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LATE NIGHT FESTIVE OPENING and FESTIVE WEEKEND

Takes place this year on Thursday 3rd December. Actor Jason Durr (star of stage and television but perhaps best remembered for his leading role in Heartbeat) has kindly agreed to come along and switch on the lights at 6pm.



Santa will be in his grotto that evening and there will be a selection of school choirs and bands along with street entertainers adding to the fun and frolics. For the younger children and by popular request, we have asked the Teacups Ride to return. **Jesse's Big Pan** will be out and various charitable stalls will also be coming along and Members of the Dolphin Dramatic Society will be out and about in costume collecting funds for the Hope for Tomorrow charity.

The evening will finish with a performance by **The Ashton Keynes Big Brunch Band** under the Market Hall.

We do hope as many businesses as possible will want to open that evening offering festive cheer to their clients and people of Tetbury.

On the Saturday 5th December the **Salvation Army Band** will be playing around the town and **St Marys' Church** will be holding their **annual Christmas Fair** upstairs in the Market Hall from 10.30am with lots of stalls, gifts and activities for children.

Hobbs House Bakery in conjunction with The Chamber are holding a Christmas Mince Pie competition—see over for more details.

Eight Bells Gallery plan an exhibition for this festive evening and weekend. Called "Tetbury Treasures". Its an artists view (Liz Parry - Williams) of what makes this place so different. Liz has captured the many shops and features in the town from her perspective. The collection of watercolours will be on view over the festive weekend and many businesses will be intrigued to see Liz's paintings of their shops.

Also around the Town will be a **children's trail**—find all the toys hidden in various shop windows throughout the centre of Tetbury and win a prize—entry forms available shortly from The Tourist Information Office, Henrietta's House and Perry Bishop and Chambers

Sunday the 6th December sees a wonderful collection of treats and pampering available from 11.00am upstairs in the Market Hall when representatives from Cherish Salon, Especially for You, Sandra Dobson massage, Picture of Health along with Aloe Vera products from Jane Moccock will be there all offering the opportunity to sample various beauty treatments, enter a raffle and pick the perfect Christmas present for the one you love.

So what about the rest of you—we are hoping you will all want to join in and put on special events over this weekend – maybe special demonstrations, menus and festive offers all designed to encourage people to come into our town have a good time and pick up the majority of their Christmas presents.

The Wilts and Glos are hoping to put together an eight page spread covering our festive weekend (and don't forget Tetbury Talk) so lets give em lots to cover and promote.

To answer the question who is taking the old Wine Rack—yes it is Cotswold Care Hospice.

They will open in the New Year after a major refurbishment—this particular property is in need of some serious TLC. I am aware some are unhappy at the thought of another charity shop—a total of 3 now although we have had 5 in the past.

This deal was handled by London and Bristol based Agents, but Perry Bishop held the keys for interested parties and to the best of my knowledge only one other business expressed an interest in the lease and the not unsubstantial work required. Representatives from Cotswold Care are happy to meet with concerned parties and want to reassure everyone of their very high standards of presentation and attention to detail.
Kathryn

CHRISTMAS TREES

We are hoping as many people as possible will want to put up Christmas Trees this year and Pete Kirkpatrick of KP Gardens is offering businesses in the town the following deal.

If he gets orders for a total of 60 trees he will charge the same as last year—namely £52.00 plus vat. But if orders total more than 60 then he will only charge £45.00 plus

Remember included in this charge is the cost of the tree, delivery, putting it up and adding your lights together with coming back after Christmas, dismantling and taking away the tree.

Telephone Peter on either 01666 503782 or 07813 790905 to order your tree but please remember to check with your landlord if appropriate that you can fix a tree to the outside of the building and it would be really helpful if you could have your lights ready and checked before Pete and his team come along.

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CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE COMPETITION

The Chamber in conjunction with **Hobbs House Bakery** invite you to take part in our very special competition.

We are looking for the tastiest and best prepared Home Made Mince Piece (no supermarket ringers please)

You will need to create and bake a minimum of three mince pies and bring them to Hobbs House Bakery in Church Street, together with a written copy of your special recipe in a sealed envelope no later than 12 noon on Saturday 5th December

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE THE SAME DAY
AT 2PM

Chief Judge will be Tom Herbert, Baker extraordinaire, assisted by Manager, Amanda Ransom and Kathryn Limoi, Chairman of the Chamber

Exciting range of prizes to be won.

Entry forms will shortly be available through Hobbs, The Tourist Information Office and Perry Bishop and Chamber.

LATEST CHAMBER MEMBER—MD ARCHITECTURE

We are delighted to welcome Matthew Dyer and his company to the Chamber. MDArchitecture Ltd was formed in London with the clear intent of delivering contemporary and exemplary architecture. After 5 successful years they have recently relocated to Tetbury and, whilst continuing their London portfolio, are now seeking projects in the Cotswold area.

MDA has experience in designing and delivering contemporary new build family houses in difficult urban and rural locations, as well as the refurbishment and extension of listed properties or where in conservation areas. Through employment in previous practices MDA have wider experience in the delivery of buildings in the commercial, arts and sports sectors.

Their projects are characterised by simplicity and integration; exploring the client's brief to produce buildings that are creative and imaginative whilst ensuring they are economic to construct, environmentally responsive and efficient to run.

Visit their web site for more information: www.mdarchitecture.co.uk or telephone 0845 8333 845