

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming and there's a star-studded line-up of events to make sure everyone has a cracking good time.'

And children needn't head off to Lapland to meet Santa's reindeers for a real reindeer parade will greet shoppers in Crewe.'



Food lovers in Nantwich will get plenty to tempt their taste buds when they visit Nantwich Market, including the chance to win a free Father Christmas hamper.'

And if all that glitter and glamour isn't enough, there's even the chance to brush with the stars when a host of TV's big names drop by for the Christmas lights switch-on.'

Neighbour's Laura Sacher, Hollyoaks' Matt Millburn and Craig Phillips from Big Brother, all starring in this year's Christmas panto, "Sleeping Beauty" at the Lyceum, will be popping into both Crewe and Nantwich for the big switch-on.'

The finishing touches are being added to the line-up of events to make sure that this year's events are bigger and better than ever before.'

Elaine Dodd, Town Centre Manager, Crewe & Nantwich said: "The Christmas light switch-on events are looked forward to every year and are a taster of all the festive fun to come.'



"This year is no exception with the visiting Father Christmas float in town appearing each Saturday during December, plus music and street entertainers performing alongside volunteers collecting valuable charity funds.'

"I'd like to say a big thank you in advance to all our sponsors who are making this year's programme so special."

The fun kicks off with the lights switch-on evening in Crewe on Thursday, 29th November, launching the late-night shopping each Thursday in December.'

The Christmas lights will be switched on in Nantwich on Saturday, 1st December, giving families time to do their shopping first then enjoy the free family fun.'

And shoppers can get into the Christmas spirit with a Christingle service at St Mary's Church in Nantwich at 3.30 pm on the same day.'

On Saturdays 8th, 15th and 22nd December, there will be festive fun in both town centres and Crewe and Nantwich market.'

And there's more festive fun on Saturday 15th December with a real reindeer parade through Crewe town centre, starting from the Market Square and ending at the Market Centre.'

In Nantwich, shoppers have the chance to enter the Father Christmas free hamper draw. The more times they visit the market during December, the more opportunities they have of winning the luxury hamper.'

Don't Be A Christmas Turkey

To make sure you don't become one of the 120,000 people that get food poisoning each Christmas, our Environmental Health Team are offering the following advice on preparing and cooking Christmas Turkey's!

- If your turkey is frozen, make sure it's properly defrosted before cooking.'
- Cover and store raw poultry at the bottom of the fridge so it can't drip onto other foods.'
- Using hot water and washing up liquid, clean worktops, chopping boards, dishes and utensils (and your hands) thoroughly after they have touched raw poultry.'
- Don't wash your turkey! Proper cooking will kill any bacteria.'
- A properly cooked turkey should be piping hot all the way through.'
- When cutting into the thickest part of the meat, none should be pink.'
- Juices should be clear when you pierce the turkey or press the thigh.'
- Any leftovers should be cooled as quickly as possible, covered and stored below 8°C'
- Reheated leftovers should be piping hot all the way through before serving and don't reheat more than once. Ideally, try to use leftovers within 48 hours.'

For a copy of the free Christmas Shopping Magazine contact Elaine Dodd or Sue Togay, Town Centre Management on 01270 537559 or look on the website, www.crewe-nantwich.gov.uk, clicking on to 'Entertainment in Town' for more details of the programme.'

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR