



DERBY
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WHAT'S ON

Jan–Apr 2026

LIVE performances, events & festivals



LONDON SYMPHONIC ROCK ORCHESTRA
Tue 17 Mar

THE DUBLINERS
Wed 18 Mar

TAYLORMANIA
Fri 10 Apr

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS
Sat 25 Apr

DON'T
MISS

FAMILY
EVENTS

MUSIC
THEATRE

COMEDY

TALK

FILM

VARIETY

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DERBY'S
Ethical Christmas Market

Sat 29 Nov, 10am **TRADE**

Derby Market Hall
Free entry

Shop ethically this Christmas at Derby's Ethical Christmas Market! With 30 sustainable businesses, creative workshops, food, and live music, every pound spent helps change lives for the better.



FESTIVE MARKETS

Experience the magic of Christmas at Derby Market Hall. Discover a winter wonderland with a changing line-up of pop-up traders. Find unique gifts, delicious treats, and festive decorations. Support local businesses and soak up the seasonal atmosphere. Join us for a truly magical Christmas shopping experience!

Sun 30 Nov, Fri 5 – Sun 7, Fri 12 – Sun 14 & Thu 18 – Wed 24 Dec
Tue–Sat from 8am, Suns from 10am **TRADE**

Derby Market Hall
Free entry

Derby Market Hall



Christmas Lights Switch On & Season of Light Lantern Parade

Join the countdown in Derby City Centre, as we switch on Derby's wonderful Christmas lights. A stage show by Smooth Radio, along with a spectacular Season of Light Lantern Parade.

LANTERN PARADE

Thu 27 Nov, from 5pm **FAMILY**

Derby City Centre
Free entry



CATHEDRAL QUARTER DERBY
Ice Rink

Get your skates on and glide onto this year's ice rink! Whether you're an ice-skating pro or just finding your feet, join us on the Ice Rink for the perfect way to embrace the Christmas spirit. Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome to enjoy hour-long sessions, with skate hire included in the price. Whizz into the festive spirit this Christmas.

Sat 29 Nov – Wed 31 Dec **EVENTS**

Derby Market Place
£12–£10 **C G S 4+**

Toddler sessions
under 5s go free



NORDIC BAR - CO

Step into the warmth of our cozy Nordic Bar, where wooden benches, festive foliage, disco balls, and twinkling lights create the perfect ambiance. Whether you're coming in from the cold or catching up with friends and family, we have you covered. Enjoy our programme of free events along with delicious cocktails and mocktails or a warming hot chocolate - there's something for everyone.

Sat 29 Nov – Wed 31 Dec **EVENTS**

Derby Market Place
Free entry

Great entertainment in the Tips
see website for full programme

his festive season

Supported by

Smooth
Radio
Always the best music

Little
WOLF

Derby's Pawsome Pantomime!



Coronation Street's
WENDI PETERS
as Queen Rat

DICK WHITTINGTON

Derby's Award-Winning
MORGAN BRIND
as The Dame

Family
tickets
available



This Christmas join Dick Whittington on his search for fame and fortune as he sets off for London where the streets are paved with gold, or are they?

It's going to take some help from Fairy Bow Bells and his trusty cat, if he's going to stop a rather repellent rat from taking over the world!

Get your tickets now, it's going to be paw-some!

Fri 5 - Wed 31 Dec **Variety**

Derby Arena
£37-£22

C G S **CAP R**

FAMILY FESTIVITIES AT MARKEATON PARK

Enjoy festive food, live music, and Christmas crafts. This event features a bustling craft market, family activities, a free Elf Trail, and a special post box for your letter to Father Christmas.



Sat 6 & Sun 7 Dec, 11am **FAMILY**

Markeaton Park Craft Village
Free



lost boys

Join Merry Elwin, a spirited Christmas Elf, on a globe-trekking adventure to discover how Christmas is celebrated around the world. From Germany's enchanting markets to Mexico's vibrant Las Posadas, and the sunny beaches of Australia to Japan's dazzling lights, Elwin's journey is filled with joy and wonder. This heartwarming show blends humour, holiday cheer, and discovery for all ages.

MERRY ELWIN THE ADVENTUROUS ELF



Thu 11 - Tue 23 Dec **FAMILY**

Chapel Street Arts Centre
£15 **C G S**

KARAOKE NIGHT



Do you dream of belting out your favourite tunes on stage? Or perhaps you just love a good laugh and cheering on others? Then grab the microphone and join us for an unforgettable Karaoke Night at Derby Market Hall!

**Thus 13 Nov, 11 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb
& 12 Mar, from 6pm** **Music**

Derby Market Hall - Caffè Prosecco
Free

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STUDENT NIGHT

Looking for the best way to kick off your month? Join us at the iconic Derby Market Hall for an unforgettable student night! We're transforming this historic space into the city's top hangout spot, exclusively for you.

Thu 4 Dec **EVENTS**

Derby Market Hall
Free

CUBE



Join us every first Saturday of the month for the ultimate Latin night! Start your evening with exciting salsa, bachata, and kizomba lessons. Afterward, the party truly begins with top DJs and social dancing across three dedicated rooms!

Sats, 3 Jan, 7 Feb, 7 Mar & 4 Apr

7:30pm **DANCE**

Chapel Street Arts Centre
£13

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Whether you're a musician, poet, comedian, or performer of any kind, this is your stage to shine in a welcoming and lively atmosphere. Entry is free, and signing up to perform is as easy as showing up — slots are filled on a first come, first served basis.



**Thus 18 Dec, 29 Jan, 26 Feb,
& 26 Mar, 6pm** **VARIETY**

Derby Market Hall - Caffè Prosecco
Free



CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Enter our free quiz night with prizes to be won! Suitable for people of all ages, sign yourselves a team up (of up to 4 players) and be ready to battle the rest of the Market Hall for a chance to bag some goodies.

Fri 19 Dec, 7:30pm **EVENTS**

Derby Market Hall - Caffè Prosecco
Free

Derby Jazz

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THE POCKET ELLINGTON

The Duke Ellington Orchestra was one of the pillars on which the house of jazz was built. The Pocket Ellington recreates the classic Duke Ellington sound with just four horns and a rhythm section, born from Tony Kofi and Alex Webb's shared love of jazz.

Fri 13 Mar, 8pm **Music**

Chapel Street Arts Centre
£26.50

LONDON SYMPHONIC ROCK ORCHESTRA

London Symphonic Rock Orchestra deliver iconic rock hits in the most spectacular way. A collective of 12 classically trained artists brought together by their love of rock music and immense talent. Expect reimagined classic hits from: AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Metallica, Iron Maiden, Guns N Roses, Evanescence, Motörhead, Foo Fighters, Rage Against The Machine, System of a Down and many more.

Tue 17 Mar, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£69.50—£36

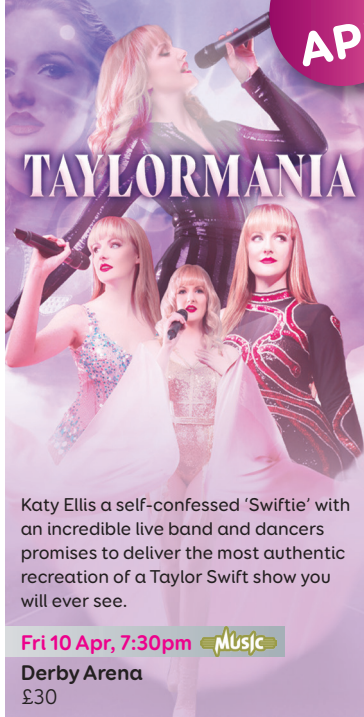


THE DUBLINERS ENCORE

Produced by The Dubliners' John Sheahan; renowned fiddle player and legendary Irish icon, this new show packs 50 years of hit songs, stories, and craic, into one unforgettable night.

Wed 18 Mar, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£37.50—£31.50



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TAYLORMANIA

Katy Ellis is a self-confessed 'Swiftie' with an incredible live band and dancers promises to deliver the most authentic recreation of a Taylor Swift show you will ever see.

Fri 10 Apr, 7:30pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£30



THE ILLEGAL EAGLES

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The Illegal Eagles make a welcome return with their Desperado Tour, promising more of their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship.

Sat 11 Apr, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£41.50



An electrifying tribute to Michael Jackson starring CJ, one of the world's greatest Michael Jackson tribute artists, performing hits like *Thriller*, *Billie Jean* and *Beat It*.

entertainers presents
MAN IN THE MIRROR
A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON

Sun 12 Apr, 7:30pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£37—£33 **PG**



ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Come along and enjoy a fun filled afternoon filled with swords, storytelling, performances and workshops.

Sat 25 Apr, 2pm **Family**

Derby City Centre
Free



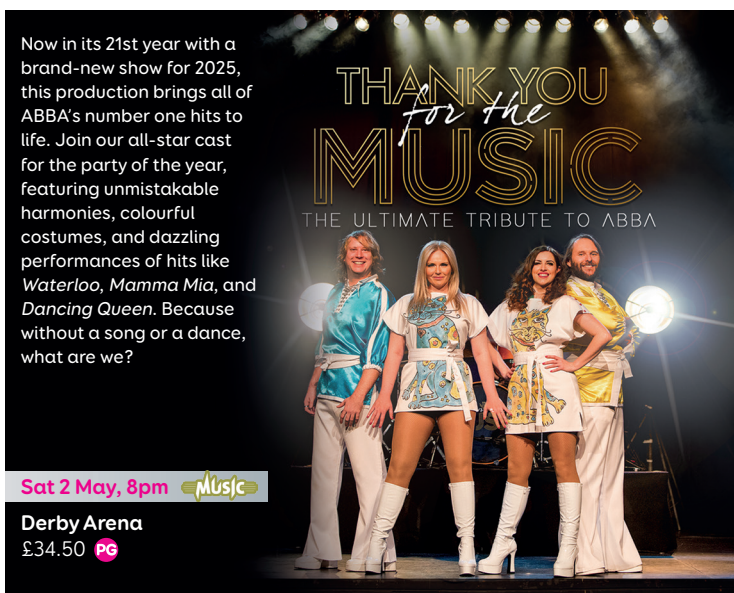
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RADIO GaGa

This brand-new show for 2025 recreates the magic, fun, and showmanship of Queen's legendary tours. Get ready to Break Free and Shake All Over to all your favourite hits.

Fri 1 May, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£35

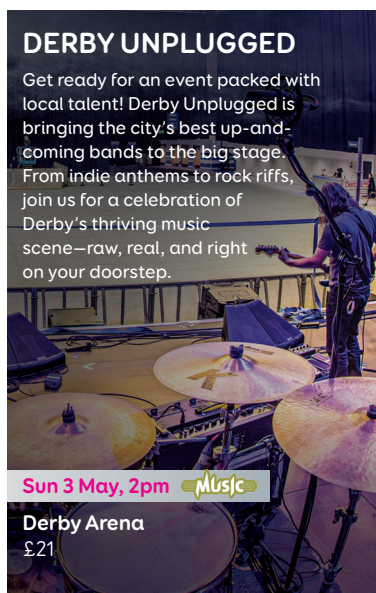


Now in its 21st year with a brand-new show for 2025, this production brings all of ABBA's number one hits to life. Join our all-star cast for the party of the year, featuring unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances of hits like *Waterloo*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Dancing Queen*. Because without a song or a dance, what are we?

THANK YOU for the MUSIC
THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ABBA

Sat 2 May, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£34.50 **PG**



DERBY UNPLUGGED

Get ready for an event packed with local talent! Derby Unplugged is bringing the city's best up-and-coming bands to the big stage. From indie anthems to rock riffs, join us for a celebration of Derby's thriving music scene—raw, real, and right on your doorstep.

Sun 3 May, 2pm **Music**

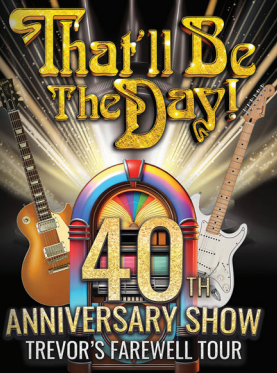
Derby Arena
£21

**COMING
SOON**

Celebrate four decades of rock 'n' roll, pop, and comedy! Join us for a unique blend of timeless hits from the 50s to the 80s, marking the farewell of the UK's longest-running touring theatre show.

Sun 31 May, 7pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£32.50–£31



A year of celebrations from 2026–2027 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Derby–Osnabrück twinning and Derby's city status. Join in the celebrations with our cultural partners. Celebrate Derby's identity, people, history and future, and our community connections.



Sun 5 Jul, 3pm **Music**

Derby Arena
£37–£31 **PG**

From stadium-shaking anthems to breathtaking choreography, K-Pop All Stars celebrates the global phenomenon redefining pop culture. With explosive performances of today's biggest K-pop hits from BlackPink, NewJeans, Katseye, and BTS.



Sat 6 Jun **EVENTS**

Various venues in Derby
Free



Pull up your camping chair and prepare your picnic! Get ready to experience film and live performances in the beautiful surroundings of Markeaton Park.



Mon 13 – Mon 20 Jul

7:30pm **THEATRE**

Markeaton Park
£15



Wed 22 – Fri 24 Jul

7pm **THEATRE**

Markeaton Park
£18–£16

MORE THAN A MARKET



**Derby
Market
Hall**

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THE DARLEY PARK WEEKENDER

Music icons Billy Ocean and Marti Pellow will headline the Friday night of The Darley Park Weekender 2026 - kicking off the weekend with a bang! Stay tuned - more acts to be announced very soon!

MORE
EXCITING ACTS
TO FOLLOW
ON THE
SATURDAY

Fri 21 Aug  Music

Darley Park

£40 if booked before 31 Mar

£35 for Derby residents before 31 Dec

5-18s £20, under 5s free

VIP tickets £75

BILLY OCEAN



WITH VERY
SPECIAL GUEST

MARTI PELLOW

Derby Market Hall DECK THE HALL!



**Derby's Ethical
Christmas Market**

Sat 29 Nov

Festive markets

Sun 30 Nov

Fri 5 - Sun 7 Dec

Fri 12 - Sun 14 Dec

Thu 18 - Wed 24 Dec

Festive markets · Live music & events
Street food · Christmas shopping · Bars & cafés



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CHAPEL STREET ARTS CENTRE

Chapel Street Arts Centre has a weekly dance classes programme, with something for everyone regardless of dance style or ability. From Salsa to Street Dance and Ballet to Burlesque.

Find out more at
derbylive.co.uk/dance-classes

WE HAVE A VARIETY OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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KEY TO ICONS

- C** Concessions
- G** Group rate
- S** Schools rate
- Family** Family ticket
- Standing** Standing event
- Unreserved** Unreserved seating
- BSL** BSL interpreted
- Audio** Audio Described
- A** Amateur theatre
- CAP** Captioned performance
- R** Relaxed performance
- 18+** Age guidance
- PG** Parental guidance

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