

# STOP PRESS – HOLT LIGHTS – WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

**ROLL UP! ROLL UP!** The Holt Christmas Lights are on their way! Since February, the committee have been beavering away to give the community of Holt and its environs a really special evening on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

What is there to look forward to this year? Our focal point of the evening is the switch on at 6:30 pm. This year our celebrity is chef Chris Coubrough, who runs the Kings Head at Letheringsett and is appearing on 'Coastal Kitchen'. If we can jump through all the regulatory hoops, we hope to have a short but very impressive firework display set to music by Premier Fireworks.

The Community Centre will be first stop for quality craft stalls and special treats – Razz the clown and a chance to help create those fabulous lanterns again from 4:30pm. There will then be a lantern parade with the town crier and the stilt walker through the town to the stage – a magical experience for both participants and onlookers.

Everyone needs to be up by the stage as early as possible to hear the Gresham's Senior Choir and the brass band; as well as Father Howard, who with the other church ministers will tell the Christmas story in his own unique way...

We have Paul Martin, about to release a Christmas single, who sings all the 'Ratpack' songs. We also have Adrian Hill and his band with some amazing covers of rock music. Hopefully the Cromer Pier show team will blow in to showcase their talents as well.

We are very lucky to have North Norfolk Radio supporting the night's event. They will be broadcasting live from Holt and providing a professional link throughout the stage events.

Apple, Chapel and Lee's yards will all have a rolling programme of entertainers from choirs and jazz bands to fiddle & dulcimer, clowns, a stilt walker, a fire juggler and town crier.

Many of the shops and businesses in town will be open to welcome their regular clients and new customers.

For the children we have commissioned REAL reindeer. They will be in their own special place on Fish Hill and should be wonderfully popular.

Anyone feeling that they have something to prove height wise can have a go on a new climbing wall – the highest in the country! This will be in the usual place by the Shirehall at the top of Bull Street.

All around the High Street there will be a mixture of local charity and hot food stalls as well as Lee Chilcott selling flash novelties. We aim for an all inclusive, fun event with lots of top quality live music, so absolutely no generators!

One timely reminder – the streets will be closed off in the usual places throughout the town on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 4:15pm. If you know anyone who might be affected by this, please let them know as soon as you can.

We try to cause the minimum amount of disruption , but it is necessary to close the town to vehicular traffic to allow for the number of people attending the event. We also urge anyone coming to fill a car rather than travelling in alone, as parking is always at a premium!

Meanwhile , for all the latest information, just log on to the website at [www.holtchristmaslights.org](http://www.holtchristmaslights.org).