

Already time to book stalls for launch of the Santa season

All-day festive market will ease pressure on parking

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It's time to mark an important date in your calendar when the High Street comes alive with colourful stalls, children's rides and twinkling lights.

Saturday, December 5, is the date when Tenterden's Christmas festival market will be staged and this year it will be an all-day extravaganza.

Although it is summer the event requires months of planning and Tenterden town councillor Sue Ferguson has been thinking up ideas, alongside Jonathan Medes, who is also on the Tenterden Chamber of Commerce's Christmas committee.

The market will take place from 10am to 8pm, with the longer day planned to ease pressure on parking and overcrowding at the



Cllr Sue Ferguson has already made plans for the Christmas market

celebration, previously a late afternoon/evening affair.

There will be craft and food stalls, carol singing, rides for children, Father Christmas in his grotto, street fun and late-night opening of shops.

A best-dressed stall competition will take place, with the winner awarded a



free pitch at the 2016 event. Tenterden's Christmas festival market will also coincide with Small Business Saturday, a national initiative to boost independent traders.

Family firms, independent shops, online businesses and small manufacturers will all be supported at the market.

Early bird discounted rates are being made available to stallholders booking a pitch before August 31, who will pay a net cost of £60.

➔ For more information visit www.tenterdentown.co.uk and search for Tenterden Christmas festival