

# West Somerset Railway

Timetable & Events Guide

2012



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# About Us



Our Railway, a true country branch line of the old Great Western Railway is full of fascination whether you are looking for a nostalgic ride back in time through lovely countryside or to study the railway and industrial heritage which our line preserves. The historic steam locomotives, coaches and wagons, and the buildings of our ten unique stations linked by a twenty mile scenic journey will repay hours of exploration. The gently rolling Quantock Hills and distant Exmoor, unspoilt villages and farms nestling in leafy lanes, the cliffs and coast of the Bristol Channel with views of distant South Wales, confident church towers, Dunster's imposing Castle and Minehead's seaside charm are all waiting to be discovered.

## Stations

The West Somerset Railway has ten stations: Bishops Lydeard, Crowcombe Heathfield, Stogumber, Williton, Doniford Halt, Watchet, Washford, Blue Anchor, Dunster and Minehead. Each Station is worth a visit as they are all unique and add to the feeling of a bygone trip in the golden age of steam.

## Locomotive Home Fleet

### Steam

'West Country' Class No 34046  
*"Braunton"*  
'Manor' Class No 7828 *"Norton Manor"*  
7F Class 2-8-0 No 88  
'Mogul' 2-6-0 No 9351  
2884' Class 2-8-0 No 3850  
'Large Prairie' 2-6-2T No 4160  
'Small Prairie' 2-6-2T No 5553  
Peckett 0-4-0 Saddle Tank  
*'Kilmersdon'*

### Diesel

Class 52 *'Western'* No. D1010  
*'Western Campaigner'*  
Class 42 *'Warship'* No. D832  
*'Onslaught'*  
Class 35 *'Hymek'* No. D7017  
Class 14 *'Teddy Bear'* No. D9526  
Class 33 *'Crompton'* No. D6566  
Class 33 *'Crompton'* No. D6575  
Class 47 No. D1661 *'North Star'*  
Class 03 No. D2133  
Class 04 No. D2271

Please note that they will not all be in service at any one time and may be in the workshops being serviced. There is no public access to the Railway's workshops.

# General Information

## Tickets

The best value ticket is our Rover Ticket which gives you unlimited travel for the whole day. Single and Return tickets are available between each of the stations.

You can buy tickets at our Booking Offices (cash and card), on the train (cash only) or online by credit/debit card.

Tesco Vouchers can only be used for Standard Travel, they are not valid for special events, specials or Steam Engine courses.



## Local Resident's Railcard

Gives you half price standard travel for 2 years. £10.00 per person. Valid for residents in TA1, TA2, TA4, TA23 & TA24 post code areas.

## Group Travel

Generous discounts are available for Groups of 16 people and above. Seat reservations and special catering is available. You can hire individual carriages or charter a whole train. Please contact us on 01643 704996 to discuss your needs.

## Accessibility Information

Passengers with a disability are welcome. Step free access is available at many of our stations and ramps are available to access trains via the Guard's Van where wheelchairs will normally travel. Most of our trains can carry wheelchairs, but space may be limited - for groups, advance booking is essential. For operational and safety reasons, the maximum overall size we can carry is: Length 1200mm (47in), width 700mm (27in), weight 230kg (36 stone). No larger scooters may be carried.

## Pushchairs & Buggies

Please fold them and place them in the Guard's Van.

## Dogs & Bikes

Dogs are welcome on board but must be kept on a lead and on the floor under the table. Dogs travel at £2.00 each for the day. Bikes can be carried in the Guard's Van at £2.00 per bike. Space is limited and on a first come, first served basis.



# Turntable Café & Buffets

For your refreshment, the Turntable Café on Minehead Station offers light meals and snacks, including a range of home made items like quiche and bread pudding, plus locally sourced West Country Cream Teas, all washed down with refreshing drinks and beverages, including freshly ground coffees and a range of teas. The Café has open views towards the platforms and turntable, and on a warm day you can eat outside and soak up the atmosphere of a working steam railway by the seaside.

Most of our trains have an on-board buffet car where our friendly staff will serve you with hot and cold drinks plus delicious cakes and snacks including locally sourced pies and pasties, plus sandwiches freshly made in the Turntable Café.



# Special Trains

## Snowdrops & Steam

Purchase a combined return train/bus ticket giving you a steam train ride on the West Somerset Railway and bus transfer to Exmoor's famous Snowdrop Valley at Wheddon Cross where you can enjoy the carpet of snowdrops on the valley floor. Dates: February 14th-16th 2012. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## Watchet 150

Join the West Somerset Railway on Saturday 31st March to celebrate 150 years of the Railway from Taunton to Watchet. Special events will take place at our stations with a full celebration at Watchet. A special timetable will operate on this day.

## Mineral Line Tour

Purchase a combined return train/bus ticket giving you a steam train ride and enjoy a guided bus tour by Martyn Babb of Blue Motors along the former route of the old Mineral Line which was built to bring the ore down from the Brendon Hills to the harbour at Watchet. There will be a lunch stop at the Ralegh's Cross Inn (cost of food & drink is not included in the price) and passengers will be back at Minehead in time to take the 16.05 train homewards. April 14th, June 23rd, August 11th & October 13th. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## Exmoor Day Out

Do you remember (or wish you had experienced) those bygone days when we went on holiday by steam train and local coach companies ran mystery tours to see lovely scenery along roads that were far from busy? Look no further! Enjoy a steam train ride through glorious Somerset countryside followed by a mystery tour across Exmoor National Park. You will pause at an Exmoor Inn for a meal and drink (we are sorry to break the mood but the cost of food and drink is not included in the price). The route of the mystery tour will not be revealed but you will be back at Minehead Station before the departure of your train back to Bishops Lydeard which will leave at 16.05. £27.50 per person. May 4th & 18th, June 22nd and 29th, July 6th, 13th and 20th August 31st, September 7th, 14th & 21st and October 23rd (Autumn colours).. Please book online or call 01643 704996.



# Buffer Stop Shop

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**MINEHEAD STATION SHOP  
ON PLATFORM 1**

Full of Thomas, books, model trains,  
cards, calendars, souvenirs,  
leisurewear and DVDs

**STATION SHOP**

A photograph showing the interior of the Minehead Station Shop. The shop is filled with various items including books, model trains, and souvenirs. A large stuffed animal is prominently displayed in the foreground.

# Special Events 2012

## Spring Steam Gala

Join us for a festival of steam on our first major event for 2012. The Gala will have a range of visiting and home fleet locos. New for 2012: visit the Railway Book Publishers event at Minehead Station. An intensive timetable will give you the maximum opportunity to ride behind as many of the loco's as possible. With trade stands, book signings, turntable and shunting demonstrations this event is a must do event in the railway calendar. March 17-18th & 22-25th. Check our web site and Facebook & Twitter pages for updates. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## Mixed Traction Weekend

The West Somerset Railway is proud to present a weekend of diesel traction with a selection of visiting and home fleet diesel locomotives running our intensive timetable. June 15th - 17th. Check our web site & Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.



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# Special Events 2012

## Hestercombe Express

Welcome aboard the Hestercombe Express! Enjoy a relaxing day out with the West Somerset Railway and Hestercombe Gardens - a rail travel adventure combined with the beauty of the internationally acclaimed Hestercombe Gardens. Your journey begins on the West Somerset Railway by joining us at any WSR station, winding your way along the coast and through gentle Somerset countryside to the pretty village of Bishops Lydeard. Here, you will be met by our coach and travel in comfort the short distance to Hestercombe Gardens. Please call or check our website for dates.

## Dunster Castle Express

How better to visit magnificent Dunster Castle than by a leisurely ride through the beautiful West Somerset countryside, hauled by a vintage steam engine? Arrive in style, at a pace that reflects the Castle in its early 20th Century heyday, with a special coach connection from Dunster station to the Castle entrance. Enjoy a fulfilling visit to the Castle, with its fine interiors, stunning views to Exmoor and over the Bristol Channel.



The Dunster Castle Express runs every Wednesday and Saturday from April 4th - November 3rd inclusive.

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# Timetable & Calendar

Please allow 25 minutes to park and purchase tickets

**KEY**

- 31** Four steam trains in each direction
- 31** Six trains in each direction, 4 steam plus 2 diesel trains.
- 31** Seven trains in each direction, 5 steam plus 2 diesel trains.
- 31** Seven trains in each direction 5 steam plus 2 diesel trains.
- 31** Special timetable in operation.

Match the colour on the date you wish to travel with the timetable of the same colour (Where faint date is shown, there are no trains running).

On purple dates there are SPECIAL events (with special timetables and fares).

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Su 1	M 6 13 20 27	M 5 12 19 26	M 2 9 16 23 30	M 7 14 21 28	M 4 11 18 25
M 2	T 7 14 21 28	T 6 13 20 27	T 3 10 17 24	T 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26
	W 1 8 15 22 29	W 7 14 21 28	W 4 11 18 25	W 2 9 16 23 30	W 6 13 20 27
	T 2 9 16 23	T 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26	T 3 10 17 24 31	T 7 14 21 28
	F 3 10 17 24	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 13 20 27	F 4 11 18 25	F 1 8 15 22 29
	Sa 4 11 18 25	Sa 3 10 17 24 31	Sa 7 14 21 28	Sa 5 12 19 26	Sa 2 9 16 23 30
	Su 5 12 19 26	Su 4 11 18 25	Su 1 8 15 22 29	Su 6 13 20 27	Su 3 10 17 24
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
M 2 9 16 23 30	M 6 13 20 27	M 3 10 17 24	M 1 8 15 22 29	M 1	M 3 10 17 24 31
T 3 10 17 24 31	T 7 14 21 28	T 4 11 18 25	T 2 9 16 23 30	F 2	T 4 11 18 25
W 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29	W 5 12 19 26	W 3 10 17 24 31	Sa 3	W 5 12 19 26
T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 6 13 20 27	T 4 11 18 25	Su 4	T 6 13 20 27
F 6 13 20 27	F 3 10 17 24 31	F 7 14 21 28	F 5 12 19 26		F 7 14 21 28
Sa 7 14 21 28	Sa 4 11 18 25	Sa 1 8 15 22 29	Sa 6 13 20 27		Sa 1 8 15 22 29
Su 1 8 15 22 29	Su 5 12 19 26	Su 2 9 16 23 30	Su 7 14 21 28		Su 2 9 16 23 30

We are also running trains on January 1 & 2 2013, using our red timetable

	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam		Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam		
BISHOPS LYDEARD	d 10 25	12 35	14 20	16 10	BISHOPS LYDEARD	d 10 25	11 05	11 40	12 35	14 25	15 20	16 20		
Crowcombe Heathfield	d 10 40	12 51	14 36	16 25	Crowcombe Heathfield	d 10 40	11 25	11 51	12 51	14 40	15 32	16 35		
Stogumber	d 10 48	12 59	14 44	16 33	Stogumber	d 10 48	11 33	11 58	12 59	14 48	15 39	16 43		
Williton	d 11 00	13 12	14 58	16 51	Williton	d 11 00	11 43	12 09	13 12	15 10	16 08	17 11		
Doniford Halt (R)	d 11 04	13 15	15 01	16 54	Doniford Halt (R)	d 11 04	11 47	12 14	13 15	15 13	16 11	17 15		
Watchet	d 11 11	13 21	15 08	17 00	Watchet	d 11 12	11 54	12 20	13 21	15 20	16 18	17 22		
Washford	d 11 19	13 29	15 17	17 08	Washford	d 11 20	12 02	12 28	13 29	15 28	16 25	17 29		
Blue Anchor	d 11 26	13 38	15 24	17 15	Blue Anchor	d 11 28	12 10	12 46	13 40	15 42	16 42	17 42		
Dunster	d 11 33	13 45	15 31	17 22	Dunster	d 11 36	12 17	12 53	13 48	15 49	16 49	17 49		
MINEHEAD	a 11 40	13 52	15 38	17 29	MINEHEAD	a 11 42	12 24	13 00	13 56	15 56	16 56	17 56		
	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam		Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Steam	Steam	Diesel		
MINEHEAD	d 10 15	12 25	14 15	16 05	MINEHEAD	d 10 15	12 30	13 20	14 25	15 25	16 25	17 25		
Dunster	d 10 22	12 32	14 22	16 13	Dunster	d 10 22	12 37	13 27	14 32	15 32	16 32	17 32		
Blue Anchor	d 10 30	12 40	14 30	16 22	Blue Anchor	d 10 30	12 45	13 40	14 40	15 41	16 41	17 41		
Washford	d 10 38	12 48	14 38	16 30	Washford	d 10 38	12 53	13 48	14 48	15 49	16 49	17 48		
Watchet	d 10 48	12 58	14 47	16 39	Watchet	d 10 47	13 02	13 56	14 57	15 58	16 58	17 56		
Doniford Halt (R)	d 10 51	13 02	14 50	16 43	Doniford Halt (R)	d 10 51	13 05	13 59	15 01	16 02	17 02	17 59		
Williton	d 11 00	13 12	15 01	16 48	Williton	d 11 02	13 12	14 05	15 07	16 08	17 08	18 04		
Stogumber	d 11 12	13 25	15 14	17 00	Stogumber	d 11 14	13 24	14 14	15 20	16 21	17 20	18 13		
Crowcombe Heathfield	d 11 23	13 33	15 25	17 09	Crowcombe Heathfield	d 11 23	13 33	14 40	15 35	16 37	17 29	18 21		
BISHOPS LYDEARD	a 11 33	13 40	15 35	17 19	BISHOPS LYDEARD	a 11 33	13 43	14 50	15 45	16 47	17 39	18 31		
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Crowcombe Heathfield	d 10 40	11 25	11 51	12 51	14 36	15 27	16 25	Crowcombe Heathfield	d 10 40	11 51	12 51	14 36	15 27	16 25
Stogumber	d 10 48	—	11 58	12 59	14 44	15 35	16 33	Stogumber	d 10 48	11 58	12 59	14 44	15 35	16 33
Williton	d 11 00	11 43	12 09	13 12	14 58	15 55	16 51	Williton	d 11 00	12 09	13 12	14 58	15 55	16 51
Doniford Halt (R)	d 11 04	—	12 14	13 15	15 01	15 58	16 54	Doniford Halt (R)	d 11 04	12 14	13 15	15 01	15 58	16 54
Watchet	d 11 11	11 54	12 20	13 21	15 08	16 05	17 00	Watchet	d 11 11	12 20	13 21	15 08	16 05	17 00
Washford	d 11 19	—	12 28	13 29	15 17	16 12	17 08	Washford	d 11 19	12 28	13 29	15 17	16 12	17 08
Blue Anchor	d 11 26	12 10	12 42	13 38	15 24	16 23	17 15	Blue Anchor	d 11 26	12 42	13 38	15 24	16 23	17 15
Dunster	d 11 33	12 17	12 49	13 45	15 31	16 30	17 22	Dunster	d 11 33	12 49	13 45	15 31	16 30	17 22
MINEHEAD	a 11 40	12 24	12 56	13 52	15 38	16 37	17 29	MINEHEAD	a 11 40	12 56	13 52	15 38	16 37	17 29
	Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Steam	Steam	Diesel		Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam		
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Dunster	d 10 22	12 32	13 27	14 22	15 12	16 13	17 42	Dunster	d 10 22	12 32	13 27	14 22	15 13	17 42
Blue Anchor	d 10 30	12 40	13 40	14 30	15 27	16 22	17 50	Blue Anchor	d 10 30	12 40	13 40	14 30	15 27	17 50
Washford	d 10 38	12 48	13 48	14 38	—	16 30	17 58	Washford	d 10 38	12 48	13 48	14 38	16 30	17 58
Watchet	d 10 48	12 58	13 56	14 47	15 45	16 39	18 06	Watchet	d 10 48	12 58	13 56	14 47	16 39	18 06
Doniford Halt (R)	d 10 51	13 02	13 59	14 50	—	16 43	18 09	Doniford Halt (R)	d 10 51	13 02	13 59	14 50	16 43	18 09
Williton	d 11 00	13 12	14 05	15 01	15 53	16 48	18 14	Williton	d 11 00	13 12	14 05	15 01	16 48	18 14
Stogumber	d 11 12	13 25	14 14	15 14	16 06	17 00	18 23	Stogumber	d 11 12	13 25	14 14	15 14	17 00	18 23
Crowcombe Heathfield	d 11 23	13 33	14 38	15 25	16 27	17 09	18 31	Crowcombe Heathfield	d 11 23	13 33	14 38	15 25	17 09	18 31
BISHOPS LYDEARD	a 11 33	13 40	14 48	15 35	16 37	17 19	18 41	BISHOPS LYDEARD	a 11 33	13 40	14 48	15 35	17 19	18 41

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# Special Events 2012

## Toy and Train Collectors Fair

The annual event takes place at Minehead Railway Station with 50 tables under the canopy. Buy, sell, exchange. Many top dealers in Dinky, Corgi, Matchbox, Efe, Lledo, Britains, Hornby Trains, Bachman, Lima and much, much more. Sunday 29th July.

## The Steam Fayre & Vintage Rally

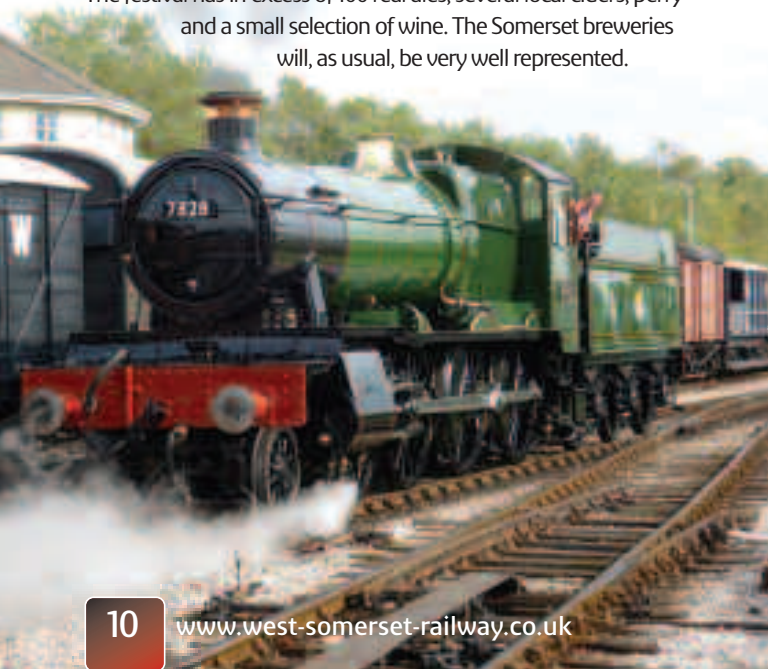
Held at Norton Fitzwarren, the Rally will echo to the sight, sound and smell of many mighty steam engines as they gather for what will be the 25th Rally. A glittering array of superb machinery will be in action and 2012 looks like beating all records with some of the country's finest examples of vintage transport on display. August 4th & 5th.

## Late Summer Weekend

Join us for our end of summer celebration. It's almost time to return to work or school but why not end the summer with a mixed timetable of Steam and Diesel trains along 20 miles of glorious Somerset Countryside? September 1st & 2nd.

## CAMRA Real Ale Festival

The annual Somerset CAMRA Real Ale Festival, held in partnership with the West Somerset Railway takes place on September 8th & 9th. The festival has in excess of 100 real ales, several local ciders, perry and a small selection of wine. The Somerset breweries will, as usual, be very well represented.



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## Autumn Steam Gala

Join us for our Autumn Festival of Steam. The Gala will have a range of visiting and home fleet locos. October 4th - 7th. Check web site and Facebook & Twitter pages for updates.

## Dunster by Candlelight

Dunster by Candlelight sees the remarkably preserved medieval village turns its back on the present and lights its streets with candles. Travel in style with the West Somerset Railway. There is a free bus transfer from Minehead Station to Dunster Village for the event. The atmosphere is both traditional and exciting, truly an event for all ages. Travel on either a dining or non-dining train with departures on Friday 7th & Saturday 8th December.

## Fish and Chips Special

A traditional fish and chip meal served on a steam train ride to the seaside, with accompanying glass of wine or fruit juice. Dates: Saturdays 2nd June (12:35), 28th July and 15th Sept (18:30).



# Special Events 2012

## Carol Trains

Come on board the West Somerset Railway for a wonderful festive start to Christmas! Warm up those vocal chords and join us for a special journey of singing Carols at the stations along the way. Our Carol Trains are hauled by heritage steam locomotives to recreate the era of Christmas gone by, and you can travel from either Minehead or Bishops Lydeard for a round trip on the West Somerset Railway. Carol Trains run on December 10th - 12th. Please arrive at 18.30 to see the locomotive waiting in steam and the band preparing for the carols. Once all passengers are on board, the train will depart at 19.00 to make a round trip to Williton.

Along the way the train will stop at intervening stations so that carols may be sung, accompanied by the band - please bring a torch as it will be dark!

## Santa Trains

Santa has teamed up with the West Somerset Railway to offer you a steam train ride through the Somerset Countryside and the opportunity to meet Santa himself. You can travel with Santa on the Santa Express (Bishops Lydeard to Williton & back) or travel to his grotto on the Santa Special (Minehead to Blue Anchor & back or

Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe Heathfield & back).

Whether the 'Santa Special' or the 'Santa Express', you will enjoy a heritage steam train ride through glorious Somerset countryside, children will be greeted by Santa and will receive a present suitable to their age and gender. For parents there is a traditional drink (or a non-alcoholic drink) and a mince pie to enjoy along the journey in a festive atmosphere. December 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, & 22nd - 24th.

## Winter Steam Festival

The event promises to be a fantastic feast of Winter Steam and is the perfect way to wind down and relax and recover from the hustle and bustle of Christmas and a great way to see 2012 out in true style! December 29th & 30th.

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# Special Events 2012

## Steam & Cream

A West Country Cream Tea served to your table whilst travelling on a Steam Train through the delightful Somerset countryside. The Cream Tea is served to pre-booked passengers (only) on the 16:05 departure from Minehead on Fridays 8th June, 22nd June, 13th July, 7th Sept and 21st Sept. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## Cheese & Cider

A Somerset Lunch served on the 12:35 train from Bishops Lydeard to Minehead. Fresh local breads accompany a tasting of selected Somerset Cheeses washed down by a pint of Somerset Cider or fresh apple juice drink. You will be provided with an information sheet on the cheeses and details of where you can buy them.

Dates: Fridays 22 June, 13 July, 7 Sept and 21 Sept. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

**Combined Tickets** - Enjoy a Cheese & Cider Lunch, followed by a stroll on the beach at Minehead and an afternoon cream tea on your return trip to Bishops Lydeard. Dates: 22 June, 13 July, 7 and 21 Sept.

## Murder Mystery

Calling all amateur sleuths!! Do you see yourself as a Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? The West Somerset Railway's Murder Mystery season is a must for all you amateur crime fighters. As you go peacefully about your train journey to and from the seaside the actors of "Murder by Appointment" will be staging another new murderous tale for you to solve. As well as the dastardly doings your steam train ride will include a meal served to your table. Dates: 26 May, 30 June, 27 Oct, 15 Dec. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## The Quantock Belle First Class Dining Train

The Quantock Belle Dining Train service offers regular Sunday Luncheon, Saturday evening, Dunster by Candlelight and Christmas services. Diners enjoy good food and great company as the train winds its leisurely way through the beautiful Quantock Hills past the ancient port of Watchet and along the coastline at Blue Anchor Bay. Whatever the occasion may be - a romantic dinner for two, a special anniversary or birthday, or just a Sunday lunch out - we are sure you will find dining on the Quantock Belle a delightful and memorable experience. Please book online or call 01823 433856



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# Driving Experiences

## Steam Engineman Course

The West Somerset Railway offers a range of one day and two day courses to realise your ambition and make your long held dreams become reality. Experience the feeling of working steam locomotives as you join the team on the footplate, shovel coal into the firebox, blow the whistle, open the regulator and feel the power.



Treat someone special (even yourself) to the thrill of a lifetime learning what it feels like to be a real fireman and engine driver. Depending on your choice of course you will learn how to prepare a locomotive, the principles of working a steam locomotive, signalling, braking, safety, driving and firing.

Taster: 26th May, 2nd & 23rd June, 14th & 28th Jul, 11th Aug, 15th & 29th Sept.

Stage 1: 12th/13th & 19th/20th Feb, 4th/5th & 8th/9th Mar, 22nd/23rd & 29/30th Apr, 10th/11th May, 14th/15th & 21st/22nd Oct & 4/5 Nov.

Stage 2: 16th & 20th Apr, 19th Oct.

Stage 3: 27th Apr, 14th May & 26th Oct.

Stage 4: 8th & 17th May, 17th Oct.

Please book online or call 01643 704996.

## Diesel Engineman Course

The West Somerset Railway in partnership with the Diesel & Electric Preservation Group offer a one day course to realise your ambition to drive a Heritage Diesel Locomotive and so make long term held dreams a reality.



Experience the feel of a working Class 33 diesel electric locomotive as you join the Driver in the cab to take the seat and drive the Heritage Diesel Locomotive.

Our Diesel Engineman courses are designed for moderately fit men or women aged 18 years or over who will experience aspects of our railway operations unseen by our many passengers. On your course you will learn about your diesel locomotive and how to drive it safely in service. Please call or check our website for dates. Please book online or call 01643 704996.

# Support us

## Volunteering

There are around 900 active volunteers on the West Somerset Railway and without their considerable input, the West Somerset Railway would grind to a halt. Volunteers are able to work (subject to undergoing a training programme, and sometimes passing a medical examination) in all aspects of the West Somerset Railway. The youth group, called "Trackers" encourages boys and girls from 13-17 to take an active part in the operation of the railway. Please contact 01823 433856 or email [wrsravoltrac@btconnect.com](mailto:wrsravoltrac@btconnect.com)



## WSRA Membership

Join Today - It's easy to help preserve the past for the future. Membership benefits include one day of FREE travel per annum on presentation of membership card, after that unlimited travel at local residents' railcard rates for Singles and Returns, including Family Returns and Day Rovers and free copies of the award-winning WSRA Journal. Please call 01823 433856 or visit our web site at [www.wsra.org.uk](http://www.wsra.org.uk) to download an application form.

## Legacy

Help safeguard our future with a Legacy - Your Will can help preserve our Railway Heritage. The day-to-day income from passengers covers the cost of running the trains, including normal maintenance and renewals but it does not generate enough income to invest in development projects. These include railway expansion, restoration of historically important heritage trains, building educational facilities or conserving heritage artefacts and records. We have many plans for the future to continue to run one of the UK's finest railways, but to do so we rely upon people to leave us gifts in their will.

The Railway has joined forces with Pardoes Solicitors who understand all of these aspects. Pardoes have agreed to undertake Will preparation for those who care about the Railway at a very competitive rate, and have further agreed to donate to the Railway from those costs £10 - £15 for each Will that Pardoes prepare. To take advantage of the discount please contact The Railway Legacy Officer on [legacy@wsrail.net](mailto:legacy@wsrail.net) or 01643 704996 or Pardoes directly via 01278 457891 or visit [www.pardoes.co.uk](http://www.pardoes.co.uk) mentioning the Railway and this publication.



**Taylor  
Wimpey**

Taylor Wimpey at Brunswick Green, proud to support WSR, visit us at Bishops Lydeard.



## How to find us

### By Road

**Bishops Lydeard** station (TA4 3RU) is on the A358, west of Taunton with a large free car park (height restriction of 2.4m). Follow the brown WSR signs from M5 J25 or J26 from the north, east or south.

**Minehead** station (TA24 5BG) is on the coast off the A39 (and the A396 from Tiverton) with public car parking nearby. Dunster & Williton stations also have some parking. Blue Anchor & Watchet have public car parking nearby.

### By Bus

First (0871 2002233) bus number 28 serves Bishops Lydeard station regularly from Taunton centre or railway station.

### By Rail

Taunton railway station is served by trains from the north, southwest and from London - Network Rail enquiry number 08457 48 49 50. Then use the First Bus number 28.

### By Coach, Minibus, etc

Free parking is available at Bishops Lydeard for coaches etc. Parking is also available near Minehead station.

**Station postcodes (for SatNav users):** Bishops Lydeard - TA4 3RU, Crowcombe Heathfield - TA4 4PA, Stogumber - TA4 3TR, Williton - TA4 4RQ, Watchet - TA23 0BA, Washford - TA23 0PP, Blue Anchor - TA24 6LG, Dunster - TA24 6PJ, Minehead - TA24 5BG.

**Please allow at least 25 minutes to park, purchase tickets and find your seat on the train.**

**Smoking Policy:** The Railway operates a no-smoking policy on all its trains, in station buildings, on platforms and all public areas.



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### FURTHER INFORMATION:

24 hour information and enquiries: 01643 704996

The West Somerset Railway, The Railway Station, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5BG

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