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This year has been challenging for all of us so I hope that Cracker Day is a chance to lift your spirits and embrace the festive mood.

We are expecting around 150 traders covering High West Street, the Cornhill and both floors inside the Corn Exchange. There will be an eclectic mix of items available to buy when looking for those unique Christmas gifts.

We have our Santa Hat Parade for the kids. Just turn up at the top of High West Street at 11:45am - we have 200 free Santa hats to give away. This year we have Paddington joining us so get ready for the selfies. There will be festive music outside St Peters Church from local choirs including the return of the Rock Choir. A first for this year will be the Twirlers performing at 12:15pm.

We hope to see some beautiful classic cars in High East Street another first for 2023.

A huge thanks to our sponsors, Kingston Maurward and Everycare Wessex,



Dorchester Town Council, Dorchester BID and The Resourcery. Also, Keep 106, Farnfields Solicitors and Purnells Insolvency Practitioners. I would like to thank the committee of volunteers who year in year out work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event happen.

Remember that being with your loved ones is the best gift you can give, stay well and have a wonderful festive time.

Steve Bulley
Dorchester Cracker Chair



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- 12:00 **SANTA HAT PARADE**
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- 12:20 **TWIRL ACADEMY PERFORMANCE**
- 12:30 **WESSEX SCHOOLS MUSIC**
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Christmas is portrayed as a joyful festive celebration, as aspects of it can be for many people. However, the perfect family, meeting up for the best Christmas lunch and choosing just the right presents for each other is a myth that takes some effort to dispel. Christmas can put an enormous amount of pressure and expense on people and many family and couple conflicts take place or have an impact on the Christmas celebrations.

Christmas time can so often trigger feelings of anxiety, depression, and loss and reaching out for support can be difficult for some people. We all need to make connections with other people, for the well-being of everybody's physical and mental good health.

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