

Former soap star to dazzle and sparkle in festive lights switch-on



Former Coronation Street and Strictly Come Dancing star Catherine Tyldesley will be waltzing to Rhyl to turn on the town's Christmas lights on Saturday 30th November, bringing some festive magic to the town.

She will be joined in the switch-on ceremony by Rhyl Mayor, Councillor Ellie Chard and the cast of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, this year's pantomime at Rhyl Pavilion Theatre.

Catherine is probably best known for her role as Eva Price on the ITV soap opera Coronation Street from 2011 to 2018. Most recently she appeared in the BBC Comedy series Scarborough, which follows a group of locals from the North Yorkshire seaside town, as they navigate life, love and friendship.



In September this year Catherine joined fellow celebrity contestants to participate in the 17th series of Strictly Come Dancing 2019.

A number of performers will also be taking part in the event including local pop duo MavMac and popular band The Cavernites, a Tribute to the Beatles – touring years.

The pantomime cast will keep the crowds entertained alongside costumed street performers, stilt walkers and the wheelie play bus.

The afternoon's entertainment will start on the High Street at 1pm and finish with a short firework finale after the main switch-on around 5pm.

The event is organised by Denbighshire County Council, with financial support from Rhyl Town Council.

Councillor Hugh Evans OBE, Leader of Denbighshire, said: "Year after year the switch-on of the Christmas lights in Rhyl has pulled in the crowds and it's a great way to kick-start the festive season. This year's event also promises to be an extravaganza and the line-up announced will entertain the crowds expected to gather in the High Street.



"The support shown from the local community in the past has been exceptional and we hope that the town's businesses will benefit from additional visitors to the town centre, both on the day and in the run up to Christmas".

Rhyl mayor Cllr Ellie Chard said: "Catherine will be swapping the shimmer of the Strictly Come Dancing glitter balls for the sparkle of Rhyl's Christmas lights. A former Coronation Street favourite, we can't wait to welcome Catherine to our high street. We're also looking forward to local favourites The Cavernites playing as they are always a big hit. Once again, Rhyl has got a great event to look forward to, and it promises to be another show topper."

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