

Vale of Glamorgan Events

December 2009 & January 2010



Date	Time	Event
Tues 1 December	6pm – 8pm	St Athan Christmas Lights Switch-On Fairground and live music stage featuring The Youth Band, School Choir and the RAF St Athan Band. The Christmas Lights will be switched on at 7pm.
Thurs 3 December	6pm	Marie Curie Lights To Remember Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth Please sponsor a light on our Christmas tree in memory of a loved one at this special time of year. Join us afterwards for mulled wine and mince pies in the hospice. Call 029 2042 6068 to sponsor a light and find out further details.
Thurs 3 December	7pm	St Nicholas Day Concert, Ewenny Priory Church, Ewenny Ewenny Priory presents this concert in the company of pupils from Llangan Primary School and Archdeacon John Lewis, Church in Wales School, Bridgend. Tickets: adults £5, children free. Call 01656 653020, 01656 667047 or 01656 664105.
Fri 4 December	6pm – 8.30pm	Dickensian Fair, Village Square, Dinas Powys This atmospheric event is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Craft and gift stalls, mulled wine, Santa's Grotto and Christmas carols played by the Vale of Glamorgan brass band. Organised by the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys. Tel: 029 2051 2473.
Fri 4 December	7.30pm	Christmas Rocks Music Night with Major Music St Donats Arts Centre A second chance to support Llantwit Major's Major Music which creates opportunities for young people to get involved in creative music making. Come along, enjoy the festive spirit and support this great project. Tickets £4. For details call 01446 799100.

Sat 5 December	10am – 2pm	Christmas Art & Craft Fayre, Jubilee Hall, Sully Looking for that unique or unusual present? Come to the Christmas Art & Craft Fayre with more than 20 stalls selling items from Christmas door wreaths to knitted toys, personalised poetry to jewellery cards and much, much more. There will also be a raffle with funds going to rebuild a school in Tanzania. Free admission. Tel: 029 2053 1323.
Sat 5 December	2pm – 6pm	Llantwit Major Christmas Event Come and enjoy the festive live music and meet Santa in his grotto. Also fairground rides, farmers' market and Lantern Parade. The Christmas Illuminations will be switched on at 5.30pm.
Sat 5 December	2.30pm	Barry Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert All Saints Church, Barry Barry Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert accompanied by the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band. Everyone is welcome at this traditional Christmas concert in aid of Alzheimer sufferers. Tickets: £2, available from choir members, at the door or call 01446 402398.
Sat 5 December	7.30pm	Christmas Twmpath, St Donats Arts Centre See the festive season in with a good old fashioned Christmas Twmpath! Twmpath (meaning 'a hump') signified the mound on the village green where musicians played for the community to dance. Today it means the event itself. Our band for the evening, <i>Pysgod Y Sglodion</i> (meaning 'fish and chips') will lay on for you a feast of Welsh tunes, Celtic fire and classically-inspired melodies. Tickets: £8, £6. Tel: 01446 799100 or visit: www.stdonats.com
Sat 5 & Sun 6 December	10am – 4pm Sat 10am – 3pm Sun	Santa's Grotto, Central Park, Barry Meet Santa in his log cabin grotto, listen to the festive live music and be entertained by the Christmas Street Entertainers. Cost: £3 per child (includes a gift). Tel: 01446 704737.
Sat 5 & Sun 6 December	10am – 4pm	Christmas Fayre, Dyffryn Gardens, St Nicholas Christmas Fayre with local traders and crafts. Visit: www.dyffryngardens.com or call 029 2059 3328 for more details.
Sat 5 December – Sun 3 January		Barry Island Winter Wonderland Barry Island Square For the first time ever Barry Island Square will be hosting a festive open-air ice rink. The synthetic ice rink will be open from 2pm to 8pm midweek outside of school holidays and from 12 noon to 8pm during school holidays and weekends. Don't miss this unique Christmas experience of skating by the sea! Cost for skating: £3.50 per adult, £3 per child. Festive Trains Sat 5, 12, & 19 December, 11am – 4pm Travel in style to the Winter Wonderland! 'Barry Rail Centre -Tourist Railway' will be running a Christmas themed diesel train from the Good Shed Waterfront Station to Barry Island Station. Free parking will be available at the Good Shed Site. A cost will apply for travel and tickets include refreshments.

Sun 6 December	4pm	St Donats Atlantic Choral, St Donats Arts Centre This concert includes a selection of carols from around the world and a rare performance of Charpentier's Midnight Mass, an enchanting piece of eighteenth century French frippery based on popular Christmas tunes. Tickets: £12, £10 (includes mulled wine and mince pies). Tel: 01446 799100 or visit: www.stdonats.com
Wed 9 December		Soul Satisfaction: American Four Tops Show The Paget Rooms, Penarth Voted best Motown act on BBC TV. Tickets: £14 stbf (auditorium), £15.50 (balcony & boxes) Tel: 07736 501542 or visit: www.pagetrooms.com
Fri 11 December	6pm – 8pm	Sing along for Christmas, Victoria Park, Barry An evening of carols and Christmas tunes with the brilliant Barry Brass Band. This event is a charity fundraiser "Sing along for Christmas". Food and refreshments will be on sale in the clubhouse, and there will be raffles, prizes and games for all the family. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Macmillan Nurses and The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Tel: 07809 551465.
Sat 12 & Sun 13 December	10am – 4pm	Christmas Fayre & Father Christmas Dyffryn Gardens, St Nicholas Christmas Craft Fayre with local traders and crafts. Father Christmas 11am - 3.30pm. Additional charge for Santa's Grotto. Tel: 029 2059 3328 visit: www.dyffryngardens.com for more information.
Sat 12 & Sun 14 December	Sat 11am – 6pm Sun 12noon – 4.30pm	Penarth Christmas Tree Festival, St Augustine's Church Come and see all the beautiful trees decorated by local schools, organisations and individuals. Live music throughout the weekend including a sing-along with the Cavatina Choir on Saturday afternoon and a concert by Cantemus Choir on Sunday. Meet Santa for breakfast in St Augustine's Church Hall, Albert Road, from 9.30am on Saturday. Refreshments on both days together with home made-produce. Proceeds from the festival will go to two charities with local connections. Tel: 029 2071 1309 for more details. www.staugustineschurch.co.uk
Sun 13 December	7.30pm	Dinas Powys Orchestra Winter Concert Dinas Powys Parish Hall, Britway Road The programme for this year's winter concert includes Elgar's Cello Concerto, played by soloist Ben Tarlton (aged 14); Beethoven's Symphony no. 8 and Schubert's Overture 'Rosamunde'. Tickets: £6 (£3 under 12 years), includes a mince pie and glass of wine or fruit juice, available at the door on the night or call 029 2070 4195.
Mon 14 December	7.30pm	Winter Concert by Dinas Powys Orchestra Atlantic College, St Donats, near Llantwit Major The programme for this year's winter concert includes Elgar's Cello Concerto, played by soloist Ben Tarlton (aged 14); Beethoven's Symphony no. 8 and Schubert's Overture 'Rosamunde'. Tickets: £10 (£4 under 12 years), available at the door on the night or call 01446 796929 / 01446 796733.

Wed 16 – Sun 20 December	7.30pm Wed, Thurs, Fri 2.30pm Sat & Sun	Aladdin, Memorial Hall and Theatre, Barry Billboard Ensemble present an all time favourite. Packed with sing-a-long songs, comedy characters and audience participation this will be a traditional pantomime complete with a 'floating carpet' for the Princess to ride on. Tickets: £9 and £8, available from A & A Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry or call 01446 401822.
Thurs 17 December	7.30pm	A 'Night Out' Show, Castleland Community Centre, Barry Come to Castleland Community Centre for a 'Night Out' show entitled 'PEA' by Likely Story. This is a modern adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale 'The Princess and the Pea'. Suitable for all the family. Cost: adults £3 children, concessions £2. Tel: 01446 403549
Fri 18 December	7.30pm	Christmas Concert by Candlelight, Ewenny Priory Church A Christmas concert by candlelight with the Vale of Glamorgan Ensemble. Tickets: £15 and £12.50. Call 01656 653020.
Sat 19 December	3pm	Tall Tales, Lower Penarth Community Centre Clwyd Theatr Cymru presents Tall Tales, a show for the whole family by award winning writer and director Tim Baker. Tickets: £5 adults, £3 children (over 3 years), £12 family (2 adults + 2 children). Tel: 029 20703449.
Wed 23 December	9.30am – 1pm	Christmas Farmers' Market, Cowbridge Arthur John's car park.
Fri 22 & Sat 23 January	7pm Fri 2pm & 7pm Sat	Aladdin, St Donats Arts Centre, near Llantwit Major Stage Door 1 Theatre Company brings St Donats its first community pantomime for many a year and what better choice than Aladdin. Expect good old fashioned family entertainment with bucket loads of boos and hisses. Tickets: £5 and £4. Tel: 01446 799100 or visit: www.stdonats.com
Tues 26 January	7.30pm	The Day of the Dead: The Circus of Horrors Memorial Hall and Theatre, Barry Expect the unexpected with this huge uncontrollable cast of some of the world's greatest, grotesque, most daring and bizarre circus acts. Tickets: £9 to £21. £5 discount on tickets booked before Fri 18 December. Tel: 01446 738622 or visit: www.memorialhalltheatre.co.uk
Sat 30 January	7.30pm	The Winner Takes It All: Jive Talkin' & Voulez Vous Memorial Hall and Theatre, Barry The ultimate double bill filled with the music of ABBA and The Bee Gees. Tickets: £16.50, concessions £14.50. Tel: 01446 738622 or visit: www.memorialhalltheatre.co.uk

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