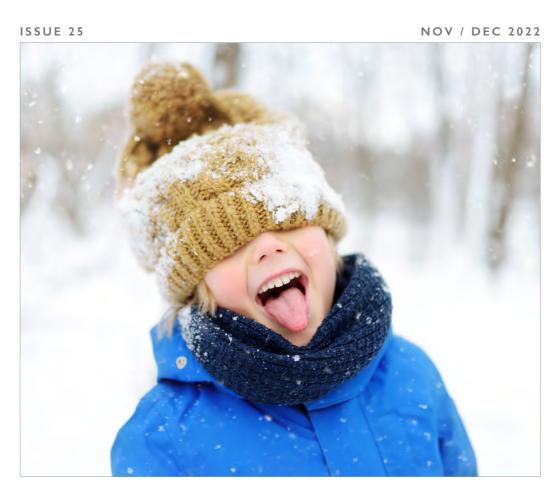


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### BOOM! Here it is... The Christmas edition to round up 2022

**Issue 25** is jam-packed with ideas to see you through winter leading up to Christmas.

We have a whole **3** pages of events and activities to add to all the excitement including some great **theatre** for kids! Plus our usual **timetable of groups and classes for 0-5s** in Belper.

Boom Magazine is passionate about supporting **Local Independent Businesses** and we don't hold back in our first article showcasing all that **Belper Town** has to offer!

The wonderful Amy from **Primrose Craft Club** brings us another 2 creative activities themed around Christmas, whilst Belper's new bookshop **Doormouse Books** suggest some great reading picks for both kids and adults.

Have you got any home-grown apples picked or gifted? We have a great **Apple Recipe** for you!

Regular writer **Debbie Kinghorn** gives some sage advice on helping kids with their **excitable emotions** leading up to the long-awaited visit from the 'man in red' and **'Molly In Derbyshire'** reminds us that there are plenty of lovely outings on offer for the grown-ups this time of year too (it's not all about the 'kids' right?)

We have a new local business sharing their advice on how to 'Keep your Cool' amongst this busy time of year and Mini First Aid have some important tips and reminders for keeping your house safe amidst all the decorations!

Please take note of our wonderful sponsors showcasing their business and services and enabling Boom Magazine to be a useful, FREE handbook for local families!



Have a fun-filled and hopefully stress-free lead up to Christmas folks!



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For more great ideas and places to go you will enjoy following 'Molly In Derbyshire's' blog posts at www.lovelylocalindie.com

Molly Scott also offers social media support to small businesses, contact her to find out more at molly@lovelylocalindie.com.

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# SHOP LOCAL & STRESS-FREE IN BELPER THIS CHRISTMAS

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:**

The new shopping arcade **The Corn Exchange** (just off King St) has new shops to explore and they welcome the return of **I Believe**, the all year round Christmas shop & **Memory Makers** for balloons and cards along with **The Paper Collective** who are stocking a selection of 2023 planners and stationery to get everyone organised for the new year.

**Primsisters** on High St for fragrant candles and gorgeous Christmas decorations to add Christmas sparkle to your home and **Nordicana** on Bridge St offer a Scandi Christmas feel.

**Fleur Florist** on King St has amazing greenery and florals, both fresh and artificial.

**Duck & Peach** cards beautifully designed by local illustrator Sophie Cartmell has moved online and has a fantastic range of quirky cards for Christmas - www. duckandpeach.co.uk

#### **GIFTS FOR THE KIDS:**

**Cheeky Bambini** on Bridge St for ethical and ecofriendly children's clothes (0-10 yrs) toys and dolls.

**45 Degrees Design & Print** on Campbell St have some fab laser-cut gifts such as their 'Stars in the Jar' reward gizmo. Also, **Little Name Droppers** sell their personalised animal prints and other fun gifts too!

**Distinct Gaming** on Wellington Court has board games for all the family, plus, card games and miniatures.

**GoApparel** on Bridge St can make bespoke personalised hoodies, t-shirts, mugs and bags plus check out their Christmas jumpers! Keep an eye on the **Derbyshire Toy Library** FB page for their Virtual Toy Sales and grab some great preloved toys for a bargain!

At the top of town is Belper's new bookstore **Dormouse Books**, with a great selection of books for adults & children, not to mention Oxfam Books nearby too!

How about lovely personalised crayons handmade by local Mum Heather? Find on etsy: **Happy Hedgehog Crayons** 

Look out for Boom's **'Family Walks for Little Legs'** guide sold in many shops around Belper and a superb stocking filler for anyone who loves short walks!

#### **GIFTS FOR PETS:**

**Ladybird Pet Boutique** on King Street has lots of Christmas goodies and treats for your furry friends

#### GIFTS FOR THE GROWN-UPS:

**Belle La Vie** on King St has 3 floors of fashion, home and gifts and **Sundial** just up the road has a great selection of clocks and lighting.

Belper High St has so many gorgeous lady's boutique clothing stores to browse, full of bags, clothes and accessories and you can find menswear fashion too at **Project, Struts Mens** and Belper's outdoor shop **Peakdale!** 

**Frearsons** on Bridge St has a wide range of jewellery, quality crystal, porcelain and much more!

In **The 1924** shopping arcade you'll find a real range of gift ideas including **Candle-Mad** and **MAD Handmade Designs** yarn and patterns including wool hampers and gift sets for knitters and crocheters.



Whether you are shopping for your children, your friends, or your extended family this Christmas, there's no need to venture far or face the overcrowded shopping centres with expensive parking... instead seek out your **local Independents**. They have so much on offer and you'll be putting money straight back into the local economy and keeping our highstreets alive!

Belper has become known as one of Amber Valleys (and voted England's) best high streets. Here we aim to inspire you with gift ideas and encourage a wander through a thriving and exciting town.

You'll be spoilt for choice for **cafes**, **pubs and eateries** on your way around too!

**Wards Shoes** on King St offer us winter slippers, bags and scarves as do Clarke's.

**Motostop** at the top of King St is ideal if you are on the lookout for merch for car fanatics.

Then not forgetting Belper's **De Bradelei Mill** with its range of shops over 2 floors, including top fashion brands at a discount, houseware and antiques. **Derwentside Shopping Mill** is a great shopping experience too, specialising in antiques and bespoke furniture!

You'll be in heaven walking into **Coccolare at 25** on King St with their range of scented bath bombs and candles.

**Euphoria Holistic Beauty** is a home-from-home salon in Belper for party nails and gorgeous Temple Spa facials and products - https://euphoria-therapy.webs.com

Belper is a very arty town! So look for something special at **Duffield Art Gallery** or **Hall of Frames** and if you want to support our local creatives then **The Willow** is a superb place to head for.

**Lester & Nix** have competitive deals on household and small appliances from Kettles, Radios, TV's & dysons.

#### **FOOD & DRINK:**

**Earth Harmony** in De Bradelei Mill has a range of ethically sourced edibles and toiletries, plus some lovely wines. Why not make up your own gift hampers?

**Oh So Sweet** on King St have all a HUGE range of colourful & traditional sweeties.

**The Beer Trap** on High St sells a great range of craft beers.

**Reunion** offers fantastic meats, cheeses, and a brilliant choice of condiments.

**Gummers** is the perfect choice for your locally grown Christmas dinner veggies.

I Should Cocoa for those special chocolate gifts.

#### **EXPERIENCES & VOUCHERS:**

Family photography, new-born baby and boudoir shoots at **Studio 1825** in Nether Heage.

Ritz Cinema Vouchers are always a winner!

**Kate Watson Jewellery** has moved to an online store but is still taking commissions and has lots of jewellery to select from too, plus you can get vouchers for her jewellery-making workshops. https://www.katewatsonjewellery.co.uk

In **The 1924** you can get vouchers for **terahertz** treatments and CBD oils at **The Hemp HUT** and **Intuition** is run by a Clairvoyant and spiritual life coach, offering psychic readings and gift vouchers to suit.

**Reflexology** vouchers may be welcomed! Contact hello@reflexologywithvicky.co.uk

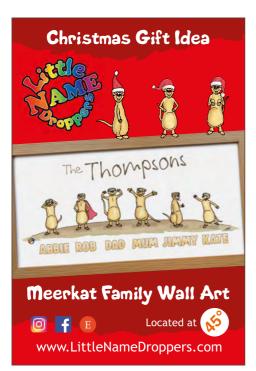
Or how about a vintage car driving experience at Ambergate's **Great British Car Journey Museum** - https://drivedadscar.com

You can purchase Love Belper vouchers too if you simply can't decide what to buy and would like to give someone the choice of their gift: www.lovebelper.co.uk/gift-vouchers/

With so many wonderful independent shops, cafes and more in Belper, we simply couldn't mention them all, but many independents are working together to bring events and information about Belper high street plus Love Belper have a special Christmas voucher offer and 'shop local loyalty stamp cards' where you can be entered into a prize draw.

More info can be found at: https://lovebelper.co.uk

Happy Shopping!!





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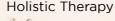
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# HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS

Created by Amy at Primrose Art Club.

Homemade Christmas decorations are lots of fun to create with the whole family and make fantastic rainy-day activities. For this issue we have two fun Christmas crafts for you, a fun partially 3D Christmas tree decoration that can double as a Christmas card and a simple salt dough recipe for making your very own D.I.Y. Christmas tree ornaments for your own tree or as a gift for family.

### WEAVE A CHRISTMAS TREE

#### What you will need:

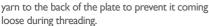
- Green Yarn/Wool (40cm) or Pipe Cleaners
- Paper Plate
- Pencil
- Crayons
- Paper/Sequin for the star
- Glue
- Hole Puncher
- Ruler
- Scissors

#### Method:

- Fold your paper plate in half, then using a pencil and the ruler draw a triangle using the fold as one of the edges.
- 2. Cut out the triangle with scissors, then using the hole puncher make holes along the triangle edges (alternatively carefully push the pencil through the plate where you want the holes). If using pipe cleaners only make holes on the long side of the triangle.



- 3. Next thread either the yarn or pipe cleaners through the holes:
- a.1) If there is a thin twig or plastic needle available, tie the yarn to it to make threading easier. Tape the end of the



- a.2) Next thread the yarn through the hole closest to where it is taped down. Once the thread is through one hole take it through another on one of the other sides of the triangle. Continue threading the yarn with the aim of creating diagonal lines of yarn going from hole to hole. Keep going until every hole has three lines of yarn coming from it.
- b.1) With the pipe cleaner, thread one pipe cleaner through one of the top holes, then thread the other end of it through the hole that is opposite and one hole down. This should make a diagonal line, next thread the pipe cleaner through the hole above the hole you just threaded it through. Next thread the pipe cleaner through the second hole down on the opposite side. If done correctly you should have a 'x' shape at the top of your paper plate.
- b.2) Continue this pattern until all the holes have a pipe cleaner.
- 4. Stick a star (or draw one) just above the top of your tree, then draw a brown rectangle at the bottom of the tree for the tree trunk.
- 5. Make a hole at the top of the paper plate and thread either a pipe cleaner or some yarn through to create a hanger. You can also write a Christmas greeting on the plate to turn the weave Christmas tree into a unique Christmas card.





#### DIY SAIT DOUGH ORNAMENTS

What you will need: Flour (250g/I cup) Salt (125g/ 1/2 cup) Water (125ml/ 1/2 cup) Bowl Chopping Board Rolling Pin Shape Cutters

**Optional** Acorns Conkers Paint Pine Cones Shells Stones

for this task but a regular stick from the garden will work just as well as salt dough is not edible.

6.To set the salt dough either leave it to set for a couple of days on a window sill or bake it in the oven on the lowest



setting for three hours. If doing the latter, first preheat the oven on the lowest setting and line a baking sheet with parchment (or grease the tray with butter/margarine).

- 7. Once the dough is set it is time to add the finishing touches. This is when they can be painted. If you made some hand-prints in the dough, paint your child's hand and get them to make another handprint on top of the dough hand-print (same hand). Make sure the paint is thin so it is more likely to leave a clear print behind.
- 8. The last thing to do is to thread a piece of string or ribbon through the hole of one of the salt dough ornaments and tie the two ends together to make a hanger. The string/ribbon only needs to be about 15-20cm depending on the size of the shape. Do this for all of your ornaments, they will then be ready to put on your Christmas tree.



Special thanks to Amy who created these craft activities. Amy runs Primrose Art Club, check out her website to see what arts & crafts the children create during their weekly sessions - www.primroseart.club

#### Method:

LAdd the flour and salt to a large bowl and mix together, next add the water a little bit at a time whilst stirring. The mixture should come together in a large dough ball.



2. Lightly dust your chopping board with flour and place the dough ball in the centre. Dust the rolling pin with flour and begin rolling it on the dough, making sure to turn the dough around to help with making sure the

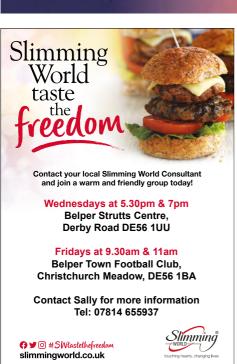


- 3. Once the dough is 1cm thick all round stop rolling and begin using shape cutters to cut out shapes from the dough. Place the shapes on the baking tray.
- 4. If you have natural objects such as acorns, conkers, pine cones, shells or stones found on a walk you can use them to add different textures to the dough shapes. If you happen to have some dried flowers you can even press them into the dough (they will fall off if not pressed in hard enough). You could also try out getting your children to make hand-prints in the dough as a keepsake.



5. Before leaving the dough shapes to set make sure you make holes in the top of them about 1cm from the age so string or ribbon can be threaded through later. Chopsticks and kebab sticks are useful tools









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# **BOOK REVIEWS**

I asked Stephanie from Belper's new lovely independent book shop 'Dormouse Books', to share her top recommendations for both children and adult books this Winter season. She offers a range of genres and some great stocking filler ideas for a variety of ages. All of these books can be purchased at Dormouse Books alongside hundreds of other titles. You can find them at the top of Belper Highstreet just off the Market Square.

# **CHILDRENS BOOKS**

#### How to Count to One by Caspar Salmon (ages 2+)

A pre-schooler's counting book with a difference. They're not allowed to count past one – which means they'll be desperate



to count past one. The playful tone and bright illustrations entice children to get counting by absolutely forbidding them to count.

#### This is not my hat by Jon Klassen (ages I+)

Told through beautiful illustrations and (a few) words, this is the story of a little fish who has stolen a hat from a much bigger fish. He's convinced he'll get away with it. But will he? Hilarious for all ages.



#### Holes by Louis Sachar (ages 8 +)

A pair of stolen trainers fall from the sky and land Stanley Yelnats in a juvenile correction unit. At Camp Green Lake, Stanley has to dig a hole five feet deep and five feet wide – every day in the hot Texas sun. The boys are told they are

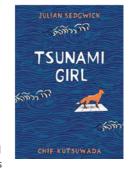


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digging to improve their character but Stanley suspects they're looking for something. This novel is told in prose as spare as the arid landscape, where not a single word is wasted. Perfectly plotted and so satisfying when all the holes are threaded together.

#### Tsunami Girl by Julian Dedgewick and Chie Kutsuwada (ages 10 +)

This is the story of 15-year-old Yuki Hara Jones who struggles to fit in in England and suffers from anxiety and panic attacks. She travels to Japan to stay with her



grandfather and gets caught in the 2011 tsunami. Told through prose and manga, this is a heart-breaking but ultimately uplifting story.

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# **ADULTS BOOKS**

# Nightbitch by Rachel Yoder

One night, a nameless mother loses track of the number of times her toddler has woken. She lies, inert, waiting for her husband to stir, knowing he won't because he never does. In anger and frustration, she barks at the child to stop then stumbles from the room.

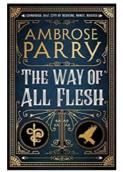


smashing a lamp and leaving a trail of blood. The next morning her husband says, 'You were kind of a bitch last night.'

'I am Nightbitch,' she replies. Slowly, Nightbitch becomes more hirsute and bloodthirsty and monstrous. This debut from Rachel Yoder is a witty and original take on the challenges of balancing modern motherhood with being an artist.

# The Way of all Flesh by Ambrose Parry

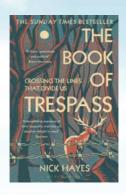
Written by husband and wife team Chris Brookmyre and Marisa Haetzman, this is a historical crime novel set in Victorian Edinburgh. Will – an apprentice to William Simpson (the real life pioneer of the use of chloroform) – teams up with Simpson's housemaid,



Sarah, to investigate when a string of dead women turn up in the back streets of the city. Macabre and fun (and the first in a series).

#### The Book of Trespass by Nick Hayes

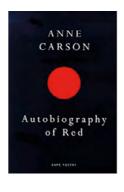
Hayes journeys across England and England's history. Exploring the erosion of access rights across the centuries. The Book of Trespass shines a light on how landowners originally amassed their wealth (often through links to



the slave trade). It's a rallying cry for equal access to the countryside.

# Autobiography of Red by Anne Carson

In mythology Geryon was a winged red monster killed by Heracles. Anne Carson retells his story, following him from an abusive childhood to his destruction by Heracles. Carson's writing defies genre, she



weaves poetry, prose and fragments from the early Greek poet Stesichorus into a book that is both erudite and accessible.



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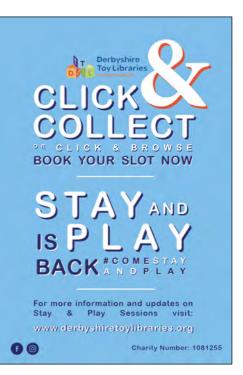


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If you are a new group and wish to be listed in later editions... please get in touch **info@boommagazine.co.uk** 

#### Pre-school Yoga: Movement, breathing, relaxation

Sage Yoga Studio
Tues 10-11am (2-5 yrs)
BLOCK BOOKING: 4Wks
laurastherapies@gmail.com

#### Belper Baby Club

Building confidence and community for parents and babies No. 28, Market Place Thurs, I-3pm, PAYG £5

### Toddle Talk Baby Signing with Doula Lucy Thurs: 10:30-11:30am

Number 28 Market Place Fri: 10:30-11:30am Struts Community Centre BOOK

#### Twistin Tinies Adventures

#### - Babies 0-18m (non-walkers)

Belper Community Hall Mon 12:30-1:30pm Tues 11:15am-12:15pm Fri (now running in Ripley) Block bookings

### BOOK - 4 Trial Classes £20 for new customers Twistin Tots - 0-5yrs

Belper Community Hall
Mon 9.45am - 11.20am (includes Stay & Play:
50 mins music + 45 mins play)
Tues 9.45am - 10.30am
Weekly or Block Bookings - 4 Trial Classes £20
for new customers
http://www.tcwistintots.co.uk/

#### Sunshine Forest School Toddler Group (0-4yrs)

High Woods, off Sandbed Ln Wed 10am-12pm BOOK

#### Nest & Nurture

Nest & Nurture Studio, Belper North Mill **Hatchlings** (Baby Massage & Postnatal Yoga (6wks-5m) Mon 12 - Ipm BOOK **Nestlings Baby Yoga** 

(4/5m – crawling)
Mon 10-11am BOOK

Fledglings - Messy/sensory play and yoga (6/7 months - 2 years)

Thur 10.30am-11.30am

**Tree Babies** (birth to around 12 months)
Outdoors mindfulness and babywearing group
Fri 10am-11am BOOK

#### **Nest & Nurture Tea Club**

Weekly social and support drop in session for expectant and new parents in Belper and surrounding area. Tues 10.30am - 12.30pm Yoga for Pregnancy & Birth

(from 14 wks of pregnancy onwards+) Tues 7pm-8:45pm **Derby and Notts Sling Library** 

2nd Tuesday of the month

#### Gymkids - 'not just Gymnastics'

Belper Leisure Centre Weds 10am & 11am Classes available for movers to pre-schoolers Pre-book

#### Phonics with Robot Reg

Vanessa's School of Dance Fridays: Mini Class (1yr-2.5/3 yrs) Preschool Class (2.5-4yrs) BOOK (Christmas Specials in December)

#### Belper Early Years Centre Toddler Group

# Alder Road Natural World Group Fri 10-11:30am

No need to book (£1 donation)

Special Friends Group

2nd Weds of Month 10-11:30am

(Sensory Room available when groups are

#### Nursery Ballet (3-4yrs)

Vanessa's School of Dance Mon 4:15-4:45pm. BOOK

#### **Derbyshire Toy Library**

Stay & Play

Belper Community Hall - Wed 9:30-11am (See fb for class details during summer hols) Kilburn Village Hall - Thurs 9.30 - 11am PAYG: Card - Cash - BACS or Paypal

#### Toy Hire

Click & Collect or Click & Browse Service: Strutts Community Centre Wed 10am - 12pm, Friday 9.30 - 11am, Sat 9am - 11:30am See fb page for ideas and to book a slot for pick up. Database available: www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org/shop

#### Post Natal Pilates

Belper Pilates Studio, East Mill **Post Natal Reformer** (babies welcome)

Thurs & Fri 10:30am **Pregnancy & Post Natal Pilates** 

Wed 6.15-7pm, Fri 10:30am, BOOK - 07703 116284

#### Little Church

St Peter's Church, Wed 10am-12pm

#### Prams & First Shoes Meet-Up

St Mark's Church Thurs 9:30-11:30am (0-2.5s)

#### Messy Church

St Swithun's Church 2nd Sat in the month 4-6pm. St Mark's church, Openwoodgate 4th Sat in the month 4-6pm

#### The Little Baby Sanctuary

Sage Yoga Studio
Baby Massage (6wk - crawling)
Fri I.30-2.30pm
Baby Yoga (8wk - crawling)
Thurs 10-11am BOOK

#### **B.E.A.R.S. Breastfeeding Support Group**

Belper Early Years Centre, Alder Road Fri 1:15-2:15pm Plus Fortnightly Friday Wallk & Talk sessions at Shipley country Park See Fb page for breastfeeding support and details of zoom meet/walk & talk sessions.

#### **Baby Sensory**

Lion Hotel, Wed, 10-1 Iam (Birth-6m) 11:30am-12:30pm (6m-13m) 1-2pm (Birth-13m) BOOK

#### Belper Library

Story and Rhyme Time Weds 11-11.30am (under 5s) Rhyme Time Fri 11-11.30am (under 5s) NO NEED TO BOOK

#### Baby Massage with Emily (Doula)

Number 28, Market Place 10-11.15am (4 wks – 6m) info@emilydoula.co.uk/ 07816653812

### Primrose Art Club Toddler Messy Play and Art session. Strutts Community Centre

Thurs 10-11am (2-3 yrs) BOOK (primroseartclub@gmail.com/ 07387 962150)

#### Ohana Baby Classes- fun, friendly, sensory for 0-13 m

Vanessa's School of Dance Thurs 11-11:45am Book a term at a time or PAYG

#### Moo Music (6 weeks - 5 yrs)

Belper Early Years Centre Thurs 12:45pm - 1:25pm Book

#### Kilburn Baby and Toddler Drop In

Kilburn Village Hall Fortnightly on a Sunday 9:30-11:30am Drop-In (donation appreciated)

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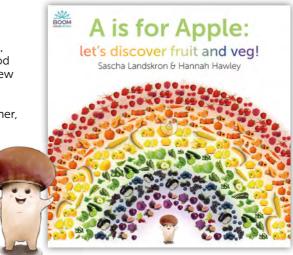
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# APPLE STRUDEL

Recipe concocted by Laura Lo Bue - Local mum, yoga teacher & baking lover

Now is the time to put those apples you've harvested to good use and make a yummy Apple Strudel with them. For me, cinnamon is the taste of Autumn and Winter and this simple recipe is full of this delicious warming spice. Bramley apples are best used for this recipe - however a more tart eating apple such as a Granny Smith will work just as well.

Preparation Time: 25 mins (or maybe a little longer if you have little ones helping!)

#### Cooking Time: 40 mins What you will need:

- 2 x Bramley apples (or similar)
- 3 x tbsp light brown sugar (and a little extra for dusting on the top)
- 2 x tsp ground cinnamon
- 4 x tbsp sultanas (or raisins)
- I x small egg (beaten)
- 25g unsalted butter (melted)
- 375g puff pastry (block or ready-rolled)

#### Method:

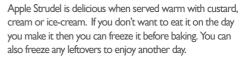
- 1. Set your oven to 190°C/170°C fan
- 2. Start by peeling and coring your apples, then cut them into pieces approximately 2x2cm in size





- 3. Add the apples to a bowl and mix in the ground cinnamon, sultanas and sugar
- 4. Roll out your puff pastry into a large rectangle and brush with melted butter

- 5. Spoon your apple mixture onto the pastry in a line, leaving enough space to roll it over so that all the filling is covered - use the beaten egg to seal all the way down the length of the pastry.
- 6. Fold in the ends of the pastry, again sealing with the egg
- 7. Brush the rest of beaten egg over the top and sides of the pastry and then sprinkle with sugar
- 8. Finally make 4 deep cuts diagonally into the top of the pastry.
- 9. Bake for 35 minutes, until golden brown, remove from the oven and allow it to cool a little before eating as the filling can get very hot!



There are many Apple Strudel recipes out there to try, including some that use breadcrumbs in the mixture and others that sprinkle icing sugar on top after baking. If you are a fan of nuts in your cooking then you can always add some walnuts to the apple mixture before filling the pastry. Try some options, make it your own, and enjoy!



# **EVENTS** NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

# Events happening locally for all ages!

#### **Belper Fireworks Night 2022**

Sat 5 Nov.

Meadows Community Sports Club (Book for early bird tickets)

The Hurt Arms - Ambergate Bonfire Carnival - Fri 4 Nov For those that love to see the sky lit up but aren't so keen on the big bangs. Two QUIET firework displays, bonfire, giant inflatables, Ferris Wheel and more.

Adults (12 years and over) £10 Children (2-12years old) £8 Under 2's free of charge

Bonfire Night – Sat 5 Nov Two explosive professional firework displays, bonfire, pyrotechnic entertainment, giant inflatables, traditional Ferris Wheel and more. Adults (12 years and over) £14 Children (2-12years old) £8 Under 2's free of charge

#### Derbyshire Toy Libraries Virtual Toy Sales

Thurs 10 Nov & 8 Dec Buy preloved toys at a bargain and raise vital funds. Go to Derbyshire Toy Libraries Selling and Fundraising FB Group and message them if you have toys and books to donate. www.derbyshiretoylibraries.org

#### Repair café

No.28 on the Market Place, Belper Sat 26 Nov, 10am-1pm

#### **Derbyshire Wildlife Trust**

Nature Tots, Mon 7, 14,21 Nov & 5, 12 Dec - 10am - 12pm Carsington Water Visitor Centre (book: £6 for 1st child, £3 each for siblings) Christmas Wreath Making

Sat 10 Dec, 10am -12pm & 1 - 3pm Sun 11 Dec, 1pm - 3pm & 5 - 7pm Carsington Water Visitor Centre (bookable: £30) www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/things-to-do

#### Chatsworth House & Gardens Christmas Market Sat 5 – Wed 23

Christmas Market Sat 5 – Wed 2. Nov. Over 100 stalls selling all things Christmas!

#### Christmas in the garden

Sat 5 Nov – Sun 8 Jan
Loki, the Norse god of mischief, has cast an enchanted spell over the Chatsworth Garden evoking the magical atmosphere of a Nordic winter through captivating light trails and themed illuminated displays. Best viewed from dusk, Approximately 1.8km. Allow 45mins to 1hr 30mins (included with tickets for Christmas at Chatsworth or as a Christmas in the garden ticket)

Storytime with Father Christmas Sat/Sun 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 & Fri 23 Dec Father Christmas story time, a craft activity with our elves and a gift to take home. Gifts are suitable for ages up to 11 (Includes entrance to the farmyard and playground)

#### Fireside fairy tales

Mon/Wed 5, 7, 12 & 14 Dec, 4–5pm & 5.30–6.30pm. Gather around the campfire for festive fairy tales, warming hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows.

#### **DERBY LIVE**

#### **Christmas Light Switch On**

Sat 12 Nov, 6pm – Derby City Centre Wrap up warm for a parade and enjoy a variety of entertainment on the stage leading up to the big switch-on at 6pm to get you in the Festive spirit

#### Family Festivities at Markeaton Park

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Dec from 11am An event for all the family with live music, walkabout acts, and festive food

#### **Festive Derby Ice Rink**

Mon 5- Sat 31 Dec from 10am – Derby Market Place. The Ice Rink is back for 2022 as part of Festive Derby (£7-£8.50)

#### **Derby Santa Run**

Sun 11 Dec - Markeaton park
The Jingle Jog is back with a new name,
Derby Santa Run!
https://www.derbylive.co.uk

Reunion Deli Networking Event Wed 23 Nov, 9-1 Iam

#### **Denby Pottery Village**

**Toddler Tuesdays:** Every Tues in term time. I 0am – I 1am Creative craft sessions for pre-school children. £5 per session with a free child's drink in Bourne's Coffee Shop & Bistro

Christmas Crafters Experience Fri/Sat/Sun 11,12 & 13 Nov Fri/Sat/Sun 18 19 20 Nov

Craft your own personalised ceramic gifts for Christmas, complete with a with a cuppa & cake - £25 pp

#### Santa Experience

Sat 26 Nov – Sat 24 Dec Enjoy a visit to meet Santa, hand-pick your own special gift from Santa's Workshop and join in the festive games in the Denby gardens. Mon – Fri (off-peak): £14.95 per child, Sat & Sun (peak): £16.95 per child

Get Ready For Santa In The Craft Studio. Sat 26 – Sun 27 Nov 2pm – 4pm

Bring little ones to the Craft Studio to paint their own Christmas Eve Denby plate and handleless mug for Santa, plus make their own reindeer food. Denby creations will be kiln fired in time for you to collect before Christmas Eve -£25 per child

#### **Denby Christmas Market**

Fri/Sat/Sun 2, 3 & 5 Dec & 9, 10, 11 Dec Two weekends of stalls packed full of delicious food, drink and great artisan gift ideas. FREE entry and parking

Winter Wreath Workshop Fri/Sat/Sun 9, 10 & 11 & Fri/Sat/Sun 16, 17 & 18 Dec. £45 pp complete with a with a cuppa & cake

#### **Afternoon Tea With Santa**

Sat 17 – Fri 23 Dec Join Santa for Afternoon Tea, games and story time, plus a small gift for each child. - £16.95 pp

**Christmas Lunch At Bourne's** 

Mon 12 – 16 Dec 12pm- 2.30pm Celebrate the festive season with a delicious home-cooked Christmas Lunch – From £9.95 per adult £7.95 per child



**Fun Childrens Christmas Crafts** 

Wed 21 – Sat 24 Dec 10am – 2pm Bring your little ones to the Craft Studio to decorate their own Christmas Eve stocking, £7 per child **Breakfast With Mrs Clause** Sat 24 Dec 9am – I Iam Join Mrs Claus for breakfast, games and story time, plus a small gift for each child. – £16.95 pp.All tickets can be booked online: https://www. denbypottery.com/denby-potteryvillage-experience

### Heritage Wood Illuminated Woodland Walk

Heritage Wood - Ednaston, Ashbourne Fri/Sat/Sun 25, 26 & 27 Nov & 2, 3 & 4 Dec 4:30pm first admission/ 7:15pm last admission. Pizza, hog roast, coffee and a selection of stalls at the end of the walk Book tickets: www.heritagewood.co.uk

Croots Farm – Nr Duffield
Santa Experience in collaboration with
Jumping Clay, Sat/Sun 26 & 27 Nov & 3,
4, 10, 11, 17, 18 & Fri 23 Dec
(sittings at 2.30pm and 4.30pm)
Make a Christmas Decoration with
Jumping Clay Derby, a children's tea
with sandwich, sausage roll, reindeer
cupcake and drink served by Santa's
elves, a visit to see Santa and a quality
gift and special certificate to take
home (£25 per child) Under 3's - meet
Santa and receive a gift £8

The Rotary Club Santa's Sleigh Visits Santa will be out on his sleigh around Belper and Duffield bringing joy to families and raising money for charities.

A rough schedule for when you may spot him - 5pm start time: Thurs 2, 9, 16, 23 Dec - Belper Tues 7, 17, 21 Dec - Duffield King Street Belper - 23 Dec Morrisons - 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 Dec

Christmas activities in Belper: Armistice Day Service - Fri 11 Nov- 10.30am for 2 minutes silence at

I Iam, Memorial Gardens

Farmers Market - Sat 12 Nov & Sat 10 Dec. Market Place

Remembrance Day Service and Parade - Sun 13 Nov, 10am-

and Parade - Sun 13 Nov, 10am-Ipm, Memorial Gardens, Parade to St. Peters Church

Christmas Lights Switch On – Thurs 24 Nov, 5.45 – 8pm, Memorial Gardens and King Street Winter Food Festival - Sun 4 Dec, 10am-3pm (9.30-10am Slow shopping) Carol Service - Sat 24 Dec, 4pm

Market Place

Christmas activities in Ripley: Ripley Lights Switch-on & Christmas Market. Sun 27 Nov.

Tagm-6:30pm (Switch-on at 5pm)
Food, drink & gift stalls, entertainment
including, dancing, singing, bubbles,
children's rides, costumed characters,
Father Christmas & Amber Sound FM Ripley Market Place & Shirley Rd Car Park

Alfreton Christmas Light Switch On - Sat 26 Nov

Including entertainment throughout the town all day

Erewash Museum Craftsmas Fayre

Fri 25 Nov - 5:30pm to 8:30pm Join us for a selection of local crafts, gifts and Christmas present ideas as part of the town lights switch on event. Enjoy festive carols in the grounds of our beautiful Georgian house.

Santa Saturdays

Sat 10 &17 Dec. £2.50 Per child including a gift, booking essential

#### Clip n Climb Derby World Cup offer Sat 26- Sun 27 Nov

Celebrate the world cup this weekend with us! Feel free to wear your favourite team colours or football t-shirt. £10pp only on 5pm & 6pm sessions

Toddler Christmas craft/cookies Mon 12 Dec, 9:30, 10:15 and 1 lam Let your little chef have a try at cookie decorating! www.clipnclimbderby.co.uk / 01332 943999

#### **Christmas Fayre**

Ada Belfield Care Centre Café, Belper 4 Dec, 2.30 – 5pm

# Woven Earth Winter Craft Fair & Family Crafts

Sat 10 Dec, I I am-3pm
Family craft activities with a forest
school practitioner, wreath making
workshop, and willow workshop
alongside stalls from local crafters and
artisans (£15 for a stall)
High Leas Farm, Riber, near Matlock
£4 a person, under 12s free.
Workshops booked separately

#### Twistin Tots Christmas Parties

(& fancy dress competition) Belper Community Hall: Sun 11 Dec: 10 - 11.45am, Sun 18 Dec: -2 - 3.45pm, Mon 19 Dec: 10 -11.45am. Tues 20 Dec: 10 - 11.45am Darley Abbey Village Hall: Thurs 15 Dec: 10 - 11.45am St Ioseph's Catholic Church, Ripley: Fri 16 Dec 10-11.45am Matlock (venue TBC): Wed 21 Dec 10-11.45am Heage village hall, Sat 10 Dec 10-11.45am Twistin Tots parties will be 1hr 45 mins, and will include festive music, pass the parcel, prize for best Christmas fancy dress, juice and mince pie/cupcake for all, present, reindeer dust and treat for all children, plus make an Xmas decoration to take home. £9 children £3 Adults. Max of 2 children per adult. All welcome.

### Twistin Tinies Adventures Christmas Parties

Belper Community Hall
Sun 11 Dec 1.30-3.30pm
Sun 18 Dec 10am - 12pm
Festive music, fancy dress competition,
make an xmas decoration keepsake
with baby to take home, reindeer dust,
hot drinks and mince pies for grown
ups /siblings, present for siblings aged
18 months - 11years. £9 babies, £7
accompanying adults and/or siblings
https://twistintots.co.uk/

### Derby Museums Tots Make & Do: Deck the Halls

Fri 16 Dec, 10-11.30am Museum and Art Gallery - FREE Christmas at Pickford's House: Cinderella Sat 3 Dec, 11am-3pm Pickford's House - Under 16s £3 https://www.derbymuseums.org

Santa's Grotto @ Dot Teas Tea Room Sat 17 Dec 10am-2pm & Sun 18 Dec 11am — 1pm. Book a slot, £12 a ticket with personalised gift

#### **Elvaston Castle Winter Trail**

Sat 17 Dec – Mon 2 Jan (except Christmas Day). Pop into the Elvaston Castle Information Centre & Shop to pick up a winter trail sheet and enjoy a festive walk around the grounds. Length: Less than a mile/£2 per trail sheet.

#### **Shipley Park Elf Trail**

Sun 18 Dec – Sun 8 Jan (except Christmas Day) 10.30am-2pm Come along to this Christmas themed trail and find the clue cards to help you

trail and find the clue cards to help you complete the Elf's activity sheet and receive a certificate! Turn up any time, self-led activity, length:

1-2 miles, £1.50 per child.

#### Cromford Mills Christmas Market

Every weekend 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18 Dec. Plus Christmas Trees for sale

#### **Deda Derby**

Screenprinting Workshop - 5 Nov Tribal Vibes Family Drumming Workshop - 3 Dec

**Dizzy Ink:** Experimental Print & Zine Making Workshop - 10 Dec https://www.deda.uk.com

#### **Bluebells Dairy**

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Christmas for a night time sleigh ride!
Book: https://bluebelldairy.co.uk

# Wirksworth Heritage Centre Santa visit

Sat 10 Dec (More details tbc) https://www.wirksworthheritage.co.uk

#### Ecclesbourne Valley Railway The Train Through Christmas Countryside

The sell-out magical immersive festive show is back for 2022. Enjoy a Steam train ride from Wirksworth to 'Santa's Station' in your own compartment up to six passengers. Watch a Magical Christmas show during the journey and a presents from Santa for every child, hot chocolate and cookies for every passenger and lots more! https://www.e-v-r.com/christmas/

#### Sundown Adventureland Christmas Spectacular

Sat 19 Nov- Sat 24 Dec A winter wonderland with a 'Night before Christmas ride' and much more!

#### White Post Farm

**Once Upon a Fairytale Christmas** Starts Sat 3 Dec. A secret world awaits in the Enchanted Forest!

### National Forest Adventure Farm

#### **North Pole Adventure**

Selected dates between Sat 26 Nov – Sat 24 Dec. Journey through the magical portal to the North Pole

#### **Driftwood Land**

Dale Abbey. Sat 26th Nov- Sat 24 Dec I hr slots, Ipm-6pm

Magical Santa visit in a decorated hobbit house set in a rural location. Look out for the giant gingerbread characters hiding in the woods and get busy making reindeer food to take home. Take a selfie with Santa and choose a lovely cuddly from the toy chest and receive your magic key! £15 per child & £2.50 adult plus hot and cold drinks to purchase.

Book through Eventbrite on fb; Driftwood land

# **Elvaston Castle Winter Wonderland**

Nov & Dec – dates & times TBC House & grounds lit up with illuminations providing a stunning multi-sensory experience.

The house will be opened up to the public for Christmas crafts and stories with Mrs Claus. Meet Father Christmas in his grotto and visit his elves in their workshop. Food and drink on offer from Bustler Market, Christmas craft fair, interactive street performers and fairground rides. Book tickets at: https://derbywinterwonderland.co.uk

#### THEATRE:

#### The Nosy Little Troll

Sat 12th Nov, 5:30pm Belper Community Hall 50 mins age 3-8 Garlic Theatre hold their

Garlic Theatre hold their audience spellbound with wonderfully crafted troll puppets, live music and lots of joining in. A warm hearted funny Scandinavian story, starring a tasty brown cheese song, a lost goat and a bushy old troll with green fingers. Book at: 07878933469 / Liveandlocal.org.uk

#### Deda

Snow Play, Sat 17 or Sun 18 Dec Help Mr Green against Mr White in this highly interactive family show for children aged 3+ You get to make a giant snowman, cover a whole house in snow and have a super snowball fight! A fun smash-hit production of Snow Play this Christmas. https://www.deda.uk.com

#### **Derby Theatre Shrek The Musical**

Tues I – Fri 4 Nov, 7:30pm Sat 5 Nov, 1:30pm & 6pm Good Companions presents Shrek the Musical, the story of a hulking green ogre based on the smash-hit animated film. Performance time: 2 hours and 30 minutes

#### The Wind in the Willows

Fri 25 Nov = Sat 31 Dec, 7:15pm, 2:30pm, 10:15am

This Christmas, join Toad, Ratty, Mole, Badger and their animal friends for an exciting whirlwind adventure amidst the English countryside. I hour 50 minutes (inc interval) – Age 5+

#### **Ugly Duckling**

Thurs I-Sat 3 I Dec 10:30am & I:30pm Tutti frutti brings Hans Christian Andersen's well-known tale to life for Christmas 2022, with inventive physicality and live music that quacks and trills. Performance time: 60 minutes - Age 3+ https://derbytheatre.co.uk

#### **Derby Live!**

The Christmas Toy Shop Mystery Fri 9- Fri 30 Dec – Derby Market Place Derby's favourite festive funsters The Babbling Vagabonds are back to solve the

mystery of the Christmas Toy Shop Aladdin

Fri 9- Sat 3 | Dec – Derby Arena Derby Arena's high-flying action-packed pantomime. Aladdin wishes the Princess would notice him, Princess Amirah wishes she could lead a normal life, and Aladdin's mother wishes she could remember what she came in here for!

https://www.derbylive.co.uk

The Grand Pavilion – Matlock Bath 'Father Christmas Needs A Wee' - a Talegate Production

10 Dec

**'Sinbad'** Pantomime - performed by local group Theatreworks 16, 17 & 18 Dec

https://thegrandpavilion.co.uk

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#### Where are we?

Titchy Town is based on the site of Scallywags Private Day Nursey in Chellaston (Rowallan Way, DE73 5WX).

Hero Town is based on the site of Scallywags Private Day Nursery in Melbourne (Castle Lane, DE73 8JB).

Please use Scallywags car park at both sites. You will find signage in both car parks on how to access the centres.

### How it works?

Both role play centres work on a pre-book via our website and pay on arrival basis with sessions lasting 90 minutes. On your first entry you will be issued a loyalty card and for every nine sessions you attend you will receive your 10th entry free of charge! Loyalty cards can be used across both sites. Payment is cash only.

# Titchy Town Play Village



Castle Store Town House Vets 'n' Pets Anabelle's Café Wash 'n' Go Harry's Yard Baby Zone



# Hero Town Play Village

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Dogs Grooming Parlour
George's Garage
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Foston's Fire Station
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Castle Lane Clinic

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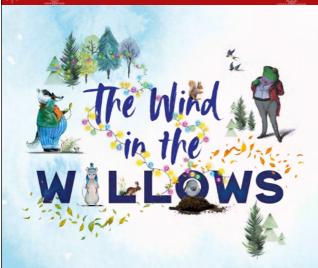
Baby Zone

To find out more or to book into a play session...

Visit our websites: titchytown.com or hero-town.co.uk

# This Christmas at Derby Theatre





A Derby Theatre production

# Fri 25 Nov - Sat 31 Dec

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# EXCITED!!!



By Debbie, Neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) therapist and author of "The Feelings Basket" book series

#### It's Christmas and we're all excited... aren't we?

Christmas is one of the few times in the year when lots of emotions come out to play in a big way. One emotion our children feel and can guite often become larger than life is excitement! In a young person's world, there are so many things to feel excited about: putting up decorations, parties, buying, wrapping and receiving gifts, Santa, grottos, the list goes on. To quote Andy Williams, for our young ones Christmas really is "The most wonderful time of the year". For us adults though, it can often be the most stressful time as we're at the organising end of the above list as well as performing our usual day to day tasks - let's face it, none of Santa's elves are going to help to load and unload the dishwasher, make meals and do the school run. Stress and excitement in one household can quite often lead to a whole host of drama.

In my job as NLP therapist and emotions coach I help adults and children understand their emotions and keep them in balance. So, how can this be useful at this time of year? Here's a couple of my favourite techniques to help you balance the excitement of your young ones and any stress you may be feeling:

#### Something for your young ones

During my "All feelings welcome" parent/child sessions, one of the first things we do is to personify emotions. We give our emotions characteristics to help us understand them better. Once we understand our feelings, we can make them work well for us. Spend a short amount of time working with your child on what excitement



would look like if it came to life. Talk to them about the kind of places where excitement would be a perfect feeling to spend time with. Then also ask them to create their calm feeling and talk about where and when they may want to spend time with calm. Use these personifications as ways to talk to your children about when you want them to spend time with each emotion, e.g. "Let's take excited to visit Santa", or "Let's bring calm along to deliver the presents".

#### Something for you

Use your senses to create yourself a portable oasis of calm. When you have a moment (before you get into the swing of Christmas), select/collect the following: a favourite song or piece of music that makes you feel relaxed, a favourite scent (rosemary, lavender or jasmine are the UK's top 3 favourite calming scents), a favourite calming memory (my personal favourite is on the beach in the sunshine with the sound of waves in the background). Once you have chosen these, find somewhere in the house you won't be disturbed for 5 minutes. With your chosen music playing, your favourite calming scent around you, imagine a calm bubble surrounding you, imagine yourself back inside your calm memory and take a moment to take a few deep breathes and build up the calm energy inside your bubble. Anchor this feeling with a word or action (e.g. squeezing together your thumb and forefinger). Once your feeling is anchored, you can "switch on" this bubble of calm and tranquillity any time you need it (even in the supermarket aueue).

#### Something for you both

One of the things I do most in my job is to imagine myself in the shoes of the people I work with, as I need to completely understand things from their perspective.

There is never a better time to do this than at Christmas. - when we see it from the perspective of our young ones Christmas becomes magical, wondrous and fun. Now, don't get me wrong, we can't do this all the time, otherwise there would be no presents to give, no food to eat and no plans for celebrations, but it is so good for our soul (and our children) if we take some time out to simply live in the moment. So, when you are with your young ones, visiting Santa or putting up the tree, spend a small amount of time living in the moment and breathing in the wonder and excitement of Christmas.

If you'd like more detail on these techniques (Debbie has some free videos to follow) or for more information on a heap of skills to understand



and manage emotions (for children and adults), Contact Debbie, NLP therapist and author of "The Feelings Basket" book series: **Debbie@FeelingsBasket.** 

# KEEPING YOUR COOL

# TOP TIPS TO KEEP YOUR STRESS LEVELS DOWN DURING THE BUSINESS OF CHRISTMAS



By Andrew Smy, Clinic Director at Peak Chiropractic and Kinesiology

Christmas is sold as a time of peace and joy amongst all mankind....when in reality it is often the most socially, financially and emotionally stressful time of the year for many people!

With that sobering truth in mind we wanted to share how you can use meditation to have a truly magical Christmas this year!

If you're like most adults, you're constantly juggling a million different things. You're always stressed and feeling rushed, and it seems like there's never enough time in the day. You may have heard about meditation and its many benefits, but you're not sure if it's worth your time.

Firstly let's look at the top reasons you should meditate this Christmas and the rest of the year too!

- **I.** Actively reduces stress and anxiety by up to 40%.. no brainer right!
- Helps with addiction (excess alcohol, food or gift buying anyone?)
- **3.** Improves attention and concentration (essential for party planning!)
- 4. Boosts your immune system... hello it's winter!!
- 5. Improves physical fitness and self-awareness, meaning you can shop more before you drop.. Oh and reduce your blood pressure, chronic pain and insomnia to name a few 'side effects!'.
- Improved self-esteem (ever compared your Christmas to others...)

So, now we have cleared up WHY meditation over the festive period is essential, right or right?

Let's dive into exactly what it is and how to get it right.

Meditation is a practice that's been around for thousands of years, and today it is a common technique for relaxation and reducing stress. There are many ways to meditate, including guided meditation, mindfulness meditation, Tai chi, and yoga, so there will be a way suitable for everyone!

The exercise below however is my personal favourite as it is quick, easy, free and can be applied anywhere, win-win-win!

#### Step I

Simply focus on breathing deeply IN through your nose whilst repeating in your head, "I am breathing through my nose". This repetitive phrase is essential as it gives your conscious brain a task to focus on that is INTERNAL to yourself!

#### Step 2

Focus on slowly breathing OUT through your mouth whilst repeating in your head "I am breathing out through my mouth"

#### Step 3

Repeat for as long and as often as possible!



WHAT?! I have read this whole article and that's it... breathe more! Well yes... and no. It's rarely recommended to get married on the first date right? So try this out, if it feels good and you fancy a bit more try the following:

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### FESTIVE KID-FREE DAYS OUT

By Molly Scott - Derbyshire Blogger - Molly is a local mum and runs a popular website called Lovely Local Indie: www.lovelylocalindie.com. Follow her for more great ideas for days out and top places to eat whilst supporting 'independent businesses'



For many parents the highlight of Christmas is seeing the magic through their children's eyes. However, it's also important to look after ourselves as parents. If you're able to carve out some child-free time, here's some ideas for festive things to do with friends, a partner or just solo. Sort the babysitter and enjoy!

#### **Christmas at Chatsworth**

Whilst Chatsworth is a brilliant family day out, I do think seeing the House and the Christmas market is more enjoyable in the company of adults. Take your time seeing the art, and really appreciate the decorations (rather than being whizzed through at break neck speed of an impatient child). This year's theme is 'Deep Midwinter: A Nordic Christmas at Chatsworth' and runs from 5 November 2022 to 8 January 2023.



#### **Festive markets**

Whilst many of the region's festive markets are really family friendly, several are more sophisticated affairs. Enjoy a leisurely mooch around the seasonal stalls and get stuck into the mulled wine! Haddon Hall's Mercatum Christmas Artisan Market is always stunning. Many of the other markets are free.

#### **Christmas at Thornbridge**

For a luxurious day out, book a **Christmas house tour** which starts with mulled wine and a mince pie. This seasonal and interactive tour takes in

the splendour of The Hall and its stunning decorations. £15 per person. For the ultimate treat, book an afternoon tea for afterwards. Alternatively, you can also enjoy a slice of Thornbridge for next to nothing. Their free to enter Christmas market takes place on



Friday 18th to Sunday 20th November 2022. It is housed in the beautiful Carriage House with twenty stalls of local artisan makers. The gorgeous gardens will also be free to enter on these dates.

#### Festive menus, seasonal coffees & cocktails

One of the loveliest days out I had last Christmas time was a random weekday when my husband and I both had the day off and took ourselves for a festive lunch at a pub in the Peak District. I'm sure you have your favourite places to go so keep an eye out on their social media for festive menus and seasonal specials (if you do need suggestions — there's hundreds on LovelyLocalIndie.com).

Budgets are invariably tight at this time of year (and this year more than ever) – so don't feel you need to go for a decadent meal out. Maybe just a **Christmassy coffee and mince pie** somewhere lovely? Or, enjoy the festive lights and then head

somewhere with a thermos!







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# REDUCING FIRE RISK THIS CHRISTMAS

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By Maria Matthews owner of Mini First Aid Nottingham and Derby

We want you and your family to have a great Christmas and above all, this means helping you keep your little ones safe. Christmas brings with it a greater risk of burn injury owing to the increased use of candles, festive lights, and the extra demands of cooking for family and friends. Did you know that you are 50% more likely to be involved in a house fire over Christmas?

To help protect you and your family this year we have rounded up our top tips for reducing fire risk in your home this Christmas, as well as a handy guide on what to do if you or a loved one suffers a burn injury.

- Avoid overloading your plug sockets and extension cables.
- Avoid letting real Christmas trees get too dry and water them regularly. Dry Christmas trees catch fire more easily.
- Don't water your tree whilst Christmas lights are plugged in around it.
- Place your tree and decorations away from heat sources such as fireplaces.
- Turn off Christmas lights when you leave the house or go to bed. Christmas lights can overheat leading to an electrical fire.
- Take care with candles. Avoid placing near items that may catch fire or where a pet may push it off. Blow out candles before you go to bed or leave the house.
- Have a designated space where guests should place hot drinks which is up high on a secure surface out of little ones reach

# And most importantly - check that your smoke alarms are working correctly!

You should have a working smoke alarm fitted on all levels of your property. Smoke alarms should be checked weekly to make sure they are still working and be sure to replace the alarms battery when needed.

# Mini First Aid Advice for the treatment of Burns & Scalds

- Cool the burn with cool running water for at least 20 minutes
- Remove any clothing and jewellery near the burn (unless it is melted or firmly stuck to the wound).
- Cover with cling film or a sterile non-fluffy dressing.
- If necessary call for help 999 or 111. As a general rule of thumb, a burn that is blistering (or worse) and is bigger than the casualties own hand requires urgent medical attention.
- Always get burns on a baby or child assessed by a medical professional.

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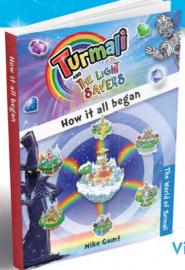
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