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Vintage Christmas at the Museum

An old fashioned Christmas is guaranteed at a **brand new** event in Bognor Regis next Friday at the town's Museum.

Whilst the Museum closed on the 4th November after a very busy season, it is opening again for one day only on the 28th November between 3-8pm to give visitors an opportunity to rekindle some childhood Christmas memories.

Entry is free and Father Christmas will be in attendance giving out sweets to children and the first 100 visitors will each receive a free Christmas Cracker. Mr Sparks will be adding to the fun creating Balloon models.

The Museum has been decorated especially to help give an old world feel, and many of the mock-shop window displays have been decorated also to add to the atmosphere. Especially created for the occasion is a **NEW** Woolworths shop window full of old Christmas decorations.

Curator Chris Burstow explained the thinking behind the new display. "FW Woolworths was in nearly every town in the UK until its sad demise, including Bognor. Whilst folk always immediately think of *Pic n Mix* as being synonymous with Woolies, it was also the place where everyone bought their Christmas Decorations, in fact few other shops sold them. They really did make them affordable for the masses. We thought that such a display really will jog lots of memories and remind them of those halcyon Christmases of long ago."

Refreshments and Mince Pies will also be on sale, as will a giant basket of nuts, where visitors will be able to use some of the Museum's old fashioned nut crackers to break a shell or two.

The Museum Shop has been restocked especially for the occasion, offering a wide range of local history books and souvenirs, making ideal gifts to give or send to those who love Bognor or history. There is also a good selection of traditional toys, such as tin yo-yos, whistles, spinning tops and French knitting dolls, perfect for those stocking-fillers.

Chris added, "If listening to Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* from an old vintage wireless set is how you remember the perfect Christmas, then please pop in for a very warm welcome."

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