

Blackmore Vale Line 'Christmas Specials'

STATION EVENTS IN PURPLE

DATES	EVENT	DETAILS
Thursday 1 st December - Saturday 31 st December SHERBORNE	Castle Gardens Christmas Display , New Road, Sherborne Open every day throughout December. Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10.30am-4.30pm	We enjoy creating the Christmas displays and we aim to create a wonderful magical experience for you all to enjoy. Do come and be among the first to see the displays at our preview evenings and then why not join us and bathe in the atmosphere at our Magical Evenings that are held closer to Christmas. Castle Gardens (Sherborne) Tel: 01935 814633 Website: http://www.thegardeneronline.co.uk/
Thursday 1 st December SHERBORNE	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade every Thursday and Saturday	
Thursday 1 st December SHERBORNE	Sherborne Country Market in Church Hall, Digby Road, 9.15 am-11.15 am;	
Friday 2 nd December - 3 rd February 2017	Exhibition: The Human Form: Part II Sculpture Deformation I Transformation Messums Wiltshire at Tisbury	HUMAN: SEAN HENRY, LAURENCE EDWARDS AND BRIAN TAYLOR Starts: 2nd December 2016 Ends: 3rd February 2017 Together – Apart – Together again. Modelling clay binds Sean Henry, Brian Taylor and Laurence Edwards together at the start point to their creative process. However the direction their work goes in from there is very different, reflecting different techniques and sculptural philosophy before they return together again into bronze. http://messumswiltshire.com
2 nd December FRIDAY	Abbas and Templecombe Christmas Fayre Primary School, Templecombe 3:30pm – 5:30pm	
2 nd December FRIDAY	GILLINGHAM STATION EVENT 4:00pm-6:00pm TBC and Annual Gillingham Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting at The Town Meadow starting at 6:30pm	Festive cheer to welcome passengers at Gillingham Station linking in with Annual Christmas Parade. Pantomime themed parade and visit Santa in his grotto Christmas Market, Live Music, Food and Childrens' Fairground Rides. It's the festive event that will start your Christmas. Procession starts at 6:30pm from the Town Hall Website: www.gillinghamdorsettc.gov.uk/localinformation/Christmas-in-gillingham
3 rd December SATURDAY	TISBURY STATION Festive cheer at the Station 10:am – 12 noon TBC and 'Tiz the Season' starts at 11:00am – 4:00pm	SW Trains passengers greeted with mince pies and sweets. This year's Tiz The Season is taking place on the 3rd December from 11am till 4pm. We have so much going on! Including.....Reindeer..... Yes Really! Santa is bringing his Reindeer to Tisbury this year, Santa's Grotto, Mince Pie Eating Contest, Over 30 Stalls, Live Music and SO MUCH MORE. Check out the event at www.tisbury.co.uk
Saturday 3 rd December TISBURY	Tisbury Country Market, The Victoria Hall, High Street, Tisbury Wiltshire SP3 6HF	1st & 3rd Saturdays in month from 10.00 am - 11.00 am Closed: January, re-open 3rd Saturday in January

Saturday 3 rd December SHERBORNE	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade	Every Thursday and Saturday
Saturday 3 rd December SHERBORNE	FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne starting at 7:30pm	From Darkness to Light Great choral music from across the ages to celebrate the start of Advent, centred around the Magnificat and Ave Maria. Including settings by Finzi, Schütz, Bruckner, Rachmaninov and Victoria, plus Advent music by Byrd, Parsons, Gabriel Jackson, Gibbons and Sir James MacMillan. <u>Sherborne Chamber Choir</u> with Conductor Paul Ellis and Organist Simon Clarkson. <i>Tickets £5-£16 from Sherborne Tourist Information Centre, Digby Road, 01935 815341, on sale 17 October.</i>
Saturday 3 rd December TEMPLECOMBE	Templecombe Village Christmas Market and Café Templecombe Recreation and Sports Club 10:00am – 12:30pm	Enjoy the selection of local craft and culinary talent and quality, nearly new, plenty of gift ideas.
4 th December SUNDAY	YEOVIL RAILWAY CENTRE STATION EVENT Blackmore Vale Line CRP 11:00am -2:00pm SANTA SPECIALS	Website: http://www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com/ Telephone: 07501 189065 Email: yeovilrailway@hotmail.com *Our always (and increasingly) popular Santa Specials are to be held on 04 December (Sunday), 11 December (Sunday), 17 December (Saturday) 18 December (Sunday) and 23 December (Friday) this year.
Sunday 4th December SHERBORNE	Sherborne 'Love a Local Christmas' Festive Christmas Shopping Day from 10am–4pm.	Follow all the news of what's happening on twitter at @shopinsherborne where Sherborne invites you to 'Love a Local Christmas' this year.
Sunday 4th December SHERBORNE	Shoppers' Carol Services Sherborne	The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 1.30pm - Shoppers' Carols Officiant: Canon Eric Woods The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 2.30pm - Shoppers' Carols Officiant: Revd Jane Craw The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 3.30pm - Shoppers' Carols Officiant: Revd Richard Wylde The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 5.00pm – Christingle Officiant: Sister Ann-Marie Stuart
Wednesday 7th December SHERBORNE	ORGAN RECITAL The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne starting at 1:00pm	Organ Recital by Paul Ellis The latest in this year's series of weekly organ recitals, given every Wednesday at 1pm for about 40 minutes, by local organists. (In Bank Holiday weeks, the recital is on Bank Holiday Monday.) <i>Free entry, with retiring collection</i>
Thursday 7 th December	Sherborne Country Market in Church Hall, Digby Road, 9.15 am-11.15 am;	
Thursday 8 th December	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade	Every Thursday and Saturday
Friday 9 th December GILLINGHAM	Gillingham Country Market, Fridays from 8.30 am - 11.00 am	Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4AG

Saturday 10 th and Sunday 11 th December	Templecombe Christmas Tree Festival St Mary the Virgin Church	In support of the Church Roof Restoration Fund.
Saturday 10th December CREWKERNE	STATION EVENT Crewkerne Station Open Day from 9:30am until 2:00pm	Crewkerne Station Open Day from 9.30am until 2pm with a Christmas tree, an exhibition of FOCS activities and station history and a raffle in the waiting room. Santa is expected with a bran tub. We may have dvds in the Pump house again.
Saturday 10th December	Crewkerne Christmas Market from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Located around the Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne	Crewkerne Christmas Produce & Craft Market Telephone: 01460 74001. or email towncouncil@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk
Saturday 10th December	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade	Every Thursday and Saturday
Sunday 11th December YEOVIL JUNCTION	SANTA SPECIALS - Yeovil Junction - Book online http://www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com/	Our Shop is open every Sunday from 10am to noon (except Christmas and New Year) for sale of new and second-hand Railway and other transport related books, videos and other items (including Thomas the Tank Engine)
Sunday 11th December SHERBORNE	Christmas Tree Festival Carol Concert Cheap Street Church Sherborne at 6:30pm- 7:30pm	Christmas Tree Festival Carol Concert The Christmas Tree Festival of 2016 at Cheap Street Methodist Church will run over a number of days and the Carol Concert will be at 6.30pm on 11th December. A small group from Sherborne Town Band will play.
Monday 12th December SHERBORNE	Sherborne Christmas at The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne starting at 7:30pm	Sherborne Christmas December 12 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm The Abbey's gift to the town – A Sherborne Christmas features a variety of musical acts, including local school Choirs, the Abbey Choir and Sherborne Town Band. 7.30pm, Sherborne Abbey.
Monday 12th December	Grand Christmas Fayre at Bowhayes Lodge, Crewkerne 2:30pm – 5:30pm. Free Entry	
Tuesday 13th December TEMPLECOMBE	STATION EVENT Christmas at Templecombe Station	Friends of Templecombe Station will be dispensing festive cheer, mulled wine and mince pies for rail passengers from 6:00am – 11:30am
Wednesday 14 th December	Messums Wiltshire An Evening with Keggie Karew reading extracts from her book "Dadland"	http://messumswiltshire.com/category/exhibitions/
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Wreath and Garland Workshop Templecombe Village Hall	All welcome, but please book as places are limited (01963 371124) £20 (includes all materials)
Wednesday 14th Until Saturday 17th December	Crewkerne Station at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne	Friends of Crewkerne Station - Every year we take part in the church Christmas Tree Festival - usually with a model train running round our tree where we make railway themed decorations.
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15th December THURSDAY	SHERBORNE STATION EVENT from 12:30pm -5:30pm Steam Train and Carol Service at Sherborne Abbey at 3pm	Welcoming party to greet passengers and welcome those from the festive Steam train arriving. Singing and dancing. Steam train times c 1:15pm departing 5pm. Carol Service at The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 3.00pm
Thursday 15th December YEOVIL JUNCTION	Main Line Steam Train at Yeovil Junction	Main Line Steam Railway Touring Company running London Waterloo to Sherborne and Yeovil. Timings and engine not yet known. For details of Railway Touring Company
Friday 16 th December	Sherborne Farmers' Market Cheap Street, 9.00 am-1.00 pm.	Sherborne Farmers' Market every third Friday
Friday 16 th December GILLINGHAM	Gillingham Country Market, Fridays from 8.30 am - 11.00 am	Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Gillingham , Dorset SP8 4AG
Saturday 17th December SHERBORNE	Shoppers' Carol Services Sherborne	The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 12.00pm - Shoppers' Carols The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne - 1.00pm - Shoppers' Carols The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne - 2.00pm - Shoppers' Carols The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne - 3.00pm - Shoppers' Carols
Saturday 17th December CREWKERNE	Crewkerne Farmers Market in Falkland Square Crewkerne	Held on the third Saturday of each month in Falkland Square, a pedestrianised area in the centre of this traditional market town. With a comprehensive selection of around 20 stalls, this market was one of the first to be set up some 16 years ago. The town has a great range of pubs and cafes and an individual street scene. December is a great time for markets; there are lots of seasonal treats on offer in addition to the range of usual fare available and as the days steadily draw in, there is a festive feeling in the air. Not only can the markets provide the ingredients for your Christmas dinner table they can also provide great inspiration for presents. Spending money with small, independent traders rather than multinationals will make sure that more local people will be able to have a good Christmas too.
Saturday 17th December YEOVIL JUNCTION	STATION EVENT Festive cheer, mulled wine, mince pies with carol singers SANTA SPECIALS Yeovil Junction - Book online http://www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com/	Jonathan at Yeovil Junction platforms dispensing festive cheer, mulled wine, mince pies carol singers
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Saturday 17 th December	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade	Every Thursday and Saturday
Saturday 17th December	Sherborne Book Fair at Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road, Sherborne from 10:00am – 4:00pm	Provincial Booksellers Fairs Association - the sign of a good book fair. Telephone: 01935 815944

Saturday 17th December	Speedwell Brocante at Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street, Crewkerne from 10:00am – 2:00pm.	
Sunday 18th December	'The Man Born to be King Cheap Street Church Hall, Sherborne at 7:45pm	"The Man Born to be King" : A Play-Cycle on the Life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ written for broadcasting by Dorothy L Sayers. Please come to read or to listen to the twelve plays in the Cheap Street Church Hall, Sherborne, at 7.45 p.m. and continuing until Sunday 9 April 2017. The actual dates will be published in due course. This is an invitation to all to experience this special play-cycle which leads from "Kings in Judea" to "The King comes into His Own". This was first produced by Val Gielgud for the BBC in December 1941 – October 1942. Contacts for information: Margaret Field on 01935 815427 or Dennis Porter on 01935 817284.
Monday 19 th December	Messums Wiltshire - CHRISTMAS DECORATION MAKING Age: 7 – 14 Time: 10:00 – 12:00 Price: £22.	http://messumswiltshire.com/category/educational-workshops/
Thursday 22nd December	Sherborne Country Market in Church Hall, Digby Road, 9.15 am-11.15 am;	
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Friday 23 rd December GILLINGHAM	Gillingham Country Market, Methodist Church Hall from 8.30 am - 11.00 am	Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4AG Closed: 2 Fridays following Christmas
Friday 23rd December YEOVIL JUNCTION	SANTA SPECIALS Yeovil Junction - Book online http://www.yeovilrailway.freeservers.com/	The earlier you book the greater chance you have of obtaining the date and time of your choice. We cannot guarantee that spaces will be available for 'on the day' customers!
Saturday 24th December SHERBORNE	Blessing of the Crib & Lighting of the Tree The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne at 5:00pm	The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 5.00pm - Blessing of the Crib & Lighting of the Tree The Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sherborne 11.30pm - The First Eucharist of Christmas
Wednesday 28th December YEOVIL JUNCTION	Steam Train Day-Mince Pie Special at Yeovil Junction 10:30am – 4:00pm	Steam Train Day-Mince Pie Special using Andrew Barclay 0-4-0 steam engine 'Lord Fisher' to give train rides along the 1/3rd mile of the ex-Great Western Railway Clifton Maybank branch. Passengers travel in historic brake van vehicles or coach. Trains run every 20 minutes (except for a lunch break) and visitors can enjoy unlimited trips on the day. Other attractions include a Miniature Railway (unlimited rides included, subject to weather), Shop, Light Refreshments, Model Railway and exhibits and displays. Admission (including Steam Train rides £7 adult, Children £3.50 (aged 5-15) whilst children under 5 and members are admitted free. One Child (aged 5-15) is admitted FREE with a full paying adult. (Gate open at 10.30am and train rides start at 11am. Close at 4pm). Regular Train Days are held March to October Free Mince Pie with every cup of tea or coffee purchased

		whilst stocks last! Free parking on site (subject to availability) – go to Yeovil Junction station, BA22 9UU and turn right under the low bridge half way up the station approach road – look out for large ‘Yeovil Railway Centre’ sign and arrow!
Thursday 29 th December SHERBORNE	SHERBORNE Pannier Market on the Parade	Every Thursday and Saturday
Saturday 31 st December SHERBORNE	Sherborne Vintage Market Digby Memorial Church Hall, Digby Road. DT9 3NL 08.30 am-15.30 pm.	
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