

LIKE LYDNEY THIS CHRISTMAS!

If you are looking for something different this Christmas try Lydney on Saturday December 4th for distinctive gifts and a family friendly experience. Jingle Fest, sponsored by the Lydney Traders Association, will bring you a car-free street market and entertainment in Newerne Street. Half-a-mile away on the A48, Taurus Crafts will be dressed up for Christmas with 10 local craft businesses, a Christmas Craft Market of 15 stalls, a local food shop stuffed with seasonal treats, a Christmas Gift Shop and locally grown and freshly cut Christmas trees from Lydney Park Estate.

Two centres, with parking, linked by a free bus provided by Lydney Dial-A-Ride will keep you entertained through out the day and provide a Christmas gift choice to rival the mall. Taurus Crafts opens at 10.00am. The Lydney festivities are kicked off by a Father Christmas parade at 1.45pm in Hams Road after which he can be visited in his grotto at the Lydney Youth Cafe in Newerne Street. And you can entertain the kids further, or exhaust them, on fair rides, a bouncy castle and a treasure hunt. The stage at Thomas Bee's forecourt, hosted by local favourite Maggie Clutterbuck, will ring to the sound of music from 2.00pm.

If you get hungry, a Hog roast will be available in Lydney and pizza cooked freshly over wood and sausages by award winning maker Graham Waddington will be available at Taurus Crafts. Both centres will be offering mulled wine and mince pies and both will believe that their's is the best!

LYDNEY TRADERS ASSOCIATION

For the first time Lydney Traders Association has been granted permission for Newerne Street to be closed to traffic for the afternoon - (between the hours of 1pm and 8pm).

LYDNEY PROGRAMME

1.45 pm - Father Christmas's parade will start at HAMS ROAD. He can then be visited in his grotto at the YOUTH CAFÉ, Newerne Street throughout the afternoon.

2.00 pm Official opening and programme hosted by local favourite Maggie Clutterbuck on Thomas Bee Forecourt.

2.00 pm - 2.30 pm Lydney Training Band

2.35 pm - 3.05 pm Springfield Ladies & St Johns' on the Hill

3.10 pm - 3.40 pm 'Blink' & Maggie Clutterbuck

3.45 pm - 4.15 pm Aylburton Primary Schools

4.20 pm - 4.50 pm Lydney Training Band

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm Lydney School of Music

Newerne Street will be lined with local stalls including Cadogens Cider, Hyde Silver, Forest Creations, Bathurst Park Cafe, G.E.O.R.G.E., Bah Humbug, Art from David & Cathy Hall, Lydney Rugby Club, Light Fantastic, Dial A Ride, and Lydney Traders Association will be serving up mulled wine and mince pies.!

TAURUS CRAFTS

Taurus Crafts www.auruscrafrs.co.uk

Taurus Crafts is a craft centre based in the Forest of Dean hosting 8 craft businesses, a cafe, gift shop, chocolate shop and local food shop and deli. Taurus Crafts is a social enterprise. It has a strong focus in supporting markets for local artisan produce – arts, crafts and food. Taurus Crafts also works with local care agencies and schools to provide work experience and development to people with learning difficulties whose needs are not well met through mainstream education and training.

The Taurus Christmas Markets (10.00-17.30) are well established as a Christmas craft destination over the first two weekends in December.

