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THE MALL PREPARES FOR FESTIVE LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Another fun season of open air ice skating will get underway at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway next week when The Mall unveils its new ice rink.

At 1,000 sq ft in size, The Mall's new rink is double the size of last year's and is the largest outdoor ice rink in the South West.

The rink can accommodate 300 skaters at each skating session and offers lots of fun for visitors of all ages and abilities. Whether you're a complete beginner or can perform a triple salko, a turn on The Mall's ice rink will soon have you glowing with winter cheer. Experienced ice marshals will be on hand to offer help and advice and get you to your feet if you do take a tumble on to the ice!

A spectacular 30ft Christmas tree in the centre of the ice provides a festive focal point for skaters to glide around.

The rink will open at 6.30pm on Thursday 13th November and will be open every day (excluding Christmas Day and New Year's Day) until Sunday 4th January 2009 offering hour-long skating sessions.

The rink opens daily at 12 noon but takes on a truly festive feel as dusk falls and the thousands of dainty fairy lights decorating the surrounding trees start twinkling.

The Mall at Cribbs Causeway has staged an ice rink as part of its Winter Wonderland attraction for the past five years. Maria Crayton of The Mall says: "Skating outside is a fantastic winter activity that has grown hugely in popularity in recent years. It feels really Christmassy and is something that the whole family can enjoy together."

For the ice rink's opening weekend on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November, The Mall is offering two skating tickets for the price of one, valid on all skating sessions (subject to availability on the ice rink).

And every Tuesday from 18th November to 16th December, skaters can take advantage of a special 'Two for One Tuesday' promotion.

For tickets and full details of both offers visit The Mall's website www.mallcribbs.com. Adult tickets cost from £5 and child tickets (up to 12 years old) cost from £4 each.

As well as the ice rink, The Mall's Winter Wonderland includes Santa's Castle where children can meet Father Christmas and a new Christmas Market with 20 stalls selling a variety of individual gifts and stocking fillers.

For the first time, shoppers will also be able to buy fresh Christmas trees, holly, mistletoe and door wreaths at The Mall. Shoppers visiting the Christmas Market can select a tree which will be bagged and ready to load in their cars from the collection point. If the tree is too large, a delivery service is available to homes within five miles of The Mall (a delivery charge applies).

To pre-book tickets for the ice rink and Santa's Castle, visit www.mallcribbs.com.

Stores at The Mall at Cribbs Causeway will stay open until 10pm* every weekday from Monday 10th November, giving visitors more time to shop, eat and play while at The Mall. Full details of The Mall's Christmas opening hours are available at www.mallcribbs.com.

* some store hours vary

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