

Christmas Lights Switch On 2011

Crowds of people braved the cold on Friday evening to witness Witney's Christmas Lights switch on and were rewarded by the arrival of surprise Guest of Honour, Britain's Prime Minister, the Rt Hon David Cameron.



Photographs courtesy of Tony Shillingford

The evening's entertainment included a stilt walking Fairy and Christmas Tree and a roller skating Christmas Pudding. In addition, this year saw the return of an Ice Sculpture in the Market Square . The ever popular reindeer were once again alongside Father Christmas to help him as he gave out sweets and collected letters from children.

Music was provided by the The Dirty Earth Band, Oxford Caledonian Pipes and Drums, Witney Town Band and 'Elvis' and a gospel Choir

Vintage vehicles and stalls hosted by local schools, charities and groups, including the famous Rotary pig roast lined the High Street and Langdale Hall provided a warmer environment for yet more stalls, Voice Box Choir on stage and the Witney Model Club.

Mr Cameron joined Mayor, Councillor Harry Eaglestone; Father Christmas; Team Rector of St Mary's Church, the Reverend Toby Wright and this year's Winter Princess, 10 year old Catherine Newitt of Tower Hill School on stage for the switch on.



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