

DERBY:

all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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LATEST NEWS

The Nines

[The Nines](#) is set to make its grand debut in the heart of Derby City Centre. The menu is designed by Maurizio Ferraiuolo, a guest judge on MasterChef Malaysia and personal chef for a number of celebrities. The new city centre establishment will be a "family-friendly" restaurant with outdoor seating that hopes to serve a high-quality menu, which has been carefully designed by a team of experts. The menu is expected to have a wide variety of international fusion dishes

Derby: the place where Dracula came to life

Did you know that [Dracula took shape in Derby](#)? And, that there's a direct line from Derby Grand Theatre in 1924 through to Hollywood, and beyond. Dracula became one of the most popular fictional characters the UK has ever produced in the stage play adapted from Bram Stoker's book. Suave, sophisticated, dressed in a cloak, and carrying a cane, he's right up there with Sherlock Holmes and Harry Potter in terms of a character we can all picture in our own mind's eye. Yet that only happened when the novel was transferred to the stage. Our very first sighting of the Dracula we all now know was at the play's premiere in Derby on 15 May, 1924; and the city is now hosting a year's worth of events and activities.

A further £80m-worth of investment helping to reshape Derby city centre

Derby's famous Victorian [Market Hall](#) is undergoing a £35 million revamp, which will bring together the very best of the region's independent shopping, eating, drinking and entertainment. It is set to once again become Derby's beating heart as a place where people choose to come together to enjoy the buzz of the city, and to discover creatives, makers and traders. The transformed Market Hall is scheduled to open in 2025 - closely followed by Derby's new £45.8 million entertainment and conference venue [Becketwell](#), which is expected to attract an additional 250,000 visitors a year to the city.

The sailor's friend, a 100th anniversary, and his association with Derby

Another piece of Derby's past has been unearthed - this time by Nicolette Jones, whose book *The Plimsoll Sensation: The Great Campaign to Save Lives at Sea* has recently been featured by [The Economist](#). "Plimsolls," begins the article, "the rubber-soled, canvas shoes worn by schoolchildren and celebrities alike are a familiar piece of footwear. But how many people know that they are named after Samuel Plimsoll, an Englishman whose tireless campaigning ended Victorian shipping malpractices and saved thousands of sailors' lives?" Plimsoll was born exactly 100 years ago in 1824. He became the MP for Derby and, according to *The Economist*, "took up a cause that stirred the nation, wrong-footed a prime minister and, for a while, was the most popular man in the country..."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Derby Museums' Egyptian collection re-examined in thought-provoking exhibition

5 July to 24 November

Derby Museums is bringing its collections from ancient Egypt together in a special exhibition at Derby Museum and Art Gallery. Featuring over 80 objects and the remains of three mummified humans, the displays will explore why these collections are here, and how they travelled all the way from North Africa. Derby's collections will be joined by world-class loans from the British Museum and Manchester Museum in an exhibition entitled [Displaced: From the Nile to the Derwent](#). Entry £5 per adult.

An invitation to play, sense and immerse yourself in a relaxing playful world

20 July to 1 September

[Passage to PlayLAND](#) brings together two exciting interactive and family-friendly immersive installations from Derby based digital artist John Whall. *PlayLAB* and *PlayLAND* are shared, playful experiences that invite the gallery visitor to fully engage with the physical space and to consider their local environment. Both projects have been adapted for Derby QUAD art centre. Entry is free.

It's Carnival Time

21 July

Derby's colourful and eye-catching [Caribbean Carnival](#) will be taking place on Sunday 21 July, with street performances travelling from the city centre to a family fun day in Osmaston Park. The carnival troupe procession will start at 1pm before arriving at the park at around 3.30pm. The event will also feature Caribbean food, art and crafts stalls, a beer tent and live music.

Derby ready for "ultimate BBQ offering"

10 August

Bustler's famous BBQ in Derby is a place where guests can sip on a frozen margarita, bourbon cocktail or a fresh pint of craft while the experts do the grilling. Also featuring garden games for all the family, live music, inflatable fun, ice cream and more the emphasis as ever is all about providing "the ultimate BBQ offering" from top notch traders cooking on open fire. Admission is £5.50, with tickets bookable in advance [here](#).

Symphonic Ibiza: It's just *not* cricket.

17 August

Derby's county cricket ground is set for night of Ibiza classics with a difference, as [Symphonic Ibiza](#) comes to the city. Featuring some of the most famous Ibiza club anthems from the last 30 years presented through the musical stylings of a stunning live orchestra, DJs, vocalists, a night of euphoric dancing, timeless tunes and stunning high tempo performances. Super Early Bird tickets have sold out, but Early Bird tickets are available priced £24.50 per adult.

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BLOGS

Summer in the city

Discover [the full range of summer holiday events in Derby](#) - from outdoor cinema and theatre performances, to fun-filled family festivals. This guide to the best summer happenings in Derby, has been created to ensure visitors can create cherished memories during the school holidays this summer.

The Guardian, June 2024

Journalist Caroline Butterwick delves into how Dracula was made in Derby. Read more [here](#).

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