

## What's On Event Summary 2010

January & February	
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	<b>Snowdrop Valley</b> Wheddon Cross - 01398 323841 Carpeted with snowdrops each February, this hidden valley deep in the heart of Exmoor forms a glorious backdrop to the River Avill.
March	
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>West Country Game Fair</b> Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet - 01749 822240 Falconry displays, ferret racing, gundog displays, clay shoot, vintage tractors and much more.
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spring Steam Gala on the West Somerset Railway</b> Minehead - 01643 704996 or Bishops Lydeard - 01873 840170 Steam engine festival, including: shunting demonstrations, guest engines, museums & model railways.
April	
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mells Daffodil Festival,</b> Mells - 0797 0775 494 A family day out to see the beautiful displays of daffodils. Also, many events such as Morris Dancing, Town Crier competitions.
29 <sup>th</sup> Apr - 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>North Devon &amp; Exmoor Walking Festival</b> Book at <a href="http://www.walkingnorthdevon.co.uk">www.walkingnorthdevon.co.uk</a> or 01271 863 001 Now in it's 10 <sup>th</sup> year this festival of walking is now one of the largest in the UK with 84 guided walks from 2miles to over 10 mile routes.
May	
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Footman James 31<sup>st</sup> Bristol Classic Car Show</b> The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet - 0117 907 1000 This event is one of the major classic car events of the year and will host over 70 trade stands, 200 auto jumble stall and 75 club stands.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>North Somerset Show</b> North Somerset Showground, Wraxall - 08456 342464 Now in its 150 <sup>th</sup> year the show celebrates and promotes agriculture and the countryside. An enjoyable family day out.
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Golden Horseshoe Endurance Ride</b> Exmoor (Exford) – 01643 841 183, <a href="http://www.goldenhorseshoe-ride.co.uk">www.goldenhorseshoe-ride.co.uk</a> First held in 1965, this event sees horses and riders tackling competitive classes, including the 100 mile Golden Horseshoe class itself.

29 – 31 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Tour of Wessex</b> International cycling teams compete against the UK's top professionals over a 3 stage 300 mile course - <a href="http://www.tourofwessex.com">www.tourofwessex.com</a></p>
<b>June</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>The Royal Bath and West Show</b> Bath &amp; West Showground, Shepton Mallet - 01749 822240 entertainment and events for the whole family. Livestock shows, dog shows, entertainment for children, food and drink and lots more.</p>
12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>South West Model Show</b> Fleet Air Arm Museum - 01935 842614 Held by the British Model Flying Association featuring 120 traders, flying displays and competitions for model makers.</p>
TBC	<p><b>Glastonbury Festival</b> Pilton - 01458 834596 World famous music festival featuring nearly 2000 acts in 50 venues, rock, pop, cabaret, children's, poetry, circus skills to name but a few!</p>
<b>July</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Days Out with Thomas</b> Bishops Lydeard to Minehead West Somerset Railway - 01643 704996 Take a trip with Thomas!</p>
9 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Frome Festival</b> Frome - 01373 453889 10-day arts festival at various venues around Frome.</p>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Yeovilton Air Day</b> Fleet air Arm Museum – 01271 340381 Fantastic flying displays from military and civilian aircraft from around the world.</p>
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Newt Beer Festival</b> North Newton, nr Bridgwater – 01278 663059 2 day beer and local music festival includes camping facilities if required.</p>
25 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Minehead and Exmoor Festival</b> 01643 706430 Classical music extravaganza taking place in various venues across Exmoor.</p>
28 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Dunster Country Fair</b> Dunster - 01984 640253 A great day out for all the family celebrating the country way of life.</p>

## August

1 <sup>st</sup>	<p><b>Exmoor Explorer</b>  Dulverton 01398 323 665, <a href="http://www.exmoorexplorer.com">www.exmoorexplorer.com</a>  Rather than a race this is a long distance off road reliability trial across some of Exmoor most challenging terrain. Choose either 25 or 35 mile route.</p>
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Taunton Flower Show</b>  Vivary Park, Taunton - 07794 407758  Features show gardens, competitive classes for fruit, vegetables and flowers, arts &amp; crafts, garden orientated traders and a children's zone.</p>
20 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Dunster Show</b>  Dunster Castle Lawns - 01984 656990  A fun day out for all the family: Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Trade Stands, Craft Tent, Fun Fair, Circus entertainment, Parade of Hounds, Rural Crafts, Food.</p>

## September

### Sep- Nov Somerset's Carnivals Season

Between September and November the streets of many Somerset towns and villages are an exciting blaze of colour as the illuminated carnivals take place. For a full list of dates got to [www.visitsomerset.co.uk/things-to-do/carnivals](http://www.visitsomerset.co.uk/things-to-do/carnivals).

3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Folkfest</b>  Burnham-on-Sea - 01278 794414  The Fifth Annual Free Folkfest held in various venues then finishes with an open air concert in the Manor Gardens on Sunday.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Ham Hill Heritage Fayre</b>  Ham Hill Country Park, Stoke Sub Hamdon - 01935 823617  Celebrating and bringing to life the exciting history of Ham Hill. Marching Romans and re-enactment groups. - Free event!</p>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>RNLI Raft Race</b>  Minehead – 01643 702 660  Participate or just enjoy the atmosphere of the annual Minehead Raft Race. 50 rafts battling it out over a 4.5 mile, live music, craft stalls &amp; fireworks.</p>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Frome Agricultural &amp; Cheese Show</b>  Westwoodlands Showground - 01373 463600  Showcasing local food producers, livestock, rural handicrafts and trade stands.</p>
14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>The Tour of Britain (Somerset stages)</b>  The country's favourite professional cycle race is back in Somerset with a vengeance - <a href="http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk">www.tourofbritain.co.uk</a></p>
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<p><b>Somerset Art Weeks</b>  Various Venues throughout Somerset - 01458 254253  The largest visual arts events in Somerset, for further information on what's on where, visit <a href="http://www.somersetartweek.org.uk">www.somersetartweek.org.uk</a></p>

29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<p><b>St Matthew's Fair</b> Bridgwater - 01278 436438 Bridgwater fair dates back to 1249, and has been held on The Fairfield, West Street since 1404. Many new and exciting rides and many stalls.</p>
30 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<p><b>Autumn Steam Gala on the West Somerset Railway</b> Minehead - 01643 704996 or Bishops Lydeard - 01873 840170 Festival of steam engines, shunting demonstrations, guest engines, museum &amp; model railways.</p>
<b>October</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Exmoor Food Festival</b> Exmoor, <a href="http://www.exmoorfoodfestival.co.uk">www.exmoorfoodfestival.co.uk</a> This food festival showcases the very best of local food &amp; drink across Exmoor and West Somerset. Large variety of events taking place.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Carnival Concerts</b> Town Hall in Bridgwater - 01278 453320 The Bridgwater Carnival Clubs perform singing, dancing and cabaret acts according to the theme of their carnival floats.</p>
TBC	<p><b>Motorcycle Beach Race</b> Weston-Super-Mare Beach - 01934 888800 Largest off road motorcycle race in Britain featuring international solo riders, sidecars and quad riders.</p>
<b>November</b>	
TBC	<p><b>2010 Exmoor Beast</b> Contact web address: <a href="http://www.exmoorbeast.org">www.exmoorbeast.org</a> Starting and finishing at Butlins, Minehead, why not test your self in what will be one of the best and most challenging cyclo-sportives of the year.</p>
TBC	<p><b>Sand Yacht Regatta</b> Brean Sands - 01458 850782 Come and watch the land yachts wing their way across the sands.</p>
<b>December</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Dunster by Candlelight</b> Dunster - 01643 705075 Each Christmas the Medieval village turns its back on the present and lights it's streets in the soft glow of candle lanterns.</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>Santa Specials at the West Somerset Railway</b> Bishops Lydeard To Minehead - 01643 704996 Enjoy a train ride on the West Somerset Railway and meet Father Christmas.</p>