

THE Worcester VICTORIAN Christmas Fayre

Event Leaflet

30th Nov – 3rd Dec 2023

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Thursday 30th Nov 12:00 – 21:00
Friday 1st Dec 11:00 – 21:00
Saturday 2nd Dec 10:00 – 20:00
Sunday 3rd Dec 11:00 – 17:00

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Welcome to the Worcester Victorian Christmas Fayre!

We invite you to travel back in time with us for another four days of festive cheer, and soak up the atmosphere of a Victorian Christmas in Worcester! With more than 150,000 visitors from across the country, what better way to start your Christmas shopping than with a stroll through Worcester's beautiful historic streets?

Our costumed characters will journey with you as you experience the sights, smells and sounds of a Victorian Christmas, accompanied by street magicians, stilt walkers and brilliant musicians on every street corner. A festive treat for all the family!

Why not visit our festive chalets, sparkling with Christmas lights, purveyors of seasonal treats and gifts galore, and take care of all your festive shopping? At the Fayre we have over 150 stalls selling arts and crafts, toys and much more! As well as shopping for unique and handmade gifts, you can sample delicious locally-produced food and drink, perfect for warming you up on a chilly winter's day.

If you're here on Thursday, you are cordially invited to a community carol service to start the evening off in style! Taking place from 16:45-17:15 at Worcester Cathedral, all are welcome to join in as we sing festive carols, followed by our traditional procession to the carousel where the Fayre will be declared officially open by the Mayor of Worcester.

If you've enjoyed your visit to the Fayre, but will need a few more festive gifts, why not come back and finish your Christmas shopping in Worcester? Our Christmas Gift Market will be in the city centre, Friday 8 - Sunday 10 December.

Get into the festive spirit and share your photos with us using the hashtag **#christmasinworcester2023**

Best wishes from **the Fayre Team**

Walkabout Characters

Stiltwalkers

Look out for these lofty fellows roaming around as various characters including their Victorian Festive Gentlemen Jugglers, performing splendid juggling and witty banter as they go! **See them 12:00 - 18:00 Thurs, Fri, Sat; and 12:00 - 17:00 Sun.**



Dancefest

Join Dancefest for a pop-up dance performance on your high street! Dancefest create outdoor performances in unusual spaces, and provide opportunities for anyone to take part in contemporary dance. They've worked with local community dancers to create a very special dance in a day performance. **See them Saturday 2 December, 17:15 on The Shambles.**



Sherlock Holmes & Dr Watson

Stiltwalking super-sleuths Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson will be investigating the implausible and solving some complex crimes around the streets of Worcester. **See them Saturday 2 December at various times of the day.**



Scrooge

See if you can spot Scrooge as he meanders and moans his way through the festivities of the fair. Take a photo with him and see if you are the lucky individual that captures a smile upon his face. **Find Scrooge on Sunday 3 December 11:00-15:00.**



Temperance Movement

Beware of our Temperance Lady as she tries to get you to sign the pledge denouncing the demon drink. She will use her wit and charm to make you leave the fun and festivities behind. Is she really as loyal to the cause as she suggests? **Find her on Sunday 3 December 11:00-15:00.**



All content correct at time of printing.

Fayre Stall Areas

- Shopping area
- Funfair

Coach Zones

- Drop-off and collection zones
- Coach zones

Map Symbols

- Bike rack
- Carousel
- Entertainment areas
- First aid or ambulance
- Gin Lane
- Buildings & attractions
- One way traffic
- Shopping centres
- Taxi rank
- Toilets
- Tourist Information

First Bus Victorian Fayre Park and Ride WR5 2NP

Service	From	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
910	County Hall Park & Ride WR5 2NP	17:00	Every 15 mins until 20:30, then half hourly	22:00
910	Worcester Bus Station	17:20	Every 15 mins until 21:35, then half hourly	22:20

Service	From	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
910	County Hall Park & Ride WR5 2NP	08:35	Every 15 mins until 09:20, every 10 mins until 17:20, then 17:40 and 18:00	18:00
910	Worcester Bus Station	09:00	Every 15 mins until 09:45, every 10 mins until 18:55, then 19:10, 19:25, 19:40 and half hourly until 22:10	22:10

Service	From	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
910	County Hall Park & Ride WR5 2NP	09:45	Every 15 mins	15:30
910	Worcester Bus Station	10:07	Every 15 mins until 16:52, then 17:10, 17:40, 18:10 and 18:40	18:40

Prices

Adult Return: £4 (Single £2) **Group: £10** (normally £17). Allows up to 5 people of any age unlimited travel on the Worcester Network all day (including on the Park and Ride). £10 ticket only available on the First Bus App. **Young Person Return (5-16 yrs): £3.20**, children under five years travel for free.

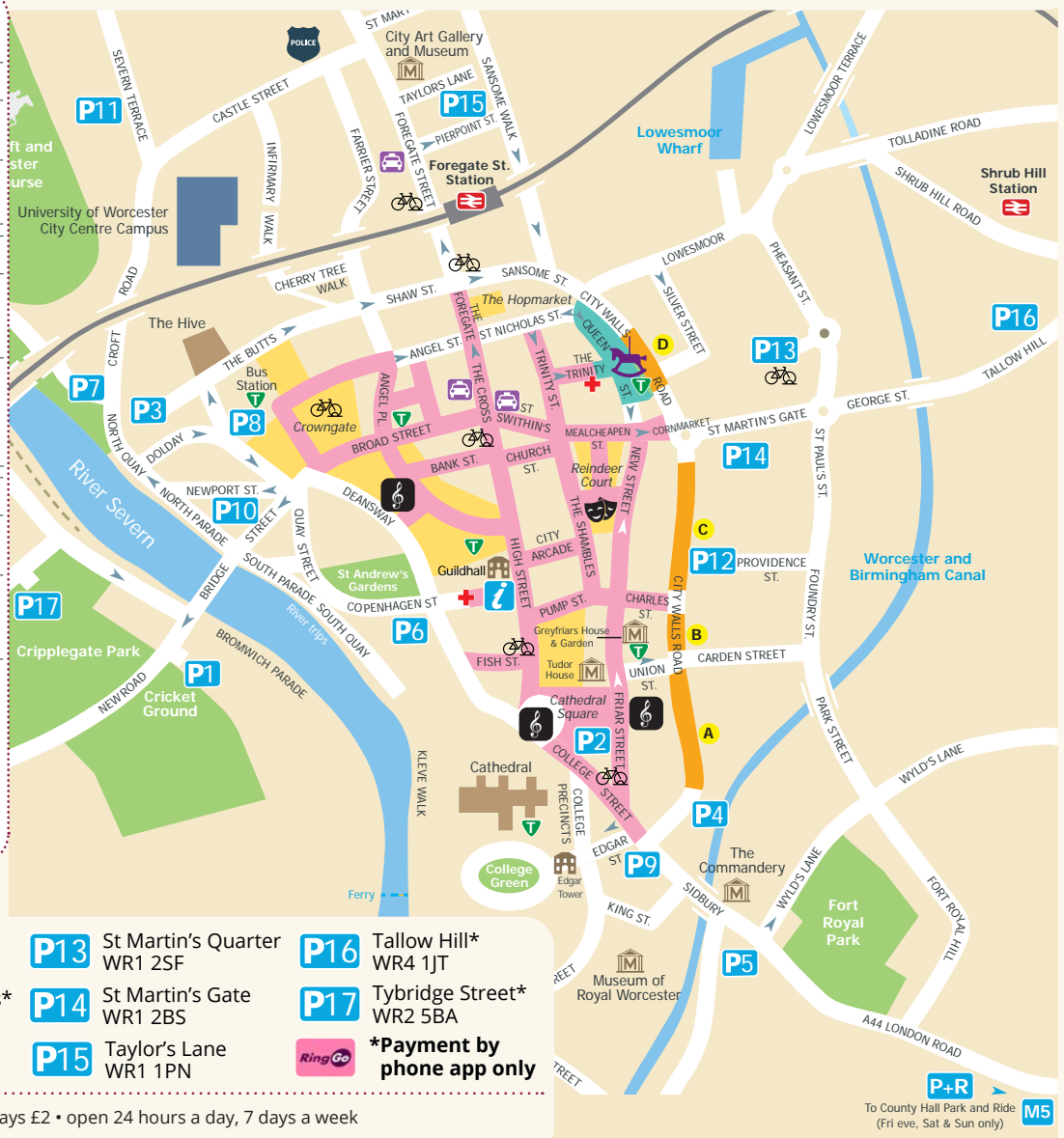
There will also be a series of other enhanced evening services across Friday 1 and Saturday 2 December. Visit firstbus.co.uk/victorianfayre to find out more.

Car Parks

P1 New Road WR2 4QQ	P4 Clare Street* WR1 2AT	P7 Croft Road WR1 3PL	P10 Newport Street WR1 3NR
P2 Cathedral Square WR1 2QE	P5 Commandery* WR1 2HY	P8 Crowngate WR1 3EL	P11 Pitchcroft/The Moors* WR1 6EJ
P3 Cattlemarket WR1 3PL	P6 Copenhagen St WR1 2HB	P9 King Street WR1 2NX	P12 Providence Street WR1 2BE

P13 St Martin's Quarter WR1 2SF	P16 Tallow Hill* WR4 1JT
P14 St Martin's Gate WR1 2BS	P17 Tybridge Street* WR2 5BA
P15 Taylor's Lane WR1 1PN	*Payment by phone app only

Crowngate Shopping Centre car park (WR1 3LX): overnight parking £2 (17:00-09:00) • Sundays and Bank Holidays £2 • open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
NB: County Hall is also the official coach park for the event.



For more information visit:
www.worcesterchristmasfayre.co.uk/gettinghere

Stall Guide

HIGH STREET LOWER

Bright Lights	Children's toys
Farm to Shop	Cheese
Wildjac	Spirits
Flower Shop	Flowers
O'Donnell Moonshine	Moonshine
Piccolo Prosecco	Prosecco, cocktails & mulled wine
The Secret Boutique	Clothing
Brilliant Wall Art	Wall hangings
Roly Poly	Pulled meats
Cotswold Game & Meat	Sausages, Yorkshire pudding wraps
Café Canoli	Canoli
Copper Beach	Beer
Crêpe Expectations	Crêpes
Selly Punjabi	Samosas
Non-solo	Arancini, Limoncello and Italian food
Veronica Pock	Own art
Mad Batter Cakes	Sweet bakes
Small Farmers Coffee	Coffee beans
Chock Shop	Brownies
Angelic Gifts/Cats Whiskers	Mystic themed items
Claire Waters	Glass & woodwork
Mercury Gifts	Pottery & glassware
Sims Botega	Bags & scarves
Med Foods	Olives, nuts, baklava etc
Bakes By Gee	Sweet bakes
William Tong's Best Biltong	Biltong
Faraday Kitchen	Mexican
Churtopia	Churros
Guest Homeware	Homeware
JS Artisan	Baked goods
The Parfum Club	Perfumes
Croome Cuisine	Cheese
Mad Bags	Tote bags

NEW STREET

Jane Elizabeth Conf.	Sweets
Retro Shots	Liquors
Twisted Curry	Curry & spice kits
Gwatkin Cider	Cider
Castle Accessories	Caps, wallets & bags
Chesters	Mexican catering
Marks and Spencer	M&S products
A&B Accessories	Christmas gifts
Juliet O'Brien	Wax, crystals, etc
Digger & Dozer	Upcycled gifts
Carmatara	Jewellery
Woody's Boutique	Wood craft
World of Cushions	Tablecloths, cushions, throws
Spencer Brooke Design	Wooden items & decor
Lilly Moonstone	Jewellery
Hickorys	Merchandise & eggnog
Croome Cuisine	Cheese
Sinfully Delicious	Sweet bakes
Choccotastic	Chocolate
Leverne Roberts	Sausages

HIGH STREET

Barbourne Cider	Cider, perry & juice
Tallulah Blue Design	Mixed media art, jewellery & gifts
Beckford Rum	Rum
Wilde Bakery	Flapjack
Fluffie - Fudge Heaven	Fuffie
Croome Cuisine	Cheese
Three Bears Bakery	Sweet bakes
Dawn Hardwick - O'Mishka	Jewellery
Time 4 Design	Ceramic heat proof stands
Bluebell Cottage Bears	Teddy bears
Uniquicorn	Popcorn
Yum Sweet Treats	Sweet bakes
Silver2dream	Jewellery
Richard Webb	Original art prints & cards
Adrian Higgins	Artwork
Rachel Blackwell	Own art & books
Sara Storm	Clothing
Three Bees Boutique	Custom embroidery
Silver Goose Furnishings	Blankets, throws, etc
San Jose Import	Ponchos, dream catchers, etc
Perfect Tipple	Spirits
Selly Punjabi	Samosas
Christmas at Toll House	Christmas decor
Coffee Kings	Baileys & brandy hot drinks
Direct Beers	Beer
Majestic Event Catering	Doughnuts & hot drinks
Cheltenham Jewellery	Jewellery
Pretty Craft	Felt craft
Kerry Jane Page	Wildlife art
Turan Mosaic	Mosaic lamps
Nutty's Emporium	Russian dolls
Sarah Greening	Glass
Dale Chambers	Bags, belts & purses
Twinning	German, Lithuanian and French Specialties
Kiec Garden Furniture	Garden ornaments
Rupert Mole	Chocolate-covered confectionery

THE CORNMARKE

Ryan Jepson	Cheese & biscuits
Charcuterie Hereford	Charcuterie
Whistlers Storm	Tea Liquors
Rose Cottage Foods	Savoury bakes
Emburs	Sweet bakes & kits
Kelly Potts	Upcycled cutlery
Tracey Cooper	Cards, cushions, kitchen lines
Glitzzy Vintage	Jewellery
Feast Street	Pulled pork, loaded fries, burgers
Scarrott's Catering	Donuts
Callow Hill Wine	Mulled wine
Mac Daddies	Mac & cheese
Yannis Greek	Greek wraps
VBE Foods	Vegan Yorkshire wraps
The Cheese Boys	Halloumi, raclette over chips etc
Simon's Sausage	Sausages
No Frickin' Chicken	Vegan chicken
Cocoa Caravan	Alcoholic hot drinks & cakes
Leverne Roberts	Burgers
First Bus	Giveaways (Sat only)

CATHEDRAL SQUARE

Roly Poly	Pulled pork / loaded fries
Francini	Coffee
Feast Street	Loaded burgers, mac & cheese
Piston Distillery	Gin, vodka, tonics, cocktails
Toppers	Hats
Sharon Young	Sea glass pictures
Cartridge Creations	Upcycled bullet accessories
Forever Beads	Jewellery
Flint & Flame	Knives
Thrift Vintage	Cards, socks, signs, lights

PUMP STREET

Irvin Confectionery	Sweets
Platinum Pancakes	Crêpes
Midlands Air Ambulance	Information
Becca's Cakehouse	Sweet bakes
Cosy Chocolate	Chocolate stirrers
Case For Cooking	Cooking spices & sauces
BJ Beans	Coffee, milkshakes
Em's Bakes and Cakes	Sweet bakes
Copper Bee	Jewellery
Natural Cone & Fruit	Dried fruit & wreaths
Lauren Faye	Coffee

THE SHAMBLES

Plantamamita	Lamps
Call Me Daisy	Real flower jewellery & accessories
George Gercs Wholesale	Socks, hats, gloves
Pelle Gifts	Leather jewellery & winter accessories
Touch of Glass	Christmas decor & winter accessories
Minifigz Framed	Figurines in frames & accessories
Howey Nichols	Kin Vodka
Made Here With Love	Jewellery & jewellery kits
Royly Da Silva	Nuts & olives
Mazy Christmas	Books, cards, prints
Frank's Sauces	Hot sauces, marinades & seasonings
J Rose Stores	Bath bombs
MC Fashion	Hats, gloves & scarves
The Footwear Company	Slippers
Swimzi	Bobble hats

FRIAR STREET

Taste of America	Roast pork & drinks
JS Artisan	Bakery goods
Small Farmers Coffee	Coffee beans
Shakespeare Distillery	Spirits
Ria Poynton	Jewellery & crafts
Jormae Pourri	Potpourri
Jethro's Marinades	Sauces, marinades, crackling
Devil's Bridge	Rum
Croome Cuisine	Cheese
The Parfum Club	Perfume
Dogs Trust/Charity Link	Information
Broadlands Pottery	Pottery
Miamia Designs	Pictures, jewellery, cards, decor
Woodland Trust	Information

OTHER SHOPPING AREAS IN THE CITY INCLUDE:

Angel Place Market WR1 3NF (open 9:00 - 17:00 Thu/Fri/Sat)

Cathedral Square WR1 2QE

Crowngate Shopping Centre WR1 3LE

Hopmarket WR1 1DL

Reindeer Court WR1

Entertainment Areas

Main Stage in Cathedral Square and Bell Square Crowngate
The Cardinal's Hat Stage in Friar Street
St Swithun's Church

www.worcesterchristmasfayre.co.uk/thefayre/entertainment
www.the-cardinals-hat.co.uk
www.worcesterstswithuns.org

Bringing you shamefully back to a time when the alley-dwellers inhabited the streets, Gin Lane is back welcoming you into our alley at a time of pickpockets, magic music halls and many unsavoury sorts. This is the dark and playful world of 'Gin Lane': a Victorian alleyway with its debauched inhabitants. How the other 'ar live, some might say. We're always looking to make a quick sixpence or two!

Having opened our alley to the public for years, this eighth slice of mischief is a huge part of the Victorian Fayre - an immersive, cheeky installation with characters, performances and sing-songs to provide an alternative Victorian experience.

Make your way down the Shambles and look for this precarious alleyway to hang out amongst the hawkers and flower sellers, magic and alchemy, urchins, gin addiction, singing and dancing.

Gin Lane produced by Klik Klik Collective combines the talents of local artists and performers. Come sing along with 'Play It Again Dan' (Dan Bramhall) tinkling the ivories to bring the old music halls back to life while 'Lee's Fleas' will keep you entertained. Watch those pockets, as the urchins from Worcester Theatre Makers are prowling!

Klik Klik is a Worcester-based producer, creating unique immersive installations and pop-up experiences, through both solo work and by bringing together a diverse range of freelance artists and performers - **see more at www.klikklikcollective.com**.

You can find Gin Lane between New Street and The Shambles Friday 17:00-21:00 and Saturday 16:00-20:00.

