

# **Love Budleigh Newsletter**

Welcome to our December Love Budleigh Newsletter.

Merry Christmas from all of the Love Budleigh - Budleigh Information Centre Team.

#### **Our Christmas Festive Special.**

See below for more information on local Festive Events

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, please spread the word, we'd love to be able to send out news and information to more people.

Let us know what you think and if you have anything you'd like us to include in future editions.

Thank You.

# Queen Elizabeth Bridge Now Open



The Queen Elizabeth Bridge - a 70-metre footbridge marking the final construction stage of the Lower Otter Restoration Scheme is now open.

The footbridge spans a breach which has been made in the existing embankment to reconnect the sea and river to the original floodplain. This project has been 15 years in the planning, and Clinton Devon Estates, the Environment Agency and their contractors Kier were delighted to have celebrated this milestone with local people.

The project will create 55 hectares of mud flat and saltmarsh by allowing the tide to flow freely in and out of a new inter-tidal area.

It is reversing the work done 200 years ago when an earth embankment was created to hold back the sea, creating more farmland. In recent years, the embankment had started to fail, putting recreational facilities, footpaths, a municipal tip and other infrastructure at risk from serious flooding.

Photo Credit - Guy Newman

**More Information** 

# **Love Budleigh Winter Treat**



Over 70 people gathered in the Public Hall on Wednesday 29th November for our Winter Treat

They enjoyed home-made Soup, Cheese Scones and Cake with friends old & new.

They were welcomed and served by the Love Budleigh Team - pictured above just before our guests arrived.

We are looking at holding more such events in 2024, watch this space....

# **Co-op Community Fund**



Love Budleigh, the Budleigh information Centre are delighted that we have been chosen by the Co-op as one of the beneficiaries of their Community Fund.

If you are a member of the Co-op you can select the Budleigh Information Centre as your local cause.

To choose us when using the app on a smartphone or tablet tap Community, take the option to Choose A Cause, look for Budleigh Information Centre and tap Choose This Cause.

On a Computer Click on Choose a Local Cause, Click on Budleigh Information Centre and then Click on Start Supporting this Cause.

This would take very little time and we'd really appreciate your support.

From now until 8 January Co-op members can donate some (or all) of their rewards to the Budleigh Information Centre AND the money raised will be matched by the Co-op.

To find out more click on "Give the Gift" below .

If you're not yet a member, you can register online for Co-op membership at <a href="mailto:coop.co.uk/membership">coop.co.uk/membership</a> and select Budleigh Information Centre from the list of local good causes.

Our thanks to the Co-op and their Local Community Fund.

Give the Gift

**Coop Community Fund** 



Love Budleigh, the Budleigh Information Centre, with the support of Shop Budleigh, are organising the Christmas Late Night Shopping event for 2023 in Budleigh Salterton. The town's shops will be open during the evening on Friday 8th December.

The event this year will be bigger and more exciting. With a wide range of street entertainment and Santa will have a stylish grotto.

Come along to Budleigh High Street and Fore Street and join in with the carol

singing, enjoy the varied street entertainment on offer and call in to see your friendly local traders who will be open during the evening.

We are hoping for this event to be bigger than ever this year - so save the date in your diary and bring family and friends along.

#### Opening procession from 6:00pm

Including: Honiton Twirlstars Majorettes, Santa, Exmouth Town Crier, St Peter's School, local Clubs and Societies.

#### Street Entertainers

Including: Honiton Twirlstar Majorettes, East Devon Rock Choir, Team Rollocks and their Atlantic rowing boat Liberty, Exmouth Fire Engine, Exmouth Ladies Acapella Group, Exmouth Town Crier, Busker's Corner.

**Santa will be there!** After taking part in the procession he'll make his way back to **Santa's Grotto** at Uphams Antiques in the old Post Office. Bring the children along to meet Santa and receive a present. (£2 Entry).

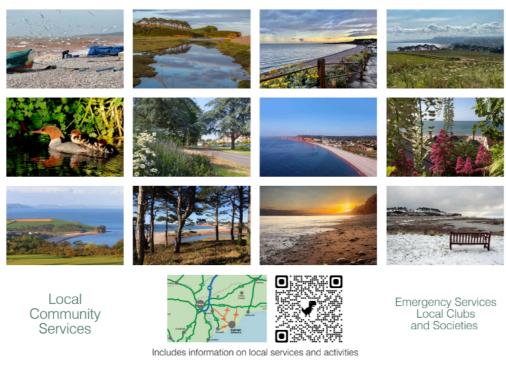
Come along and visit the great shops in the town, do a little Christmas shopping and enjoy the festive spirit! It should be a great night. See you there!

**Late Night Shopping** 

# **Budleigh Community Calendar**



Web: www.lovebudleigh.co.uk - Email: info@visitbudleigh.com - Telephone: 01395 445275



Our thanks to East Devon Golf Club for their generous sponsorship of the 2024 Community Calendar

Calendar designed and produced by Budleigh Information Centre

## Budleigh Salterton Community Calendar £7.50 each

A perfect Christmas Gift - 13 beautiful photos of Budleigh plus 2 pages of local information.

Still a few copies left! - Call in to the Information Centre or get in touch for your copy. Alternatively <a href="Buy Online">Buy Online</a>

### **Beach Huts**

We are in the final stages of agreeing the 2024 pricing for the Beach Huts. Information and availability will be posted on our <u>website</u> soon.

In the meantime if you're looking for a special item for someone's Christmas Stocking -Vouchers for Beach Hut Rental can be purchased <u>here</u>.

# Spotlight on Christmas Events & Activities

There are many Christmas Activities posted on our Events Calendar, please <u>check</u> here for more and for more details.

This list is just a sample.

#### December

4th - 9th - Wait Until Dark Salterton Playhouse (see below)

6th - Ladies Choir Concert

6th - Lions Christmas Bingo - Public Hall 7:30 (Doors open at 6)

8th - Late Night Shopping

8th -12th- Christmas Tree Festival - Temple Methodist Church

9th - Quiz at the Salt Cellars

13th - Carols at Seachange

16th - Christmas Craft Fair at Public Hall

19th - Litter Picking Walk Budleigh Lions

23rd - Bingo at the Football Club

25th - Christmas Day Swim

6th - Jack & the Beanstalk - Pantomime (see below)

If you know of or are organising any event not mentioned here please <u>send us</u> details and we'll add it to our free Events Calendar.

#### What's On



# **Buy your Christmas Tree Locally**



#### Christmas Trees now available from Pynes Farm Shop and on Cliff Road.

Pynes Farm Shop

The amazing Nordmann Fir non-drop trees, grown in Devon, are here! Every tree you purchase from Pynes Farm Shop, they will donate £3 to Devon Air Ambulance. So get down and pick yours up!

Rosemullion Garages, Cliff Road. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11-3, Delivery Available

# **Tickets Still Available**



TICKETS £14 FROM WWW.SALTERTONDRAMA.CO.UK BUDLEIGH BIC 01395 445275

A thriller by Frederick Knott Directed by Penelope Hill

A sinister con man and two ex-convicts are about to meet their match. They have traced the location of a mysterious doll, which they are much interested in, to the apartment of Sam Hendrix and his blind wife, Susy.

Knife cutting tension in this classic thriller made famous by the 1967 film adaptation starring Audrey Hepburn.

Some Tickets still available from the Budleigh Information Centre

# **Pantomime**

# **BUDLEIGH SALTERTON PUBLIC HALL 6TH** JANUARY 6PM BAR AND DOORS OPEN 5PM CALL 01395 442067 TO BOOK £10 PER TICKET

Budleigh Salterton Carnival Club are pleased to bring the Wonder Productions panto to you.

Join Jack on his Giant adventure as he climbs the beanstalk to an enchanted land of excitement and adventure, where he must rescue his friends and family from the "Fee- Fi- Fo-Fum" of one very hungry giant.

Tickets Available at the Budleigh Information Centre

# Imperial Productions - A Christmas Carol

Congratulations to our friends at Imperial Productions on their excellent Musical Comedy adapted from the Dickens Novel.

It was a delightful version of the story, showcasing the talents of the troupe, including some impressive youngsters, with impressive live musical accompaniment.

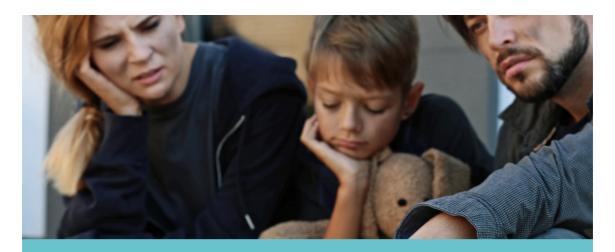
"A wonderful start to the Christmas Season".

"Great to have such talented performers in Budleigh"

"a thoroughly enjoyable evening"

They plan to be back in the summer with A Little Shop of Horrors, July 31st - August 3rd. Tickets will be available at the Budleigh Information Centre.

# **Community Notices**



# Winter Support 23/24

for anyone who may need an extra bit of help this winter in Woodbury, Exmouth & Budleigh



Thanks to funding from the National Community Lottery
Fund fund we are able to offer help with the purchase
of "energy saving" items this winter.
If you need help with the purchase of:

Blankets · Hot Food · Insulation · Warm clothing etc

Please initially contact Sarah Forde at Seachange sarah.forde@seachangedevon.org

This fund is limited and once it's gone it's gone





Make the change at Seachange. www.seachangedevon.org
Call: 01395 446896 Email: help@seachangedevon.org
Seachange, East Budleigh Road, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6HF
Registered Charity No. 1196379

Winter Support 2023-2024 Seachange are thrilled to announce renewed funding to assist those affected by the cost of living crisis in the WEB area. From hot food vouchers to warm coats, we're here to help.

Email help@seachangedevon.org for the application form and feel free to share!

From Wednesday, 1 November 2023 to the end of March 2024, you can park until midnight for just £2 at car parks owned by East Devon District Council.

Your ticket in transferable so you can move between car parks owned by East Devon District Council on the same day.

So you can pick up a few things in Budleigh, move on to Exmouth and then Sidmouth all on the same £2 parking ticket.

#### **Full Details**



The Shop Budleigh campaign has challenged all residents of Budleigh and the surrounding villages to make a 'Pledge to shop Budleigh' this Christmas.

Jen Mills, Shop Budleigh Committee member said, "We appreciate it's unrealistic for people to buy all the presents and grocery shopping locally, but we are asking people in our town could think of one pledge they could make that will result in spending more of their Christmas budget in the town."

Shop Budleigh suggest the pledge could include:

- I will buy 20% of our Christmas shopping list in the local area.
- I will do one of our Christmas shopping trips in the town this year.
- I will try to buy all my 'grown-ups' gifts in the town.
- I will go for one Christmas lunch, drink or coffee catch up with a friend in Budleigh.
- I will support local producers by buying as much local produce as I can.
- Or whatever you feel would work with your family.

James Upham, another Shop Budleigh Committee member continued: "These pledges are hopefully not too outrageous or difficult, but these small changes in shopping habits could have an extremely positive result for local traders. Sales in the Christmas period are vital for sustaining businesses through the cold winter, so everything we can do as a town to support our high street helps ensure its survival.

Shop Budleigh will also be hosting a Christmas Trail, have set up a selfie station and playing a high street wide game of 'Elf on a Shelf' – watch this space for more details. Also don't forget to come along to Late Night Shopping, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm.

Please contact us if you have any items to include in this section of our newsletter.

**Contact Us** 

# **Dates for Your Diary**

#### What's On

Don't forget to check the Events Calendar on our website for Events in and around Budleigh.

This is free to use so if you have an Event to promote, please use the Submit Event button or email us the details so we can add it for you.

What's On

**Sign up to our Free Newsletter** 

**Beach Huts** 

Calendar

#### **Contributions**

If you would like to provide any material for inclusion in future editions of this newsletter, please let us know.

**Latest News on our Website** 





#### **Budleigh Salterton Information Centre**

14 Fore Street, EX9 6NG, Budleigh Salterton

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