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Events for autumn/winter 2018  
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South West Edition

# What's on



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## Events near you for autumn & winter 2018



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## Find out more

The selection of events here is a small part of what's on offer. You can visit the events page of our website at [nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on) and use the search function to find out everything that's going on near you, or at your favourite place. For events at a specific place you can also go straight to their homepage.

Facilities and access information can be found on each place's homepage on the website, as can contact details if you require further information.

### How to book

We have indicated where there is an event charge and where booking is necessary. Please note that normal admission charges apply unless you are a member. All children must be accompanied by an adult. And please check beforehand as to whether or not dogs are welcome. We do take every effort to ensure that all event details are correct at the time of going to press. The National Trust reserves the right to cancel or change events if necessary. **Tickets are non-refundable.**

### Key to symbols



Christmas

## BATH AND BRISTOL

### Bath Skyline

Bath BA2 5AH

#### Flavours of autumn

Sun 14 Oct, 10am-2.30pm

Join our Skyline ranger to explore part of the Bath Skyline, stopping off on the way round for some warming homemade soup around the campfire.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £12**

#### Colours of autumn

Sun 28 Oct, 12.30-5pm

This autumn walk will look at the veteran trees, fungi and autumn colours of the Bath Skyline, led by the Bath Skyline ranger and local naturalists.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £6**

#### Wild Wednesday: Halloween

Wed 31 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm

The Woodland Play Area is the setting for a morning of Halloween and autumnal activities.

**Child £1**

#### Woodland adventure day

Thu 1 Nov, 10.30am-2.30pm

Go wild outdoors with a day of fire lighting, games, creativity and cooking over the campfire. This event is for accompanied children age 5+ and takes place in Fairy Wood, Claverton Down.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Child £12**

#### New Year's ramble

Sun 6 Jan, 9.30am-2pm

This will be a fairly fast-paced walk of the Skyline, beginning at Bushey Norwood, to burn some of those Christmas calories (but with a minor diversion to Prior Park for a sneaky hot chocolate).

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £10**

### Dyrham Park

Near Bath SN14 8ER

#### The revolting reality of the seventeenth century

Sat 20 Oct - Sun 4 Nov, 10am-3pm

In this trail you'll find out the gruesome truth behind exquisite portraits. Prepare yourself for black teeth, small pox and lice as you discover the grim reality of the seventeenth century.

**£1**

#### A closer look at the Hoogstraten

Thu 29 Nov, 11.30am-12.30pm, 2-3pm

A talk by Dr Tarnya Cooper, Curatorial & Collections Director, and Rupert Goulding, Lead Curator (South West), with an opportunity for a closer look at 'A view through a house'.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £5**

#### The Lord of Misrule trail

Sat 1 - Mon 31 Dec, 10am-3pm

The Lord of Misrule can be traced from medieval England to the seventeenth century. He was in charge of all mischief and entertainment at Christmas. We have our own hiding around Dyrham to track down.

#### A seventeenth-century Christmas

Sat 1 Dec - Tue 1 Jan, 10am-4pm

Experience a Christmas before indoor Christmas trees, tinsel or baubles. Instead journey back to a time with the 'Lord of Misrule' causing mischief, choirs singing in the church, dried flower decorations and children's crafts.

#### Frost fayre

Sat 15 - Sun 16 Dec, 11am-3pm

In the seventeenth century the Thames froze every few years, and a 'Frost Fayre' was held on the frozen river. Our Frost Fayre is in the stables with a range of Christmas gifts for sale.

#### Wassailing

Sun 6 Jan, 11am-2pm

Join us for a noisy start to the year to encourage the pear harvest. Perry and spiced toast will be flicked at the trees and you can join in the live music by bashing pots and pans.

### Leigh Woods

Near Bristol BS8 3PL

#### Fungi foray

Sun 7 Oct, 10am-12noon

Wander round the woods looking for fungi, learn to identify the different types of fungi that grow in the woods with help from our two knowledgeable experts.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £10**

#### Veteran tree walk

Sat 10 Nov, 10am-12noon

A walk with our ranger Tor Stanfield around Leigh Woods National Nature Reserve, discovering our wonderful veteran trees, what makes them so special and how we look after them.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £7.50**

#### Walk with an archaeologist

Sat 24 Nov, 10am-12noon

Discover the secrets of Stokeleigh Iron Age hill fort with archaeologist Martin Papworth. Stokeleigh Camp is the largest of three Iron Age hill forts built to guard the approach of the River Avon.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £10**

### Prior Park Landscape Garden

Bath BA2 5AH

#### Halloween trail

Sat 27 Oct - Fri 2 Nov, 10am-4.30pm,

Sat 3 - Sun 4 Nov, 10am-3pm

A coven of witches have spread some Halloween potions around the garden. Can you follow the trail to claim a prize?

**£1.50**



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**Walk with the head gardener**  
Sun 18 Nov, 9-11am  
Head gardener Alice will be exploring the garden and its history and looking at plans for the future, finishing with morning refreshments in the tea garden.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £8**

**Christmas trail** ▲  
Sat & Sun, 1 Dec – 30 Dec, 10am-3pm  
This festive season there's a landscape-wide advert calendar to discover at Prior Park. Seek out all the doors to learn a Georgian carol.

**Tyntesfield**  
Near Bristol BS48 1NX

**TYNTEtots 2018**  
Wed 17, Thu 18 Oct, Wed 21, Thu 22 Nov, Mon 17, Tue 18 Dec, Fri 21 Dec, 10-11.45am, 1-2.45pm  
Storytelling, crafts and games for 2-5 year olds and their families inspired by classic stories including 'Hansel and Gretel', 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Night Before Christmas: A Visit from St Nicholas'.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Child £7, two children £12, three children £18**

**Make a Windsor chair with the Somerset Bodgers**  
Mon 22 - Sat 27 Oct, 9am-5pm  
Make your very own Windsor chair from scratch with master craftspeople, the Somerset Bodgers, on this six-day course. Materials, use of tools, food and drink included.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £360**

**Victorian murder mystery**  
Fri 2 & Sat 3 Nov, 7-11pm  
Travel back in time with the critically acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company. Meet some eerie characters and put your sleuthing skills to the test to solve an immersive murder mystery. Includes evening meal.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £40**

**Terrifying Tyntesfield**  
Tue 30 Oct, Thu 1 Nov, 10.30am-12.30pm, 1.30-3.30pm  
There have been some spooky goings on in the woods at Tyntesfield and we need some brave detectives to help us figure out who - or what - is responsible.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £2, child £6**

**A very Victorian Christmas at Tyntesfield** ▲  
Sat 24 Nov -Sun 23 Dec, Wed 26, Thu 27 Dec, Sun 30 Dec, Tue 1, Wed 2 Jan, 10am-5pm , Mon 24 & 31 Dec, 10am-3pm  
We're bringing Christmas traditions to life with our immersive Victorian experience. You can meet members of Tyntesfield's Victorian household, play games, join in with festive sing-alongs and listen in on some seasonal storytelling.

**Christmas evening opening at Tyntesfield** ▲  
Wed, Fri, Sat, 5 – 22 Dec, 5-7.30pm  
Perfect for picking up festive gifts, enjoying a warming drink, or enjoying a tranquil wander through the formal garden. Please bring a good torch as there will be minimal lighting on the paths.  
**Non-members £5**

**Christmas concerts in the Tyntesfield chapel** ▲  
Wed, Fri, Sat, 5 – 22 Dec, 6pm, plus Wed 19, Fri 21, Sat 22 Dec, 4.15pm  
A range of local choirs sing in the festive season in the beautiful surrounds of Tyntesfield's Victorian chapel. Mince pie and a hot drink included or option of Christmas dinner with evening concerts.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £15, with Christmas dinner £30**

## DORSET

**Brownsea Island**  
Poole Harbour

**Red squirrel walks**  
Mon 24 Sep - Fri 19 Oct, 11.30am-12.30pm, 2-3pm  
Join our free guided walks and see how many rare red squirrels you can spot. At this time of year they come down from the canopy to store food and can be seen playing in the low branches.

**Fungi foray**  
Sat 29 Sep, Sat 13 Oct, 7.30-10am  
Experts will talk you through all the interesting fungi on the island, then return to the Villano café for some tasty mushrooms on toast. Includes boat ride, walk and breakfast.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £25**

**October half term**  
Sat 20 - Sun 28 Oct, 10am-4pm  
Get spooky this half term and have a go on our trail or try your hand at some crafts in the Visitor Centre. Plus free family red squirrel walks, daily at 11am & 1.30pm.

**Poole Harbour Bird Boats**  
Thu 22, Sat 24 Nov, Sat 8 Dec, Sun 6, Thu 10, Sun 20 Jan, Sun 3 Feb, see [website for times](#)  
The National Trust, Dorset Wildlife Trust and the RSPB have partnered up to showcase Poole Harbour, its islands and the spectacular wildlife that depends on it at this special time of year.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Adult £25, child £12.50**

**Christmas carols and guided ramble**  
Tue 18 & Thu 20 Dec, 10am-1pm  
Lift your spirits with Christmas carols and a guided ramble taking in the winter wildlife on Brownsea. Finish your morning with some warming mince pies and mulled wine in our island church.  
**Adult £25, child £12.50**

**Clouds Hill**  
Bovington BH20 7NQ

**The taking of Damascus: October 1918**  
Mon 1 - Wed 31 Oct, 11am-4.30pm  
We are marking the footsteps and exploits of T E Lawrence 100 years on, during the last month of his Arabian campaign, at the end of WWI - his 'road to Damascus'. Full details on website.

**Corfe Castle**  
Wareham BH20 5EZ

**October half term**  
Sat 20 - Sun 28 Oct, 10am-5pm  
Explore our spooky All Hallows quest and see if you can find the missing pumpkins. Includes The Great Escape (teddy zip wire) and daily missile launches from Corfe's medieval siege engine.

**Get crafty at Christmas** ▲  
Sat & Sun, 1 – 23 Dec, 11am-4pm  
Make your own natural Christmas decoration when you visit Corfe Castle this December.  
**£1.50**

**Twelve days of Christmas family quest** ▲  
Sat 1 Dec - Sun 6 Jan, 10am-4pm  
Search for the shields hidden in the castle ruins and complete the activities to complete the Christmas-themed family castle quest.

**The Lord of Misrule** ▲  
Fri 14, Sat 15, Sun 16, Fri 21, Sat 22, Sun 23, Wed 26, Thu 27, Fri 28, Sat 29, Sun 30, Mon 31 Dec, see [website for times](#).  
Dating back to medieval England, the Lord of Misrule tradition continued right through into the 17th-century. Join Corfe Castle's very own 17th-century mischief-maker for stories & games as you journey through the castle ruins.

**Christmas carols in the castle** ▲  
Sun 9 Dec, 5-6.30pm  
Create a new family tradition with carols in the castle. Step inside the ruins and join in with songs old and new. A selection of delicious winter warmers will also be available from the tea-room.

**Winter lights** ▲  
Fri - Sun, 14 – 30 Dec, dusk-7pm  
Take in the festive atmosphere with our beacons, braziers, lanterns and contemporary lighting as you explore the castle grounds. The Lord of Misrule will also be causing mischief at 5pm & 6pm.

**Winter solstice**  
Fri 21 Dec, 7.15-9am  
Experience the rare opportunity to watch the sun rise on the shortest day of the year from the castle ruins. Includes a hot drink and breakfast roll.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £12**

**Golden Cap**  
Dorchester DT1 2FN

**Golden Cap evening torchlight walk**  
Fri 12 Oct, 7-8.30pm  
Join this evening flaming torchlight walk to the top of Golden Cap from Langdon Hill, as part of the South West Coast Path Challenge.  
**Booking essential online. Adult £6, child free**

**Hardy's Cottage**  
Near Dorchester DT2 8QJ

**Hard times and hungry months**  
Nov, Jan & Feb, see [website for open days](#)  
Gather around the warm hearth and discover how hard life would have been for Victorian families, with frost in the air and the landscape stripped bare. Further details on website.

**Christmas at Hardy's Cottage** ▲  
Thu – Sun, 1 – 30 Dec, 11am-4pm  
All through December you can enjoy a warm festive welcome with the cottage decked for Christmas. Come and warm your toes by the open fire. Full details on website.

**Winter words**  
Sat 8 Dec, Sun 16 Dec, 12noon & 1.30pm  
Join the New Hardy Players as they weave together a verbal anthology of Hardy's favourite wintry words, against the backdrop of his beloved childhood home.

**Kingston Lacy**  
Near Wimborne BH21 4EA

**Guided walk: Holt Heath**  
Fri 5 Oct, 10am-1pm  
Enjoy a six-mile stroll on the ancient Holt Heath, one of Dorset's largest areas of unspoilt lowland heathland, taking in beautiful views to the south.

**Out of hours guided walks**  
Mon 15 Oct, Mon 19 Nov, 9.30-10.30am  
An opportunity to experience some areas not normally accessible, before the grounds open to the public. A gentle stroll of approximately 3 miles starting from the car park.

**Celebrating autumn at half term**  
Sat 20 - Sun 28 Oct, 11am-4pm  
Join us for some fun over half term; celebrate the harvest, autumn produce and all the beautiful autumn colour with a series of hands on activities.

**November house tours**  
Thu 1 - Sun 25 Nov, 11am-2pm  
View the sunrise from Old Harry Rocks on the shortest day of the year followed by a full English breakfast at Knoll Beach café.  
**Booking essential 01929 450500 £15**

**Christmas at Kingston Lacy** ▲  
Fri 30 Nov – Mon 1 Jan (closed 25 Dec), Mon & Tue 10am-4pm, Wed – Sun 10am-7pm  
During December Kingston Lacy is transformed both inside and out with twinkling lights, stunning decorations and delicate frosts. Further details on website.

**Portland House**  
Weymouth DT4 8RZ

**Portland House autumn opening**  
Fri 5 Oct, 2-5pm, Sat 6 Oct, 11am-5pm, Sun 7 Oct, 11am-4pm  
Come down to Portland House in Weymouth for a special peek inside this stunning 1930s art deco holiday villa, not usually open to the public.

**Max Gate**  
Dorchester DT1 2FN

**Tess: A Pure Woman**  
Thu – Sun, 1 Nov – 30 Nov & 3 Jan – 24 Feb, 11am-4pm  
Thomas Hardy controversially subtitled Tess of the d'Urbervilles 'A Pure Woman' and later wrote that he 'lost his heart to Tess as he wrote about her'. Delve into the novel and find out the stories behind it.

**Flute and harp with Virginia and Florence Astley**  
Wed 3 Oct, Sun 4 Nov, 12noon-12.30pm, 2-2.30pm, 3.30-4pm  
Music, stories and poetry from Hardy's time bring his home to life.

**Armistice Day 1918**  
Sun 11 Nov, 2-4pm  
To mark the centenary of the Armistice we will be looking at Hardy's war poetry, along with the war poems of some famous poets who visited Max Gate, such as Siegfried Sassoon and Robert Graves.

**Christmas at Max Gate** ▲  
Thu – Sun, 1 – 30 Dec, 11am-4pm  
See the house decked out for a Victorian Christmas, plus craft activities for children and seasonal treats. Musical and theatrical performances on Sat 1, Fri 7, Sun 9, Thu 13, Sat 15, Sun 16, Fri 21 & Sun 23 Dec.

**Studland Bay**  
Studland

**Wild food walk and lunch**  
Sat 6 & 13 Oct, 11am-2pm  
Join a ranger-led walk to discover the food growing wild around us and then enjoy a two course 'wild food' lunch at Knoll Beach café.  
**Booking essential 01929 450500 £20**

**Woodland walk and draw**  
Sun 21 Oct, 10.30am-3.30pm  
Come to the woods and dunes for inspiration and get creative using the natural things around you.

**Studland after dark**  
Sat 27 Oct, 6.30-8.30pm  
Join us this Halloween for mulled cider and sausage casserole at the beach and, if you're feeling brave, take a night time walk under dark skies.  
**Booking essential 01929 450500 Adult £12, child £9**

**Winter Solstice**  
Fri 21 Dec, 7.15-9.15am  
View the sunrise from Old Harry Rocks on the shortest day of the year followed by a full English breakfast at Knoll Beach café.  
**Booking essential 01929 450500 £15**

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

**Chedworth Roman Villa**  
Yanworth GL54 3LJ

**October half term**  
Sat 20 - Sun 28 Oct, 10am-4.30pm  
Join us for a special bat talk, follow the bat trail or get crafty in the pavilion. There's plenty to keep everyone entertained this half term.

**Needle felting workshop**  
Sat 10 Nov, 11am-3pm  
Try your hand at the traditional craft of needle felting, and make some festive decorations to take home. Lunch and materials included.  
**Booking essential 0844 249 1895 £35**

**Tablet weaving workshop**  
Sat 24 Nov, 11am-3pm  
Enjoy a fascinating workshop where you will learn the ancient art of tablet weaving and make something special to take home. Lunch and materials included.  
**Booking essential 0844 2491895 £35**

**Hidcote**  
Near Chipping Campden GL55 6LR

**Behind the scenes in autumn**  
Mon 8, 22, 29 Oct, 10.30am-11am  
Our gardeners look after everything from tree surveys to compost. During these tours you will be able to learn a little bit more about how we care for Hidcote. Please check the website for full details.  
**£5**

**Autumn half term pumpkin trail**  
Mon 22 - Sun 28 Oct, 10am-4pm  
Make sure you have your creative hat on and come and join us for a special crafts inspired pumpkin trail around the garden. Seasonal specials will also be available in the café.

**Wreath making workshop with roast lunch** ▲  
Fri 7 Dec, 9.30am-3pm  
This workshop includes all materials from the garden, a two course roast lunch with all the trimmings and refreshments. This smaller group will receive individual tuition and an exclusive tour of the garden.  
**Booking essential 01386 438333 £95**

**Wreath making workshops** ▲  
Sat 8 Dec, 15 Dec, 9.30am-2pm  
You will be guided through making a wreath to adorn your door this Christmas with materials from the garden. We provide all materials and tuition, you just need to come with ideas. Includes two course lunch and refreshments.  
**Booking essential 01386 438333 £65**

**Father Christmas comes to Hidcote** ▲  
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Dec, 11am-3pm  
Follow the festive trail around the garden and meet Father Christmas who'll be waiting to hear your Christmas wish.  
**Child £5**

**Behind the scenes winter tours**  
Fri 4, Sat 5, Fri 11, Fri 18, Sat 19, Fri 25 Jan, 11am-12.30pm  
During selected dates in January you will be guided around the garden to learn more about what happens in the winter after our gates are closed.

**Lodge Park and Sherborne Estate**  
Aldsworth GL54 3PP

**Nature talk and tea with Dr Pat Morris**  
Wed 10 Oct, 1.15-4.30pm  
Dr Pat Morris, President of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, will be speaking about the dramatic decline that hedgehogs are facing, and how we can help them survive. Includes afternoon tea.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 £28**

**Nature talk and tea with Professor Richard Delahay**  
Wed 7 Nov, 1.15-4.30pm  
Professor Richard Delahay, Wildlife Biologist from the Animal and Plant Health Agency, will be joining us for a talk about the life of badgers focussing on those that at Woodchester Park, near Stroud. Includes afternoon tea.  
**Booking essential 0344 349 1895 £28**

**Newark Park**  
Near Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7PZ

**Newark at night**  
Wed 31 Oct, 6.30-7.45pm, 7.30-8.45pm, 8.30-9.45pm  
Experience Newark at night with this new Halloween evening for adults. Hear eerie tales through spooky tours of the gardens and basement kitchens. Includes light refreshments.  
**Booking essential 01453 842 644 £20**

**Christmas fair** ▲  
Sat 1 & Sun 2 Dec, 11am-4pm  
Join us at Newark Park for our wonderfully festive Christmas fair, with lots of enchanting stalls selling a range of unique gifts, seasonal treats, traditional crafts, hand-made goodies and more.

**Christmas celebrations and Father Christmas** ▲  
Sat & Sun, 8 – 16 Dec, 11am-4pm  
Explore Newark House beautifully decorated for the season with greenery from the estate. Create some crafts and Father Christmas will also be dropping by. Further details on website.

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**Booking essential 01453 842 644 Child £4**

**Snowhill Manor and Garden**  
Broadway WR12 7JU

**October: a celebration of autumn**  
Mon 1 - Sun 28 Oct, 11am-5.30pm  
During October there will be something new to discover each day as we celebrate autumn. From helping to collect the windfall in the orchards, to trying the apple-inspired food in the tea room.

**Halloween trail**  
Sat 20 - Sun 28 Oct, 11am-5.30pm  
There's some mysterious happenings occurring this half term. Follow the trail to discover more about spooky Snowhill.

**'Battle's Over' beacon**  
Sun 11 Nov, 5.30-8pm  
To mark 100 years of remembrance following the end of the First World War, we'll be lighting a beacon in Barrington's parkland as part of the national 'Battle's Over' tribute.

**Father Christmas** ▲  
Sat & Sun, 1 – 23 Dec, 11am-3pm  
Meet Father Christmas in his cosy study. He will have a quality gift for each child who books in to see him. Booking opens 5 Nov.  
**Booking essential 0344 249 1895 Child £10**

**Jolly midwinter merriment**  
Fri – Mon, 1 – 23 Dec, 11am-3pm  
The court house and garden will be sparkling and festive with music, dancing, games and activities for all. Enjoy the more relaxed ambience on Fridays and Mondays, or family fun on Saturdays and Sundays.

**A Christmas Castle and illuminated winter walk** ▲  
Fri, Sat & Sun, 8 – 23 Dec, 11am-6pm  
See the rooms dressed to reflect some of their stories and enjoy live festive music on selected dates. Once the sun goes down the illuminated winter walk is a great way to explore the grounds.



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**Halloween storytelling**  
Tue 23, Thu 25 Oct, 12noon-4pm  
Soak up the atmosphere this Halloween at Snowhill. Come and listen as our storyteller weaves mysterious tales from the writings of Charles Wade.

**Westbury Court Garden**  
Westbury-on-Severn GL14 1PD

**Apple weekend**  
Sat 13 & Sun 14 Oct, 10am-4.30pm  
A chance to try and buy apples grown at Westbury Court and other National Trust gardens. Taste and buy apples from Roman to Edwardian times. An apple quiz will be available for children.

## SOMERSET

**Barrington Court**  
Barrington TA19 0NQ

**Apple days**  
Sat 27 & Sun 28 Oct, 10.30am-4.30pm  
A celebration of all things apple. This fun and lively weekend is for everyone, with much of the activity centred around the orchards and pressing barn.

**Half term Halloween happenings**  
Mon 29 Oct - Sun 4 Nov, 11am-4.30pm  
We've a spooky Halloween trail through the orchards, den building in the woods and craft activities. Spooks parade for those who come dressed as a ghost, ghoul or creepy creature on Sun 28 Oct.

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### Father Christmas at the Castle ▲

Sun 9, Sat 15, Sun 16, Fri 21, Sat 22, Sun 23 Dec, 11am-6pm  
A very special visitor will be stopping at Dunster Castle this Christmas. Meet Father Christmas in his grotto and share your Christmas wishes with him. Visits will be in 10 minute time slots.

**Booking essential 01643 821314**  
**Child £6**

### Fyne Court

Near Bridgewater TA5 2EQ

### Carols under the stars ▲

Sat 8 Dec, 7.30-9pm

A special chance for the whole family to see Fyne Court's garden lit with torches. Members of the local choir, Company of Voices will lead the singing. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available.

### Glastonbury Tor

Glastonbury

### Family apple picking

Sat & Sun, 13 – 21 Oct, 10.30am-3pm  
Join us this October for our family apple picking days, how many will you collect? We will be holding four family apple picking days this October in the orchards at the foot of Glastonbury Tor.

### Wassailing at Avalon Orchard

Sat 19 Jan, 2-6pm

Wassailing is an ancient custom that involves drinking cider, singing to the trees in the hope of a good harvest and scaring away any evil spirits that might be lurking.

### Holnicote Estate

Near Minehead

### See the deer rut - guided walk

Wed 10 Oct, 4-7pm, Sat 20 Oct, 6-10.30am

Join our ranger for some dramatic displays with a spot of wildlife spying in the low light dusk or dawn. Hear the stags bellowing as they challenge one another to be the alpha male. Includes supper or breakfast.

**Booking essential 01643 862452**  
**Adult £11, child £6**

### Post-Christmas ramble

Thu 27 Dec, 10am-1pm

Join a ranger for an invigorating ramble on the Holnicote Estate and learn about the estate, its wildlife and how we look after it.

**Booking essential 01643 862 452**

### Lytes Cary Manor

Near Somerton TA11 7HU

### West Wing open days

Fri 12 - Sun 14 Oct, 11am-3pm

Take a look around the Lytes Cary Manor west wing, which was built by the Jenner family in the early 1900's and is normally rented out as a holiday cottage.

### LyteScary Halloween trail

Fri 26 Oct - Sun 4 Nov, 11am-3.30pm  
Pick up a LyteScary trail, follow the clues and be rewarded with a little prize.

**£1.50**

### Montacute House

Montacute TA15 6XP

### Levels' Best Craft & Farmers' Markets

Sat 27 Oct, Sat 24 Nov, Sat 15 Dec, 10am-2pm

Held in the old stables, this ever popular and award winning 'best in Somerset' market is a must for those who like top quality local produce and crafts.

### Elizabeth of Bohemia: the Winter Queen

Until Fri 14 Dec, 11am-4pm

The National Portrait Gallery's special exhibition, 'Elizabeth of Bohemia: the Winter Queen', features contemporary portraits of this fascinating woman and those connected to her.

### Misrule and Merriment ▲

Sat 22 – Mon 5 Jan (closed 25 & 26 Dec), 3-7pm

Witness the Misrule and Merriment at Montacute House this Christmas season.

### Wellington Monument

Near Taunton

### Carols under the stars ▲

Fri 7 Dec, 7.15-9pm

A special chance to get festive in the outdoors, sing, be merry and see Wellington Monument lighting up the Blackdown Hills.

## WILTSHIRE

### Avebury

Near Marlborough SN8 1RD

### Apple grafting workshop

Thu 11 Oct, 10am-12.30pm

Join us in the Orchard at Avebury for an apple grafting workshop. Learn from Head Gardener, Simon Brooks and soak up expert knowledge, ideas and techniques.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**£18**

### Discover the story of Saint Nicholas

Sat 24 Nov – Tue 1 Jan, 11am-4pm

Discover the Christmas story of Saint Nicholas. There'll be beautiful decorations in the manor, warming dishes in the café and a well-stocked shop for Christmas shopping. The manor is closed on Wednesdays.

### Christmas wreath making workshops ▲

Wed 28 Nov, Wed 5 Dec, 10am-2pm  
Nothing says Christmas like putting up a home-made wreath on your front door. This workshop with a professional florist will allow you to craft your own festive wreath using natural greenery. Parking and lunch included.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**£48**

### Winter warmer walks

Fri 7, Fri 14 Dec, 10.30am-12.30pm

Why not leave the crowds behind and join Archaeologist Dr Nick Snashall for a winter ramble around the stone circles? Festive refreshments and parking included.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**£16**

### Christmas tours of Avebury Manor

Wed 12, 19 Dec, 1.30-3.30pm

Join one of the Christmas tours and discover the story of Saint Nicholas while admiring the house decorated for the festive season. Free parking and a delicious cream tea included.

**Booking essential 0344 2491895**  
**£16**

### Dinton Park and Philipps House

Dinton SP3 5HH

### Wild Wednesday

Wed 31 Oct, 11am-3pm

Pick, bob, squish and eat - come and have fun with apples this Halloween at Dinton Park. There will also be a chance to tick off some of your '50 things to do before you are 11¾'.

### Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village

Nr Chippenham SN15 2LG

### Peace - by Anna Heinrich & Leon Palmer

Until Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am-4pm

The first in a series of artistic responses to the art commission 'Peace' at Lacock. Inspired by the places history of sanctuary, contemplation and reflection the artists will create an immersive experience.

### Magic themed family trail

Until Sun 18 Nov, 10.30am-5pm

Lacock has hosted many film crews who captured the magic of this place. Join us this autumn and enjoy our magic trail around the grounds and cloister where very famous witches and wizards have walked.

### Photography exhibition in the Fox Talbot Museum

Sat 15 Sep - Sun 13 Jan, 10.30am-5pm

Our third exhibition in the Women and Power programme. Please check our website for more details.

### Look inside a Lacock cottage

Mon 5 - Sun 11 Nov, 11am-3pm

Peek behind one of Lacock's closed doors as we open our holiday cottage, 2 High Street, for you to explore. It's one of the oldest buildings in the village.

### An audience with Father Christmas ▲

Sat & Sun, 1 – 16 Dec, 11am-3.30pm

Meet Father and Mother Christmas in their festive kitchen at Lacock Abbey. Mother Christmas will be telling a story and Father Christmas will be giving gifts to each child. Approximately 30 minutes.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Child £8**

### Community Christmas tree festival ▲

Sat 1 Dec - Fri 4 Jan (closed 25-26 Dec & 1 Jan), 10.30am-4pm

Experience one of Lacock Abbey's more recent Christmas traditions with over 20 beautifully decorated trees in set in the atmospheric medieval cloister.

### Volunteer recruitment day

Sat 19 Jan, 10am-12noon

Have you ever wanted to start volunteering, but weren't sure where to begin? Lacock's volunteers are integral to the running of Lacock helping with conservation, room guiding, gardening, children's activities, events and more.

### Mompesson House

Salisbury SP1 2EL

### Get creative this autumn

Sat 1 Sep - Wed 31 Oct, 11am-4.30pm

Be inspired by our stumpwork pictures and explore autumn using fabric and threads.

### The Christmas House ▲

Thu – Sun, 24 Nov – 23 Dec, 11am-3.30pm

You're invited to explore the ground floor rooms and experience Christmas through the ages. Enjoy mulled wine and mince pies in the tea-room and some Christmas shopping in the shop.

### Stonehenge Landscape

Near Amesbury

### Discover Durrington Walls

Thu 4 Oct, Sat 20 Oct, Wed 21 Nov, 1.30-4pm

Have you ever wondered where the builders of Stonehenge lived? Our guides will take you on a 2.5 mile walk to explore the Durrington Walls and discover 6,000 years of hidden history.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £8, child free**

### Wings over Stonehenge - Stonehenge airfield walk

Fri 5 & Tue 9 Oct, 10am-1pm

To mark the centenary of the end of the First World War an expert guide will take you around the landscape and explain this key site in aviation history; pilots learnt to fly at Stonehenge airfield.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £8, child free**

### Walk with an archaeologist

Wed 10 Oct, 2-4.30pm

Join Neolithic expert and National Trust archaeologist, Dr Nick Snashall on this half-day exploration of the landscape and find out about the latest exciting discoveries. We will be walking around 5 miles.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £18, child £5**

### Autumn archaeology walk

Sat 13 Oct, Sat 10, Sat 24 Nov, 1-4pm

The Stonehenge landscape is an intriguing place with many of its secrets still lying tantalisingly below ground. This five-mile guided walk will have you looking at this landscape with new eyes.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £8, child free**

### On the Trail of Beowulf

Thu 1 Nov, 2-5pm

This Halloween we are telling the story of the warrior Beowulf, an action-packed tale that's been told for many years. This 3 mile walk culminates in a warming fire, mulled apple juice and toasting marshmallows.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £7.50, child £3.50**

### Midwinter archaeology walk

Thu 20 Dec, 1-4pm

On the midwinter Solstice you can explore the ancient monuments of the Stonehenge Landscape. This walk is around five miles.

**Booking essential 0344 249 1895**  
**Adult £8, child free**

### Stourhead

Near Warminster BA12 6QD

### The works of Anouk Mercier

Sat 1 Sep - Sun 11 Nov, 10.30am-4pm, Mon 12 - Sun 25 Nov, 12noon-2.30pm

Discover the artwork that contemporary artist Anouk has created, inspired by her time at Stourhead. Throughout the exhibition the artwork will be on display inside the Temple of Flora.

### Autumn leaves trail

Mon 1 Oct - Sun 11 Nov, 9am-5pm

Discover this magical story around the grounds of Stourhead alongside some of our most magnificent trees, in all their autumn splendour.

### The Big Draw

Sat 6 Oct, 10am-4pm

Join us for a full day of arty fun all across the property. This fundraising event is for all the family, with activities around the property to get hands-on with.

### Father Christmas's grand tour trail ▲

Sat 24 Nov - Sun 23 Dec, 11am-3.30pm

Father Christmas treated himself to a grand tour of Europe this year, visiting places recommended to him by Henry the Magnificent. Can you find all the postcards he sent sharing his travels?

### Christmas at Stourhead ▲

Sat 24 Nov - Sat 5 Jan, 9am-4pm

Christmas is a time to get together and enjoy traditions old and new. Stourhead is beautifully decorated with the house opening its doors to show off new decorations and some rooms decked out for Christmas for the first time.

### Meet Father Christmas ▲

Sat & Sun, 1 Dec – 23 Dec, 10.30am-1.30pm

There's a magical story from the jolly man in red and presents for all the children in his grotto. Families can enjoy Stourhead together with lots to see and do.

**Booking essential 01747 841152**  
**Child £8**

### Behind Closed Doors tours

Mon – Fri, 7 – 31 Jan, 11am-3pm

A rare chance to see behind the normally closed doors of the house on a volunteer led guided tour. Tours may cover four floors with many stairs, and show you what goes on behind the scenes.

**Booking essential 01747 841152**

### The Courts Garden

Near Bradford-on-Avon BA14 6RR

### Coexistence sculpture exhibition

Daily (closed Wednesdays) until 14 Oct, 11am-5.30pm

Enjoy a striking collection of highly finished metal and glass sculptures by artist Ruth Moilliet, inspired by the plant kingdom and set amid the glorious autumn colours of the Courts Garden.