

## MEDIEVAL REENACTMENT

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**, **Historical European Martial Arts** and **Bowlore**, learn about life in the medieval period & meet a real jousting horse! Kids can join in and fight the real knights in armour & have a go at archery!



Image: WMA by David Noad

## TORCH-LIT PROCESSION

On Sunday, be part of the 'Lighting of the Chalice' and become immersed in pomp and pageantry. Join the '**Mediaeval Baebes**' torch-lit procession as it wends its way with song and dance accompanied by knights, ladies and 'Bo' the Jousting War Horse from 2pm at the Yarn Market to St. George's Church.



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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. Call 07919854007 to book timed tickets to see Santa or buy at the Centre on the day. Collect here the festive village treasure hunt form - win an Amazon Fire (kids)!

## 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:** Up to 50% discount offers

**Castle Coffee House:** Festive donuts

**Dunster Deli:** Mulled cider

**Dunster Living:** Scandi cakery (Saturday) & art installation

**Exmoor Through the Lens:** Late night shopping & 10% discount for sales over £25

**Hall of Names:** Discover amazing facts about your surname & meet Arthur our knight in shining armour

**Hathaways:** Saturday lunch - Festival menu

**HC Lunchbox:** Festive pasties

**Inspirations:** Late night shopping & 10% discount for sales over £25

**Locks Victorian Tearooms:** Festival menu

**Luttrell Arms:** Turkey lunches

**Made in Dunster:** Festival discount offers

**Stags Head:** 8pm Saturday folk duo 'St Fian' & takeaway menu

**Tessa's Tea Shop:** Festive specials, art exhibition by Saskia Shirlaw & installation by Artificial Hannah

**Yarn Market Hotel:** Festive special menus throughout the day some with musical accompaniment. Hog roast from noon outside

See [www.dunsterwinterfestival.co.uk](http://www.dunsterwinterfestival.co.uk) and trader's own websites for more details



# DUNSTER WINTER FESTIVAL

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## FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025



## Tithe Barn

**FRIDAY: 6.30PM - 11PM**

Medieval Banquet - Immersive medieval banqueting experience by Reeves Restaurant with medieval entertainment & music and licensed bar by Archer Events

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11AM - 4PM**

Interactive medieval village (free entrance), with refreshments by Tithe Barn & Village Gardens Committees & licensed bar by Archer Events

**SATURDAY**

### HALL

11.45am - 12pm: *Talk* 'Arming the Knight'

12.30pm - 12.45pm: *Talk* 'The Long Bow!'

1.30pm - 2pm: *Demo* 'Medieval weaponry'

2.30pm - 3pm: *Demo* 'Longsword battle'

3.15pm - 3.30pm: *Talk* 'Medieval Childhood'

4pm: Brian Hoggard's *talk* 'Medieval Beliefs in Villages like Dunster'. Tickets £7 - book on Festival website

### GARDENS

Each interactive session 15 mins (free)

12 pm & 3.30pm: Kids' battle

12.45pm & 2pm: Kids' archery

**SUNDAY**

### HALL

11.15am - 11.30am: *Talk* 'The LongBow!'

11.45am - 12.15pm: *Demo* 'Medieval weaponry'

12.30pm - 1pm: *Talk* 'Arming the Knight'

1.15pm: *Demo* 'Longsword battle'

3.15pm - 3.30pm: *Talk* 'Medieval Childhood'

### GARDENS

Each interactive session 15 mins (free)

11.30am - 11.45am: Kids' archery

12.15pm & 3.30pm: Kids' battle

### FRONT YARD

12.40pm - 2pm: Meet 'Bo' the jousting war horse

## NATIONAL PARK CENTRE

**SATURDAY: 10AM-5PM**

**SUNDAY: 10AM-4PM**

Children's games & crafts by Homestart West Somerset

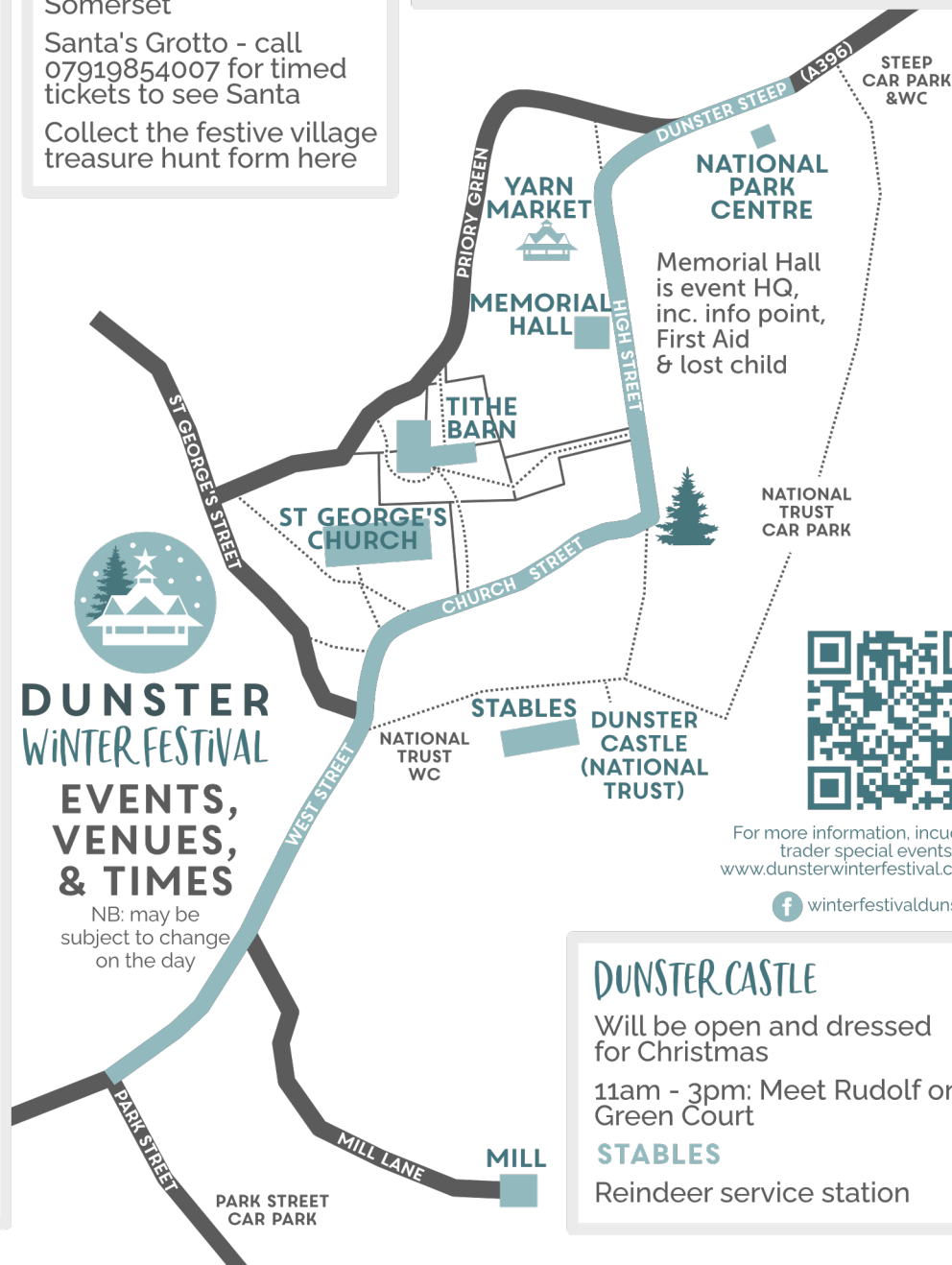
Santa's Grotto - call 07919854007 for timed tickets to see Santa

Collect the festive village treasure hunt form here

## 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 costume and selling their craft



## DUNSTER WINTER FESTIVAL EVENTS, VENUES, & TIMES

NB: may be subject to change on the day

## DUNSTER CASTLE

Will be open and dressed for Christmas

11am - 3pm: Meet Rudolf on Green Court

### STABLES

Reindeer service station

## ST GEORGE'S CHURCH - MUSIC

**SATURDAY**

Performances are for 45mins

11am: The Gasperini Festive Fiddles String Ensemble including Minehead Middle School pupils

12pm: Mary and the Faeries

1pm: Tico

2pm: David Mitchell

3pm: Blooming Flutes

Refreshments provided by the Orchard Committee and Church

**SUNDAY**

11 am - 12.15pm: Sunday Service

3pm: 'Twelfth Moon' concert by the Ivor Novella award-winning 'Mediaeval Baebes' (tickets £32.50: see Festival website for booking)

Doors open 2.30pm

Refreshments provided by the Dunster Winter Festival committee

## YARN MARKET - MUSIC

**SATURDAY**

1pm - 2pm: Dunster Carollers

2.30pm - 4pm: Bettina Walker

4pm: Skintight Samba

**SUNDAY**

11am - 12pm : Sax Collective

12.15pm - 1.30pm: West Somerset Brass Band

2pm - 2.30pm: Torch-lit procession by 'Mediaeval Baebes' accompanied by knights, ladies and 'Bo' the jousting war horse - leaves the Yarn Market and wends its way through the village to St. Georges Church