Festival programme 2017

BOURNVILLE VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Join us on Saturday 2nd December 2.00-7.30pm

A NEW & EXCITING CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IN AND AROUND BOURNVILLE GREEN

with street food, live music, festive crafts, stalls, displays, and the lights switch on.

Hello and welcome to Bournville's first ever Christmas Festival.

We know from listening to you just what a special time Christmas is in Bournville. Each year it brings the community together as it jointly celebrates and gives thanks.

As such we wanted to create an exciting new Festival that brings the very best of all the village's festivities together.

By working in true partnership, we have been able to put on a range of Christmas festival delights for you and all the family to enjoy.

From live music and lantern-making to nativity photo selfies, street food and a festive market, there really will be something for everyone.

Shops on the Village Green will be selling their wares, including some seasonal specials, and we would encourage you to support them by shopping local.

Of course, this special Festival would not be complete without the traditional and always popular Christmas tree lights switch on, led by volunteers from Bournville Village Council. We are delighted that it will be part of the Festival.

This year though the switch on won't be the end of the celebrations, as a performance by the terrific Birmingham Rock School will round off the event in style.

We very much hope you and your family enjoy the Festival. It would not have been possible without the goodwill and generosity of all the partners involved.

Merry Christmas from...

Bournville Village Council, Bournville Village Trust, Busy Parents Network, the Carillon, Rest House, Rowheath Pavilion, Selly Manor Museum and St Francis Church.

Toilets

Partial wheelchair access

Unsuitable for wheelchairs

Refreshments

1.30PM

Wave and welcome Father Christmas

as he travels in his colourful sleigh along Maple Road, Willow Road and Sycamore Road to the Village Green where he will park up for the afternoon. Pose with Santa's sleigh for a festive selfie.

2.00PM to 2.10PM

Listen to the wonderful Bournville Carillon

as it plays traditional Christmas tunes to officially open the Bournville Christmas Festival.

2.00PM to 5.30PM

Selly Manor Museum
Maple Road

Be transported back in time as you explore the manor house which will be lit by atmospheric candlelight. Enjoy the company of Tudor re-enactors as they bring the house to life. Take part in hands-on displays, including dressing up in magnificent costumes and armour.

Get crafty by making your own festive lantern,* for a small donation, and there will also be a children's trail and delicious refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

Don't miss the talented Bournville Graduates Choir, who will be performing at the Museum at 2.45pm and 4.00pm.

*Please bring your own glass jar for the lantern-making activity if possible as materials will be limited.

2.00PM to 5.30PM

St Francis Church and Community Centre, Sycamore Rd

Browse a variety of fabulous stalls selling good-quality cakes, preserves and other festive treats at the church's annual Christmas market.

There will also be traditional games, including a tombola and a raffle to win a special Christmas hamper, and a crib scene trail with all correct entries going into a prize draw.

Enjoy a mince pie and a hot drink and join in with two mini carol services at 2.15pm & 4.30pm.

Don't forget to create your own bespoke nativity scene too with the help of the Pavilion Christian Community.

Dress up in a range of fun outfits before having your photograph taken and emailed to you. **What better way to create your own bespoke Christmas card?**

2.00PM to 5.30PM

Bournville Community Hub, Sycamore Rd

Get creative at Bournville Community Hub. There will be Christmas tree decoration craft for kids downstairs, and wreath-making for grown-ups in the activity rooms upstairs.

Bournville Junior School's children's choir will also be performing for 15 minutes outside the Hub at 5.00pm.

2.00PM to 5.30PM

Bournville Village Green

Tantalise your taste buds with street food from some of the city's finest vendors, including:

Flying Cow Burgers:
Professional chef Dan Batchelor won 'best burger' at the national Street Food Awards 2017. All burgers are made using dry aged beef from his family farm.

Platinum Pancakes:
Delicious pancakes made from fresh, local produce including eggs from free range chickens.

For those with a sweet tooth, there will be homemade fudge and Christmas flavoured ice cream on sale too.

Santa's Grotto

Visit Father Christmas in his Grotto and tell him what you have on your Christmas present list. Santa will be assisted by this year's May Queen. The Grotto is brought to you by Bournville Village Council.

Bournville Village Council

Join members of Bournville Village Council to find out about their work and how you can get involved. The Council organise events ranging from the popular Bournville Festival to this event. The Council would love to hear your ideas for next year's Bournville Festival and will also be recruiting for maypole dancers.

Greyhound Trust Solihull

Meet ex-racing greyhounds and learn what great pets they make. Charity Greyhound Trust Solihull will also be able to answer any questions you may have if you're considering giving a greyhound a forever home.

2.00PM to 5.30PM

The Carillon,
Linden Rd

Take a tour of the Carillon, which is one of the finest instruments of its kind in the world.

Tours start from the Rest House and booking in advance is essential as numbers are strictly limited.

Visits are free of charge, but donations are invited.

To book, please call: 07986 552770, email bournvillecarillon@hotmail.co.uk or visit the Rest House.

Rest House,
Bournville Village Green

Want to hear your favourite Christmas tune played on Bournville's magnificent Carillon? Visit the Rest House, the Carillon's visitor centre, to place your vote.

The top five songs will be performed during the lantern procession from the Bournville Cross War Memorial later in the day.

The Rest House's beautiful gift shop will also be selling an eclectic range of arts and crafts, some made locally, along with books and recordings relating to Bournville and the Carillon.

Listen to the awe-inspiring and traditional Bournville Carillon as it plays traditional Christmas music.
3.00pm to 4.00pm.

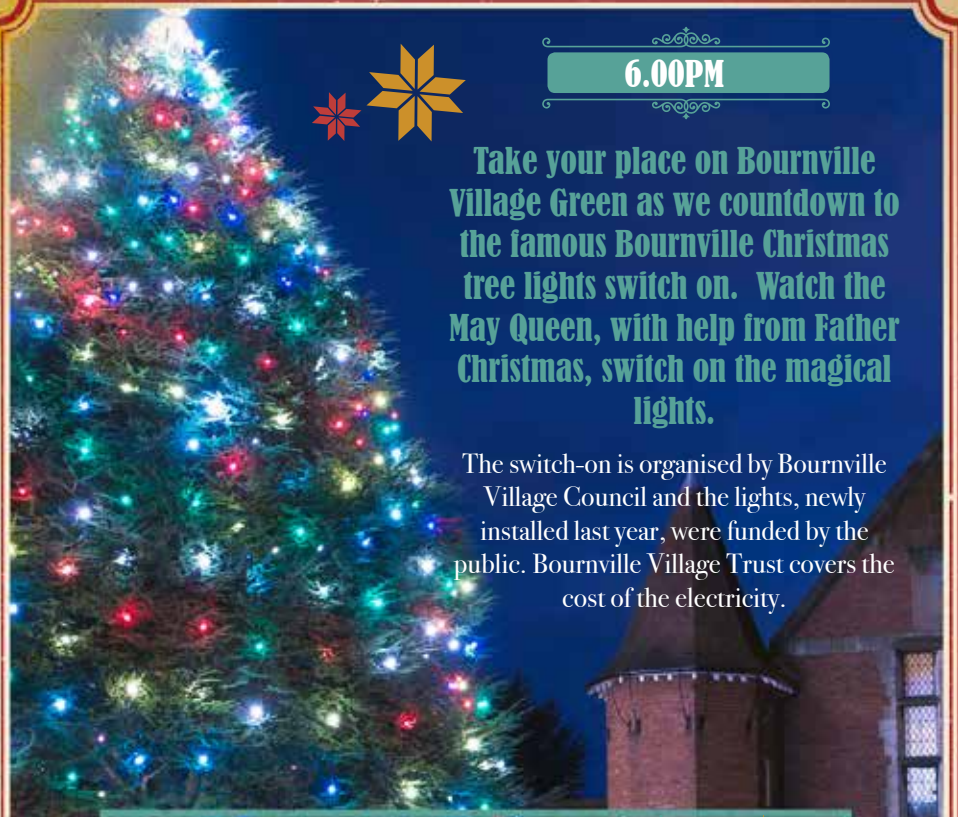
5.30PM to 6.00PM

Take part in the beautiful walking lantern procession as it travels from the Bournville Cross War Memorial, on the corner of Willow Rd and Sycamore Rd, to Bournville Village Green.

The procession will be led by Father Christmas and the Bournville May Queen.

You can bring your own lantern for the procession or one that you have made earlier in the day at Selly Manor Museum.

Enjoy the sounds of the Bournville Carillon as it plays the top five Christmas tunes as voted for by you.



6.00PM

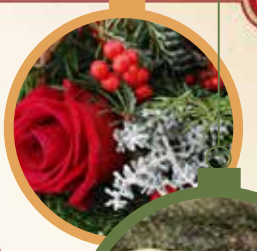
Take your place on Bournville Village Green as we countdown to the famous Bournville Christmas tree lights switch on. Watch the May Queen, with help from Father Christmas, switch on the magical lights.

The switch-on is organised by Bournville Village Council and the lights, newly installed last year, were funded by the public. Bournville Village Trust covers the cost of the electricity.

6.15PM to 7.30PM

Rock around Bournville's Village Green as the Birmingham Rock School perform a selection of Christmas favourites to round off the Festival in style.

Throughout the day shops on Bournville Village Green will be selling their wares, including some seasonal items.



Louise of Bournville

Louise and the team will be open as usual, all day, for seasonal floral gifts and table arrangements as well as holly wreaths, Christmas trees, decorations, toys, games, stocking fillers, Christmas cards and much more.

Bournville Bread Basket

Bournville Bread Basket will be serving a wide range of home baked goods which will include sausage rolls, samosas and pasties.

The bakery will also be serving hot drinks such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate and homemade soups. Hot baps with turkey and stuffing, roast lamb and mint, chicken tikka and more will be available too.

Bournville Boutique

Volunteers from the Boutique, run by St Mary's Hospice, will be selling Christmas treats.

Sas and Co Hair and Beauty Spa

The hair and beauty spa will have a portable blow-dry pop-up salon outside on the day.

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The café will be serving festive food, spiced hot drinks and providing lots of Christmassy atmosphere.

Russells Butchers

The Butchers will be serving hot roast pork, as well as turkey and stuffing baps all day. Their special Christmas hampers will also be on display.

Other shops on Sycamore Road, which will be open as normal, include: Christine's Wool Shop, Bournville Pharmacy and Martin's Newsagents.

Entrance to the Festival

FREE ENTRANCE

Entrance to the Festival is free. Some activities may incur a charge, which will be advertised at participating venues.

Travelling to the Festival:

All of the sites are located around Bournville Village Green. Street parking is available close to the Village Green and there is limited car parking behind Sycamore Rd shops.

Bournville train station is approximately a 15 minute walk to the Village Green and the nearest bus route is the number 11 (outer circle).

We would encourage visitors to travel to the Festival on foot, where possible, to avoid congestion.

Wheelchair access:

Most sites are accessible for wheelchairs except those marked accordingly. If you have any other access requirements, please contact us prior to the Festival.

Festival ambassadors:

A small number of Festival ambassadors will be clearly identifiable on the day in Bournville Village Council or Bournville Village Trust jackets/t-shirts. If you have any questions during your visit, please speak to one of our volunteers who will be positioned on or around the Village Green.

Programme changes:

We will endeavour to keep everything running on time, but due to the nature of the Festival some changes may occur.

Please visit the Bournville Village Trust website (bvt.org.uk) and social media channels to keep up-to-date with any amendments.

The Festival programme and details within are correct at time of going to print.

Further information:

For general enquiries about the Festival, please email Jessica Allan, Community Development Manager at Bournville Village Trust, jessicaallan@bvt.org.uk or call 0300 333 6540.

You can also keep up-to-date with Festival news by visiting bvt.org.uk, following @BVTnews on Twitter or liking the BVT Facebook page Bournville.Village.Trust

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