

FROME TOWN COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS



FROME

EXTRAVAGANZA

AN

EDWARDIAN
CHRISTMAS

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 5PM - 8:30PM
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 10AM - 5PM

IN FROME TOWN CENTRE



ROLL UP, ROLL UP

Welcome to the wonderful world of the Edwardian fair, we do hope you've dressed up for the occasion. It's a cold dark evening and the long winter nights have finally drawn in, snuggle down under that warm chunky scarf, pop your hands in your dress coat pockets and head out to explore the magical town of Frome.

Look at the beautiful twinkly lights of the handsomely proud shops illuminating your evening, showing off their very finest wares for Christmas. It's the perfect time to start searching for those unique gifts only a place like Frome can offer, the shops are open late, and there are treats in store so press your faces up against the windows in glee, Christmas is finally here. The wafts of sweet sticky candy floss slowly creep up the hill, chestnuts crackle on the fire and the smells of sweet mulled apple are just too tempting to ignore, this is the best weekend of all, the very start of the festive season.

In the distance you will hear a puffing steam organ playing Christmas carols half muffled by the delighted shrieks of excitable children desperately trying their luck on all the vintage wooden fair ground games dotted around town, roll up, roll up, they're only 50p a go.



THE EDWARDIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR IS IN TOWN



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Fantastic street performers, fire jugglers, actors from the stage, magical enchanting musicians, traditional fair games, giant police men, trapeze artists, bubbleologists, traction engine rides, steam organs, and MUCH, much more will be popping up all over town on Friday between 5pm – 8.30pm, and on Saturday from 10am – 5pm. The following pages are bursting full of incredible events, so just take a look at the map and come and find us all. Don't forget the grand finale fire show on Friday night – this is an event NOT to be missed.

Frome Town Council would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every performer and contributor to the Frome Christmas Extravaganza this year, without whom none of this would be possible. Special thanks must also go to the local businesses and other organisations who have supported The Frome Christmas Extravaganza, who are: Bluebird Care (Mendip), Garsden Vets, TSB, Catherine Hill Traders Association, My Storage, Pullin Rose, HSBC, Frome FM, Boots, Studio Prints, Café La Strada, the Masonic Hall, The Town Crier and The Blue House.

All donations for the vintage games and the traction engine rides will be donated to charity, these are divided between Fair Frome, POD Youth Club and Positive Action on Cancer (PAC).

Note: some timings and placements may be subject to change on the night, please listen out for announcements from Frome's very own Town Crier or ask the giant policemen for an update!



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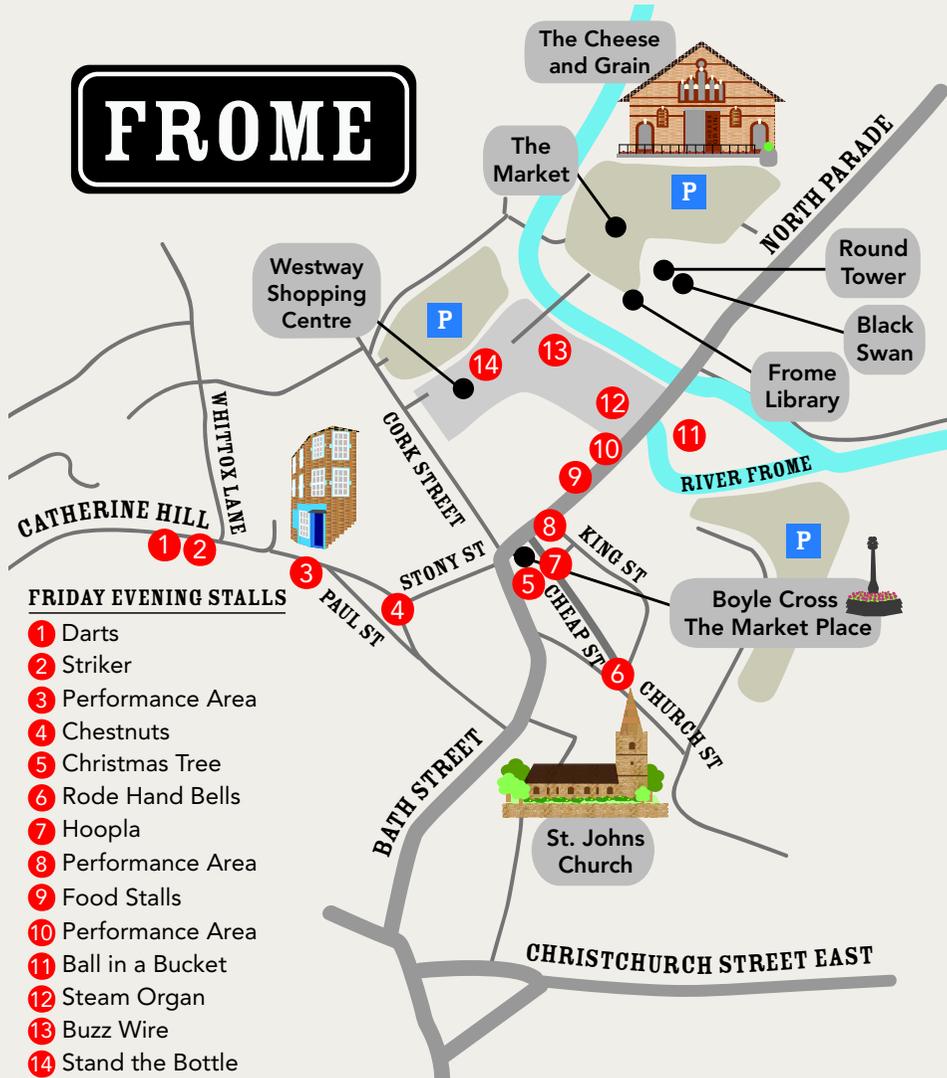
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FRIDAY EVENING STALLS

- 1 Darts
- 2 Striker
- 3 Performance Area
- 4 Chestnuts
- 5 Christmas Tree
- 6 Rode Hand Bells
- 7 Hoopla
- 8 Performance Area
- 9 Food Stalls
- 10 Performance Area
- 11 Ball in a Bucket
- 12 Steam Organ
- 13 Buzz Wire
- 14 Stand the Bottle

FROME EXTRAVAGANZA



FRIDAY

Pop up performances will be happening all over town, so don't miss out on some of the most wonderful talent Frome has to offer. Enjoy all the fun of the fair, play our vintage wooden games, marvel at the mesmerising street performers, eat from the magnificent festive food on offer in the market place, drink steaming hot chocolates and spiced mulled apple, shop in all the beautiful shops and help make this a night to remember.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

6:15 Carols by Candle Light (Frome Area Churches Together)

FROME LIBRARY

5:45 – Beyond the Wild Wood: Fairy Tales from the Edwardian World. Free event for families, suitable for all aged 5+. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Lisa Kenwright has been a storyteller since 2008 and she is a member of Frome Story Circle as well as a regular at circles and events across Somerset. She has recently created Mr Rook's Speak Easy, a performance storytelling club at Rook Lane Chapel, to bring nationally-known performers to Frome as well as provide a showcase for local storytellers. For the Extravaganza she will be telling seasonal stories from Somerset as well as a few from the collections of Joseph Jacobs and Andrew Lang. These two collectors worked in the late 1800s to the early 1900s and their extremely popular books of fairy stories and folktales would have been familiar to the children of an Edwardian nursery.

CATHERINE HILL & STONY STREET

All events on the Hill are kindly sponsored by the traders of Catherine Hill

5:00 The World's Tallest Bubbleologist!

5:15 Dazzling street shows from Marky Jay

5:45 Frome Street Bandits set off

6:15 The dulcet tones of miss Betsy Lace and her accordion

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6:20 The Christmas Singers

7:40 Mummers Play by Edventure



FROME EXTRAVAGANZA

FRIDAY

CHEAP STREET

- 5:15** The dulcet tones of miss **Betsy Lace** and her accordion
- 6:15** Frome Street Bandits
- 6:30** Rode Handbells
- 7:00** St John's Choir procession by candlelight
- 7:30** The dulcet tones of miss **Betsy Lace** and her accordion
- 8:00** Memorial Theatre presents 'Robin Hood'

WESTWAY SHOPPING CENTRE

The vintage fair organ puffs out festive and vintage tunes to a gathered audience, pop along and say hello.

- 5:00** Rimski - Bicycle Piano
- 6:15** Dazzling street shows from Marky Jay
- 6:30** Frome Street Bandits
- 7:20** Rimski - Bicycle Piano

BOYLE CROSS - THE MARKET PLACE

- 5:30** The amazing Equilibrium of slack rope walker Kwabana Lyndsey
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- 7:00** Frome Town Youth Band perform carols, please do join in with all the choirs and sing along
- 7:15** Christmas tree light switch on by the Mayor, Peter Macfadyen and this year's Christmas card winner. The Christmas tree was very kindly provided by Garsden Veterinary Surgery in Frome.
- 7:20** The World's Tallest Bubbleologist!
- 7:30** Dazzling street shows from Marky Jay



THE GRAND FINALE!



Please continue to eat, drink, shop, make merry and watch all the incredible performances taking place all over town before the finale at the Boyle Cross Market Place. There are a number of food sellers in town, with candy floss, sausages, mulled apple juice, hot chocolate with marshmallows and ice cream!

- 8:15** The grand finale fire show spectacular by the internationally acclaimed Flame Oz. Prepare to be dazzled, enthralled, amazed and enchanted by the deliciously delightful performance of fire. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed!

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COMMUNITY TOILETS

WHAT'S THAT? IT'S SIMPLE, IF YOU NEED TO SPEND A PENNY HEAD TO ONE THE OF FOLLOWING PLACES, THE TOILETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE DURING OPENING HOURS



- ## TOILET VENUES
- CAFÉ LA STRADA – CHEAP STREET
 - PACCAMORA – CATHERINE HILL
 - COSTA COFFEE – MARKET PLACE
 - CROCKER & WOODS – CATHERINE HILL
 - GEORGE HOTEL – MARKET PLACE
 - OLD BATH ARMS – PALMER STREET
 - CHEESE & GRAIN – MARKET YARD
 - PUBLIC TOILETS – CATTLE MARKET CAR PARK

Many of the Town's community toilets are 'twinned' with toilets in Africa. This means money has been raised to build a public toilet where there was nothing before. You can twin your own toilet at home through finding 'Toilet Twinning' on the internet, or contribute smaller amounts through the Wholefood Shop on Cheap Street, or the Council offices on Palmer Street.

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SATURDAY

It's the first shopping day of the festive period and all around you are wonderful shops packed to the rafters with cracking gift ideas. Have a browse whilst listening to the backdrop of some fantastic street performers popping up all over town. Make sure you head to the Market car park for childrens' activities, music and food and the Westway for charity stalls and food.

FATHER CHRISTMAS

This year Father Christmas has made his home upstairs in the Round Tower, come up and see him, tell him your secret wish for Christmas and pass messages back to the elves busy working in the North Pole.

THE MARKET

Join in the festive cheer listening to the wonderful sound of the vintage steam powered fair organ, whilst queuing for your ride on one of the two traditional steam powered traction engines which find their home in the Market car park by the Cheese and Grain. There is a suggested donation to have a ride on one of these incredible machines and all the proceeds go to local Frome charities.

THE BLACK SWAN

Pop up studios **All Day**



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SATURDAY

FROME LIBRARY

All day from 10:30 BlueBird Care Café

BlueBird Care are hosting a pop-up cake shop in the library, so why not drop in and get out of the cold, whilst the children are visiting Santa or having a ride on the traction engine. Put your feet up and take a well earned break for a piece of cake and a chin wag with some truly lovely people.

11:30 – 12:30 Frome Writers Collective present The Edwardian Child in Frome

Readings and fun activities for families and children aged 6+. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

1:30 Turn Yourself into a Little Angel workshop - by **Make It!**

Free event for families, suitable for all aged 5+. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Create and decorate an angel to put on top of the Christmas tree. Then place a photo of your own face on it, and you've become a little angel! Your angel is sure to amuse your family, and make a great present for grandparents. Bring a small photo of your face to the workshop, or add it when you get home. Or turn your angel into any other creature you want – the choice is yours!



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