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Christmas

is a magical time and Stoke-on-Trent City Centre is a truly wonderful place to celebrate the festive season

Read on to see how the City Centre is the ultimate one-stop destination for you and your family, for your shopping, dining and entertaining needs this year.



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Stoke-on-Trent City Centre BID

is bringing the Christmas Spirit...



Hanley Market's Late Night Extravaganza

 **Thursday 28 November, 4pm - 8pm**

 **Hanley Indoor Market**

A mythical animatronic Snow Lion with bright white fur and crystal blue eyes will roam the aisles in a captivating and interactive walkabout, accompanied by the charming Winter Queen with 3 30 - minute shows taking place at 4:30pm, 5:45pm and 7pm. This majestic animal is incredibly friendly and loves to meet and make new friends. Santa will also be making an appearance on the night in his new grotto, with a free gift for the little ones.

Street Ambassador 'Not-So-Secret Santa'

 **Throughout December**

 **City Centre**

The Stoke-on-Trent City Centre BID Street Ambassadors slash Santa's little helpers are on a mission this Christmas. To give away as many presents as possible to City Centre visitors! We'll be handing out gifts from somewhere in the City Centre all through December... Be sure to follow our social media profiles to see where we're at!

24 Days Of Advent

 **Sunday 1 December - Tuesday 24 December**

Because who doesn't LOVE a good deal?! The kids have their fun with their advent calendars and now the adults can too with the Stoke-on-Trent City Centre BID's '24 Days Of Advent' campaign. Each day, from 1 December to Christmas Eve, check out our social media pages for your special daily City Centre deals.

The Salvation Army

 **Every Thursday and Saturday from 5 December in the run up to Christmas**

 **BID Christmas tree in Upper Market Square**

We are delighted to announce the Salvation Army Choir will be here to spread harmonious seasonal cheer to shoppers - a true staple of a traditional Christmas!





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Santa's Street Party

-  Thursday 5 December, 6pm to 8.30pm
-  Lamb Street

Santa comes to Stoke-on-Trent City Centre for a magical evening of entertainment! Expect music from talented local bands and singers, face painters, a magician, a balloon modeller and of course, Father Christmas himself with his elves to hand out gifts for the little ones. It's going to be a night to remember so bring the whole family, your friends, your neighbours, colleagues and pets to Santa's Street Party.

Christmas Showcase

-  Saturday 14 December, 10.30am - 4.30pm
-  Albion Square

Who 'Elsa' than your favourite Frozen themed characters to really deliver the holiday magic? Make the little ones' Christmas extra special with performances and a meet and greet with the cast, plus performances from local school choirs and a whole host of magical surprises.

Hippie Christmas Market

-  Saturday 14 December, 9.30am - 3.30pm
-  Best Western Stoke-on-Trent City Centre Hotel

Treat your family, friends or yourself to a special gift - with none of the guilt! Everything at the Hippie Christmas Market is ethically sourced, and you'll find amazing products, from jewellery, to macramé to vegan and vegetarian food - fairtrade of course, to holistic goods. Entry costs just £3 for adults (mince pie and mulled wine included!) and children are free... remember to bring reusable shopping bags!

Seasonal Steampunk Shindig

-  Saturday 21 December, 5pm - 8pm
-  Upper Market Square

Victorian Science Fiction is brought to life - Christmas style - this year as Steampunkers take over the square in unique displays and performances. Listen as carollers reimagine your favourite festive songs, explore the Arctic with the steampunk expeditioners in an immersive show, and take in impressive stilt walkers as they roam the street. Meet Steampunk Santa and his unconventional elves, AND be thrilled by an extraordinary fire show in our Seasonal Steampunk Shindig; a Christmas celebration Stoke-on-Trent has never before seen!



Have you seen our Stoke-on-Trent City Centre BID tree?

You'll find this festive fir, all dressed up in BID colours, in Upper Market Square, near Marks & Spencer and it will be the location for some of our Christmas activity, such as The Salvation Army Choir performances!



Christmas Foodbank



Christmas is the time of year when more than ever, we deserve a little bit of happiness. Sadly for many in our city, this is not always the case. This year, Stoke-on-Trent City Centre BID is asking City Centre businesses to support in a Food Bank collection. We've provided a basket for businesses to deposit a food item in every day for 20 days. We'll then collect all the baskets and deliver them to the Salvation Army Food Bank for Christmas distribution. The City Centre has proved to be incredibly generous so far; would you like to lend a hand in supporting those most vulnerable in our city too? Simply drop us an email on hello@stokeontrentbid.co.uk and we'll give you a basket, or let you know your closest donation drop-off point.

More ways to enjoy Christmas this year...



Winter Wonderland

Returning to the city for a third year, Winter Wonderland offers a jovial atmosphere for the whole family. Be wowed by the thousands of glimmering lights; be thrilled by the variety of theme park rides from rollercoasters and a sky swing, to dodgems and waltzers; be tempted by the festive eats and treats from the Swing Bar and the Bavarian-style bar and of course, meet Father Christmas, too!

You'll find Winter Wonderland on Lichfield Street from Thursday 21 December until Sunday 5 January.



See A Panto

Is it even really Christmas if you don't go to a pantomime? With not one, not two, but **THREE** fabulous theatres in the City Centre, a stone's throw away from each other, you'll be spoilt for choice. Visit pages 7, 8 and 9 for more information on performances at The Regent Theatre, Victoria Hall and Mitchell Arts Centre. Be sure to catch *Sleeping Beauty*, starring local lad and celeb Jonny Wilkes.



Seasonal Shopping At intu Potteries

intu Potteries has you covered for all your shopping needs this Christmas with big name brands in clothing, homeware, jewellery and more from Debenhams, Primark and Superdry to River Island, JD Sports and Game.



Take In Family Flicks

Cineworld boasts 9 screens showing the latest cinematic masterpieces in both 2D and 3D, and this Christmas will be showing some incredible blockbusters that the family will just love including: *Frozen 2* from 22 November; *Charlie's Angels* from 29 November; *Jumanji* from 13 December; *Star Wars* from 19 December and *Cats* from 20 December. It's worth nothing that Cineworld also provides screenings for people with autism, as well as subtitled films too.



Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

With a jam-packed line-up of festive events, not only for the kids but for adults too, you're sure to be entertained this Christmas – all the while, learning something new! Check out page 10 for more information.



Christmas Ale & Cocktail Trail

Christmas calls for (responsible) pub crawls, and if you're a real ale drinker or a cocktail connoisseur, there's a number of seasonal specialities for you to sample including:
'Gingle Bells' – a gin cocktail from The Quarter
'For those Dark Cold Nights' – a spiced rum and nutmeg cocktail from The Quarter
'Jingle All The Klaj' – a cherry rum, amaretto, cinnamon liqueur and cranberry cocktail from – you guessed it! – Klaj Pizzeria & Bar
'Rocking Rudolph' – just one of the Christmas ales available at The Unicorn



Christmas at the Mitchell Arts Centre

You'll find something for all tastes at the Mitchell Arts Centre over the winter season with an exciting line up to keep you and your family entertained this Christmas from live screenings in association with National Theatre Live and The Royal Opera House, live music events, shows, dance, films, workshops and of course panto!



Jack and the Beanstalk



**Friday 8 November -
Sunday 8 December**

Following last year's sell-out Puss in Boots, Stoke Amateur Theatre Society (SATS) are back with another traditional laughter-packed pantomime for all the family! This wonderful new version is packed with laugh-out-loud slapstick comedy, fantastic song and dance routines, dazzling scenery, glittering costumes and a live band. Book your tickets now for this amazing fairy-tale panto that hits new heights and is most definitely the one you've 'Bean' waiting for!

Tickets: £10.50 Adults, £8.50 Child/
concessions, £30 family ticket (2 adults,
2 children)

☆ Highlights ☆



The Royal Opera House - The Nutcracker



**Friday 20 December
7.15pm**

A magical showing of 'The Royal Opera House - The Nutcracker' filmed live and broadcast just before Christmas; perfect festive entertainment in a wonderful theatre!



Aladdin



**Monday 16 December -
Tuesday 31 December**

You do not want to miss the upcoming panto 'Aladdin'. Following the success of Cinderella in 2018 TLC Pantomimes are back with 'Aladdin', so get ready for the 'new panto in town' to return again, full of laughs, magic, goodies, baddies, boos, hisses, cheers, singing, dancing and everything in between! Tickets on sale NOW, so, go, go, go or you might miss out on the best seats... oh yes you will!

Tickets: from £15 adults, £10 children,
group rates available by calling
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☆ What's On... ☆



National Theatre Live - Present Laughter: Wednesday 27 November

MAC Matinee - Saturday Night Fever: Tuesday 10 December

Royal Opera House Live - Coppelia: Tuesday 10 December

PANTO - Aladdin: Monday 16 December

Royal Opera House Live The Nutcracker: Friday 20 December

MAC Matinee Pink Panther: Tuesday 7 January

Royal Opera House Live - The Sleeping Beauty: Thursday 16 January

**For details of all upcoming events and shows, and details on how to book,
visit: www.mitchellartscentre.co.uk**

If you're headed to Mitchell Arts Centre this Christmas, don't forget about their 'Spitfire Café' which serves great food, tasty treats and drinks from Monday to Friday, 10am 'til 5pm, with late opening during performance times. Check out the website for special offers and pre theatre dining menus.



Christmas at The Regent Theatre & Victoria Hall

The Regent Theatre and The Victoria Hall are located within minutes from each other in the City Centre, each with an impressive history; the latter was built in 1888 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee whilst The Regent Theatre originally opened in 1929 as a super cinema before its restoration to an art deco

theatre decades later. These days, both venues play host to the biggest names in music and comedy to Stoke-on-Trent, as well as an array of children's shows, musicals and dance, with a stunning line-up approaching for the Winter season.



Highlights



Sleeping Beauty

 Friday 13 December -
Sunday 5 January

 Regent Theatre

Brought to you by the world's biggest pantomime producer, Qdos Entertainment, and led by Stoke-on-Trent panto royalty, Jonathan Wilkes and Christian Patterson, this year's Christmas spectacular delivers all the traditional family-friendly panto fun the Regent Theatre is renowned for. Along with a brand new script, Sleeping Beauty features fabulous sets, sparkling costumes, spectacular special effects and enough laughter to wake up even the sleepest of princesses!

Rick Wakeman - The Grumpy Old Christmas Show

 Thursday 5 December

 Victoria Hall

Rick's The Grumpy Old Christmas Show will combine spellbinding piano music with side splitting stories and revealing insights into his lengthy and varied career. Expect an evening of superb musicianship featuring music from his new Christmas Portraits album and other classics from his extensive repertoire, plus some typically Wakeman surprises!

What's On... Regent Theatre

The Australian Pink Floyd
Wednesday 27 November

The ELO Experience - Electric Light Orchestra
Thursday 28 November

An Evening with Lenny Henry - Who Am I Again
Friday 29 November

Lost In Music - One Night at the Disco
Saturday 30 November

Curtains
Tuesday 3 December - Saturday 7 December

LOL Comedy Club
Saturdays from 7 December - 31 December

Sleeping Beauty
Friday 13 December - Sunday 5 January

Showaddywaddy
Friday 10 January

Beyond The Barricade
Saturday 11 January

The Simon and Garfunkel Story
Friday 17 January

Moscow City Ballet presents The Nutcracker
Monday 20 January - Wednesday 22 January

What's On... Victoria Hall

A Country Night in Nashville
Wednesday 27 November

Sixties Gold
Thursday 28 November

Totally Tina
Saturday 30 November

Carole - The Music of Carole King
Sunday 1 December

Wrapped Up
Friday 13 December - Saturday 14 December

Light Up A Life Ceremony
Sunday 15 December

**Adam Kay - Twas The Nightshift
Before Christmas**
Tuesday 17 December

Roy Chubby Brown
Thursday 19 December

**Barry Steele & Friends - The Roy Orbison Story
The Christmas Special**
Friday 20 December

The Johnny Cash Roadshow
Saturday 21 December

Circus of Horrors
Friday 10 January

Adam Kay - Twas The Nightshift Before Christmas

 Tuesday 17 December

 Victoria Hall

Twas the Nightshift Before Christmas is a love letter to all those who spend their festive season on the front line, removing babies and baubles from the various places they get stuck, at the most wonderful time of the year. This brand new live show mixes highlights from Adam Kay's book with his award winning stand-up comedy and exclusive new content. The ticket price includes a hardback copy of the book (RRP £9.99) and you will have the opportunity for Adam to sign copies after the show.

Barry Steele & Friends - 'The Roy Orbison Story' - The Christmas Special

 Friday 20 December

 Victoria Hall

Barry Steele is one of the world's leading vocalists playing homage to legend Roy Orbison. He has stunned audiences across the globe with his uncanny similarity and ability to authentically revive the exquisite toe-tapping sound of this music giant.

Moscow City Ballet Presents The Nutcracker

 Monday 20 January -
Wednesday 22 January

 Regent Theatre

It's the timeless story of Clara, who is whisked away on a fairy tale adventure by her Nutcracker Prince, is set to Tchaikovsky's glorious score and offers an unmissable treat for the whole family. This enchanting tale is an eternal seasonal favourite and the perfect introduction to Russian classical ballet.





Christmas at the Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

Through the Wardrobe Display

 **Saturday 15 November - Sunday 22 December**

Step through the wardrobe and enter the enchanted forest of Narnia frozen in perpetual winter.

Adventures in Narnia

 **Saturday 30 November - Sunday 1 December**

Join Aslan, Mr Tumnus, the White Witch and Peter as you venture into Narnia. See the ceramics gallery transformed into this enchanted land and take part in an interactive adventure.

Stoke Cult Film Club - Die Hard

 **Friday 6 December, 7pm**

It's Christmas Eve and NYPD detective John McClane (Bruce Willis) arrives at the Nakatomi Plaza in New York to find that 12 heavily armed terrorists led by Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman) have taken control of the building and are holding the staff including his estranged wife hostage... The Museum's bar will be open during the extended interlude serving a range of drinks and exotic cocktails. Tickets are just £5, the bar opens at 6pm with the film beginning at 7pm.

The Christmas Stocking: a happy history of ho-ho-hoisery!

 **Sunday 8 December, 1pm**

This Christmas, gather round as Meridith Towne gives a talk full of festive frivolity as we dive into the stories

of Christmas stockings and the long and colourful history of hosiery. Be prepared to have your stockings filled full of interesting facts on the making, mending and mischief of your hose - plus learn how to seduce Santa! From nicked nylons to titillating tights, there's a pair everyone, regardless of whether you are naughty or nice! Talk takes place at 1pm followed by a glass of mulled wine or coffee and mince pie with fresh cream. Tickets cost £10.

What is a Ghost?

 **Friday 13 December, 7pm - 10pm**

Join TV presenter, author and historian Richard Felix as he explores 'What is a Ghost'. This entertaining interactive live show includes audience participation, with table tilting, glass divination, human pendulum, dowsing and lone vigils. Tickets cost £19.95 and includes a two course festive buffet served from 7pm, followed by the theatre performance from 8pm until 10pm.

Animal Nativity

 **Saturday 14 December, 11am - 3pm**

Bring the nativity alive with a visit to the Christmas animals from The Farm on Wheels. Meet and stroke the donkey and a sheep that you can take for a walk. Then meet some more possible inhabitants of the stable - a selection of chickens and a very friendly pet rat. There will also be a range of nativity costumes for some seasonal photographs, and it's all free!

To book tickets and find out more information, please call 01782 232323



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Friday 6th Dec
Saturday 7th Dec
Friday 13th Dec
Saturday 14th Dec
Friday 20th Dec
Saturday 21st Dec

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Have you booked your
Christmas meals yet?

Whether you're celebrating the season with colleagues, friends or family, you'll find a huge selection of restaurants in the City Centre, particularly Piccadilly or at The Hive at intu Potteries, all offering Christmas fayre lunch and dinner menus.



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