

# CAMPAIGN

VICTORIAN EVENING SPECIAL



## The Victorian Christmas Evening

Thursday 30th November 5.30pm - 9pm

**The fantastic Warwick Victorian Christmas Evening returns on Thursday 30th November between 5.30pm and 9pm and is set to be even better than last year (and, we all hope, drier!).**

**The horse and carriage route** this year starts outside the Kozi Bar and does a loop down Market Street, across Bowling Green Street before coming up Puckerings Lane and Brook Street. BBC Coventry and Warwickshire are once again sponsoring the stage and will be broadcasting live throughout the evening.

**Entertainments include** Can Can Dancers, live music, a Victorian Strongman, Gallopers and Victorian stalls and rides, Charity and Craft Stalls, professional singers performing Gilbert and Sullivan, a Victorian fancy dress competition, a Blacksmith, a Barber Shop Quartet, Mulled Wine, Punch and Judy, Victorian Penny Slot Machines, Fair Organs, Traction Engines, the cast of Aladdin from the Bridgehouse Theatre, Choirs, a church service at St. Mary's, Procession for the **lights switch** on at 7.15 and **late night shopping** all add up to one of the most popular events in the Warwick calendar.

As you will be aware, **flyers are available** from Adrian and you are encouraged to put them in your shop window and in a prominent place for your customers. The more we promote it, the more we will all benefit.

**If you are interested in raising a bit of money for yourself**, the Mayor's Charities and cover the costs of the event, raffle tickets are available with some

fantastic prizes donated by Warwick businesses. You keep 25% of the money raised from the tickets sold. Let Adrian know if you want tickets to sell and/or are happy to donate a prize - there is no catch and the draw takes place on the 4th December!

**Roads closed** will be Old Square, New Street, Market Place (from outside Woolworths upwards only), the Holloway and Swan Street. The bus route into the town centre will remain unaffected.

The **Chamber of Trade** are one of the financial sponsors of this event as are members, **The Warwick Arms Hotel**. Therefore please try and help to promote what should be a fantastic night.

Last year saw 18 businesses vie for the title of **Best Dressed Window** in this Chamber led competition. We are undertaking this yet again and with a Victorian theme. If you are interested in taking part, please let Sue Butcher (492249) or Adrian Field know.

Finally - **please dress up**. It adds wonderful atmosphere to the occasion and makes everyone feel special on a wonderful evening.

We are seeking businesses who want to have a **Barber Shop Quartet** performing in their premises at £10 for 10 minutes. Several have been booked but some slots are still available. Please contact Adrian Field on 01926 410815 for bookings or any other queries

See page two for the Timetable of events.

## December Late Night and Sunday Shopping

As always the **Victorian Evening** on Thursday 30th November sees traders opening until 9pm to take advantage of the vast numbers expected.

Warwick will once again be playing host to **Late Night Shopping** in the run up to Christmas. **Wednesday 13th and 20th December** are the dates to open and promoted as the town centre's shops open until 8pm.

And many shops will be open on the **December Sundays** up to Christmas.

**Don't miss out!**



# The Timetable

## **BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Stage: Market Place**

5.30 – 5.45	Warm up with BBC C&W
5.45 – 6.15	Carols with the childrens' choir (liaising with County Music Service)
6.15 – 6.30	Can Can dancers
6.30 – 6.45	Warwick School band
6.45 – 6.55	Panto with the Bridgehouse theatre (Aladdin)
6.55 – 7.10	Christmas special with the Big Help Management singers
7.10 -	Build up to switch-on and arrival of procession
<b>7.15 -</b>	<b>LIGHTS SWITCH ON</b>
7.20 – 7.40	St Mary's choir
7.40 – 7.50	Can Can dancers
7.50 – 8.20	Big Help Management Crew Christmas singers 2 <sup>nd</sup> set
8.20 – 8.30	Can Can dancers
8.30 – 9.00	Carols from the Salvation Army band

## **Market Place**

- Kondini - Bed of Glass and street entertainment
- Galloper
- Children's Rides
- Pig Roast
- Roast Chestnuts
- Mulled Wine
- Traction Engines
- Victorian Games and Rides including Helter Skelter, Big Wheel
- Victorian Games and Costumes for Children to try in Market Hall Museum

## **Swan Street and Old Square (running to Heron Pond outside Shire Hall)**

- Craft and Charity Stalls
- Punch and Judy (Swan Street)
- Fair Organ
- Cubbington Silver Band, Hand-Bell ringing (Old Square opposite church)

## **Brook Street**

- Fair Organ

## **Shire Hall Steps**

5.30 – 6.15	Cubbington Silver band
6.30 – 6.45	Primary schools
7.30 – 7.45	Warwick School

## **St. Mary's Collegiate Church**

8.45	Church Service
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## **Proposed Procession line up**

- Town Crier
- Horse and Carriage with Mayor
- Panto Cast (Aladdin)
- Fancy dress participants
- Can Can dancers
- Kondini
- Sleigh with Santa

**Horse and Carriage Rides** run from 5.30 until approx. 6.45 starting outside the Kozi Bar in Market Place running down Market Street, into Bowling Green Street, up Puckerings Lane and into Brook Street. A barber shop quartet will be singing around town throughout the night and there is late night Christmas Shopping until 9pm.

Whilst every endeavour will be made to deliver the published programme, the weather and other events beyond our control may mean alterations and cancellations for which we cannot be held responsible.

