



East Preston Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 26th November midday - 5pm

It's back!

Following a very successful day last year, this year's East Preston Christmas Celebrations event promises to be even more enjoyable than last year's. This is a great way of starting your Christmas season.

The numbers on this map identify specific event locations as detailed. All events have a number displayed. They also have full listings if you are looking for a specific event.

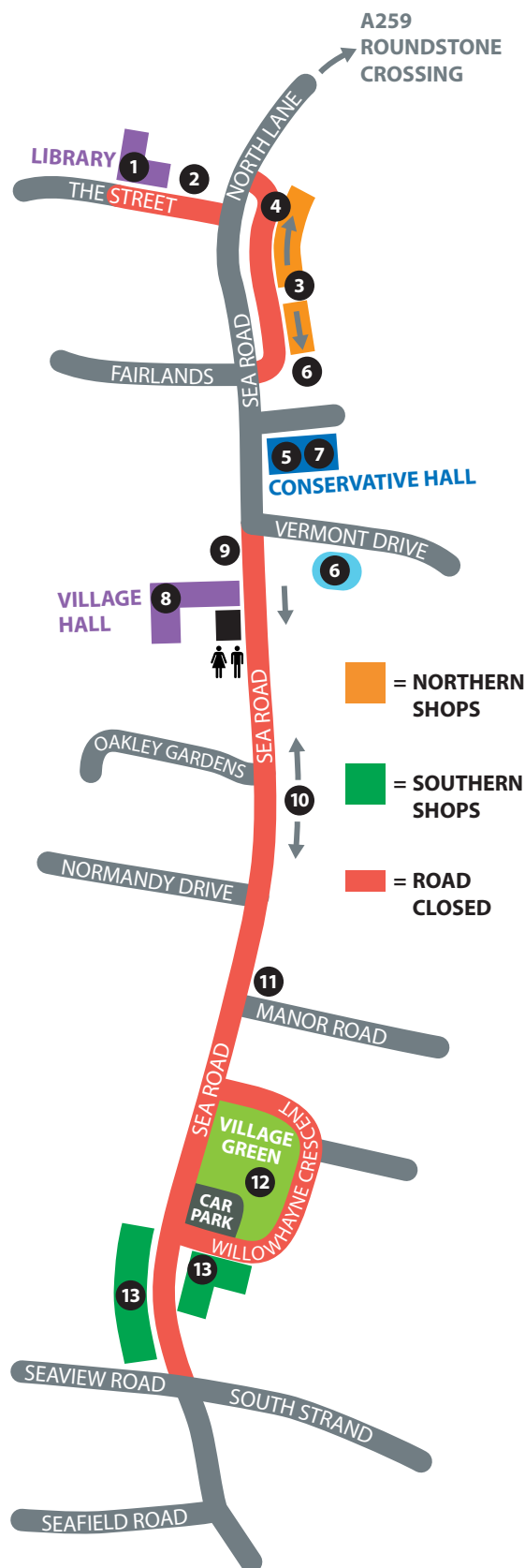
The council has tried hard to source something similar to last year's French market but has been unsuccessful. Last year's French market had a long-standing prior booking for 26th November this year. We are happy to say some of the stallholders from the Food & Drink Festival will be present and will be dotted around the Celebrations area.

Once again a highlight will be our lantern procession from the Northern shops to the Village Green, assembling there to sing carols and enjoy a short fireworks display kindly sponsored by Seaview Stores. Lanterns can be made at Caldotec in Willowhayne Parade and at East Preston Library. If you can bring your own jam-jar that would be great. If you have any spare jam-jars, please bring them along to the Council Office during office hours in the week before the event.

Special thanks to:

the East Preston Clinic which is sponsoring the conversion of the Conservative Hall in Sea Road into the Miles Ahead Music Club. A great variety of music will be on offer at the Miles Ahead Music Club between midday and 4.30pm;

the East Preston Film Society which will be presenting the brand-new, family hit, Swallows and Amazons at 6pm in the Conservative Hall. We hope this will be a great end to the day for families; tickets have been priced at a very family-friendly £4 a head and doors will open at 5.15pm so why not stop off on your way home?



East Preston Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 26th November 12 midday – 5pm

Event Guide - see overleaf for map of event locations

Unless otherwise stated, all events run from midday onwards

All event details may be subject to change; more attractions to be confirmed

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THE STREET

- 1** East Preston Library
 - Children's lantern decorating, 12pm to 3pm
 - Children's badge-making, 12pm to 4pm
 - Children's giant games 12pm to 4pm
- 2** Ristorante Al Mare
 - Face painting
 - Drawing competition, *Christmas Under The Sea*
- 3** **NORTHERN SHOPS**
 - Christmas window displays
 - 10th Birthday Celebrations, *Ciceros*
 - Children's colouring competition, *Treats 'N' Treasures*
 - Children's lucky dip, *Treats 'N' Treasures*
 - Barbeque, *East Preston Butchers*
 - Cookie decorating, *The Cake Artist*, 12pm to 4pm
 - Frances Parncutt, embroidered gifts, *Glyn-Jones*
 - Nicky Wells, cards and gifts, *Glyn-Jones*
 - Body Shop At Home, *Glyn-Jones*
- 4** Lantern procession to the Village Green, 4.45pm
- 5** **MILES AHEAD MUSIC CLUB at CONSERVATIVE HALL** (*sponsored by The East Preston Clinic*)
 - Marni Finch, 12pm - 12.30pm
 - Ukulele band, 12.45pm - 1.45pm
 - Wellington Wailers, 2pm - 2.30pm
 - Kit Bradshaw, 2.45pm - 3.15pm
 - Bersted Choir, 3.30pm - 4pm
 - Aurora Chanson, retro French songs, 4pm - 4.30pm
 - Interludes by Everyday Ensembles
 - Pebbles Catering
- 6** **OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, Vermont Drive**
 - Father Christmas, midday to 1.30pm, 2pm to 4pm (*last tickets sold at 3.30pm*)
 - East Preston Infant School bookmark-making, *times as above*
 - NSPCC gifts stall, midday to 4pm
- 7** **CONSERVATIVE HALL**
 - East Preston Film Society presents, *Swallows and Amazons*, 6pm (all tickets £4, available in advance from Seaview Stores and Hedgers)

8 VILLAGE HALL

- Craft Fair, until 5pm
- Baytree Club pop-up catering
- Outdoor stalls
- Food and drink stalls
- £2 prize draw, midday until all prizes are gone
- Award-winning face painting

SEA ROAD AREA

- 9** Fire engine and Land Rover, *Warren Recreation Ground car-park*
- 10** Charity stalls
- 10** Fun fair, until 7pm
- 11** Barrel organ, *Manor Road*

12 VILLAGE GREEN

- Football zorbing
- Electric go-karting
- Fire skills display / poi, 4pm
- Guiding 10 choir carol-singing around the Christmas Tree, 4.30pm
- Short firework display (*kindly sponsored by Seaview Stores*), 5pm

13 SOUTHERN SHOPS

- Christmas window displays
- Children's lantern making and refreshments for accompanying adults, *Caldotec, 11 The Parade, Willowhayne Crescent*, 12pm to 3pm
- Children's lucky dip, Indian street food and more, *Seaview Stores*
- Beer Festival, *The Clockhouse Bar*
- Gin Festival, *The Clockhouse Deli*
- Sussex Steel Band, *Council Office forecourt*, 3pm
- Kit Bradshaw DJing, *The Clockhouse Bar*, 8.30pm
- Quiz Night, *The Tudor Tavern*, £2 per person, teams of up to four, prizes
- Special offers, *most food and drink outlets*

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Son follows in mum's footsteps

Inspired by his mum's work as a parish councillor, five-year-old Jude Duff has just become a school councillor at East Preston Infant School. Proud mum Lisa said, "I'm grateful Jude has become so interested by me being a councillor and it's inspired him to get involved at school. The village is important to me and the council provides lots of opportunities to get in touch with village life, whether it's cleaning our beach or organising great events like the Food and Drink Festival and the Christmas Celebrations. I feel lucky that the council embraces me having a family and Jude enjoys spending time with my "council friends!"

Here is a photo of the two councillors at the recent Food & Drink Festival which Lisa helped to organise. We look forward to Jude becoming a great parish councillor in the future.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016

Come and celebrate Christmas in our beautiful, iconic 12th century church that has been at the heart of our village for the last 900 years.

Following the phenomenal success of our first Christmas Tree Festival in 2014, our second Christmas Tree Festival will run from Friday 9th December to Sunday 11th December. Opening hours will be 10.30am to 7pm on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6pm on Sunday, finishing with a carol service and the drawing of our big Christmas raffle. Come along and choose your personal favourite.

There will be over 40 trees around the church, each decorated by local groups, organisations and businesses, reflecting the nature of the sponsors' activities. Additionally there will be live music, homemade refreshments and light lunches. The choirs from both East Preston schools will be performing during the Friday.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the maintenance of St Mary's church. The five-yearly structural survey has revealed major expenditure totalling about £75,000, which has to be completed within the next two years.

Malcolm McLelland
Chairman - Friends of St Mary's

Warren Recreation Ground

Many of you have noticed our activities in and around the Warren Recreation Ground (WRG) and have already complimented us on the improvements. Here is a short overview of what has been done and what is to come over the coming years.

Some time ago Council decided to tidy up the WRG. It became clear that not everything could be done overnight so a four- to five-year plan was developed which enabled us also to spread the costs involved.

What have we done so far?

The Children's playground was enhanced with an inclusive roundabout. The car-park has been newly relined and a disabled bay was added; the hedge was removed and replaced by rose beds and grass. The north-eastern boundary was cleared and now has a new fence and blossom trees. The rest of the northern side has been cleared, several of the bushes and trees had to go.

The tennis court has been cleaned and re-sprayed and is awaiting new players – next year the council plans to offer some adult coaching for free. Almost all the benches have been treated, and the John Banfill Memorial bench has had a new tree planted - currently small but hopefully more appropriate than its predecessor.

What is next?

The southern boundary will be the next phase of this project. Here the current vegetation and irreparable fence will be removed. In co-operation with the Preservation Society a new fence and hedge will be installed. As there are critical timescales for planting we hope the clearance work here will be completed by the end of January 2017.

Another major project being undertaken is the conversion of the adjacent Sea Road Toilet block into a new disabled toilet and two unisex accessible toilets. Plans are currently being drawn up for these. The Council is working alongside local groups to ensure the new facilities will meet the requirements of people with a variety of special needs and disabilities. These groups will also help to finance some of the renovations by applying for funding and will carry out local fundraising once a design has been agreed.

After that there will still be a lot to do to make the WRG an even better space for all to enjoy. If you have any ideas and suggestions for improvement please let us know.



Show your love of shopping in East

These great I ♥ EP shopping bags are now on sale at the Council Office for just £2.50. What better way to show your love of East Preston when you are supporting our local shops?

Look out for these on sale during the Christmas Celebrations event.



Disabled Bays outside residential properties

It has been brought to the Council's attention that a small minority of people are parking inconsiderately in disabled bays found outside residential properties. Although these bays are not enforceable by law, they have been put there for a very good reason.

These bays have been requested specifically to keep a clear access to properties which house disabled residents, to make their life easier when going about their daily lives. By parking in these bays, it creates more stress for the disabled person and their family who may already have very challenging lives.

It is simple to change your parking habit and would mean so much to those affected.

Thank you.

Please contact the office if you would like a large print version of this newsletter.



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Thanks to....

Everyone who helped to make the first-ever East Preston Food & Drink Festival a great success, especially the East Preston businesses that took part – The Cake Artist, The Clockhouse Bar and Deli, Seaview Stores and Ristorante Al Mare.

All the community volunteers who took part in the council's Beach Clean No. 8 – despite the rain this was a successful morning and Beach Clean No. 9 has been scheduled for Sunday, 2nd April.

To anyone who visited East Preston beach over the summer and took their rubbish (and other people's!) home with them. A frequent comment over the past few beach cleans has been the reduced amount of litter about. Thanks also to the U3A team which cleans the beach fortnightly; these cleans are helpful and appreciated.

East Preston Film Society for the provision of and installation of a new outdoor table-tennis table at the Lashmar Recreation Ground. This is already proving very popular.

Village Life

December

- 5th Full Council
- 6th Business Breakfast (8am)
- 12th Planning Committee (6pm)
Finance & General Purposes Committee
- 28th Planning Committee (6pm)

January 2017

- 9th Full Council
- 10th Planning Committee (6pm)
- 16th Personnel Committee
- 23rd Planning Committee (6pm)

February

- 6th Full Council
- 13th Planning Committee (6pm)
- 27th Planning Committee (6pm)

N.B. The full schedule of committee meetings has not yet been set. If there is a particular meeting you are interested in, please contact the Council Office.

All council meetings begin at 7pm at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road unless otherwise noted. For all meetings, please consult the Noticeboards and website a few days before the meeting for the Agenda.

Please note the above list may be subject to change

