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COASTAL CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS IN HERNE BAY

The coastal town of Herne Bay is wrapping up Christmas with some exciting events this season giving day trippers great value for a festive day out.

As visitors traditionally head here for winter walks along its scenic coastline at this time of year, they can combine their visit with the many events happening across the town during November and December.

From a month-long celebration at the Pier, where you can shop, play and eat, to the young entrepreneurs Produce and Craft Market to Christmas Fayres, it's worth putting Herne Bay on your Christmas list this year.

Here's Hello Herne Bay's pick of the crop:

November

What: Craft and Gift Fair

Where: The Kings Hall

When: Friday 24th and Saturday 25th November, 10am – 4pm

Entry: Free

Find the most unique, handmade and one-off Christmas gifts at King's Hall this November. As well as buying perfect presents for family and friends, seek out a new craft pastime at the show. Whether its knitting, paper-craft or felting, stock up on supplies – a month before Christmas Day means there's still time to start making your own Christmas cards or handmade gifts.

What: Christmas Fayre

Where: Strode Park grounds

When: Saturday 25th November 10.30am – 1.30pm

Entry: Free

Step into a Santa's Grotto for the whole family, where children can meet real reindeer, enjoy children's entertainer Reg E Mental and take part in festive fun. As well as browsing stalls for everything from crafts to local produce, parents can relax with a mulled wine and mince pie while enjoying music from Kent School of Performing Arts Choir. A frosty photo booth means leaving with a merry memento!

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December

What: Christmas Lights switch on

When: 1st December, 4-6pm with switch on at 5.30pm

Where: Mortimer Street

Entry: Free

Join the town's activities with food tastings, a chilli eating competition, face painting, craft demonstrations, theatre workshops and entertainment from Smokin' Mavericks and the Big Bay Choir. The event has been organised by the Herne Bay Retail Group.

What: Christmas @ Herne Bay Pier

When: From the 2nd of December until 23rd December

Where: Herne Bay Pier

Entry: Free

The beloved Herne Bay Pier will get a merry makeover ready to welcome families or festive fun this December. Every weekend, a traditional Christmas Market of stalls offering gifts, crafts, produce and more will line the pier. The pier's 30-permanent huts will be open too, offering everything from fashion to champagne and oysters – making this a memorable Christmas shopping experience.

Stock up on those extra tasty Christmas treats and produce for festive entertaining: fresh meats, cheeses, German sausages and mulled wine and much more. As added "wow factor" attractions for the children there will be a giant 12ft. snow globe, Santa's Grotto, a supersize, magnificent Christmas tree and a visit by the adorable reindeer. Entertainment will include carols, music and magic.

For those wanting the experience Christmas by the sea, a visit to this spectacularly sparkly pier is just the ticket.

What: Winter Wonderland

Where: Hampton Primary School

When: Saturday 3rd December, 11am – 5pm

Entry: Free

With everything from a giant snow globe to Pete the baby T-rex, a four-meter long animatronic dinosaur, there's some unique touches to Hampton Primary School's Winter Wonderland event. You'll also find the usual Christmasy crafts, children's activities and get the chance to meet the man himself, Father Christmas too.

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What: Festive Concert with the Kent Police Male Voice Choir

Where: St Bartholomew's Church

When: Sunday 3rd December, 3pm (doors open at 2.30pm)

Entry: £10 adults, £8 concessions

The adored, 48-strong Kent Police Male Voice Choir will get you in the spirit with their harmonious renditions of festive favourites. Soak up the sounds of the season at this charity concert, taking place in aid of Strode Park Foundation.

What: Produce and Craft Market – Young entrepreneurs

Where: Wimereux Square, William Street, CT6 5NX

When: Sunday 10th December

Entry: Free

Come and meet a host of traders, local and guest producers. There truly is something for everyone, shoppers can pick up a diverse selection of authentic products, watch chefs create delicious dishes and chat with the producers directly.

This month sees the city council offering young entrepreneurs aged 13 to 19 from across the district a free stall – so come and support the next generation of talent and find something unique.

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