

# CISPP DVDs

produced in association with Moving Art TV

As part of our mission to promote the history of Carnival, we research and produce DVDs from original footage—reminders of the carnivals, carts and masqueraders that are part of our West Country culture.

## Iconic Carnival Carts

The film of five decades

This film celebrates five decades of Somerset Illuminated carnivals. Featuring around 75 carts, compiled from archive footage from official videos and DVDs, this updated and revised DVD shows the most innovative, memorable and iconic carts seen in our carnivals.



## Walking your way into carnival

The Heritage and Evolution of Walking Masqueraders in West Country Carnivals

This DVD celebrates the heritage and development of masquerading in the West Country Illuminated carnivals. This film features archive carnival footage and interviews with masquerading participants.

These DVDs are £10 each, plus £2.00 P&P

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# Carnival Dates 2018

Wessex Grand Prix	Sturminster Newton	1 Sep	7.00pm
Mere		15 Sep	7.30pm
Frome		22 Sep	7.00pm
Shaftesbury		29 Sep	7.15pm
Gillingham		6 Oct	7.15pm
Wincanton		12 Oct	7.30pm
Castle Cary		13 Oct	7.00pm
Salisbury		19 Oct	7.30pm
Trowbridge		20 Oct	7.00pm
Warminster		27 Oct	7.00pm

## South Somerset Federation

Wellington	29 Sep	7.00pm
Ilminster	6 Oct	7.15pm
Chard	13 Oct	7.30pm
Taunton	20 Oct	7.00pm

## Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnival Association

Bridgwater	3 Nov	7.00pm
Burnham-on-Sea	5 Nov	7.30pm
Weston-super-Mare	9 Nov	7.15pm
North Petherton	10 Nov	7.00pm
Shepton Mallet	14 Nov	7.30pm
Wells	16 Nov	7.00pm
Glastonbury	17 Nov	7.00pm

Also .....

Blandford Forum	8 Sep	7.00pm
Midsomer Norton	12 Nov	7.30pm

Correct at the time of printing

# 2018 Guide

# West Country Illuminated Carnivals

Wessex Grand Prix Circuit  
 South Somerset Federation  
 Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnivals

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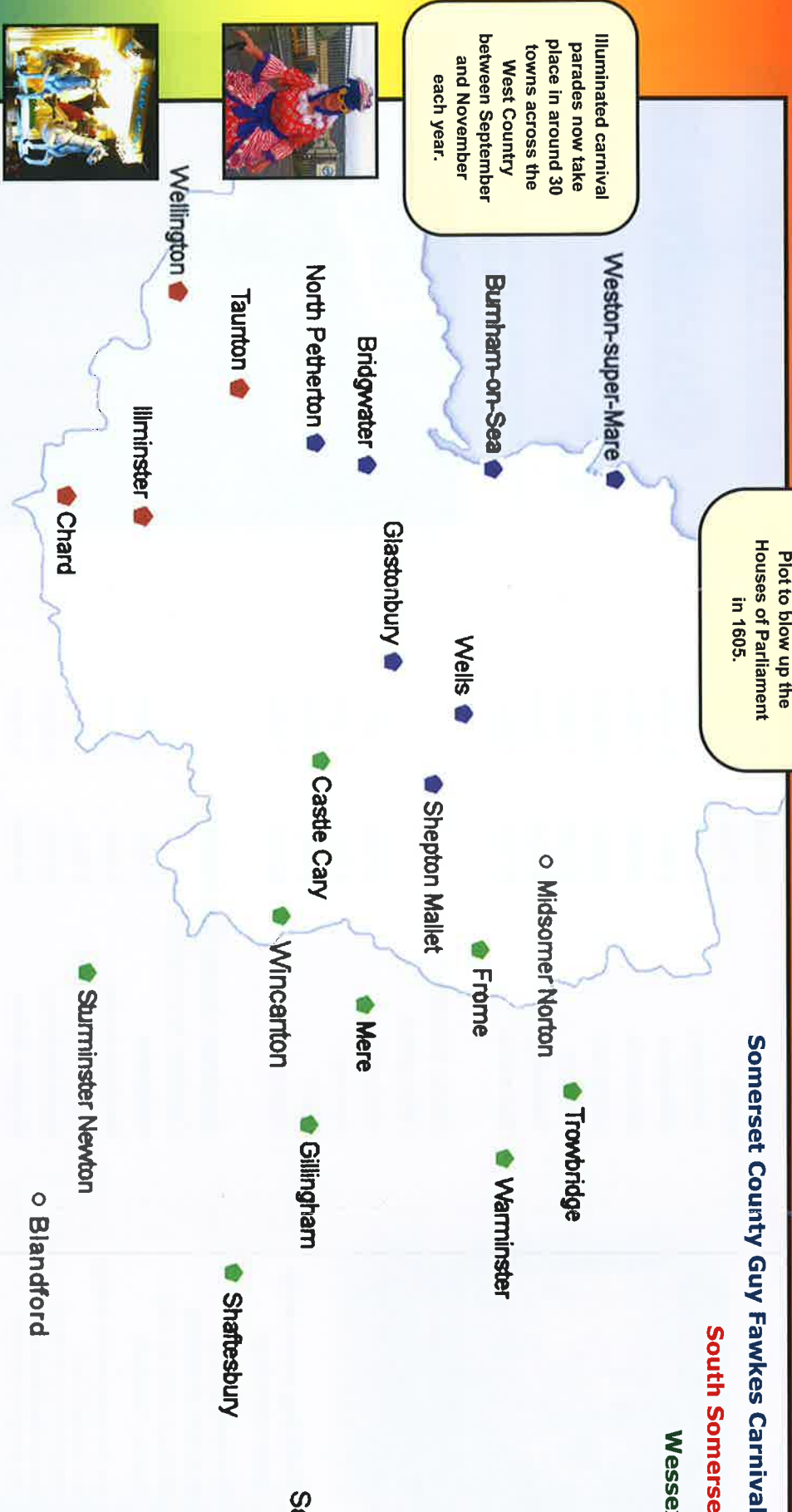
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# 2018 West Country Illuminated Carnivals

Photos courtesy of Mark Adler, Mendip Times

The tradition of illuminated carnivals in the West Country can be traced back to the religious celebrations that took place following the failure of the Gunpowder Plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

Illuminated carnival parades now take place in around 30 towns across the West Country between September and November each year.



Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnival Association  
 South Somerset Federation  
 Wessex Grand Prix

Although Bonfire Night is now a major annual celebration across the UK, it is likely that the event was originally so keenly celebrated in Somerset because the population was predominantly Protestant.



From hay carts and torch light, the carnivals have developed into all-electric road shows with floats of up to 30 metres in length and up to 30,000 light bulbs.



From these beginnings over 400 years ago, carnival has spread across the West Country.



Other rural carnivals started in the 20th century, to celebrate the return of soldiers from the two World Wars or were initiated to raise funds for local hospitals and community facilities.

