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CHAIRMANS ADDRESS

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2014 Wokingham Winter Carnival. This year we are bringing the Magic of the Movies to town with a host of fun entertainment and things to enjoy on the day.

The Winter Carnival is one of the areas biggest outdoor street events and marks the start of the festive season for Wokingham. It's also an event which, over the years, has allowed us to donate thousands of pounds raised on the day to support local charities.

Our nominated charities for 2014 are the Wokingham Town Mayors charity, Barnardos at High Close School, where the Mayor is raising funds to help install sensory room equipment; DrugFAM a local charity who provide support for the families of those affected by a loved one's use of drugs and alcohol; and the Wokingham Citizen's Advice Bureau who work hard to provide free advice and information on a range of subjects.

We hope you will join us for a great day out and help us make the 2014 Wokingham Winter Carnival one of the best yet.

Dave Donaldson, Chairman - Wokingham Winter Carnival Committee



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December in your Garden

by Mark Vaughan at Gardeneer

ecember is an exciting and frantic month as we lead up to Christmas and the New Year celebrations and, because of that, we can often forget about our gardens. However, there are plants that are synonymous with this festive month.

Sarcococca hookeriana humulis, better known as "Christmas" or "Sweet Box" is a small evergreen shrub which flowers reliably around Christmas-time, producing a profusion of sweetly scented, white flowers – great planted in any border or in tubs on either side of your front door to welcome visitors.

The "Christmas Rose", Helleborus niger, is another seasonal favourite. It has rich, dark green leaves which provide a wonderful setting for its nodding white blooms. Christmas Roses look great when planted in drifts or under trees as they are shade tolerant. Holly is always closely linked to the Christmas festivities and, if you have space, worth planting for their berries and foliage - but do not forget that Hollies are either male or female and only the female varieties will carry berries.

Ilex x altaclerensis, "Golden King", despite its name is female! It has one of the best, gold variegated foliage of any of the Hollies and produces a great crop of berries. A more unusual coloured Holly is llex x meserveae, "Blue Angel", which has dark green foliage with a hint of purple as it goes into winter - combine the foliage with brilliant red berries and you have a stunning combination. All these female Hollies must be in range of a male to produce berries: there is usually one nearby, so they should get pollinated. Luckily, however, there is a solution if you are in doubt, and that is Ilex aquafolium, "J C Van Tol", which self-fertilises and has almost spineless glossy green leaves with rich red berries. There is also a variegated Holly, Ilex aquafolium "Golden Van Tol".

Another plant which is linked to Christmas is the Poinsettia.

This house plant is best kept in a draft free room in a light position. They do not like drying out, so keep the compost moist - tip away any excess water that you find



in their saucer or pot cover about 15 minutes after watering as they do not like standing in water. Many people ask how to get them to flower again. The trick is to expose them to 10 hours of natural light and no more; this is what triggers them into producing their bright red bracts. Left to their own devices they would flower in autumn, but growers trick them by controlling the light in the greenhouses so that they are ready for the Christmas market.

Have a great Christmas and all the best for the New Year from everyone here at Gardeneer.

JOBS FOR DECEMBER

- Prune Apple and Pear trees
- Start to force Rhubarb crowns with a forcer or, if you do not have a forcer, use a dark coloured bucket!
- Mark Stored tubers such as Dahlias for signs of rot and if found remove them.
- In the greenhouse keep an eye out for signs of red spider mite; if found increase the humidity by damping down the
- Move your house plants into a brighter position if you can as ambient light levels indoors can be extremely low.



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The Magic of the Movies

Master of Ceremonies : Jack Sulman

MAIN STAGE, MARKET PLACE

From 11:00 Berkshire Maestros will be presenting a range of entertainment throughout the day.

11:00	Whistling Woodwind -
	Bracknell & Wokingham groups

11:20 Murphy Brass Band & Farnaby Brass Band

11:40 Clarinet Choir

12:00 Rock School

12:20 Sparke Wind Band

12:45 Training Band

1:10 Hazelgrove Brass Band

1:30 Concert Band

2:30 BWCB Secondwind

3:00 Beiderbecke Brass Band

3:30 Youth Brass

4:00 Parade Starts

4:40 Community Carols in the
Market Place. Led by Rev. David Webster
accompanied by the Youth Brass Band

STREET MARKET

Charity, craft and trade stalls in Peach Street, Broad Street, Denmark Street and Market Place.

ERFSTADT COURT

12:00 Magic Show

1:30 Punch & Judy Show

3:00 Magic Show

DENMARK STREET

12:00 The Galbraith-Stevens Barrel
Organ Demonstration

1:00 Comedy Jugglers

1:30 Jazz Band

2:00 Sister Ruth brings Christmas Cheer

2:40 Reading Scottish Pipe Band

MORRIS DANCING

There will be dancing throughout the day outside Boots and on Denmark Street near the Library from Berkshire Bedlam, Borderline, Customs & Exiles, Fools Gambit and OBJ.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Watch out around the town for the clowns, jugglers, stillt walkers and walkabout acts from Circus Skills

We are also joined this year by the Little Dallas Donkeys at the end of Peach Street. Come meet the donkeys and make new friends.

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New Year's Eve Gala Dinner Dance: from £75.00 pp







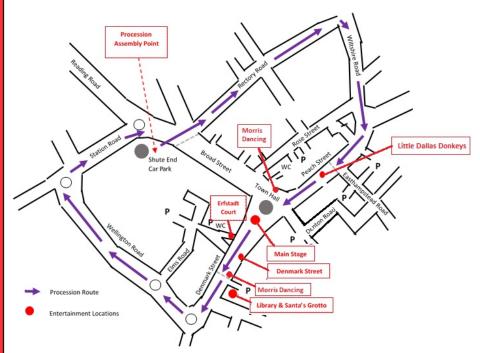


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PROCESSION ROUTE AND MAP



All timings are approximate and subject to change. Broad Street, Denmark Street and part of Rose Street are closed to traffic 6:00am through to 8:00pm. The Carnival Committee does not accept responsibility for any personal injury, loss of life, damage or loss of any nature however arising, during or in consequence of the Winter Carnival. Organisations and persons participate entirely at their own risk

The highlight of the Winter Carnival is the magical lit procession which starts off at Shute End at 4pm and winds its way through the town as the light fades. Floats and walkers will be dressed up with a Magic of the Movies theme along with some exciting special quests and vehicles

Please wave and cheer as the procession goes by and place any cash donations, no matter how small in the official collection buckets being rattled along the route. Money raised goes to a range of local charities.

The procession will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols in Market Place around the Christmas tree.

Wokingham Living Advent Calendar



A FREE performance each night 6pm - 1st to 24th December 2014

Performances in venues around the Town. Full details on posters and flyers around the Town, in the Information Centre or on www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/advent



A partnership project between Wokingham Town Council and 'more arts' with support from Wokingham Town Team, Wokingham Borough Council, Rotary Club of Wokingham, Wokingham Lions Club and Cantley House

In 2014 all donations will go to these charities: 2499 squadron Air Training Corps (XR31032), Alexander Devine Children's Hospice (1118947), Building for the Future (1121458) and High Close School (Barnardos: 216250)

SANIDHURST & DISTRICT CORPS OF DRUMS

Saturday 6th December 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Location: 2nd Sandhurst Scout Hall (opposite Waitrose) Yorktown Road, Sandhurst GU47 0PU

Entry Fee: £,1 per adult, 50p per child which includes a glass of mulled wine/lemonade and mince pie

Raffle to be drawn at 3pm, prizes include:

1st prize ~ Going Out Vouchers (worth £200) 2nd prize \sim Alcohol hamper (worth £100)

3rd prize ~ Tesco £60 Gift Voucher and more great prizes

Santa's Grotto / cake stall / toy stall / sweet stall / tombolas / band merchandise stall / Christmas children's activity stall / Demonstrations by the band throughout the day and more!

All proceeds will go towards our many band projects including a new band hall



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SANTAS GROTTO & THE LIBRARY

Come join Father Christmas at the Sure Start Santa's Grotto in Wokingham Library. The queue opens at 11am and closes at 3pm.

There is lots more going on at the Library as well. Open from 11am - 4pm (Library coffee shop from 11am-3.30pm) there will be Cards for Good Causes on sale throughout the day and you can even meet Elsa from Frozen at 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2:30pm. Just drop in!

The Berkshire Maestros are also running free Mini-Maestro workshops at the Library for all the family to join in. Aimed at children up to age 8 the workshops are being held at 11am-11:45am and 1.30pm-2:15pm. Pop along and learn how everyone can make music.



HELP US KEEP GOING IN 2015

The Wokingham Winter Carnival is organised entirely by volunteers and we're putting out an appeal for more people to get involved in joining the Carnival team for 2015. We would love to hear from people who might be interested in joining the committee which meets at various points through the year to co-ordinate the event. There's a wide range of things you could help out with from becoming the Committee Secretary, to liaising with the local Councils, to finding sponsors, or even helping to organise the parade.

We would also love to hear from people who might be able to help us out in future years. Things like sparing a few hours on the day to be an event marshal or to carry a collection bucket in the procession, decorating a float for the parade, or even simply helping us advertise the event by putting up posters in their workplace or school.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting involved you can get in touch with us on our website www.wintercarnival.org.uk

Don't forget the date for next year

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2015





































OUR THANKS

The Winter Carnival would not be possible without the support of some fantastic local businesses and groups who sponsor the event and allow us to keep it free whilst raising money for local charities.

We hope you will join us in thanking our wonderful sponsors for 2014 including

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If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the 2015 Wokingham Winter Carnival please get in touch with us on our website www.wintercarnival.org.uk

We would also like to thank all the voluntary groups and societies who support us throughout the year and help us in putting on this great annual event.

































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