

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
PANNIER MARKET REPORT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023  
DATE OF REPORT 07/12/2023**

**PANNIER MARKET**

**1. General Update**

- a) Capacity levels as we edge towards Christmas have been good, with the exception of one of the Mondays, this was because logistically it fell the wrong side of a Miss Ivy event, so those that would usually stay over had to pack down, nonetheless other additional days have been popular with footfall so far being positive.
- b) Dickensian Evening was a success from a Pannier Market perspective, footfall was extremely good with many traders reporting a great days trading. Also, the Pannier Market won a best dressed award, there were so many great costumes to choose from the Mayor gave the award to the market traders as a collective.
- c) On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December we have our 'Christmas at Tavistock Pannier Market' event, this includes the main Pannier Market being open, Butchers' Hall Christmas Market and an array of Christmas festivity on Bedford Square, this includes, a giant snow globe, roasted chestnuts courtesy of the Robey Trust, live music, food and drink and other Christmas related crafts, we also have a Santa's grotto within the Pannier Market and the chance to win a hamper with Tavistock Pannier Markets Golden Ticket.

**2. Bedford Square/Events**

- a) Bedford Square has had the usual mix of regular traders plus some new additions, this has been despite some inclement weather conditions. Overall Bedford Square has faired well this period, even with the scaffolding interruptions and the trees of light. The scaffolding is in the process of being removed, with the finished date scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> December,
- b) Once we have Christmas out of the way, we will look in January at plans and initiatives for 2024, we will continue to work in partnership with Tavistock Farmer's Market on delivering all of the operational aspects of this regular booking.

**Farmers Dates 2023**

The last Two Farmer's Markets of the year are Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December respectively, dates for 2024 will follow in the next round of reports.

### **3. TripAdvisor/Google Reviews 2022**

#### **Rated 5 Stars 4 days ago NEW**

*A very well laid out market with lots of various traders.*

#### **Rated 5 Stars Nov 2023 • Family**

*Fab place to spend a few hours.....*

*It is a rare thing to see these days to have a thriving town with a decent market. Most places are what I would call 'tat markets' but the Pannier Market in Tavistock is a great place to visit. The highlight for me was the food place 'Bobs' absolutely cracking fry up. Also, the shops around the market are brilliant... the cheese shop is awesome.*

#### **Rated 4 Stars 2 weeks ago NEW**

*It was lovely they treated us well and made us very welcome and you could go to a load of places, really loved it.*

#### **Rated 5 Stars 3 weeks ago NEW**

*The Pannier Market that Tavistock is an indoor venue where you can go market shopping and stay dry! There is a very good second-hand book stall where you might find that elusive book that you need.*

*One needs to visit to take in the atmosphere as well as the wide range of goods on offer.*

*There is a very wide variety of goods on display for sale.*

*I should also mention the excellent Bob's East End Cafe at the back of the market for when you need to park it with a cuppa!*

### **4. Designated Premises Supervisor**

- a) There is only one bar led function left at the Town Hall this year, with all previous functions running smoothly with no licensing issues. In the new year we will be looking to add the Guild Hall interior to the current licensable areas.

### **5. Tavistock Country Garden Show**

The Tavistock Country Garden Show dates for 2024 are now confirmed as the end of May Spring Bank Holiday weekend, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The initial invitational letter has gone out to all previous attendees, with some bookings already confirmed including 3 show gardens. A more detailed summary to members will follow at the next round of reports.

### **6. December/Christmas Opening Times**

During December we have Miss Ivy's Christmas Festival in the Pannier Market on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> we have our own Christmas market, as usual, we are also open for the last two Monday's before Christmas, this year's dates are Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

respectively, this means we will open everyday from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December up to and including Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be closed this year on Christmas Eve as it falls on a Sunday.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) – Closed

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas day) – Closed

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) – Closed

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Closed

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Open

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Open

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Open

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Closed

New Year's Day – Closed

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Normal trading commences.

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