

JANUARY TO MARCH 2026 / ENGLISH

DERBY GUIDE

WHAT'S ON



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KICK OFF 2026 IN STYLE

Derby's new year is packed with energy! Our "What's On" guide has the hottest events to make the first three months unforgettable. From live music and theatre to family fun, there's something for everyone. We're especially looking forward to Wright of Derby: From the Shadows returning from the National Gallery later in the year, alongside a host of other unmissable experiences.

Explore our interactive guide to see what's on in Derby - click any event for full details and start planning your 2026 adventures today!

The Tourism Team at VisitDerby

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DON'T MISS A BEAT

Top things to do and authentic experiences you can't miss in Derby

1

UK Ghost Story Festival 2026

27 Feb 2026 - 1 Mar 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Place, Cathedral Quarter...

The UK Ghost Story Festival returns for 2026, with a new weekend and an exciting new home!

2

Derby Book Festival 2026

22 May 2026 - 31 May 2026, 13 Nov 2026 - 15 Nov 2026

📍 Various Derby venues,

Derby Book Festival will return in 2026 with Summer and Autumn editions.

3

Wright of Derby: From the Shadows

13 Jun 2026 - 1 Nov 2026

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Explore Wright of Derby's 'candlelight' paintings – drama, discovery & sublime art in From the Shadows.

4

Derby Caribbean Carnival 2026

19 Jul 2026

📍 Derby City Centre & Osmaston Park,

Feel the rhythm! Derby Caribbean Carnival hits the streets with colour, culture and big Carnival vibes.

5

The Darley Park Weekender 2026

21 Aug 2026 - 23 Aug 2026

📍 Darley Park, DE22 1EN

Derby's summer highlight returns for 2026, bringing a star-studded line-up to the Darley Park Weekender stage.



DISCOVER DERBY MARKET HALL IN 2026

Make visiting Derby Market Hall your new year's resolution and receive a warm welcome this winter and early spring.

With new traders recently announced, you'll find an even bigger selection of independent traders to choose from on your next visit. Shop local produce from our new greengrocer and deli counter, pick-up crafting supplies at our haberdashery, or shop quality tools, plants and supplies at our new gardening stall. We've also welcomed a range of service businesses recently, including a tailor and beauty salon.

Make us your new meet-up spot for socialising with friends and family in the new year, with an array of street food traders, bars, cafés and an on-site distillery to enjoy. Watching your diet in 2026? Chow down on a range of healthier options at Derby Market Hall, including soups, jacket potatoes, salads, rice bowls and vegan options from our traders.

Our 2026 calendar is already filling up with an amazing schedule of events. Experience our new monthly Farmers' Market (launching in January 2026), vintage and memorabilia fairs, artisan markets and a craft beer, wines and spirits festival. You'll also find regular events throughout the week and live entertainment every weekend.



SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Derby is a lively city of events. From January to March, you can enjoy a great mix of festivals, celebrations, exhibitions and cultural events. Find below a small selection of great events, there's lots more, see visitderby.co.uk/whats-on



Dracula's Bazaar

27 Feb 2026 - 1 Mar 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Place, Cathedral Quarter...

Derby Dracula Presents... Dracula's Bazaar! Join us at QUAD, Derby, for a weekend of alternative delights.



Vampire Games Day II – Vampire Themed Roleplaying Games

21 Feb 2026

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Dive into vampire-themed RPGs at The Museum on The Wardwick with Mythic Echoes!



Joseph Wright of Derby: Life on Paper

14 Mar 2026 - 17 May 2026

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

An exhibition exploring the life and work of one of Britain's best loved artists.



The James Bond Concert Spectacular

22 Mar 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derby DE1 1LA

Experience the iconic music of James Bond performed live in a spectacular, cinematic concert event!

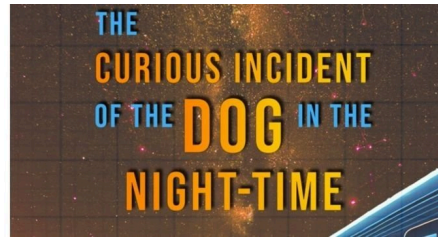


Anime-A-Go-Go

10 Jan 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Derby Quad dives into four classic 80s/90s anime films - all on the big screen in one epic day.



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

18 Jan 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

When 15-year-old Christopher finds his neighbour's dog killed, he launches into a Sherlock-style quest for the truth.



Burns Night Supper and Dance

24 Jan 2026

📍 Morley Hayes Hotel, Main Road, M...

Honour Scotland's Bard, Robert Burns, with a Highland bagpiper and the traditional address to a haggis.



Derby Comedy Club

Until Nov 2026

📍 Derby Conference Centre, London ...

Welcome to the ever-popular Derby Comedy Club - your monthly home for big laughs and top-tier comedy!



Honey Cabaret presents Cirque du Soirée

7 Feb 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

A top-class cabaret show with standout national and international acts in circus, comedy, burlesque, magic, and song.



The Music Of Taylor Swift By Candlelight

20 Feb 2026

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, ...

Swifties, get ready to sing, swap bracelets, share the love, and Shake It Off! Taylor Swift by Candlelight is magical!

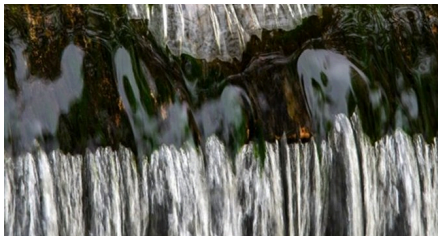


Pancakes and Pandemonium: Derby Shrovetide 180 Years ago with Ian Collis

22 Feb 2026

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The S...

Shrove Tuesday now means pancakes, but in Georgian and Victorian times it was a key day for feasting, fun and games.



Derby Uncovered – Walk: Weird Derby

28 Feb 2026

📍 Derby QUAD & Cinema, Market Pla...

Join a 90-minute walk exploring Derby's weird history - falling frogs, roaming ghouls, mummified cats and more.



Top Secret – The Magic of Science

1 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

Top Secret is a fast-paced, colourful family science show packed with magic, mystery, suspense and plenty of mess!



Glitch

5 Mar 2026 - 7 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

Glitch – the true story of Pam Stubbs and the biggest miscarriage of justice in English legal history.



He Will Rock You: Freddie Mercury Tribute Night

6 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Conference Centre, London ...

Celebrate Freddie's magic with live vocals, signature moves and rock anthems at Derby Conference Centre.



London Symphonic Rock Orchestra

17 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park...

London Symphonic Rock Orchestra rocks iconic hits from AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Metallica & more - reimagined spectacularly!



Madama Butterfly

17 Mar 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derb...

Experience Puccini's Madama Butterfly with live orchestra by Dnipro Opera – a tragic, timeless tale of love.



The Dubliners Encore - Official Stage Show

18 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park...

Celebrate The Dubliners with a lively show that gets you singing and dancing long after the lights fade.

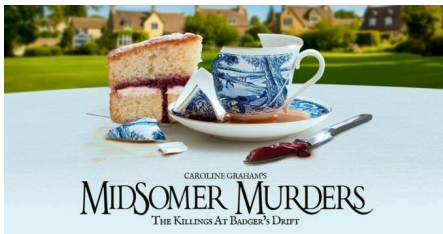


There's a Snake in My School

19 Mar 2026 - 20 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

A hilariously mischievous new musical packed with mayhem and songs, based on David Walliams' No.1 bestseller.



Midsomer Murders: The Killings at Badger's Drift

24 Mar 2026 - 28 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Theatre, 15 Theatre Walk, St ...

Murder hits the countryside in the world-premiere stage adaptation of the hit TV favourite Midsomer Murders.



Vitamin String Quartet

28 Mar 2026

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, ...

VSQ fuses classical and pop with stunning covers, earning global acclaim and over 2 billion streams.



Murder Trial Tonight IV - Death of a Landlord

21 Mar 2026

📍 Vaillant Live, 2 Colyear Street, Derb...

Step inside this immersive true-crime experience and deliver the verdict yourself.

EXPLORE FURTHER AFIELD

On Derby's doorstep is the stunning Peak District and Derbyshire. There is always a great selection of events, whatever time of year you visit.

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Exhibition: Teeth by Lucy Stevens 18 Dec 2025 - 28 Jun 2026

📍 Creswell Crags Museum & Heritage...

A vibrant exhibition of colourful mixed-media paintings inspired by the mammal teeth collection at Creswell Crags.



500 Years of the Chatsworth Garden and Landscape

16 Jan 2026

📍 Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire ...

Explore 500 years of Chatsworth's gardens in an illustrated talk with Head of Gardens Steve Porter.



February Half Term at Hardwick

14 Feb 2026 - 22 Feb 2026

📍 Hardwick Hall, Doe Lea, Chesterfiel...

Enjoy a 'love'ly half-term exploring Elizabethan Valentine themes with outdoor play and crafts.

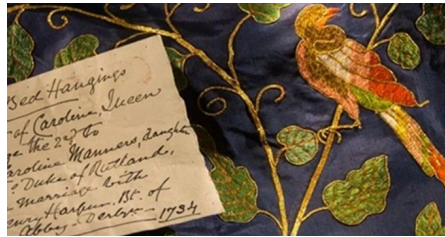


Ashbourne Royal Shrovetide Football

17 Feb 2026 - 18 Feb 2026

📍 Ashbourne, Derbyshire

Played in Ashbourne on Shrove Tuesday & Wednesday, this historic game is one of football's oldest traditions.



Silk, Stitches and Status at Calke Abbey

18 Dec 2025 - 25 Feb 2026

📍 Calke Abbey, Ticknall, Derbyshire D...

Discover the hidden stories in Calke Abbey's clothing collection on this fascinating new tour.



Chatsworth in Song

6 Mar 2026

📍 Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire ...

Explore Chatsworth's estate wildlife revealed by a recent bio-acoustic survey.

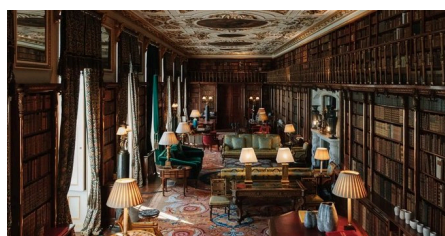


Makers Market - Mother's Day Weekend

13 Mar 2026 - 15 Mar 2026

📍 Thornbridge Hall, Baslow Road, As...

Celebrate the creativity of local and independent makers at Thornbridge Estate.

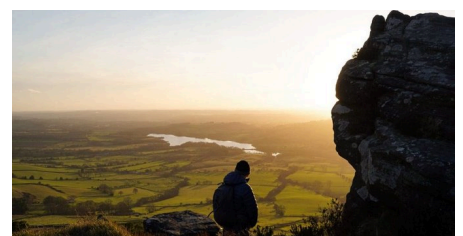


House of Stories: Tales from the Chatsworth Library

21 Mar 2026 - 4 Oct 2026

📍 Chatsworth, Bakewell, Derbyshire ...

See four centuries of the Devonshire family's treasured books in Chatsworth's 2026 exhibition.



The Roaches & Lud's Church - Dog Friendly - Peak District

28 Mar 2026

📍 Roaches Tea Rooms & Restaurant ,

Dog-friendly guided walk of Hen Cloud, Lud's Church & The Roaches with stunning views.

POPULAR PLACES AND ATTRACTIONS

Derby is a vibrant city with lots of events throughout the year. Many events take place within our award winning attractions. There are always lots of things to see and do, particularly around celebrations and holidays. Here are a few of our attractions where there is always something to see and do.



Artcore

📍 8 Albert Street, Osnabruck Square, Derby DE1 2DS

Join our events, a calendar crammed with exhibitions, workshops, training programmes, art residencies and celebrations.

Bluebells

📍 Brunswood Farm, Locko Road, Derby DE21 7AR

Meet the animals, enjoy indoor and outdoor play and taste delicious artisan ice cream on the fabulous farm park.

Derby Cathedral

📍 Derby Cathedral, 18-19 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP

A fascinating place to visit and a venue for musical and cultural excellence in the heart of the city.

Derby Market Hall

📍 Market Place, Derby DE1 2DB

A treasure trove of unique finds and delicious treats, perfect for a day of shopping, dining and entertainment.

Derby Museum & Art Gallery

📍 Derby Museum & Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS

Lots of treasures to explore and lots of activities for families to enjoy together at Derby Museums.

Electric Daisy

📍 1 - 4 Bold Lane, Derby DE1 3NT

A vibrant space where people connect, culture blooms, and nature takes the spotlight with great events happening.

Great Northern Classics

📍 274 – 278 Osmaston Road, Derby DE24 8AE

Great Northern Classics is a centre of excellence for classic vehicle enthusiasts.

Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

📍 Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF

Explore Derby's 300-year history of making and enjoy events and activities for families to enjoy together.

Pickford's House

📍 41 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1DA

Come and experience our unique museum in the show home of the Enlightenment architect Joseph Pickford.

EATING AND DRINKING

Indulge in a culinary adventure in Derby's vibrant food and drink scene. From cosy cafes and traditional pubs to award-winning restaurants and international cuisines.



The Spice Lounge

📍 10 Friar Gate, Cathedral Quarter, Derby DE1 1BU

The Spice Lounge offers a stimulating range of Bangladeshi and Southern Asian dishes with a creative twist to appeal to...

Houseboat

📍 89 - 91 St Peters Street, Derby DE1 2AB

Authentic Kerala flavours, enjoy South Indian dishes in a cosy houseboat-inspired setting.

Hickory's Smokehouse Derby

📍 166 Swarkestone Road , Derbyshire DE73 5UE

Discover the flavours & hospitality of the Southern States in this family-friendly restaurant.

Cast Iron Bar & Grill

📍 Breadsall Priory Marriott Hotel & Country Club, Moor Ro...

If you find yourself in Derby, make sure to pay a visit to Cast Iron Bar & Grill situated in the recently refurbished...

Bistrot Pierre

📍 18 Friar Gate, Cathedral Quarter, Derby DE1 1BX

Offering the charm and warmth of a Parisian restaurant, unwind and indulge in French-inspired dishes.

BEAR Derbion

📍 Derbion, Level 2, Derby DE1 2PL

BEAR Derbion is a snug little haven that you can use to escape all that retail hustle. Come and make yourself at home.

Lotus Indian Kitchen

📍 Mercia Marina, Findern Lane, Willington, Derby DE65 6DW

Experience dining at the first Indian tapas restaurant in Derby, a restaurant which helped change the face of dining in...

EATING AND DRINKING



The Engine Room

📍 Riverlights, Morledge, Derby DE1 2BB

The Engine Room is a bold new addition to Derby city centre, serving inventive dishes in a stylish industrial-chic...

The River Kitchen

📍 Museum of Making, Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF

The River Kitchen is all about community. Their delicious food is locally sourced, homemade, always within season and...

The Pepperpot

📍 Nightingale Quarter, London Road, Derby DE1 2UH

Exceptional dishes using the finest locally sourced produce. Awarded AA Rosette for Culinary Excellence 2024-2025.

BEAR Derby Irongate

📍 7 Iron Gate, Derby, DE1 3FJ

Offering all-day dining from a locally-sourced menu, including an abundance of fresh seasonal treats.

The Elephant and Peacock

📍 Derby Road, Milford, Belper DE56 0QW

Daily Telegraph Top 20 Best Options for a Sunday Lunch in the UK Marketing Derby Food & Drink Awards Best out of Town...

Compamigos: Eat Drink share

📍 Mercia Marina, Findern Lane, Willington, Derby DE65 6DW

Compamigos at Mercia Marina offers global tapas and vibrant cocktails in a cosy, social setting.

Café 42

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, , Derby DE24 8JB

A range of delicious and nutritious food and hot and cold drinks are available at the Arena. Whether you're calling in...



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HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**



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DERBY THIS EASTER**

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EXPERIENCES

Unlock a world of unforgettable experiences, plan your next thrilling adventure in Derby and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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Letterpress Workshops

📍 The Smallprint Co, 2-3 Friary Street, Derby DE1 1JF

Learn the intricacies of letterpress printing, typography, and bookbinding at our heritage print and design studio.

Spa Treatments at Breadsall Priory

📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Breadsall Priory Country Club, ...

Relax on a spa day and enjoy access to a leisure centre with gym, classes, pool and jacuzzi.

The Escape Room Guys

📍 1-5 Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3FJ

Try a range of immersive escape rooms, perfect for team-building and family outings.

Derby After Dark - Ghost Walks & Vigils

📍 Various locations, Derby

Derby has plenty of spooky experiences waiting for you.... if you dare!

Introduction to Track Cycling at Derby Arena

Available Sundays

📍 Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JB

This could be your first go at track cycling and can be a one-off taster session just for fun or to see if it's for you...

Sip n Paint

📍 Mosaic at the Mills, Darley Abbey Mills, Unit 2, The Saw ...

Guided painting session with drinks – art, mindfulness, and fun for all.

Afternoon Tea at Breadsall Priory

📍 Delta Hotels by Marriott Breadsall Priory Country Club, ...

Spoil someone special with a quintessentially British afternoon tea experience, surrounded by serene and rolling...



