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Carols by Gaslight?

It could be *Carols by Gaslight* at Bognor Regis Museum in the future, following the installation of an original cast-iron gas lamp column outside the West Street building, just in time for the attraction's second Christmas event.

Donated by Arun District Council from the Hotham Park Miniature Railway Station following the commissioning of new lighting in the park, the installation, painting and eventual fitting of a lantern has been kindly supported by Bognor Regis Heritage Partnership (sponsored by Bognor Regis Town Council) and Aldwick Parish Council.

Museum Curator Chris Burstow said "We are very grateful to Arun, Bognor and Aldwick Councils for their generous help in getting the Gas Lamp post in place, just in time for Christmas. Not only will it give the Museum greater presence to passers-by, but it enhances the street scene."

The Museum which has been specially decorated to welcome seasonal visitors, will be open on Friday 27th (3-8pm) and Saturday 28th (10am-3pm). Guests will be able to meet Father Christmas, have a go at cracking some nuts, enjoy Mince Pies and other home-made cakes and peruse the Gift Shop, which has been re-stocked with lots of retro pocket money toys which make great stocking fillers. Popular local children's entertainer Nick Clark will be demonstrating the art of Balloon Modelling on Friday 4.30-5.30pm.

Chris said that whilst the numbers at the attraction had been down this season reflecting the poor weather, the Museum had ended on a high with its first Halloween event which saw over 500 visitors in 6 days and was now looking forward to the Christmas event. He added, "Last year's one day event was so well received, that this year we are holding it over two days and have added a pop-up café with home-made cakes and Lucky Dip! Who knows, we may even tie some Holly to the Gas Lamp it to give it that Victorian Christmas card look!"

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