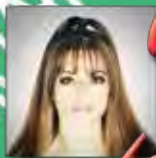
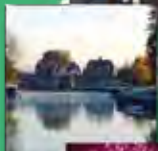


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The Abingdon on Thames Chamber of Commerce members have been working hard since their last Extravaganza in November 2015 to make the Extravaganza 2016 day happen and to kick off the festive season in great style! We want this to be a day that is a success for all who take part, the charities with their stalls, the entertainers, the local businesses and, most of all, those of you who come along on the day to be entertained, shop and have an enjoyable time.

The Chamber of Commerce Extravaganza sub-committee are all members who work to make this event happen while also working hard mainly in their own small independent companies.

Whilst you enjoy the entertainment through the day, please do take the time to walk around our wonderful town, visit some shops you would not normally visit, enjoy a coffee in one of our unique coffee shops and then, in the evening as we are packing away,

why not visit one of our great pubs or restaurants? Our local businesses are here all year round, so take a look at what is available right on your doorstep and please support your town centre.

A big thank you to our sponsors as without their support, the Extravaganza would not be possible - Mays Properties, The Crown & Thistle, Smeg, Wenn Townsend, Finders Keepers, Anytime Fitness, Utopia, Phoenix Property Oxfordshire Ltd, Added Ingredients.

Particular thanks also to the Extravaganza sub-committee and in particular our member Paul Townsend without whom this event would not happen.

Jill Carver

Secretary
Abingdon on Thames
Chamber of Commerce



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

QUAKER MEETING –

Sunday 18 December 10.15 am All Age worship.
At the Health and Well Being Centre, Audlett Drive

ALL SAINTS METHODIST CHURCH, APPLEFORD DRIVE

Sunday 18th December 18.00 Carol Service

Sunday 25th December 10.00 Service

ABINGDON VINEYARD CHURCH

Sunday 11th December Christmas Café with craft activities

Sunday 18th December Family Christmas Celebration with nativity

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day Celebration

All start at 10.30am at Preston Road Community Centre,
Midget Close, Abingdon. OX14 5NR

CHRIST CHURCH NORTHCOURT ROAD

Sunday 11th December 9:30am Carol Service - led by our children
11:15am Carol Service - led by our young people

Sunday 18th December 4.00pm & 7.00pm Carol Services
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve 3.00pm & 4.30pm Christingle Service
11.00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 8.00am Traditional BCP Communion
10.00am Christmas Family Worship

CHRIST CHURCH LONG FURLONG

Sunday 18th December Christmas Celebration for All Ages
10am at Long Furlong School

Christmas Eve 4.00pm Christingle Service at the Community Centre

Christmas Day 10.00am Family Service at the Community Centre

ST MICHAEL

Christmas Eve 3pm Crib service
6pm Christmas Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am Sung Mass with provision for children

ST NICOLAS

Sunday 18th December 6pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service
11.30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10am Holy Communion

ST HELEN

Friday 23rd December 7.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4.30pm Christingle
11.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day 10.30am Family Service with Eucharist

ST EDMUND

Carol Service: date to be confirmed

Christmas Eve - 6.00pm First Mass of Christmas
8.30pm for 9.00pm Christmas Vigil with Carols .

CHRISTMAS DAY – Masses at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.30am
Please Note ...No Evening Mass

Monday 26th December 10.00am Feast of St. Stephen Mass

Sunday 1st January – Mary Mother of God Masses at
8.45am, 10.15am, & 6.30pm

ABINGDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 18 December 4pm CAROLS IN THE HALL
Community carol singing with refreshments

CHRISTMAS DAY 11.00 FAMILY CELEBRATION – Short service for all ages

Sunday 1 January 10.30am NEW YEAR FAMILY SERVICE -
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Tina Barrett



Jo O'Meara



Bradley McIntosh

We are pleased to welcome Tina Barrett, Jo O'Meara and Bradley McIntosh, formerly of the pop group S Club 7, to Abingdon. Tina, Jo and Bradley shot to fame in 1999 with band mates Hannah Spearritt, Rachel Stevens, Jon Lee & Paul Cattermole. Their hit TV series Miami 7 saw them fly off to America in search of fame and fortune. During the series, in June 1999, they released their debut single Bring it all Back, which shot to number 1 in the UK singles chart. Their debut album was released shortly after and spent almost a year in the charts.

The next 4 years saw them star in 3 further TV series, release 10 top 10 singles, including 3 more number 1's, release 4 more albums, star in their own movie, Seeing Double, and take part in 3 sell out arena tours.

S Club 7 are proud to have supported BBC Children in Need by releasing 2 singles in aid of the Charity. "Never had a dream come true" was released in 2000, then in 2001 "Have you ever" was released. Both hit number 1 in the Charts. S Club have also worked with the WWF in helping to promote the work that they do. This included a TV series following them around to visit endangered animals.

Sadly, in 2003 the members of S Club decided to go their separate ways, but in 2015 reunited for the "Bring it all back" arena tour. Despite 12 years having passed since the split, they still managed a sell-out tour around the country.

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2016

Our Christmas Market will be located in Bath Street, from 9am – 4pm. There will be entertainment throughout the day with various local charities, community groups and traders. Island Farm donkey sanctuary join us here as well.

The parade will leave Queen Street at 12 noon, then travel along Stert Street, East St Helen Street, Lombard Street, West St Helen Street and back along High Street. It will then turn onto the Market Place in front of NatWest bank.

After the parade, you can meet Father Christmas on the Market Place while enjoying the musical entertainment throughout the afternoon.

The Rotary Club of Abingdon will again be providing mulled wine and mince pies on the Market Place throughout The Extravaganza. This will be the fifth year that they have brought their 'essential service' to this popular event.

This year, at 17:00 we are proud to be joined by Tina, Jo and Bradley from S Club 7, who will perform a selection of their hits, then join a lucky competition winner to switch on the Christmas lights.

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 18:00 followed by a fantastic firework display courtesy of Mays Properties.

Don't forget to visit our sponsors' stands on the Market Place, without whom none of this would be possible.

For up to date information please visit www.abingdonchamber.co.uk and follow and like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/abingdonxmas or @abingdonxmas on Twitter.

On the day, various information can be found in the Community Free Space in Bury Street. The Red Cross will be based here throughout the day providing medical care and also promoting the essential services that they offer.

Outside the Community Free Space, you will find a circus workshop during the morning, then Punch & Judy will make 3 appearances during the afternoon.

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MARKET PLACE

10:30 Abingdon Traditional Morris Dancers

11:15 Strawberry Fayre Majorettes

12:00 Parade

12:30 Oxford Caledonian Pipe & Drum Band

13:00 Abingdon Judo

13:30 Ashnah

14:00 Abingdon Stagecoach

14:30 Competition Winners

15:00 Emma McGann

15:45 Sophie Elise

16:15 Publix

17:00 S Club

18:00 The big switch on, followed by fireworks

BATH STREET

09:00 – 16:00 Christmas Market

12:30 Strawberry Fayre Majorettes

13:00 Abingdon Traditional Morris Dancers

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14:30 Ashnah

15:00 Abingdon Stagecoach

15:30 Abingdon Traditional Morris Dancers

COMMUNITY FREE SPACE

09:00 – 12:00 Circus Workshop

13:00 Punch & Judy

14:00 Punch & Judy

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By buying a Fair Trade product, you are ensuring that the producers are paid a fair price for their products. Many Fair Trade items, such as bananas and chocolate, originate from foreign countries. But it is important to remember that these products are available locally, from many independent retailers here in Abingdon. As you walk around the town in the lead up to Christmas you will find that many of our retailers and caterers stock and serve Fair Trade goods and products. It is no longer the case that only chocolate, coffee and bananas are fair trade marked, you can now find almost everything from cosmetics to children's toys, clothing and jewellery, to your favourite wines, all with this worthwhile trading principle. You can find out more about Fair Trade in Abingdon by visiting www.abingdonchamber.co.uk. We will also have information available at the Extravaganza in the Community Free Space, and at the Local Excellence Markets throughout 2017.

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Each market brings together a variety of goods which are locally produced, crafted or available from a local independent retailer.

Some of our traders are unique in their field, many are using the markets to try out their ideas, to see if there is a market for their wares before maybe establishing themselves with a permanent retail store, and all are brought together onto our wonderful Market Place.

For 2017 we are launching our new craft markets, the first in June, then a special Christmas craft market in December. Live music and craft demonstrations are amongst the

attractions, along with the markets, and these, with the County Hall as our backdrop, all add to the overall atmosphere.

So do come on down and join us during 2017 to see what these traders have available for you. You can also find out more information at:

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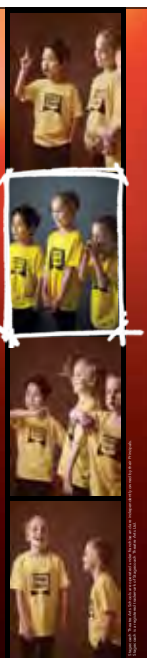
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2017 Events

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9th April Spring Cycle Festival

29th April Local Excellence Market

14th May Abingdon Air & Country Show
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10th June Craft Market

17th June Election of Mayor of Ock Street

29th July Local Excellence Market

September Dragon Boat Races

10th & 11th September Heritage Weekend

30th September Local Excellence Market

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