



Candlelight Festival

brings the Medieval Village of Dunster back to a time of suggestive Lantern light, Jesters, Dancers, Singers, Bell Ringers and trade Fairs.

Come join the fun and dress up if you wish!

A **Brass Band** or two will be playing during the evening at the Yarn Market (our homonymous monument), a 17th century timber-framed octagonal market hall, a reminder of Dunster's once-flourishing cloth trade.

The **Lantern Lighting procession** starts on the Steep each night and continues through the village until all the lanterns in the streets have been lit. The procession is accompanied by colourful **Stilt walkers** who put up the lanterns, dressed up in their amazing costumes.

On the Saturday night **17th Century soldiers** will be marching through the village from the West Street end with their flaming torches. They arrive in the High Street usually around 7pm.

During both evenings there will be a variety of **street Entertainment** in the High Street and West Street, including Choirs, Morris Dancers, Hand Bell Ringers. Special activities will take place in the Tithe Barn, Choirs in the Parish Church and more entertainment at Dunster Castle.

This year Dunster by Candlelight will be hiring the beautifully renewed 14th Century Dunster **Tithe Barn** to hold a 2 day **"Candlelight Fair"** while Candlelight is running. It will be open from 3pm to 9pm on both Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd December and admission will be free. As well as the lovely selection of stalls, there will be a display by the Somerset Railway Modellers Club in the Meeting Room and, for the little ones, Father Christmas!!!

Proceeds from the fair will be shared between Dunster by Candlelight (as a contribution towards the cost of running Candlelight) and St Margaret's Hospice, the Charity at the Core of Candlelight.

The three main streets are closed to traffic during the event

No Parking in Dunster and no Cash Machine in the village



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