Medieval Banquet

On Friday evening the Tithe Barn will host a sumptuous **Medieval Banquet** created by Liz White Catering. Tables will be laden with a culinary cornucopia of all things medieval! Accompanied by live entertainment including jousting, jesters, singers, lyre players and falconry. The Tithe Barn and guests will be dressed in medieval attire. (**SOLD OUT**)


Photo: Nina Dodd

Medieval Re-enactment

The Tithe Barn is transformed into a **free** interactive and immersive medieval experience where you can watch fighting and weaponry displays by **Wessex Medieval Alliance** and **Historical European Martial Arts**, learn about life in the medieval period and meet '**Amadeus',** the **'Lloyd's Bank' beautiful black stallion**! Kids can join in and fight the real knights in armour!

Bowlore medieval marauders are loose pillaging the village, meet them if you dare at The Steep. Whilst valliant St. George is fighting the dragon on Castle Hill.


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Children's Activities

Don't miss **Santa's Grotto**, games, crafts, colouring competition and other children's activities brought to you by **Homestart** at the National Park Centre. Contact Homestart to book timed tickets to see Santa or buy at the Centre on the day.


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Music, Talks & Performances

The Yarn Market is hosting a feast of carols, music and dancing, including **Skin Tight Samba** and morris dancing by **Bootstrap Borders**.

In the Tithe Barn we have a fascinating range of talks for you to learn more about medieval Dunster, knights' armour, psychology with it's roots in the medieval period and medieval fishing.

In the Church you can join the **Taunton Thespians** in a free drama workshop culminating in a performance of: **'The Nun's Priest's Tale'** by Geoffrey Chaucer. There will also be panto-style singing and dancing from **Minehead Amateur Dramatic Society**.

In the Church, we have fantastic audiences with '**The King**' - Good King Hal - a famed King Henry VIII impersonator and **Dr Steve Payne** - an adventurer and eccentric extraordinaire.


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Entertainment Village-Wide

- Follow the dragon's footsteps around the village
- Festive village trail: find the numbered 'Olde House' milk bottles in participating shops - pick up the trail flyer at '**The Olde House Farm Shop**' and return it to win a prize
- Explore the village and find the Best Dressed Residential and Business windows

Torch-Lit Procession

On Sunday, be part of the torch-lit procession as it wends its way through the village accompanied by knights, ladies and 'Amadeus' from 3 pm at the Yarn Market to St. George's Church.


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Visitor Information

The Memorial Hall is the event HQ where you can find information on the event and lost child rendez-vous point, First Aid is at Tithe Barn.

There will be a **road closure** within the village to accommodate the torch-lit procession on **Sunday 3pm - 4.30pm**.

Festival Sponsors

The Festival Committee would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who have donated their time, effort, prizes and funds to help make this Festival such a success. In particular, we would like to thank **Dunster Parish Council**, our Gold Sponsor for this and subsequent Festival's.

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Dunster Winter Festival



Christmas Shopping & Eating

All cafes, restaurants, pubs and shops in the High Street, Church Street, West Street and The Steep are open and most are trading later than usual over the weekend. Snacks, cakes and refreshments by local groups are available at the village venues.

Village Trader Festival Events

Ashleigh Bishop: Art exhibition
Born Appetite: Sutton Hoo Gin tasting
Castle Coffee House: Hot chocolate themed donuts
Exmoor Through the Lens: 10% off over £20
HC Bakehouse: Free gift with £25 spend
Homecoming: £5 voucher for every £40 spend
Made in Dunster: Festival discount offers
Stags Head: Dragon's Blood Cocktails
The House of Sloan: 10% off over £50
The Olde House: Medieval specials
The Olde House Farmshop: starting point for festive village trail
Tom Deer: 10% off over £40
Yarn Market Hotel: Gala evening and carollers

See www.dunsterwinterfestival.co.uk and traders' own websites for more details

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Crooked Window Gallery

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Tithe Barn

FRIDAY: 6.30PM - 11PM

Medieval Banquet (**SOLD OUT**)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11AM - 4PM

FREE interactive medieval village throughout the day by Wessex Medieval Alliance (WMA) and Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA)

SATURDAY

Refreshments by Tithe Barn Committee

11am-12pm: Local childrens' concert (free)

11.30am - 12pm: Kids' battle (free)

12pm - 1pm: *Talk* '**Introduction to Armour**' by WMA (£5 on the door)

1.30pm - 2pm: Kids' battle (free)

1.30pm - 2.30pm: *Talk* **'Epiphanies - the Brain's Magic Trick'** by Angela Patmore (£5 on the door)

2pm - 3pm: *Demo* HEMA longsword battle (free)

From 3pm: Meet '**Amadeus**' the beautiful black stallion star of screen and stage also known as the 'Llyods Bank' horse and his rider Jonathan Marshall

4pm - 5pm: *Talk* '**Uncovering Dunster's Medieval Buildings**' by Somerset Archaeology and Natural History Society. Tickets £8 - book on Festival website or on the door

SUNDAY

Refreshments by 'The Olde House'

11.30am - 12pm: Kids' battle (free)

1pm - 2-pm: *Talk* '**Medieval Fishing**' by WMA (£5 on door)

1.30pm - 2pm: Kids' battle (free)

2pm-3pm: *Demo* HEMA longsword battle (free)

Castle Hill

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 12.30PM - 1PM

'George v the Dragon' performance by HEMA in costume

National Park Centre

SATURDAY:11AM-5PM
SUNDAY:11AM-4PM

Children's games & crafts by Homestart. Santa's Grotto - for timed tickets contact Homestart to see Santa or buy on the day

The Steep

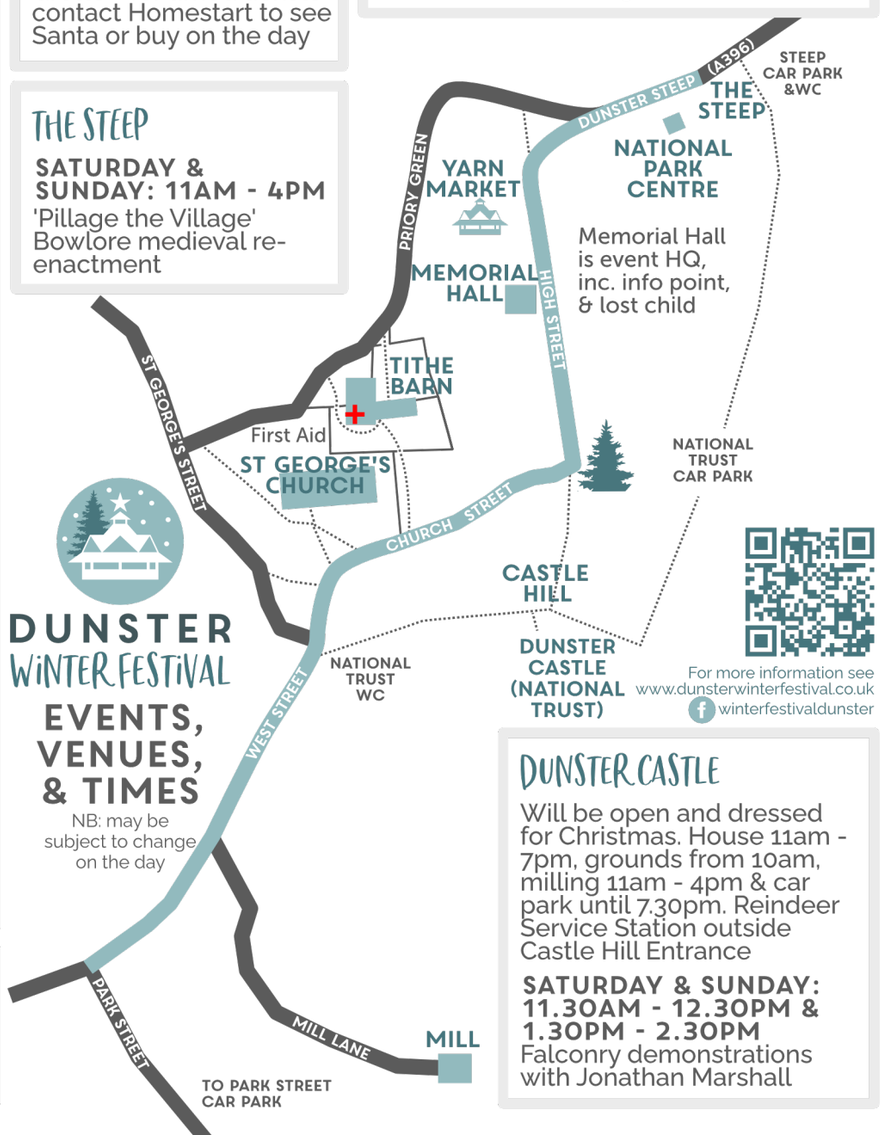
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11AM - 4PM

'Pillage the Village' Bowlore medieval re-enactment

Memorial Hall

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11AM - 4PM

The Museum and Doll Collection will be open & Dunster's 'Knit & Natter' group will be spinning and weaving in constume and selling their craft



Dunster Castle

Will be open and dressed for Christmas. House 11am - 7pm, grounds from 10am, milling 11am - 4pm & car park until 7.30pm. Reindeer Service Station outside Castle Hill Entrance

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11.30AM - 12.30PM & 1.30PM - 2.30PM

Falconry demonstrations with Jonathan Marshall

St George's Church

Refreshments available

SATURDAY

11am -12.30pm Join Taunton Thespians for theatrical workshop to join the chorus of their play (free)

1pm - 2pm: Taunton Thespian's performance of '**The Nun's Tale**' by Geoffrey Chaucer (free)

2.15pm: Dunster Carollers (free)

5.30 - 6.40pm: '**An Audience wth the King**'. Meet King Henry VIII and experience Mike Farley's unique blend of humour, historical knowledge and live musicianship. Tickets £8 - book on Festival website or on the door

SUNDAY

10am - 12pm: Sunday Service

1.30pm - 2.30pm: Minehead Amateur Dramatic Society panto-style singing and dancing (free)

5pm - 6pm: '**An Audience with Steve Payne**'. An unforgettable evening with a mediaeval scholar, pilgrim, adventurer, inventor and eccentric extraordinaire. Tickets £8 - book on Festival website or on the door

Yarn Market

SATURDAY

12pm - 2pm: Skin Tight Samba

From 3pm: Dunster Carollers & Dunster First School Choir

SUNDAY

1.30pm - 3.30pm: Bootstrap Borders (morris dancing)

3pm - 4pm: **Torch-lit procession** assembles here accompanied by knights, ladies and 'Amadeus' the black stallion - leaves the Yarn Market and wends its way through the village to St. Georges Church