

DERBY – GREAT PLACE, GREAT BASE

Derby lines up one amazing Festival of Festivals! (And Y-Not!)

Derby - rapidly gaining a national reputation for the range and quality of events it now hosts annually and bi-annually - has a surprise in store for anyone visiting the city between May and August in 2014.

Whooverville, Y-Not, Derby Film Festival, Bearded Theory, Download, Bloodstock and Summer Nights Film Festival might not be household names, but each one has a committed following - and quite possibly much more to offer visitors to the city than might appear at first glance.

Derby's reputation for hosting festivals and events has been built on the success of its two annual Real Ale Festivals, as well on its eye-catching annual Festé experience, and the bi-annual FORMAT photography festival.

But Whooverville? Y-Not...!

It all kicks off on May 9th with the 10-day Derby Film Festival at the QUAD arts centre in Derby, which will be celebrating film culture through previews, and guest appearances. Previous editions have featured appearances from Brian Blessed, Terry Jones and rising star Jack O'Connell. For further details keep your eyes on <http://www.visitderby.co.uk/whats-on/events/derby-film-festival>.

Hard on its heels, Bearded Theory from May 22nd to 25th, at Catton Hall. It's the Midlands largest performing and creative arts festival - but one with beards, bands, and DJs. It's also the UK winner of the "Best Small Festival of 2013", and this year's line-up will include The Stranglers, UB40, The Wonder Stuff, Oysterband, The Blockheads and Carter USM. For further details, visit <http://www.beardedtheory.co.uk>.

Another of the big annual music festivals, Download will be held at Donington Park this year from June 13th to 15th, and will feature a host of live bands, including Linkin Park and Aerosmith. Full details are at: <http://www.downloadfestival.co.uk>.

The Summer Nights Film Festival which takes place between July and September has established a great reputation for the way in which it combines cinema magic with some of the most incredible outdoor backdrops. This year's screenings include *Gravity*, for example, which will be shown in the open air at Kedleston on July 26th, and *The Great Gatsby* at Calke Abbey on August 9th. For a full listing of what's on, where, visit <http://summernightsfilm.co.uk>.

Another leading music festival, Y-Not, will be held at Pikehall from August 1st to 3rd (<http://www.ynotfestivals.co.uk>), and will feature - amongst others - Dizzee Rascal, White Lies, The Fratellis, Newton Faulkner

One of the country's leading annual heavy metal music festivals - Bloodstock (<http://www.bloodstock.uk.com>) - will be held at Catton Park this year from August 7th to 10th.

And finally - Whooverville!

This is now the East Midlands' biggest annual get-together for fans of the BBC TV series Doctor Who. Organised by Derby's Doctor Who group, The Whoovers, Whooverville is a day of fun for all



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ages. All set to arrive in Derby on Saturday, August 30th, further details will be available later this spring.

Derby's greatest claim is that it is now a "Great Place: Great Base". And anyone tempted to book a city break here to coincide with any of the above festivals and events will find plenty of accommodation details and special offers at www.visitderby.co.uk

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