



Christmas lights switch-on at 5-45pm, Friday 29th November.

Photo: Steve Elson



Photo: Jason Ludlow

## Lights switch-on to kickstart Lymington festive celebrations

Lymington will be lit up like a Christmas tree in the run-up to the Yuletide season this year.

Town mayor Jack Davies will officially kickstart the festive season by turning on the lights in the High Street on Friday 29th November.

He will open the event at 4pm, followed by a ukulele band performance at 4.30pm and Lymington Choral Society singing carols from 5.30pm.

This will be followed by the town vicar blessing the crib before the mayor turns on the lights at 5.45pm. Highcliffe Charity Players will then sing Christmas songs from 6pm.

Kickstarting a season of late-night shopping, the switch-on

event will feature stalls selling festive food and drink, fairground rides, a special appearance by Santa and free parking in Lymington's NFDC car parks.

Prior to the switch-on, Oakhaven Hospice will be offering Christmas shopping at Delawarr House in All Saints Road from 1pm to 8pm on Wednesday 20th November and from 9am to 1pm on Thursday 21st.

"Generously hosted and organised by Jo Broadway, Sarah Branson and Helen Lennox, the popular event brings together over 20 carefully curated stalls," said a hospice spokesperson, "featuring local crafters, producers and suppliers for a unique festive event. Come along for a browse with friends, enjoy

a natter over refreshments, book onto a wreath-making workshop and take part in our mega raffle."

Over the past three years, Christmas shopping at Delawarr has raised more than £25,000 for the charity.

Sarah Branson added: "This year has seen a record number of flagship local businesses wanting to be part of the mega raffle action and we are delighted with the level of positive community engagement we are seeing.

"Consequently, there are going to be some very, very happy winners. Obviously, last year's event raised an unprecedented amount of money and we are in a strong position to emulate that success later this month."

All funds raised will go towards Oakhaven's running costs. For more information visit [facebook.com/christmasshoppingatdelawarr2024](https://www.facebook.com/christmasshoppingatdelawarr2024)

The Friends of St Thomas' Church will be running their Christmas tree festival from Friday 29th November to Tuesday 3rd December.

A spokesperson for the group said there will be an "enchanted forest" of lit, decorated real Christmas trees filling the church, each sponsored by a local charity or business.

They added: "There will be a new look to the event this year too, with more space, more food, more sales tables and more trees. Music will permeate the event with live groups playing a wide variety of seasonal tunes."



# GET TOGETHER AT THE HAVEN THIS CHRISTMAS

Enjoy our new Christmas Menu from 1st December  
2-Courses £30 | 3-Courses £35

**TO START**  
Roasted Beetroot, Thyme & Pickled Shallot Salad  
Smoked Salmon & Dill Rilette with Sourdough  
Ham Hock & Smoked Lyburn Cheese Croquettes with Apple Sauce  
White Onion Veloute, Truffle Oil & Fresh Crusty Bread

**THE MAIN COURSE**  
Turkey Ballotine served with all the Festive Trimmings  
Feather Blade of Beef, Mashed Potato, Cavolo Nero & Red Wine Jus  
Stone Bass Fillet with Leek, Pancetta & Pearl Barley  
Butternut Squash, Gorgonzola & Sage Risotto

**TO FINISH**  
Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce  
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce  
Black Forest Berry Panna Cotta with Spiced Oat Crumb  
Cheese Board (+£4 supplement)  
Purbeck Sorbets - Raspberry & Lemon

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Christmas Shopping at

# Delawarr

Wednesday 20th November 1-8pm | Thursday 21st November 9am-1pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
20 carefully curated independent local businesses offering a brilliant CHRISTMAS SHOPPING experience

**MEGA RAFFLE** fundraising for Oakhaven Hospice  
Relax and natter with **COFFEE & CAKE**

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at [flowers@corbinsflorist.co.uk](mailto:flowers@corbinsflorist.co.uk)

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Raising funds for 



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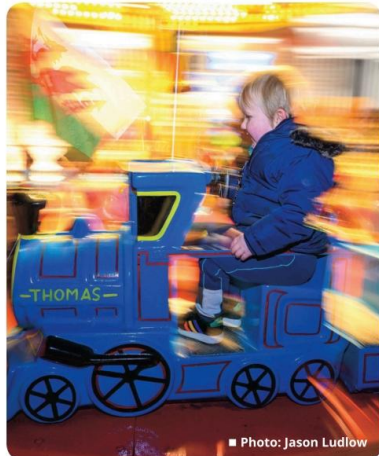


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"We do hope you will want to take part and help us to make this a truly wonderful Christmas celebration for the whole community of Lymington."

The Milford West Gallery Quire with Reeds in Harmony will be performing on Saturday 30th November at 6pm at the church. Tickets are £10 and available by emailing [friends@lymingtonchurch.org](mailto:friends@lymingtonchurch.org)

Refreshments will be available daily and pre-owned

Christmas decorations can be purchased. There is still time to sponsor a tree by calling Daphne Johnston on 01590 673740 or emailing [office@lymingtonchurch.org](mailto:office@lymingtonchurch.org)



Oakhaven Hospice staff will run a 'Holly Jolly' festive stall outside Moore Barlow LLP at Lymington market on Saturday 30th November.

The highlight of many people's festive calendar, Oakhaven Hospice's 15th annual Santa Dash is taking place on Sunday 8th December.



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Registration to join in the 3km run, which will begin at 11.30am and ends in the High Street, is still being taken at [oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash](http://oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash)

Organisers said: "This is a festive fun run. Some people will be running fast, others will be jogging sedately, walking, strolling, skipping, hopping – or even scooting. Children in decorated buggies are welcome, as are mobility scooters. If you are bringing your dog feel free to dress them up – but short leads are a must."

The hospice's 'Light up a Life'

service of remembrance will take place at St Thomas's Church on Monday 9th December at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

There will be a second service at 6pm, followed by a candlelit walk to light to the tree outside Moore Barlow LLP.

Organisers said that for the first time this year, due to capacity regulations at the church, you will need to book a ticket to attend a service at [www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/light-up-a-life](http://www.oakhavenhospice.co.uk/light-up-a-life)



## Christmas Tree Festival

St Thomas Church, Lymington

29 November – 3 December  
from 10am  
(Sunday from 11am)

Café & Christmas sales tables in the Hall

### Live Music Daily

Including  
Milford West Gallery Quire Concert on Saturday 30th at 6pm  
Concert Tickets £10 from Parish Church Office,  
[office@lymingtonchurch.org](mailto:office@lymingtonchurch.org) or on the door

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EVERY WEDNESDAY  
10.30am - 3pm

United Reformed Church Hall  
High street Lymington

Free Entry

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## Want to take me home?

Bubbles is just one of a number of fabulous felines offered for adoption from Lymington Cat & Kitten Rescue rehoming centre.

For further details and appointments to view any of our cats, call **01590 678663** and we will be happy to help!

Registered charity No 1060244

## Get ready for Santa Dash!

In Lymington  
On Sunday 8th December  
Registration now open!

oakhavenhospice.co.uk/santa-dash