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The Lantern Parade will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

We will assemble on the pavement outside the shops on Causewayhead Road from 5:45pm and the parade will commence at about 6:25pm. This is dependent on the 6:23pm bus arriving and departing on time.

The parade will finish at the area around Hartley's Fruit Cabin for a ceremonial switching on of the Christmas lights and carol singing.

Roads will be closed during the parade and a number of marshals will be present to ensure safety. First aiders will also be in attendance.

If you are bringing a lantern please ensure that it isn't lit with a naked flame.

The Shine Choir will be singing at the assembly area and will accompany the parade to Hartley's Fruit Cabin where they will join in the carol singing.

The parade will be led by Father Christmas on the back of a flatbed truck which will depart from The Meadway. Please ensure that you and your children stay on the pavement until the truck has passed by. The parade will then follow behind and marshals will signal when it is safe to do so. Marshals will follow behind the parade.

The Christmas tree lights will be switched on once the parade is safely assembled outside Hartley's Fruit Cabin and carol singing will be led by Brooke Waddle, a well-known entertainer who lives in the village. Song sheets will be provided.

The event will finish at about 7:15 and the roads will be opened once the parade has dispersed, so please take care and stay on the pavements. Marshals will still be in attendance.

Several shops and businesses will be open for a short time afterwards and will be offering refreshments, and Father Christmas will retire to the Devonshire Arms to dispense treats provided by David and Cath Fallaize.

We intend to keep the parade small this year and so we will not be publicising it outside the village but, of course, relatives from outside the village are welcome to come along and join in.

If you have any questions please email to <a href="mailto:lantern.parade@dorevillage.co.uk">lantern.parade@dorevillage.co.uk</a>

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