

## Somerset Events 2008

### April

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> **Jay Millers Circus**,  
Bridgwater- St Matthews Field,  
07976655180  
[www.jaymillerscircus.com](http://www.jaymillerscircus.com)  
Treat the family to a visit to the  
circus' 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary show!

### May

5<sup>th</sup> **North Somerset Show**  
North Somerset Showground,  
Wraxall 08456 342464  
[www.nsas.org.uk](http://www.nsas.org.uk)  
One day agricultural and  
countryside show including  
animals, demonstrations, stalls  
and competitions.

18<sup>th</sup> **Weston Sandocross**  
The Beach, Weston-Super-  
Mare. 01934 888800  
[www.weston-super-  
maremotorclub.com/sandocross](http://www.weston-super-maremotorclub.com/sandocross)  
Only beach autocross in  
mainland Britain

23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> **Tour of Wessex**  
(cycling event)  
Hadspen House, 01935 845946  
International teams competing  
against the UK's top  
professionals over a three  
stage, 300-mile race.

28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> **The Royal Bath and  
West Show**,  
Shepton Mallett.  
01749 822200  
[www.bathandwest.co.uk](http://www.bathandwest.co.uk)  
Celebrating all aspects of  
farming and rural life, a great  
day out including stalls, arena  
displays, competitions and  
shows.

### June

7<sup>th</sup> **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Vale of Avalon  
Vintage Road Run**  
Esplanade, Burnham On Sea  
01278 46727  
[www.burnham-on-  
sea.com/news/2008/diary-events-  
01-01-08.shtml](http://www.burnham-on-sea.com/news/2008/diary-events-01-01-08.shtml)  
Over 300 vintage vehicles take part  
in this charity road run across the  
Polden Hills.

21<sup>st</sup> **Leigh-on-Mendip Country  
Fair**  
Recreation field, Leigh-on-Mendip  
01373 467271  
[www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk](http://www.leigh-on-mendip.org.uk)  
Annual country fair for all the family  
with a companion Dog Show.  
Stalls, games, entertainment and  
refreshments, bar and rides to local  
quarry.

27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> **Glastonbury Festival**  
Pilton, 01458 834596  
[www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk](http://www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk)  
Largest greenfield music and  
performing arts festival in the  
world.

### July

4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> **Frome Festival**  
01373 453889  
Ten day festival packed with music,  
comedy, drama, dance, film,  
literature, walks, talks, workshops,  
exhibitions.

5<sup>th</sup> **Yeovilton Air Day.**  
[www.yeoviltonairday.co.uk](http://www.yeoviltonairday.co.uk)  
Airshow featuring military aircraft  
and aerobatic teams.

11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> **Newt Beer Fest** North  
Newton  
01289 663050  
[www.newtbeerfest.com](http://www.newtbeerfest.com)  
Somerset's largest beer and music  
festival.

20<sup>th</sup> **Porlock Country Fair**,  
Porlock, Nr Minehead  
[www.porlock.co.uk](http://www.porlock.co.uk)  
A traditional country fair with  
falconry, ferret racing, games and  
more!

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> **Helidays**  
Weston-super-Mare  
[www.helidays.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.helidays.freeserve.co.uk)  
Helicopter fly in/ static park with  
supporting family fun show.

27<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> **Minehead & Exmoor  
Festival**  
[www.mineheadfestival.com](http://www.mineheadfestival.com)  
A week of classical music.

30<sup>th</sup> **Dunster Country Fair**,  
Dunster Castle Lawns  
A traditional country fair. Exmoor  
Pony Show, amusements for the  
whole family  
01984 640253

### August

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> **Taunton Flower Show**,  
Vivary Park, Taunton  
[www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk](http://www.tauntonflowershow.co.uk)

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> **Steam Fayre & Vintage  
Rally**, Norton Fitzwarren  
[www.wsr.org.uk/](http://www.wsr.org.uk/)  
A glittering array of superb  
machinery will be in action,  
from steam trains to horse  
drawn vehicles.

15<sup>th</sup> **Dunster Show**  
Dunster, 08451 661001  
A country show set in stunning  
Exmoor scenery on the edge of  
the Medieval village of Dunster  
with it's Castle.

17<sup>th</sup> **Mid Somerset Show**, Bath  
& West Showground, Shepton  
Mallett 01749 870124  
[www.midsomersetshow.org.uk](http://www.midsomersetshow.org.uk)  
Taditional one-day agricultural  
show.

## September

**6<sup>th</sup> Somerset Showcase**  
The Square, Axbridge  
01934 733306  
Craft displays and market, farmers' market, entertainment, exhibitions and live music in the evening.

**13<sup>th</sup> Frome Cheese Show**  
WestWoodlands Showground  
[www.fromecheeseshow.co.uk](http://www.fromecheeseshow.co.uk)  
One day show with a wide range of attractions including Childrens Entertainment, Mountain Bike Stunt Show, Dog Agility, 4 Horse Jousting, Eating Places and Cheese.

**13<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Somerset Art Week**, various locations  
[www.somersetartweek.org.uk](http://www.somersetartweek.org.uk)  
Showcase of visual arts at venues across Somerset from both established and developing artists.

**13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> CAMRA Real Ale Festival**, Minehead  
01643 704996  
Showcase for some of the finest traditional cask-conditioned ales brewed in Britain.

**20<sup>th</sup> Frome Carnival**  
High Street, Frome  
01373 461625  
The annual Frome Carnival Procession with floats, music, majorettes and more.

**24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> St Matthews Fair**, Bridgwater 01278 736438  
Largest funfair in the South West, with many new and exciting rides plus hundreds of stall on West Street Market.

## October

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Autumn Steam Gala**, Bishops Lydeard  
01643 704996  
Savour the sight and sound of a superb array of steam engines.

**11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Weston Beach Race**, Weston super Mare  
[www.wbruk.com](http://www.wbruk.com)  
International solo, sidecar, and quad riders compete in a three hour race on a spectacular beach motocross circuit.

**18<sup>th</sup> Autumn Model Show**  
Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton  
[www.fleetairarm.com](http://www.fleetairarm.com)  
The South West's leading model show with flying display by British Model Flying Association

**18<sup>th</sup> Taunton Carnival**  
01823 275241  
Processions of illuminated floats, firework displays and street entertainment.

## November

**6<sup>th</sup> Bridgwater Fireworks**  
St Matthews Field, Bridgwater  
01278 435765  
Bridgwater's annual Carnival firework display

**7<sup>th</sup> Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival**, Bridgwater  
[www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk](http://www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk)  
Start of Somerset Guy Fawkes Carnival Circuit. World's largest illuminated winter carnival with over 120 large and colourful entries followed by Squibbing display on the High Street.

**8<sup>th</sup> North Petherton Guy Fawkes Carnival**, North Petherton  
01278 436438  
Part of Guy Fawkes Carnival circuit. Spectacular night time illuminated carnival.

**10<sup>th</sup> Burnham On Sea & Highbridge Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
01278 787852  
Over one hundred giant Carnival floats create a magical evening of entertainment.

**12<sup>th</sup> Shepton Mallett Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
[www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk](http://www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk)  
Processions of illuminated floats, firework displays and street entertainment.

**14<sup>th</sup> Wells Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
[www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk](http://www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk)  
Processions of illuminated floats, firework displays and street entertainment.

**15<sup>th</sup> Glastonbury Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
The processions of illuminated floats are part of an ancient tradition, which stretches back as far as the 1600's when many parts of Somerset commemorated the Gunpowder plot.

**17<sup>th</sup> Weston-super-Mare Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
[www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk](http://www.somersetcarnivals.co.uk)  
Illuminated Carnival Procession around Weston-super-Mare Town Centre and Seafront.

For **Theatre Listings, Farmers Markets** and **Exhibitions** please refer to [www.visitsomerset.co.uk](http://www.visitsomerset.co.uk) for up to date information.