November EVENTS

Until 31 October

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Friday, 30 October

Concert in aid of Bridport Arts Centre Come Together campaign. Maggots Diversions at Oxenburys Yard Bridport. Local musicians will be presenting an evening to raise funds for the BAC Come Together Campaign. An evening with Maggot's Diversions 6 local musicians with a wide range of traditional music at their fingertips. They will be repeating their highly successful show - Featuring a full range of folk instruments giving life to jigs, reels, shanties and songs. 'Hoppiness' will be providing the bar. Doors open 7.00 pm Music starts at 7.30pm. Tickets Cost £10. Tickets available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre, Bridport Town Hall, South Street DT6 3LF. Tel: 01308 424901. A spokesman for the group commented' 'When we heard that the Arts Centre was raising money to buy back the building, we felt that we wished to do something to help raise the funds. The Arts Centre has been a key promoter and supporter of the Arts and artists in West Dorset for over 50 years. We have enjoyed playing there and being part of audiences at many memorable events. We are delighted to bring our evening of folk music to Bridport and are excited to be playing in the workshop at Oxenbury's Yard .It will be a fantastic venue which should suit our music and who knows we may see some dancing! For more information about the Arts Centre Fundraising see webpage bridport-arts.com/cometogether. For more information about this press release –contact Barry Bates badbates@btinternet.com.

Saturday, 31 October

Craft and Fossil Fair Join Charmouth Heritage Cost Centre for the annual fair, your chance to buy locally made items and produce. Raffle and Pumpkin Competition with prizes to be won! Refreshments available all day. St. Andrews Hall, Lower Sea Lane, Charmouth. 10am-5pm. Event details www.charmouth.org/chcc/events-calendar/

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Sunday, 1 November

Ballet Screening RB&O -Manon (12) 190 mins 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £11.50 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Monday, 2 November

Another one in Weymouth Museum's series of Teas and Talks, returning speaker Jeff Little takes us through 'The Battle of Trafalgar'. 2.30pm at The Centenary Club, 21 Jubilee Close, Weymouth DT4 7BG. Doors open 2pm. Tickets £4 on the door or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/weymouthmuseum.

Scottish Dancing in Chardstock An evening of Scottish dancing in Chardstock Village Hall EX13 7BJ. 7.30-10.00 p.m. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own mug if possible and wear soft soled shoes. No partner required. Cost £3.00. For more information contact David on 01460 65981 https://www.chardscottishcountrydance.co.uk.

Tuesday, 3 November

Scottish Country dancing at Horton Village Hall Near Ilminster from 7.30 to 9.30 pm with tea break. All very welcome to come along and join us whether you are an experienced dancer or a beginner. Just £3.00 pay on the door. All dances will be walked through first. For more information please contact Anita on anitaandjim22@gmail.com and have a look at our web site at www.ashillscd.wordpress.com See you all soon.

Wednesday, 4 November

West Dorset Community Orchestra rehearse in the Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3QE from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. New members very welcome, particularly violin and viola players. First four rehearsals are free. For more information www.westdorsetcommunityorchestra.co.uk or contact 01308 456297.

Film: Heart of the Beast (12A) 101 mins, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £9 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

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Thursday, 5 November

Friends of Lyme Regis Museum Lyme Regis Museum Friends offer an illustrated talk, 'The Cobb, Part 2; the Last 100 Years' by Jim Thomas. At 2.30 pm in the Woodmead Hall, Hill Road, Lyme Regis. DT7 3PG Jim is a geographer and geologist. Members £3; visitors £5. All welcome. Enquiries to David Cox, 07800 895351.

Community Coffee Morning 9.30 - 11.15am, bacon rolls, cakes and fresh coffee, St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Bridport, call 07741 457505.

Film: Pressure *Subtitled* (12A) 100 mins, 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £8 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Women On The Edge starring the ever-popular Charlie Bicknell and Louise Innes. A sharp, funny and unpredictable evening of songs, irreverent radio detours and surprises. Dorchester Arts. Tickets are available from dorchesterarts.org.uk or the Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Thursday, 5 November - 10 December

Painting with Nature - Inspired by Books with Artist Helen Garrett, in this Painting with Nature course, books will be our inspiration. We will enjoy excerpts and ideas from a variety of authors creating a reflective and gentle space for all those with a love of art and literature. Participants will have the chance to experiment with different materials and techniques including Chinese brush, inks, charcoal, paint and natural drawing materials. It will be a place to explore your own creative potential and ideas - all materials will be provided. Helen is a practising artist and experienced teacher and has worked in museums, universities and historic houses for many years using art as a way to connect with community, heritage and local landscape. 10.30am - 12.45pm Beaminster Bookshop, 2 Church Street, Beaminster, DT8 3AZ, £160 for six-week course. For information & booking please contact info@helengarrett.com / 07792916550.

Friday, 6 November

Film: Sense & Sensibility (U) 131 mins, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £9 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Remembering Our Planet Fund Raising Concert 7:30pm St Nicholas Church Abbotsbury. Join lovers of planet earth for a concert of beautiful songs and virtuosic and melodic instrumental pieces from Francisco's native Colombia. Get ready for an amazing evening of music raising funds for Dorset Wildlife Trust and St Nicholas's Church. Entrance for under 12s is free and will include a free book on butterflies by Professor Philip Howse. This will be an opportunity for a great evening out but also an opportunity to think about the wellbeing of our wonderful planet. Tickets available at the door or visuit: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/remember-our-planet-concert-with-duo-correa-andrews-tickets-2002094641969?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Saturday, 7 November

Bridport & West Dorset Rambling Club 6 mile walk from Cerne Abbas. For further information please ring 01308 898484 or 01308 863340. New members/visitors welcome.

The No 1 Holiday Destination 'Rooted in the South West, this bold, fast-paced new comedy speaks to anyone who's ever lived somewhere that other people treat like a playground.' 7.30pm. Powerstock Hut, School Hill, Powerstock DT6 3TB. Tickets £15 Under 18s £6. www.artsreach.co.uk, from Matthew Solon (matthew.solon@fticonsulting.com, 07775 590579) or on the door.

The Myths and Legends of Dartmoor will be uncovered by Robert Hesketh in his talk to the Friends of Weymouth Library (F.O.W.L.) at 10-30a.m. in the Library. There will be tales of pixies, of the Devil interfering in strange ways, and of curious omens and ghostly happenings, taken from a selection of Dartmoor tales as told to folklore collectors. The entrance fee will be £3. Everyone welcome. Any enquiries ring 01305 832613.

Film: Digger (15) 129 mins, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £9 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Saturday, 7 - 14 November

Bridport Literary Festival see website for events. Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Monday, 9 November

Winsham Art Club 2pm at Jubilee Hall TA20 4HU. The theme this practical session is Abstract Texture in

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Singing Bowl Soundbath 7.30-9 pm Digby Memorial Church Hall Sherborne DT9 3LN £20/18 concs. Lie down, relax, and allow the Pure Sounds of a crystal and Tibetan bowl soundbath plus sacred vocal overtoning give you a sonic deep-tissue massage, taking you into the deeper brainwave states of 'the relaxation response', while charging and balancing the aura and chakras of the subtle body, and detoxing the physical body. 01935 389655 ahiahel@live.com.



Tuesday, 10 November

Hen (2025) – quirky, engaging odyssey of a hen – chronicling its escape from Greek battery farm to seaside restaurant. A tale of survival against the odds as our plucky protagonist navigates the muck and mayhem of both animal and human farmyards. Bridport Arts Centre, DT6 3NR Doors and bar open 7:00 pm, 7:45 pm screening. Please show membership cards on arrival. (Guests - £5 – please email for tickets and collect by 7:30 pm on evening of screening). Email: bridportfilm@gmail.com Website: www.bridportfilmsociety.co.uk.

Wednesday, 11 November

West Dorset Community Orchestra rehearse in the Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3QE from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. New members very welcome, particularly violin and viola players. First four rehearsals are free. For more information www.westdorsetcommunityorchestra.co.uk or contact 01308 456297.

Kilmington Film Night Midwinter Break (12A) Polly Findlay's barnstorming drama

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about interpersonal and religious tumult in late middle age is a triumph, swerving any sense of sentimentalism. Gerry and Stella, played by Ciarán Hinds and Lesley Manville, are a late-middle-aged couple from Northern Ireland who left for Scotland in the 1970s, traumatised by the Troubles, and are taking a restorative midwinter break in Amsterdam. They appear perfectly happy and affectionate, but Gerry has a drinking problem and Stella feels lonely because Gerry does not share her Catholic faith. (Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian (Abridged). Doors and bar open 6.45 film start 7.15 at Kilmington Village Hall EX13 7RF. Tickets £6 (Cash Only) can be ordered by contacting: John at wattsjohn307@gmail.com or Tel: 01297 521681.

Film: Sense & Sensibility *Subtitled*(U) 131 mins, 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £8 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Loders Local History Group 7.30pm-9.00pm in Loders Village Hall. AGM followed by Talk by Bernard Paull "Askers Roadhouse 1929 to 1990 …...and Beyond! From Elegance and Glamour to Raves and a Raging Inferno" All Welcome. Entrance Free. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, 12 November

Chesil Bank Writing Shed Do you write? Would you like to write? Whatever you want to write, why not come and join our friendly creative writing group. New writers are always welcome. 7pm - 9pm, Portesham Village Hall. Find out more online at www.lindaph.co.uk.

Wild and Messy Church 3.30 - 5.30pm, Art & Crafts with Hot Dinner for children and their carers all welcome, St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Bridport, call 07704 959426.

Kilmington Film Matinee Midwinter Break (See 11th November). Doors open 1.45pm film starts 2pm. Tickets £6 (Cash Only), cream-teas @ £4. served during the interval but must be pre-booked with your seats see above and www.kilmingtonvillage.com/other-organisations.html.

Omlet – Prince of Hen-Mark Shakespeare gets a decidedly unusual makeover in Omlet – Prince of Hen-Mark - actor Stu McLoughlin tackles Hamlet with one man, one egg and a trolley full of vegetables and assorted foodstuffs. Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Friday, 13 November

A Head full of Coldplay Fans of one of the world's biggest bands can enjoy a full-scale tribute experience with A Head Full of Coldplay. Expect the band's biggest songs, lasers, confetti cannons and the atmosphere of a Coldplay stadium concert! Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Saturday, 14 November

Bridport & West Dorset Rambling Club 7 mile walk from Corscombe. For further information please ring 01308 898484 or 01308 863340. New members/visitors welcome.

Harvest Film Festival: Apocalyptic Visions 11am-10pm (arrivals from 10.30am). Local arts collective Chasing Cow are curating a one-day festival of films, talks and music at the beautiful Lower Hewood Farm, themed around 'Apocalyptic Visions'. The festival is a revival of the Harvest Film Festival, which ran at the organic smallholding and arts venue between 2014 and 2019, and was set up to explore the relationship with farming, food and land through fiction, documentary and art films. The revived festival sees Chasing Cow offering a hand-picked selection of classic and cult films, live music and talks. Members of the group are developing their first feature film (a cli-fi road movie called Elecampane) and the programme is designed to reflect the world of the script – where medieval cosmology and folklore collides with climate shocks and social transformation. See the full programme and buy tickets at harvestfilmfestival.com. All-day festival pass £15 (£10 concessions).

Dorset folk duo Ninebarrow take to the stage at the Hardye Theatre. Jon Whitley and Jay La Bouchardiere have earned widespread acclaim for their distinctive harmonies, original songs and imaginative arrangements inspired by the landscapes and history of the British Isles. Dorchester Arts, Hardye Theatre, Dorchester, Dorset. Box Office on 01305 266926.

Sunday, 15 November

Dalwood Jazz Club presents The Maggie Reeday Quartet. with Maggie - vocals, James Clemas - keyboard, Jim Rintoul - double bass & Coach York - drums. 3pm. Dalwood Village Hall, EX13 7EG (near Axminster). Bar for beer/wine/soft drinks and tea/coffee/cake etc. Parking at the Village Hall Entry : £12.50p. If possible, please book in advance and pay (cash or card) at the door. Thank you! t.mackenney111@btinternet.com.

Opera Screening RB&O Carmen (12) 215 mins, 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £11.50 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

A Dorset Autumn Afternoon, a special fundraising event for Dorchester Arts. Inspired by the traditional Dorset harvest home, the afternoon will combine a hearty ploughman's lunch, drinks, traditional entertainment and country-style stalls, offering a celebration of Dorset food, culture and the changing seasons. Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

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Talking about working with Hothouse Flowers, Martin Brunsden describes it as 'amazing plank walking.' The reason the band has endured for over forty years, he says, is because there is never a set list. The band don't even know what they will play until they play it. 'We've no idea what we're going to do when we step onto the stage really. We get on the musical train and off we go, and anything can happen.'

Those coming to see Martin and Hothouse Flowers frontman Liam Ó Maonlaí do an acoustic set at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday 19 November are in for a similar musical adventure. Taking time out from an extensive full-band UK tour in November, the pair will put on an intimate, stripped-back evening of songs and improvisation. Traditional music, soul, jazz and silence combine to create something both ancient and new.

Born in Dublin in 1964, Liam Ó Maonlaí often credits his parents with instilling in him a love of the traditional songs of his native country. He shares a passion for music as a healing force. Speaking on Irish television, he said he likened the drive to make music to the need to eat. 'It's a compulsion. It's a healing thing. It's physical. It's my medicine. Making music is what makes me feel better.'

Formed in the mid-80s, Hothouse Flowers released the most successful debut album in Irish history, *People*, which reached number 1 in Ireland and number 2 in the UK. Fellow Dubliner and U2 frontman Bono's comment in a Rolling Stone interview that they were "The best unsigned band in the world" was a real boost.

Martin Brunsden's entry into a career in music came with its fair share of bumps in the road. When a teacher at school put all the available instruments on stage, Martin made a beeline for the double bass. That was the instrument he wanted to learn. Knowing it was expensive, his mother suggested he sign up for six lessons and then decide. Despite falling in love with the double bass and forming a real connection with the teacher, the first lesson was traumatic. She had an epileptic fit during the lesson and never returned to school afterwards. 'I was 11, and I was just really sad.' When he heard she wouldn't be coming back, he thought that was the end of it. 'I'd sort of glimpsed over the parapet, and then it was gone.'

The next stage of his musical adventure came when he met with a group of Aboriginal people in Australia and took up the didgeridoo. Captivated by a local Tjapukai tribesman playing the instrument, Martin went out the next day and cut down a bamboo tree to fashion his own didgeridoo. It took a while, but he was soon spellbound and learned to play. Although he now plays double bass with Hothouse Flowers, it was the didgeridoo that brought them together. While working to make a TV set for the late comedian and broadcaster Bill Oddie at Glastonbury, he noticed a bunch of musicians sitting around a campfire singing and playing, and asked if he could join them. They turned out to be Hothouse Flowers, and, as he put it, he was 'swept' onto the main stage the next day to play with them. He never looked back.

Liam and Martin's set at the Bridport Arts Centre will be unique, not only because they are distinctive musicians with a passion for their craft, but also because it's a rare, spontaneous performance where every piece is composed in the room and exists only for the audience there on the night.

Liam Ó Maonlaí and Martin Brunsden's acoustic set at Bridport Arts Centre is on Thursday 19 November at 7:30pm. For tickets, telephone 01308 424204 or visit: https://www.bridport-arts.com.

Monday, 16 November

Scottish Dancing in Chardstock An evening of Scottish dancing in Chardstock Village Hall EX13 7BJ. 7.30-10.00 pm. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own mug if possible and wear soft soled shoes. No partner required. Cost £3.00. For more information contact David on 01460 65981 https://www.chardscottishcountrydance.co.uk.

'Tuner', 107 mins, Cert.15 (strong language, drug misuse, violence, brief sexual images). Presented in association with Moviola.org, Hawkchurch Film Nights proudly presents this breezy crime yarn that also veers towards buddy-drama and romcom, Leo Woodall (Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy) works as a piano tuner under the mentorship of Harry (Oscar-winning veteran Dustin Hoffman) and they bond over their work and their shared love of music. Niki has hyperacusis, an allergy to loud noises, and when Harry falls ill, Niki, desperate to help pay the hospital bills, gets tangled up in crime, discovering that his condition qualifies him as an exceptional safe-cracker. Meanwhile, he develops feelings for Ruthie (Havana Rose Liu), an aspiring composer. Doors open 6.30pm, film starts 7.00pm at Hawkchurch Village Hall, EX13 5XD. Advance ticket reservations £6.50 from csma95@gmail.com or leave a message on 07753 603219 up to 4pm on the day; then available from Penny on the door for £7.00 (cash only). Subtitles for hearing-impaired patrons provided if supplied by Moviola. Don't forget to visit Helen and Trev in the kitchen before the film starts for home-made cake, teas, coffees, soft drinks, wine and other refreshments.

Wednesday, 18 November

West Dorset Community Orchestra rehearse in the Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3QE from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. New members very welcome, particularly violin and viola players. First four rehearsals are free. For more information www.westdorsetcommunityorchestra.co.uk or contact 01308 456297.

Drimpton & District Gardening Club 'Gardening in Bridport, adapting to a new garden'; Brian Hesketh, a former member of the club, will give a short introduction to include his experience of moving to a new







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garden, leading into his main theme, 'gardening in the Goldilocks era; gardening in a changing climate'. 7pm for 7.30pm start, Drimpton Village Hall. Non members also welcome (£1); tea/coffee & biscuits available. More information on 01308 867172.

Coffee Morning including cakes, scones & savouries, and bacon/egg rolls (made to order), 10.30am – noon; all welcome. Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. More details from Julia (01460 72769).

Film: The Yellow Tie (15) 145 mins 2pm + 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £9 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Thursday, 19 November

New Arts Group Brunelleschi and Santa Maria del Fiore. Speaker: Ross King. Bridport Town Hall 1.30 for 2.00pm All welcome £10.00.

An Intimate Evening with Trevor Horn, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £32 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Hothouse Flowers frontman Liam Ó Maonlaí and local double bass player Martin Brunsden play a unique acoustic set at Bridport Arts Centre at 7:30pm. For tickets, telephone 01308 424204 or visit: https://www.bridport-arts.com.

South Somerset RSPB Local Group The Wildlife of the Avalon Marshes We welcome Alison Uren, who will bring us a celebration of the wonderful wildlife which thrives on the nature reserves in the heart of Somerset. The talk will include amazing photos, which are included in Alison's recently published book. 7.30pm The Millennium Hall, Seavington St. Mary, Ilminster, TA19 0QH. Entry: Group members £4, non-group members £5, under 25's Free. Tea/coffee & biscuits included – Wheelchair access. Further details from Denise Chamings on 01781473846 or www.rspb.org.uk/groups/southsomerset. Everyone welcome.

HOP Talks: "Finding new life to old cider orchards" Sladers Yard, West Bay 7pm. Join us for an enjoyable evening exploring the rich heritage, science, and passion behind West Country orchards. An audience with two of the UK's leading orchard experts, Liz Copas and Steve Oram. Liz Copas is a leading UK cider pomologist who spent decades conducting pioneering research at the historic Long Ashton Research Station. As a dedicated "orchard detective," she has

spent years tracking down, saving, and DNA-sequencing lost traditional Dorset and Somerset fruit varieties. Steve Oram is the Orchard Biodiversity Officer for the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES). Steve works at the forefront of mapping and protecting traditional habitats across the UK, and is a passionate educator who leads widespread public training in traditional fruit tree grafting and pruning. Together, they will dive into the history, biodiversity, and future of our local landscapes. Whether you are a cider enthusiast, a wildlife lover, or curious about West Country history, this evening promises brilliant stories and deep expertise. Tickets available at BTIC or visit: https://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/product/hoptalks-finding-new-life-to-old-cider-orchards-with-steve-oram-liz-copas-thursday-19-november/

Friday, 20 November

Axminster Flower Club Christmas Demonstration 'Countdown to Christmas' with Chistine Harrington, RHS Gold Medal Winner. The Minster Church, Trinity Square, Axminster, EX13 5AQ. 2.00pm. £10 07742964895/07551939392.

Autumn Fun Quiz 6.30 - 10.00pm, Starts 7.00pm £5 a head with raffle and standing bingo, St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Bridport, call 07741 457505 to book a table.

Every Brilliant Thing by Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe, performed by Romla Walker. Bridport Arts Centre. 7.30 pm. Tickets £17.00. Bridport's Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901 or Bridport Arts Centre website Every Brilliant Thing - Bridport Arts.

Brian Bilston How to Lay an Egg Inside a Horse, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £26.50 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Netherbury Nature Group Underwater Wildlife by Simon Brown. Netherbury Village Hall, Doors open at 6:30. Cash bar. Everyone is welcome. Entrance fee only £3. Netherbury Nature Group was set up to make Netherbury a more wildlife-friendly village. We're a friendly, informal, group that holds regular meetings, puts on talks and other events as well as engaging in a variety of field work and projects. Young and old from Netherbury and beyond are welcome to join us. See here for more details: http://netherburynature.org/nature2/menu.php





Friday, 20 - 21 November

Dorchester Drama presents An Enemy of the People, a contemporary reworking of Henrik Ibsen's classic play, adapted by Martin Stephen. Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Friday, 20 Nov - 30 December

Abbotsbury Subtropical gardens come alive with a magical world of light. Abbotsbury Illuminate invites you to wander through the gardens and woodland valley, where familiar plants and pathways are transformed after dark. Follow the glowing trail and discover vibrant displays that bring the landscape to life, with light, colour, shapes and textures around every turn. Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens, Buller's Way, Abbotsbury, nr Weymouth, Dorset, DT3 4LA.Tickets online or on the gate: https://www.abbotsburygardens.co.uk/events

Saturday, 21 November

Barn Dance for "Come Together Bridport" Appeal in support of Bridport Arts Centre, featuring Chris Toyne, accordionist, and Jane Thomas, caller, at St Mary's Church House Hall, South Street, Bridport, commencing 7pm. All welcome, no partner needed. Bring and Share Supper, plus raffle (donated items appreciated). Pre-booked or pre-paid tickets £12, on the door £15. All monies taken will be gifted to the appeal. Free evening car parks nearby, or on street parking. For further information ring or email Monty: 07835 183 367, monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk.

Focus the Legendary Dutch progressive rock band come to the Hardye Theatre, following their triumphant 2024. With a career spanning more than five decades, the band are perhaps best known for the iconic Hocus Pocus. Dorchester Arts, Hardye Theatre, Dorchester, Dorset. Box Office on 01305 266926.

Bridport & West Dorset Rambling Club 6 mile walk from Abbotsbury. For further information please ring 01308 898484 or 01308 863340. New members/visitors welcome.

Christmas Fair 10-1 pm @ Beaminster Public Hall in aid of Arthritis UK. Stalls, Coffee and cake, Produce, Raffle and more.

Saturday, 21 - 22 November

Charity Christmas Sale with stalls spread throughout the house for all your Christmas gifts. 10 am - 4 pm. Forde Abbey and Gardens, Chard TA20 4LU. www.fordeabbey.co.uk.

Sunday, 22 November

Dorchester Comedy Club returns to The Hardye Theatre on Sunday 22 November with a huge mixed-bill line-up featuring three outstanding comedians - headlining the night is Hal Cruttenden, one of the UK's most accomplished and popular stand-up comedians. Dorchester Arts, Hardye Theatre, Dorchester, Dorset. Box Office on 01305 266926.

The Occasional Singers 'Comfort and Joy!' Advent Concert at 3.00pm. St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL. The church will be filled with the glorious sounds of choral music, as the Occasional Singers perform a programme of Advent songs and carols chosen to bring 'Comfort and Joy'. Taking us from 1596 through to the present day, composers will include Monteverdi, Poulenc, MacMillan and many others. Admission is Free with a retiring collection in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action Everyone is most welcome.

Monday, 23 November

Winsham Art Club 2pm at Jubilee Hall TA20 4HU. The theme this practical session is Using Watercolours. It is a 2.5 hr. session led by a visiting tutor. Small friendly group of mixed abilities. Members £5, non-members £7. Annual membership £15. All welcome. Contact: Email : suzyna48@gmail.com for further details.

Scottish Dancing in Chardstock An evening of Scottish dancing in Chardstock Village Hall EX13 7BJ. 7.30-10.00pm. Tea and coffee provided but please bring your own mug if possible and wear soft soled shoes. No partner required. Cost £3.00. For more information contact David on 01460 65981. https://www.chardscottishcountrydance.co.uk.

Tuesday, 24 November

Bridport U3A talk Marcus Paul tells us about John Buchan - The extraordinary man behind the 39 steps. Bridport United Church hall, East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LJ. The talk starts at 2.00 pm & lasts for 1 hour followed by Q&A, then refreshments. Members are free, guests £ 3.00.

Blue Heron (2025) Bold semi-autobiographical film exploring the impact of mental illness on a Hungarian immigrant family. Set on Vancouver Island in the 1990s and told through the eyes of an eight-year-old girl observing her brother's descent into chaos and self-destruction. Bridport Arts Centre, DT6 3NR. Doors and bar open 7:00 pm, 7:45 pm screening. Please show membership cards on arrival. (Guests - £5 – please email for tickets and collect by 7:30 pm on evening of screening). Email: bridportfilm@gmail.com Website: www.bridportfilmsociety.co.uk.

Beaminster Museum Winter Talk: The Royal Visit That Went Wrong. Alan Jenkins, former planner of Royal Visits to Dorset, reveals the extraordinary detail behind these occasions, including what happened when Princess Anne visited Dorchester. 2pm. Entry is £6 on the door, including tea or coffee. Cakes and biscuits are available for an extra donation. Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Rd, Beaminster DT8 3NB.

Wednesday, 25 November

West Dorset Community Orchestra rehearse in the Christian Fellowship hall, East Street car park, Bridport DT6 3QE from 6-30p.m. to 7-45p.m. New members very welcome, particularly violin and viola players. First four rehearsals are free. For more information www.westdorsetcommunityorchestra.co.uk or contact 01308 456297.

Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Demonstration - Make a Willow Plant Support – plus make your own Christmas star. By Richard Kerwood of Windrush Willow. Willow gifts for sale. Uplyme Village Hall 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Members free; guests £3. More information https://ulrhs.co.uk.

Screening: Giant (15) 136 mins, 7pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £11.50 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

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Thursday, 26 November

Music: The Manfreds, 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £32 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Friday, 27 November

Music: Steve Knightley & The Winter Yards Band, 8pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £30.50 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

The Captain's Beard folk-rock and sea-shanty favourites The Captain's Beard, one of the UK's most seasoned folk-rock and shanty groups. Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Saturday, 28 November

The Brubeck Project For many the sound of "Take 5" is the sound of jazz. The Brubeck Project by the Neil Maya Quartet celebrates the music which made jazz popular including all your favourite tracks! 2pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets: £16. To book: 01308 424901.

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Christmas Fayre 12.00 - 2.30pm, Father Christmas Gifts decorations raffle Tombola, Home made Soup, rolls and cakes, St. Swithun's Church Hall, Allington, Bridport, call 07741 457505.

The Comic Strip presents...Part 2 (18), 7:30pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets £22 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

The Total Stone Roses return to the Corn Exchange. The standing gig promises an evening of Stone Roses classics alongside a supporting hit-packed Oasis set. Dorchester Arts, Dorchester Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1HF Box Office on 01305 266926.

Saturday, 28 - 29 November

Mapperton's Christmas Market Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm. Get into the festive spirit at Mapperton's Christmas Market, a weekend of local artisans, seasonal food and winter cheer across the estate near Beaminster. Browse stalls full of handmade gifts, decorations, food and drink, with live music, twinkling lights and mulled wine along the way. Father Christmas is visiting too, with a festive grotto and a small gift for every child. Adults £5 (includes garden entry), under-15s free and Father Christmas visits £5 per child. Each day has a set capacity, so we recommend booking in advance. Dogs on short leads are welcome and parking is free. Book at mapperton.com.

Sunday, 29 November

Singing Bowl Soundbath 2-4pm Oborne Village Hall DT9 4LA £20/18 concs Lie down, relax, and allow the Pure Sounds of a crystal and Tibetan bowl soundbath plus sacred vocal overtoning give you a sonic deep-tissue massage, taking you into the deeper brainwave states of 'the relaxation response', while charging and balancing the aura and chakras of the subtle body, and detoxing the physical body. 01935 389655 ahiahel@live.com.

Wessex Military Band Winter Concert 4pm, Bridport Electric Palace, DT6 3NY. Tickets from £11 adv. To book electricpalace.org.uk.

Repair Cafe Netherbury In its final showing in 2026, the November Repair Cafe will be 10:00-12:00 at Netherbury Village Hall. We are hoping to welcome a new volunteer and so let's make sure that he has some electrical items to repair! Bring your broken items and see if one of our lovely team can fix them. We also have regular volunteers who can sharpen knives and who can fix: bikes, textiles, ceramics, wooden and metal items. They love a challenge! Please bring along any spare parts that you think you might need. The cafe offers home-made cakes, delicious coffee and a range of Clipper teas. Vegan and vegetarian-friendly. We are always looking for new volunteers and so if you love fixing things, baking or being part of a fun community event then come and join us. For more information: Lisa Willis on 07870 950 666 or info@repaircafenetherbury.org. www.repaircafenetherbury.org.

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Rewilding at Wild Woodbury an illustrated talk by Daisy Meadowcroft, Dorset Wildlife Trust's Ranger responsible for the pioneering community rewilding project in the heart of Bere Regis. Hosted by the Golden Cap Association, 2.30pm, United Church Hall, Bridport DT6 3LJ. Entry £5.00p.p at the door, light refreshments included. 01308 281085.

Wednesday, 2 December

Joint concert with West Dorset Community Orchestra and Sir John Colfox Academy students at 7p.m. in Sir John Colfox Academy hall, Ridgeway, Bridport DT6 3DT. Interval refreshments and a raffle. Tickets £5 (cash only) from The Book Shop, South Street, Bridport or £5-50 on the door. Under 18's free.