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Lincoln Christmas Market

Thursday 3rd December – Sunday 6th December, Lincoln

The Christmas Market promises to bring even more festive cheer and excitement than ever before to the city of Lincoln this year. With the Castle and Cathedral in the backdrop the location simply couldn't be more beautiful. There will be an array of stalls selling handcrafted gifts and locally produced foods. Why not enjoy the cultural entertainment that will be

taking place whilst browsing the stalls. A new winter wonderland area will also be at the market this year featuring family fun, activities and entertainment. Cathedral bells, carollers in Victorian costume and brass bands will be amongst the festivities taking place at intervals during the Christmas Market. Details: www.lincolnatchristmas.com



Art

Saturday 12th December, Spalding, PE12 6FA

Join Unique Cottage Farm Studios' resident artist Charles Harrison for a course focussing on how the human figure can be abstracted effectively in paint. Create lively, contemporary figurative abstract paintings using a variety of techniques. 10am – 4pm £35 Details: 01775 766698

Crafts

Saturday 5th December, Wragby, LN8 5JR

What better way to get in the Christmas spirit than by having a go at making your own Christmas decorations. 10am – 12noon The event will be held at Chambers

Farm Wood. Booking Essential: 01526 399943

Saturday 12th December, Newark, NG24 4TS

Go along to the Newark Millgate Museum for a fascinating Christmas Card Workshop and take inspiration from the museum's collection and create your very own festive masterpiece using a variety of

materials. 1.30pm – 3pm Booking is essential. Details: 01636 655730

Thursday 17th December, Horncastle, LN9 6BW

A Christmas Swag Workshop with Rosemarie Green will take place at Horncastle College. £24.60 or £28.60 including a light buffet. Details: 01507 522449

Days Out

Saturday 26th December, Barton upon Humber, DN18 5JR
A Boxing Day Ramble will be taking place in Barton upon Humber, meet at 10.30am outside Waters' Edge Visitor Centre. The walk is approximately 7 miles long with a pub stop. Wear appropriate clothing. Dogs must be on leads. Details: 01652 631500

Events

Saturday 5th December – Sunday 6th December, Lincoln, LN1 3LY
Join a host of Victorian characters at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life as they

prepare for the festive season in this popular living history event. 10am – 4pm Free Entry. Details: 01522 528448

Tuesday 8th December, Spalding, PE12 6EU
Go along to the Springfields Festival Gardens and learn about the gardens, from the history to the design. Find out how the gardens are cared for and maintained and why not see if you can get involved too. 1pm Details: 01775 764800

Wednesday 16th December, Scunthorpe, DN15 6QU
Scunthorpe Camera Club will hold a mince-pie night at the Central Community Centre, Lindum Street, Scunthorpe. The evening will be packed full of end-of-term games, plus a light buffet and of course mince pies! 7.30pm.

Thursday 26th November – Sunday 3rd January, Lincoln, LN5

Experience the magic of Lincoln ice rink this year in City Square. The ice rink will be open daily from 10am – 9pm. Details: 01522 717118 or visit www.lincoln-on-ice.co.uk

Exhibitions

Monday 7th – Thursday 31st December, (excluding Friday 25th and Saturday 26th December), Hungate, LN1 1ET
The gallery at St. Martin's is hosting a seasonal extravaganza. 'The Fairytale of St. Martin's', will bring together specially selected artists in a varied exhibition of high quality artwork. 10am – 5pm Details: 07720 810468

BendInTheRiver presents HelterSkelter New paintings by Asif Kamal

14 Nov–19 Dec

BendInTheRiver
54 Bridge Street
Gainsborough DN21 2AQ
www.bendintheriver.co.uk

Exhibition hours: Thurs-Sat 11am-4pm and by appointment



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**Tuesday 8th December –
 Saturday 2nd January,
 Stamford, PE9 2DL**

An exhibition of fine art paintings by professional and semi-professional artists from around the country will

be held at the Stamford Arts Centre. There will be an artist in residence at the gallery during the exhibition. Details: 01780 763203 or visit www.stamfordartscentre.com

Kids

**Saturday 5th December,
 Scunthorpe, DN15 6TB**

Take the children along to make a handcrafted reindeer using only natural materials. Suitable for ages 6 and above. £3 per child. Booking essential. The session will take place at 20-21 Visual Arts Centre, Scunthorpe. Sessions: 10am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4pm. Details: 01724 297070

**Monday 21st December,
 Stamford, PE9 2DL**

Christmas is coming and Bruno Bear and Tilly Twinkle have a secret! They plan to make a

huge Christmas surprise for all their puppet friends. The event will be held at the Stamford Arts Centre. Suitable for ages 2 to 7. 11am and 2pm Box Office: 01780 763203

Lectures

**Tuesday 1st December,
 Grimsby, DN34 4LX**

North Lincolnshire Decorative and Fine Arts Society present 'The History of Christmas Shopping' by Claire Walsh. 1.30pm at the Hotel Elizabeth, Grimsby. Details: 01673 838436

**Tuesday 1st December,
 Brigg, DN20 8EX**

Brigg & District Servicemen's Club presents 'The Lincolnshire Times Newspaper 1858 – 1985' an illustrated talk by journalist Nigel Fisher. 8pm. Contact Brigg Tourist Information for Booking: 01652 657053

**Thursday 10th December,
 Gainsborough, DN21 2DZ**

Gainsborough and District Ladies Luncheon Club presents 'Give Your House a Magazine Makeover' by Judi Goodwin. Meetings take place at the Weston Rooms, Hickman

Christmas Festivities

**Friday 4th December,
 Brigg, DN20**

Brigg Christmas Fayre will be held from 5pm. The Christmas lights will be switched on. Also, a craft and charity market stall will be held along with street entertainment, bands, dancers and carol singers in the town centre, late night shopping will also take place until 9pm. Details: 01652 652979

**Saturday 5th December,
 Barton, DN18 6AN**

A Christmas Fayre will be held at Baysgarth House Museum, Barton. Carols by the town band, craft stalls and a raffle will be taking place. Santa will also be making an appearance at the event. 11am – 4pm Details: 01652 637568

**Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th
 December, Alford, LN13**

Alford Christmas Craft Market will be held in The Corn Exchange, Market Place during December where you will find unique, handcrafted gifts. 9am – 4pm Details: www.alford.info/craftmarket

**Saturdays and Sundays from
 Saturday 5th December –
 Sunday 20th December,
 Scunthorpe, DN15 9HU**

Santa's grotto will be open at Normanby Hall Country Park from 12pm – 3pm. Why not have a ride on the miniature railway after visiting Santa in his grotto. The miniature railway is open from 1pm – 3pm. £6 per child, including gift and free train ride. Details: 01724 720588

**Wednesdays, Saturdays and
 Sundays from Saturday 5th –
 Sunday 20th December,
 Gosberton, PE11 4EW**

A Christmas Tree Festival will be held at St Peter and St Paul Church in Gosberton. The church will be open on the festival dates from 10am – 5pm. There will be approximately 40 Christmas trees on display, some of which will be themed. Light refreshments will be for sale in the Church. Details: 01775 841585

**Sunday 6th December,
 Louth, LN11**

Louth Christmas Craft Market presented by Louth & District Lions Club with assistance from Round Table and Rotary Clubs will be held from 10am – 4pm. Over 150 craft, trade and charity stallholders with endless gift ideas for Christmas will be attending the event. A full programme of music and entertainment will be taking place

throughout the day including a Children's Show and the arrival of Father Christmas at 1.45pm.

**Wednesday 9th December,
 Lincoln, LN2 1PL**

The Lincolnshire Co-Operative Carol Concert will be held in Lincoln Cathedral from 7.30pm. The Foss Dyke Band and local school choirs will be performing at the fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Care. Details: 01522 561600

**Thursday 10th December,
 Lincoln, LN5**

Lincoln Christmas Camel Parade will leave the Cornhill part of Lincoln at 6pm followed by a carol service in Castle Hill at 6.30pm. Three live camels and their wise men will be part of the parade. Details: 01522 545233



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Street, Gainsborough at 12.30pm. Details: 01427 811132

Music

Weekly on Thursdays, Caistor, LN7

Caistor Ladies Choir is a light-hearted singing group that sing a range of music both modern and traditional. The group meets on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm – 9pm and is always looking for new members. £2 weekly. Details: 01472 859775

Wednesday 2nd December, Grantham, NG31 8ED
Grantham Music Club presents Girton College Chapel Choir,

an international prize-winning choir who will be performing at the Central College of Technology, Rushcliffe Road, Grantham. The theme of the programme will be music for the Festive Season. 7.30pm
Details: 01400 250372

Saturday 5th December, Boston, PE21 6HP

'Christmas with Elvis' visits Blackfriars Theatre. This brand new touring show combines the music of the world's greatest performer with Yuletide music.
Details: 01205 363108

Friday 11th December, Lincoln, LN6 7TS

Mercury Music Prize nominee Florence and the Machine is the latest headline act lined up to perform at Lincoln's Engine Shed. Tickets: www.engineshed.co.uk or phone 0844 8888766

Tuesday 15th December, Boston, PE21 6HT

Visit Boston for some live music and entertainment this December. The Musicke Company present 'A Yuletide Tale' which comprises a seasonal tale

with witty stories, poetry and prose. The concert will be held at the Sam Newsom Music Centre, Boston and will start at 7.30pm.
Tickets: 01205 366018

Saturday 19th December, Helpringham, NG34

Triax Classical Guitar Trio presents a festive medley of music at St Andrews Church. 7pm
Admission price: £5
Details: 01529 421871

National Trust

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Wednesday 2nd December, Grantham, NG31

The Grantham Association of the National Trust presents a talk by Graham Wuidart on Waterford Crystal and other glassware. 2.15pm at The Citadel, London Road, Grantham. Admission: £3
Details: 01476 567247

Wednesday 2nd December, Worksop, S80 3AZ
Celebrate National Tree Week with a walking tour to discover some of Clumber Park's finest trees. The lunchtime break includes a bowl of soup and bread roll served at the Restaurant. Booking is essential. Adult: £11 Details: 01909 476592

Saturday 5th December, Grantham, NG32 2LS
Visit Belton House to take part in the Christmas Carol concert in the Marble Hall. The magnificent 17th century house is the perfect setting for the festivities including carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine.

Father Christmas will also be making an appearance at the event. 6.30pm – 9pm Tickets: £7.50
Booking essential: 01476 566116

Saturday 5th December, Tattershall, LN4 4LR

A candlelit carol concert and service in conjunction with Holy Trinity church will take place. The Salvation Army will be joining in the events at Tattershall Castle as carols are sung in the grounds of the Castle before a candlelit procession to Holy Trinity Church will complete the evening. 5.30pm – 7.30pm Booking is essential: 01526 342543

Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th December, Saturday 12th – Sunday 13th December, Worksop, S80 3AZ

A day out for all the family at Clumber Park including a craft marquee crammed full of locally handcrafted Christmas gifts, including



jewellery, glassware, artwork, sweets, festive treats and much more.

Children's activities will be taking place

throughout the day and seasonal music performed by local brass bands will be amongst the entertainment taking place. Details: 01909 544917

Saturdays and Sundays from Saturday 5th December – Sunday 20th December, Grantham, NG32 2LS

Follow the Yuletide trail to the boathouse and discover about Yuletide traditions and Christmas past and enjoy the decorations in the Stableyard at Belton House. Details: 01476 566116

Sunday 6th December, Grantham, NG32 2LS

Visit Belton House for a Warden's Winter Walk. Tickets include mulled wine and mince pies. 11am – 12.30pm



Booking is essential. £6.50
Details: 01476 566116



Friday 11th December – Saturday 12th December, Tattershall, LN4 4LR
Tattershall Castle will be celebrating the festive season with Christmas music by the Banovallum Singers in the atmospheric surroundings of the castle. £7.50, booking is essential. Details: 01526 342543

Tuesday 29th December, Worksop, S80 3AZ
Join Warden Roy Turner for a walk around the park and burn off those Christmas calories at Clumber Park. Meet at the main car park. 10am – 12noon Details: 01909 544917



Events at The Collection, Lincoln

Saturday 12th December

A Stained Glass workshop will be taking place for 12 to 18 year olds. The workshop will demonstrate how to make stained glass and participants will be able to design and make a small item to take away. 10am – 3.30pm Book in advance. Admission £10



Monday 21st December

What better way to keep your children entertained in the run up to Christmas than by taking them along to a fun session at The Collection. Children will get the chance to learn how to make wool felt and create stunning decorations for Christmas. 7 to 11 year olds. Book in advance. Admission £3.25

at The Collection throughout December. The exhibition explores the creation of the nation's heritage over three hundred years since the Society was founded in 1707. Details: www.sal.org.uk/makinghistory

The Collection
Contact Details:
Telephone: 01522 550990
Email: thecollection@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Web: www.thecollection.lincoln.museum

Until Sunday 3rd January

'Making History: 300 Years of Antiquaries in Britain' is a touring exhibition and will be

Theatre

Thursday 3rd December, Newark, NG24 1JY

Take a well-earned break from Christmas preparations with a special end of year selection of films from The Railway Film Archive. Details: www.palacenewark.com Booking: 01636 655755

Friday 4th December –

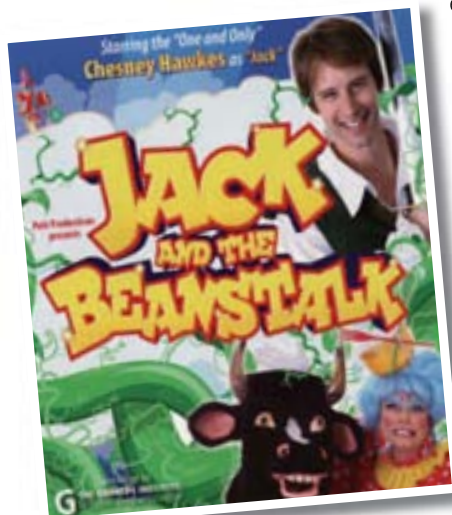
Saturday 5th December, Lincoln, LN2 1EY

Visit Lincoln Drill Hall to see the everlasting classic tale of two young boys and a girl who follow Peter Pan and Tinker Bell into Never Never Land. This version performed by the Youth Theatre will enchant audiences both young and old. Box Office: 01522 873894

Thursday 10th December

– Sunday 3rd January, Grimsby, DN31 2BH

Pelé Productions presents Jack and the Beanstalk starring the one and only Chesney Hawkes. Join Jack and friends for lots of laughter and fun at Grimsby Auditorium. Tickets: 0844 8472426



Farmers' Markets

Saturday 5th December

Sleaford Farmers' Market, Market Place, NG34 9am – 2pm

Saturday 12th December

Gainsborough Farmers' Market, Marshalls Yard, DN21 9am – 3pm

Friday 11th December

Woodhall Spa Farmers' Market, The Mall Car Park, LN10 8.30am – 1pm

Saturday 19th December

Lincoln Christmas Farmers' Market, Castle Hill, LN1 9am – 4pm



Wednesday 16th December,

Grasby, DN38 6AP and

Thursday 17th December,

Morton, PE10

Proteus Theatre Company presents 'The Princess and the Pea'. The show combines theatre, circus, music and film. The production will be held at Grasby Village Hall on 16th December at 1pm and at Morton C of E School on the 17th December at 6.30pm. Tickets: Grasby 01652 628506 and Morton C of E School 01778 570370



Tuesday 15th December –

Thursday 24th December, LN6 7TS

'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' is coming to Lincoln Performing Arts Centre, University of Lincoln, Brayford Pool. The production is based on the picture book by Michael Rosen. The play follows five young adventurers and their dog as they go through the wood, across the river and into the cave on their quest to find a bear. Tickets: 0844 8884414

Looking Ahead

Wednesday 6th January,

Haxey, DN9

The Haxey Hood

Details: 01427 752845

Until Monday 18th January,

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BD

Scunthorpe in the 1940s, 50s and 60s exhibition.

North Lincolnshire

Museum

Details: 01724 843533

Saturday 23rd – Sunday

24th January, Grimsby, DN32 7EG

Silhouettes Musical Theatre

presents 'The Likes of Us'

Central Hall, Duncombe

Street Tickets: 01472

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Sunday 24th January,

Lincoln, LN1

Great Australian

Breakfast at The Lawn,

Lincoln

9am – 12noon

Details: www.lincoln.gov.uk

Friday 29th January,

Wickenby, LN3 5AW

Lindsey Rural Players

annual pantomime Dick

Whittington,

Broadbent Theatre

Details: 01673 885500