


# WHAT'S ON in and around the WEST DORSET area


December 2019

This listing contains a selection of events taking place across West Dorset this month. For full event information pop into your local TIC

<b>HIGHLIGHTS</b>	<b>Don't miss this month...</b>	
	<p>30/11-05/01 Skating in the Square, Dorchester 01 Sherborne Festive Shopping Day 05 Dorchester Christmas Cracker 09 Sherborne Abbey Concert: The Abbey's Gift to the Town 24 Christmas Day Swim Charmouth Beach 11am 01/01/20 Sherborne New Year's Day Walk</p>	

<b>WALKS &amp; CYCLING</b>	<p><b>Fossil Walks</b> Regular guided fossil hunting walks in <b>Lyme Regis &amp; Charmouth</b> are run year round by <b>Lyme Regis Museum</b> 01297 443370 <a href="http://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk">www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk</a>, <b>Brandon Lennon</b> 07944 664757 <a href="http://www.lymeregisfossilwalks.com">www.lymeregisfossilwalks.com</a> <b>Jurassic Gems</b> 01297 444405, the <b>Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre</b> 01297 560772 <a href="http://www.charmouth.org">www.charmouth.org</a>, <b>Jurassic Coast Guides</b> 07900 257944 <a href="mailto:guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk">guide@jurassiccoastguides.co.uk</a> <b>Chris Pamplin</b> 0845 0943757 <a href="http://www.fossilwalks.com">www.fossilwalks.com</a> Times vary according to the tides, telephone for full details &amp; booking information.</p> <p><b>Walking the Way to Health</b> in Bridport, with trained health walk leaders. Starts from CAB, 45 South Street every Tues &amp; Thurs at 10:30am. Walks last approx 30mins, all welcome, free of charge. 01305 252222 or <a href="mailto:sarahdavies@dorset.gov.uk">sarahdavies@dorset.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Durotriges Roman Tours</b> Every day at Town Pump: 11am, 1pm &amp; 4pm. A£8 C£4 from Dorchester TIC 07557472092 Booking Essential <a href="mailto:DorchesterRomanTours@Outlook.com">DorchesterRomanTours@Outlook.com</a></p> <p><b>Dorchester Strollers</b>, walks with trained health walkers. Every Mon at 10:30am &amp; Tues at 2:15pm. Occasional Thurs &amp; Sun afternoons. Walks last up to one hour, all welcome, free. 01305 263759 for more information.</p> <p><b>Literary Lyme</b> walking tours available throughout the year. 07763 974569 for details &amp; to book.</p> <p><b>Mary Anning Walks</b> Lyme Regis. Old Lyme as Mary knew it with Natalie Manifold. 01297 443370. <a href="http://www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk">www.lymeregismuseum.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Jurassic Electric</b> Guided electric bike tours in West Dorset throughout the year. 07796 135256, <a href="http://www.jurassic-electric.co.uk">www.jurassic-electric.co.uk</a> or ask at your local TIC.</p> <p><b>West Dorset Ramblers</b> Regular walks around the area. 01297 631130 <a href="http://www.westdorsetramblers.org.uk">www.westdorsetramblers.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Jurassic Coast walks with the Jurassic Trust</b> <a href="https://jurassiccoast.org/news-events/events/">https://jurassiccoast.org/news-events/events/</a></p> <p><b>South Dorset Ramblers</b> Walks in Dorset on Sat, Sun &amp; Wed. <a href="http://www.southdorsetramblers.org.uk">www.southdorsetramblers.org.uk</a> 01305 262839 / 269381</p> <p><b>Cyclists' Touring Club West Dorset</b> <a href="mailto:westdorsetcycling@gmail.com">westdorsetcycling@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://www.akweb.org.uk/wdcalendar/">http://www.akweb.org.uk/wdcalendar/</a></p>
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<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; CLASSES</b>	<p><b>Kingcombe Environmental Studies Centre</b>, Toller Porcorum <a href="http://www.kingcombe.org">www.kingcombe.org</a> 01300 320684 Natural history, wildlife, archaeology &amp; art &amp; craft courses run all year. Booking essential. Gift vouchers available.</p> <p><b>Dorset Wildlife Trust</b> runs walks, talks, workshops, work parties &amp; other events. 01305 264620. <a href="http://www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk">www.dorsetwildlife.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Dorset Centre for Creative Arts</b> Poundbury Art &amp; Craft courses, workshops &amp; open days 01305 764713 <a href="http://dorsetcreativeartclasses.co.uk">http://dorsetcreativeartclasses.co.uk</a> / <a href="mailto:sarahbramwell.dcca@gmail.com">sarahbramwell.dcca@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Monkton Wyld Court</b> Walks, talks, workshops, courses &amp; other events. 01297 560342. <a href="http://www.monktonwyldcourt.co.uk">www.monktonwyldcourt.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>The Bodger's Barn</b> Nr. Bridport. Green woodwork courses throughout the year - short courses &amp; evening classes, all small groups. Also workshop sessions for groups including special needs. 01308 425455 <a href="http://www.brightwater.org.uk">www.brightwater.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Arty Crafty Workshops – Cake Decoration, Textiles &amp; Creative Crafts</b> For more info: 01308 459100 <a href="http://www.dennierose.co.uk">www.dennierose.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Crafty Camping</b> Holditch, TA20 4NL. 2-5 day green woodworking courses 01460 221102 <a href="http://www.mallinson.co.uk">www.mallinson.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Langhams Vineyard</b> Tours &amp; tasting 01258 839095 <a href="https://langhamwine.co.uk/">https://langhamwine.co.uk/</a></p> <p><b>Furleigh Estate Vineyard Tours &amp; tasting</b> Every Wed, Fri &amp; Sat at 11am &amp; 2:30pm. 01308 488991 <a href="http://www.furleighestate.co.uk">www.furleighestate.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Arts Classes</b> 1/2 day workshops on painting &amp; drawing. The Chapel, Dewlish. 01258 837199. <a href="http://www.artist-anita-law.co.uk">www.artist-anita-law.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Marilyn Allis</b> Briantspuddle DT2 7HJ. Watercolour, Acrylic &amp; Mixed Media. 07789 026546 <a href="http://www.marilynallis.com">www.marilynallis.com</a></p> <p><b>Broadwindsor Craft Studios Workshops</b> DT8 3PX. A wide range of workshops, many in the evening. Info: 01308 867504</p> <p><b>The Slipped Stitch Workshops</b> The Julian, Cheap Street Sherborne. Knit &amp; Natters (Tue &amp; Thurs, 10am-12noon), plus crochet, knitting &amp; needle felting classes. 01935 508249 <a href="http://www.theslippedstitch.co.uk">www.theslippedstitch.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Historical Dancing</b> Monthly – Dorchester Thurs 7:30-9:30pm; Bridport Sun 1:30-4pm For dates contact 01935 472771 <a href="mailto:thedancingmaster@outlook.com">thedancingmaster@outlook.com</a></p> <p><b>Studio Art Classes Upwey</b> <a href="http://www.thestudioartschool.co.uk/painting-classes/4587164445">http://www.thestudioartschool.co.uk/painting-classes/4587164445</a></p> <p><b>Divine Sound Union/ White Tara</b> workshops in Sherborne, Bridport &amp; Dorchester 01935 389655 <a href="mailto:ahiahel@live.com">ahiahel@live.com</a> <a href="http://www.centreforpuresound.org">www.centreforpuresound.org</a></p> <p><b>Gardening for Brain Health</b> Bridport Community Orchard. Alternate Thursdays 0300 123 1916 <a href="mailto:melanie.gale@alzheimers.org.uk">melanie.gale@alzheimers.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Creative Clay for All</b> Dorset's Crafty Barn, Milton Abbas Workshops <a href="mailto:creativeclayforall@yahoo.co.uk">creativeclayforall@yahoo.co.uk</a> 07815819825</p> <p><b>Bridport Camera Club</b> Regular talks, club events 01935 82352 <a href="http://www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk">www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Ariel Silks Classes</b> various times &amp; locations 07958480557 or <a href="mailto:charlie@charliebicknell.co.uk">charlie@charliebicknell.co.uk</a></p>
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	<b>Dorchester</b>	Library, South Walks, Dorchester	01305 267992	<a href="http://www.visit-dorset.com">www.visit-dorset.com</a>
	<b>Bridport</b>	South Street, Bridport	01308 424901	
	<b>Sherborne</b>	Digby Road, Sherborne	01935 815341	
	<b>Lyme Regis</b>	Church Street, Lyme Regis	01297 442138	

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### Local events diary

- 29/10-22/03 Exhibition - 'The Roots of Religion in West Bay'** West Bay Discovery Centre 11am-4pm New exhibition; the history of the Methodist Chapel and St John's Church. Free. 01308 427288 <http://www.westbaydiscoverycentre.org.uk/>
- 07/11-05/12 Darkness and Shadows** Bothenhampton Village Hall Thursdays 1pm-2pm. Therapeutic Writing Course. £35 07747 142088 [george@georgegottscounselling.co.uk](mailto:george@georgegottscounselling.co.uk)
- 15/11-05/01 Mixed Winter Show** Tincleton Galleries, The Old School House DT2 8QR 10am-5pm Contemporary fine art exhibition 01305 848909
- 16/11-12/01 Radiance** Sladers Yard, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4EL Art Exhibition, Fred Cuming RA, Michael Fairclough, Rachel Fenner, Jeremy Gardiner, David Inshaw, Alfred Stockham, Petter Southall furniture, Franny Owen ceramics, Lynne Strover jewellery 01308 459511 [sladersyard.co.uk](http://sladersyard.co.uk)
- 29/11-21/12 Christmas Exhibition of New Work** The Jerram Gallery, Half Moon Street, Sherborne DT9 3LQ. 9.30am-5.00pm Tuesday to Saturday. New work by 15 selected artists
- 30/11-01/12 Sherborne Crafts for Christmas** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL. 10am-4pm Antiques, crafts & collectors market, up to 35 stalls, West Country Fairs. Free
- 30/11-02/12 Christmas Afternoon Tea** Shire Hall, Dorchester Afternoons. £12.50. Booking in advance essential. 01305 261849. [www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/](http://www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/)
- 30/11-05/01 Skating in the Square** Brewery Square, Dorchester See website for precise times, dates and to book your slot. £7. <http://skatinginthesquare.co.uk/>
- 01 Sherborne 5km Christmas Jumper Run** From the Terraces, Sherborne DT9 5NS. 8am registration, 8.25am warm-up, 8.30am 5km run organised by CommuniFit. [www.communifit.co.uk](http://www.communifit.co.uk) or [facebook.com/sherborne5km/](https://facebook.com/sherborne5km/)
- 01 Sherborne Festive Shopping Day** Sherborne DT9 3LQ 10am-4pm Festive Shops & stalls, local produce, street entertainment, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Tree Festival in Cheap Street Church, Shoppers' Carols in the Abbey. 4pm Parade & Lighting the Tree.
- 01 Wrap & Refreshments** Abbey View Residential & Nursing Care Home, Fairfield, Bristol Rd, Sherborne DT9 4HD. 10am-4pm Join us for refreshments whilst we wrap for you during Sherborne Festive Shopping Day. Donations to the Yeatman Hospital.
- 01 Christmas Market** Symondsbur Estate, DT66HG 11am-6pm. Stalls, shops, food and drink, Music. Free entry and parking 01308 301326 07809831760 <https://symondsburystate.co.uk/events/>
- 01 Shoppers' Carols & Advent Carol Service** Sherborne Abbey DT9 3LQ 1.30, 2.30 & 3.30pm A short service on Sherborne's Festive Shopping Day. 5pm Candlelit Carol Service with music & readings.
- 01 Christingle Service** St George's Church Dorchester 4.30pm to celebrate the work of the Children's Society.
- 01 Wessex Military Band** Bridport Arts Centre 3pm Wessex Military Band Performing. Tickets available from Bridport Arts Centre. A £10 C £8 Student £6 01308 424 204 <https://www.bridport-arts.com/>
- 01 Christmas Tree on Harbour Green** West Bay 3pm start. 4.15pm light switch on, St John's Church. Refreshments available.
- 01 Christmas Fair** Bridport Museum Shop, 25 South St, Bridport DT6 3NR 10am-2pm Christmas fair, rope making and knot demonstrations. Free 01308 458703 <http://www.bridportmuseum.co.uk/>
- 01 New Digby Hall Christmas Market** Digby Hall, Sherborne DT9 3AA. 10am-4pm Local produce, crafts, art, gifts, food, drink & jewellery, Boutique in a Bus. Tea, coffee & cakes in aid of The Friends of the Yeatman Hospital.
- 01-04 Winter Art Fair** The Gallery, Symondsbur, DT66HG 10.30am-4.30pm. Free entry and parking 01308 301326 07809831760 <https://symondsburystate.co.uk/events/>
- 01-08 Christmas Tree Festival** Cheap Street Church, Sherborne DT9 3BJ 10am-4.30pm daily. Over 30 trees decorated by local businesses and community groups. Free. Donations gratefully accepted.
- 01-08 Pre Christmas Art Show** Jurassic Coast Studios, The Durbeyfield, West Bay Road, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 4EL . 10am - 7pm £1 incl. Coffee and biscuits 01460 30661/01308 868083/ 01308 867646
- 02 U3A Carols** Cheap Street Church, Sherborne, DT9 3BJ 11.30am
- 02 Heligan & Eden & the future Set in Stone** THS Lecture Theatre, Coburg Road, Dorchester 7pm. Talk with Tim Smit of the Eden Project. Tickets from school reception and Dorchester TIC from 19/11. Retiring collection. <http://www.thomas-hardye.net/pages/information/Community%20Lectures.php>
- 03 Talk: 'Dutch Courage & Mother's Ruin: the Gin Craze'** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 7.15 for 8pm Sherborne Historical Society talk by Dr Richard Barnett. Tea & coffee. £5. Free for members & students [www.sherbornehistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.sherbornehistoricalsociety.co.uk)
- 03 Sherborne Abbey Faith & Arts Group: 'Advent Meditations'** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL 2.15-4.15pm Time to reflect on Advent, indulge in painting, drawing & creative work. Free. Please sign up in the Parish Office.
- 03 Castle Gardens Festive Evening** Castle Gardens Centre, New Road, Sherborne DT9 5NR Open til 9pm. Wreath making & home decorating demos, entertainment from St Margaret's Hospice singing group & a walking magician. Welcome drink. Christmas display.
- 03 Pam Ayres: 'Up in the Attic'** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 3-4.30pm Pam Ayres talks about her new book of poetry: 'Up in the Attic'. Book signing afterwards. £12 from Winstone's Bookshop 01935 816128
- 03 Christmas Tree Service** The United Church, East Street, Bridport 7pm The Dedication and formal opening of Christmas Tree Festival by a representative of Bridport Town Council. <https://buc.cool/>
- 03 'Deep Adaptation to Climate Change'** Literary & Scientific Institute, East St., Bridport 7pm (doors 6.30) hosted by Alan Heeks, how we can respond to climate change. Tickets Free/donation available from Bridport TIC, Lsi and Eventbrite. 01308 424901
- 03 'Vision for Dorchester 2050'** Dorford Centre, Dorchester 7.30pm. Talk by Dr Susan Parham, 'Garden villages - visionary, viable and popular?' Donation £3
- 03 & 05 Traditional Wreath Workshop** Unit 11 Old Yarn Mills, Sherborne DT9 3RQ. 6-8.30pm Build your own 12" Christmas wreath with florist Bella Forshall. Festive drinks & munchies included. £32.93 from [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)
- 04 Lunchtime organ recital** Sherborne Abbey, DT9 3LQ 1pm 40 minute organ recital by Paul Ellis. Retiring collection.

**04 Dementia Friends Information Session** Trinity Manor Care Home, Bradford Road, Sherborne DT9 6EX 2-4pm

**04 The Arts Society: 'Singe we Yule'** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 2 for 3pm & 6 for 7pm Sarah Deere-Jones presents a musical portrait of a Medieval Christmas. £7 guest. <http://theartssociety.org/sherborne>

**04 Uplyme Horticultural Society Social + Christmas Supper** Uplyme Village Hall DT7 3UY 7.30pm Bring + Share finger food plus a light hearted quiz

**04 Launch Day** Lyme Regis Harbour 10am Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy class of February boat launch

**04 Bridport Christmas Cheer** Bridport 4pm-8pm An Evening of Festive Family Fun. Entertainment and stalls. Free. 01308 424901 [www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk](http://www.bridportchristmascheer.co.uk)

**04 Chesil Rocks Fundraising Quiz** Langton Herring Village Hall 7pm. General Knowledge quiz. Teams of 4, £5 each. [chesilrocks@gmail.com](mailto:chesilrocks@gmail.com)

**04 -15 Christmas Tree Festival** The United Church, East Street, Bridport 10am The principal charity will be Julia's House Hospice

**05 An Afternoon with Rosie Lear** Sherborne Library, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 2-3pm Rosie describes Sherborne Abbey as 'a gift to the imagination' which inspired her to write her medieval murder-mystery series. Suitable for adults, free.

**05 Beginning in Family History** Trinity Manor Care Home, Bradford Road, Sherborne DT9 6EX 11am-1pm Barry Brock talks about how to investigate your family history & prepare a family tree from various sources. Followed by tea & cake. Free. 01935 594030

**05 Christmas Cracker** Dorchester various 4-9pm. Dorchester's annual festive late shopping and entertainments: Live music, lights and Father Christmas <http://www.dorchesterchamber.co.uk/dorchester-christmas-cracker/>

**05 Christmas Cracker Church Carols and mulled wine** St Peter's, Holy Trinity churches, High Street West, Dorchester From 5pm. <http://www.dorchesterchamber.co.uk/dorchester-christmas-cracker/>

**05 Victorian Christmas Cracker** Shire Hall Cafe, Dorchester From 4pm [www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/](http://www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/)

**05 Christmas Craft Fair** Corn Exchange, High St West, Dorchester 4-8pm <http://www.dorchesterchamber.co.uk/dorchester-christmas-cracker/>

**05 Christmas Fair and Coffee Morning** Sweet Briar Farm, Uploders, DT6 4NY 10.30am-1pm Raffle, Stalls: Vintage Stall, Gifts, Bulbs, Plants, Sunshine Bindery, produce, cards. £3 includes coffee and cake

**05-07 'The Nutcracker' Family Pantomime** Leigh Village Hall, DT9 6HL 7.30pm The Wriggle Valley Players present The Nutcracker. - a festive panto for all the family. Matinee on Saturday 7th at 2.30pm. A£7, C£4 from Leigh Garage, Hamish Pork & [www.ticketsource.co.uk/wrigglevalleyplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wrigglevalleyplayers)

**06 Mince Pies Recital** Tindall Recital Hall, Sherborne School DT9 3AP 1.45pm-2.20pm Recital by musicians from Sherborne School 01935 812249

**06 Jazz: Neville Dickie Trio** Cheap Street Church, Sherborne, DT9 3BJ 7.30pm Stride piano, clarinet/saxophones & drums. In aid of Sherborne Voluntary Ambulance and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. £15 (inc coffee & mince pies) from Sherborne TIC.

**06 Leweston Christmas Fair** Leweston School, DT9 6EN 1-6pm A wide range of stalls & boutiques, festive entertainment & refreshments on offer.

**06 The 4th Rendezvous Christmas Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL 7pm Quiz, bar, raffle. Teams max of 8. £6.50 or £13 (inc fish & chip supper or vegetarian option) from the Rendezvous, Sherborne TIC, or 01935 814496 [office@therendezvous.org.uk](mailto:office@therendezvous.org.uk)

**06 Firewalk** Bridport Fire Station, Sea Road South, Bridport, DT6 3XA Training 7pm. Firewalk 8pm. Bridport Fire Station looking for brave volunteers to walk on Fire raising funds for The Fire Fighters Charity. [nicholas.coutice@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.coutice@dwfire.org.uk) [www.ukfirewalk.com](http://www.ukfirewalk.com)

**06 Christmas Quiz Night** Brownsword Hall, Poundbury 7 for 7.30pm Hosted by Nigel Walker [www.brownswordevents.org.uk](http://www.brownswordevents.org.uk)

**06 Inside No.11 – Open Weekend** No.11 Old Yarn Mills, Sherborne DT9 3RQ. Exhibition of local art, 20<sup>th</sup> century Design, Lighting, Furniture, Pottery & Taxidermy. Muddled wine & cider.

**06-07 Duncan Honeybourne & Katherine Lam (classical piano duo)** Concerts at Tincton Gallery, The Old School House, DT2 8QR 7.30 for 8 pm. £15 inc glass of wine. 01305 848909 [info@tinctongallery.com](mailto:info@tinctongallery.com)

**07 Sherborne Christmas Craft & Gift Fair** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL. 10am-4pm An antiques, crafts & collectors market, up to 35 stalls. Free admission. West Country Fairs 01749 677049

**07 Sherborne Literary Society talk** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL. 7pm Talk by Andrew Lownie 'Dickie & Edwina: The Lives & Loves of the Mountbattens'. £10 Sherborne TIC or [www.sherborneliterarysociety.com](http://www.sherborneliterarysociety.com)

**07 Artsreach: Moscow Drug Club** Chetnole Village Hall, Sherborne DT9 6NU 7.30pm Musical experience featuring guitar, accordian, double bass, trumpet & vocals, a story set in Eastern Europe. Bar. £10, U18s £6. 07966 177789 or 01935 873555 [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

**07 BVYN TA Christmas Entertainment** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 2.30pm A performance of festive music from The Abbey Quartet. Refreshments, raffle. Members £7, guests £9. [BVYNTmembership@outlook.com](mailto:BVYNTmembership@outlook.com)

**07 Christmas Card Making** Sherborne Library, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 10.30-11.30am Christmas Card Making for all. Free.

**07 Communifit Christmas Party** Westend Hall, Littlefield, Sherborne DT9 6AU 3-6pm Bingo, raffle & auction, tea/coffee & bar. Eyes down at 3.30pm. Charity event for Whizz Kids. £5. 07791 308773

**07 Christmas Auction** Lyme Regis Football Club 7pm - 11pm

**07 Doug Eunson & Sarah Matthews** St Marys Church House Hall, South Street, Bridport, DT6 3NW 7.30pm-11pm Bridport Ceilidhs present Doug Eunson & Sarah Matthews. Caller: Jeremy Child. £8 in advance or £9 on the door 01308 423442 [www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com](http://www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com)

**07 Christmas sale** Piddlehinton Village Hall 10am-12.30pm Variety of stalls selling Gifts, cakes and stalls. Children's corner, raffle. 50p entrance

**07 'Christmas Oratorio', JS Bach** St Mary's Church Dorchester 6 for 7pm. £16/£12 online or from Harmony Music 01305260458 disabled access [www.dorchesterchoralsociety.org](http://www.dorchesterchoralsociety.org)

**07 Christmas Band Celebration** Dorford Centre, Dorchester 7pm. C Coy 6 Rifles with the Salamanca Band and Bugles of The Rifles. Retiring Collection



**07 Christmas Concert** United Church Dorchester 7.30pm with the Encore Singers Retiring collection for Action For Children.

**08 Eco Fair & Supermarket** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 9am-1pm Range of crafts & items which have been responsibly sourced with an emphasis on zero waste. Facebook: Eco Fair Sherborne. 07708 372251

**08 Christingle Service** St Mary's Church Dorchester 4.30pm to celebrate the work of the Children's Society.

**08 Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service** Cheap Street Church, Sherborne, DT9 3BJ 6.30pm Carol Concert amongst Christmas Trees decorated by different groups in the town with Sherborne Town Band.

**08 Lyme Bay Chorale** St Michael's Church Lyme Regis DT7 3DB 4.30pm Christmas Concert Tkts 01297 442138

**08 Story Café: 'Winter Fest'** The Lyric Theatre, 9 Barrack Street, Bridport DT6 3LX 7:30pm. Three storytellers and two musicians come together for a festive celebration of story, music and song. £10 from Bridport TIC 01308 424901

**08 Christmas Fair** St Andrews Hall, Charmouth, DT6 6LH 10am-4pm Vintage Collectables and Craft Fair. Tables Available. 07505 798 258

**08 Dorchester Christmas Vegan Market** Dorchester Corn Exchange 10am-3pm [wdeveganevents@gmail.com](mailto:wdeveganevents@gmail.com)

**09 Sherborne Abbey Gift for the Town** Sherborne Abbey DT9 3LQ 7.30-9pm Seasonal music & readings. Sherborne Abbey Choir, Town Band, Young Singers & students from Gryphon School. Retiring collection for Weldmar Hospice.

**09 Christmas Wreath Making** Leweston School, DT9 6EN 2-4.30pm & 5.30-8pm Join Emma Dixon from River Cottage to make a Christmas Wreath & Garland. Mince pie & tea. £35 per workshop. [www.lewestonenterprises.co.uk/events](http://www.lewestonenterprises.co.uk/events)

**10 Sherborne Abbey Faith & Arts Group: Advent Meditations** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL 2.15-4.15pm Time to reflect on Advent and indulge in painting, drawing & creative work. Free. Please sign up in the Parish Office.

**10 An Evening with Philip Marsden** Elementum Gallery, South Street, Sherborne DT9 3LU 6.30pm Travel writer Philip Marsden talks about his new book: 'The Summer Isles - A Voyage of the Imagination'. Drinks. £10 01935 813776

**11 Sherborne Artslink Flicks** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 7.00 for 7.30pm Film: Rocketman (15) Bar from 6.30pm. £6 from Sherborne TIC or on door if not sold out. 01935 815341 [www.sherborneartslink.org.uk](http://www.sherborneartslink.org.uk)

**11 Lunchtime organ recital** Sherborne Abbey, DT9 3LQ 1pm 40 minute organ recital by Harold Jackson. Retiring collection.

**11 Sherborne Late Night Shopping** Sherborne DT9 3LQ Shops open until 8pm. Free parking after 6pm. Special offers in participating shops.

**11 Mulled wine & mince pies** Abbey View Residential & Nursing Care Home, Fairfield, Bristol Rd, Sherborne DT9 4HD. 5-8pm Join us for mulled wine & mince pies whilst you do your late night shopping in Sherborne. Donations to the Yeatman Hospital.

**11 Bridport Camera Club- Spike & Penny Piddock** Bridport Town Hall, DT6 3LF 7pm for 7.30pm start. A practical evening with cameras and low tech lighting. 1st Visit free, £30 annual membership 01935 892353 [www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.bridportcameraclub.co.uk)

**11 Concert** St John's Church, West Bay Concert by West Dorset Community Orchestra and Local Vocals 7.30pm. Retiring collection. Interval refreshments and a raffle. 01308 456297

**12 Sherborne Museum Behind the Scenes** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne DT9 3NL. 1.30 for 2pm Members of Sherborne Museum's research teams and volunteers give an insight into the work they do. £5. Free to Museum members. [www.sherbornemuseum.co.uk](http://www.sherbornemuseum.co.uk)

**12 Talk: 'Friends Against Scams'** Abbey View Residential & Nursing Care Home, Fairfield, Bristol Rd, Sherborne DT9 4HD. 11am Trudi Zimmer talks about Friends Against Scams, a National Trading Standards Scam Team initiative - protecting people & communities. Free. 01935 813222

**12 Music & Readings for Christmas** The Chapel, Sherborne School DT9 3AP 6-7pm Sherborne School Chamber Choir. In aid of Crisis, together we will end homelessness. £10 from Sherborne TIC & Sherborne School [tickets@sherborne.org](mailto:tickets@sherborne.org)

**12 Quiz** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 2.30pm Sherborne & District Gardeners' Association Quiz followed by Christmas Party. £2, members free.

**12 Wreath Making Workshop** Alexandra Hotel Lyme Regis DT7 3HZ 10.30 Sea Theme coffee biscuits + 2 course lunch with a glass of Prosecco £77 per head 01297 442010

**12-13 Christmas in the Courtroom** Shire Hall, Dorchester 7.30pm. Festive song and performances from the New Hardy Players. £15 from [https://shirehalldorset.merlintickets.co.uk/product/000022?fbclid=IwAR3Jbtn6FfIPbzorzBAKGVPm125BV\\_hEORhoL-FxY54wqcPjvFvm8lwTmig](https://shirehalldorset.merlintickets.co.uk/product/000022?fbclid=IwAR3Jbtn6FfIPbzorzBAKGVPm125BV_hEORhoL-FxY54wqcPjvFvm8lwTmig)

**14 Christmas Decoration Crafts** Sherborne Library, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 10.30-11.30am Christmas decoration making for all. Free.

**14 Santa on his Sleigh** Sherborne 8.30am-3.30pm outside Sainsburys. 5.30pm -8.30pm Around Town West. Blackmore Vale Lions. Donations for charity welcomed.

**14 Christmas at Shire Hall** Shire Hall, Dorchester 10am-4pm. Father Christmas and festive slime activities (extra cost). Handbells 3pm. Usual admission fees apply. [www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/](http://www.shirehalldorset.org/visit/)

**14 'Me, My Soul and the Biosphere'** Bridport Quaker Meeting House, DT6 3NZ 10am-4pm Information & talk led by Joe Burlington & Andrew Davies. Part of "Care of our souls, Care of our planet". Donations from £10. [iona.lake@aol.com](mailto:iona.lake@aol.com)

**14 'A Christmas Carol'** Shipton Gorge Village Hall An Artsreach event, 7.30pm. £9, £6 (unders 18s) £25 (fam - max 2 adults), doors & bar from 6.45pm. Suitable 8+. One man performance. 01308 897407 [kateshiptonvh@gmail.com](mailto:kateshiptonvh@gmail.com)

**14 Christmas Concert** St Catherine's RC Church, Victoria Grove, Bridport, DT6 3AD 3pm Traditional Village Carols from two centuries ago. Free. Light Refreshments

**14-15 'Jack & the Beanstalk'** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 2.30pm & 6.30pm each day. Sherborne Amateur Pantomime Society's annual performance. £9, U2s free, from Sherborne TIC

**15 Christmas Sing-a-long** Cheap Street Church, Sherborne, DT9 3BJ 3-5pm Join Sherborne Town Band, Youth Band & Sherborne Community Choir for a festive sing-a-long. Coffee & mince pies in the interval. Raffle. £7 from Sherborne TIC.

**15 'Under the Frozen Moon'** The Lyric Theatre, 9 Barrack Street, Bridport DT6 3LX 1.30pm&4.30pm.Half a String presents Under the Frozen Moon. Bring a blanket and own refreshments. A £9 C £6 from Bridport TIC 01308 424901

**16-23 Visit Father Christmas @ Castle Gardens** Castle Gardens Centre, New Road, Sherborne DT9 5NR 2-5pm on 16-20 December, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm on 21-23 December

**17-22 Santa's Sleigh** Morrisons, West Bay Road, Bridport Come along to See Santa and his sleigh. Donations to Bridport Lions Club. <http://www.bridportlionsclub.org/fundraising.html>

**18 Sherboard Games** Oliver's Coffee House, Cheap Street, Sherborne DT9 3PU 7-9pm Eurogames such as Carcassonne, Catan & Ticket to Ride. Refreshments available. Free Facebook & Twitter: @bored\_sher

**18 Noel! Noel!** Sunninghill Community Hall, DT11EB An evening of carols and festive readings by Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir. £18 [www.bschoir.org.uk](http://www.bschoir.org.uk)

**19 An Afternoon with Stephen Moss** Elementum Gallery, South Street, Sherborne DT9 3LU 2.30pm Naturalist Stephen Moss talks about his latest book: 'The Twelve Birds of Christmas'. Mince pies & mulled wine. £10 from Elementum Gallery. 01935 813776

**19 Dorset String Quartet Christmas Recital** The Chapel Alexandra Hotel Lyme Regis DT7 3HZ 7.30 Bar 8pm Prompt Start Ticket £20 01297 442010

**20 Afternoon Tea Dance** Digby Hall, Hound St, Sherborne, DT9 3AA. 2.30-5pm Ballroom, Latin & popular sequence. Over 18s, all levels, smart casual dress. £5 01460 240112 [dance@dancewessex.co.uk](mailto:dance@dancewessex.co.uk)

**20 Ridgeway Singers and Band Christmas Concert** Dorford Centre, Dorchester 7.30pm Annual festivities in music and song. £10 Dorchester TIC 01305 267992 [whitecockade@gmail.com](mailto:whitecockade@gmail.com)

**20 Santa on his Sleigh** Sherborne 5.30pm -8.30pm Around Coldharbour. Blackmore Vale Lions. Donations for charity welcomed.

**20-22 Christmas Tree Festival** Baptist Church Lyme Regis DT7 11am-4pm Christmas Tree's decorated by local organisations Free

**21 Santa on his Sleigh** Sherborne 8.30am-3.30pm outside Waitrose. Blackmore Vale Lions. Donations for charity welcomed.

**21 Going the Rounds** Thorncombe Wood Car Park 6pm. Walk led by Tim Laycock following the route of the Mellstock Quire to Stinsford Church. £10 non-members, £8 members

**23 Festive Storytime** Sherborne Library, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 10.30-11am listen to our favourite stories & join in with a mini craft. Suitable for children aged 2-8 years. Free.

**23 Carols Round The Christmas Tree** The Shambles Broad Street Lyme Regis 7-8pm Organised by Rotary Club + Town Band

**25 Christmas Day Fancy Dress Swim** The Beach Charmouth 11am Charity swim in aid of the RNLI

**26 The West Bay Wallow** West Bay 10.30am Entrants sign in. 12pm Start. Raise monies for whomever they wish. There are prizes for best Fancy Dress.

**31 New Year's Eve Dance with Strictly Jive!** Digby Hall, Hound Street, Sherborne DT9 3AA 8pm Dance into 2020! Dance floor, bar, free parking. Optional 'All that Glitters ' theme. £20 to include nibbles & a glass of bubbly at midnight.

[www.strictlyjive.com](http://www.strictlyjive.com)

**01/01 New Year's Day - Blow the Cobwebs Away!** Meet at Sherborne Abbey Porch, DT9 3NL 2pm Blue Badge Guide Cindy helps you discover Sherborne's past with a historical walk around the town. No need to book - just turn up. £8

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 08 Jazz in the Bar: Christmas with Charlie Bicknell MUSIC  
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 14 Polar Express Pyjama Party CINEMA  
 14 Lyme Regis Comedy Club With Laura Lexx COMEDY  
 19 The Jerseys-Oh What A Nite MUSIC  
 21 White Christmas CINEMA  
 22 Christmas Double Bill The Snowman & Father Christmas FILM  
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## LYME REGIS

**Marine Theatre Box Office: 01297 442138 (Lyme Regis TIC)**

## ELECTRIC PALACE

01 COMEDY Stewart Francis: Into The Punset  
 03 SCREENING NTL: Present Laughter  
 05 COMEDY Jethro (2019 Tour)  
 06 FILM A Christmas Carol  
 07 FILM ELF (PG) (2003)  
 12 SCREENING KBTC: The Winter's Tale  
 14 MUSIC Disco Heaven: Christmas Party 2019  
 16 THEATRE High School Musical!  
 17 THEATRE High School Musical!  
 21 MUSIC Show of Hands Christmas Special  
 22 SCREENING Bolshoi: The Nutcracker  
 30 THEATRE Puppet Panto: A special Grown Ups Performance  
 31 THEATRE Puppet Panto from stuff and nonsense  
[www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk)



**Electric Palace Box Office: 01308 424901 (Bridport TIC)**

## MARKETS

**Bridport** **Weekly Market** in the Town every Wednesday & Saturday, **Farmers Market** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of the month 9am – 1pm Bridport Arts Centre, **Country Market** Every Saturday WI Hall, **Vintage Market** Last Saturday of month, **Local Food Market** Every Sunday 9am-3pm St Michael's trading estate. **Bridport Vegan Market** 10am-12.30pm town hall 14th **Arts and Crafts Fair** Town Hall 9am-3pm 7th

**Dorchester** **Weekly Market** in Fairfield Car Park, Weymouth Ave 8am-3pm every Wednesday, **Farmers' Market** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in each month at Poundbury, 9am-1pm and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month in South Street, 9am-4pm. **Country Market** at The Corn Exchange every Friday (exc. Easter) 8:30am-11am.

**Sherborne** **Pannier Market** on the Parade every Thursday and Saturday; **Country Market** in Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, Thursday mornings, 9-11.30am; **Farmers' Market** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in each month – Cheap Street, 9am-1pm; **Quarterly Book Fair** Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Rd: March, May, August, November; **Vintage Market** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every month in Digby Memorial Hall, Digby Road, 9am-3.30pm; **Chasty Cottage Antiques Fair** 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Digby Hall, Hound Street 9.30am-4pm.

**Owermoigne** **Monthly Market** in the village hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, 10:30am-12noon. Homemade produce, bric a brac, plants, crafts, books.

**Broadmayne** **Monthly Market** St. Martin's Community Hall, Broadmayne (By Church), every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 2pm-3:30pm. Proceeds to the Hall.

## GIG GUIDE

**Chaplins Cellar Bar**, Bridge Hotel, Bridport regular bands at various times 01308 423371  
**Reloved Cellar Bar**, Dorchester, Open Mic Fri 9pm 01929 257070  
**Convivial Rabbit** Trinity Street Dorchester Sun Folk Evening 7.30pm 0774 7072306  
**Three Compasses** Charminster Sun 6pm 01305 263618  
**Tom Browns** Dorchester, open Mic Mon 9pm 01305 264020  
**Blue Radle** Dorchester, folk, various dates 01305 267762  
**Books Beyond Words** High East Street Dorchester 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month Poetry Open Mic 01305 818029  
**Pilot Boat** Lyme Regis live music every Wed & Fri nights from 9pm 01297 443157  
**Swim** Lyme Regis live music every Thursdays nights from 9pm 01297 442668  
**Dorchester Probus** meet on the second Thursday of each month for lunch & a chat at The Gamekeeper, Charminster (12 noon for 12:30pm). Roger 01305 269315 or Roy 01305 250978  
**No.10 Café/Bar**, East St Bridport. Live music most nights. 01308 420032  
**The Ropemakers**, West St, Bridport. Regular bands at various times. 01308 421255  
**Beach & Barnicott**, South St, Bridport. Live music every Friday Night. 01308 807002  
**The Bridport Stable**, Behind The Bull, East St, Bridport. Regular bands at various times, 01308 459922  
**Live DJs @ Swim** The Marine Parade, Lyme Regis DT7 3JF Weekends  
**Rise**, West Bay. Regular bands at various times. 01308 422011

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