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Subject: Urgent - 2026 Event Dates

Dear Town and Community Councils,

For 2026 we are looking to plan the Christmas dates as follows. With December proving to be a unfavourable month for the events, looking at our past years, we need to rectify this for 2026 to ensure all town centres have a greater chance of the winter markets taking place – it's always a gamble at any time of year with outdoor events but we have to make a change next year and are planning the below.

- Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market - Saturday 7th November
- Bargoed Christmas Market – Saturday 14th November
- Caerphilly Christmas Market - Saturday 21st November
- Blackwood Christmas Market - Saturday 28th November

Any queries please let us know by the close of Tuesday as we have to start sending out application forms for 2026 as we are already behind schedule.

It has been suggested to us previously by members of the public and traders that we possibly rotate the dates – this is something that we may have to consider also moving forward.

The full planned programme for 2026, subject to funding, is as follows:

	Spring Events	Date	Times
.	The Big Welsh FEASTival (NP12 1AB)	Saturday 28 th February 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Bargoed Spring Fair	Saturday 21 st March 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Ystrad Mynach Food, Drink & Music Festival (CF82 7AB)	Saturday 28 th March 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Caerphilly Food & Drink Festival (CF83 1JL)	Saturday 18 th April 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Bargoed May Fair (CF81 8QT)	Saturday 9 th May 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Caerphilly 10k (CF83 1AB)	Sunday 10 th May 2026	8am – 12pm
	Summer Events	Date	Times
.	Risca Beach FEASTival (NP11 6BW)	Saturday 13 th & Sunday 14 th June 2026	10am – 4pm
.	Blackwood Beach Party (NP12 1AB)	Saturday 27 th June 2026	9am – 5pm
.	Pride Caerffili (CF83 1JL)	Saturday 4 th July 2026	12pm – 6pm
0.	Bargoed Summer Music Festival (CF81 8QT)	Saturday 11 th July 2026	9am – 6pm
1	Caerphilly Cheese Festival (CF83 1JL & CF83 1AB)	Saturday 29 th & Sunday 30 th August 2026	9am – 5pm both days

	Winter Events	Date	Times
2.	Ystrad Mynach Lantern Making Workshops (Library or town venue TBC)	Saturday 1 st November & Saturday 7 th November 2026	10am – 4pm (Venue access 9am – 5pm) (Times TBC depending on venue)
3.	Bargoed Lantern Making Workshops (Library or town venue TBC)	Saturday 7 th November & Saturday 14 th November 2026	10am – 4pm (Venue access 9am – 5pm) (Times TBC depending on venue)
4.	Caerphilly Lantern Making Workshops (Twyn Community Centre (CF83 1JL)	Saturday 7 th & Saturday 14 th November 2026	10am – 4pm (Venue access 9am – 5pm)
5.	Risca Lantern Making Workshops (Library or town venue TBC)	Saturday 14 th & Saturday 21 st November 2026	10am – 4pm (Venue access 9am – 5pm) (Times TBC depending on venue)
6.	Blackwood Lantern Making Workshops (Library / Wesley Church or town venue TBC)	Saturday 21 st & Saturday 28 th November 2026	10am – 4pm (Venue access 9am – 5pm) (Times TBC depending on venue)
7.	Ystrad Mynach Christmas Market (CF82 7AB)	Saturday 7 th November 2026	9am – 5pm
8	Ystrad Mynach Christmas Light Switch On & Music and Light Santa Hat Lantern Parade (CF82 7AB)	Saturday 7 th November 2026	Parade 4.15pm, Light Switch On 4.45pm
9.	Bargoed Christmas Market (CF81 8QT)	Saturday 14 th December 2026	9am – 5pm
10.	Bargoed Christmas Light Switch On featuring a Music and Light Lantern Parade (CF81 8QT)	Saturday 14 th December 2026	Parade 4.15pm, Tree Light Switch On 4.45pm
11.	Caerphilly Mini Festive Fair (CF83 1JL)	Friday 20 th November 2026	12pm – 6.30pm
12.	Caerphilly Light Switch On and Fireworks Display featuring the River of Light Lantern Parade (CF83 1JL)	Friday 20 th November 2026	Parade - 5.30pm, Fireworks & Light Switch On 6pm
13	Caerphilly Christmas Market (CF83 1JL)	Saturday 21 st November 2026	9am – 5pm
14	Blackwood Christmas Market (NP12 1AB)	Saturday 28 th November 2026	9am – 5pm
15	Blackwood Christmas Light Switch On & Music and Light Lantern Parade (NP12 1AB)	Saturday 28 th November 2026	Parade 4.15pm, Light Switch on 4.45pm

Kind Regards

CCBC Events Team

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