

Christmas Festival 2023



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18th Nov - 30th Dec

# FESTIVAL GUIDE

Christmas 2023



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## Introducing Hamilton Christmas Festival...

Greetings from Hamilton town centre! Get ready for a festive season filled with exciting shows, events, and activities for the whole family. From the Hamilton Christmas Market to a new free outdoor panto, and the Christmas Light Switch on, we've got it all covered.

Hamilton Our Town is dedicated to promoting and supporting our local businesses and organisations, especially during this important time of year. Follow us on social media at Hamilton Our Town to stay up-to-date with all the happenings in the town centre. Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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# Christmas Events...

- 18th November:** Hamilton Market Regent Centre
- 18th November:** Regent Centre Christmas Lights
- 25th November:** Hamilton Light Switch On
- 30th November:** Cinderella (The Town House)
- 2nd December:** Christmas Parade, Quarry Street
- 2nd December:** Free Panto, Quarry Street
- 10th December:** Winter Wonderland (The Town House)
- 15th December:** Christmas party Big Vern (The Town house)
- 16th December:** Hamilton Market Regent Centre
- 30th December:** The McDougalls, (The Town House)

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Market

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**18th November - Regent Centre**

**25th November - Quarry Street**

**2nd December - Quarry Street**

**16th December - Regent Centre**



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**LIGHT SWITCH ON**

**25TH NOVEMBER**  
**QUARRY STREET**

# Hamilton Christmas Light Switch On 25th November

We're making a wish, checking it twice, its time to switch on the Hamilton Christmas Lights! Get into Hamilton for a fantastic Christmas Light Celebration starting at 10am with the amazing Hamilton Market on the 25th November.

Yule find us on Quarry Street where we're packing the day with entertainment from circus performers, choirs, superb bands and more. Smith's Family Funfair will be in full swing on Townhead street too!

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# LIGHT SWITCH ON PERFORMERS...

## Main Stage

Michael Brawley Big Band  
MLU  
Hamilton Rock Choir  
Think Circus Acrobats  
The Juggling Gent  
The B Naturals  
Glasgow Capoeira  
Geezah  
Shiverin Sheiks  
Spiceworld  
Juniors Play Cafe Singalong  
Hamilton Hero Award

17.30 Lights Switch on!

## Street Performance Zone

Think Circus Acrobats  
The Juggling Gent  
Jazzart School of Performing Arts  
LQ Dance  
Valerie Brown Dance  
Barulho Beat Samba Band

### Roaming

Juggling Gent  
Think Circus LED Performers  
Frazer- Fire spinner

Kids  
Operation Play Outdoors

## Community Bandstand

Lucas Paxton  
Noel Quinn  
Conner John Wilson  
Fallen Arches  
Jim Byrne  
Barulho Beat Samba Band

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# CHRISTMAS PARADE

FT SANTA & THE FIRE PERFORMING ELVES

**2ND DECEMBER**  
**QUARRY STREET**

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# Santa & the fire performing elves

## Parade!

**2nd December**

This year, get ready to witness a magical sight as Santa Claus makes his grand entrance in Hamilton! And guess what? He's not coming alone! He's bringing his mischievous elves, who are all set to sprinkle the Christmas spirit throughout our annual parade! Join us for an unforgettable spectacle, where Santa himself will lead the way on foot, closely followed by his talented elves, who have been perfecting their mesmerizing fire performances all year long! The parade will kick off from the vibrant town square and make its way up Quarry Street, passing by the enchanting Christmas market. Immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere as you explore the market, brimming with delightful treats and unique treasures. Hamilton market will be open from 10am to 4pm on the day, so make sure to indulge in the joyous festivities!

## Panto time!

For the first time ever, we're bringing you an outdoor panto that is completely free to attend. Get ready to be enchanted by Halo's Arts production of Cinderella, as they make a stop at our parade and perform on our stage at the top cross. It's a one-off show that promises to be a magical experience for all. But that's not all! Due to popular demand, Smith's Family Funfair will be making a grand return to Townhead Street. Brace yourself for a day filled with thrilling rides, delicious treats, and endless fun for the whole family.

HALO ARTS PRESENTS

# Cinderella

Written and produced by  
**BRENDON MCILROY**

Directed by  
**STEPHANIE FALLS**



**FREE  
OUTDOOR  
PANTO  
FOLLOWING  
THE PARADE!**

**2ND DECEMBER  
QUARRY STREET**



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# PARADE PERFORMERS...

## Main Stage

Drama Kirk Nativity  
Hamilton Rock Choir  
Mothership  
Sambayabamba  
William Boyle

## Community Bandstand

Conner John Wilson  
Valerie Brown Dance  
Newroz Ensemble  
Juggling Gent  
Adnan (Newroz)  
Craig Durning

## Kids

Operation Play Outdoors  
Face Painters x 3  
Participatory Art  
Balloon Twisting

**14:20 Parade Muster Annoucement**

**14:45 Parade Leaves from Town Square**

**15.05 Think Circus Freestyle Fire Performance**

**15.15 FREE OUTDOOR PANTO!**

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# Cinderella

30 November to 7 December 2023

Our family panto returns to Hamilton.

Living in the servants' quarters of McHardup Hall, lovely local lassie, Cinderella, refuses to let her wicked stepmother Demonica, and her two spectacularly stupid stepsisters – Sadie and Senga – get her down.

She has her besteset buddy, Buttons, to keep her smiling and keep the baddies at bay. Little does Cinders know that she also has a magical Fairy Godmother who is on hand to help make her dreams come true.

Meanwhile, at the palace, Prince Charming and his trusty servant Dandini, are preparing for the night of the year – The Royal Ball! The Prince is supposed to choose a bride at the ball, but all he wants is meet someone who loves him for who he is – not what he is. Cinders would love to go to the ball, but she is forced to stay at home and miss all the fun, as Sadie and Senga try to woo the Prince.

Join us in Pantoland to find out if the Prince can escape a fate worse than death... if Demonica and her dopey daughters get their just desserts... and if Buttons and our Fairy Godmother can conjure up enough magic to get Cinders to the ball to find true love and happiness... and all before the clock strikes midnight! To buy tickets call 01698 452299 and press option 1 for the box office, pop in to The Town House or visit Information about Show: Cinderella : South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture Online Bookings ([slcboxoffice.co.uk](http://slcboxoffice.co.uk)).

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SLLC and NCL present

# Cinderella

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# Michelle McManus Winter Wonderland 10th December 2023

Michelle McManus' Winter Wonderland is back for 2023 so get ready to shake your Christmas baubles with Yuletide glee.

Michelle will be joined by Scotland's award winning Greatest Hits Radio Breakfast Show presenter Cat Harvey, as the hilarious Fairy Bampot and as if touring with High Jackman wasn't enough, the incredible SoundSational will be back to dazzle you with their show-stopping vocals too.

This show is packed with festive frolics and Christmas crackers to sing along to, so what are you waiting for? Get the tinsel and your Christmas jumpers at the ready and book now for all the festive cheer you'll need this December.

To buy tickets call 01698 452299 and press option 1 for the box office, pop in to The Town House or visit Information about Show: Michelle McManus's Winter Wonderland: South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture Online Bookings ([sllcboxoffice.co.uk](http://sllcboxoffice.co.uk))

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# The McDougalls: Big Christmas Show

**Saturday 30 December 2023**

A Musical Show for all the Family - Live on Stage!  
Ho ho ho! It's the Big Christmas Show! Everyone's favourite children's theatre company presents their spectacular new show for 2023!

Join stars of stage and screen, Auntie Aggie, Max and Morag the Rabbit, and celebrate the best day of the year in a musical extravaganza for all the family!

There's presents to wrap, mince pies to bake and songs to sing - with special guest appearances from lots of festive characters ready to pop by to wish you all a big Merry Christmas! There's even a surprise arrival from a North Pole visitor in a red-suit...

Packed with singalong songs such as Jingle Bells and The Twelve Days of Christmas join The McDougalls for the merriest Christmas show EVER - the perfect treat for your little ones this winter.

Come wearing a Christmas jumper!

Running Time: One Hour

Recommended for children up to age 9 to enjoy with their families.

To buy tickets call 01698 452299 and press option 1 for the box office, pop in to The Town House or visit Information about Show: The McDougalls Big Christmas Show: South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture Online Bookings ([sllcboxoffice.co.uk](http://sllcboxoffice.co.uk))



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# Fabulous food! *Keep it local this Christmas*

After a days' Christmas shopping, why not relax and enjoy the amazing food and drink on offer in one of our town centre's wonderful restaurants. Love food, we've got it covered!

## CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE

**Beefeater - Townhead Street 01698 756084**

**Fat Yankees - Quarry Street 01698 458174**

**Gusti D'Italia - Townhead Street: 01698 423960**

**GDK - Townhead Street 01698 756699**

**Giovanni's - Cadzow Street 01698 459100**

**Jade Palace - Cadzow Street 01698 282603**

**Nandos - Palace Towers 01698 421 1564**

**Pizza Ricci - Cadzow Street: 01698 426127**

**Pietruccios - Campbell Lane 01698 540665**

**Twenty One - Campbell Street 01698 767900**

**TWENTY ONE**  
RESTAURANT

**GUSTI D'ITALIA**

**FAT YANKEES**  
LIMITED TASTES OF AMERICA

  
**PIZZA RICCI**



# Coffee and food! *Keep it local this Christmas*

There's nothing better than a delicious coffee or hot chocolate during those crisp winter days! Luckily we're surrounded by an array of excellent coffee houses and hot food establishments right here in our town centre.



## CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE

**Baynes The Family Baker – Quarry Street**

**Belle's Café – Quarry Street**

**Crema – Cadzow Street**

**Costa Coffee – Regent Centre**

**DNISI – Quarry Street**

**Gilhoolie Coffee House – Quarry Street**

**Greggs – New Cross & Quarry Street**

**Limelight Cafe – Castle Street**

**Ronzio – Quarry Street**

**Rumours – Lamb Street**

**Sandra's Kitchen – Station Road**

**The Regent Café – Regent Centre**

**Time Deli – Cadzow Street**



# Time to party!

Christmas time means....Party time! Check out our town centre bars for a wonderful festive night out in Hamilton.

**[CLICK TO FIND OUT MORE](#)**



**Bar Zero - Keith Street**  
**Courtyard - Campell Street**  
**Docherty's - Castle Street**  
**Function rooms - Keith Street**  
**Hemingway's - Castle Street**  
**Junkyard - Chapel Street**  
**Jilt's - Brandon Street**  
**Mavrix - Quarry Street**  
**Manhattan - Quarry Street**  
**Stonehouse - Campbell Street**  
**The George - Campbell Street**

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# Late night shopping events...

'Tis the season to get a jumpstart on your Christmas preparations. Violet & Ivy and Ollybear Childrenswear are making it easier than ever by offering extended late-night hours to help you check off your Christmas to-do list stress-free! Visit them between 6pm-8.30pm on 1st November and 15th November. For more details check out their Facebook pages by clicking a logo and drop them a line to say you'll be popping along!

VIOLET & IVY

OLLYBEAR  
CHILDRENSWEAR

# Try something new this Christmas!

Hang On has over 600 square meters of bouldering surface, built by some of the UK's top Wall builders and Routesetters, and designed with community at its heart.

With 180+ routes, ranging from beginner friendly to brutally hard and a dedicated kid's climbing area, there is something for everyone!





**Hamilton town centre is home to some amazing local businesses that are always there for you, no matter the time of year. You'll find everything from Junior Play Café and Nelson Family Jeweller to the Music Centre, Mark One Finance, Pauls and Zapatitos and much more. These local gems are all run by locals who are dedicated to serving their community.**

**CLICK HERE FOR OUR**  
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Hamilton Our Town (BID) is a not-for-profit organisation set up to support Hamilton town centre, operating within the Business Improvement District area. Find out more at [www.hamiltonourtown.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonourtown.co.uk).

We would like to thank everyone who attends the festive town centre events and shops / spends local this Christmas. Thank you and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Newyear.



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