

Friday 18th November 2011

Christmas in the West End

Come and celebrate the arrival of the Christmas season in Oxford with a buzzing evening of processions, lights, dance, art, live music and street performance, all thrown together with a generous helping of festive cheer!

Christmas Light Night has become a regular fixture in the Oxford Christmas calendar attracting more than 20,000 revellers last year.

The West End's museums, Castle, Town Hall, theatres and galleries will throw open their doors to the public for one-off late night viewings of their exhibitions and displays, enhanced by special performances. Christmas markets, festive food and drink stalls and children's rides will add that extra bit of seasonal sparkle to the evening's proceedings.

Highlights of this year's event, which takes place Friday 2nd December, will include the Christmas light switch-on by Sir Roger Bannister, the children's lantern procession, the opening of the Oxford Castle Christmas Market, live performances on the St Giles stage, and Phil Kline's Unsilent Night promenade.

The festivities will begin at 5pm with the lantern procession setting off from the newly refurbished Old Fire Station in Gloucester Green. The procession will continue toward St Giles where the Christmas lights will be illuminated at approximately 6.30pm.

West End venues taking part include Oxford Town Hall, Oxford Castle, 03 Gallery, The Old Fire Station, Story Museum, Bodleian Library, St Ebbe's, and St Michael at the North Gate Church.

Christmas Light Night in Oxford is being co-ordinated by Oxford Inspires, Oxford City Council and Ian Nolan Events on behalf of communities and cultural organisations across the city.

To find out more information about Christmas Light Night visit www.oxfordinspires.org.

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