

St. Austell's Fun Palace co-ordinator is working in conjunction with the town's BID and White River Place as part of the switching on of the Christmas Lights event on Saturday 26th November

The Fun Palace will be held in the empty candy shop in White River Place and will start at 10.00 am ending at 3.30pm. There is no charge for any activity.

Please note - parents/guardians/responsible adults must remain with their children at all times.

Activities -

Hats & Selfies - Local charity Tanya's Courage Trust is donating a pile of fun hats and an old picture frame - grab a hat and snap a selfie.

Demonstration 'How to Make Christmas Bunting' with local seamstress Mary Hamilton

2 x Workshops - 'How to make a Christmas table decoration' with local floral creative artist Sandie Foord. Each workshop has a capacity for 10 participants and participants will take their finished piece away with them for their Christmas table. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance on 0770 245 2265

Christmas Storytelling with Mrs. Christmas

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change are running a craft table for all ages, come along and join in.

And Finally -

As with hundreds of towns and villages across Cornwall, St. Austell used to hold our own annual Furry Dance, sadly this went into decline some years ago. With the help of funding from FEAST, we are delighted to incorporate the Fun Palace as a springboard to revive the dance in the town. Throughout the day we are running free classes in the town centre

for everyone to learn the original Helston Flora Dance. At 3.30pm St. Austell Town Band will lead the procession through the town centre and up through Fore St. Everyone is welcome to join in, the more the merrier. If you would like to join us, please just turn up, join the rehearsals and help us revive the dance in St. Austell. Normally dancers would dress in suits and summer frocks, but as it's November we're suggesting warm clothing brightened up with some tinsel and LED lights. We hope to make this an annual event, so please come and join in on the day. Help St. Austell to dance again!

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