

DERBY: all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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LATEST NEWS

Look Who's Back

Derby might not be the first place you would immediately associate with Bram Stoker's Dracula. But this year marks the 100th anniversary of Count Dracula's first ever appearance on stage. And [it was Derby which hosted the play's world premiere](#) on 15 May 1924, before it moved to the West End and then on to Broadway - where Bela Lugosi made the part his own. The city will now host a 14 month long programme of highly creative, imaginative and eye-catching events and activities – the birthplace of the character's journey from monster to international cultural superstar.

Now Open - Great Northern Classics

A new heritage motoring destination has opened in Derby city centre. [Great Northern Classics](#) is based at the former Victoria Ironworks foundry, which until recently served as the Rolls-Royce Heritage Centre. This vast site, which encompasses four buildings, now houses a fully-equipped training school, workshops for around 30 specialists, a car storage area, exhibition and entertainment space. It is open daily 09.00 to 17.00, and is also home to Café Miura. On the doorstep of great drives, Derby is a great base for exploring two other well-established motoring attractions nearby: [Great British Car Journey](#) and [Drive Dad's Car](#).

50 years of Cheers

Derby CAMRA will hold a beer festival to celebrate [the 50th Anniversary of the Branch](#) between the 3rd and 6th July 2024. Derby is world renowned as a beer capital of Great Britain, with a Real Ale Trail that bears comparison with the best in the world. The festival itself will take place between 3 and 6 July, and will be spread across three pubs, all close to the city's railway station.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Read all about it

30 May – 5 June

The summer edition of [Derby Book Festival](#) will include an impressive line-up of authors covering a wide range of genres, including journalists James O'Brien and Polly Toynbee, *The Great British Sewing Bee*'s Patrick Grant, historians Alison Weir & Dan Cruickshank and authors Francis Spufford & Abigail Dean. The Festival's latest update can now be found online.

Take a bite out of Derby's Burger Festival this summer

15 June

Get ready for a sizzling sensation at the [Bustler's Burger Festival](#) in Derby on Saturday 15 June. Featuring a tasty selection of the UK's very best independent burger traders alongside a vibrant atmosphere with live music, DJs and entertainment, the annual Burger Festival runs from 12-midday to 9pm. Tickets cost £5 per person.

Derby's Fake Festival

15 June

Markeaton Park in Derby will be the venue for the [Derby Fake Festival](#), featuring six of the biggest named bands in the world - but all of them fake/tribute acts. Guns2Roses, Ultimate Green Day, Hullabaloo (Muse), Enjoy the Silence (Depeche Mode), Vicky Jackson is Pink and The Police Force will bring the big names to life inside a giant

marquee at a concert which last year proved to be a sell-out. The price of early bird tickets, on sale to 17 May, start from £35 per person.

[Watch the Euros at Bustler Fan Park, Derby](#)

16, 20 and 25 June

A huge fan park with over 800 capacity and a brilliant atmosphere, will be taking centre stage at Bustler, The Chocolate Factory. [The Fan Park](#), which made its debut for the 2021 Euros and returned again for the 2022 World Cup, is a place where fans can gather together for a shared experience of football, beer and delicious street food, while viewing all of the big games on giant 12m screens. Classic match highlights are played prior to each game, and tickets for England's group stage matches on 16, 20 and 25 June are already on sale from £5.50 per adult.

[QUAD Summer Nights outdoor Film Festival dates announced](#)

16 August to 15 September

Derby QUAD will bring a selection of best-selling films to scenic venues between 16 August and 15 September as part of their [Summer Nights outdoor film festival 2024](#).

Following the success of previous years, Summer Nights will showcase a mix of *Barbie*, *Wonka*, & *Mamma Mia* across two currently confirmed venues, including Sudbury Hall a few miles to the west of Derby, in Ashbourne. Tickets are £14 for adults and £10.00 under 12s.

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BLOGS

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[Maynificent events for half term](#)

There's plenty of ideas and loads of inspiration for the upcoming [May Half-Term Holiday](#) in this blog on the VisitDerby website. Covering dates from 25 May to 2 June, it's filled with family-friendly suggestions to keep children entertained during their school break.

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