

December Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the all new *Arts-BCP Newsletter*, bringing you upcoming arts and crafts news from the local scene.

Please **help us grow** by forwarding this free newsletter to anyone you think may be interested.

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This Month's Workshops and Exhibitions

7 December, 10am–3pm – Yuletide Living History Event – Red House Museum and Gardens. An ancient yuletide past with Anglo-Saxon living history group Herigeas Hundus. £4. Under 5's go free.

11 December 2pm-4pm – Slow Stitching – Red House Museum and Gardens. Another meeting of this friendly stitching group which has recently been stitching 'Hearts for Ukraine'. There will be a display in the Courtyard Meeting Room. Contact: Brenda Weeks, brendaweeks@btopenworld.com

14 December to 26 January 2025 – 10 Years of The Art of Ear Trumpet – Red House Museum and Gardens. Exhibition celebrating the decade-long live performance work by Lorna Rees.

20 December 9am–3pm – Young Artists' Winter Academy – Red House Museum and Gardens. A painting adventure led by local artist and teacher, Shelley Perry.

21 December 10am–3.30pm – Winter Wellbeing Day – Red House Museum and Gardens. On the shortest day of the year, a festival of calm, joy and reflection – including Yoga, meditation

and crafts.

8 January 7pm–9pm – Maxine Marsh – Christchurch Junior School. Christchurch Arts Guild presents Flowers Acrylic Inks & Watercolour

Christmas Craft Fairs Rundown

7 December 10am–5pm – Craft Fair – God First Church, Christchurch

7 December 11am–4pm – Christmas Bazaar – Ringwood Waldorf School

7 December 10am–2pm – WI Charity Christmas Craft Fair – St Catherine's Hill Community Hall

8 December 10am–3pm – Christmas Artisan Food and Craft Fayre – The Barrington Centre & Theatre, Ferndown

14 December 11am–11pm – Winter Market – The Oaks, Highcliffe

14 December 10.30am–3.30pm – Meet Santa in his Grotto – Southbourne Green

14 December 10am–2pm – Kinson Community Centre Christmas Market, Fair & Santa's Grotto

14 December 11am–4.30pm – Christmas Craft Fair – Highcliffe Sports and Social Club

December 15 2pm–6pm – Christmas Craft Fair – Splat Pottery Painting Arts & Crafts, Moordown

Throughout December – Christchurch Living Advent Calendar – christchurchlivingadventcalendar.org.uk

Music

7 December 3pm-3.45pm – Choir in the Courtyard – Red House Museum and Gardens. Free concert by St Peter's Community Choir with mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies on offer. Donations will be welcome.

8 December 2pm-4.30pm – Gigs in the Gallery – Red House Museum and Gardens. Featuring Kirstie Laurence, Aurora, Toby Catt. £7.

10 December 7.30pm – A Sparkling Christmas Choral Concert – St Ambrose Church, Westbourne. Concert by La Nova Singers. Directed by Michelle Nova with pianist Simon Gilliver. Tickets available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). £15.

22 December 3pm – Christmas in Concert – The Royal British Legion, Christchurch. The Band of the Royal British Legion's Christmas Concert. Bar + raffle. £5. Tickets available from Southbourne Cards or call 07876 21399.

Art Classes

Art Classes with Anna Sims. Drawing, Oil Painting, Watercolour, Pastel. Adults and children. Times by arrangement. Christchurch. 01202 567585 / anna.sims@ntlworld.com

News

DACA 2025 Showcase, dates announced. The Dorset Arts and Crafts Showcase will be from Friday 1 August to Tuesday 5 August 2025. It will be held at Purbeck School, Wareham.

Christchurch Arts Guild Uptick. The Guild has reported that membership increased this year with new members invigorating the club. There were busy exhibitions at The Red House and Place Mill, together with an ongoing rolling exhibition at the New Milton Community Centre where the Guild had a pop-up room for their annual Christmas Fair. A workshop with renowned graphite artist Jamie Boots was also well received. The Guild promises to encourage Art and artists in the area and may host more workshops with additional active members becoming involved. (For more information on joining or to assist with activities, go to www.christchurchartsguild.co.uk, or contact Alison Clements on 01425 277554 / alyart@btinternet.com)

Find details of events at the Red House Museum here: [Hampshire Cultural Trust](#)

Find details of events by Christchurch Arts Guild here: [Christchurch Arts Guild](#)

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