



## *City of Wells & Surrounding Area Events List November 2018 – March 2019*

This events list is updated on a regular basis and are as accurate as possible but please check with venues in case of changes – and check when you visit to see if more have been added.

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For more details on the many concerts and recitals held at the Cathedral, please visit [www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on).

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Cedars Hall [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events) Box Office 01749 834483

The Bishop's Palace visit [www.bishopspalace.org.uk](http://www.bishopspalace.org.uk) Tel 01749 988111

The Bath and West Showground visit [www.bathandwestshowground.com](http://www.bathandwestshowground.com)

### November 2018

- Until 12<sup>th</sup> Nov ART EXHIBITION by Anna Dmochowski **Wells and Mendip Museum**  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Normal entry fees apply
- Until 25<sup>th</sup> Nov HUMAN NATURE. A stunning new sculpture trail in the Garden of the  
**Bishop's Palace**. Normal Entry fees apply
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – 'NO NEWS OF FRED'. Fred was a member of the Somerset Light Infantry lost  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> in action. Exhibition in the South Cloister. **Wells Cathedral**
- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Wells Natural History and Archaeological Society. 'WHEN AND WHY WAS  
THE RIVER BRUE DIVERTED'. A talk by Bruce Garrard. **Wells & Mendip Museum.**  
**8 Cathedral Green, Wells.** 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £2.00
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> West Country Craft Fairs 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Market. **Wells Town Hall.**  
10.00 am – 4.00 pm Admission Free
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & The Footman James Classic Vehicle Restoration Show. **The Bath and West**  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup> **Showground**
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> FIREWORK DISPLAY. **Wells City Football Club**, Rowdons Road, Gates Open  
5.00 pm. Adults £5.00, Children £3.00, Family £15.00. Children under 5 free.
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 'SOMERSET REMEMBERS' A gathering at Wells Cathedral which will feature  
readings, poems and sacred and secular music. **Wells Cathedral** 6.30 pm.  
Please be seated for 6.15 pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mendip Society Talk 'EVEREST THE HARD WAY' by John Driskell based on his  
book 'Everest the Old Way. **Wells & Mendip Museum.** 2.00 pm. Members  
£2.50. Visitors £3.50. No need to book. Info: 01275 472797

- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Wells and Mendip Astronomers PROJECTS NIGHT. Telescope making, building an observatory, exoplanets and a whole heap of other information connected with amateur astronomy. **Wells and Mendip Museum. 7.00 pm** Members Free, visitors £3 adults, £5 Family, £2 Students.
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> *Christmas Artisan Markets.* Over 40 Artisan stalls selling a range of fabulous gift ideas. **The Bishop's Palace.** 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Discounted entry £7.00. Children 5 – 18 £3.00. Under 5 free. Members free
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society and the London Mozart Players: 1918 – 2018 CENTENARY CONCERT FOR REMEMBRANCE. Jonathan Dove *For an Unknown soldier*, Faure *Requiem*. Wells Cathedral 7.00 – 9.30 pm £12.00 - £28.00 from wcos.org.uk, Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. [www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk](http://www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk)
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Vintage Somerset Fair, **Wells Town Hall.** Entry £1, students 50p, under 16s free.
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Antiques & Collectors Fair. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1.  
6am Lone Piper, **Wells Cathedral**  
11am Remembrance Service and Parade  
3pm RUTTER REQUIEM. Wells Cathedral School Sinfonietta, Wells Cathedral choir, Jeremy Cole Organ Matthew Owens Conductor. **Wells Cathedral.** Admission free with retiring collection.  
7pm Beacon Lighting at **Wookey Hole**
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. [www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk](http://www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk)
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> **Wells & Mendip Museum** open. Come and visit the trench and the exhibition relating to WWI. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Normal entry fees apply
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> – Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 'SOMERSET POPPIES', 7986 poppies created by over 4000 children in schools around Wells to commemorate Somerset servicemen lost during World War 1. **The Bishop's Palace. Display will be free to view beginning with the ceremonial planting of the final poppy at 11.00 am on 11.11.2018.** Poppies can be pre-ordered for £5.00 at [www.somersetpoppies.co.uk](http://www.somersetpoppies.co.uk). All proceeds to Wells branch of the Royal British Legion and SSAFA, the armed forces charity.
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 Exhibition by Derek Ortonjay-Smart. Meeting Room, **Wells & Mendip Museum.** 10.00 am – 4.30 pm. Normal entry Fees apply
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> SEMINAR EXPLORING CONFLICT & RESOLUTION. Education Room, Wells Cathedral, 2.00 – 4.00 pm. Free, no need to book. Donations welcomed.
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Next lecture in series 'HISTORY OF ART : THE BIGGER PICTURE. PRE-RAPHAELITE STORY TELLING'. With Joanna Cobb. **Dinder Village Hall.** 7.30 – 9.30 pm. £10.00 per person or £18.00 for two. Includes handouts & refreshments. INFO 01749 677155 or [ericjoanne@waitrose.com](mailto:ericjoanne@waitrose.com). Series can be joined at any time.
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Wells Civic Society. 'THE SMELLS OF WELLS: WATERWAYS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'. Sarah Villiers and Plastic Free Wells with Tom Ronan. **Wells and Mendip Museum.** 7.30 pm. Info [www.wellscivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.wellscivicsociety.org.uk)
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> THE BAND OF HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 – 9.00 pm. £12 - £20. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events) *Pre-concert talk on the work of the Royal Marines Band*

- Service and its musical and military roles. 6.15 pm Admission free.*
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime Organ Recital. Students of Wells Cathedral School) **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral. 1.05 – 1.40 pm** Free with a retiring collection
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Complete Beethoven String Quartets 1/6. The Endellion String Quartet. **Cedars Hall. 7.00 – 8.45 pm. £12 - £20.** Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Vicars Choral Commemoration Concert. A candlelit concert. **In the Quire Wells Cathedral 8.00 pm Tickets £12.00 - £28.00** from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> **Wells Carnival 7.00 pm**
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> DEMENTIA FROM THE INSIDE: A DOCTOR'S PERSONAL JOURNEY OF HOPE. Written by Jennifer Bute – Book signing and meet the Author. **Conference Room, The Bishops Palace. 12.00 – 1.00 pm.** Pre-booking not required – included in normal admission price.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> BATTLE OF THE BIG BANDS with Wells Cathedral School Jazz Orchestra and Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra. **Cedars Hall. 7.00 – 9.00 pm. £10 - £17.** Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Antiques, Crafts & Collectors Market. **Wells Town Hall. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm.** Admission free.
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Art & Craft Exhibition and coffee morning. **Wookey Hole Community Hall. 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.**
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Gin and Rum Festival, **Wells Town Hall**
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> The South West Homebuilding & Renovating Show 2018. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> O DUO'S PERCUSSION DAY CONCERT with Owen Gunnell and Toby Kearney. **Cedars Hall. 6.30 – 7.30 pm. £10 unreserved.** Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Piano Masterclass by Steven Osborne. **Cedars Hall. 10.00 am – 12.30 pm.** Admission free. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> PIANO MASTERS 2: STEVEN OSBORNE plays Prokofiev, Debussy, Poulenc and Schubert. **Cedars Hall. 7.00 – 9.00 pm. £14 - £23.** Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Early Music Wells: ST CECILIA CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT – Chamber Music by Bach. **In the Quire Wells Cathedral 7.00 pm Tickets £12.00** from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Toy and Train Collectors Fair. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Craft Fair. **Wells Town Hall. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Giant Flea Market. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> ROCK FOR YOUNG MINDS with Wells Cathedral School Rock and Popular Music Department. **Cedars Hall. 7.00 – 9.00 pm.** Free Admission with a collection for Young Minds. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> BIRDING IN THE LAND OF THE SUMMER PEOPLE. A talk by James Packer, an experienced birder and photographer. Somerset Wildlife Trust. **Wells & Mendip Museum. 7.30 – 9.30 pm.** Members £3.00, Non-members £3.50
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> AN EVENING WITH MARGARET DRABBLE in conversation with Stephen Moss, president, Somerset Wildlife Trust. **Strode Theatre, Street. 7.30 – 10.00 pm.** Tickets £18.50. Booking essential.
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> WOMAN TO WOMAN TOUR – ACOUSTIC a collaboration between three of the UK's most celebrated singer-songwriters Judie Tsuke, Beverley Craven and Julia Fordham. **Cedars Hall. 7.30 – 9.30 pm. £35.** Box Office 01749 834483 or

[www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime Organ Recital – Bach Complete Organ Works: Recital 24. Matthews Owens (Organist and Master of Choristers, Wells Cathedral). **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral, 1.05 pm – 1.40 pm, Free** with a retiring collection

**December 2018**

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Santa South West Christmas Village. **The Bath and West Showground.**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am – 8.00 pm. Sundays 10.00 am – 6.00 pm Admission £1. Ice skating Adult £7.50, Child £6.50. Santa's Enchanted Adventure: Adult £15.00, Child £20.00, Child aged 0 – 3 £5.00. Many more attractions.

See [www.bathandwestshowground.com](http://www.bathandwestshowground.com) for full details

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – A Wells Cathedral Senior School Production of Michael Morpurgo's play (adapted by Simon Reade) 'PRIVATE PEACEFUL'. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> £15, £10 for 18s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Wells Natural History and Archaeological Society. 'TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF MENDIP ARCHAEOLOGY'. A talk by David Dawson. **Wells & Mendip Museum. 8 Cathedral Green, Wells.** 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £2.00

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> - Sun 9<sup>th</sup> DECK THE HALLS: A Winter Flower Festival showcasing the NAFAS South West Area Competitions. Floral Displays, hands-on demonstrations. **The Bishop's Palace.** Entry included in admission fees during opening hours.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS AT THE BISHOP'S PALACE

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Illumination within the Palace building.
- Many of the decorations will be sourced from the Palace Gardens, using seasonal greenery and foliage.
- The stunning medieval fireplace in the Entrance Hall will greet visitors and there will be a range of different Christmas trees kindly supplied by Mendip Christmas Trees.
- At the weekends - 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th, 22nd Dec- Father Christmas will take up residence in the Long Gallery, along with his wife Mother Christmas! As all the slots sold out last year, visitors should make sure to book tickets early (there is an additional charge to visit Father Christmas, details below). Tickets are bookable at [www.bishopspalace.org.uk](http://www.bishopspalace.org.uk)
- There will be Christmas carols in the Chapel from a range of different local musicians, and Wells Theatre Company will return with 'A Christmas Carol' with more actors, bringing the timeless tale to life in a wholly unique way, with costumed storytelling by the fire.
- Mulled wine, mince pies and children's drinks will be on sale and there will be special Family Christmas Craft sessions at intervals throughout the weekend, including the chance to make some beautiful Christmas decorations.

All activities except for the Father Christmas visits are included in standard admission. Father Christmas tickets are £5 per child and must be accompanied by an adult with admission

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Handel's MESSIAH. Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society, Music for Awhile Orchestra, Matthew Owens (Conductor). **Wells Cathedral 7.00 pm Tickets £12.00 - £ 28.00** [wcos.org.uk](http://wcos.org.uk), Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. [www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk](http://www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk)

- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Reindeer Parade. **Wells Market Place.**
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Wells Cathedral School Composers' Concert featuring new music by young composers at the school. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 – 8.00 pm. Free admission. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> & Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration. Wells Cathedral Junior School. Jill Edmonds (musical director), Neil Johnson (Speech director). Wells Cathedral 7.00 pm. Admission Free.
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> The Haydn 104 Project. Featuring Haydn's London Symphony. Please check website for further information. **Cedars Hall.** 6.30 – 9.00 pm. £10 - £17. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> G4 Christmas. Featuring vocal quartet G\$ in their atmospheric Christmas show. Wells Cathedral 7.30 pm Tickets available from [g4official.com](http://g4official.com), Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door. (*VIP tickets available including pre-show Meet & Greet at 6.00 pm for all G4 tour dates*).
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS GALA with Emma Smith with the Swing Machine Jazz Orchestra. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 – 9.30 pm. £17 - £28. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS PARTY - STAYING ALIVE. **The Bath and West Showground.** Doors open 7.30 pm. Admission £35.00. Further details [www.bathandwestshowground.com](http://www.bathandwestshowground.com)
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Wells Little Theatre presents the pantomime 'ALADDIN'. Ring Theatre Box Office 01749 672280 for further information
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Opus Anglicanum: MEDIAEVAL CAROLS. A concert of mediaeval cathedral chant beginning with Vespers. **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral. 7.30 pm** Tickets £20 from [opusanglicanum.org](http://opusanglicanum.org), Wells Cathedral Box Office or at the door.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Wells Christmas Market, **Wells Market Square**
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> & Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Candlelight Christmas Concerts. Wells Cathedral choir, Jeremy Cole Organ, Matthew Owens (Conductor). **Wells Cathedral 7.00 pm Tickets £15.00 - £30.00** from 1 May 2018 Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door if not sold out prior to the day.
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> A WELLENSIAN CHRISTMAS with the Wellensian Consort. **St Cuthbert's Church, Wells.** 8.00 – 9.00 pm. £15. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or [www.cedarshall.events](http://www.cedarshall.events)

### January 2019

- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime Organ Recital. Richard Tanner (Director of Music, Rugby School) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School
- Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Lunchtime Organ Recital. BACH Complete Organ Works: Recital 25. Mathew Owens, (Organist and Master of the Choristers Wells Cathedral) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School

### February 2019

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Wells Natural History and Archaeological Society. 'WHY BIRD WATCHING IN SOMERSET' - a talk by Brian Roberts-Wray. **Wells & Mendip Museum. 8 Cathedral Green, Wells.** 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £2.00
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Lunchtime Organ Recital. Callum Alger (St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission

free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School

### March 2019

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>

Lunchtime Organ Recital. Harrison Cole (Senior organ Scholar, Wells Cathedral) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School

### April 2019

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>

Lunchtime Organ Recital. Henrik Bo Hansen (Denmark) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>

Lunchtime Organ Recital. BACH Complete Organ Works: Recital 26. Mathew Owens, (Organist and Master of the Choristers Wells Cathedral) **in the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 – 1.40 pm. Admission free. Retiring Collection in aid of Wells Cathedral School

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> &  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

Wells Film Centre presents 'secret cinema' – their 4<sup>th</sup> annual outdoor event. Tickets £25.00 but early bird price up to end of the year £20.00 to include a drink, hog roast and pre-show entertainment. For further information visit [www.wellsfilmcentre.co.uk](http://www.wellsfilmcentre.co.uk) or pop into the cinema in Princes Road

### May 2019

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**LARKS IN TRANSIT Bill Bailey. The Bath and West Showground.** Admission £39.50. Further details [www.bathandwestshowground.com](http://www.bathandwestshowground.com)

### June 2019

### Car Boot Sales

For details of other car boot sales in Somerset please visit [www.carbootjunction.com](http://www.carbootjunction.com)

**Fridays** Charity Car Boot Sale, 10am – 1pm, Sanders Garden World, Brent Knowle (Mar – Nov)

**Saturdays** Burnham on Sea Car Boot Sale, 2pm – 4pm, BASC Sports Ground, Stoddens Rd, Burnham on Sea (May – Aug)

**Sunday** Cheddar Car Boot Sale & Market, 7am – 2pm, Winchester Farm, Cheddar (A371) – (All year round)  
Frome Car Boot Sale, 6.30am – ? Frome Market (A36 Standerwick) – (All year round)

**Every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the year a street market is held in the Market Place, Wells, with the exception of the Charter Fairs and extreme weather such as snow!**

**Wells Walking Tours – Guided City Tours on Wednesdays at 11am, Meet at The Crown in the Market place: Adult. £6, Child. £2 (not last Wed in July or first Wed in August)**

**Wells Film Centre, Princes Road, Wells, BA5 1TD. Book in person, telephone 01749 673195 or book online 24/7 at [www.wellsfilmcentre.co.uk](http://www.wellsfilmcentre.co.uk)**