



East Preston Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 24th November midday - 5pm



Did you know Christmas starts on 24th November?

That's the date for the 2018 East Preston Christmas Celebrations which will again be 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. Why not highlight in advance those activities you would like to join?

Once again 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 and there will be an Italian market on Sea Road.

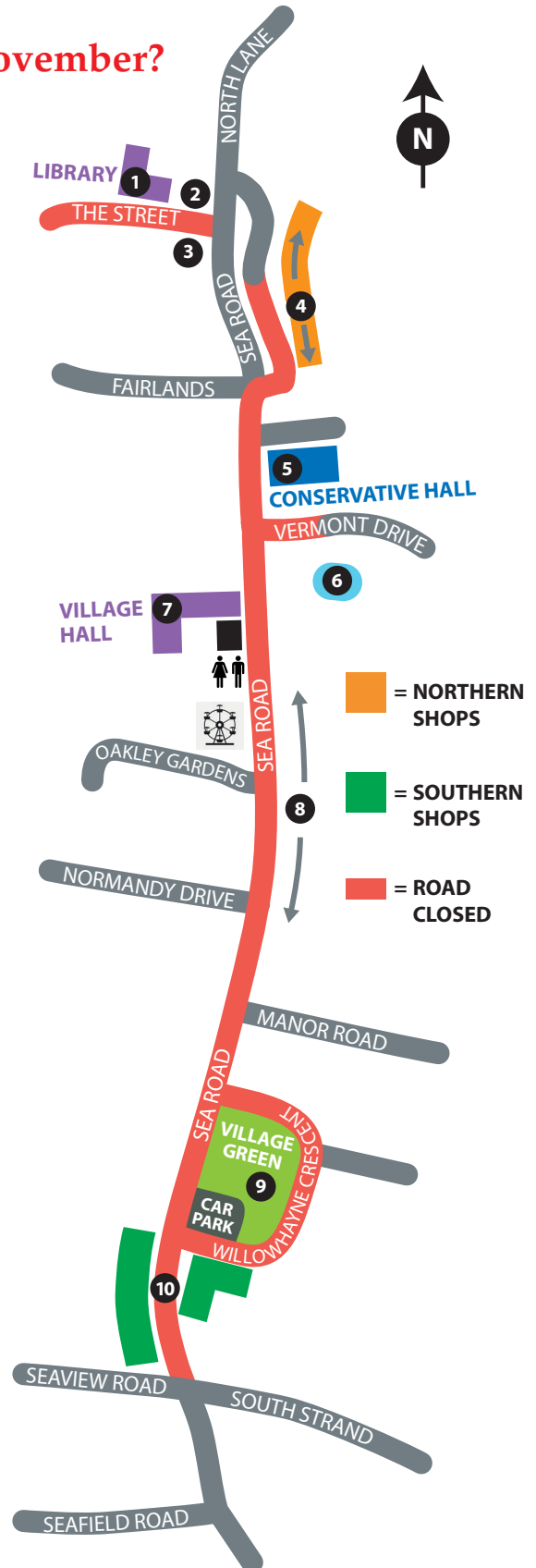
Having spent a lot of the day in his grotto, Santa will lead our lantern procession from the Northern shops to the Village Green, assembling there to sing carols and enjoy a short fireworks display kindly part-sponsored by J Electrical. Lanterns can be made at Caldotec in Willowhayne Parade and at East 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.

Please remember there will be the usual road closures on Saturday and if you usually park in Sea Road, please could you ensure your vehicle is parked elsewhere by 9am on the day. This will help with the success of the event. Thanks.

Special thanks to:

The East Preston Clinic which is again sponsoring the conversion of the Conservative Hall into the Miles Ahead Music Club, offering a great variety of music between midday and 4.30pm.

J Electrical for part-sponsoring the fireworks display on the Village Green at 5pm.



East Preston Christmas Celebrations

Saturday 24th November from midday onwards

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

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THE STREET

- 1** East Preston Library
 - Children's activities including badge-making and lantern decorating **12pm to 3.30pm**
 - Punch & Judy performances at **2.30pm & 3.30pm**
- 2** Ride-on train courtesy of Bognor Regis Model Railway Club
 - Face-painting (tbc) Ristorante Al Mare
- 3** Royal British Legion
 - BBQ and mulled wine **1pm to 4pm**
 - Miller Anderson & Bob Brookes, Brothers in the Blues **2pm to 5pm**

NORTHERN SHOPS

- 4**
 - Christmas window displays
 - CircusSeen circus skills **12pm to 4pm**
 - Worthing Steel band **12.30pm to 2pm**
 - Children's lucky dips, balloon twisting, handmade chocolates, Just Because...
 - Lantern procession to the Village Green **4.45pm**

MILES AHEAD MUSIC CLUB AT CONSERVATIVE HALL (sponsored by The East Preston Clinic)

- 5**
 - Angmering School **12pm to 1pm** (details tbc)
 - Bersted choir **1.15pm to 2.15pm**
 - Horsham Accordion Band **2.30pm to 3.30pm**
 - Celebration Samba workshop **3.45pm to 4.30pm**
 - Marta Scott Dance Company **4pm to 4.30pm**
 - Pebbles Catering pop up café **12pm to 4.30pm**

OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, Vermont Drive

- 6**
 - Father Christmas, **12pm to 1pm, 2pm to 4pm** (last tickets sold at 3.30pm)
 - East Preston Infant School bookmark-marking, **times as above**

VILLAGE HALL

- 7**
 - Craft Fair **12pm to 5pm**
 - St Barnabas prize draw, **12pm until all prizes are gone**
 - St Mary's Church pop-up catering
 - Outdoor craft stalls
 - Outdoor food and drink stalls
 - Face-painting and glitter tattoos

SEA ROAD AREA

- 8**
 - Fire engine and Land Rover, Warren Recreation Ground car-park
 - Charity gift and card stalls
 - Fun fair, **12pm to 7pm**
 - Hot Food Stalls
 - Mobile climbing wall (weather permitting) **12pm to 4pm**
 - Italian food market, **12pm to 5pm**

VILLAGE GREEN

- 9**
 - Inflatables **12pm to 5pm**
 - Electric go-karting **12pm to 5pm**
 - Miniature ride-on tractors **12pm to 5pm**
 - Pony rides **2pm to 4pm**
 - Choir carol-singing around the Christmas Tree **4.15pm**
 - Short firework display (kindly sponsored by J Electrical), **5pm**

SOUTHERN SHOPS

- 10**
 - Christmas window displays
 - Children's lantern making and refreshments for accompanying adults, Caldotec, 11 The Parade, Willowhayne Crescent **1pm to 4pm**
 - Children's lucky dip, Indian street food and more, Seaview Stores
 - Free treat bags for dogs, Canine Design
 - Real Ale Festival, The Clockhouse **all day**
 - Charisse singing, The Clockhouse **8pm**
 - Special offers, most food and drink outlets

Thanks to our major sponsors:



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East Preston Community Speedwatch

East Preston Community Speedwatch is part of a national initiative supported by the police.

The aim is simple: to reduce the number of drivers speeding in our village to help improve everyone's safety (pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers), especially the safety of children and the elderly.

Drivers are never penalised directly as a result of being reported by a Speedwatch team. Those reported receive a letter from Sussex Police advising them of the speed they were driving (and when and where). If a vehicle continues to be reported, details are passed to the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the National Road Policing Unit for targeted enforcement.

The purpose is to raise drivers' awareness of the speed they were driving through our village so that they may drive more carefully in the future.

We are seeking new Speedwatch operators. Anyone interested needs to volunteer just a couple of hours

twice a month. Full training is provided.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the Council Office as detailed overleaf.

If you want to know more about Community Speedwatch nationally please visit their very accessible and informative web-site: **www.communityspeedwatch.org**



Sea Road toilets

Can you spare a few pounds to help the Disability Action Group help the council in fitting out the soon-to-be refurbished Sea Road toilet block with the specialist equipment needed for those with more complex needs? Please visit <https://www.spacehive.com/east-preston-hoist-assisted-toilet-project> for more information or to make a donation.

Staffing changes

After over eleven years as the council's Assistant Clerk, Tracy Khoo has decided to scale down her involvement with the council. From 1st November, Tracy will solely be the council's book-keeper on a reduced number of hours. A recruitment process has begun for a new Assistant Clerk. If you are interested in learning more about this vacancy, please contact the Council Office; the closing date for applications is 26th November.

The council's Personnel Committee has taken this opportunity to have an in-depth look at the council's current staffing structure both in isolation against the council's ever-increasing workload and in comparison to similar councils.

Upon a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the council has agreed to increase the staffing numbers in the office by one (the book-keeper role mentioned above) and to increase the hours of existing office staff. There will be an unavoidable increase in the amount of Council Tax you pay each year and the council's Finance Committee is working hard to keep that increase to a minimum.

The council has agreed with the Personnel Committee in recognising the council has been understaffed for too long and this situation needs to be addressed. The Council is very grateful to all council staff for the way in which they go above and beyond for the benefit of the village.

Cllr Patricia Gander – Chairman of the Personnel Committee

Village Life

December

3rd	Full Council (7pm)
5th	Business Breakfast (tbc)
10th	Finance & General Purposes Committee (10am, Council Office)
	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
	Audit & Governance Committee (tbc)
20th	Council Office closes until 2nd January
28th	Planning & Licensing Committee (tbc)

January 2019

7th	Full Council (7pm)
14th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
21st	Amenities Committee (7pm)
28th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)

February

4th	Full Council (7pm)
11th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
18th	Finance & General Purposes Committee (10am, Council Office)
21st	Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner visit (7pm, East Preston Junior School, tbc)
25th	Planning & Licensing Committee (6pm)
	Major Events Committee (7pm)

Most council meetings are held at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road. However, for all meetings, please consult the Noticeboards and website a few days before the meeting for the Agenda and venue.

*** Please note the above list may be subject to change.**

Future of South Strand toilets

Since 1994, the council has had a lease on the South Strand toilet block. The council entered into the lease as Arun District Council (ADC) then threatened to close the toilet block. The block is just outside the East Preston Parish Council boundary but at that time Kingston Parish Council did not exist.

This council has decided not to renew the lease when the current lease expires on 31st March 2019. East Preston Parish Council is the only council in Arun District which financially supports single-handedly a toilet block outside its boundary. Had Kingston Parish Council existed at the time, it is almost certain this council would not have entered into a solo lease with ADC. Although we are not talking great sums, this council would like to spend the money saved by not running the South Strand toilet block on other facilities within the village. One example is the current refurbishment project of the Sea Road toilet block, for which the council is solely responsible. Had this council not intervened in 1993/4, it is likely the South Strand toilet block would have closed in 1994 and just be a dim and distant memory. As it is, the village has borne the costs of providing the toilet block for twenty-five years beyond its original closure date, partly in recognition a number of East Preston residents do use the toilets when walking their dogs or visiting the beach or enjoying their beach chalet.

Short of renewing the lease and bearing sole responsibility for an asset outside of the village, the council has expressed its intention to support any solution found to keep the toilet block open. For more details on that, the rest of this article comes from Arun District Councillor for East Preston & Kingston, Terry Chapman.

"Since the meeting of beach chalet owners and their agreement to take forward the project of keeping the public conveniences open, further progress has been made. Notably, I have secured funding to establish a Community Interest Company and have been exploring other avenues to secure future funding for both day to day maintenance and longer term dilapidations.

"I have a meeting with the Estates and Property manager in Arun District Council later this month to discuss potential lease arrangements for the next 25 years. When I have those details and a robust forecast of the costs associated with any lease and future maintenance I will arrange another meeting of the interested parties,

in order to take matters forward with particular regard to how the Community Interest Company is going to be managed. All being well that meeting will take place around the middle of November.

"In the meantime I would like to thank all those people from East Preston and beyond who have been in contact to offer their support."

Terry Chapman



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**



Police & Crime Commissioner visit

We are delighted to announce the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, has accepted our invitation to visit the village and meet with residents. Mrs Bourne is responsible for setting the strategic direction and priorities for Sussex Police. Come along and talk with Mrs Bourne on Thursday, 21st February, 7pm in the hall at the Junior School in St Mary's Drive. Please put this date in your new diary and plan to arrive early as we expect this to be a popular event.

Thanks to....

everyone who supported the Food & Drink Festival, Merchant Navy Day and Beach Clean No. 12.

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Carol and Terry for weeding the wild flower meadows on the Village Green.

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Shaun Dicker for helping to bring the St Barnabas House Hospice Outreach Project vehicle to the village for the past three and a half years and, in doing so, for helping a lot of East Preston residents access important information on bereavement and long-term medical conditions.

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



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