

THE BRIDPORT Diary 2023



**Welcome to
Dorset's
eventful town!**



**BRIDPORT
& WEST BAY**
Gateway to the Jurassic Coast



**BRIDPORT
TOWN
COUNCIL**

VISIT BRIDPORT MARKET

Our **Weekly Wednesday and Saturday** markets take place in Bridport's three main streets throughout the year, from 8am until mid afternoon.

Bridport's large street market has a good selection of stalls selling food, clothing and hardware, flowers and plants, pictures and paintings, books and IT goods... and much more.

DID YOU KNOW? The right to have a market was granted by Elizabeth I in 1554, but there is evidence of markets held here since 1278

March

13th: **Commonwealth Day** - Mountfield

18th: **Beyond Jurassic Trail** - West Bay Half Marathon & 10km

18th: **Spring Show** - Bridport & District Gardening Club - Bridport United Church Hall

26th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

April

1st: **Dorset Makers Market** - The Salt House, West Bay

2nd AND THEN EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

8th: **Abbotsbury Food Fair** - Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens

15th: **Vegan & Eco Living Market** - Bridport WI Hall

22nd: **Dorset Makers Market** - WI Hall, North Street, Bridport

26th-30th: **From Page to Screen** - Bridport Arts Centre

28th-30th (also 1st May): **Powerboat Racing** - West Bay

30th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

30th: **Mayfest** - Bridport Community Orchard

May

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

1st (Also 28-30th Apr): **Powerboat Racing** - West Bay

6th: **Coronation of Kings Charles III**

6th: **The Alternative Coronation** - Grow Slow, Broomhill Farm, Bridport

6th: **Dorset Makers Market** - Salt House, West Bay

7th: **Pirates Day** - West Bay

13th: **Handel: Dettingen Te Deum Lotti, Gloria New Elizabethan Singers** - St Mary's Church

13th, 14th: **Jurassic Coast** - Challenge Action Challenge

20th: **Community Charter Fair** - Bridport Millennium Green

28th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

EVEN MORE EVENTS

This diary should be read in conjunction with our monthly **What's On Guide**, where you will find dozens of other events such as Open Mic nights, pub quizzes, concerts, events at Bridport Arts Centre, Electric Palace and Marine Theatre Lyme Regis and much much more!

Also updated at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk/events

BRIDPORT TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

at Bucky Doo Square, Bridport

Pop in for local maps, books, treats, souvenirs and more!

Call 01308 424901 or

visit us online: www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL BOX OFFICE



BRIDPORT
ARTSCENTRE

Bridport Tourist Information Centre is the box office for
Bridport Arts Centre
Bridport Electric Palace
Marine Theatre Lyme Regis
Bridport Literary Festival
Burton Bradstock Music Festival
and many other events.

Check our monthly **What's On Guide** for more details





LIVE MUSIC IN TOWN

Bridport hosts several pubs which regularly host bands. There's a weekly **Open Mic Night** at No.10 Café Bar, and live music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at The Ropemakers. There's a monthly **Funk & Soul** night, Bridport also has a weekly **karaoke night, a quiz night** and lots more.

Bridport Electric Palace, Bridport Arts Centre and **Clocktower Records** regularly host live bands too – tickets from Bridport Tourist Information Centre.

Check our monthly **What's On Guide** for all the latest news.

Pop along to Bucky Doo Square for live music! Performers include the **Bridport Big Band, Wessex Military Band** and many local performers including **Eve Appleton, Pete Buxton, Phoenix Youth Band, Silver Linings, The Skalatans** and many more.

Pick up a programme from Bridport Tourist Information Centre!



June

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

3rd: **Vegan Festival** - Millennium Green

3rd: **Dorset Makers Market** - The Salt House, West Bay

11th: **Summer Concert** - Bridport Chamber Orchestra, St Swithun's Church

11th-24th: **Bridport Food Festival** - Various locations

16th, 17th: **Bridport Food & Beer Festival** - Askers Meadow

24th: **Dorset Makers Market** - WI Hall, North Street, Bridport

24th: **World Nettle Eating Contest** - Dorset Nectar, Strong Farm, Bridport

25th-30th (also 1st, 2nd July): **Beaminster Festival of Music & Arts** - Beaminster

25th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

July

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

25th-30th (also 1st, 2nd July): **Beaminster Festival of Music & Arts** - Beaminster

8th: **Dorset Makers Market** - The Salt House, West Bay

14th, 15th, 16th: **Jurassic Fields Music Festival** - Bridport

20th: **Willow Sheep Making Workshop** - Symondsburry Estate

26th THEN EVERY WEDNESDAY: **West Bay Evening Market** - The Salt House & Fisherman's Green

26th: **Summer Fete** - Symondsburry Estate

27th: **RNLI Raft Race** - West Bay

30th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

30th, 31st (also 1st-6th August): **Circus Wonderland** - Askers Meadow

August

EVERY WEDNESDAY: **West Bay Evening Market** - The Salt House & Fisherman's Green

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

5th-12th: **Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Week** - Lyme Town Centre

6th: **West Bay Days** - West Bay

12th: **Lyme Regis Carnival Procession** - Lyme Town Centre

12th-18th: **Burton Bradstock Festival of Music & Art** - Burton Bradstock

19th: **Bridport Carnival Procession** - Bridport Town Centre

20th: **Torchlight Procession** from Bridport Town Hall - West Bay

24th: **The Melplash Show** - Melplash Show Ground, West Bay Road

27th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

September

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

2nd: **Bridport Hat Festival** - Bridport

6th: **West Bay Evening Market** - The Salt House & Fisherman's Green

8th-17th: **Heritage Open Days** - Various Venues

9th: **Harvest Show** - Bridport & District Gardening Club - Bridport United Church Hall

13th: **Willow Pig Making Workshop** - Symondsburry Estate

23rd: **Dorset Makers Market** - WI Hall, North Street, Bridport

24th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate



SPORTS MAD!



Bridport is home to Bridport Football Club and Bridport Rugby Club.

For details on upcoming games and events visit their websites:

Bridport Football Club: www.bridportfc.co.uk

Bridport Rugby Club: www.bridportrugby.co.uk

Bridport also hosts weekly **bridge** nights, or how about a game of **snooker** at the West Dorset Club in South Street, where you will find two full size snooker tables and **pool** tables too.

Several pubs, including The Tiger and the White Lion show **live sports** such as Rugby World Club and FA matches - these are advertised at the premises.

Or why visit the **Rockburn Rock-climbing Centre**, St. Michael's Lane, hire a bicycle from **Jurassic Cycles** or try **skate boarding** at our two skate board venues - one by the bus station and an indoor park at Gore Cross. There's also a wide selection of activities available at **Bridport Leisure Centre**.

October

EVERY SUNDAY: **West Bay Car Boot Sale** - West Bay Road Car Park

TBC: **Apple Juicing in the Orchard** - Bridport Community Orchard

14th: **Vegan Festival** - Millennium Green

28th: **Bonfire on the Beach** - West Bay

29th: **Bridport Vintage Market** - St. Michael's Estate

November

5th-11th: **Bridport Literary Festival** - Bridport

11th: **1940s Evening** - Symondsburry Estate

12th: **Remembrance Parade** - Bridport Town Centre

15th: **Willow Deer Making Workshop** - Symondsburry Estate

18th: **Highlands End Makers Market** - Highland's End Holiday Park

18th: **Dorset Makers Market** - WI Hall, North Street, Bridport

24th: **Christmas Cheer Bingo** - Bridport Town Hall

December

1st-3rd: **Christmas Market** - Symondsburry Estate

3rd: **Wessex Military Band** Christmas Concert at The Electric Palace

5th,6th: **Wreath Making** - Symondsburry Estate

6th: **Bridport Christmas Cheer** - Bridport

TBC: **Christmas Tree Festival** - Bridport United Church

TBC: **Bridport Big Band Christmas Concert**

TBC: **Christmas Tree Light Up on the Green** - West Bay

10th: **Santa's Grotto** - WI Hall, North Street

26th: **Boxing Day Swim** - West Bay - The West Bay Wallow!



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