

Press Release



Rotary Club of Brixham

8th December 2020

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIXHAM HAS WORKED EXTREMELY HARD TO ENSURE THAT SANTA CLAUS HAS HIS REFURBISHED TRAILER READY FOR HIS VISIT TO BRIXHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS WITH EXTRA VISITS ON 19TH AND 24TH DECEMBER SUPPORTED BY THE TOWN BAND

Members of The Rotary Club of Brixham discovered last month that their trailer that ferries Santa Claus around Brixham every year has unlike Santa started to show signs of old age. Accordingly members have set about restoring it to a Grotto that Santa will be proud to be in while waving and chatting socially distanced to the children of Brixham.

President, Adrian Laurie, said "I was shocked when I saw how over the years the trailer had become worn by its continued use and I immediately set up a task force of members to repair the trailer to its glory days." He continued "I must thank Rotarians Andrew Kilner, Roy Tuttle, John Burt and other members of the team who have worked so hard to ensure that our Santa visits can take place."

Andrew Kilner, from the Town Band, advised "Brixham Town Band will entertain shoppers with Christmas Carols in Fore Street on Christmas Eve lunchtime as a part of the Rotary Christmas Charity Fundraising event. The Band maintains a long standing tradition, of Caroling in Fore Street on Christmas Eve, only broken in living memory for the two "lockdown" World War Two years in the 1940s". He continued "Musicians will abide by the rule of 6, play instruments fitted with bell covers and be isolated from shoppers, positioned by the Methodist Church entrance, in order to allow social distancing and prevent any constriction of the main shopper thoroughfare. All funds collected will be distributed to local Brixham charities".

Roy Tuttle said "We have also now been given permission to be in Fore Street, Brixham between 10am and Noon on the 19th and 24th December and will be there while the Town Band plays Carols from the raised entrance of the Methodist Church. He went on to say "This is in addition to the already announced Santa visits between 4:30pm and 5.45pm from 14th and 18th December 2020.

In conclusion, President, Adrian Laurie said "Please don't forget Voluntary donations from the public will be welcomed and funds raised will be distributed to local causes, including those individuals whose need may not be covered by charities, those applying for a grant, should in the first instance email rotarybrixham@gmail.com I hope that our wonderful community will show their normal generosity at this time and I want to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year."

The refurbished Rotary trailer is available to be used by other organisations for a suitable donation for our charities.

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Editor's Note:

(Attached are before and after pictures of Santa's trailer)

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