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in the
ROYAL BOROUGH
WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

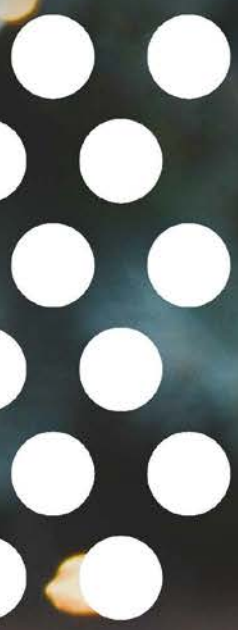


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Welcome

“2020 hasn't been the year any of us had hoped for, with the pandemic taking over our lives and cancelling almost everything. Maybe Christmas will save the year with its abundance of baubles and lights, good food and merriment – all from the comfort of your own home.”



Due to Covid-19 and government safety guidelines, all events are subject to change or cancellation. All details were believed correct at the time of publishing.

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Christmas *magic* is silent



You don't hear it –
you feel it, you know it, you believe it.

Kevin A Milne

“ Christmas music being played everywhere and decorations appearing on the streets signal a time to head to your local high street where your favourite shops are all stocked up with festive food and gifts.

Even if you don't celebrate Christmas yourself, it's always a special time to come together with loved ones and simply enjoy the magic of the season.

This isn't a normal year and we don't have the normal line-up of events but there are still many good reasons to get out and about in the Royal Borough this festive season. We've put together a selection to help you get the most out of this special time.”



@facepaint_and_flavour (Carly Talbot)



Shop local



This year has been tough for our local retailers but it's often the small independent businesses that show the most incredible resilience and creativity when faced with the most difficult challenges.

It's these **independent retailers** that *make our towns and villages special*. They offer *something unique*, they're often *family-run* and *their customer service sets them apart* from the big brands.



So, if you *Love* where you live and want to keep your **high street thriving**, get out there and show them you care.

Here's just a few reasons why it's great to champion your local businesses

- ★ Discover a great choice of unique or original products on your doorstep
- ★ Supporting your local high street improves the local economy. It helps to create more local jobs in your community
- ★ Enjoy great customer service from people who value your custom
- ★ Build friendships with local shop owners
- ★ Enjoy great deals
- ★ Touch and feel the products to make sure you've made the right choice
- ★ Reduce your carbon footprint
- ★ Get dedicated help and support with making your product selection
- ★ Give your shop owners feedback about the products you'd like them to stock
- ★ Be sure that your local shop will give you a warm welcome!

Christmas is coming, time to get shopping!



We can't list all our wonderful "indies" but here's a selection from around the Borough to give you a flavour of what's on offer.

A Dog's Life Co., Eton is an independently owned dog boutique offering a beautiful range of luxury dog accessories – including toys, treats and gifts for the pets as well as the people in your life – as well as seasonal collections from unique brands. Shop in store or online at www.adogslifeco.com

Bird, Sunningdale, stocks beautiful Christmas gifts plus homeware and fashion accessories online www.itsbird.co.uk and in store.

Cliff Roe, Ascot an ex-professional squash player, opened his sports shop on Ascot High Street in 1990 and it's been serving the local community ever since. You can shop online or visit the store for an even better range of products www.cliffroesports.com

Copas Traditional Turkeys, Cookham is a true family business in Cookham with products loved by Britain's best butchers, farms shops, delis and food halls. You can order online for delivery or collect from the farm. Visit www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/

Craft Coop, Maidenhead From glass and ceramics to home and living, you'll find everything beautifully handmade and uniquely local. Shop online www.craftcoopshop.co.uk or in store.

Daniel Department Store, Windsor has launched its Christmas Shop both online www.danielstores.co.uk/christmas-i82 and in store and there's a free click and collect service too.

House, Windsor has a wide selection of home accessories and furniture to help you complete the exact look you want. They make it easy to personalise your space and add some warmth and style. And with such affordable prices, it'll be hard to stick to just one room. So while you're at it, why not deck out the whole house? www.houseofwindsor.co.uk/

Maidenhead Gift Emporium offers an eclectic mix of boutique clothing, candles, greetings cards, jewellery, house plants, pots and vases, mugs, bags, purses, clutches, gifts for men, scarves, engraved oak, cushions, bath and body products, door wreaths, personalised gifts and socks! www.facebook.com/maidenheadgiftemporium/

The Old Butcher's Wine Cellar, Cookham, is a family-owned business and independent wine shop run by Paul and Angela Stratford who have been in the wine trade since the early 1970s. Stock up for Christmas or send the one you love a specially selected bottle of wine or spirit: there's over 500 to choose from! www.oldbutcherswinecellar.co.uk/wine-shop/gifts

Story in Bray is the passion of owner, Lindy Harpham. A post-retirement hobby has now become a way of life for over 13 years and Lindy has built up a fantastic network of interiors, clothing and jewellery suppliers offering unusual and often unique items. Visit the store or take a look at the online shop www.storyinbray.com

Brighten up your home this Christmas with decorations from **Stubbings in Maidenhead** including baubles, wreaths, children's decorations and a large range of trees. Online shopping available www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk

Tastes Delicatessen, Eton, run by Judy and Giovanni, stocks a superb range of cold meats, cheeses, olives, preserves, pickles, drinks, biscuits, cakes and chocolates, along with many incredibly tasty items that also happen to be gluten, dairy and/or nut free. Take a look at their gift suggestions and menu of themed hampers to treat someone this Christmas. Shop in store and online www.tastesdeli.co.uk

The Circle Gallery, Sunninghill has been providing beautiful artwork and creative picture framing for 29 years. They remain a small family business passionate about delivering first class customer service. Their love of art and interiors comes across in their choices of artwork and the assistance they provide customers in choosing the right piece. Shop in store or online at www.thecirclegallery.com

The Little Bookshop, Cookham is an award-winning independent bookshop. Whether you're looking for the latest bestseller, a non-fiction factual page-turner, a children's classic or a book for a special someone, this is the place. Check out their Christmas subscription service for a monthly new release fiction book and a bottle of wine from the Old Butcher's Wine Cellar. www.thelittlebookshop.info/collections/christmas

Not your everyday purchase but hey, we live near one of the most iconic rivers in the world so why not pay a visit to **Wraysbury Boat House?** They have decades of experience designing, building, repairing, restoring and servicing traditional wooden boats. They'll help you with a complete range of services from commissioning your design, through build to launch. www.wraysburyboathouse.com



Great Christmas *Nutcracker* Hunt

Between 7 – 24 December, located in stores and businesses around Windsor and Eton town centre are special miniature Nutcrackers – each one with its own special name.



Royal Borough *Christmas Display* *Competition*

We would like to encourage as many independent businesses as possible to get in the festive spirit this year and go the extra mile with your Christmas windows and displays. Join Royal Borough residents and **#LightUpMyRBWM**.

Businesses across the whole of the borough are invited to submit images of their displays by Sunday 6 December and, between the 11 & 18 December, we will ask the public to vote for the winner. The winning business will be announced on Monday 21 December.

Entries can be submitted to business@rbwm.gov.uk and they will be uploaded to the My Royal Borough website where the public can vote for their favourite display.

To be in with a chance of winning, take a selfie with a nutcracker and post it on Facebook tagging @MyRoyalBorough and using the #NutcrackerSelfie. Make sure the nutcracker's name is shown clearly in the photo.

The winner will be announced on Wednesday 30 December.
For more information go to myroyalborough.com



Shopping

events.....

Santa's Grotto at Daniel Department Store

Covid-safe of course! **Every weekend in December and every day from 17 to 24 December.**

Breakfast with Santa at Daniel, Windsor

Returning this year on selected dates in Foggs, located on the first floor of Daniel. There's limited availability so please call 01753 801000 to book your slot.

5, 12, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24 December 9:30am – 10:30am
6, 13 and 20 December 11am – 12 noon

For more information see @danielofwindsor on Instagram and www.facebook.com/Danielofwindsor/

Breakfast with Santa at Stubbings, Maidenhead

Come along for breakfast at 8am. Meet Father Christmas and receive a festive gift at Stubbings Café on the following days:

- Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December
- Saturday 19 to Thursday 24 December

As places are limited all visitors must buy a ticket to gain entry to this event. Minimum one adult per child.

£19.50 per adult

£17.50 per child (aged 2 to 12 years old)

For children over the age of 12 please purchase an adult ticket.

www.stubbingsnursery.co.uk/events/breakfastwithsanta/

Maidenhead Farmers' Market

13 December 10am – 1pm in Grove Road Car Park

Windsor Farmers' Market

5 December 9am – 1pm in St. Leonards Road

Ascot Farmers' Market

20 December 9am – 1pm Ascot Racecourse, Car Park 3

Metre Market

every Friday 8.30am - 1pm in Cookham Dean Village hall

The Craft Coop Shop, Nicholson's Centre, Maidenhead

Make a bauble workshop – **4 December**

Macrame workshop – **7 and 21 December**

Hama Bead Christmas Decoration workshop – **7 December**

Norden Farm, Maidenhead

Winter Night Market and Christmas Fair

Winter Night Market – Friday 18 December 6pm – 9pm. Free Entry

Christmas Fair – Saturday 19 December 11.30am – 5pm. Free Entry

Artisan Fairs held in the Linhay barns outside and providing a safe shopping experience. Enjoy mulled wine and live music as you browse stalls selling handcrafted goods.

norden.farm/events/winter-night-market-and-christmas-fair

Christmas Video Shopping at Stubbings, Maidenhead

Tuesday to Friday throughout December

Book your 30-minute slot via Facetime or Whatsapp video call and ready yourself for a new shopping experience from the comfort of your home

Once the call is complete the Stubbings team will collate your order for collection from the nursery (free) or local delivery (charges apply depending on postcode).

Book your telephone appointment online – £10.00 per booking

PLEASE NOTE – tickets are non-refundable but if you spend over £100.00 during the video call your booking charge of £10.00 will be refunded against the value of your till transaction.

Shopping at The Savill Building, Windsor Great Park

A collection of wonderful gifts awaits you this festive season featuring unique products from British artisan makers which together with delicious food, children's toys, beautiful homeware, jewellery and heaps of other exciting goodies, will fill those stockings nicely. **PLUS ...visit on 4, 11 and 18 December for extended shopping hours until 9pm.** They'll also be hosting suppliers so that you can sample local meat from the Windsor Estate, the NEW Windsor Great Park Gin and a visit from the team at Greyfriars.

For more information visit: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/Christmas

Christmas Tree Sale at Windsor Great Park

3 December – 21 December

On sale from 26 November through to 20 December, Christmas trees, wreaths, fresh boughs of holly and mistletoe as well as a wide selection of decorations and Christmas gifts are available from the Windsor Great Park Christmas shop. With helpful advice from the on-hand foresters who grow the trees, shoppers can choose from traditional Norway Spruce or Nordmann Fir trees, ranging in height from 3 feet to 16 feet. All trees on sale are freshly cut and certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC®) with the majority grown on the Windsor Estate.

For more information visit:

www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/christmastrees





Alexander Devine Santa Dash

Sunday 29 November 2020

Location: *You decide!*

Berkshire's best Santa Dash is back...well virtually! It's the perfect way for you, your family and colleagues to kick off the festive season.

This year things are a little different. Whilst we sadly may not be able to run all together on Sunday 29 November, we are determined to not let that deter us from putting on our Santa suits (or reindeer ears), getting outdoors, having some fun and raising money for Alexander Devine.

Entry is £15 and includes a Santa Suit, fundraising pack and a medal (which we will send to you after the event). If any children wish to take part you can purchase some Reindeer Antlers (£2.50 each during your registration).

Don't forget to join in for a jolly fun virtual warm up on the day!

To sign up register register.enthouse.com/ps/eventAlexanderDevinesSantaDash2020

Thames Hospice Santa Dash 2020

Sunday 6 December 2020

Location: *Do it your way!*



Cost: £5 per child and £15 per adult

Join our community for a festive fun dash on Sunday 6 December 2020. Get sponsored to walk or run 3, 5 or 10k, whether it's at your local park, gym or even in your living room!!

All adult entries will receive a Santa outfit and all children will receive reindeer ears.

Invite your friends, family, colleagues, neighbours – anyone you know – to take part and help us raise funds to provide local people with quality of life when they most need it.

Once you sign up you will have the opportunity to download an in-memory bib to print off at home and attach to your suit as you complete your dash, in memory of your loved one.

**If you raise more than £100.00 you will receive a Santa Dash Medal.*

***If you raise more than £500.00 you will receive a Santa Dash Medal and a special 2020 Santa Dash Hoodie.*

To book tickets www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thames-hospice-santa-dash-tickets-119424833893





Christmas shows for all the family

Cinderella

3 December – 10 January

(Relaxed Performance Tuesday 8 December at 1.30pm)

Featuring Theatre Royal Windsor's traditional pantomime comedy capers, with a sprinkle of fairy dust, dazzling dancers, colourful costumes and a glittering star cast featuring Strictly Finalist and icon from the world of Magic Debbie McGee and not forgetting the little fox with the big laugh... Basil Brush!

Joining Debbie and Basil are Windsor favourites, calamitous comedian Kevin Cruise and dotty Dame Steven Blakeley in their 11th year in Panto together at Theatre Royal Windsor.

Following the previous successes of the last two years, Theatre Royal Windsor is proud to announce the return of a Relaxed Performance for their Pantomime. The Relaxed Performance for Cinderella will take place on Tuesday 8 December at 1.30pm.

Relaxed performances are adapted for families with children with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, individuals with sensory and communication disorders, those with learning disabilities and anyone who would benefit from a more relaxed environment. A Relaxed Performance relaxes some of the traditional 'rules' and format of theatre-going, for example lighting levels are adjusted, sound levels are reduced, audience members are free to come and go as they wish. Additional staff will also be on hand. The whole experience is designed to reduce anxiety, promote freedom of expression, and ensure a safe and enjoyable time.

For further information about the Relaxed Performance, all other performances and to book, contact the Box Office Team on 01753 853 888 or visit theatreroyalwindsor.co.uk/whats-on/accessible-performances

Jack and the Beanstalk

19 – 24 December

Head to the Baylis Theatre at Braywick Leisure Centre in Maidenhead for a giant of a show, suitable for the whole family. Get ready to roar with laughter as we cheer on our hero Jack on his climb to defeat the Giant, save the village and his best friend – Daisy the cow! This one-act show (75 mins) is packed with all the traditions of pantomime (plus a few extra treats!) and features the feisty, fun-loving Dame Trott. Expect charming animated scenery, sensational songs, delightful costumes, plenty of audience participation and belly laughing comedy.

Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/maidenheadpanto/jack-and-the-beanstalk/e-eklyp

The Magic Porridge Pot and Other Tasty Tales

Thursday 10 – Saturday 12 December | 11.30am and 2pm (50 mins)

"You can't catch me, You're much too slow! I like to run wherever I go"

Can YOU catch that slippery little biscuit, the Gingerbread Man? You'll need a big bowl of porridge first to keep your energy up. Don't worry if you haven't had yours this morning, Granny Grinpickle's Magic Porridge Pot has made enough for everyone!

These two tasty tales which you know so well are served with unexpected spices and quirky flavours, along with Widdershins' trademark ingredients of puppets, pop-up sets and original music.

Age guidance 3+ years £13.50 | £11.50 under 16s

Family & Friends Ticket (4 people) £46

Online streaming tickets are also available for our Christmas shows.

Livestream tickets £15 per household

www.norden.farm/events/the-magic-porridge-pot-and-other-tasty-tales-82



01 & 02 Cinderella

03 Pinocchio

04 The Magic Porridge Pot & Other Tasty Tales



Pinocchio

Tuesday 22 – Thursday 24 December | 11.30am and 2pm (60 mins)

The objects of a carpenter's workshop bring to life the tale of the puppet that wants to be a real boy, and the puppet-maker who wants to be a real father. A one man show starring Steve Tiplady, as Geppetto.

Pinocchio is carved on stage, brushes become a fox and the shadow of two saws transforms into a giant shark. An element of improvisation makes each performance unique to its audience.

Puppetry, shadows, illusion and especially composed music combine to create a show with something for all ages; it's inventive, visually and verbally witty with a big heart.

Age guidance 4+ years

£13.50 | £11.50 under 16s

Family & Friends Ticket (4 people) £46

Online streaming tickets are also available for our Christmas shows.

Livestream tickets £15 per household

www.norden.farm/events/pinocchio-78

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01 Windsor Castle's Garter Tower

02 & 03 Windsor Castle, Royal Collection Trust/© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2020

04 The Luna Drive-In Winter Cinema

★ Garter Tower Christmas Illuminations

With kind permission of HM The Queen, all through December, as the sun goes down, magical images from inside St George's Chapel will illuminate Windsor Castle's Garter Tower. The annual projections will also include Christmas images designed by local school children from Windsor and Eton and it'll all be set to Christmas music and carol singing. For the best view watch the show from Thames Street, near the entrance to Windsor Royal Station.

★ Christmas at Windsor Castle

3 December – 4 January

www.rct.uk/WindsorCastle

From 3 December, experience Windsor Castle decked with twinkling lights, garlands and shimmering Christmas trees to celebrate the festive season. The highlight will be the magnificent 20-foot Norway Spruce fir tree in St George's Hall, taken from Windsor Great Park, and look out for a special Christmas display in the State Dining Room, part of the Semi-State Rooms that are only open to visitors during the winter.

Then, step back in time to the Christmases of the 1940s with the pantomime pictures. These 16 fairy tale scenes were painted during the Second World War to decorate the Waterloo Chamber for The Queen's (then Princess Elizabeth) festive pantomimes but were covered up at the war's end. Don't miss them before they're hidden once again. Visit the new Learning Centre on selected days to make your own decorations and hear about The Queen's childhood Christmases at the Castle.

★ The Ultimate Festive Film Experience

9 – 21 December

After a frosty year, we're all in need of a Merry Christmas and what better way to feel the Yuletide magic than to cosy up and enjoy iconic Christmas classics on the big screen with your friends and family? The Luna Drive-In Winter Cinema is here to keep the Christmas spirit alive, giving the gift of the ultimate festive film experience from the safety and warmth of your car.

They'll be bringing their incredible big screen drive in cinema to Ascot Racecourse from 9 to 21 December.

Capacities are limited so book now to avoid missing out on your favourite screening.

To find out more information and to book visit

www.ascot.co.uk/luna-cinema-winter

★ Christmas Cinema at Ditton Manor, Datchet

16 to 20 December

Firefly Events bring cinema to Ditton Manor with hot food, and a cracking line-up of classic Christmas movies to suit all members of the family. Check out www.fireflyevents.co.uk/whats-on-2-2-2 for details and to book tickets.

A Taste of Christmas at Windsor Great Park

This festive season look no further than
Windsor Great Park for outdoor family fun.

As the nights draw in and the temperature drops, our minds turn to festive family activities. Come together this December for a feast of fun, a taste of seasonal dining as well as shopping from artisan suppliers from around the UK.

Here is a taste of what you can enjoy: ★



Winter in The Savill Garden

Enjoy the variety of beautiful and fragrant plants that thrive in the winter months. Discover the flaming dogwoods and willows in the Winter Garden as well as the golden grasses from New Zealand.

The Queen Elizabeth II Temperate House is the perfect place to stop mid-way to enjoy the sight of festive plants from across the world, alongside our National Collection of Mahonia.

New opening times: The Savill Building and the Garden is open from 9am to 5pm daily.
(Last admission to the Garden is 3.30pm). ★

For more information visit: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/openingtimes

Entry to The Savill Garden: Adults £7 and children (5 – 15) £2.50 when accompanied by an adult.
Entry to the Garden must be booked in advance. Go to www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/book.

Festive Dining

As well as the normal festive themed menu, as part of the extended shopping hour evenings on **4, 11 and 18 December**, they will be serving **Christmas dinner in The Savill Garden Kitchen**. Come with family, friends or work colleagues to enjoy a menu for adults and children. **Two sittings will be available at 5.30pm and 7.30pm and must be booked in advance.** ★



Afternoon Tea

Enjoy a Christmas themed menu for Afternoon Tea, which you can take in the Gallery Café.

Available Thursday – Sunday, these are available in two sittings, 12pm and 3pm and must be booked in advance.

To see menus and for booking information go to www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/eat



The Twelve Days of Christmas – Winter Trail

Starting at The Savill Building, follow the trail in Windsor Great Park to spot the difference between the Gingerbread men as well as fill in the gaps for the Christmas carol, Twelve Days of Christmas.

You'll be singing this festive favourite by the end of the trail.

The hour-long trail which is buggy and wheelchair friendly is a great way to get out and burn off some energy as well as earn a treat at the end. Don't forget your outdoor footwear!

For more information visit: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/Christmas Trail:

With treat - £3 per person (subject to availability).

Without treat - £1.50 per person. ★

Vintage Carousels

19 December – 3 January

The Carousels from Horton's Steam Fair return to The Savill Garden this Christmas. Big and little ones can ride atop the glorious gallopers on the full and mini sized carousels.

For more information visit: www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/Christmas

Carousel rides: £2.50 each ride per person (large carousel)
£2 each ride per person (toy roundabout)





★ LEGOLAND® Windsor at Christmas

Selected dates until 23 December

This Christmas, building memories as a family is more important than ever. Head to the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort to make memories that will last a lifetime as we celebrate the most special time of the year with 'LEGOLAND at Christmas'.

This festive event transforms the Park into a winter wonderland, complete with twinkling lights, snow dusted trees, and of course...a sprinkling of LEGO® magic!

The park will be bursting at the seams with holiday spirit, packed with more festive entertainment than ever before including LEGO Friends Carol Singing, a fun DUPLO Puppet pantomime and an amazing Holiday Harbour lights show featuring a very special guest – all never been seen at LEGOLAND before. They also have amazing rides and attractions for all the family to enjoy making this one spectacular Christmas day out!

Extend the festive fun by booking a 'Santa's Sleepover' in one of the fully themed hotels – with special activities for kids young and old to enjoy and even a magical letter and gift from Father Christmas included for each child.

Whilst Father Christmas won't be able to invite anyone into his Grotto this year due to social distancing, you and your family will be able to see him as he makes his way through the park on his very own magical sleigh – a sight to delight all the family! Don't forget to wave to his elves!



★ St Luke's Church, Maidenhead Christmas Tree Trail

Wednesday 9 – Thursday 24 December

Not to be daunted by current restrictions, the church is organising a Christmas Tree Trail. Everyone – businesses, charities, families, organisation, anyone – is invited to take part in the trail by decorating a tree and placing it somewhere for the public to view.

The trail goes live from 9 – 24 December when people will be able to take gentle walks to view the trees, guided by a website route, and even vote for their favourite online. For those who are house bound the website will have photos of each tree – a virtual tree crawl!

More information

<https://www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk/find-out-about/social-activities/christmas-tree-festival/>



★ Norden Farm presents The Carnival of the Animals: Lantern Trail

Saturday 5 – Saturday 12 December

The Lantern Parade is BACK – just not as you know it!

A Covid-friendly community project which will illuminate Maidenhead following a dark year.

Get involved with Make at Home Lantern kits and then follow the trail!

Keep an eye on Norden Farm's social media and website for more information www.norden.farm/events/the-carnival-of-the-animals-lantern-trail



★ Dr Choc's Christmas Workshop, Windsor

3 – 31 December

Get stuck in with some chocolaty fun at Dr Choc's in Windsor this Christmas. Learn to make fresh chocolate Christmas figures and lollipops, then colour them to make them look festive and sparkly! What's not to love?!

Workshops are £19.95 per person and will run from 3 to 31 December. Call 07723 368242 to book. Minimum two people at any given time and the maximum number will be decided according to the Government policy at the time.

Dr Choc is also offering a Christmas Hamper made with delicious organic, palm oil free chocolate. Each hamper contains milk and dark chocolate bars, a hot chocolate on a stick with marshmallows, a chocolate bauble, a box of Praline walnut bark and little milk, dark and white Christmas figures for £18.95. **Buy online here <https://drchocs.com/shop/christmas>**

★ The Twelve Days of Christmas

3 December – 6 January

Free Exhibition (visit anytime) at Windsor and Royal Borough Museum, Corn Market, Windsor Guildhall
Celebrate the festive season with this alternative take on the popular Christmas song to discover what objects we have in our collection that relate to each day. Sing along as you read, on the first day of Christmas, a donor gave to me...

This exhibition is free and safe for social distance viewing outside www.windsormuseum.org.uk

★ Festive Horse-drawn Carriage Rides in Windsor Great Park from The Savill Garden

1 – 23 December, New Year's Eve and 5 and 8 January between 10.30am and 2pm.

The horse and carriage are beautifully decorated with twinkling garlands, gold and white berries for the festive season and our magnificent part-shire horse will of course be wearing antlers!

Treat the family and loved ones; you can snuggle up on a relaxing journey through the winter landscape of Windsor Great Park. We love taking romantic couples on the carriage just for themselves. Surprise wedding proposals are most welcome at this time of year!

30-min rides are ideal if you have small children at £70 per carriage or 60-min ride £140 per carriage.



Festive Food & Drink

As you'd expect, many of our local restaurants, pubs and hotels are offering festive dining menus for that special Christmas celebration with family and friends. The Royal Borough is full of wonderful restaurants, cosy pubs and tasty eateries so why not let others attend to the details while you relax and get into the festive spirit?

Check the Visit Windsor website for regular updates
<https://www.windsor.gov.uk/special-offers/christmas>



Festive Food & Drink



FEAST: The Festive Pop-Up Restaurant at Ascot Racecourse

10 – 20 December

Hurry out of the cold winter air and into *FEAST*, a cosy festive pop-up in the Old Paddock Restaurant, a place filled with the joy, laughter, delicious food and wonderful aromas of Christmas time.

Christmas is our favourite time of the year so come and celebrate with us at the *NEW* pop-up restaurant at Ascot Racecourse this December. The Old Paddock Restaurant will be changing its décor and menu to give everyone a chance to enjoy some special time with family and friends this Christmas. What a better place to do it than at the home of Royal Ascot where bringing people together is at the heart of what we do?

Menu highlights include the Ascot duck liver terrine to start followed by Roast Norfolk Turkey and delicious Christmas desserts.

Why not combine a trip to *FEAST* with a Christmas drive-in cinema experience? **On 10, 11, 12, 13 and 20 December, kickstart the afternoon or evening with a delicious festive meal at *FEAST*, followed by Luna Cinema's drive-in cinema experience at Ascot Racecourse.**



Fine dining at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park

Until 20 December

The historic Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park is offering fine dining experiences for parties of up to six, on selected evenings through until Christmas.

Enjoy a sumptuous four-course dinner prepared by renowned chefs, using the finest locally sourced and seasonal produce, served by candlelight in one of the Lodge's atmospheric dining rooms.

£65 per person (incl VAT). Overnight accommodation with a full English breakfast is also available – please enquire for rates and details. www.windsor.gov.uk/whats-on/cumberland-lodge-fine-dining-and-leisure-breaks-p1846121

01 & 02 *FEAST*, Ascot Racecourse
03, 04 & 05 Cumberland Lodge



Festive Afternoon Tea at The Castle Hotel, Windsor

Until 30 December (excluding 25 and 26)

Indulge in an afternoon tea experience with a festive twist. Enjoy a selection of sandwiches, jumbo scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam, a selection of mini Christmas teacakes, festive petits fours and mince pies. Mmmm and how about a glass of Prosecco or mulled wine to top it off?

www.castlehotelwindsor.com/christmasexperiences

Christmas Family Sunday Lunch at The Oakley Court, Windsor

Head to Oakley Court for one of their special Christmas Family Sunday Lunches every Sunday in December with a sharing roast, crackers and table novelties and a gift for each child.

Price Per Adult – £45.00, Children under 10 receive 50% discount. www.oakleycourt.co.uk/christmas-family-lunch

Bel & The Dragon, Cookham and Windsor

Christmas definitely isn't cancelled at Bel & The Dragon and throughout the festive period they'll be offering a delicious menu of freshly cooked and lovingly prepared treats to tease, tempt and tantalise your taste buds.

Check out their menus here
www.belandthedragon.co.uk/christmas

The Snowman™ Afternoon Tea at Café Rouge, Windsor

3 December – 3 January

The fantastically festive Limited Edition The Snowman™ Afternoon Tea is back again and will ring in the Christmas season.

From just £30 for 2 people, including hot drinks, it's the ultimate indulgent festive treat this winter. Enjoy a scrumptious selection of The Snowman™ inspired sweet treats including white chocolate mousse and a delicious rhubarb, orange and ginger crumble, classic scones sprinkled with a touch of wintry magic – and a delightful festive feast including our "Festive Croque" and everyone's favourite, pigs in blankets!

Available every day from 12 noon until 5:30pm, booking is essential. www.caferouge.com/christmas

Christmas comes to Caldesi in Campagna, Bray

Available throughout December, a delicious Italian Christmas menu from renowned chef Giancarlo Caldesi. With regional delights such as homemade lasagne with pork sausage ragù and fennel seeds and Giancarlo's tiramisu with Vin Santo on the menu you're in for a festive treat!

£48 per person for 3 courses.
www.caldesi.com/caldesi-in-campagna





Royal Foresters

Roast dinner with all the trimmings, indulgent puddings and a tipple of festive cheer. You know it's time to start thinking about Christmas when those familiar adverts start playing out on the airwaves. Although Christmas may look a little different this year, we are still planning on welcoming you, as we do every Christmas, with the friendly service and warm hospitality that this time of year always brings.

www.theroyalforesters.co.uk/christmas

Hobbs of Henley Winter River Events

3 December – 20 December

'A Taste of Henley by Jimmy Garcia in Association with Mr Hobbs Gin' – The renowned Chef Jimmy Garcia is bringing a locally sourced, seasonal, 5-course tasting menu to The New Orleans.

Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December:
Festive Afternoon Tea Cruise aboard The Waterman

Friday 11 and Sunday 13 December: 2-course
Christmas Lunch Cruise aboard The Waterman.

www.hobbsofhenley.com/public-events

Stirrups Country House Hotel

Looking for your own private dining experience under the stars this Christmas? Stirrups Hotel Pods offer a truly unique winter wonderland for you and up to five guests this festive season. Self-contained with heating, cosy blankets and a buzzer system for service, you can enjoy all the luxuries of dining out, safe in your own literal bubble! Whether it's a celebration with friends, romantic drinks with your loved one or a family meal, these pods promise to deliver a truly memorable festive experience.

www.stirrupshotel.co.uk/private-dining-pods



Marco Pierre White Steakhouse Festive Lunches and Dinners

Available every day until 24 December, a delicious festive two- or three-course lunch or dinner with all the Christmas classics on the menu plus a few tasty surprises.

www.castlehotelwindsor.com/christmasexperiences



The Great Outdoors

Great for mind, body and spirit, no matter the weather...





The *Royal Borough*

features some beautiful countryside with more than 1,000 acres of National Trust Land in the north and 4,800 acres of Crown Estate, not to mention the River Thames running through the heart of the region.

Even in winter it's good to enjoy time outdoors so here are some suggestions for walking, cycling, riding and a thoroughly good day out in the Windsor, Maidenhead and Ascot area.

Windsor Great Park

Windsor Great Park is the only Royal Park managed by the Crown Estate.

There is so much to see and do here: walking and running; cycling, mountain biking and rollerblading; dog walking; fishing; horse riding; flying model aircraft and picnicking.

The Savill Garden

Located within Windsor Great Park, Britain's finest ornamental garden, The Savill Garden is a true wonder. Visitors can journey through 35 acres of interconnecting gardens and exotic woodland. Every garden has its own unique attraction, featuring a distinctive group of plants that introduce a fresh burst of vibrant colour throughout the seasons.

Virginia Water

Nearby is Virginia Water, said to be named after Queen Elizabeth I, the Virgin Queen and created by the Duke of Cumberland, son of George II.

The woodlands surrounding the lake have been continuously planted since the middle of the 18th century. The Frost Farm Plantation (at the south-western end of the lake) is also a designated SSI (Site of Special Interest), thanks to its maturity and biodiversity.

Maidenhead

The river at Maidenhead is one of the many attractions of the town and wider area. A walk along the riverside offers amazing views of the Thames and great walks towards the villages of Cookham, Marlow and Bray. Explore the river's towpaths and walkways on foot or take to the water on a passenger cruiser.



01 Windsor Great Park
02 & 03 The Savill Garden
04 The River Thames at Maidenhead

National Trust Cliveden

At National Trust Cliveden, the formal gardens of the estate soon give way to secluded glades, tree-lined avenues and picturesque riverside with miles of woodland walks to discover.

Windsor and Maidenhead parks and open spaces

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is full of pockets of green space – parks and open areas in a range of different sizes but all perfect for a spot of relaxation or a bit of exercise.

Many have features such as picnic facilities, play equipment, statues, fountains and water features. Others have a fascinating history, for example Baths Island in Windsor was the site of the town's swimming baths back in the 19th century. You'll find areas that are a haven for flora and fauna.

The River Thames

There is something particularly appealing about the River Thames on the stretch from Hurley to Runnymede as it is perhaps the most historic, offering easy strolls along the Thames Path and the chance to visit many attractions.

Visit Windsor has more information and inspiration for a fabulous day out in nature www.windsor.gov.uk/explore/countryside

And if you've decided to explore the Great Outdoors this Christmas join others on a walk with Ramble Happy. They have two rambles currently available to book:

The Christmas Ramble 6 December 10am

The Boxing Day Ramble 26 December

<https://www.ramblehappy.co.uk/#/>



01 National Trust Cliveden
02 & 03 Ramble Happy, Windsor & Eton
04 The River Thames, Windsor & Eton



Christmas



parking in the Borough

www.rbwm.gov.uk



Shop local and enjoy free Christmas parking in the run-up to Christmas!

Free parking in the council's car parks will be available on Sundays in Windsor (Maidenhead is already free) and on Wednesdays after 3pm in both Maidenhead and Windsor.

Available to both borough residents and visitors so that you can enjoy everything our towns have to offer during this festive period and get your Christmas shopping done at the same time.

The free parking will be on Wednesdays from 3pm in both Windsor and Maidenhead on 9, 16 and 23 December. It will also be free on Sundays in Windsor on 6, 13 and 20 December in Maidenhead is already free.

River Street car park in Windsor and Magnet Leisure Centre in Maidenhead are excluded from this offer.



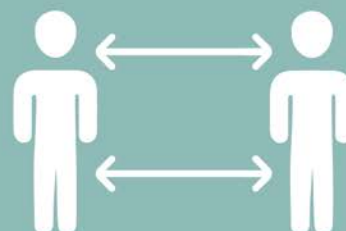
We must keep on protecting each other.



WASH HANDS



COVER FACE



MAKE SPACE

If you show symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and get a test.
Further information can be found online: [Gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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WE HOPE WE'VE GIVEN YOU A FEW IDEAS TO HELP YOU
MAKE THE MOST OF THIS FESTIVE SEASON.
BUT MOST OF ALL WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO WISH YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HERE'S TO 2021!



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We'd love to see how you're getting into the festive spirit.
Share your Royal Borough festive pictures with us using **#MyFestiveRoyalBorough**