



Hailsham
TOWN COUNCIL

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Final Preparations In Place Ahead of Christmas Market

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Following last year's successful Christmas Market, Hailsham Town Council and Hailsham Forward are well on the way with the final preparations for the 2015 market, to be held in the town centre on Saturday 5th December from 10am to 4pm.

The Christmas Market will include around 50 stalls selling Christmas gifts, decorations, cards, cakes, and many other items and there will be a programme of festive entertainment throughout the day for all the family to enjoy, including carol singing from members of Christchurch.

Various festive refreshments will be on sale including mulled wine and roasted chestnuts and the event will also feature a mouth-watering hog roast to tempt visitors.

Organisers are delighted to announce that there will be an open-air skate rink in Vicarage Field, which has been a feature at the Christmas Market in recent years and it is expected that it will be a major attraction for children and families again on the day. The rink will be open from 10am, finishing at 4pm.

If that was not enough, there will also be balloon modelling, face painting and Santa & his Sleigh (provided by Hailsham Rotary Club) will be attending the event to hand out free presents to children. Christmas music will be playing on a PA system, courtesy of Hailsham Festival FM.

Hailsham Parish Church will be hosting their Open Church from 10am to 2pm at which free coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served.

Councillor Amanda O' Rawe, Deputy Town Mayor and chairman of the Town Council's Communities Committee urges people to attend the event: "We've been able to focus more than ever this year on selecting stallholders who offer high quality, locally or regionally sourced products and hope to have a wide range of stalls for Christmas shoppers."

"As well as the stalls offering food, drink, crafts, gifts and decorations, there will be plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained on the day."

"Our Christmas Market events always bring more shoppers into Hailsham and try to support local businesses at what is a very important time of year. We hope everyone will show their support for Hailsham's shops and services this Christmas."

Deputy Town Clerk and Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Caira said: "The success of such event as this is down to the hard work of the different parties involved in its organisation."

"I'm confident that people visiting the market stalls will absorb the traditional festive atmosphere and would encourage as many people as possible to come along and take advantage of what the market and the Hailsham traders have to offer!"

For further information on the Hailsham Christmas event contact Karen Giddings on 01323 841702 or by email: karen.giddings@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

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