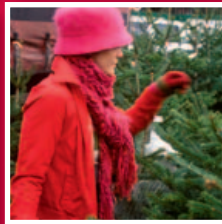


Princes Risborough

Painting the Town Red



for Christmas

The Programme

Friday 3rd December

Switching on the Christmas Lights

The High Street will close for you to enjoy a range of market stalls and fairground rides. Shops and cafes will open until 8.00pm for you to take advantage of their special festive offers and menus. Enjoy a mulled wine and mince pie and chomp on hot chestnuts as you chat with friends in a safe environment.

Carol Singing and Lights

Local church choirs and school children will sing carols from 6.00pm. Father Christmas will arrive at 7.00pm with some little surprises for the children. Stars from the Wycombe Swan Pantomime will switch on the Christmas lights at 7.15pm and entertain the crowds.

At 7.45pm, High on the Chiltern Hills shoppers in the town will see the Black Prince on horseback. He will light a hand held flaming torch and gallop into the town centre holding it aloft to herald the beginning of Christmas in the High Street.

Snow Machine

A snow machine will make Princes Risborough a winter wonderland as real, pine scented snow falls from the sky.

Christmas is a magical time of year and there is nowhere better to enjoy the festive spirit than a beautiful, little market town. In 2010 we invite you to Princes Risborough, where you will be able to enjoy a range of themed activities and shopping events throughout December.

You might be a foodie, a time-strapped commuter, a traditionalist or part of a busy family; we have something for everyone to enjoy.

In 2010, businesses have used the colour red to decorate their premises. Red has long been associated with vitality and joy, so come and join us as we "Paint the Town Red".

All events are organised and paid for by members of the Risborough Area Partnership comprising Risborough Businesses, Risborough Town Council, Wycombe District Council, Risborough Area Community Action and Risborough Festival Group.

For more information on any of these events please contact:

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Saturday 4th December

Free Car Parking in all Car Parks

A Festive Day for Children

We understand that young people really enjoy the traditional element of Christmas and so, with this in mind, we have created a very special day for them. We have also thrown in one or two surprises to keep their attention and to give them something to remember for years to come.

Santa's Grotto and Real Reindeer

The barn at the rear of the George and Dragon will become a rural Santa's Grotto with hand tame barn owls, a pair of velvety real reindeer and a beautiful sleigh.

From 11.00am – 3.00pm children will be able to visit Father Christmas in his grotto and receive a gift, parents will be able to take a photograph of their child holding an owl or sitting on the sleigh – Entry Fee £1.00

Toy Market

The George and Dragon Car Park will be transformed into a fantastic children's market with stalls selling toys, books, gifts and clothing for young people of all ages and at prices to suit all pockets. The market is free to enter.

Entertainment

Children will be able to decorate and eat their own Christmas biscuits at our children's baking stand, outside Marks and Spencer. There will also be balloon modelling, face painting and hair braiding.

Iggle Piggle and Upsy Daisy

Young children will love to see 'In the Night Garden' characters Iggle Piggle and Upsy Daisy. They will be playing in their 'Christmas garden' outside Risborough Cycles in Duke Street, from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Visits are FREE.



Saturday 11th December

Free Car Parking in all Car Parks

Festive Food and Christmas Decorating Event

If you are entertaining people at home in the Chilterns or looking for a few edible treats to enjoy at this special time of the year then come to our Festive Food and Christmas Decoration event.

Food and Drink Market

The George and Dragon Car Park will host a Christmas Food and Decorations Market with stalls selling local, seasonal and homemade food, drink and Christmas decorations. There will be plenty to sample and lots to tempt your palate. Enjoy the carol singers and a glass of mulled wine as you make your selection.

Cookery Demonstrations

From a demonstration kitchen in the food market, a top chef will make Christmas recipes using seasonal ingredients produced and grown locally. They kick off at 10.00am with a range of festive breakfasts and end at 4.30pm. Demonstrations are FREE to watch so come and join us.

Wreath and Swag Workshops

Princes Risborough is set deep in The Chilterns, surrounded by rolling greenery. Natural decorations accentuate the charm of rural houses at Christmas. From the food market, Fullers Flowers will run FREE workshops to help you make wreaths, swags and garlands from natural materials like pine, wild holly, ivy and fir.



Saturday 18th December

Free Car Parking in all Car Parks

Secret Santa World Record Breaking Event

We want to put Princes Risborough on the map and we want to strengthen the ties of our community – what better way to do that than try to beat the World Record for The Largest Secret Santa Game. We need at least 1400 people to participate to break the record. So spread the word – together we can do it.

How it Works

Take an unwrapped gift worth £3.00 to the Secret Santa Collection Point at the Tourist Information Centre in Princes Risborough between December 3rd and Friday 17th December 2010. You will be given a Secret Santa Voucher. On Saturday 18th December we will hold a huge Secret Santa Party in the High Street where you will be invited to exchange your voucher for a present from Secret Santa.

- Your gift must be new and worth at least £3.00
- Your gift must be suitable for somebody of all ages and either gender
- Your gift must not be wrapped in Christmas paper – we will do that for you

Sunday 19th December

Free Car Parking in all Car Parks

A Day of Street Entertainment

On the last Sunday before Christmas there is still plenty to be done, people to visit, parties to attend; the children are getting over-excited and you dread another day in a packed city or shopping centre. Our Street Entertainment Day will let you take care of the last minute preparations in a relaxing and fun environment.

Buskers, jugglers, stilt walkers and musicians will entertain you as you move around the town, shopping and relaxing in the cafes, pubs and restaurants.

The shops will be open from 10.00am until 4.00pm

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Free Gift Wrapping

Gift wrapping can be a time consuming activity but this year let us take some of the strain for you. If you buy a gift in Princes Risborough we will wrap it for you free of charge. Simply take your gift to the wrapping station, in Duke Street, along with the till receipt and Santa's little helpers, the elves, will take care of the rest.

Princes Risborough Home Shopping Service

We know that many Risborough residents commute to work. It can be a long week and Christmas Shopping can be difficult to fit in.

In 2010 businesses in Princes Risborough are offering you the opportunity to shop from the comfort of your own home. They have selected their top products and services and have presented them for you in the Risborough Christmas Catalogue. You simply telephone the business to buy your chosen goods, pay with your credit card, and we will have them wrapped and delivered to your door within two working days. The service is FREE and is available from December 1st until December 20th.

Naked Calendar

To demonstrate unity and equality, key local figures from the world of sport, politics and business have posed semi-naked for a calendar. The Princes Risborough Naked Calendar 2011 is now available to buy for £6 from ten town centre shops and services. Any small surplus will go towards funding this Christmas Programme.

