

# DERBY: all the latest news, upcoming events and blogs

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## LATEST NEWS

### **A touch of Hollywood in Derby**

Derby is now home to [The International Stunt Academy](#), which features stunt training course, professional certification, action design, stunts for TV and film productions, special effects and safety work. Now based in a once-redundant factory on the edge of Derby the new movie studio is the brainchild of British stuntman, free runner and ex-gymnast Damien Walters - along with production company MARV Studios. Europe's first dedicated stunt training facility is the new home for MARV, which has worked on blockbusters such as Harry Brown, Layer Cake, Stardust, Kick-Ass and Rocketman, and with stars including Michael Caine, Daniel Craig, Robert de Niro and Helen Mirren.

### **Set sail for an adventure in Derby**

From April, it will once again be possible to explore Derby on board narrowboat trips and cruise along the River Derwent, taking-in the views from an entirely different angle. Cruises with [Derby Riverboat Trips](#) normally last 45 minutes and run from close to Causey Bridge in the city centre heading north to Darley Abbey. On board audio commentary is also included. Prices are £8 (adults), £6 (under 16s), and £22 (family tickets).

### **Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights set for expansion and upgrades**

Big changes are coming to Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights. All scheduled for completion by Autumn 2024, the new-look reception, lounge, restaurant and bar will completely transform this waterside hotel. Plans are also well advanced to renovate guestrooms, and for other changes and upgrades throughout the hotel. Shops, restaurants, as well as off-site parking is available within a short walk of the hotel. And Derby Midland Train Station is a 10-minute walk away.

### **Electric Daisy is recharged for another season**

Described as “an urban oasis, garden and event space in the heart of Derby”, [Electric Daisy](#) serves as a vibrant hub for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together and celebrate the beauty of nature in a city centre location. Designed to nurture a love for plants, gardens, and the environment it's also a place to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and immerse themselves in the tranquility and serenity of nature. Keep an eye on its website for details of event being held there now, throughout the summer.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Exhibition showcases images of “old Derby”**

Through to 26 May

An exhibition showcasing one of Derby Museums' best-loved collections has opened at the Museum and Art Gallery. [A View of Derby: The Alfred Edward Goodey Collection of 'Old Derby' Pictures](#) will display a selection of paintings, drawings, prints, and objects from Alfred Edward Goodey's collection. It's the single largest and most important visual record of the town's development ever created, and the latest exhibition runs to 26 May. Admission is free.

### **Step into Spring at Sadler Gate Market**

4 May

Following the runaway success of the Sadler Gate Christmas Market the date has now been set for a [Sadler Gate Spring Market](#). Visitors to the city on 4 May are being invited

to dive into the vibrant energy of spring and discover a treasure trove of special finds, delicious treats & local crafts in one of the most energetic areas of the city centre, where the vast majority of shops are independents.

### **Wingin' it, in Derby**

17-19 May

Finger-likin' chick'n will be celebrated at Bustler Market as the city marks 10 years of [Derby Wing Fest](#). A part of the world's largest chicken wing festivals Derby's homage to the mighty wing showcases the best the UK has to offer, with thousands of lucky ticket holders and a judging panel deciding who 's going to win the showdown. In the 2024 edition 10 different street food traders, restaurants and BBQ teams will serve 60,000 wings during an event which also features music, beer and bourbon. Entry tickets from £19.50 per person.

### **Titanic Dining Experiences offers a night to remember**

There's an opportunity for visitors to Derby to step aboard the greatest ocean-liner ever built on its maiden voyage. This [dining, and theatrical experience](#) weaves survivors' memories and biographies with the ship's entertainment - including the same menu of food served on board the world's most famous ship on that fateful night. Accurately re-created by chefs. Truly a night to remember, respectfully recreated and emotionally charged, it will all take place in the Ballroom of The Old Bell Hotel, Derby on Friday 19 April. Take a look at The First Class Menu (including Vegetarian options) [here](#).

### **Mixing it up at The Chocolate Factory**

1 June

Thirsty for knowledge about Derby? Wanting to party the night away during a citybreak in the city? Visitors will be spoilt for choice on 1 June, when more than 120 of the best Gins and Rums available will be on offer at the [Derby Gin and Rum Festival](#). Ticket prices range from £11 to £16, and include a collectable stainless steel Gin & Rum Festival tumbler; a branded carry satchel; a free drink "to go"; a snack; live music and resident DJ bringing the party vibes; and an expert Gin & Rum guide to steer allcomers through the Festival distillers and producers showcasing their latest products.

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## **BLOGS**

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[T.K.Maxx presents Derby Summer Sessions, 12-14 July](#)

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