

## PRESS RELEASE

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### SANTA, STORIES AND SOMETHING TASTY AT NATIONAL WATERWAYS MUSEUM, GLOUCESTER

The National Waterways Museum Gloucester, run by the Canal & River Trust, is the ideal place to get into a seasonal mood with festive treats for the eyes, ears and tastebuds.

#### Stories with Santa

Every Saturday and Wednesday from 4 - 22 December 2021

Santa will be taking time from a busy schedule to settle down in the Museum's specially created cosy grotto where he'll read a festive story, have a chat and give a gift. It's guaranteed to be a magical occasion as youngsters and their carers join small groups for a half hour of quality time with the great man.

The stories can be enjoyed by all ages but are most likely to be popular with 2 – 8-year olds.

Tickets for the story sessions cost £10 and include one child and one adult. The ticket also includes a visit to the museum on that day.

Booking is essential via Event Brite: <https://bit.ly/storieswithsantaGloucester>

#### Festive Afternoon Teas

Throughout December

Throughout December there's a chance to enjoy afternoon tea with a seasonal theme in the Museum's café. With its view over the ice rink in Orchard Square the café is an ideal place to relax, warm up and get into the festive mood. The museum team will be on hand to serve mince pies, dainty turkey and cranberry sandwiches, freshly made scones and many other tasty morsels. All to be enjoyed with a favourite hot drink.

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The afternoon teas cost £12.50 for adult and £5 for a child (if booked with an adult portion) and should be booked at least 48 hours in advance by calling 01452 318212.

### **Spot the Runaway Reindeer and Follow the Festive Trail Throughout December**

One of Gloucester's runaway reindeers has made their home at the museum. Organised by Gloucester BID (Business Improvement District), each of the twelve life size creatures has been decorated in a different style. The museum's reindeer – Tilly-Rose – sports distinctive traditional Roses and Castles canal art by Sarah Roberts.

The colourful reindeer can be found welcoming visitors by the front door and once inside there's a festive trail to follow. Families can spot the Canal & River Trust mascot, Well-B, hidden amongst the exhibitions and complete the challenge to collect all the letters to spell out a festive phrase.

The museum is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Tickets give unlimited return visits for 12 months and cost: Adult (16+) £8.50; Child (6-15) £5.00; Child (5 and under) Free; Family £20.00; Concession £7.50.

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