

Christmas Tree Festival

WITH the switch-on of the Christmas lights taking place today (Thursday), the festive season is now in full swing.

The Mercury has therefore teamed up with Weston Business Improvement District to launch a brand new treat this year – the Christmas Tree Festival.

Twenty two Christmas trees – decorated by children at schools and youth organisations – have been placed around the town in shops and businesses.

However each of the trees has a rather unusual decoration – can you spot what it is?

When you have found all the odd decorations, complete the form below and enter the competition by posting them in the special collection boxes at Marks & Spencer's High Street store.

The closing date is December 21 and then two winners will be picked

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at random the following day. Each winner will receive a family ticket to see the Peter Pan pantomime, with the prize kindly donated by the Playhouse Theatre.

Town centre manager Steve Townsend believes this is a great way to have fun this Christmas and yet support the community.

He said: "The Christmas tree trail will hopefully encourage families to explore all parts of our brilliant town centre.

"The trees have been fabulously decorated by schools and take pride of place in 22 of our town centre businesses.

"A great day to complete the trail would be Small Business Saturday December 6, combining a fun family activity with some Christmas Shop-

ping while supporting our local businesses".

Weston Mayor Roz Willis will judge all the trees before selecting her favourite one, but you can vote too, by ticking the box next to the one which you like the most and the school or group with the best entry will win a small prize.

Good luck!

Other dates for diary:

■ Today: Christmas lights switch-on – live music from 4-9pm in the Italian Gardens before the main event at 6pm. A fireworks display is also planned for 8pm.

■ December 6: Small Business Saturday – as part of a national campaign, Weston BID is asking shoppers to support independent businesses over national chains for the day and find some unique Christmas present bargains.

Location	Group/School	Odd item
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Santander, High Street	Walliscote Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Rose and Amber, Meadow Street	1st Ashcombe Cubs and Beavers	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Bicycle Chain, Locking Road	1st Burrington & Wrington Beaver Scouts	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Weston Museum, Burlington Street	St Mark's Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 The Market Place, St James Street	Westhaven	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 Hills Bakers, St James Street	1st North Weston Rainbows	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 7 Select, Sovereign Centre	Ashcombe Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Royal Hotel, South Parade	1st Wick St Lawrence Scouts	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Grand Pier, Marine Parade	23rd Weston Guides	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Outdoors and Active, Meadow Street	3rd Weston (St Paul's) Cub Pack	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 McDonald's, Regent Street	Heron's Moor Academy (Key Stage One)	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 Charlie's Sweet Factory, Beach Road	Heron's Moor Academy (Key Stage Two)	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 13 Saltrock, High Street	Locking Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 14 Roundabout Cards, Regent Street	1st Bleadon Brownies	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 Bright Hair, Waterloo Street	Christ Church Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 16 Weston Mercury, Waterloo Street	Ashbrooke House	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 Marks & Spencer, High Street	4th Worle Brownies	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 Crafty Monkey, Oxford Street	3rd Weston Brownies	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 19 Winstons Fish Bar, Beach Road	Worle Village Primary	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Scatterbox, West Street	The Acorns (Village Learning Campus)	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 21 Munchies and More, High Street	Oldmixon Family Centre	.....
<input type="checkbox"/> 22 Cotsworld Collection, Alexandra Parade	For All Healthy Living Centre play centre

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