



**PRESS RELEASE - 4th December 2017**

## **CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN**

The organisers of West Bay Days are delighted that the Christmas Tree on the Green, which is run in association with Churches Together in Bridport and District has so quickly become such a popular community event. St John's Church was packed with an appreciate congregation in excellent voice, which was invited by the Rev Philip Ringer to chose some of the selection of carols which were accompanied by St Swithun's Band. A rousing performance of the Twelve Days of Christmas was followed by everyone moving outside to sing the last few carols around the tree.

Since West Bay Days started the Christmas Tree on the Green celebrations a resident of Harbour House has switched on the lights and this year Georgina Woodhouse kindly agreed to do this, delighting the crowds after the traditional countdown revealed the magnificent Christmas Tree. By this time Harbourside Carnival Club's Christmas Santa Float had arrived to complete the event.

Free seasonal refreshments and warming mulled wine were provided and the organisers would like to thank the George Hotel and Harbour House for providing the mulled wine and the delicious home made mince pies.

The Tree will stay in place to light up Harbour Green throughout December.

The West Day Days Committee would also like to thank Bridport Town Council for its support, Bridport Town Mayor Cllr. Anne Rickard and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Barry Irvine for attending the event, and all the group's many local sponsors, volunteers and beneficiaries for helping to make it such an enjoyable afternoon. This was the last event in West Bay Days 2017 programme. Awards will be made to this year's beneficiaries (Bridport Barracudas, Pathways To Care, St Andrews Pre-School and the West Bay Women's Institute) at a presentation evening at the end of January. Applications for 2018 Awards will be welcome from local groups and charities from mid February 2018. To register an interest and to receive further details please email:

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