



The Formentera Council's Office of Festivities announces that this Friday, January 5 at **5.00pm**, their Majesties the Three Kings of the East will pay their yearly visit to the island. After tying up at the port in

### **la Savina**

, their Highnesses, page boys and the so-called "Royal Committee" will take to decorated floats as they set out on a tour of the towns of the island.

From la Savina the cavalcade will sally up the main road for an expected **6.00pm** arrival in **Sant Francesc**

. Once there, the c will advance into town, mounting carrer Jaume I as they inch toward plaça de la Constitució. There, following a stop at the town's church to give tidings to the baby Jesus, they will pop across the square to the Formentera Council, where from their perch on the overlooking balcony they will greet the people of the village and receive an official welcoming from Council officials.

At approximately **7.00pm**, the Kings will roll into **Sant Ferran**, where they will make their way to the square via carrer Major and offer tidings at the church. The Kings will appear before revellers at the festival tent and children of the town will be able to claim their gifts.

The cavalcade is due to arrive in **la Mola** at round about **8.00pm**. The Kings, making their way down the avinguda, will pull in at the square next to the town's church, before entering the building for the long-awaited moment: distributing their freight of gifts to the boys and girls of the town.

Youngsters in Sant Francesc will have to wait for their presents until Saturday, January 6. That drop-off will play out in Ca ses Monges following Kings' Mass, which starts at 11.00am in the Sant Francesc church.

### **Entertainment**

As the young and old of Formentera's towns await the arrival the Kings this year, they will have

circus show entertainment to tide them over too. For 11 years, **Circ Bover** have shared their original, modern blend of cutting-edge circus acts to national and world audiences. Their assorted act includes live music, theatre and dance.

This year as in those past, the Three Kings of the East come from far-off lands to fill the streets of the island with joy, magic and, while they are at it, gifts and sweets (the cavalcade will carry in tow 270kg of gluten-free candies).

The Formentera Council wishes to thank all those who have made the Three Kings' visit possible: Formentera churches and associated youth volunteer groups, Associació Reis Mags, Casal de Joves, Baleària, Pitiüsa Sud, Llibreria Tur Ferrer, Hostal Bellavista, Frutos Secos Ibiza, Carbòniques Tur, the crew of the Arabian Nights pleasure craft, the Formentera farmers' co-operative and the Council brigade.