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

16/5/2026 till 16/5/2026	<p>Burnhope Gala Centenary 100 years ago, Burnhope hosted the only Durham Miners' Gala ever to be held outside of Durham City.</p> <p>Burnhope Cricket Club, Vale View, Burnhope, County Durham, DH7 0EA</p>	<p>burnhopebigweekend@gmail.com</p> <p>+44 07538 595380</p>
16/5/2026 till 16/5/2026	<p>Charity Quiz Night - High Farm Holiday Park Quiz Night Hosted by Curlew Café. Come along and join Team Solan for a evening to Quizzing, Great Food, Raffle & Fun.</p> <p>High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0QA</p>	<p>amygaffney@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>+44 07432719055</p>
16/5/2026 till 16/5/2026 20/6/2026 till 20/6/2026 18/7/2026 till 18/7/2026	<p>Clay Pigeon Shoot at South Causey Inn Experience the thrill of clay pigeon shooting in the beautiful Beamish Valley.</p> <p>South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS</p>	<p>enquiries@southcausey.co.uk</p> <p>https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/clay-pigeon-shooting-2-2/</p> <p>+44 01207235555</p>
16/5/2026 till 16/5/2026	<p>Durham Choral Society - Lux Aeterna, Morten Lauridsen and Mass in D Major, Dvořák Durham Choral Society returns to Durham Cathedral for an uplifting and deeply contemplative evening of choral music, bringing together two radiant masterworks that explore faith, light and spiritual hope. Doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm start.</p> <p>Durham Cathedral, Durham City , County Durham, DH1 3EH</p>	<p>visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/</p> <p>+44 0191 374 4069</p>

12/5/2026 till 16/5/2026 13/5/2026 till 13/5/2026 16/5/2026 till 16/5/2026	<p>Durham Musical Theatre Company presents The Prince of Egypt Following on from their multi-award nominated productions of The Producers, Half a Sixpence, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Evita and Chess, Durham Musical Theatre Company will be one of the first amateur groups in the UK to stage The Prince of Egypt in the North East première of the show.</p>	<p>admin@dmtd.co.uk http://www.galadurham.co.uk/galapost/the-prince-of-egypt/ +44 03000 266 600</p>
<p>Gala Theatre, Millennium Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA</p>		
16/5/2026 till 17/5/2026	<p>Allo Allo Weekend 16/05/2026 - Radisson Blu Durham You will arrive Saturday lunch time where you will be greeted by Rene and Edith, who will check you into your rooms. An option of Afternoon Tea or Cream Tea will be offered at 4pm, served with the help of the Allo Allo team.</p>	<p>info@comedy-dining.co.uk https://comedy-dining.co.uk/event/allo-allo-weekend-16-05-2026-radisson-blu-durham/</p>
<p>Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham, Frankland Lane, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TA</p>		
16/5/2026 till 17/5/2026	<p>Magnificent Models Weekend at Locomotion See the wonderful world of railways in miniature at this fantastic free event, delivered in partnership with Locomotion Models.</p>	<p>info@locomotion.org.uk https://www.locomotion.org.uk/whats-on/magnificent-models-weekend</p>
<p>Locomotion, Dale Road Industrial Estate, Shildon, County Durham , DL4 2RE</p>		
17/5/2026 till 17/5/2026	<p>Miss Rachel "Down on the Farm" Breakfast - Lanchester Garden Centre Join us for a delicious cooked breakfast, fun and photos at our breakfast with Miss. Rachel event.</p>	<p>sales@lanchestergardencentre.co.uk https://lanchestergardencentre.co.uk/events/</p>
<p>Lanchester Garden Centre, Bargate Bank, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0SS</p>		
17/5/2026 till 17/5/2026	<p>Music from the Mighty Wurlitzer with Phil Kelsall MBE from the Tower Ballroom Blackpool Resident organist of the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool, PHIL KELSALL MBE, plays a concert of favourite music at the mighty Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in the New Victoria Centre.</p>	<p>john.heslop@netoa.org.uk https://www.netoa.org.uk/ +44 0333 6663366</p>
<p>New Victoria Centre, High Street, Howden le Wear, Crook, Co Durham, DL15 8EZ</p>		
16/5/2026 till 17/5/2026	<p>Spring Artisan Market - Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors Celebrate the season with a wonderful weekend of spring shopping, bringing together a fantastic selection of carefully chosen local artisan makers and independent producers. Discover a vibrant mix of unique gifts, seasonal delights and irresistible treats, perfect for embracing the brighter days ahead.</p>	<p>guestservices@dalton-park.co.uk https://www.dalton-park.co.uk/spring-artisan-market +44 0191 526 6500</p>
<p>Dalton Park Outlet & Outdoors, Murton, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 9HU</p>		

4/5/2026 till 18/5/2026 1/6/2026 till 29/6/2026	<p>Little Farmers: Bonny Babies - High Farm Holiday Park Little Farmers: Baby Sensory Experience at The Paddocks</p> <p>High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0QA</p>	<p>amygaffney@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>https://buytickets.at/highfarmholidayparkltd/2122069</p> <p>+44 07432719055</p>
4/5/2026 till 18/5/2026 1/6/2026 till 29/6/2026	<p>Little Farmers: Tiny Tots - High Farm Holiday Park Little Farmers: Toddler Sensory Experience at The Paddocks.</p> <p>High Farm Holiday Park, Toft Hill, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0QA</p>	<p>amygaffney@hotmail.co.uk</p> <p>https://buytickets.at/highfarmholidayparkltd/2122519</p> <p>+44 07432719055</p>
18/5/2026 till 18/5/2026	<p>Long Day's Journey Into Night - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Elysium Theatre Company presents Long Day's Journey Into Night by Eugene O'Neill on Monday 18 May 2026.</p> <p>Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW</p>	<p>meet@ushaw.org</p> <p>https://ushaw.org/whatson/long-days-journey-into-night/</p> <p>+44 0191 373 8500</p>
19/5/2026 till 19/5/2026 16/6/2026 till 16/6/2026 15/9/2026 till 15/9/2026	<p>Ferryhill, Sedgfield and District Flower Club Demonstration Monthly club night and floral demonstrations, refreshments, club news and a raffle for the flowers made by the demonstrator.</p> <p>Sedgfield Parish Hall, Front Street, Sedgfield, County Durham, TS21 3AT</p>	<p>secretary.fsdflowerclub@gmail.com</p> <p>+44 07747 863753</p>
20/5/2026 till 20/5/2026 3/6/2026 till 3/6/2026 24/6/2026 till 24/6/2026	<p>Meditation Classes - The Dunelm Club Wednesdays 7 - 8:15pm. These introductory classes begin with a simple guided meditation to reduce stress, tension and distractions. This is followed by a short teaching on how to apply Buddhist principles to daily life, followed by a second meditation and an opportunity to ask questions and discuss with others.</p> <p>The Dunelm Club, 55 Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HN</p>	<p>info@meditationindarlington.org</p> <p>+44 01325 365265</p>
21/5/2026 till 21/5/2026	<p>Lost & Found: The McLaren Diaries of Thorpe Thewles - Sedgfield Library May is Local History Month. 'Lost & Found: The McLaren Diaries of Thorpe Thewles'. Film screening followed by Q&A with Thorpe Thewles History Group at Sedgfield Library.</p> <p>Sedgfield Library, Sedgfield, , TS21 3AT</p>	<p>sedgfield.lib@durham.gov.uk</p> <p>+44 03000 269 521</p>
26/9/2025 till 31/5/2026	<p>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.</p>	<p>oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk</p> <p>https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2025/09/journey-of-a-century/</p>

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

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1/3/2025 till 31/5/2026

S&DR200 Festival

The 27 September 2025 marks the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR), which gave birth to the modern railway. To celebrate this landmark anniversary, the nine-month S&DR200 Festival will take place across Durham and Tees Valley from March to November 2025.

<http://www.sdr200.co.uk/programme>

Various locations , , County Durham ,

27/4/2026 till 26/6/2026
12/10/2026 till 11/12/2026
18/1/2027 till 19/3/2027

Evening Language Courses - The Centre for Foreign Language Study

Yearly, October – April: The Centre for Foreign Language Study at Durham University offers evening language courses which are open to all. Languages available include Arabic, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Persian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Turkish.

languages.forall@durham.ac.uk

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/departments/centres/foreign-language-study/language-courses-for-students-staff-and-members-of-the-public/>

+44 0191 3343415

The Centre for Foreign Language Study, Durham University, Elvet Riverside, New Elvet, County Durham, DH1 3JT

12/3/2026 till 28/6/2026

A Treasure and a Legacy: Conservation at Durham Cathedral

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Durham Cathedral being a UNESCO World Heritage Site, delve deeper into the architecture and how people have cared for the building over the centuries.

visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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

+44 0191 374 4069

Durham Cathedral, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 3EH

28/3/2026 till 31/8/2026

150 Years of Wedding Dresses at Ushaw

150 Years of Wedding Dresses showcases the exquisite craftsmanship and evolving trends that have defined one of the most memorable days in countless lives.

meet@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/150-years-of-wedding-dresses/>

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

+44 0191 373 8500

2/3/2026 till 6/9/2026

Character Studies – 3 Acts: Meg Fletcher Artwork Installation at The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is proud to unveil a captivating new commission by Northumberland-based fashion and textile artist Meg Fletcher, whose work delves into identity, storytelling, and the theatrical nature of dress. Fletcher has created a series of bold, visually stunning flags inspired by the museum's upcoming exhibition, Vivienne Westwood: Rebel – Storyteller – Visionary.

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/meg-fletcher-character-studies-3-acts/>

+44 01833 690606

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

28/3/2026 till 6/9/2026

Vivienne Westwood: Rebel - Storyteller - Visionary at The Bowes Museum

Vivienne Westwood: Rebel - Storyteller - Visionary (28

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

March 2026 – 6 September 2026) is a multi-gallery exhibition honouring one of fashion's most provocative and imaginative designers.

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/vivienne-wood-rebel-storyteller-visionary/>

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

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7/1/2026 till 30/9/2026

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/?day=07&month=01&year=2026&search=all&keywords=little+dragons&categories%5B%5D=Event+Venues%3EOriental+Museum>

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

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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/>

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

+44 01207235555

10/1/2026 till 12/12/2026

Free Monthly Guided Walks - Wolsingham

Our monthly guided walks take place on the 2nd Saturday of every month leaving Wolsingham Town Hall in the Market Place at 10am.

wolsinghamwayfarers@gmail.com

<https://wolsinghamwayfarers.co.uk/guided-walks>

Wolsingham Town Hall , Market Place, Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL13 3AB

18/2/2026 till 24/12/2026

Tom McGuinness: Out of the Darkness - Mining Art Gallery

Our new Tom McGuinness exhibition opens on 18 February 2026. In his centenary year, the Mining Art Gallery celebrates this quiet man who communicated through his art – he did not seek simply to record details of the mining industry but expressed what it really felt like to be a miner.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/event/tom-mcguinness-out-of-the-darkness/>

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

+44 01388 743750

3/1/2026 till 26/12/2026

Durham parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.

durham@parkrun.com

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/durham/>

Graham Sports Centre, Maiden Castle , Stockton Rd , Durham, County Durham, DH1 3SE

3/1/2026 till 26/12/2026

Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens - parkrun

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event.

ushawhistorichouse@parkrun.com

Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!
Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/ushawhistorichouse/>

+44 0191 373 8500

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

16/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

Archaeology 'Open Lab' - an Auckland Project Exhibition

Archaeologists uncovering the hidden history of Auckland Palace are inviting the public behind the scenes as historic finds from eight years of excavations are analysed in a new 'open laboratory' in Bishop Auckland town centre. Fridays weekly between 3.30pm and 4.30pm.

enquiries@aucklandproject.org

<https://aucklandproject.org/vent/archaeology-open-lab/>

The Hearth (formerly Mrs M's), 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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/BarneyWednesdayMarket/>

Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF

+44 (0)1833 690970

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

23/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Fireside Afternoon Tea and Waterfall Walk at High Force Monday - Saturday Celebrate in the heart of Upper Teesdale with our cosy Fireside Afternoon Tea at High Force Hotel.</p> <p>The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, Durham, County Durham, DL12 0XH</p>	<p>admin@raby.co.uk</p> <p>+44 01833660202</p>
3/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Heritage Coastal Path parkrun, Easington A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! Nearby Sunday 2k junior parkrun events for 4 to 14 year olds and their families can be found here.</p> <p>Heritage Coastal Path, Off Crawlaw Avenue, Easington Colliery, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 3QQ</p>	<p>heritagecoastalpatheasington@parkrun.com</p> <p>https://www.parkrun.org.uk/heritagecoastalpatheasington/</p>
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Mental Health Swims - Seaham Mental Health Swims is an award-winning, mental health peer support community. The regular dip at Seaham takes place on the last Sunday of every month - booking required.</p> <p>The Slope Beach , Seaham, County Durham , SR7 7EE</p>	<p>https://www.mentalhealthswims.co.uk/</p>
18/2/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Roger Wagner: The Seeds of Eternity - Exhibition at Auckland Palace The Bishop Trevor Rooms at Auckland Palace will host an exhibition of the works of artist and poet Roger Wagner. Weaving together Biblical narratives and contemporary landscapes, Wagner's visionary paintings explore the mysteries of human existence.</p> <p>Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NR</p>	<p>enquiries@aucklandproject.org</p> <p>https://aucklandproject.org/event/roger-wagner-the-seeds-of-eternity-exhibition/</p> <p>+44 01388 743797</p>
28/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Room on the Broom Trail at Hamsterley Forest This interactive family trail is packed with Room on the Broom themed activities, fascinating forest facts and plenty of hands-on fun.</p> <p>Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Hamsterley Forest, County Durham, DL13 3NL</p>	<p>enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk</p> <p>https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/room-on-the-broom</p> <p>+44 01388 488312</p>
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>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.</p> <p>Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ</p>	<p>info@durhammarkets.co.uk</p> <p>https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/</p> <p>+44 0191 384 6153</p>
1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026	<p>Seaham Seaside Market Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.</p>	<p>stalls@events2gogo.com</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/</p>

Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF

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1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026

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

18/4/2026 till 31/12/2026

Stay and Play at High Force Hotel and Barnard Castle Golf Club

Nestled in the stunning countryside of Teesdale, Barnard Castle Golf Club offers an unforgettable golfing experience in the heart of the North East.

admin@raby.co.uk

+44 01833660202

The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, , County Durham, DL12 0XH

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