Your Lucky Stars – Enter a free draw to win a new print by artist Paul Evans at Alfriston Gallery (all day).

Model Train Display at The Smugglers Inne (all day).

Guess How Many Pearls in the Oysters and win a diamond pendant (all day at Pearls of Alfriston).

Music Quiz – with memorable prizes & special offers (all day at Music Memorabilia).

Gingerbread Treat Tree for young customers (all day at Chestnuts Tea Rooms).

A Slice of Health – Homemade Echinacea, Orange & Cinnamon Cake for customers at Bats Wing Apothecary (all day).

How to Treasure your Treasures – free expert advice on looking after your antiques, at Diana Kelly Interiors (all day).

Lucky Dip – bran tub with exciting free gifts for children under 10 accompanied by an adult at Artichoke Home Interiors (all day).

How Many Christmas Baubles in the Bath? Win a fabulous prize at S.R. Plumbing and Heating (all day).

Dovecote Gardens Christmas Tree sale – with other delights as well! At Cuckmere Business Centre (all day).

Spirit of the Andes Party – Music, fun, and an unusual tippie – plus 10% off all Spirit of the Andes clothing, at The Apiary (all day).

Guess the Reindeer's Name and win him! Plus a lucky dip with each purchase at Apiary II (all day).

Free gift when you spend £10 at Tricorn Hats (all day).

Book your Christmas beauty treatment and receive a £5 jewellery voucher at Pearls of Alfriston (all day).

Children's Craft Day at The Clergy House – demonstrations of lantern-making (11am-4pm).

History Walks for Grown-ups, sponsored by the Alfriston & Cuckmere Valley Historical Society – starting from Wingrove House (weather permitting; 11am & 2pm).

Hog Roast, Mulled Wine & Roast Chestnuts at The Smugglers Inne (Noon-5pm).

Give the Gift of Your Own Words – free consultation with professional writer John Davies (AKA The Shedman) at Much Ado Books (1pm-6pm).

Alfriston School Carollers at The Star Inn (4:30pm).

Storytelling by the Fireside, in French and English – with live music and French carols (at The House, High Street – 5pm. Space limited; donations to benefit RWLT).

Hot Mulled Wine & Mince Pies at Alfriston Court Luxury Care Home.

Christmas Music with the Salvation Army Band at Market Square (3pm-3:45 & 4:15pm-4:45).

Dick Whittington – Entertainment for Children with light refreshments, at Deans Place Hotel. (4pm. Reservations required; call 01323 870248 for details.)

Sharpen Up your Act for Christmas – carving knife-sharpening at Steamer Trading Cookshop (2pm-4).

Games On! – Old-fashioned board games for the family at Chestnuts Tea Rooms (from 4pm)

Traditional Christmas bagpipe playing at Market Square (5pm).

Treat yourself to the classic 1947 film Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, directed by George Seaton with Maureen O'Hara and John Payne. This unashamedly sentimental and utterly delightful celebration of Santa Claus is a treat for anyone who loves the season! (5pm for 5:30, at the War Memorial Hall. Tickets: £2 for adults or £1 for accompanied children under 12. Proceeds will support Comforts and Joys 2010.)

Live music by jazz trio Moodswing at The Smugglers Inn (from 5pm).

A Moveable Feast – Four Courses; Two Venues; One Festive Feast! Hosted by The Tudor House Restaurant and The Star Inn (from 7pm – reservations required; call 01323 870495).

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### **Sunday – 6 December**

Pudding Paradise – enjoy decadent grown-up desserts made by Alfriston's finest restaurants, tea rooms and food purveyors, served at the Star Inn (11-4; profits will support Comforts and Joys 2010).

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Comforts and Joys Family Service at St Andrews Church, for all the community (11am).

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Christmas Café at War Memorial Hall, with children's story telling (1pm & 3pm), face painting, tombola, art & crafts. Tea, coffee & light refreshments available (Noon-4).

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Cuckmere Croakers harmonizing seasonal selections at Market Square (1pm).

Carol Singing with St Andrews Choir – including readings of seasonal poems at St Andrews Church (2pm-3).

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A Christmas Story based on a 16<sup>th</sup>-Century song at The House, High Street (Space limited; donations benefit RWLT. From 4pm).

Traditional Christmas bagpipe playing (Market Square, 5pm)

Music Hall – Sing for Your Supper at The George Inn , including dinner (reservations required; call 01323 870319. From 6pm).

Christmas concert with Dinner – featuring Opera Lite, at Deans Place Hotel (reservations required; call 01323 870248. From 7pm).

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### **Hat Snaps!**

Throughout the weekend watch out for Sussex Life magazine photographers, snapping seasonal photos of Comforts & Joys!

Join in the festive feel of the weekend by wearing your favourite hat – or why not purchase a hat at Alfriston Newsagents for just £1.49 and decorate it yourself!

### **Grateful Thanks to our Sponsors & Supporters**

Comforts and Joys is grateful to the following sponsors: Rager & Roberts Estate Agents for continued, generous support; Cuckmere Business Centre, for their star role; PJ Skips, for our beautiful tree; The Alfriston Festival Committee for their kind contribution; Drusillas Park for donating their super prize to our competition; Sussex Life for helping make the weekend picture-perfect; David Lewis and EC Forest Product for musical notes; John Lewis, for getting the wagon rolling.

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Wallwork; Chris Daw; Norman Baker; Father Christmas. Many hands are needed to create an event like this – thanks are due to everyone who helped.

Alfriston's community of traders would especially like to thank our customers for their support throughout the year.