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

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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026                               | <b>Banter - Ceilidh - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Banter is a dynamic English folk and ceilidh quartet known as the "world's smallest big band", featuring Simon Care, Nina Zella, Tim Walker, and Mark Jolley. Prepare for a joyous night of dancing!                                                                                                 | durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0300 026 7955 |
|                                                        | Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                    |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026                               | <b>Camp as Christmas - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A seasonally unseasonal celebration of holiday nonsense. Surprise festival guests treat you to specially-chosen Christmas classics. There might be presents under the tree for good little girls and boys. There might be drag queens. If he's not too busy, Father Christmas might even stop by... | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658    |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026                               | <b>Don't Mourn: Organise - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A live tribute to one of America's most prolific and influential musical troubadours. Joe Hill was an activist, musician and a seminal figure of the Labor Movement. His remarkable life and death have provided inspiration for songs and stories for over a century.                          | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658    |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026<br>20/11/2026 till 20/11/2026 | <b>Ferryhill, Sedgfield and District Flower Club - Coffee Morning</b><br>Ferryhill, Sedgfield and District Flower Club welcome members of the public to join us for a coffee morning where we have tea/coffee, a bite to eat and a raffle.                                                                                                             | secretary.fsdflowerclub@gmail.com<br><br>+44 07747 863753                                                                                          |

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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Folk on the Water: The Tom McConville Band - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A one-hour cruise on the River Wear with a legendary figure of North East music and his band.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Foolow Carols - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Join Seb Stone to learn about the unique Christmas Day carolling tradition from Foolow in Derbyshire, and prepare to come a-carolling at the Camp as Christmas Cabaret!                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <a href="mailto:durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk">durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                     |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>In Conversation with Pete Atkin - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>An hour with a true Renaissance man. Pete will be In Conversation with festival Co-director (and broadcast media enthusiast) Jonny Mohun, featuring sound clips, anecdotes, and insights into a truly fascinating career.                                                                                                                                            | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
|                          | The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Katie Howson: Carry on Squeezing - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Musician, researcher and historian Katie co-founded the East Anglian Traditional Music Trust with her late husband John. 50 years of melodeon-playing are explored here with light-hearted (non-scary) audience participation: choose one of Katie's "wild cards", she has to play the tune named inside, and you get to keep the card (an original print/collage). | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Late Sing With The Wilsons - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>With the Wilsons. Last orders midnight; last buses 1am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
|                          | Station House, North Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4SE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Leveret; Belinda O'Hooley &amp; Jackie Oates; the Tom McConville Band - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Leveret is a masterful collaboration between three of England's finest folk musicians: Andy Cutting, Sam Sweeney and Rob Harbron. Their trademark groove, energy and intuitive playing make them a must-see live band.                                                                                                         | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Macdara Yeates; Holly Carter; Seb Stone - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Macdara Yeates is one of the driving forces in Dublin's the young traditional music scene. Known for his performances of Irish classics, docker songs and the forgotten ballads of his Dublin neighbourhood, he's a mesmerising performer.           | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                                                    |
|                          | The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Music Session - Holy GrAle - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>All instruments welcome!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                                                    |
|                          | Holy GrAle, Crossgate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4PR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Shooglenifty; Rioghnach Connolly &amp; Honeyfeet - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Shooglenifty have blazed a trail that many other top Scottish traditional bands have followed, but they are still the original and best. They will have you on your feet with their electric new tunes and a full-on set of old favourites. | <a href="mailto:boxoffice@durham.gov.uk">boxoffice@durham.gov.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0300 0266600                                                                  |
|                          | Gala Durham, 1 Millennium Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Slug &amp; Lettuce Live</b><br>Big vibes. Live sounds. Killer cocktails. Every Friday from 8pm, Slug & Lettuce Walkergate turns up the energy with S&L LIVE — bringing you fresh local talent, feel-good anthems, and the soundtrack the start of your weekend deserves.                                                   | <a href="mailto:slugandlettuce.durham@stonenegategroup.co.uk">slugandlettuce.durham@stonenegategroup.co.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://www.slugandlettuce.co.uk/durham/events">https://www.slugandlettuce.co.uk/durham/events</a><br><br>+44 0191 384 3564 |
|                          | Slug and Lettuce, Unit 7 Walkergate, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1SQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>The Brown and the Yellow Ale - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Traditional singer Macdara Yeates explores the much misunderstood and intriguing folk song The Brown and the Yellow Ale, detailing its folk origins and its many modern authors, from James Joyce to Luke Kelly.                                                | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                                                    |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>The DMA Singaround - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>The first singing session of the weekend. The Market Tavern was the birthplace of the Durham Miners' Association. We're celebrating the historic roots of Redhills, our Festival Hub, with a session dedicated to mining songs.                                           | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3862069                                                            |
|                          | Market Tavern, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Two Railways and Two Denes - Heritage Open Days</b><br>A walk in the countryside along former railway lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <a href="https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/t">https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/t</a>                                                                                                                                |

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|                          | Castle Eden Dene Local Nature Reserve, Oakerside<br>Dene Lodge, Stanhope Drive, Peterlee, County Durham,<br>SR8 1NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | wo-railways-and-two-denes.<br>html<br><br>+44 03000264589                                         |
| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>War of the Birds - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>The War of the Birds is a collection of Eastern European stories from an old world where things were darker, colder, and altogether stranger. Storyteller Mark Borthwick weaves together traditional and electronic music, Klezmer and dance with full-blooded tales steeped in the Samovar over long winters by our Northern neighbors.                               | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.<br>app/<br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026 | <b>Welcome to Durham: an hour with The Wilsons - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Our Patrons set the tone for a fantastic weekend with an a capella hour of song at the Pitmen's Parliament.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.<br>app/<br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>150th Eggleston Agricultural Show! - Hayberries Farm</b><br>We're celebrating the 150th Eggleston Agricultural Show. We've got a fun-packed day planned for everyone, so make sure you turn up nice and early. Gates open to the public at 9am. A country show with something for everyone of all ages, from the horses, sheep, cattle to the incredible atmosphere and competitions for all, in a beautiful setting. | egglestonshowsecretary@o<br>utlook.com<br><br>https://egglestonshow.com/<br><br>+44 07393606410   |
|                          | Hayberries Farm, Mickleton, Barnard Castle, County<br>Durham, DL12 0LP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>A Year of Radge - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A live podcast recording, In partnership with Gurl Global                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.<br>app/<br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                             | <b>Angeline Morrison, Macdara Yeates, Seb Stone - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Recently hailed as one of MOJO's 'voices taking folk into the future', Angeline Morrison is a singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter who explores traditional song with a deep love, respect and curiosity. Her album 'The Sorrow Songs: Folk Songs of Black British Experience' was voted 2022's No 1 Folk Album of the Year by The Guardian. | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                             | <b>Banter; Jez Lowe; Sam Carter sings Nic Jones - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Banter are Simon Care, Nina Zella, Tim Walker and Mark Jolley. Apart from being incredible musicians, they bring a totally fresh approach to their repertoire with re-workings of well-known songs and dance tunes. Renowned for their originality, they create a huge sound and have been described as 'the world's smallest big band'.             | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658 |
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| 18/9/2026 till 18/9/2026<br>19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Beginners Blacksmithing - Unit 1 Morrison Industrial Estate</b><br>Industrial Arts and Crafts. In this beginner blacksmithing course you will learn ancient techniques to forge a beautiful feather quill set you can treasure forever!                                                                                                                                                                                         | Thewittysmith@hotmail.com<br><br><a href="http://www.thewittysmith.co.uk">http://www.thewittysmith.co.uk</a><br><br>+44 07540616439             |
|                                                      | Unit 1 Morrison Industrial Estate, New Kyo, Annfield Plain, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 7RU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                             | <b>Cable Street and the Bryant &amp; May Matchwomen - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>Calum Baird - People's Bookshop - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Calum Baird is an emerging Scottish folk, punk and story-telling singer-songwriter and musician who's been featured on BBC Radio 2, BBC 6 Music and BBC Radio Scotland.                                                                                                                                                                  | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 07421519667                                                                                          |
|                                                                                      | People's Bookshop, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026<br>17/10/2026 till 17/10/2026<br>21/11/2026 till 21/11/2026 | <b>Clay Pigeon Shoot - South Causey Inn</b><br>Experience the thrill of clay pigeon shooting in the beautiful Beamish Valley.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | enquiries@southcausey.co.uk<br><br><a href="https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/clay-pigeon-shooting-2-2/">https://southcausey.co.uk/what-is-on-south-causey-inn/clay-pigeon-shooting-2-2/</a><br><br>+44 01207235555 |
|                                                                                      | South Causey Inn , Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>Creating a Cutting Garden with Becky Crowley - Half Day Course - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens</b><br>Learn how to plan and grow your own ornamental cutting garden, with Raby's walled garden assistant head gardener, Becky Crowley. This half day workshop will give you inspiration, ideas and practical advice to help you grow beautiful seasonal flowers for cutting.                           | admin@raby.co.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.raby.co.uk/events/creating-a-cutting-garden-with-becky-crowley/">https://www.raby.co.uk/events/creating-a-cutting-garden-with-becky-crowley/</a><br><br>+44 01833 660888                   |
|                                                                                      | Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham, DL2 3NF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>East Anglian Tunes Workshop - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Learn tunes in the East Anglian tradition with master melodeon player Katie Howson.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658                                                                                         |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>Fiddle Workshop - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>With the wonderful Jackie Oates. A focus on learning traditional folk fiddle tunes by ear, along with bowing styles and ornamentation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0300 026 7955                                                                                      |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>Folk on the Water: Jez Lowe - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A musical river cruise on the River Wear.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3869525                                                                                         |
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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026                                                             | <b>Gift of the Gab - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Gary (Gacko) Bridgens has been a showman and storyteller for 36 years. Ian Douglas is an outdoor theatre practitioner, a sought-after storyteller and raconteur. Both perform with the Grand Cavalcade/Magic Lantern on Sunday, but in Gift of the Gab they animate the lively spirit of itinerant showman, music hall performers, and folk troubadours. | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                                                                                 |

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### **Heritage Open Days - All Saints Church and Churchyard**

A chance to explore the church, find out what's happening in the churchyard, and discover the history of the village contained there.

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/all-saints-church-and-churchyard-open-day-langley-park.html>

All Saints Church and Churchyard, Quebec Street,  
Langley Park, Durham, County Durham, DH7 9UU

18/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **Heritage Open Days - Church of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Godric**

Between the train and the bus stations, a landmark in the Durham City Conservation Area, St. Godric's Grade II listed church was designed by Edward Pugin. Opened in 1864 it has beautiful examples of Victorian stained glass and a fine high altar.

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/church-of-our-lady-of-mercy-and-st-godric-9.html>

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Church of Our Lady of Mercy and St. Godric, Tenter  
Terrace, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4RD

19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **Heritage Open Days - Cotherstone Old Chapel Project**

Former Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, also village school until 1965. Now community owned/run shop, café and heritage centre. Special display of material showing the history and refurbishment of the building. Village guided walk leaflet. Refreshments

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/cotherstone-old-chapel-project.html>

+44 07929828129

Cotherstone Old Chapel Project, Cotherstone, Barnard  
Castle, County Durham, DL12 9NL

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### **Heritage Open Days - Crook Hall Gardens**

Free entry to enjoy the beautiful gardens and Medieval Hall

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/crook-hall-gardens-national-trust-1.html>

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Crook Hall Gardens , Sidegate, Durham, County  
Durham, DH1 5SZ

19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **Heritage Open Days - "Mighty" Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ**

See & hear the North East's only 'Mighty Wurlitzer' theatre pipe organ (one of UK's largest). The theatre organ was part of the 'Everyday History' of our society last century - find how it was used & look inside the workings of this amazing machine!

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/mighty-wurlitzer-theatre-pipe-organ-visits.html>

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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Heritage Open Days - Thorpe Light Railway</b><br>An opportunity for visitors to learn about the history of Thorpe Light Railway, and hear about ongoing projects and future plans.<br><br>Thorpe Light Railway, Wycliffe, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TW                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/thorpe-light-railway-behind-the-scenes.html">https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/thorpe-light-railway-behind-the-scenes.html</a>                                                                |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Heritage Open Days - Two families, One Village - St Mary's Church</b><br>One family from Yorkshire and Durham. One family from Ireland and Scotland. Both families led separate, difficult mining lives. The families worked for a range of mining companies, but both experienced the hard life miners and their families faced every day. Both families faced hardship. One faced the heartache of a death in the mines. The families have many things in common but many differences. Both families are buried in the church yard. Both families invested the time, money and skill that helped make West Rainton the village it is today.<br><br>St Mary's Church, South Street, West Rainton, Houghton le Spring, DH4 6NR | <a href="https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/everyday-histories-two-mining-families-one-village-history.html">https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/everyday-histories-two-mining-families-one-village-history.html</a><br><br>+44 07939432653 |
| 17/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Heritage Open Days - Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre</b><br>We will be showcasing our display of 1950s Olympic and Commonwealth Games diver, Charmian Welsh, a colliery manager's daughter from nearby Thornley. Charmian has donated her entire sporting collection to Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre and it will be on display over Heritage Open Days.<br><br>Wheatley Hill Heritage Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Wheatley Hill, Durham, County Durham, DH6 3JY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <a href="https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/wheatley-hill-heritage-centre.html">https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/wheatley-hill-heritage-centre.html</a><br><br>+44 07977546332                                                           |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>High Spen Blue Diamonds Centenary - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>High Spen Blue Diamonds: A Century of Rapper<br><br>Pitmen's Parliament, Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4BE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658                                                                                  |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Introduction to the Uilleann Pipes - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>If you've ever fancied learning the traditional Irish pipes, this is a fantastic first step.<br><br>Burlison Gallery, Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <a href="mailto:durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk">durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0300 026 7955                                                                             |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Johnny Handle Album (Re) Launch - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>A book launch that's only 47 years late. The Johnny Handle Songbook, first published in 1979 and full of songs that have become standards, has always been sought after. A number of copies of this wonderfully illustrated book have recently resurfaced, so we thought it was a great opportunity to share a few songs and tunes with a North East musical legend, still going strong at 91.<br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="mailto:info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk">info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</a><br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3233658                                                                                  |

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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Late Sing With The Wilsons - Saturday - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>With the Wilsons. Last orders midnight; last buses 1am.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                           |
|                          | Station House, North Road, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4SE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Mark Harrison - Claypath Delicatessen</b><br>MARK HARRISON is widely considered one of the most original and interesting blues artists around. His alternative, all-original music has taken him to some iconic venues and festivals in the UK, attracting acclaim wherever he goes. In 2019 he appeared live on BBC Radio 2 as a guest on The Cerys Matthews Blues show. Cerys described Mark on-air as 'A bit different and kinda groovy too'. | downbytheriver9@outlook.com<br><br><a href="http://downbytheriver9.com">http://downbytheriver9.com</a><br><br>+44 0191 340 7209                   |
|                          | Claypath Delicatessen, 57 Claypath, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 1QS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Moliere - The Last Laugh - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens</b><br>An entertaining evening of wit, storytelling and theatrical imagination at Raby Castle, Park & Gardens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | admin@raby.co.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.raby.co.uk/events/moliere-the-last-laugh/">https://www.raby.co.uk/events/moliere-the-last-laugh/</a> |
|                          | Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, County Durham, DL2 3AH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | +44 01833660202                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Music Session in the Lantern Room - Saturday - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>All instruments welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                         |
|                          | Lantern Room, Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | +44 0300 026 7955                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Noo Noo Forest School - St Johns Hall Meadowfield</b><br>Forest school for primary age.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | lesleypb@aol.com                                                                                                                                  |
|                          | St Johns Hall Meadowfield, John Street, Meadowfield, County Durham, DH7 8RP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | +44 07846542035                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Petunia - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Joining us from Canada, Petunia is more than just an entertainer; he's a modern musical enigma. Imagine David Lynch and Nick Cave had a hillbilly baby that yodeled...or Tom Waits met Elvis at Woody Guthrie's hobo junction. He's been referred to as "The Saviour of Country Music", and a man who exists in a different era.                                                                           | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a><br><br>+44 0191 3407209   |
|                          | Claypath Deli, Claypath, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1QS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <b>Relentless Band, Caller Fee Lock - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Relentless are an energetic ceilidh band blurring the line between traditional and contemporary dance music. With                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk                                                                                                                      |

boundless enthusiasm and musical intensity, they drive the dancing with a power that's bold and utterly infectious.

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### **Seaham Stories: A Coastal Walking Tour - Seaham Hall Hotel**

Step beyond the gates of Seaham Hall and discover the stories, heritage, and coastal beauty that have shaped Seaham through the years, guided by those who know it best.

Seaham Hall Hotel, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7AG

[hotel@seaham-hall.com](mailto:hotel@seaham-hall.com)

[https://seaham-hall.co.uk/event/seaham-stories-a-coastal-walking-tour/?\\_gl=1\\*8tezm5\\*\\_up\\*MQ..\\*\\_gs\\*MQ..&gclid=CjwKCAjwpqHTBhAcEiwAj2Afur1EwvN0UEOWwAyCc8kACX7CVOd\\_ADli7\\_m4DGxV2V56mKMJv-O3mRoCK1oQAvD\\_BwE&gbraid=0AAAAADoqSjP2nUQAR5CfHT1aOSpWMqWXA](https://seaham-hall.co.uk/event/seaham-stories-a-coastal-walking-tour/?_gl=1*8tezm5*_up*MQ..*_gs*MQ..&gclid=CjwKCAjwpqHTBhAcEiwAj2Afur1EwvN0UEOWwAyCc8kACX7CVOd_ADli7_m4DGxV2V56mKMJv-O3mRoCK1oQAvD_BwE&gbraid=0AAAAADoqSjP2nUQAR5CfHT1aOSpWMqWXA)

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19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **St. Cuthbert's Church - Heritage Open Days**

Church is open from 9.30 - 15.30 on Saturday, September 19th. Church guide. Christian artwork on display. Saints trail for children. Nature trail for children. Refreshments available.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Church Street, High Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HT

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/st-cuthbert-s-church-etherley-dl14-0ht.html>

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19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **St Cuthbert's Journey - Durham Folk Festival**

The Lindisfarne Gospels reside at the British Museum, but when they visited County Durham in 2013, Alistair Anderson was commissioned to create a new suite of music based on Northumbrian themes: A Lindisfarne Gospel.

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### **St Laurence's Church - Heritage Open Days**

Visit St Laurence Church. Refreshments available. Discover a Grade I listed, 12th & 13th century church. North Arcade is described as 'one of the most exciting pieces of architecture in the county' by Pevsner.

St Laurence's Church, High Pittington, Durham, County Durham, DH6 1AB

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/st-laurence-s-church-pittington-1.html>

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19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026

### **St Mary the Virgin - Heritage Open Days**

A 12th century Parish Church, with evidence of Saxon origins. The building contains Medieval pieces including a beautiful example of a Frosterly Marble tomb effigy. There are beautiful stained glass windows and oak pews dating back to 1660.

St Mary the Virgin, Hall Walk, Easington, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 3BP

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/st-mary-the-virgin-easington.html>

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| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>'The Homecoming'. The Sharon Shannon Trio; The Alistair Anderson Band; Easington Colliery Band with the Wilsons - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>Over a career spanning 30 years, Sharon Shannon has redefined Irish traditional music while becoming one of its greatest stars. Her unique accordion style, inspired by traditional fiddle playing, has brought Irish music to a global audience.</p>                                                                        | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</p> <p>+44 0191 3387178</p>    |
|                          | Durham Cathedral, The College, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3EH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>The Jarrow Crusade - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>90 years ago, 200 men walked from Jarrow, near Newcastle, to London. They were demanding help to re-establish industry in the town after the closure of the local shipyard. Graham Pirt presents an illustrated talk about the crusade in commemoration of its 90th anniversary.</p>                                                                                                                                      | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</p>                            |
|                          | The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>The Social and Economic Impact of Artificial Intelligence</b></p> <p>The County Durham Fabians group welcome guests to come along to a talk on the social and economic impact of artificial intelligence by Adam Shaw, Sir Samuel Brittan Fellow at the Financial Times.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>tim.blackman@live.co.uk</p> <p>+44 07983 408968</p>                                                  |
|                          | St John's Hall, Meadowfield, Durham City, County Durham, DH7 8RP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>Voices from the Lough: Li Ban, Barry Kerr - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>A celebration of Lough Neagh and the Bann in the ancient province of Ulster by the world-class musicians it has produced.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</p> <p>+44 0191 3233658</p>    |
|                          | Pitmen's Parliament, Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4BE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>Voices from the Tradition - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>Featuring Anne Lamb &amp; Graeme Bell, the McKeaney Sisters, Ruth &amp; Sadie Price, Katie Howson and Mark Borthwick</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</p>                            |
|                          | The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                         |
| 19/9/2026 till 19/9/2026 | <p><b>Whapweasel. Caller: Fee Lock - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>Whapweasel are at the forefront of contemporary English dance music, weaving colourful strands of folk, rock, ska and Eastern European sounds into a wonderful melee. This solid seven-piece have been delighting and exhausting folk dance enthusiasts for nearly 30 years, notched up 7 albums of turbo-charged dance music, and won the accolade of Dance Band Of The Year at the Radio Two Folk Awards.</p> | <p>durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk</p> <p>https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</p> <p>+44 0300 026 7955</p> |

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| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <p><b>A Dove Among a Flock of Old Crows: Women Traditional Musicians in England - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>When exploring traditional music, why do we find so little information about its women musicians? Katie Howson ranges across England, looks across the Irish Sea and the Atlantic (and even further afield) to discover more about them. Through music, anecdotes and stories, she shares her research into these lesser-known, but no less inspirational, women musicians.</p> <p>The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UL</p> | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a></p>                         |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <p><b>An hour or so with The McKeaney Sisters - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>We were delighted when Anna, Rosie, Peggy and Kathleen accepted our invitation to perform at the first Durham Folk Festival for a rare opportunity to hear them in England. We can think of no better representatives of a true, honest singing tradition.</p> <p>Banner Room, Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4BE</p>                                                                                                                      | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a></p> <p>+44 0191 3233658</p> |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <p><b>Angeline Morrison - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>Recently hailed as one of MOJO's 'voices taking folk into the future', Angeline Morrison is a singer, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter whose work combines a deep love of traditional song, a deep respect for the hidden ancestral voices of Old Albion, explorations and reimaginings of diaspora, nation and history, and a strong belief in magic and enchantment as powerful charms for decoloniality.</p> <p>Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ</p>                                | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a></p>                         |
| 7/9/2026 till 20/9/2026  | <p><b>Bishop WordFest - The Auckland Project</b></p> <p>Word Fest 2026 is a community-led celebration of storytelling, creativity and local identity, taking place across Bishop and in the Artists Hub from 7-20 September. Created by Dispel Art and funded by Bishop Auckland Town Council, the festival brings people together.</p> <p>Artists' Hub, 44 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NJ</p>                                                                                                                                            | <p>enquiries@aucklandproject.org</p> <p><a href="https://aucklandproject.org/vent/wordfest/">https://aucklandproject.org/vent/wordfest/</a></p>        |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <p><b>Calum Baird - Market Square - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>We saw Calum Baird perform at Durham Miners' Gala in July and had to invite him along to the festival. He is an emerging Scottish folk, punk and story-telling singer-songwriter and musician featured on BBC Radio 2, BBC 6 Music, BBC Introducing, and BBC Radio Scotland.</p> <p>Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ</p>                                                                                                                                                         | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p> <p><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a></p>                         |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <p><b>Concertina Accompaniment - Durham Folk Festival</b></p> <p>With Steve Turner. A focus on using the concertina to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk</p>                                                                                                                      |

back traditional and contemporary singing rather than just playing solo tune sets, with an emphasis on working towards more sophisticated, innovative accompaniment styles.

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Burlison Gallery, Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Defiant. Introduced by Heather Wood - Durham Folk Festival**

'Defiant: County Durham, The Miners' Strike and its Legacy' is a new film capturing the experiences of those who endured one of the most significant industrial disputes in modern British history. It explores not only the devastating social and economic consequences of the strike, but also the solidarity networks and collective spirit it generated.

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### **Dublin Slang Songs - Durham Folk Festival**

The Lost Songs of Dublin's Criminal Underworld

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### **Durham Brick Show - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens**

On the weekend of Sat 19 & Sun 20 September 2026, feast your eyes on a fantastic array of intricate LEGO® creations at Durham Brick Show. In collaboration with Brick Alley LEGO® User Group, discover a wide range of displays and trade stands to entertain enthusiasts and intrigue the curious.

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/durham-brick-show-26/>

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

18/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Durham Folk Festival - Redhills Durham Miners Hall**

Join us for our first Durham Folk Festival, 18 - 20 September 2026. The best folk artists in the country, plus pub music sessions, free family events, ceilidhs and more.

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Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Durham Miners Hall, Flass Street, Durham City, County Durham, DH1 4BE

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### **Family Festival Performances - Durham Folk Festival**

Our free family festival became a highlight during our time in Hartlepool.

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

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### **Film & Feast: Grease - South Causey Inn**

Designed for film lovers and food enthusiasts alike, this event brings together delicious food, nostalgia and a welcoming atmosphere.

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|                          | South Causey Inn, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | *i6nbqc*_up*MQ..*_gs*MQ..&gclid=CjwKCAjwtp7VBhBjEiwAJfpV-3iv-BxngjjCAFufk kPuxFyTI-vIW5m25aTkho_gPk9ffTYu7J9HshoC-flQAvD_BwE&gbraid=0AAAAA-YXWo1kBrIA6YpzRIqP8UbfMxqr |
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| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Folk on the Water: Macdara Yeates &amp; Jennifer Reid - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Macdara Yeates and Jennifer Reid share street songs of Manchester and Dublin.                                                                                                                                                                                                            | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                   |
|                          | Prince Bishop River Cruiser, Elvet Bridge, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3AF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | +44 0191 386 9525                                                                                                                                                     |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Folk on the Water: The Wilsons - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>An hour on the River Wear with our festival Patrons, whose ringing harmonies and powerhouse voices are sure to startle the swans.                                                                                                                                                                               | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                   |
|                          | Prince Bishop River Cruiser, Elvet Bridge, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3AF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | +44 0191 386 9525                                                                                                                                                     |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Folkies on Film - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Join Festival co-Director Jonny Mohun for another rummage through the underwear drawer of TV and film, foraging for furtive folkies lurking in the dusty corners. What treasures has he unearthed this year? Which folk legends will be popping up in unexpected and ridiculous places? And who is this year's special guest?! | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                   |
|                          | The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 19/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Georgian Gathering at Beamish, The Living Museum of the North</b><br>Step back to the hustle and bustle of the early 1800s.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | museum@beamish.org.uk<br><a href="https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/georgian-gathering/">https://www.beamish.org.uk/events/georgian-gathering/</a>                    |
|                          | Beamish, The Living Museum of the North, Beamish, County Durham, DH9 0RG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | +44 0191 370 4000                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Heritage Open Days 2026</b><br>Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 local people and organisations, and thousands of volunteers.                                                                                                                                                                            | info@heritageopendays.org.uk<br><a href="https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/">https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/</a>                                               |
|                          | Various Locations , , County Durham ,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026 | <b>Klovharun - Durham Folk Festival</b><br>Klovharun is the name of the island in Finland where author Tove Jansson and artist Tuulikki Pietilä spent 26 summers. Tove is best known as the beloved creator of The Moomins, but more recently, her personal life has been revealed as a pioneering story of Queer joy and resilience.                                           | info@durhamfolkfest.org.uk<br><a href="https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/">https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/</a>                                                   |

The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham,  
DH1 3UL

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Late Sing With The Wilsons - Sunday - Durham Folk Festival**

With the Wilsons. Last orders midnight; last buses 1am.

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Station House, North Road, Durham, County Durham,  
DH1 4SE

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Macdara Yeates & Jennifer Reid - Durham Folk Festival**

Recently, Jennifer has been exploring street song together with Macdara Yeates, bringing her rich trove of Manchester songs into play with his traditional Dublin repertoire. Experience the fruits of this collaboration in a rather unexpected venue.

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Mickleton Village Hall and the Community Over the Years - Heritage Open Days**

Come and see on the cinema screen how the village hall was built and what actually goes on in the hall. Displays and presentations by user groups and see how people use the site from family get togethers to country weddings. Tea and cake by MiCE! Everyone welcome, you could join in with some paper folding, including making tissue paper flowers and other crafty things!

<https://www.heritageopen days.org.uk/submission-event/mickleton-village-hall-and-the-community-over-the-years.html>

+44 07889787090

Mickleton Village Hall, Mickleton, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0JR

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Monkey's Revenge - Durham Folk Festival**

The first & the original Hartlepool Shanty choir, singing songs of the sea, the north and, of course monkeys!

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Monster Ceilidh Band - Durham Folk Festival**

A nuclear tipped, instrumental folk warhead from Newcastle, Monster Ceilidh Band are one of the UK's best known ceilidh bands and have been festival regulars for over 15 years. They've travelled all over Europe, and from Russia to Malaysia and back, spreading 21st century English ceilidh joy.

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+44 0300 026 7955

Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Morris Dance Displays - Durham Folk Festival**

Morris dance displays in the Market Square, including performances from:

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Music Session - Sunday - Durham Folk Festival**

All instruments welcome. Free entry - no ticket needed

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Holy GrAle, Crossgate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4PR

<https://durhamfolkfest.netlify.app/>

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Songs and Harmony with Windborne - Durham Folk Festival**

A rare opportunity to sing with Windborne, the award-winning folk a cappella quartet from the USA, in the beautiful acoustic environment of Durham Town Hall. Songs and harmonies taught by ear, no experience necessary.

[durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk](mailto:durhamtownhall@durham.gov.uk)

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+44 0300 026 7955

Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Songwriting with Pete Atkin - Durham Folk Festival**

Pete Atkin was the songwriting partner of Clive James, achieving cult status in the 70s (and beyond). He's written songs for others and for himself to sing and record, songs for kids (Play Away) and songs for the theatre, television and radio.

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Banner Room, Redhills Durham Miners Hall, Flass Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 4BE

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Spafford Campbell - Market Square - Durham Folk Festival**

Spafford Campbell are twenty-something mould-breakers, fiddle player Owen Spafford and guitarist Louis Campbell. The two first met as teenagers playing traditional music. The connection, they say, was immediate. The duo Spafford Campbell began playing live in 2018, prompting double takes with their delicacy, dynamism and seemingly telepathic exchanges, with the startling intimacy of musical conversations nurtured in improv-led writing sessions.

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18/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **St Cuthbert's Catholic Church - Heritage Open Days**

Visit this simple, peaceful church to rest a while or to see the stunning window by the world-famous Irish stained glass artist Harry Clarke or works by the late renowned local sculptor Fenwick Lawson.

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/st-cuthbert-s-catholic-church-durham.html>

St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HL

+44 07985434185

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Steve Turner; Pete Atkin; Ruth & Sadie Price - Durham Folk Festival**

Steve Turner is known as a pioneer of highly sophisticated English concertina song accompaniments, stretching the boundaries of traditional forms, with one of the best voices in the business.

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The Academy, High Street, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3UL

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

### **Taffy Thomas - Market Square - Durham Folk Festival**

Britain's very first Storytelling Laureate, Taffy has a repertoire of more than 300 stories, collected mainly from

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traditional oral sources, which he is happy to tell in almost any situation. This repertoire was built by meeting and working with virtually all the great traditional storytellers who were alive in Britain. He is now the most experienced English storyteller, having performed in many countries on four continents.

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Tamsin Elliott & Tarek Elazhary Sextet; Faris Ishaq - Durham Folk Festival**

Tamsin Elliott and Tarek Elazhary are an acclaimed musical duo known for fusing English folk traditions with Egyptian Maqam music. Tamsin Elliott is a Bristol-based multi-instrumentalist who plays the fiddle, lever harp, and a specially adapted microtonal accordion. Tarek Elazhary is a Cairo-based composer and master of the Arabic oud. Their 2023 debut album, "So Far We Have Come", was named one of The Guardian's Top Ten Folk Albums of the year and nominated for a Songlines Music Award.

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Elvet Methodist, Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HL

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**The Demon Barber Roadshow; Spafford Campbell - Durham Folk Festival**

For over two decades, The Demon Barbers have redefined live folk performance with their explosive fusion of traditional music, English folk dance and Hip-Hop choreography.

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+44 0300 0266600

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

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**The Grand Cavalcade - Durham Folk Festival**

On Sunday, make way for the Grand Cavalcade! Master entertainers set up in Durham Marketplace with The Grand Exhibition of Contraptions & Curiosities, a charming yet chaotic show of myths, music, magic, mayhem, silliness, songs, sparkles, bangs and puerility, brought together in bewildering and breathtaking fashion.

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20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**The Magic Lantern - Durham Folk Festival**

In the centre of it all is The Magic Lantern, a caravan of wonder that travels the land with its crew of storytellers, musicians and shadow puppeteers - telling and collecting stories, bringing laughter, and creating unforgettable moments.

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**The Wilsons - Market Square - Durham Folk Festival**

The the foremost proponents in the country of traditional harmony singing, The Wilsons repertoire is rich with songs from Teeside and the North East. They famously joined Sting in New York for his production The Last Ship, have performed at the BBC Proms, and are holders of the prestigious EFDSS Gold Badge Award.

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20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**The Wilsons' Farewell Set; The Welfare Collective; Johnny Handle - Durham Folk Festival**

The Wilsons are our Patrons, and proud purveyors of North East song and the most powerful family vocal harmonies. Their set will close this year's festival.

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20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Viva Brass Vegas - Durham Folk Festival**

You may have wondered what a brass band full of Elvies would be like. Or maybe you haven't. Anyway, let's find out! Our brand new Hound Dog house band will strut the streets of Durham, resplendently kitted out in their King of Rock n Roll clobber, bashing out all your favourites.

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Market Square, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Voices from the Tradition - Sunday - Durham Folk Festival**

Featuring Seb Stone, Ruth & Sadie Price, Rosie Stewart and Graham Pirt

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20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Wild Deer Trail Run – 5k, 10k, Half Marathon - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens**

Wild Deer Events are returning to our beautiful Deer Park for their annual trail run on 20th September 2026. Participants can sign up for a 5k, 10k or Half Marathon around the stunning grounds of Raby Castle and the wider estate, through the 200 acre deer park where the red and fallow deer roam!

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/wild-deer-trail-run/>

+44 01833 660888

Raby Castle, Park and Gardens, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham, DL2 3NF

20/9/2026 till 20/9/2026

**Windborne - Market Square - Durham Folk Festival**

Joining us from New England in the USA, Windborne's music has deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable.

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**Windborne; Angeline Morrison - Durham Folk Festival**

Windborne went viral in 2017 for singing the Chartist anthem "The Song of the Lower Classes" outside Trump Tower. From the USA, their music has deep roots in traditions of vocal harmony and protest. Known for the innovation of their arrangements, their harmonies are bold and anything but predictable. Their signature project, Song on the Times, compiles centuries of social justice and Labor movement anthems.

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21/9/2026 till 21/9/2026  
19/10/2026 till 19/10/2026

### **Live Music at Crook Hall Gardens - Crook Hall Gardens**

Local musicians make a visit extra special.

Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate,  
Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/b6a007ba-45a4-4f99-adc0-1101039edf2a>

+44 0191 383 1832

22/9/2026 till 22/9/2026

### **Durham Cricket - England Men v Sri Lanka Men ODI**

England Men take on Sri Lanka Men in a thrilling one day international on Tuesday 22 September 2026.

Durham Cricket, The Riverside, Chester le Street ,  
County Durham, DH3 3QR

box.office@durhamcricket.co.uk

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

+44 0191 387 1717

22/9/2026 till 22/9/2026

### **Friends' Lecture Series - Andrew Scott**

Talk on Harrison & Harrison Organ Builders by Andrew Scott.

Prior's Hall, Durham Cathedral, The College, Durham,  
County Durham, DH1 3EH

friends@durhamcathedral.co.uk

<http://www.friendsofdurhamcathedral.co.uk>

+44 0191 3845266

23/9/2026 till 23/9/2026

### **Deer Park Safari - Raby Castle, Park and Gardens**

Enjoy a scenic tour of Raby Castle's extensive Deer Park, guided by a knowledgeable ranger who will share fascinating insights about the deer and the park's history.

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

admin@raby.co.uk

<https://www.raby.co.uk/events/deer-park-safari/>

+44 01833660202

23/9/2026 till 23/9/2026

### **Global Poverty & Political Advocacy: How You Can Make a Difference**

Join May Thar, Ambassador for The Borgen Project, for a 20-minute information session exploring global poverty, international development and how ordinary citizens can use political advocacy to create change. The session will introduce The Borgen Project, an organisation that works to make global poverty a political priority and advocates for policies that improve the lives of people affected by poverty, war and humanitarian crises.

Bill Bryson Library, Durham University, Stockton Road,  
Durham, County Durham, DH1 3LY

maymyatnoethar.std@gmail.com

<https://borgenproject.org/may-thars-fundraising-page/>

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23/9/2026 till 23/9/2026

### **Great British Beach Clean - Blackhall Rocks**

Come along to Blackhall Rocks Beach and help us clean the beach during the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean Week so it is a better and safer place for wildlife, and us! We will also be carrying out some Marine Conservation Society Litter Surveys, to record the types of litter that we find

volunteer@durhamwt.co.uk

<https://www.durhamwt.com/events/2026-09-23-great-british-beach-clean-blackhall-rocks>

Blackhall Rocks , Station Road, Blackhall Colliery, , ,  
TS27 4AT

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| 24/9/2026 till 24/9/2026  | <b>Great British Beach Clean - Horden Beach</b><br>Join us during this year's Great British Beach Clean Week at Horden Beach and help keep our coast litter free!<br><br>Horden Beach , Cotsford Lane , Horden, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 4HN                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | volunteer@durhamwt.co.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.durhamwt.com/events/2026-09-24-great-british-beach-clean-horden-beach">https://www.durhamwt.com/events/2026-09-24-great-british-beach-clean-horden-beach</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 24/9/2026 till 24/9/2026  | <b>Nish Kumar - Angry Humour From a Really Nice Guy - Gala Durham</b><br>The world is in chaos. Inequality is widening, autocracy is rising and political parties are collapsing. In these divided times, what this country desperately needs is Angry Humour From a Really Nice Guy (in many ways it's actually the last thing this country needs, but it's what it's getting so tough luck).<br><br>Gala Durham, 1 Millennium Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 1WA | boxoffice@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/nish-kumar/">https://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/nish-kumar/</a><br><br>+44 03000 266 600                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7/1/2026 till 30/9/2026   | <b>Little Dragons - Durham University Oriental Museum</b><br>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.<br><br>Durham University Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill, Durham City, County Durham , DH1 3TH                                               | oriental.museum@durham.ac.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/?day=07&amp;month=01&amp;year=2026&amp;search=all&amp;keywords=little+dragons&amp;categories%5B%5D=Event+Venues%3EOriental+Museum">https://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/?day=07&amp;month=01&amp;year=2026&amp;search=all&amp;keywords=little+dragons&amp;categories%5B%5D=Event+Venues%3EOriental+Museum</a><br><br>+44 0191 334 5691 |
| 21/9/2026 till 16/10/2026 | <b>PortrAlt - Art Exhibition - Dead Dog Gallery</b><br>portrAlt: An exploration of photography, promptography and the algorithmic mirror of AI<br><br>Dead Dog Gallery, Durham Sixth Form Centre, The Sands, Durham, County Durham , DH1 1SG                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | hannah.collier@durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://deaddoggallery.co.uk/">https://deaddoggallery.co.uk/</a><br><br>+44 0191 383 0708                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9/6/2026 till 27/10/2026  | <b>History of Durham City Walk - Crook Hall Gardens</b><br>A guided walk from Crook Hall Gardens delving into the history of Durham.<br><br>Crook Hall Gardens, Frankland Lane & Sidegate, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5SZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3526cd84-7f98-4c9c-9b98-353a446e34de">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/3526cd84-7f98-4c9c-9b98-353a446e34de</a><br><br>+44 0191 383 1832                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3/6/2026 till 28/10/2026  | <b>Crook Hall Gardens Tour: History and Literary Links - Crook Hall Gardens</b><br>Join volunteer Chris for a guided tour of Crook Hall Gardens and the medieval hall. Learn about the history of the home, all the way back 1217, when it first appears in written records. Hear about some of the fascinating                                                                                                                                                       | crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040a">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/ed7040a</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

families who lived here over the centuries and discover the hall's surprising literary connections. a-6555-4ed6-aaaa-87904fc0b79f

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29/5/2026 till 30/10/2026

### **Crook Hall Gardens Tour: Horticulture - Crook Hall Gardens**

Join our gardening guru volunteers for a horticultural tour of Crook Hall Gardens.

crookhallgardens@nationaltrust.org.uk

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/north-east/crook-hall-gardens/events/d8e35d70-8f86-4f3c-8aa1-396217ee7327>

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12/9/2026 till 1/11/2026

### **Making Westwood - The Bowes Museum**

An extended version of the museum's recent and highly successful exhibition, Vivienne Westwood: Rebel – Storyteller – Visionary in the Fashion & Textile Gallery. It honours one of fashion's most provocative and imaginative British designers, Vivienne Westwood (1941-2022). Spanning the early 1980s to 2000s, the show concentrates on Westwood's extraordinary journey following the rebellious energy of punk from her early partnership with Malcolm McLaren (1946–2010), to her later years as an outspoken activist, when she used her global platform to campaign for peace, social justice and action on climate change

hello@thebowesmuseum.org.uk

<https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/making-westwood/>

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

20/6/2026 till 8/11/2026

### **Extinction - Ushaw, Historic Houses, Chapels and Gardens**

Extinction affects us all and one in ten of our wildlife in the UK is critically endangered. Scientists have identified five periods of mass extinction over the geological record and the question is now being asked: are we in a sixth? The exhibition will also have a life size baby triceratops and a life size utahraptor on display. Extinction addresses this fascinating topic and journeys through the demise of the dinosaurs and marine reptiles, death of the ice age mammoths and the impact of humans on the dodo.

enquiries@ushaw.org

<https://ushaw.org/whatson/extinction/>

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

24/9/2026 till 8/11/2026

### **The Haunting of The Magic Corner**

The Magic Corner is a custom built magic show bar located in the heart of Durham.

<https://www.themagiccorner.co.uk/halloween-show>

19 1/2 Old Elvet, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3HL

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3/7/2026 till 4/12/2026

### **Discover Big Library - Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens**

Experience the Big Library on the first Friday of every month (July-Dec 2026) as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of one of Britain's most extraordinary historic

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<https://ushaw.org/whatson/discover-big-library-26/>

libraries.

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

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

1/6/2026 till 14/12/2026

**Half Day Bee and Beekeeping Related Courses - Unit A The Old School**

A selection of bee related short courses, hosted at our workshops beside the River Tees in Middleton-in-Teesdale. Join our expert Beekeeper to learn something new about bees!

pamela@beeresponsible.co.uk

<http://www.beeresponsible.co.uk>

Unit A The Old School, Bridge Street, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 0QB

+44 07790480480

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

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| 3/1/2026 till 26/12/2026  | <b>Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens - parkrun</b><br>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.                                                                   | ushawhistorichouse@parkrun.com<br><br><a href="https://www.parkrun.org.uk/ushawhistorichouse/">https://www.parkrun.org.uk/ushawhistorichouse/</a><br><br>+44 0191 373 8500<br><br>Ushaw Historic House, Chapels and Gardens, Woodland Road, Durham, County Durham, DH7 7DW |
| 16/1/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Archaeology 'Open Lab' - an Auckland Project Exhibition</b><br>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<br><br><a href="https://aucklandproject.org/event/archaeology-open-lab/">https://aucklandproject.org/event/archaeology-open-lab/</a><br><br>The Hearth (formerly Mrs M's), 1 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NJ         |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Barnard Castle Farmers' Market</b><br>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<br><br><a href="http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/">http://www.barnardcastlefarmersmarket.co.uk/</a><br><br>The Cobbles , Horsemarket, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8LY                                              |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Barnard Castle Market</b><br>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<br><br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/BarnardWednesdayMarket/">https://www.facebook.com/BarnardWednesdayMarket/</a><br><br>Marketplace, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NF<br><br>+44 (0)1833 690970                        |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Bishop Auckland Market</b><br>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<br><br><a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a><br><br>Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NP<br><br>+44 (0)3000 261 016                                                                       |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Consett Market</b><br>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<br><br><a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a><br><br>Middle Street, Consett, County Durham, DH8 5QP<br><br>+44 (0)771 416 9208                                                                               |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Durham Food Producers' and Crafters' Market</b><br>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<br><br><a href="http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk">http://www.durhammarkets.co.uk</a>                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                           | Market Place, Durham city, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | +44 0191 384 6153                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 23/1/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Fireside Afternoon Tea and Waterfall Walk at High Force</b><br>Monday - Saturday Celebrate in the heart of Upper Teesdale with our cosy Fireside Afternoon Tea at High Force Hotel.                                                                                                                                                  | admin@raby.co.uk<br><br>+44 01833660202                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                           | The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, Durham, County Durham, DL12 0XH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Heritage Coastal Path parkrun, Easington</b><br>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.                                                                      | heritagecoastalpatheasington@parkrun.com<br><br><a href="https://www.parkrun.org.uk/heritagecoastalpatheasington/">https://www.parkrun.org.uk/heritagecoastalpatheasington/</a>                                                            |
|                           | Heritage Coastal Path, Off Crawlaw Avenue, Easington Colliery, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 3QQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15/7/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Light and Fire: 500 Years of Tyndale's New Testament - The Faith Museum</b><br>A courageous man and his 'naughtily translated' book                                                                                                                                                                                                  | enquiries@aucklandproject.org<br><br><a href="https://aucklandproject.org/event/event-light-and-fire-500-years-of-tyndales-new-testament/">https://aucklandproject.org/event/event-light-and-fire-500-years-of-tyndales-new-testament/</a> |
|                           | The Faith Museum, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 7NR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | +44 01388 743750                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Mental Health Swims - Seaham</b><br>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.                                                                                                                       | <a href="https://www.mentalhealthswims.co.uk/">https://www.mentalhealthswims.co.uk/</a>                                                                                                                                                    |
|                           | The Slope Beach , Seaham, County Durham , SR7 7EE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 18/2/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Roger Wagner: The Seeds of Eternity - Exhibition at Auckland Palace</b><br>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. | enquiries@aucklandproject.org<br><br><a href="https://aucklandproject.org/event/roger-wagner-the-seeds-of-eternity-exhibition/">https://aucklandproject.org/event/roger-wagner-the-seeds-of-eternity-exhibition/</a>                       |
|                           | Auckland Palace, Market Place, Bishop Auckland, County Durham , DL14 7NR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | +44 01388 743797                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 28/1/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Room on the Broom Trail at Hamsterley Forest</b><br>This interactive family trail is packed with Room on the Broom themed activities, fascinating forest facts and plenty of hands-on fun.                                                                                                                                           | enquiries.hamsterley@forestryengland.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/room-on-the-broom">https://www.forestryengland.uk/hamsterley-forest/room-on-the-broom</a>                                         |
|                           | Hamsterley Forest, Redford, Hamsterley Forest, County Durham, DL13 3NL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | +44 01388 488312                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Saturday Outdoor Market</b><br>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<br><a href="https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/">https://durhammarkets.co.uk/saturday-outdoor-market/</a><br><br>+44 0191 384 6153                                              |
|                           | Durham Market Hall, Market Place, Durham, County Durham, DH1 3NJ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Seaham Seaside Market</b><br>Seaham Seaside Market is a weekly market held every Friday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | stalls@events2gogo.com<br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/">https://www.facebook.com/seahamseasidemarket/</a><br><br>+44 (0)7769 352637                                                             |
|                           | Church Street, Seaham, County Durham, SR7 7HF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Sedgefield Farmers Market</b><br>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<br><a href="http://www.sedgefield-farmer-smarket.co.uk">http://www.sedgefield-farmer-smarket.co.uk</a><br><br>+44 01740 620609                                                                       |
|                           | Village Green, Sedgefield, County Durham, TS21 2AB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>South Causey Monthly Dog Walk</b><br>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<br><a href="https://www.southcausey.co.uk/offer/monthly-dog-walk/">https://www.southcausey.co.uk/offer/monthly-dog-walk/</a>                                                                      |
|                           | South Causey Inn, Beamish Burn Road, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0LS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | +44 01207 235 555                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1/1/2026 till 31/12/2026  | <b>Stanley Market</b><br>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<br><a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets">https://www.durham.gov.uk/markets</a>                                                                                                                   |
|                           | Front Street, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 0JE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | +44 (0)191 373 0220                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 18/4/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>Stay and Play at High Force Hotel and Barnard Castle Golf Club</b><br>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<br><br>+44 01833660202                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                           | The High Force Hotel, Alston Rd, Forest-in-Teesdale, , County Durham, DL12 0XH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 22/8/2026 till 31/12/2026 | <b>We Are The Durhams: The Durham Light Infantry</b><br>Discover the history of the Durham Light Infantry and the remarkable life stories of "The Durhams" from 1758 to today in this bold new permanent exhibition at The Light.                                                                                                  | TheLight@durham.gov.uk<br><a href="https://thelightdurham.org.uk/article/35670/We-Are-The-Durhams-The-Durham-Light-Infantry">https://thelightdurham.org.uk/article/35670/We-Are-The-Durhams-The-Durham-Light-Infantry</a> |
|                           | The Light , Aykley Heads, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | +44 03000 266 590                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 27/6/2026 till 3/1/2027  | <b>Norman Cornish: A Life in Sketchbooks - The Bowes Museum</b><br>Step inside the working imagination of Norman Cornish in this intimate exhibition, bringing together finished drawings, paintings and watercolours alongside the preparatory sketches that shaped them. | volunteers@thebowesmuseum.org.uk<br><br>+44 01833 690606                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                          | The Bowes Museum, Newgate, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 8NP                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 22/8/2026 till 17/1/2027 | <b>Victory Over the Sun: Encounters with Light - The Light</b><br>This major exhibition brings together groundbreaking works by a diverse group of international artists who explore light in innovative and unexpected ways.                                              | TheLight@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://thelightdurham.org.uk/article/35687/Victory-Over-the-Sun-Encounters-with-Light">https://thelightdurham.org.uk/article/35687/Victory-Over-the-Sun-Encounters-with-Light</a> |
|                          | The Light , Aykley Heads, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TU                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | +44 03000 266 590                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3/9/2026 till 3/9/2027   | <b>Thursday Evenings at The Light</b><br>Regular events for curious minds and creative hands every Thursday from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. A new weekly programme of events making Thursday evenings at The Light a regular fixture in Durham's cultural calendar.                 | TheLight@durham.gov.uk<br><br><a href="https://www.thelightdurham.org.uk/thursdays">https://www.thelightdurham.org.uk/thursdays</a>                                                                                       |
|                          | The Light, Aykley Heads, Durham, County Durham, DH1 5TU                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | +44 03000 266 590                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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