

Sunday 12th December 2021 ~ 11am to 4pm



# \* DORCHESTER \* CHRISTMAS \* CRACKER \*



**CHRISTMAS STREET STALLS FANCY DRESS PARADE**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR HOT FOOD FESTIVE FUN**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFTS LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT**  
High West Street and High East Street closed to traffic



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After 25 years as a Thursday evening event, turning on the Christmas Tree lights at the Pump in Dorchester, last year's pandemic forced the Christmas Cracker to be cancelled. The team of volunteers took the opportunity to consider holding a full day Christmas event that would create a better opportunity for retailers to receive extra customers and for a Christmas market in High West Street.

When I first mentioned the idea, it was received very well and so this year we are launching the "all new, all day Christmas Cracker", taking place on Sunday 12th December from 11am to 4pm. Please

make time to come down and see the entertainment, procession, Christmas stalls and Craft fair in the Corn Exchange thanks to Dorchester Arts. There will be a Christmas Fair at Shire Hall and lots of activity at the newly refurbished Dorset Museum.

This Christmas will be very different from last, I hope you can spend quality time with your family and friends which many of us missed in 2020.

### Steve Bulley

Chair – Christmas Cracker Committee  
Vice President – Dorchester Chamber for Business



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# FANCY DRESS PARADE



A fantastic street parade will celebrate the return of Dorchester's Christmas Cracker. Everyone is invited to turn up in costume to join the Town Crier, Elmer the Elephant, a bear found at Dorchester West Station and other characters for our new Annual Fancy Dress Parade.

Led by Town Crier, Alistair Chisholm, the parade will start from outside the Old Tea House in High West Street at 12pm, and proceed via a circuitous route to the main stage outside St Peter's church, where a full programme of live music and entertainment will start from 12.30pm.

Dressing up is not limited to festive costumes. Children and adults are all welcome to come in fancy dress. The more the merrier, so please encourage your friends and family to take part.

Every child in costume that joins the parade will receive a small prize and

everyone in fancy dress will get free entry to Dorset Museum on Christmas Cracker Day only. The museum is open from 10am on Sundays, so why not plan ahead to make the most of the day?

With grateful thanks to Dorchester Youth & Community Centre for their support and Purnells Insolvency Practitioners for their sponsorship.

## Join the Fancy Dress Parade

*Calling all Christmas Elves, Santas, Angels, Superheroes, Historical Figures and any other Characters*

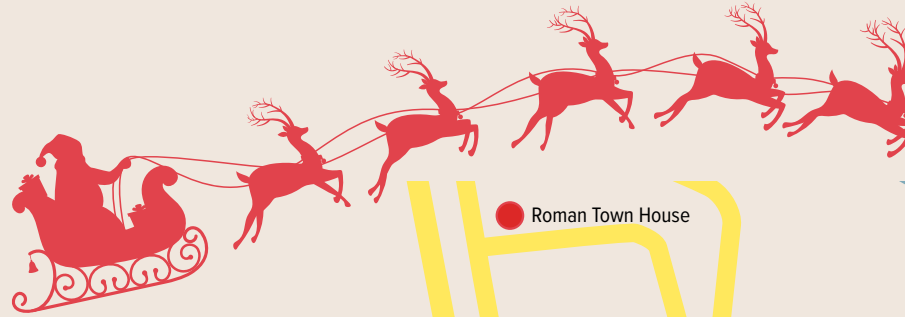
Leaving from outside The Old Tea House in High West Street, Dorchester at 12pm

### FREE TO TAKE PART

All children taking part in costume will receive a prize  
Any child or adult dressed in costume will receive FREE entrance to Dorset Museum on Christmas Cracker Day only.

[facebook.com/dorchesterchristmascracker](https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterchristmascracker)

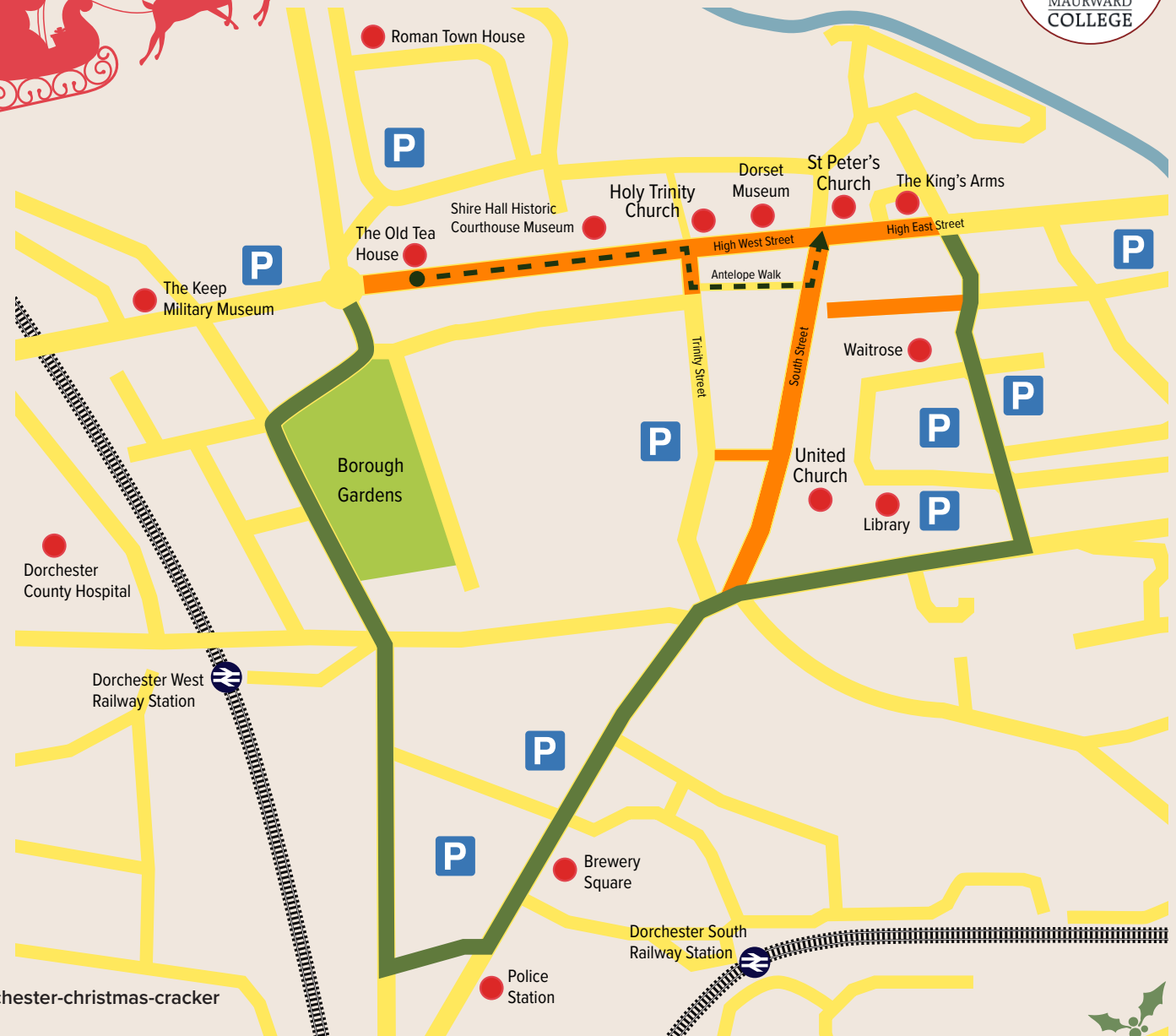
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## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 11:00 FESTIVE STREET STALLS**
- 11:00 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
in Corn Exchange
- 11:00 ROCK CHOIR**  
outside Shire Hall
- 12:00 FANCY DRESS PARADE**  
leaving from The Old Tea House
- 12.30 LIVE MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT**  
outside St Peter's Church
- 14:00 ROCK CHOIR**  
outside Shire Hall
- 16:00 CLOSE**

- ROAD CLOSED from 10:00**
- ALTERNATIVE ROUTE**
- FANCY DRESS PARADE ROUTE**
- TOWN CAR PARKS**



Check up to date information on [dorchesterchamber.co.uk/dorchester-christmas-cracker](http://dorchesterchamber.co.uk/dorchester-christmas-cracker) and [f dorchesterchristmascracker](https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterchristmascracker)



# CRAFT FAIR



The CRAFT FAIR will be in the newly refurbished Corn Exchange from 11am to 4pm.

Discover that ideal Christmas gift from the range of finest crafts, home accessories, jewellery, clothing and home-made items on display from selected local traders.

## LIST OF EXHIBITORS

### MAIN HALL

Artwork, Gifts & Cards  
 Bazaar Africa  
 Body Shop  
 Buddy & Ben Handmade Dog Bandanas  
 Cakes, Sweets and Beauty Products by Dani  
 Candles, Melts, Ceramic Burners from Ann Mullen  
 Coastal Moments by Beth  
 Dorset Charmz Designs  
 Ella Fleur Designs  
 From the Beach, Driftwood  
 Lauren Barnes Wreaths, Table Decorations, Cards  
 Little Pickles Book Shop  
 Made Shore  
 Maisie Jones Ceramics  
 Maria Munn Art Paintings  
 Megan Evans Intricate Dreamcatchers  
 Molly Rose Designs  
 Natural Dog Treats from John Ealey

Rose Mayerling Handmade Jewellery  
 Rosemary's Decoupage Homewares  
 Stories@BrentShore  
 Sue Dean Handmade Crafts  
 Sue's Fabric Crafts  
 Tikadee Trading  
 Tracy Shipley Author  
 Wax Melts, Candles, Customised Clothing from Charlotte  
 Wax Melts, Sizzle Salts & Candles by Jo Costello

### MAGISTRATES ROOM

Alchemy Jewellery  
 Bubba & Sullivan Handmade Jewellery  
 Charity Link Guide Dogs  
 Dorset Wildlife Trust  
 Laserlight Crafts  
 Nashira Jewellery  
 Onyx Cakes and Bakes  
 Vine Cottage Crafts  
 Travel Counsellors



With grateful thanks to Dorchester Arts

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# WHAT ELSE IS ON?

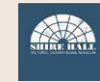
*There is much more happening on Christmas Cracker Day in Dorchester*

There will be a Christmas Market in Shire Hall with over 30 businesses, selling everything from food and drink to jewellery and photography. Although the museum will not be open, visitors will still be able to look around the Grade I listed building. Market stalls will be spread across Shire Hall, from the café and exhibition rooms to the historic courthouse and cells.

John White Learning Centre. The activity is included in the museum entrance fee but free entry on 12th for those in fancy dress.

Visit Father Christmas at the Christmas Fayre in the Trinity Club in Trinity Street to raise money for Dorset Carers Hub. Free entry to stalls but £5 per child for Santa (book at dorsetcarershub@gmail.com).

Dorset Museum are running winter and Christmas themed craft sessions at 10.30am and 2pm over the weekend in the



## Winter Wedding Fair and Venue Open Day

Sunday 12th December  
 11am to 3pm

**FREE Entry**

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