

A Christmas message from
Councillor Miss Lorraine Hillier
Town Mayor



We had a wonderful summer and the town looked beautiful – winning Gold in both the national and regional Britain in Bloom as well as Silver in the European Entente Florale competition.

Now the town is shimmering with our lovely mini Christmas trees lit up and I also hope you will like the new lights along Thameside and Riverside.

There are some wonderful local events lined up to put you all in the Christmas mood including:

- The *Living Advent Calendar*, which opens on the 1 December at the Town Hall and then moves around the town until Christmas Eve, benefiting local charities, each night a different act and venue.
- The *Annual Christmas Festival* – The lights on our 40ft Christmas Tree will be switched on and you can join in the carol singing, browse the Christmas Market and also visit Santa's Grotto, decorated by Henley College Art students.

- The inaugural *Special Sunday Shopping Event* – lots of Town Centre shops have pledged to stay open for a day of special offers, pop-up performances and festive fun for all ages.
- *Santa's Fun Run* – a two-mile fun run for the Mayor's charities, open to all ages and abilities. Starts at Mill Meadows at 10am.
- *Candlelight Christmas Celebration* – enjoy readings, poetry and carol singing in St Mary's Church from 7.30pm.
- *Jack & the Beanstalk* – book early for the always-popular Kenton panto which runs from 17-27 December.

I do hope you enjoy these events and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Christmas Festival Event Friday 4 December

5pm	The Town Crier will open the festival
5–9pm	Late Night Shopping
5.10pm	Children's Lantern Parade <i>led by Father Christmas</i>
5.30–9pm	Santa's Grotto in the Kings Arms Barn
6.15pm	Living Advent Calendar on Friday Street
7pm	Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on <i>by the Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Hillier, accompanied by Invesco Perpetual's CEO, Mark Armour and the winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition.</i>
7.10pm	Traditional Carol singing around the Christmas Tree



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 Henley
At Christmas

2015

Christmas Highlights

Friday 4 December
5–9pm

Henley Christmas Festival

This is an annual magical event with a Christmas Market, Fairground rides, Carol singing around the tree, Santa's Grotto and the Switching-on of the lights on the large Christmas tree. All local retailers are encouraged to stay open late.

The event is organised by Henley Town Council.

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Sunday 6 December
10am

Santa's Fun Run

Henley's Annual Santa Fundraising Fun Run is suitable for all ages and abilities. The route is two miles long and starts and finishes at the River and Rowing Museum.

All entrants receive a free Santa Hat and hot refreshments.

To enter visit santaontherun.co.uk

Free Tuesday Parking in December: Parking in Kings Road and Grey's Road Car Parks is free on Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 & 22 December.

Sunday 6 December
11am – 4pm

Henley's High Street Hootenanny

From Reading Road to Riverside, many of those shops usually closed on Sundays will be joining those who already do Sunday opening for a day of special offers, family fun, pop-up performances – and there are rumours that Santa himself will be paying a visit to all good shopkeepers!

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Wednesday 16 December
7.30pm

Candlelight Christmas Celebration

Readings, poetry and carol singing in St Mary's Church.

Tickets
£5 adults, Children free.
Tickets available in advance from the Town Hall or on the door.

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Saturday 2 & 9 January
10am – noon

Christmas Tree Shredding

A Recycling Initiative by Henley Town Council Parks Services in partnership with Henley in Bloom, £2 per tree.

Mill Meadows Car Park
Meadow Road
Henley, RG9 1BE

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Our Supporters



Henley Living Advent Calendar

The fifth instalment of this award winning event visits a different venue at the same time each night throughout advent for a free 30 minute surprise performance over festive nibbles, culminating in a performance at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Eve.

For further details and a map visit www.livingadventcalendar.co.uk

1st

Henley Town
Hall Steps
Market Place
RG9 2AQ

2nd

Regal
Picturehouse
Borama Way
RG9 2BZ

3rd

Early Rider/
GPCMarketing
Greys Road
RG9 1SB

4th

Friday Street
RG9 1AN

5th

Leander Club
White Hill
RG9 2LP

6th

Phyllis Court
Phyllis Court Drive
Marlow Road
RG9 2HT

7th

d:two
55–57 Market Place
RG9 2AA

8th

Angel on
the Bridge
Thameside
RG9 1BH

9th

Simmons
& Son
32 Bell Street
RG9 2BH

10th

Market Place
RG9 2AQ

11th

Town Hall
Market Place
RG9 2AQ

12th

Christ Church
46 Reading Road
RG9 1AG

13th

Hotel du Vin
New Street
RG9 2BP

14th

The Bull
on Bell Street
57–59 Bell Street
RG9 2BA

15th

Henley
College
Deanfield Avenue
RG9 1UH

16th

River & Rowing
Museum
Meadow Road

17th

Town Hall
Market Place
RG9 2AQ

18th

Delegate
House
30A Hart Street
RG9 2AL

19th

Fire Station
West Street
RG9 2ED

20th

d:two
55–57 Market Place
RG9 2AA

21st

Cricket Club
Matson Drive
RG9 3DB

22nd

Market Place
RG9 2AQ

23rd

Market Place
RG9 2AQ

24th

St. Mary's
Church
Hart Street
RG9 2AU