

**Press Release**

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2011**



***FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO BEDGEBURY***

With Christmas only a matter of weeks away what better news than Father Christmas arriving at Bedgebury Pinetum & Forest on Saturday 3 December 2011.

Families and children can enjoy a visit to Father Christmas on selected days from 3 December 2011 until Christmas Eve.

Father Christmas' home will be in the Visitor Centre overlooking the beautiful lake and families can book a time on arrival at Bedgebury. Times will be available from 12:30pm onwards. Adults can accompany their children for free and a child ticket will cost just £7.50 including a gift and a professional 9 x 6 photograph.

Pre booking for Father Christmas is advised via e-mail: [pineatery@boardwalk.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:pineatery@boardwalk.freeserve.co.uk)

After your visit with Father Christmas why not enjoy the Festive Food Grotto where you can purchase hot drinks, tasty soup, mince pies and other seasonal fayre.

To extend your day and make your visit extra special visitors can book a fabulous two course dinner in the Candlelit Pineatery Cafe overlooking the lake. Available from 4.30pm. The meal also includes cracker making for children and a Father Christmas visit with gift and photograph. The cost will be just £12.50 per child and £15 for adults. A licensed bar will be available.

### **Adult Menu**

Venison with Chestnuts and Cranberries  
Turkey Curry with Rice, Naan and Pickles

Italian Chocolate Christmas Cake  
Brandy Snaps with Cointreau Cream

### **Childrens Menu**

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Sausage, Mash and Beans  
Chocolate Brownie, Brandy Snap with ice cream

Families can book dinner and a guaranteed time slot in advance via the Pineatery web-site, [www.pineatery.com](http://www.pineatery.com) or, turn up on the day if you only want to see Father Christmas. For further information call: **07877 871715**

You can visit Father Christmas from 12:30pm–8:30pm on the 3, 4, 10 & 11 December and from Friday 16 to 23 December. Also on Christmas Eve **between** 10:30am-2:30pm.

Admission to Bedgebury Pinetum and Forest is £8.50 per car, free for members of The Friends of Bedgebury season ticket holders.

The Friends of Bedgebury Charity will receive a donation from ticket sales.

For further information about Bedgebury visit: [www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury) or to find out about the Friends of Bedgebury visit [www.bedgeburypinetum.org.uk](http://www.bedgeburypinetum.org.uk)

### **Editor's Notes**

- Bedgebury Pinetum is 15 minutes drive from Tunbridge Wells and is signposted off the A21.
- Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest, Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst, nr Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 2SJ - [www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury)