

Press Release

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Harpenden Christmas Carnival adds New Entertainment & Activities for 2019



SA Law staff getting in the Christmas spirit (Credit: SA Law)

Harpenden Town Council's annual Harpenden Christmas Carnival is taking place this year on 24 November from 12pm-6pm, with festivities stretching from Church Green all the way to the Harpenden Fire Station. SA Law is the Principal Sponsor of the 2019 Christmas Carnival.

Even more events & activities will be introduced to the Carnival this year after an expansion; formerly stopping near Pizza Express, the event will now extend to the Harpenden Fire Station. A mini stage will host entertainers throughout the day, and a second bar area, bookable Christmas workshops, and Peter Templeman's outdoor wooden games will all make their Christmas Carnival debut this year. In addition, St Albans and Harpenden Volunteer Police Cadets and Harpenden Fire Station will be hosting their first-ever

Christmas Emergency Services Open Day, while The Harpenden Collective is curating a **Boutique Christmas Market** in Park Hall.

And of course, all of the Carnival favourites will be returning: Santa will be greeting children at his **Santa's Grotto**; the **Procession** will kick off at 3pm; Imajica Theatre, Showtime Circus, Harpenden Panto, and more will be performing on the **Main Stage**; and the **town Christmas lights** will be switched on by the Town Mayor at 5pm. The **Farmers' Market, funfair**, and **Young Enterprise stalls** will all be situated throughout the high street, and many businesses in the Town Centre will keep their doors open specially to give residents a chance to start on their Christmas shopping.

Harpenden town Mayor Cllr Brian Ellis said, "Harpenden Christmas Carnival is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season. The Carnival has something for everybody, and we look forward to welcoming visitors to this much-anticipated event. We would like to thank SA Law for supporting the 2019 Carnival as our Principal Sponsor!"

Gill Garrett, a Partner at SA Law, said, "We are delighted to support the Harpenden Christmas Carnival. Community spirit is very important to everyone at SA Law as well as our clients – being involved in an event that is open to everyone and that all ages can participate in is fantastic. It's an annual tradition for many of our staff and their families to attend the carnival so we are very much looking forward to seeing what the 2019 carnival has in store. It's a community event we're proud to be part of and we can't wait to join in the festivities."

The Christmas Carnival full programme can be found online at harpenden.gov.uk. Free parking for the event will be available at station car parks and Rothamsted Research car parks starting at 12 noon; because of expected high attendance, the Town Council encourages people to walk to the event where possible. For families attending with young children, there will be free lost child wristbands available at the Town Council Information Tent.

The Town Council will also host Christmas light switch-on events in Southdown & Batford. The Southdown Lights & Lanterns Extravaganza takes place on 29 November at 5:30pm, and the Batford Lights Up event will be on 1 December starting at 5pm.

Further details can be found are available at harpenden.gov.uk/christmas.

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About Harpenden Town Council

Harpenden Town Council was created in 1974 and is the largest parish in the St Albans District with a population of almost 30,000 represented by 16 Councillors across 4 Wards.