



## AMBLESIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2011



### LANTERN PROCESSION AND LIGHTS SWITCH-ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

Programme of events for the day:

**11.00am** Boarding commences at Waterhead Pier for the **MORNING** Father Christmas Cruise on one of the Lake Windermere Cruise Vessels. Special tickets are required for this cruise which are **ONLY** available from F.W.Tyson (Mountain Boot Shop), Market Place Ambleside (Tickets go on sale from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2011). **Tickets can be ordered by post – see the separate cruise page for details.**

**11.30am PROMPT!** The morning cruise departs to search for Father Christmas amongst the afternoon mists on the lake. He could appear at any point on the cruise so be sure to keep a sharp look out!

**1.00pm (approx).** The morning cruise returns to Waterhead and the passengers disembark (they can then make their own way back to the town centre ready for the procession and switch-on later).

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**12noon onwards...** There will be various stalls and activities in the Market Cross and Market Place areas of the town. These will include: street entertainment; stalls selling a variety of goods/souvenirs; live music; mulled wine and mince pies for sale etc.

On the primary school playground there will be a range of attractions including a synthetic skating rink!

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**1.30pm** Boarding commences at Waterhead Pier for the **AFTERNOON** Father Christmas Cruise on one of the Lake Windermere Cruise Vessels. Special tickets are required for this cruise which are **ONLY** available from F.W.Tyson (Mountain Boot Shop), Market Place Ambleside (Tickets go on

sale from Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2011). **Tickets can be ordered by post – see the separate cruise page for details.**

**2pm PROMPT!** The afternoon cruise departs to search for Father Christmas amongst the afternoon mists on the lake. He could appear at any point on the cruise so be sure to keep a sharp look out!

**3.30pm (approx)** The afternoon cruise returns to Waterhead and the passengers disembark (they can then make their own way back to the town centre ready for the procession and switch-on later).

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Father Christmas will later make his way into the town and call at Rowan Court to greet the elderly residents.

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**4pm – 4.15pm** Children and adults with lanterns will assemble near the Gables Hotel (near the putting green) at the foot of Compston Road and await the arrival of Father Christmas.

**4.30pm** Father Christmas will arrive in his sleigh at The Gables Hotel and will lead the procession up Compston Road towards the town centre, pausing at various points to throw his magic “Christmas Dust” into the air to switch on the lights by magic!

At the Market Cross, (**approx 4.40pm**) Father Christmas will move to one side of the road and watch all the children with their lanterns pass by before rejoining the rear of the procession.

The procession will continue from Market Cross, to Market Place and then slowly along Lake Road (pausing for more “magic dust” at the top of Church Street) and on to Kelsick Road with more lights to switch on and then turns down Kelsick Road towards the library. The procession then turns right into King Street (along the top of the car park) to reach Church Street where the final lights switch on will take place. (approx 4.55pm)

Father Christmas will then leave us, as he has to return to the North Pole to carry on the big job of checking that the elves are

wrapping the presents properly!

**5pm** make your way to **Rothay Park** for the spectacular free **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**(the best way to get there is to walk up Compston Road and take the sharp left turn just before the pelican crossing outside the cinema.) After turning left, follow Vicarage Road (with the Walnut Fish and Chip shop on your right) past the Ambleside Primary School into the park. In the playground opposite the school you will find a range of attractions and activities to tempt you!

**5.15pm (approx)** Firework Display commences

**5.45pm (approx)** Firework Display ends and the day's events are concluded.

The Christmas Lights Committee hopes that you have enjoyed your day and wish you a safe journey home.

**Next year's date will be Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

This document was revised on October 4th 2011



# LANTERN PROCESSION ROUTE

