

Christmas List (of events!)



- ✦ Sunday 10th December 2.00-4.00pm Children's Activity Day, at Totterdown Methodist Church, Bushy Park. Christmas Tea and Father Christmas for children aged 5-12 years. Cost £1. For more details and to book a place please ring Rachel Burke 0117 9712378.
- ✦ Sunday 24th December 6.00pm Carols around the crib, mainly for children and accompanied adults, Totterdown Methodist Church, Bushy Park.
- ✦ Wondering what to wear to the Christmas party this year? Bocobar – Paintworks – Bath Road Sunday 10th December 2006. The hottest design talent from the UK and beyond comes to Bristol with THREAD UK fashion and lifestyle show. Open 11am-6pm. Admission £5 when you RSVP online or £7 on the door. Free goodie bags for the first 250 shoppers.
- ✦ New Year's Eve Masked Ball at the Tobacco Factory, North Street, Bedminster. 7.30pm start. Tickets £15. Covers music, nibbles, visuals and fun. Best mask wins a bottle of champers.

We try to ensure that listings are accurate. However details do change. Please check with the venue



Tinsel Totterdown

What do Noel Edmonds, Dickens and Dracula have in common? Yep, you got it: Totterdown.

Talk of Totterdown can report that Totterdown's good vibrations have helped Noel Edmonds win his first national TV award for Deal or No Deal, a programme with an astonishing 4 million or so viewers, filmed at Endomol studios in Paintworks (appearing in our own, first ever, issue). 'Cosmos' (the force that "gave" Edmonds Deal or No Deal), he explained, 'is just a word. You can call it anything you like. You can call it Argos, or MFI'. (We call it Totterdown, Noel.)

And the Dickens connection? A street in Totterdown appears in the Pickwick Papers. Under a pseudonym I think, as could not find a real one in the text. But a reliable source tells me a Totterdown street is definitely in it.

And lastly, scenes from the Beeb adaptation of Dracula, due out at Christmas, were filmed in Arnos Vale Cemetery, which is basically, Totterdown. The cemetery may not be entirely recognisable in the film, as some of the headstones and monuments were added as props.

Dogfish are for Life

A surprising ten exotic fish--piranhas, catfish and moray eels--get offered to Bristol Zoo every month because they've outgrown their aquariums. Really pet shops shouldn't sell them in the first place. They can reach 2 feet or more in length which is way too big for an aquarium in most ordinary dwellings. The Zoo can't cope and has asked people not to buy them as presents.

Talented Totterdown

Is your child, or are your children, inventive, ingenious and interested in fashion? TRESA are looking to organise a fashion show for young people creating unique 'looks' from second hand clothes in 2007 to be held in Totterdown. Please get in touch by dropping us a line in the Patco letterbox, or send an email to talkofotterdown@tresa.org.uk with your name, contact details and age(s) of your children and we will contact you in the new year. Once we gauge interest we can apply for the necessary funding.



Sea horse created by Ella, age 7, at the Front Room Art Trail Craft Workshop

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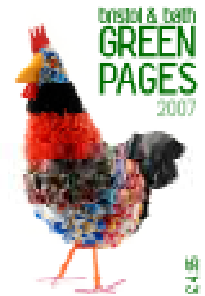
Being green just got that bit easier! - By Karen Bradford and Mark Hubbard

We all struggle to find the time to squeeze in everything we'd like to do, especially when it's our better intentions.

Thankfully help is at hand as December sees the launch of Bristol & Bath Green Pages, a brand new directory for people in the Bath and Bristol area who want the way they shop to make a difference this Christmas and beyond: toys and presents, great food and drink – as well as the things to help us fulfil those New Year resolutions and live a good life.

How we buy things can make a real difference to the environment and the lives of others. This directory should help us find companies and services with an ethical edge.

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