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**TRADITIONAL OUTDOOR MARKET TO BRING EXTRA CHRISTMAS CHEER
TO THE MALL AT CRIBBS CAUSEWAY**

An outdoor Christmas Market, with 21 wooden chalets festively decorated with fairy lights and tinsel, will bring some extra sparkle to The Mall's Winter Wonderland when it opens outside the main entrance of The Mall at Cribbs Causeway this Friday, 25th November.

The stallholders, 17 of whom have come from cities across Germany, are selling traditional wooden Christmas ornaments and tree decorations, colourful wooden puppets and toys, leather goods, silk and soaps, glass and ceramics, candles, wood and silver.

And for food lovers, there's German sausage, "Glühwein" (mulled wine), ham and cheese from the Black Forest, sweets, nuts and crepes— perfect for a shopping trip snack or to be given as presents.

The market is being run by Cologne and London-based family firm Xmas Markets Ltd. Alessa Lovegrove of Xmas Markets says: "It's wonderful to come to The Mall at Cribbs Causeway for the first time and recreate some of the atmosphere of these fabulous festive Markets. Our stall-holders are looking forward to sharing some of the traditions, tastes and smells of our markets with visitors."

The Mall's Christmas Market is open daily 10am till 7pm (Saturdays 10am to 7pm; Sundays 11am to 5pm) and closes on Christmas Eve at 5pm.

Visitors to the Market can enter a free prize draw to win an unforgettable weekend trip for two to a German Christmas Market in December 2006, courtesy of Xmas Markets Ltd and DERTOUR, the UK's leading specialist for holidays to Germany.

The draw will take place on Christmas Eve and the winner will be notified in the New Year.

Christmas Markets have been a major part of festive celebrations across Europe for centuries. The Christkindl Markt in Nuremberg, Germany began in 1610 and has been flourishing ever since, spreading to other cities such as Stuttgart, Düsseldorf and Cologne.

Come along this Friday between 6pm and 7pm when all the cabins look their seasonal best, festively decorated with fairy lights, and enjoy a complimentary glass of “Glühwein” and sample delicious German sausages and roasted nuts.

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