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A county with breathtaking dales, a dramatic coastline,
a vale steeped in history and a vibrant city at its heart.

12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	A Night of Soul and Stardust at South Causey Inn Celebrate the magic of Christmas with the timeless elegance of Motown and the soulful power of iconic divas...	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/soul-motown-theme-night/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025 16/12/2025 till 16/12/2025	Back To The 90's Disco Party Night - Bowburn Hall Hotel Join us for a night of fun and merriment get your dancing shoes on, and party the night away on the dance floor as our resident DJ plays you all the hits all night long.	info@bowburnhallhotel.co.uk https://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/events/
	Bowburn Hall Hotel , Bowburn, Durham, County Durham, DH6 5NH	+44 0191 377 0311
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Bookshop Crafts for Adults at Crook Hall Gardens This Christmas, learn how to make a fun Christmas decoration from recycled books.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/26fd7960-5299-466f-9d01-87f52a74845a
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
11/12/2025 till 12/12/2025 18/12/2025 till 19/12/2025	Christmas Evenings at Beamish Immerse yourself in an extra-special enchanting evening at Beamish. Enjoy twinkling lights, festive entertainment, and seasonal treats under the night sky.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/christmas-evenings-2025/
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000

28/11/2025 till 12/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Christmas Murder Mystery Dinner - Lumley Castle Hotel Set in the 1950s with a festive choir arriving at Lumley Castle for their final carols and a glass of mulled wine but tonight there is discord in the choir and someone is about to hit the wrong note with murder!	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.co.uk/events/ +44 0191 389 1111
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025 31/1/2026 till 31/1/2026	Christmas Party Night - Lumley Castle Hotel Get ready to celebrate the festive season in style with our lively Christmas Party Night! Enjoy a delicious two-course dinner followed by a fun-filled evening of dancing and entertainment. Whether you're gathering with colleagues, friends, or family, this is the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.co.uk/events/ +44 0191 389 1111
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Glenda Young book signing at Boyes, Chester-le-Street Meet Glenda Young at Boyes Store, signing her new novel Deadly Dancing at the Seaview Hotel.	glenda.sunderland@gmail.com +44 0191 3890505
	121 Front Street, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3BL	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Glenda Young book signing at Crafty Gift Shop, Chester-le-Street Meet Glenda Young at her book signing for her ballroom dancing cosy crime Deadly Dancing at the Seaview Hotel.	glenda.sunderland@gmail.com +44 07761 095961
	Crafty Gift Shop, Unit 14, Saint Cuthbert's Walk Shopping Centre, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3YQ	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Passport to Nature: Winter Wildlife Walk It might be cold outside but that does not stop the wildlife at Hardwick Park! Join the education team as we explore the park's tranquil beauty, from the rustling of winter leaves to the tracks left by the park's wildlife. Whether you're a nature enthusiast, wildlife observer, or simply looking to enjoy the fresh winter air, this walk offers a peaceful opportunity to reconnect with nature. Wrap up warm and immerse yourself in the winter wonderland of Hardwick Park.	hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents +44 03000 262 899
	Hardwick Park , Sedgefield, County Durham , TS21 2DN	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Santa's Adapted Enchanted Garden Grotto Join Father Christmas and Mrs. Claus in Our Adapted Enchanted Garden Grotto – A Magical Experience for Neurodiverse Children.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/ +44 01207 529987
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	

12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	The Jive Aces: Swingin' Christmas Show Get ready to kick off the festive season with a swing! The UK's number one jive and swing band, The Jive Aces, are set to perform their highly-anticipated "Swingin' Christmas Show" at The Witham on Friday, December 12th, at 7:30 p.m.	info@thewitham.org.uk https://thewitham.org.uk/whats-on/ +44 01833 631107
	The Witham, 3 Horse Market, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Turkey & Tinsel - Party Night Join us in The Knights Hall for our Retro Christmas Celebration.	enquiries@manorhousehotel.net https://manorhousehotel.net/christmas/ +44 01388 834 834
	Manor House Hotel & Spa, Front Street, West Auckland, County Durham, DL14 9HW	
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025	Whitney Houston Queen of the Night Relive the magic of Whitney Houston! Get ready to sing and dance to all of your favourite hits. This incredible 'Celebration of Whitney' tribute show features all the late diva's most powerful hits, performed by the amazing Hayley-Ria.	reservations.durham@radissonblu.com https://radissonbludurham.com/whats-on/whitney-houston-queen-of-the-night/ +44 0191 372 7200
	Radisson Blu Hotel Durham , Frankland Lane, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5TA	
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Afternoon Tea at the Movies (Elf) - Lumley Castle Hotel Join us for a cosy Afternoon Tea at the Movies, the perfect festive treat with family and friends. Relax and watch this Christmas classic on the big screen: Elf, the hilarious holiday favourite. During the movie, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with seasonal treats, savouries and freshly brewed tea or coffee.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/ +44 0191 389 1111
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Bingo with Balls at South Causey Inn Get ready to sleigh the season with a daytime bingo experience like no other – packed with sparkle, sass, and side-splitting fun! Bingo With Balls is back and bolder than ever, bringing you an outrageously fabulous afternoon of festive drag entertainment, dance-offs, hilarious games, and the chance to win unforgettable prizes.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/bingo-with-balls/ +44 01207235555
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025 22/12/2025 till 22/12/2025	Breakfast with Santa - Lumley Castle Hotel Share a magical morning with the big man himself! We've teamed up with Make My Day Events to bring you the ultimate Christmas experience – a festive breakfast filled with sparkle, songs, and a sprinkle of Santa magic.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/ +44 0191 389 1111
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	

13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Candlelight Concerts - Durham Town Hall A fresh spin on classical music at the Town Hall for the first time ever with themes like the best of Queen, Fleetwood Mac, Coldplay, Hans Zimmer and Christmas Classics.	durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/durhamtownhall
	Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3NJ	+44 03000 267955
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Christmas Cabaret Night - Peterlee Pavilion GET READY, PETERLEE! ✨ The most festive night of the year is coming to the Peterlee Pavilion – it's the CHRISTMAS CABARET NIGHT and you do not want to miss it!	richard.parker@peterlee.gov.uk +44 0191 5869957
	Peterlee Pavilion, Helford Road, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 1ER	
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Christmas Concert An evening of songs from 50s musicals followed by a Touch of Christmas favourites.	lizgilluk@hotmail.co.uk https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/weardale-community-choir
	Frosterley Village Hall, 17 Front St., Frosterley,, Bishop Auckland,, County Durham, DL13 2QW	+44 07811 221151
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Christmas Fayre - Framwellgate Youth and Community Association Framwellgate Moor Youth and Community Association presents our Christmas Fayre, Saturday 13th December 2025 from 12pm - 4pm.	+44 0191 386 3356
	Community Centre, Front Street , Framwellgate Moor, County Durham , DH1 5BL	
12/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Christmas Party Nights at The Durham Marriott Whether you are organising an event for yourself and a group of friends or a corporate Christmas party, our Joiner Party Nights are always evenings to remember at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Durham Royal County.	events@dhdurham.co.uk https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ncldd-delta-hotels-durham-royal-county/overview/
	Delta Hotels by Marriott Durham Royal County, Old Elvet, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3JN	+44 0191 386 6821
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Christmas Time at Durham Castle: Self Guided Visit Enjoy a self-guided tour around the castle and explore its beautiful surroundings.	castle.tours@durham.ac.uk https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-time-at-durham-castle-self-guided-visit-tickets-1975608876331?aff=oddtcreator
	Durham Castle, Palace Green, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3RW	+44 0191 334 2932
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Christmas with the Durham Singers and Northern Spirit Singers The Durham Singers and Northern Spirit Singers are combining forces to perform their favourite Christmas carols to create an evening of magic.	info@durham-singers.org https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/durhamsingers

	Elvet Methodist Church, Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HL	+44 0191 384 7599
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 17/12/2025 till 17/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 19/12/2025	Dance Through The Naughties Disco Party Night - Bowburn Hall Hotel Join us for a night of fun and merriment get your dancing shoes on, and party the night away on the dance floor as our resident DJ plays you all the hits all night long.	info@bowburnhallhotel.co.uk https://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/events/
	Bowburn Hall Hotel , Bowburn, Durham, County Durham, DH6 5NH	+44 0191 377 0311
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 19/12/2025	Decades Disco at Beamish Hall Hotel Put on your dancing shoes and party the night away to classics from the 80s, 90s and noughties.	reservations@beamish-hall.co.uk https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/68169?catID=63038
	Beamish Hall Country Hotel, Beamish, County Durham , DH9 0YB	+44 01207 233733
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Durham Cricket's A Nightmare Before Christmas On Saturday 13th December, join us for a spine-tingling night of thrills, chills, and festive delights at Durham Cricket's alternative Christmas party, where the weird and wonderful are welcome, and the unexpected is guaranteed.	events@durhamcricket.co.uk https://www.durhamcricket.co.uk/events/christmas/
	Durham Cricket C.I.C, County Ground, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 3QR	+44 0191 387 2815
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 10/1/2026 till 10/1/2026 24/1/2026 till 24/1/2026	Family Astronomy - Grassholme Observatory Due to popular demand, we have laid on this exclusive event to educate the little ones on all things spacey!	gary@grassholmeobservatory.org https://bookwhen.com/grassholmeobservatory?tags=family%20astro#focus=ev-s72l-20251004180000
	Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW	+44 0345 155 0236
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Festive poetry walk at Crook Hall Gardens Experience a festive poetry walk, admiring the scenery at Crook Hall Gardens.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/a19cdd55-decb-42d8-87c3-1c0c25158d45
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
12/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Festive Stargazing Suppers at High Force Hotel and Waterfall A festive evening of magical stargazing and delicious three course meal.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/festive-stargazing-supper/
	High Force Hotel & Waterfall, Alston Road, Forest-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	+44 01833 622336

13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Glitz & Glam - Party Night Dress to impress as you join us in the Knights Hall to celebrate the festive season in style.	enquiries@manorhousehotel.net https://manorhousehotel.net/christmas/ +44 01388 834 834
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Grand Cinema at Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Transport yourself to the golden age of cinema with a nostalgic afternoon in our beautifully restored 1950s Grand Cinema.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/whats-on/page/2/ +44 0191 370 4000
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Jimmy Regal and The Royals - Claypath Delicatessen Nominated by the UK Blues Federation in 2024 for band of the year and album of the year, Jimmy Regal and the Royals are one of the UK's most exciting and original bands on the circuit.	downbytheriver9@outlook.com +44 0191 340 7209
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Jingle & Dine: A Christmas Party Night at South Causey Inn The ultimate festive night out...Get ready to celebrate the festive season in style at South Causey Inn's Christmas Party Night – the perfect evening for work groups, friends, or anyone looking for a lively festive night out.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/jingle-and-dine-a-christmas-party-night/ +44 01207235555
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Let The Bells Ring Out For Christmas (Party Night) Join us at Banks Homes Riverside for our flagship festive celebrations, where the music's loud, the lights are beaming and the bells are most definitely ringing out for Christmas.	ythan.sale@durhamcricket.co.uk https://www.durhamcricket.co.uk/events/christmas/ +44 0191 387 2815
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Marian Art in Durham Cathedral Join Professor Jane Heath from the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham University on this specially curated tour of the Marian Art in Durham Cathedral.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659545 +44 0191 374 4069
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Michael Bublé Tribute - Lumley Castle Hotel Get into the festive spirit with an unforgettable evening of smooth vocals, timeless hits, and Christmas classics, performed live by the incredible Jack Andrews.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/

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13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Organ Recital Series at Auckland Palace The popular Organ Recital Series returns to St Peter's Chapel. Auckland Palace & Gardens , Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/organ-recital-series/ +44 01388 743750
10/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 17/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Raby Castle at Christmas Step back in time to experience a traditional family Christmas at Raby Castle. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/christmas-in-the-castle/ +44 01833 660202
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Santa Paws Festive Afternoon Tea at South Causey Inn The perfect festive treat for you and your furry friend...This Christmas, treat your dog to a special day out in the elegant Farmhouse at South Causey Inn. Enter through a private gated entrance, park in our exclusive car park, and step into a beautifully decorated festive setting. South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/santa-paws-festive-afternoon-tea/ +44 01207235555
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Shadforth Art Group Exhibition Shadforth Art Exhibition - Saturday 13th December 2025, 2pm – 5pm. Shadforth Village Hall, South Side, Shadforth, County Durham, DH6 1LL	shadforth-art-group@hotmail.co.uk +44 0333 666 3366
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 17/1/2026 till 17/1/2026 24/1/2026 till 24/1/2026	Stargazing at Raby Castle This exclusive event offers a rare opportunity to explore the night sky under the expert guidance of a professional astronomer. Whether you are an experienced stargazer or a newcomer to astronomy, this session promises to provide valuable insights into the celestial wonders above. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/stargazing-at-raby-castle-3/ +44 01833 660202
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	The Christmas Swing Soirée, with Robbie Raines at South Causey Inn Celebrate Christmas with glamour, festive cheer, and timeless swing. South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/the-christmas-swing-soiree-with-robbie-raines/ +44 01207235555
12/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	The Most WONDERFUL Time Of The Year Sedgefield Lyric Singers, Lirica and SLYC delight in presenting their Festive Concert: It's The Most	SedgefieldLyricSingers@gmail.com

WONDERFUL Time Of The Year.

St. Edmund's Church, Cross Hill, Sedgfield, County Durham, TS21 3AT

13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	The Snowman with Live Orchestra Step into the wonder of the season with a heartwarming performance of The Snowman — perfect for all ages.	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/the-snowman-ushaw/
	Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	+44 0191 373 8500
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 19/12/2025	Ultimate Party Nights Jingle all the way to our Ultimate Christmas Party night – it's definitely a showstopping party!	reservations.durham@radissonblu.com https://radissonbludurham.com/whats-on/ultimate-party-nights/
	Radisson Blu Hotel Durham , Frankland Lane, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5TA	+44 0191 372 7200
13/12/2025 till 13/12/2025	Wreath Making and Afternoon Tea Join us for a charming wreath-making experience with estate-grown greenery, a glass of prosecco, and a delicious festive afternoon tea.	events@blackhorsebeamish.co.uk https://www.blackhorsebeamish.co.uk/viewallevents
	Black Horse Beamish, Red Row Estate, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RW	+44 01207 232 569
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Bend It Like Beckham (12A) - Shadforth Village Hall British comedy celebrating women's football, families and friendship. Jess Bhamra dreams of playing professional football, but her Sikh parents have plans for her: a law degree & marriage. Jules, a female striker in the local team, spots Jess playing football and invites her to join the her team....Starring Parminder Nagra and Keira Knightley.	filmsatshadforth@hotmail.co.uk +44 0333 666 3366
	Shadforth Village Hall, South Side, Shadforth, County Durham, DH6 1LL	
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Blessing of the Crib and Lighting of the Christmas Tree - Durham Cathedral Come and enjoy a family favourite service in which we light the tree, sing traditional carols and bless the unique nativity scene which was carved by a Durham miner.	enquiries@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/blessing-of-the-crib-and-lighting-of-the-christmas-tree
	Durham Cathedral , The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH	+44 0191 374 4069
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025 23/12/2025 till 23/12/2025	Breakfast With The Grinch & Cindy Lou - Lumley Castle Hotel Get ready for a morning of mayhem as the mean, green, Christmas-crunching Grinch takes over breakfast! We've teamed up with Make My Day Events to bring Whoville's most mischievous resident to life, promising a festive feast with a side of playful chaos.	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/
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14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025

Buster Keaton in Steamboat Bill Jr

Family fun with this silent comedy film starring Buster Keaton, featuring what is perhaps Keaton's most famous stunt - an entire building facade falling all around him! Followed by refreshments.

filmsatshadforth@hotmail.co.uk

+44 0333 666 3366

Shadforth Village Hall, South Side, Shadforth, County Durham, DH6 1LL

14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025

Christmas Service with Ushaw Chapel Choir

Join us for our Christmas Service — a festive and welcoming gathering filled with music, reflection, and community spirit.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/christmas-service/>

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW

+44 0191 373 8500

14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025

Coastal Wildlife Walk

Join us for a winter walk through Hawthorn Dene to Hawthorn Meadows. We'll look for wildflowers and insects, identify trees, and spot seasonal birds along our coastal grasslands.

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Hawthorn Dene Nature Reserve, Hawthorn Village, County Durham, SR7 8SH

14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025
21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025
27/12/2025 till 28/12/2025

Dance Anthems Party Night - Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf & Spa

Get ready for an unforgettable night of dance anthems and floor-filling beats. Our resident DJ will keep the energy high with non-stop tracks, while you enjoy a delicious two-course dinner. Join us throughout November, December, and even January to shake off those post-Christmas blues! Arrival: 19:00 | Dinner: 19:30 | Close: 00:00

<https://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/whats-on/dance-anthems-party-night/>

+44 0191 386 5282

Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf & Spa, Carrville , Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD

14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025
21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025

Family Santa Sunday Lunch

A relaxed family-friendly atmosphere, delicious food and a visit from the main man himself – Santa Claus will be delivering a selection box for the kids!

reservations.durham@radissonblu.com

<https://radissonbludurham.com/whats-on/family-santa-sunday-lunch-2025-12-07/>

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13/12/2025 till 14/12/2025
19/12/2025 till 24/12/2025

Father Christmas at Raby Castle

Experience the Magic of Christmas with Father Christmas in Raby Castle's Barons' Hall.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/event/father-christmas-at-raby-castle/>

Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

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14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 21/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Festive Afternoon Tea at High Force Hotel and Waterfall Celebrate the festive season in the heart of the North Pennines National Landscape with our much-loved Festive Afternoon Tea at High Force Hotel.	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/festive-afternoon-tea-at-high-force-hotel/
	High Force Waterfall, Alston Road, Forest-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0XH	+44 01833 622336
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Festive Afternoon Tea at Seaham Hall Festive Afternoon Tea - this quintessential classic with a seasonal twist.	https://seaham-hall.co.uk/christmas/
	Seaham Hall & Serenity Spa, Lord Byron's Walk, Seaham, County Durham , SR7 7AG	+44 0191 516 1400
13/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 23/12/2025	Fireside Story & Breakfast with Santa This Festive season revel in the magic and excitement of Christmas and enjoy a delicious breakfast in comfortable surroundings, complete with fireplace setting and a visit from Father Christmas.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207 529987
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Frozen Princess Party - The Manor House Hotel & Spa Join us in The Great Hall of Arendelle for Afternoon Tea where we will meet Queen Elsa, Princess Anna & Holly the elf	enquiries@manorhousehotel.net https://manorhousehotel.net/all-events/?event=4353
	The Manor House Hotel & Spa , Front St, West Auckland, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 9HW	+44 01388 834 834
12/10/2025 till 14/12/2025	Games at the Hearth - The Auckland Project A relaxed afternoon of board and card games for all ages. Whether you're a seasoned player or just in it for the laughs, there's something for everyone. Second Sunday of every month 1.30pm – 4.30pm	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/games-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
12/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 21/12/2025 26/12/2025 till 28/12/2025	Grimms' Fairy Tales reimaged: an art trail at Crook Hall Gardens at Crook Hall Gardens Discover familiar fairytales creatively reimaged through art.	crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/cd5378ab-3a04-46d1-98c3-1db463b462c4
	Crook Hall Gardens, Sidegate , Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5SZ	+44 0191 383 1832
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Light Up a Life Remembrance Service Join St Cuthbert's Hospice at Durham Cathedral to remember someone special this Christmas.	hello@stcuthbertshospice.com https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/st-cuthberts-h

	Durham Cathedral, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH	ospice-light-up-a-life-service-25
		+44 0191 386 1170
13/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	Lunch with Santa at South Causey Inn Create magical memories this festive season with a joyful Christmas lunch and a visit to Santa in his grotto...	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/lunch-with-santa/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025 13/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 23/12/2025	Santa's Enchanted Garden Grotto Join us, Father Christmas and Mrs. Claus this Christmas in our Enchanted Garden Grotto.	sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/
	Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS	+44 01207 529987
12/12/2025 till 14/12/2025	The Bowes Museum Winter Market The galleries and grounds of the French styled Museum in Barnard Castle are once again set to come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of the season as the highly anticipated annual Winter Market returns from Friday 12th December until Sunday 14th December.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/
	The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	+44 01833 690606
14/12/2025 till 14/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	The Darling Dollies with Afternoon Tea - Lumley Castle Hotel Step into vintage glamour and festive cheer with an Afternoon Tea with the sensational Darling Dollies! Enjoy delicious treats and sparkling tunes as they perform classic Christmas favourites and selections from their signature repertoire, all with their trademark harmonies and showbiz flair!	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
15/12/2025 till 15/12/2025	Christmas Choir at South Causey Inn A wonderful Christmas Event for all the family...Step into a winter wonderland this festive season and join us at South Causey Inn for a truly heart-warming Christmas Carol Event.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/christmas-choir/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
15/12/2025 till 15/12/2025 18/12/2025 till 18/12/2025 20/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Christmas Party Through The Decades Disco - Bowburn Hall Hotel Join us for a night of fun and merriment get your dancing shoes on, and party the night away on the dance floor as our resident DJ plays you all the hits all night long.	info@bowburnhallhotel.co.uk https://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/events/

	Bowburn Hall Hotel , Bowburn, Durham, County Durham, DH6 5NH	+44 0191 377 0311
15/12/2025 till 15/12/2025 18/12/2025 till 18/12/2025	Christmas Wreath Workshops at South Causey Inn Handmade by you, cherished all season long...Add a touch of homemade charm to your Christmas with our Festive Wreath Workshop at South Causey Inn — a magical way to kick off the season and craft a beautiful, personalised wreath to adorn your home.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/christmas-wreath-workshop/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
16/12/2025 till 16/12/2025 18/12/2025 till 18/12/2025	Afternoon Sing-a-long with Alex Hall - Bowburn Hall Hotel Afternoon Sing-a-long with Alex Hall.	info@bowburnhallhotel.co.uk https://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/events/
	Bowburn Hall Hotel , Bowburn, Durham, County Durham, DH6 5NH	+44 0191 377 0311
25/11/2025 till 16/12/2025	Christmas Markets at South Causey Inn Get ready to step into a festive wonderland at South Causey Inn's FREE Christmas Markets! This December, skip the crowded high streets and shop local for unique, handcrafted gifts, festive treats, and beautiful treasures — all in the cosy, twinkling surroundings of our Durham Suite.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/christmas-markets/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
16/12/2025 till 16/12/2025	Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club Workshop with Val Guest and an Afternoon Tea. Please note tickets are limited.	secretary.fsdflowerclub@gmail.com
	19 Front Street, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AT	+44 07547 390470
17/12/2025 till 17/12/2025	A Christmas Carol at Durham Cathedral A festive treat for all the family, Dickens' beloved tale of redemption is brought to the stage at Durham Cathedral in an authentic and joyful adaptation from Operation Moonlight.	visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173662718
	Durham Cathedral , The College, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH	+44 0191 374 4069
17/12/2025 till 17/12/2025	Christmas Market - Lumley Castle Hotel Celebrate the season with festive stalls, live music, and the cosy aroma of delicious food and drinks. Enjoy mulled wine, sweet treats, and holiday cheer as local musicians bring the magic of Christmas to life!	events@lumleycastle.com https://www.lumleycastle.com/events/
	Lumley Castle Hotel , Chester le Street, County Durham, DH3 4NX	+44 0191 389 1111
12/12/2025 till 12/12/2025 17/12/2025 till 17/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Dark Sky Astronomy and Stargazing - Grassholme Observatory Tonight's event promises to be a spectacular evening of astronomy.	gary@grassholmeobservatory.org https://bookwhen.com/grassholmeobservatory?tags=Fa

Grassholme Observatory, Grassholme Reservoir, nr
Mickleton, County Durham, DL12 0PW

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13/8/2025 till 17/12/2025

Little Dragons - Durham University Oriental Museum

Join us at the Oriental Museum on Wednesday mornings for Little Dragons, our FREE session for children under 5 and their families/carers. Each session will be packed full of exploring the museum galleries, fun craft activities, singing, games and stories.

oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk

https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2024/12/little-dragons-1-december/?event_type=recurs_29

Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH

+44 0191 334 5691

18/12/2025 till 18/12/2025

Christmas Brass Band at South Causey Inn

Get ready for a truly unforgettable festive experience this Christmas season... Our much-loved Christmas Brass Band is making its triumphant return, bringing an evening of spectacular live music that the whole family will enjoy. Step into the beautifully transformed Old Barn, where a magical winter wonderland awaits, adorned with twinkling fairy lights and grand Christmas trees.

enquiries@southcausey.co.uk

<https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/christmas-brass-band/>

+44 01207235555

South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS

17/12/2025 till 18/12/2025

Golf Clubhouse Children's Christmas Party - Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf & Spa

Get ready for a festive evening filled with magic & merriment.

<https://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/whats-on/clubhouse-christmas-party/>

Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf & Spa, Carrville , Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD

+44 0191 386 9514

22/11/2025 till 19/12/2025

Durham Independents

Shop Local, Win Big! Durham Independents Giveaway is Back! From November 22th to December 19th, we're giving away a massive £2,400 in vouchers to lucky local shoppers!

<https://www.lifeindurham.co.uk/durham-independents/>

Durham City Centre, , County Durham, DH1 3NJ

10/9/2025 till 19/12/2025

Guided Countryside Walks

County Durham's beautiful countryside is home to a wide variety of plants and animals and the area has a fascinating historical and geological heritage.

countryside@durham.gov.uk

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/guidedwalks>

Various Locations. , , ,

+44 03000 264 589

18/12/2025 till 19/12/2025

"Who Stole our Christmas?" Party - Lanchester Garden Centre

Join us this Festive season for the return of our ever-popular children's Christmas Party!

sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk

<https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/event/who-stole-our-christmas-party-7/>

Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS

+44 01207529987

18/11/2025 till 20/12/2025	EDAN Artists' Winter Show - The EDAN Gallery EDAN Artists' Winter Show details TBC The EDAN Gallery , 74 Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	edanart@live.com https://www.edanart.co.uk/event-details/edan-artists-winter-show +44 0191 649 9431
22/3/2025 till 20/12/2025	Middleton-in-Teesdale Farmers Market March to December, traditional Farmers Market in an all-weather, undercover auction mart. Free Entry. Free Parking. Dog Friendly. 40+ Fabulous Foodie Traders every month. Middleton Auction Mart, Middleton-in-Teesdale, County Durham, DL12 0PJ	middletonteesdalefm@gmail.com +44 07943 636202
16/12/2025 till 20/12/2025	Sleeping Beauty - Seaham Town Council In Your Face Theatre present Sleeping Beauty, Tuesday 16th - Saturday 20th December, 2025. Seaham Town Hall , Stockton Road, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 0HP	info@seaham.gov.uk https://seaham.gov.uk/index.php/events/upcoming-events/in-your-face-theatre-sleeping-beauty +44 0191 581 8034
29/11/2025 till 21/12/2025	Breakfast with Father Christmas - Beamish, The Living Museum of the North Kick off your day with something magical. Join Father Christmas for breakfast in The Coffee Pot Café at the Entrance Building, before he heads off on his Christmas duties. Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , 9am-10am, The Coffee Pot Café at the Entrance Building, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/breakfast-with-father-christmas/ +44 0191 370 4000
7/12/2025 till 21/12/2025 23/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Carols in the Chapel - Wynyard Hall Nothing will get you into the spirit of Christmas more than listening to the sound of traditional festive songs performed by exceptional local choir, Cantabile, under the musical direction of Reverend Daniel Ackerley. Finish the evening with mince pies and mulled wine in the Statue Gallery in the company of friends or family. Wynyard Hall , Wynyard, , TS22 5NF	reception@wynyardhall.co.uk https://www.wynyardhall.co.uk/offer-event/christmas-carols-in-the-chapel/ +44 01740 644 811
7/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Cinderella Family Show - Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa A festive family day out packed with sparkle, songs and silliness. Cinderella brings all the magic of a traditional pantomime, with dazzling costumes, energetic performances and plenty of laughs for kids and grown-ups alike. Arrival: 11:30 Lunch: 12:00 Close: 16:00 Ramside Hall Hotel, Golf and Spa , Durham, County Durham, DH1 1TD	reservations@ramsidehallhotel.co.uk https://www.ramsidehallhotel.co.uk/whats-on/cinderella-family-show/ +44 0191 386 5282
14/12/2025 till 21/12/2025	Disco Motown Party Night - Bowburn Hall Hotel Join us for a night of fun and merriment get your dancing	info@bowburnhallhotel.co.uk

	shoes on, and party the night away on the dance floor as our resident DJ plays you all the hits all night long.	https://www.bowburnhallhotel.co.uk/events/
	Bowburn Hall Hotel , Bowburn, Durham, County Durham, DH6 5NH	+44 0191 377 0311
7/12/2025 till 21/12/2025 24/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Festive Afternoon Tea - Wynyard Hall Join us at Wynyard Hall for a festive afternoon like no other, where luxury and magic come together to create an unforgettable experience. Book your table now and let us transport you to a world of wonder and delight the Christmas season.	reception@wynyardhall.co.uk https://www.wynyardhall.co.uk/offer-event/festive-afternoon-tea-at-wynyard-hall/
	Wynyard Hall , Wynyard, , TS22 5NF	+44 01740 644 811
27/6/2025 till 21/12/2025	S&DR200 - Fuelling the Railway Revolution This special exhibition explores the inextricable link between coal mining and the railways.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16719/Fuelling-the-Railway-Revolution
	The Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	
30/11/2025 till 21/12/2025	Sunday Carvery with Santa at South Causey Inn Gather your loved ones for a traditional carvery lunch served in the beautifully decorated Durham Suite, complete with all the festive trimmings. After enjoying your meal, you'll be invited to visit Santa Claus in his magnificent private grotto. Here, children can share their wish lists, receive a special gift, and pose for a cherished photo with the man in red himself.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/christmas-at-south-causey-inn/sunday-carvery-with-santa/
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	+44 01207235555
29/11/2025 till 21/12/2025 22/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Winter Wonderland - Adventure Valley Winter Wonderland is back for 2025 at Adventure Valley! From the 29th November to the 21st December – Each Weekend AND the 22nd, 23rd December & 24th December. In the 'Christmas week'.	info@adventurevalley.co.uk https://www.adventurevalley.co.uk/seasonal-events/winter-wonderland/
	Adventure Valley , Union Hall Farm , Brasside, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SG	+44 0191 386 8291
22/11/2025 till 24/12/2025	Christmas at Beamish Daytimes 2025 Step back in time and enjoy the wonder of Christmas from across our time periods.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/christmas-at-beamish-daytimes-2025/
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
8/11/2025 till 24/12/2025	Dalton Park Santa's Grotto Make your family Christmas truly special this year with a visit to Santa's Grotto at Dalton Park. Children can meet elves packing gifts, ask Santa for their Christmas list and create memories that will last a lifetime in the festive experience located next to Next Outlet.	chelsea.pashley@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/whats-on-at-dalton-park
	Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU	+44 0191 526 6500

1/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Festive Afternoon Tea, Sip and Celebrate Our festive afternoon tea is a little slice of Christmas magic, served on a tiered stand. Radisson Blu Hotel Durham , Frankland Lane, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 5TA	reservations.durham@radissonblu.com https://radissonbludurham.com/whats-on/festive-afternoon-tea-sip-and-celebrate/ +44 0191 372 7200
22/11/2025 till 24/12/2025	Raby Christmas Trees Real Christmas Trees at Raby. Bring Festive Magic Home – Starting 22nd November. Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/whats-on/ +44 01833 660202
15/12/2025 till 15/12/2025 19/12/2025 till 24/12/2025	Snow White Pantomime 2025 - The Witham Join us for a magical and hilarious adventure in the classic pantomime 'Snow White' at The Witham in Barnard Castle, brought to life by Tom Rolfe Productions! The Witham, 3 Horse Market , Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY	info@thewitham.org.uk https://thewitham.org.uk/event/snow-white-pantomime/ +44 01833 631107
13/12/2025 till 24/12/2025 29/12/2025 till 31/12/2025 1/1/2026 till 4/1/2026	The Plotters' Forest Enchanted Christmas Trail at Raby Castle Park and Gardens Enchanted Christmas Trail at The Plotters' Forest – Day & Evening Experiences. Step into a world of festive wonder this Christmas. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/the-plotters-forest-enchanted-christmas-trail/ +44 01833 660202
16/12/2025 till 28/12/2025	Snow White at The Roxy Theatre, Leadgate Mirror, mirror, on the wall, don't miss the fairest panto of them all! Roxy Theatre, Watling Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 6DP	https://watlingspaces.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173660753/events/428687530 +44 01388 743797
29/7/2025 till 29/12/2025	Auckland Gardens Tour at Auckland Palace Join our weekly 'walk and talk' sessions with our dedicated volunteers as they reveal the story behind the gardens and highlight special features. Wednesday and Saturday. Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham , DL14 7NR	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/auckland-gardens-tours/ +44 01388 743750
21/11/2025 till 31/12/2025	AGLOW - The Auckland Project Auckland Palace's dazzling light trail AGLOW will light up the skies of Bishop Auckland once again this Christmas. Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/aglow-25/ +44 01388 743750

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Barnard Castle Farmers' Market Barnard Castle Farmers' Market is one of the North East's most popular markets featuring a wide range of artisan food and crafts from the region. Open 9:00 to 14:00 on the first Saturday of each month.	barnardcastlefarmersmarket@gmail.com http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/
	The Cobbles , Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Barnard Castle Market Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Wednesday 8.00am to 16.30	market@barnardcastletowncouncil.gov.uk https://www.facebook.com/BarnleyWednesdayMarket/
	Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF	+44 (0)1833 690970
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Bishop Auckland Market Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8:00-17:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets
	Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP	+44 (0)3000 261 016
13/10/2025 till 31/12/2025	Books at the Hearth - The Auckland Project Take some time out for yourself and get lost in a good book. At this friendly, drop-in book club you can bring something you're already reading or pick from our shared shelf. Fourth Sunday of every month.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/books-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
21/11/2025 till 31/12/2025	Christmas at Auckland Palace - The Auckland Project Immerse yourself in unrivalled festive splendour when you visit Auckland Palace's very special Christmas event.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/christmas-at-the-palace/
	Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NR	+44 01388 743797
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Consett Market Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8:00-16:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets
	Middle Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5QP	+44 (0)771 416 9208
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Durham Food Producers' and Crafters' Market Durham's Food Producers' and Crafters' Market is now on the first Thursday of each month – open from 9am until 4.30pm, or until stock has sold out.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk
	Market Place, Durham city, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153

12/11/2025 till 31/12/2025	Family Wednesday Morning at South Causey Inn A great place to meet other parents with your little one's...	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/family-wednesdays/ +44 01207235555
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	
1/12/2025 till 31/12/2025	Father Christmas has Lost his Presents Trail at High Force Waterfall Wrap up warm and enjoy a wintery walk to High Force Waterfall this December. Collect your complimentary trail sheet from the hotel bar or kiosk and get exploring.	highforcehotel@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/events/high-force-winter-woodland/ +44 01833 622336
	High Force Waterfall, Forest in Teesdale, County Durham , DL12 0XH	
13/10/2025 till 31/12/2025	Films at the Hearth - The Auckland Project A free, community-led film club bringing people together through stories on screen. Each month we show a relaxed, family-friendly movie in the afternoon, followed by an early evening film for general audiences. Third Sunday of every month.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/films-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
1/8/2025 till 31/12/2025	Folk at the Hearth - The Auckland Project Join us for a monthly evening of traditional tunes, songs, and easy-going community spirit. Hosted by renowned local musician Paul Martin (aka 'The Dunholm Piper') with special guest players, these sessions bring people together through high-quality, welcoming music-making. First Friday of every month 7pm – 11pm.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/folk-at-the-hearth/
	Mrs M's, No. 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Guided Walks for Groups - RSPB Saltholme Want to get more out of your visit to RSPB Saltholme? We offer group guided walks! We can tailor the walk route and topic(s) to suit your group.	saltholme@rspb.org.uk https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/108311 +44 01642 546625
	RSPB Saltholme , Seaton Carew Road, Port Clarence, Middlesbrough, , TS2 1TU	
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Hearth Outdoors at Auckland Palace Deer Park A free, welcoming programme of nature-based activities designed to help you feel good, connect with others, and explore the green spaces of Auckland Palace Deer Park.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/hearth-outdoors/ +44 01388 743797
	Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham , DL14 7NR	
20/11/2025 till 31/12/2025	Jack and the Beanstalk - Gala Durham Join Jack and his friends as we are transported to a land of magical creatures and a very hungry Giant.	info@galadurham.co.uk https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/jack-and-the-beanstalk/

Gala Durham , Millennium Place, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1WA

+44 03000 266 600

1/5/2025 till 31/12/2025

LGBTQIA+ Object Trail - The Bowes Museum

Explore The Bowes Museum's collection through a different lens and learn about the stories and emotions objects hold through the lived experiences of those who identify as LGBTQIA+.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/>

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

+44 01833690606

21/11/2025 till 31/12/2025

Neapolitan Nativity - The Auckland Project

Be dazzled by our monumental 18th-century Neapolitan Nativity scene. This remarkable Baroque crèche, known in Italian as a presepe, is a giant Nativity scene staged in a true-life Neapolitan setting.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/neapolitan-nativity/>

The Faith Museum, Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NR

+44 01388 743797

29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025

No.42 - Creative Forum - The Auckland Project

An adult group for like-minded creatives. Every Wednesday.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/creative-forum/>

42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB

29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025

No.42 - Pregnant to Preschool - The Auckland Project

Pregnant to Preschool is a weekly drop-in for parents who are pregnant or with young children (0-5). Every Monday 1 – 3pm. Excluding bank holidays.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/pregnant-to-preschool/>

42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB

29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025

No.42 - Young Artists' Club - The Auckland Project

Discover the works of great artists throughout history, and create your own pieces of art. Thursdays.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/young-artists-club/>

42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7PB

28/7/2025 till 31/12/2025

Personal Highlights at The Mining Art Gallery

Our weekly short talks are a chance for the public to not only get a deeper understanding of the artworks and artists behind them, but also the social context of life in mining communities. Every Thursday.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/mining-art-gallery-personal-highlights/>

Mining Art Gallery, 45 Market Place, Bishop Auckland , County Durham, DL14 7NP

+44 01388 743750

17/5/2025 till 31/12/2025	Pockerley 30th Anniversary Celebrations at Beamish To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the opening of Pockerley Old Hall, the museum will hold 30 activities at Pockerley between 17th May and 31st December 2025.	museum@beamish.org.uk https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/pockerley-30/
	Beamish, The Living Museum of the North , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0RG	+44 0191 370 4000
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Quiet Shopping Mornings - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors Did you know we host regular Quiet Shopping Mornings every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm and Saturdays from 9,30am to 10,30am all year round?	guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/quiet-shopping-mornings
	Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, County Durham, SR7 9HU	+44 0191 526 6500
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Saturday Outdoor Market Every Saturday, the Market Place is transformed by up to 30 small independent traders...it becomes a traditional, bustling, fresh air market and a great shopping experience.	info@durhammarkets.co.uk https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/
	Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ	+44 0191 384 6153
15/2/2025 till 31/12/2025	S&DR200 - Railway Firsts at Locomotion Home to one of largest collections of historic rail vehicles in the world, Locomotion is pulling out all the stops to commemorate S&DR200.	http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme
	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
1/6/2025 till 31/12/2025	S&DR200 - Young Railway Photographer of the Year exhibition at Locomotion The exhibition will feature the winning entries from a competition to find the UK's most promising young railway photographers.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16705/Young-Railway-Photographer-of-the-Year
	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
1/9/2025 till 31/12/2025	S&DR200 Celebrating Railways: Past, Present and Future at Locomotion The highlight of the anniversary year will be Rail Futures, a celebratory festival taking place in late September and early October.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16711/Celebrating-Railways-Past-Present-and-Future
	Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Seaham Seaside Market Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.	stalls@events2gogo.com https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/
	Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF	+44 (0)7769 352637

1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Sedgefield Farmers Market The market is run by Sedgefield Development Trust - and is held every first Sunday of the Month, on the village green, from 8.30am to 12.30pm - and includes a free community stall, music tent & health bus. The free stall is available to clubs and societies for promotion or fundraising.	roger@clubleys.co.uk http://www.sedgefield-farmer-smarket.co.uk +44 01740 620609
	Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB	
28/11/2025 till 31/12/2025	Sleeping Beauty - Empire Consett Don't be afraid to dream everyone. For sometimes, dream come true.	https://empireconsett.co.uk/galapost/sleeping-beauty/ +44 03000 262 400
	Empire Consett, Front Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5AB	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	South Causey Monthly Dog Walk Join the South Causey Dog Walking Club every 1st Saturday of the month at 10 am for a picturesque stroll through the beautiful Beamish Valley.	southcausey@hotmail.com https://www.southcausey.co.uk/offer/monthly-dog-walk/
	South Causey Inn, Beamish Burn Road, STANLEY, County Durham, DH9 0LS	01207 235 555
29/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	Spanish Gallery - Murillo: Master of the Golden Age Exhibition Step into the splendour of Spain's Golden Age through the work of Bartolomé Esteban Murillo - one of the most celebrated and enduring artists of his time.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/murillo-exhibiton/
	Spanish Gallery, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7JF	
1/1/2025 till 31/12/2025	Stanley Market Stroll through the stalls, savour delicious local treats, and soak up the friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday 8.00-16:00	ehcp@durham.gov.uk https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets
	Front Street, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0JE	+44 (0)191 373 0220
28/7/2025 till 31/12/2025	The Spanish Gallery Guided Tour Our knowledgeable guides offer in-depth insights and personalised attention, enhancing the experience for all visitors.	enquiries@aucklandproject.org https://aucklandproject.org/event/spanish-gallery-guided-tour/
	Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7JF	
1/12/2025 till 31/12/2025	Top Ways to Enjoy a Festive Adventure at Hamsterley Forest! This December, Forestry England is inviting families across the North East to create lifelong magical memories in the nation's forests. From Christmas tree shopping to winter walks, as well as activities for all the family this holiday season there's plenty to enjoy as the big day approaches.	enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest +44 01388 488312

Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, County Durham, DL13 3NL

4/1/2025 till 3/1/2026

Artist Makers - The Bowes Museum

Make time for making; join in and get creative. An opportunity to try out new techniques, materials and experiment with the Museum's team of artists, makers and designers in the Create Space.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/artist-makers/>

The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

+44 01833690606

6/12/2025 till 3/1/2026

Santa and Cinders at Hardwick Hall

Hardwick Hall Hotel, near Sedgefield, has revealed a festive programme of entertainment for all ages in the run up to Christmas and beyond – with some magical treats in store for children.

info@hardwickhallhotel.co.uk

<https://hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/upcoming-events/>

Hardwick Hall Hotel , Sedgefield, , TS21 2EH

+44 01740 620253

1/12/2025 till 4/1/2026

Festive Afternoon Tea in The Vinery

Celebrate Christmas with a touch of elegance at Raby Castle, Park and Gardens with a Festive Afternoon Tea in The Vinery, overlooking the magnificent Raby Castle.

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/raby-castle/whats-on/>

Raby Castle, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH

+44) 01833 660202

22/11/2025 till 4/1/2026

Forest of Light at Beamish Hall Hotel

Our Forest of Light is a captivating illuminated experience set within our enchanted ancient woodland.

reservations@beamish-hall.co.uk

https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/65930?catID=63039&tickets%5B689893_quantity%5D=2

Beamish Hall Country Hotel, Beamish, County Durham , DH9 0YB

+44 01207 233733

27/11/2025 till 4/1/2026

Operation Save Santa

Looking for a Christmas adventure with a difference? Brand new for Christmas 2025 in Durham City Centre 27th Nov - 4th Jan. Durham Escape Rooms has all the answers to make the best experience for the whole family, friends and colleagues this season.

team@escapedurham.co.uk

<https://www.escapedurham.co.uk/>

+44 0191 303 6393

Escape Room Durham, 41-42 Saddler Street, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3NU

2/1/2025 till 4/1/2026

Spotlight Tour - The Bowes Museum

A friendly and informative introduction to an exhibition, the collection or building. Led by The Bowes Museum's team of Visitor Attendants, Curators and Volunteer Tour Guides, join us for an informal 30-minute tour, everyday at 11:00 to find out more.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/spotlight-tour/>

+44 01833 690606

The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP

22/11/2025 till 4/1/2026

The High Force Polar Quest

Step into a frosty woodland world full of winter magic on our self-led High Force Polar Quest Trail.

highforcehotel@raby.co.uk

	High Force Waterfall, Forest in Teesdale, County Durham , DL12 0XH	https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/high-force-polar-quest/ +44 01833 622336
18/12/2025 till 18/12/2025 4/1/2026 till 4/1/2026 11/1/2026 till 11/1/2026	The Raby Reset: Wellness Foundations at Raby Castle Founded by Lucy, a holistic counsellor, meditation teacher, and reiki practitioner, Guid-ed offers transformative experiences that blend science with spirituality integrating somatic healing, mindset work, breathwork, and energy alignment. Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH	admin@raby.co.uk https://www.raby.co.uk/event/s/the-raby-reset-wellness-foundations/#:~:text=Founded%20by%20Lucy%2C%20a%20holistic,%2C%20breathwork%2C%20and%20energy%20alignment. +44 01833 660202
2/1/2025 till 8/1/2026	Stay and Play - The Bowes Museum Time for The Bowes' youngest visitors to explore and play in the Conversation Gallery, investigate materials and be creative in this self-led, free-play session. The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/stay-and-play/ +44 01833 690606
25/5/2025 till 26/1/2026	S&DR200 - All Change Through authentic voices from letters, diaries, court papers, and other day-to-day records from their collections, The Story will uncover the impact of the Stockton & Darlington Railway on the socio-economic fabric of the region. The Story, Mount Oswald, South Road, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TQ	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16714/All-Change
12/2/2025 till 31/1/2026	The Stick Man Trail at Hamsterley Forest Families can join a new forest adventure as the much-loved character Stick Man, based on the beautiful picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, returns to Forestry England Hamsterley. Hamsterley Forest , Redford, Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3NL	https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/the-stick-man-trail-hamsterley-forest?utm_source=social&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=stick-man&utm_content=hamsterley +44 01388 488312
8/11/2025 till 31/1/2026	Tom Hume: Retrospective - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens The first comprehensive exhibition of the work of Tom Hume, a Durham-based artist and art teacher. Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW	meet@ushaw.org https://ushaw.org/whatson/tom-hume/ +44 0191 373 8500
27/9/2025 till 1/2/2026	S&DR200 - Dressed for Departure: Fashion in the Age of Rail An exhibition showcasing historic fashion, toys and artworks that reflect on how the railway reshaped lives and culture.	https://www.sdr200.co.uk/article/16701/Dressed-for-Departure-Fashion-in-the-Age-of-Rail

	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham , DL12 8NP	
20/9/2025 till 28/2/2026	Bisque Pottery Workshops Join Mud & More Pottery to paint your own bisque cat or dog figurine, cast from 18th and 19th objects in The Bowes Museum's collection.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
22/3/2025 till 1/3/2026	Joséphine, A Woman of Taste and Fashion - The Bowes Museum Discover the timeless elegance, craftsmanship and innovation of Joséphine Bowes' textile collection.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/josephine-a-woman-of-taste-and-fashion/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum , Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
14/6/2025 till 1/3/2026	Nathan Coley You Create What You Will and Tate Modern on Fire - The Bowes Museum For the first time together, The Bowes Museum hosts Nathan Coley's works, You Create What You Will (2014) and Tate Modern on Fire (2017).	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/nathan-coley/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
26/7/2025 till 1/3/2026	Pippa Hale: Pet Project - The Bowes Museum See the museum's renowned ceramic collection re-imagined into a vibrant and interactive experience for all ages.	hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/pippa-hale-pet-project/ +44 01833 690606
	The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP	
26/9/2025 till 31/5/2026	Journey of a Century: From the Forbidden City to the Palace Museum - Durham University Oriental Museum Jointly organised by the Palace Museum and the Oriental Museum.	oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/09/journey-of-a-century/ +44 0191 334 5691
	Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH	
14/11/2025 till 11/12/2026	Live Music Nights at South Causey Inn Sit with us and enjoy live music every Friday, where we welcome a brilliant mix of local musicians from all across the North East to our cosy indoor bar - with a roaring log-burning fire.	enquiries@southcausey.co.uk https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/live-music-nights/ +44 01207235555
	South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS	

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