

MINEHEAD STATION PLATFORM DANCE

Saturday 12th September
at 7.00pm

Put on your glad rags, polish those dancing shoes, and get ready to swing the night away! Step back in time for an unforgettable evening straight out of the fabulous forties.

We're thrilled to announce our headline act: The Deane Big Band, bringing the timeless sounds and infectious energy of the swing era to life.

Please be aware tickets for this event are limited and sold in advance. Visit our website to book:

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WEST SOMERSET RAILWAY

1940's Weekend

12TH + 13TH September



Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September						
Station	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam
Bishops Lydeard	10:15	10:55	12:25	-	14:35	16:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	10:28	11:07	12:38	-	14:48	16:38
Stogumber	10:38	11:25	12:48	-	14:58	16:48
Williton	10:48	11:34	12:58	14:16	15:08	16:58
Doniford Halt (R)	10:54	11:38	13:12	-	15:22	17:22
Watchet	10:58	11:42	13:16	14:22	15:26	17:26
Washford	11:08	11:51	13:26	14:31	15:36	17:36
Blue Anchor	11:16	11:59	13:34	14:40	15:44	17:44
Dunster	11:26	12:07	13:43	14:55	15:53	17:52
Minehead	11:35	12:15	13:50	15:02	16:00	18:00
Station	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam	Steam
Minehead	10:00	12:20	13:15	14:30	15:25	16:30
Dunster	10:08	12:28	13:23	14:38	15:33	16:38
Blue Anchor	10:15	12:35	13:29	14:45	15:40	16:45
Washford	10:25	12:45	13:45	14:55	15:55	16:55
Watchet	10:33	12:53	13:53	15:03	16:03	17:03
Doniford Halt (R)	10:39	12:59	-	15:09	16:09	17:09
Williton	10:43	13:03	14:01	15:13	16:13	17:13
Stogumber	11:03	13:16	-	15:26	16:26	17:25
Crowcombe Heathfield	11:12	13:25	-	15:35	16:35	17:33
Bishops Lydeard	11:25	13:40	-	15:50	16:55	17:45



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WHAT'S ON AT WSR?

Bishops Lydeard

At our station closest to Taunton, Bishops Lydeard Museum (run by the WSR Heritage Trust) will be decorated in the classic 1940s style. They will have storyboards on the lower floor telling the story of the '40s decade. A visual display of '40s artefacts and adverts will also be viewable. Dickie Lines will be performing at intervals throughout the weekend.

Crowcombe Heathfield

A delightfully decorated rural station, Crowcombe Heathfield will be hosting the harmonious John Walker singers, displays of vintage memorabilia, as well as a number of vintage cars and portering demonstrations.

Stogumber

New for this year, Stogumber Station will have a 'make do and mend' tent, hosting displays of vintage sewing, making and other repair methods as well as demonstrations of the various techniques, including darning. An air-raid shelter will be found in the waiting room.

Props will be found around the station, such as unexploded bombs, and a small display of antique vehicles will be viewable. As well as all this, Blitz Time Sally and Chrystal Bliss will be singing again throughout the weekend.

Williton

Williton Station are planning a number of different displays and attractions, such as a display on the evacuation process in general and how it was carried out in Williton specifically; a display on the world of wartime children including a number of original popular children's toys and games from the wartime period; and a small selection of classic vehicles (four and two-wheeled).

Saturday

10.00 - 10.45	May Blossom
10.50 - 11.35	Helen Pearson
11.40 - 12.25	Johnny Victory
12.30 - 13.05	Taunton Swing
13.10 - 13.55	May Blossom
14.00 - 14.45	Helen Pearson
14.50 - 15.35	Johnny Victory
15.40 - 16.10	Taunton Swing

Sunday

10.00 - 10.45	Johnny Victory
10.50 - 11.35	May Blossom
11.40 - 12.25	Helen Pearson
12.30 - 13.05	Dotty & Biscuit
13.10 - 13.55	Johnny Victory
14.00 - 14.45	May Blossom
14.50 - 15.35	Helen Pearson
15.40 - 16.19	Dotty & Biscuit



The station in Watchet will be brightly decorated in traditional 1940s regalia, with bunting, sandbags, flags and more.

A display centred around 'Digging for Victory' will be there, as well as a Land Girl cut-out you can pose with and an Air-Raid siren demonstration. Live music will be taking place through out the day, with a variety of musicians such as Beau Norton, Jeep Johnson and Lily Lovejoy. In downtimes the swing sounds of the 40s will be playing over the speaker system.

Watchet town will be abuzz with a variety of vintage stalls, entertainment, refreshments and much more.

Washford

Once again, Washford will be turning their waiting room into a 40s style tea room, with furniture and crockery of the era and 'tea ladies' dressed for the part. A display of a field gun, barriers and an unexploded bomb is being constructed at the wider end of the platform form for viewing. The NAAFI will be present and the West Somerset Railway Heritage Trust Carriage Restoration Shed will be open as well.

Blue Anchor

Blue Anchor Station will have a display on NARPAC (National Air Raid Precautions Animals Committee) and their impact and advice during WWII, as well as other home-front displays and attractions.

Dunster

Last year Dunster Station focused on looking into rural life. This year they will be revisiting this theme including a taster table of 1940s recipes; an antique hand tool display, with items used in carpentry and farming; there will be a look into Dunster during the 1940s, including images of the village, books detailing the time and more.

Minehead

As usual, Minehead station will be hosting a variety of musical performances from singers: Johnny Victory, May Blossom and Helen Pearson over the course of both days - see across for timings. The station will be delightfully decorated with bunting, sandbags and lights as well as hosting a display on home-front amenities and local history.

