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LATEST NEWS

Dare you visit the UK Dracula Film Festival

As part of a programme to mark the 100th anniversary of the stage-play premier of Dracula, in Derby, the city is now set to host the [UK Dracula Film Festival](#) from 20 to 22 September. This event celebrates Dracula in all his forms, from acclaimed classics to the truly weird and wonderful takes on the world's best-known vampire. There will also be talks from film experts to reflect on the legacy of Dracula on screen. A full festival pass, giving access to all the screenings and events over the weekend, is available, alongside tickets for individual screenings. Passes are priced at £60, and £50 concessions.

Hitting the right note since 1893

The Stand Arcade on Sadler Gate in Derby is turning into a city centre destination in its own right. The arrival of Wine Stories was featured in last month's *VisitDerby News in Brief*. This month, the spotlight is turned on its neighbour, [Foulds Guitars](#), which is believed to be the second oldest independently run music shop in the UK. In 2018 James Foulds announced he intended to retire, it was decided that the Guitar department, under the leadership of the new Managing Director Jason Marshall, supported by Victoria Foulds, would relocate to the current premises on the Strand Arcade. It now features 3 showrooms, full of 100's of guitars, amps and gear.

Inspired by the Olympics? Take a spin around the Velodrome track in Derby

The Derby Rider is [a one-off taster session available at Derby's world class Velodrome](#) for anyone wanting to experience the track. The first stage of accreditation the session is open to a full mix of ages and abilities where riders will learn to understand and operate toe clips and straps; understand and control a fixed wheel bike in order to start and stop safely on the inner fence; use effective observation in order to enter and exit and move around the track safely; understand how the track banking affects the speed; and ride confidently, and safely on all parts of the track, while holding the drops. Prices are £19.50 for adults, £14.50 for 12-16 years olds.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

An Evening of Radiohead

14 September

This [sonically spectacular celebration of Radiohead](#)'s vast and ever-expanding universe of music will include hits and hidden gems from their 30 years in the spotlight from albums such as *OK Computer*, *In Rainbows* and *The Bends*. A full live band, complete with the nationally renowned *Mike Nowland String Quartet*, is set to perform the bestselling band's back catalogue within the stunning surroundings of Derby Cathedral. Tickets are priced from £11.53

Get your teeth into a stage production of Dracula

17-21 September

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first ever stage production of [Bram Stoker's Dracula](#), the premiere of which took place in Derby. As part of the year marking this fact, Derby Theatre will stage a fresh performance of Dracula in September. Adapted by Nick Lane, this brilliant, theatrical treatment of Bram Stoker's adventure will blend Victorian Gothic with the contemporary, and will also showcase Blackeyed Theatre's trademark performance style - alongside a haunting soundscape and innovative design. Tickets start from £30.

Murder on the Disorient Express

27 September

It's January 2nd 1925... Passengers have boarded the luxurious 'Disorient Express' en route from Istanbul to Paris. Only the richest and most powerful guests can afford a ticket and are all settled into their first trip of the new year. [What could possibly go wrong?](#) Tickets start from £30, for the evening cabaret event which includes a 3 course meal, held at Derby Conference Centre.

The 2024 Derby Poetry Festival

2-6 October

[Derby Poetry Festival](#) is a four-day event, dedicated to developing new writing talent and bringing a lively schedule of events to the city. The Festival has just entered its sixth year. 2023 was widely proclaimed a huge success, and 2024 is set to be even bigger and better.

Derby CAMRA raises a glass to its 50th with return of Heritage Beer Festival

13-16 November

Derby CAMRA, in partnership with Derby Museums, has announced the return of its [Heritage Beer Festival](#). Set to take place from 13 to 16 November, the festival promises to be a highlight in the city's calendar, bringing together over 130 real ales, alongside a selection of ciders, world beers and craft keg. Based for the first time in the historic surroundings of the Museum of Making tickets for the go on sale in September. [Derby CAMRA](#) is also celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024.

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BLOGS

[The dead centre of England](#)

Known as [the dead centre of England](#) for a reason, Derby is reckoned to have more "ghoulies, ghosties, long-leggety beasties, and things that go bump in the night" than any other city in the UK. Knowing that, it's no surprise to discover that the city has plenty of spooky experiences on offer for visitors to its dark side...

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