

Christmas EVENTS 2023

See what's on around the district and enjoy some festive fun!

Broadway | Droitwich Spa | Evesham | Pershore

www.valeandspa.co.uk/christmas



IN WORCESTERSHIRE'S VALE & SPA

PREVENT THE STRESS OF FINDING THAT SPECIAL GIFT FOR LOVED ONES BY INDULGING IN SOME FESTIVE SHOPPING IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES.



Bustling with independent businesses, you'll have the best chance to get that unique gift or experience which will create memories for years to come.

Whether it be a special piece of art, a fancy meal at a restaurant or a stunning item of clothing, there's a wealth of shopping opportunities to suit all ages and interests.

The traditional high streets are naturally the perfect place to start your shopping, but with additional venues including The Valley at Evesham and Webbs of Wychbold to explore, there's no need to try anywhere else.

HAVE SOMETHING PARTICULAR IN MIND?

Visit our shopping directory where you can filter by place (Broadway, Droitwich Spa, Evesham and Pershore) and type of business to help with your preparation.

Get inspiration for your trip at: www.valeandspa.co.uk/shopping

Don't forget to complement your retail therapy by stopping for a bite to eat or refresh with a drink. You can find all the relevant hospitality businesses on this page too.

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Christmas IN WORCESTERSHIRE'S VALE & SPA

Worcestershire's Vale & Spa provides an outstanding scenery for the 2023 Christmas celebrations. With its beautiful countryside, charismatic towns, villages and shopping havens there is so much to see and do.

The towns of Pershore, Evesham, Droitwich Spa and the charming village of Broadway will be lighting up for the festivities and with an abundance of festive food, drinks and seasonal entertainment, it won't be hard to get into the Christmas spirit!

Santa and his reindeers will be visiting many of the seasonal events all over the area this year so make sure to visit him in his grotto. Numerous pubs and restaurants will have their own festive twists and events to bring about a jolly atmosphere with themed menus. What's more, you will never be far from independent retailers selling unique products ensuring that you will be able to find the perfect gifts and stocking fillers in time for the big day.

Whether you are looking for a magical grotto, seasonal arts and crafts, mystical Christmas adventures or festive concerts, you will find plenty of opportunities in the numerous winter wonderland settings throughout the district.

This Christmas guide has been produced to provide you with all the information you will need to find a festive event near you. We strongly recommend visiting the websites for full details regarding opening hours and ticket prices.

Christmas Lights and Highlights

BROADWAY

Light Switch On

Saturday 18 November Village Green | 5.30pm

Visit as dusk settles ready for the celebrity guest to turn on the Christmas Tree and enjoy a performance by Village Voices and marvel as the village is lit up.

www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk/christmasshopping-nights



Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 18 November

Market Place | 5.30pm

Christmas celebrations start from 12pm with live entertainment and seasonal food and drink. Visitors can also enjoy festive face painting and Santa's Grotto during the afternoon. The light switch on (in collaboration with the Valkyrie Bar) will be followed by a spectacular firework display.

www.valeandspa.co.uk/christmas

PERSHORE

Georgian Christmas Fayre & Lights Switch On

Friday 24 - Saturday 25 November Broad Street

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than visiting the inaugural Georgian Christmas Fayre. With live music, fairground rides, face painting, seasonal entertainment, Santa Claus and a plethora of festive food, drink and market stalls selling delightful unique goods.

Christmas Lights Switch On: Friday | 6pm

Event times: Friday | 5pm-9pm Saturday | 10am-6pm

www.pershorechristmasfayre.co.uk



DROITWICH SPA

Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 25 November

Victoria Square | 12pm-6pm

Enjoy a seasonal Farmers Market, fairground rides, Santa's Grotto, unique live entertainment at Droitwich Spa's Christmas lights switch on.

For more information

contact Droitwich Town Council

EVESHAM

Christmas Artisan Fayre Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 November

Market Place and Churchyard

This free-to-enter fayre is part of the Battle of Evesham suite of events. There will be three sections: Medieval, Victorian and Modern, with plenty of entertainment to engage visitors. Consider this as gifts from all the ages, for all the ages.

www.battleofevesham.co.uk/ Christmas_Fayre

BROADWAY

Late night shopping

Friday 24 November & Friday 1 December

Village-wide | 5pm-8.30pm

Savour the Christmas magic of this beautiful Cotswold village with its outstanding festive atmosphere. Christmas lights, music, mulled wine, festive food, Santa Claus, his reindeers and a multitude of shops and eateries. Broadway is certainly the perfect place to start your Christmas celebrations this year.

www.broadway-cotswolds.co.uk

Other events IN THE DISTRICT



Friday 17 November – Wednesday 3 January 2024

The Enchanted Gardens Neverland Webbs of Wychbold

Follow the popular light trail to start your adventure to Neverland – a magical island where children never grow up. For more information and to book online please visit:

www.webbsdirect.co.uk/ enchantedgardens

Saturday 18 November – Wednesday 3 January 2024

Hygge Igloos Webbs of Wychbold

Private Hygge Igloos seating up to 6 people. Enjoy a glass of fizz and a Webbs smorgasbord! Tickets £20/£25 per head. To book and for more information visit:

www.webbsdirect.co.uk/ webbs-hygge-igloos

Saturday 25 November A Festive Christmas Evening

Hartlebury Castle

Browse the delightful craft stalls, enjoy a glass of mulled wine whilst listening to live music and exploring the Bishop's Palace dressed beautifully for the season. 5.30pm. Tickets £5.

www.hartleburycastle.com

Saturday 25 November – Friday 22 December

Breakfast with Santa

St Peters Garden Centre, Norton, nr. Worcester

Enjoy a Little Potters breakfast of fluffy pancakes and a gift from Santa! Tickets cost £16.99 per child. 8.30am and 9am slots available. Dates include Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 November; Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 December; Saturday 9 – Sunday 10 December; Saturday 16 December; Monday 18 – Friday 22 December. For more information and to book your tickets please visit:

www.stpetersgardencentre. co.uk/events



Saturday 25 November -Saturday 23 December

Santa Express Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam

Railwau

Journey to the North Pole by steam train where you will be able to walk through a Christmas fairyland and visit Santa! Tickets from £25. 9.30am-4pm. For more information please visit:

www.gwsr.com/events/ santa-express

Saturday 25 November – Sunday 24 December

Magical Christmas Adventure All Things Wild,

Honeybourne

Discover the magic of Christmas like never before. Featuring Santa's Grotto, Enchanted Winter Wonderland, decorating gingerbread with Merry Berry, take the Naughty or Nice Test, explore the 3D Christmas Tree Forest and take part in Christmas themed craft sessions. Booking is essential. For more information and to book please visit:

www.allthingswild.co.uk/ category/events







Saturday 25 November – Sunday 24 December

Santa Specials

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Evesham Vale Light Railway, The Valley, Evesham

Count Santa's missing presents on the 1¼ mile journey around the Country Park. Meet Santa and his elves in his log cabin at Twyford station, where children will receive their present and you can enjoy seasonal refreshments! Dates include every weekend, plus Friday 22 December. Tickets: Adults £8, Children £8–£13. For more information and to book online visit:

www.thevalleyshopping.co.uk/ evlr-santa

Saturday 25 November – Sunday 7 January 2024

Christmas at Hanbury Hall Hanbury Hall

Enjoy a nostalgic trip to the late 20th century as you explore this magnificent house dressed for the rumoured wild house parties of the 70's and 80's with a riot of colour, baubles, and tinsel galore. It is one not to miss! 10am–4pm. Normal site admission prices apply. For more information visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk Sunday 26 November – Sunday 17 December **Christmas at**

Smart Trees

Smart Trees, Bishampton

Have a wonderful Christmas experience located in the Cotswolds where you can explore the indoor forest, make a maaical wish, meet Santa in his arotto, eniou festive fun in the crafts area and feed the resident reindeers! Public Grotto dates - every weekend plus Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 December, Children £15. Adult £10. 9am-4pm. Christmas tree sales from Saturday 18 November. For more information regarding dates and tickets please visit:

www.smarttrees.co.uk/smarttrees-experience

Wednesday 29 – Thursday 30 November Festive Afternoon Tea with the Swingettes Webbs of Wychbold

Enjoy a festive afternoon tea with the Swingettes singing your favourite Christmas songs. Tickets £35pp/£28 pp (restricted view). To book tickets and for more information please visit:

www.webbsdirect.co.uk/festiveafternoon-tea Wednesday 29 – Thursday 30 November & Friday 1 – Saturday 2 December

Festive Wreath Making Workshop

St Peters Garden Centre, Norton, nr. Worcester

Design a wreath that is uniquely yours! Tickets £45 which includes all material and a festive cream tea (Gluten Free or Vegan options are available on request). For more information and to book online visit:

www.stpetersgardencentre. co.uk/events

Thursday 30 November Midwinter with Orchestra of the Swan Number 8, Pershore

A unique seasonal journey illustrating the rich and captivating traditions in relation to midwinter. Adults £16: 16s and under £10. 7.30pm. For more information visit:

www.number8.org/events/ orchestra-of-the-swan-midwinter

Thursday 30 November

The Tree of Light Workman Bridge, Evesham

The annual switch on of over 1000 lights, with carols, pies and punch.

www.therotaryclubofevesham. org.uk/the-tree-of-lights

Friday 1 December Festive Wreath Making Hartlebury Castle

Create wonderfully unique Christmas wreaths using fresh greenery and some festive magic. Workshops last approx 2 hours with tickets from £20. 10.30am. To book online please visit:

www.hartleburycastle.com/event



Friday 1 – Saturday 2 December **Frozen Jr** Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

Calling all Frozen lovers! This show is based on the 2018 Broadway musical and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life. Tickets £8–£10. Showings: 1 December 7.30pm; 2 December 2.30pm & 6.30pm. For more information and to book online, please visit:

www.norburytheatre.co.uk





Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 December André Rieu's White Christmas The Regal Cinema, Evesham

Sing along to timeless Christmas carols, romantic waltzes, and beautiful songs from all over the world. For more information please visit:

www.theregal.ac/web

Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 December **A Family Christmas** Hartlebury Castle

Enjoy a family Christmas experience – explore the nutcracker trail, decorate festive biscuits, meet Santa (exclusive meeting £8 per child). 11am–4pm. For more information, please visit:

www.hartleburycastle.com/ event/a-family-christmas-2

Saturday 2 December – Saturday 23 December

The Simply Santa Experience Little Owl Farm Park, Dunhampton

Visit Santa in his winter cabin, enjoy a game of mini golf on the new festive mini golf course, even the adults can join in. Dates and ticket prices vary please visit:

www.littleowlfarmpark.co.uk/ christmas-2023

Saturday 2 December – Sunday 24 December

Grotto Experience Little Owl Farm Park, Dunhampton

This fun day out involves a trip on the tinsel-tastic tractor and a visit to the grotto toy shop. Make your own Christmas tree decorations, snow-some winter adventure, a snow party and gingerbread decorating! Dates and ticket prices vary, please visit:

www.littleowlfarmpark.co.uk/ christmas-2023



Sunday 3 December Churchfitters Christmas Cracker The Fleece Inn, Bretforton

Bring Christmas in with a bang! The Churchfitters will be combining a mouthwatering selection of favourites from their regular repertoire mixed with traditional and original festive songs and Christmas carols. 8pm. Tickets £16. To book visit:

www.thefleeceinn.co.uk/whatson/christmas



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Sunday 3 -Sundau 24 December

Christmas at Churchfields

Churchfields, Droitwich Spa

A magical and interactive experience awaits you, meet Santa, visit Candy Lane and the toy shop, make reindeer food and much more! For information and tickets, visit:

www.churchfields.farm/ christmas-at-churchfields-2023

Mondau 4 -Saturday 9 December

PODS Christmas Spectacular

Number 8, Pershore

A wonderfully festive show from Pershore Operatic & Dramatic Society with brilliant vocals, choreographed dance routines and comedu sketches all set to music from a live band. 7.30pm performances with additional show at 2.30pm on Sat 9 Dec. Varying ticket prices, please visit:

www.number8.org/eventslistings

Monday 4 -Saturday 23 December Light Trail and Santa Experience

St Peters Garden Centre. Norton, nr. Worcester

Experience an enchanting light trail this Christmas with treats and surprises along the way to meet Santa Claus in his cosu Yurt. Tickets: £19.99 per child. 4pm-8pm (depends on date and to book your tickets, visit:

www.stpetersgardencentre. co.uk/events

Tuesday 5 December

A Dickens of a **Christmas Carol and** God Bless Us Everuone The Henrican Theatre, Evesham

A wonderful Christmas classic performed bu Bertie Pearce to really get you into the Christmas spirit. Tickets £10. 7.45pm. For more information and to book your tickets, visit:

www.henrician.org/events



Tuesday 5 -Thursday 7 December Festive Afternoon Tea with the Swingettes Webbs of Wuchbold

Enjoy a festive afternoon tea with the Swingettes singing your favourite Christmas songs. Tickets £35pp/£28 pp (restricted view). To book tickets and for more information, please visit:

www.webbsdirect.co.uk/festiveafternoon-tea

Thursday 7 December Festive Folk: Janice Burns & Jo Doran

The Fleece Inn. Bretforton

Janice Burns & Jon Doran will be performing seasonal favourites and little-known gems to warm the soul to help you get into the festive spirit. Tickets £15. 8pm.

www.thefleeceinn.co.uk/whatson/christmas

Thursday 7 December **Ouiet Night Trail and** Santa Experience St Peters Garden Centre. Norton, nr. Worcester

A more sensory friendly version of the light trail. Tickets £19.99 per child (adults go free) includes gift bag, free ride on fun fair. £2 off voucher for Poppu's Café, light trail ticket and a group meeting with Santa and present, 4pm, For more information and to book uour tickets please visit:

www.stpetersgardencentre. co.uk/events

Thursday 7 -Friday 8 December

Tinsel Tots Experience Little Owl Farm Park. Dunhampton

Park admission between 10am and 4pm, follow the elves to Santa's secret cabin, continue to the mini-Christmas village, the tinsel-tastic tractor ride to snow-some winter adventure! Children £19.50 | Adult £10.95. www.littleowlfarmpark.co.uk/

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Saturday 9 December

Christmas Macramé Making Workshop St Peters Garden Centre, Norton, nr. Worcester

Eniou a relaxina two hour workshop making your own unique macramé Christmas decorations in a cosu uurt. Tickets £45 to include all materials and a festive cream tea. Bookina essential.

www.stpetersgardencentre. co.uk/events

Saturday 9 December **'A Christmas Carol'** The Henrican Theatre, Evesham

Don't go Into the Cellar presents 'A Christmas Carol' as a one-man performance starring Jonathan Goodwin. Suitable for 13+ years. Tickets £11 or £9 concession. 7.30pm. www.henrician.org/events/achristmas-carol



Saturday 9 December Sing Along with Santa Hartlebury Castle

Get into the Christmas spirit this season by singing along to Christmas classics with Santa. Use the rest of the day to explore the castle, follow the Christmas trail and enjoy some Christmas crafts. 9.45am and 11.30am. For ticket prices and more information, please visit: www.hartleburycastle.com/

event/sing-along-with-santa

Saturday 9 December

The Neil Coley Big Band

Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

Be prepared for a night of festive songs and swing music. Concession tickets: £12.50, full price: £15. 7.30pm. www.norburytheatre.co.uk



Saturday 9 – Saturday 30 December Evesham Christmas Tree Festival All Saints Church

With around 40 trees on show this event is not to be missed. More information can be found on:

www.eveshamfestivalofwords. org/programme/#carol

Sunday 10 December Bretforton Silver Band's Annual Christmas Concert The Henrican Theatre, Evesham

A full night of festive fun and seasonal music awaits you! Tickets from £10. 7.30pm. www.henrician.org/events

Sunday 10 December Christmas Dog Parade The Valley, Evesham

With prizes to win and festive music leading the doggy parade there is no reason to miss this! £3.50 per dog, includes entry to the parade and a medal. For more information, please visit: www.thevalleyshopping. co.uk/dog-parade-2023

Tuesday 12 December The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker Number 8. Pershore

For a wonderful family experience watch Peter Wright's much-loved production for the Royal Ballet, which keeps true to the spirit of the festive ballet classic. 7.15pm. To book tickets and for more information visit:

www.number8.org/eventslistings

Thursday 14 – Friday 15 December Festive Wreath Making

Hartlebury Castle

Create wonderfully unique Christmas wreaths using fresh greenery and some festive magic. Workshops last approx 2 hours with tickets from £20. Thursday 14 December, 6pm. Friday 15 December, 10.30am. To book online, please visit:

www.hartleburycastle.com/ event

Saturday 16 December Christmas with the Flowers Band Number 8. Pershore

The Flowers Band return with a seasonal programme full of festive favourites, music from classic Christmas films, sing-alongs, carols and more. 2pm. Tickets £18 (16 & under £5). For more information and to book online, please visit:

www.number8.org/eventslistings

Saturday 16 December Wassail

Hartlebury Castle

Visit Hartlebury Castle this Christmas to witness Crescent's popular Wassail. With choral music, spoken word and comedy all brought together, it is one not to miss. Tickets £25. 7.30pm.

www.hartleburycastle.com/event

Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 December

A Christmas Wymscial Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

Enjoy this Christmas musical entertainment presented by Wymsical Theatre, with a retelling of the family favourite 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas'. Tickets £8 – £14. 7.30pm. For further information and to book online, visit: www.norburytheatre.co.uk

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Sunday 17 December Cinderella Live Christmas Panto

The Regal Cinema, Evesham

Brilliant for all the family, this presentation of the well-loved classic will be full of comedy, pathos, music, and audience participation. 10.30am, 2pm and 5pm. Varying tickets prices, visit:

www.theregal.ac/web



Sunday 17 December The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker Regal Cinema, Evesham

For a wonderful family experience watch Peter Wright's much-loved production for the Royal Ballet, which keeps true to the spirit of the festive ballet classic. 2pm. To book tickets and for more information, please visit:

www.theregal.ac/web

Sunday 17 December The Snowman Hartlebury Castle

Worcestershire Winds Concert Band presents a festive musical treat. Act One will include fun seasonal pieces then Act Two centering on Raymond Briggs' tale of The Snowman. Adult £10 | Children £8. 11am & 2.30pm.

www.hartleburycastle.com/ event/the-snowman/2023

Tuesday 19 December André Rieu's White Christmas Number 8, Pershore

Sing along to timeless Christmas carols, romantic waltzes, and beautiful songs from all over the world. For more information, please visit: www.number8.org/events-listings

Tuesday 19 December Stuff the Turkey Concert with Mu

The Fleece Inn, Bretforton

Musyck Anon – a group of singers, wearing colourful 17th century costumes, whose repertoire specialises in madrigals and acapella from the 16th–17th centuries. 8pm. Tickets £10.

www.thefleeceinn.co.uk/whatson/christmas

Thursday 21 December Solstice Morris Dance out & Folk session The Fleece Inn. Bretforton

Local side Pebworth and other local sides dance out for the winter solstice, followed by the pre-Christmas Thursday folk session. For more information, please visit:

www.thefleeceinn.co.uk/whatson/christmas

Saturday 23 December **'27Party' 80s & 90s Tribute Show** Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

For a non-stop party and live show with great 80s and 90s music, visit the 27Party! 7.30pm, tickets £16. To book, please visit:

www.norburytheatre.co.uk

Saturday 23 December GreenMatthews: A Christmas Carol in Concert

Number 8, Pershore

GreenMatthews take the wellloved festive story back to its Victorian roots, painting a striking scene of the Dicken's world. 7.30pm.

www.number8.org/eventslistings

Saturday 23 December Hartlebury Christmas Music Festival

Hartlebury Parish Hall

A Christmas Party Night with three live tribute acts performing as Sir Elton John, Neil Sedaka and Connie Francis, Tickets £15 (inclusive of buffet). 7pm. To book tickets call 07432 024872 and for more information, please visit:

www.hartleburyparishhall.co.uk

We want YOUR PHOTOS

Worcestershire's Vale & Spa is a beautiful area at any time of the year and turns picturesque as the frost (and possibly snow) hits the ground.

Please send us your photos of the area captured during the winter months to:

🛐 @ValeandSpa \mid 🖂 info@valeandspa.co.uk

Keep a look out, as your photo could feature in one of our future guides.

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literature racks across the region, or as a downloadable PDF: www.valeandspa.co.uk/publications