



City of Wells & Surrounding Area Events List October - December 2018

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.

Also see www.wellssomerset.com, www.wells.gov.uk and [@visitwells](https://www.facebook.com/visitwells) on  and 

For more details on the many concerts and recitals held at the Cathedral, please visit www.wellscathedral.org.uk/whats-on.

For information about the Bishop's Palace visit www.bishopspalace.org.uk

October 2018

- Until 31st Oct Mendip Rocks! Festival. A wide range of events bringing to life the story of the rocks that have created the Mendip Hills provided by Mendip Hills ANOB, Somerset Earth Science Centre and The Mendip Society. Something for everyone from family fun days, fossil hunts, tours in quarries and a whole lot more. For further information and a full programme of events available at www.mendiphillsanob.org.uk/events and [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mendiphillsanob) or contact Adel on 01749 840156 or email adel@earthscienccecentre.org.uk
- Until 25th Nov HUMAN NATURE. A stunning new sculpture trail in the Garden of the **Bishop's Palace**. Normal Entry fees apply.
www.bishopspalace.org.uk/whatson/human-nature-new-sculpture-trail/
- Wed 3rd THE DIARY SHOW. **The Bath & West Showground near Shepton Mallet**.
- Thurs 4th WALKS IN THE PARADISE GARDEN. Looking at famous gardens in the Islamic world and their recreation of paradise on earth. Illustrated lecture by The Reverend Professor David Thomas. **Cedars Hall**. 7.00-8.30 pm.
£5 unreserved. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Fri 5th Wells Cathedral School Gala Concert 2. **Cedars Hall**. 7.00 – 8.45 pm £10 unreserved. Free for 25s and under Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Fri 5th Wells Natural History and Archaeological Society. 'DOWNTOWN WELLS'. An illustrated talk by Sarah Villiers. **Wells & Mendip Museum**. 8 Cathedral Green, Wells. 7.30 pm. Members free, visitors £2.00
- Sat 6th - 'INTERVENTION' A Special exhibition from 10 members of the Somerset guild of Craftsmen, including workshops. Wells & Mendip Museum.
- Mon 22nd An exhibition of shortlisted works will be shown at **The Bishops Palace** as part of *Wells Art Contemporary* exhibition. www.bishopspalace.org.uk/wells-art-contemporary-exhibition/
- Sat 6th -
- Sun 21st

- Sat 6th - 'PAEAN' Art Exhibition in the South Cloister celebrating effort and endurance. **Wells Cathedral. Open all day**
- Wed 31st SPACE DAY. Find out space facts and information by Wells & Mendip Astronomers. **Wells Library.** Email WLSLIB@somerset.gov.uk for more info
- Sat 6th Toy and Train Collectors Fair. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 7th CHORAL FANFARE. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 - 9.00 pm £10 - £17. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Sun 7th Exhibition by Ann Dmochowski. Wells & Mendip Museum. 10.00 am - 5.00 pm (4.30 pm after 31st October. Normal entry fees apply
- Mon 8th - PIANO MASTERS 1: MARTIN JAMES BARTLETT plays Bach, Beethoven, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 - 9.00 pm. £12 - £20. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- 12th Nov *Wells Art Contemporary* are running 8 forums as part of their October Art exhibition at **The Bishop's Palace.**
- Tues 9th www.bishopspalace.org.uk/whatson/wells-art-contemporary-forums/
- Wed 10th - Wells Civic Society. 'THE STORY OF THE NAMES ON THE WELLS WAR MEMORIALS' to include a presentation of the Somerset Poppies schools project by Dan Vidler. For further information visit www.wellscivicsociety.org.uk or contact chris.f.winter@btinternet.com
- Sat 20th Lunchtime Organ Recital. Martin Patzaff (Kultur Rossignol, Westerwald, Germany) **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 - 1.40 pm Free with a retiring collection
- Wed 10th New Music Wells: TRUMPET WORKS Oliver Chubb (Trumpet accompanied by David Bednall (Organ) **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 - 1.50 pm Free with a retiring collection
- Thurs 12th A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS with Wells Cathedral School Symphony Orchestra playing some of the world's most memorable film music. **Cedars Hall.** 7.00 - 9.00 pm. £15. Free for 25s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Fri 12th A concert given by Yeovilton Military Wives Choir at **St Cuthbert's Church, Wells.** 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 from St Cuthbert's Parish Office: 01749 676906, Cadeaux 01749 762332 or Jane Savery 01749 670527
- Fri 12th & ONE WORLD FAIR. Charity Stall, local/global issues and discussion, Live music, Food. Guest of Honour - Michael Eavis. **Wells Town Hall.** 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. www.midsomersetoxfam.co.uk
- Sat 13th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk
- Sat 13th and LETTERS FROM LIBYA 1966 - 1969. Readings by Jean Sheldon in the Library, Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE. 10.00 - 12.00
- Wed 24th Giant Flea Market. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 14th WELLS FOOD FESTIVAL. All day - **Market Place and Recreation Ground, Wells**
- Sun 14th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk
- Mon 15th New Music Wells: PIANOWORKS. Specialist pianists from Wells Cathedral School. **In the North Transept, Wells Cathedral.** 1.05 - 1.50 pm Free with a retiring collection

- Tues 16th – Sat 20th 'A BOOK IS A DREAM THAT YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND: ABCD'. An exhibition of new work by the Book Arts Group at Dove Studios in Somerset. Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Museum. 8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE. 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Free Entrance to exhibition. For further information email amabolton@hotmail.com
- Tues 16th BRASS CHAMBER MUSIC OPEN MASTERCLASS with Kevin Price, head of student performance at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. **Cedars Hall**. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Admission Free. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Tues 16th New Music Wells: CHAMBERWORKS. New Music Ensemble Wells Cathedral School featuring compositions by student composers. **In the North Transept, Wells Cathedral. 1.05 – 1.50 pm** Free with a retiring collection
- Wed 17th New Music Wells: CHAMBERWORKS. New Music Ensemble Wells Cathedral School featuring compositions by this year's featured composer, Charlotte Bray. **In the North Transept, Wells Cathedral. 1.05 – 1.50 pm**. Free with a retiring collection
- Wed 17th New Music Wells.: COMPOSER CONVERSATIONS with Michael Berkeley CBE in conversation with Charlotte Bray . **Quilter Hall, Wells Cathedral School. 2.30 – 3.30 pm**. Admission free
- Wed 17th New Music Wells: THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME. David Bednall on the organ improvises new music on the organ through his accompaniment of the silent classic movie. **Wells Cathedral 7.30 pm £10.00 - £ 20.00** from Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.
- Thurs 18th New Music Wells: ORGANWORKS. Jeremy Cole (Asst Organist, Wells Cathedral). **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral. 1.05 – 1.50 pm**, Free admission with a retiring collection.
- Thurs 18th New Music Wells: COMPOSITION MASTERCLASS. Charlotte Bray, Composer-in-Residence, gives a composition Masterclass. **Cedars Hall, Wells Cathedral School, 2.00 – 4.00 pm**. Admission Free
- Thurs 18th - 20th Craft for Crafters. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Fri 19th – Sat 27th Wells Festival of Literature, **Cedars Hall**. £3 - £17.50 unreserved. www.wellsfestivalofliterature.org.uk
- Sat 20th 'A CEILIDH' An evening of fun – dance and music of Scottish and Irish Tradition – in aid of St John's Ambulance and The Lawrence Centre. Tickets and more details available from the **Town Hall** where the event will be held.
- Wed 24th LETTERS FROM LIBYA 1966 – 1969. Readings by Jean Sheldon in the Library, Wells & Mendip Museum, 8 Cathedral Green, Wells BA5 2UE. 10.00 – 12.00
- Thurs 25th Theological Seminar by the Rev Dr Stephen Edmonds with the focus on 'How the church of England coped at home with the European conflict'. **Wells Cathedral 7.00 – 8.30 pm**
- Fri 26th & Sat 27th Wells Beer Festival. **The Bishops' Barn, Silver Street, Wells**. Fri 7.00 – 11.00 pm over 18s only,

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 7.00 – 11.00 pm over 18s only. Tickets £10 which include 6 half pints.
- Fri 26th & Sat 27th Shakespeare's 'HENRY V'. Performed in the nave of the Cathedral by the award-winning theatre company 'Antic Disposition'. Tickets and further information available from www.anticdisposition.co.uk/henry-v-2018
- Fri 26th Art Preview. Evening of art work by Derek Ortonjay-Smart in aid of Children's Hospice South West Charity. All money raised by the sale of paintings and entrance fee will be donated to the charity. Free refreshments served during the evening. **Wells & Mendip Museum**. 6.00 – 10.00 pm. Entrance £5.00

- Sat 27th Westfest. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 28th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors.
www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk
- Mon 29th – Knitted Poppies display. From the chapter House, down the steps to the War
Fri 16th Nov Memorial in the North Transept, a trail of poppies knitted or crocheted by local
volunteers. WW1 themed artwork by local schools in the niches of the
Chapter House. **Wells Cathedral**. Open daily.
- Sun 28th Oct – Giant Poppy Garden of Remembrance. Wooden crosses available from all
Fri 16th Nov Poppy points including shop. **South East Lawn , Wells Cathedral** next to
main entrance. Open daily
- Wed 31st Drawing Masterclass for families. Education Room Wells Cathedral. Sessions
runs from 10.30 am – 12.00 pm and 2.00 – 3.30 pm. Free but donations
welcome.

November 2018

- Until 25th Nov HUMAN NATURE. A stunning new sculpture trail in the Garden of the
Bishop's Palace. Normal Entry fees apply
- Fri 2nd – 'NO NEWS OF FRED'. Fred was a member of the Somerset Light Infantry lost
Fri 16th in action. Exhibition in the South Cloister. **Wells Cathedral**
- Fri 2nd 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 3rd & The Footman James Classic Vehicle Restoration Show. **The Bath and West
Sun 4th Showground**
- Tues 6th 'SOMERSET REMEMBERS' A gathering at Wells Cathedral which will feature
readings, poems and sacred and secular music. **Wells Cathedral** 6.15pm.
Please be seated for 6.15 pm
- Fri 9th – *Christmas Artisan Markets*. Over 40 Artisan stalls selling a range of fabulous
Sun 11th 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 10th 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 10th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open
to all visitors. www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk
- Sat 10th Vintage Somerset Fair, **Wells Town Hall**
- Sat 10th – Antiques & Collectors Fair. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 11th Remembrance Sunday and 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1.
6am Lone Piper, **Wells Cathedral**
11am Remembrance Services 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 11th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. Volunteer Day. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open
to all visitors. www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk
- Sun 11th Wells & Mendip Museum open. Come and visit the trench and the exhibition

- relating to WWI. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
- Sun 11th – Sun 25th ‘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. All proceeds to Wells branch of the Royal British Legion and SSAFA, the armed forces charity.
- Mon 12th – 21st Jan 2019 Exhibition by Derek Ortonjay-Smart. Meeting Room, **Wells & Mendip Museum.** 10.00 am – 4.30 pm. Normal entry Fees apply
- Wed 14th 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 *Pre-concert talk on the work of the Royal Marines Band Service and its musical and military roles. 6.15 pm Admission free.*
- Thurs 15th Lunchtime Organ Recital. Students of Wells Cathedral School) **In the Quire, Wells Cathedral. 1.05 – 1.40 pm** Free with a retiring collection
- Thurs 15th 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
- Thurs 15th 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 16th **Wells Carnival 7.00 pm**
- Sat 17th 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
- Sat 17th Gin and Rum Festival, **Wells Town Hall**
- Sat 17th & Sun 18th The South West Homebuilding & Renovating Show 2018. **The Bath and West Showground**
- Sun 18th 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
- Thurs 22nd Piano Masterclass by Steven Osborne. **Cedars Hall.** 10.00 am – 12.30 pm. Admission free. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events
- Thurs 22nd 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
- Fri 23rd 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.
- Mon 26th 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
- Thurs 28th 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
- Thurs 29th 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

Thurs 6th – Sat 8th A Wells Cathedral Senior School Production of Michael Morpurgo’s play (adapted by Simon Reade) ‘PRIVATE PEACEFUL’. **Cedars Hall**. 7.00 – 9.00 pm. £15, £10 for 18s and under. Box Office 01749 834483 or www.cedarshall.events

Fri 7th 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 7th - Sun 9th 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 8th – Sat 22nd CHRISTMAS AT THE BISHOP’S PALACE

- 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
- 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 8th 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, Wells Cathedral Shop Box Office or at the door.

Sun 9th Mendip Hospital Cemetery Wells. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. Open to all visitors. www.mendiphospitalcemetery.org.uk

Sun 9th Reindeer Parade, **Wells Market Place**

Tues 11th 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

Tues 11th & Wed 12th Christmas Celebration. Wells Cathedral Junior School. Jill Edmonds (musical director), Neil Johnson (Speech director). Wells Cathedral 7.00 pm. Admission Free.

- Wed 12th 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
- Fri 14th G4 Christmas. Featuring vocal quartet G\$ in their atmospheric Christmas show. Wells Cathedral 7.30 pm Tickets available from 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 15th 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
- Mon 17th 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, Wells Cathedral Box Office or at the door.
- Wed 19th – 22nd Wells Christmas Market, **Wells Market Square**
- Thurs 20th & Fri 21st 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 22nd 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

Car Boot Sales

For details of other car boot sales in Somerset please visit 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