

#durham19

An unmissable year of
festivals, events and openings



Events Guide
May – August 2019

Events Highlights

A selection of some of the unmissable events, festivals and openings taking place across the county.

May

Norman Cornish – A Slice of Life

Co-curated by the local community and members of beloved local artist Norman Cornish's family, this temporary exhibition celebrates the centenary of the Norman's birth.

When: now until 13 October

Where: Mining Art Gallery, Bishop Auckland

Teachers

Follow three school leavers, Salty, Hobby and Gail, as they decide to perform an end of term tribute about their time in secondary school in this fast-moving comedy.

When: 6 – 11 May

Where: Gala Theatre, Durham City

OVO Energy Tour Series Cycling

The Tour Series returns to Durham City for a record-breaking tenth time, with a thrilling day of sporting action as Britain's top cyclists tussle it out for victory.

When: 18 May

Where: Durham City

LEGO®: Building The Bowes Museum

People of all ages, from children to the young at heart, can see The Bowes Museum in a new way, as you recreate the museum's history and collections in LEGO®.

When: 25 May – 13 October

Where: The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle

Durham Pride

Join the pride celebrations across the Bank Holiday weekend with fairground rides, stalls, live entertainment and newly added mini family-fun sports festival - plus the annual Pride Parade.

When: 25 – 26 May

Where: Durham City





Harambee Pasadia: Afro Fusion Arts Festival

Four-day family camping extravaganza in celebration of diverse cultures, foods, music, artists and fusions of the African diaspora.

When: 30 May – 2 June

Where: The TCR Hub, Barnard Castle

June

Durham Cathedral Central Tower Reopens

Climb the Cathedral's Central Tower and enjoy stunning views over historic Durham City, when the tower re-opens following multi-million pounds works to reserve it for future generations.

When: Saturday 1 June

Where: Durham Cathedral, Durham City



Seaham Food Festival

The county's first seaside festival will bring a host of culinary delights and celebrity chefs to Durham's Heritage Coast.

When: 8 – 9 June

Where: Seaham

Durham Regatta

The 186th Durham Regatta promises a spectacular weekend of racing and riverside entertainment.

When: 8 – 9 June

Where: Riverside, Durham City

The Vikings in Northumbria

Trace the history of Vikings in North East England and discover how the Viking invaders and later settlers shaped the political and cultural landscape of Northumbria through raids, trade and conquest.

When: 11 June – 28 September

Where: Open Treasure, Durham Cathedral

Kynren – An Epic Tale of England

Time travel through 2,000 years of history, myth and legend at the UK's 'must see' spectacular outdoor live action show.

When: Saturdays 29 June – 14 September (excludes 3 August)

Where: Flaits Farm, Bishop Auckland





July

Festival of 50s

Dig out your 50s finery and rock 'n' roll along to this fabulous celebration of all things 50s.

When: 11 – 14 July

Where: Beamish, The Living Museum of the North

Durham Brass Festival

Durham's liveliest festival is back with 10 days of outstanding performances from brilliant bands and musicians celebrating all things brass.

When: 12 – 21 July

Where: Durham City



135th Durham Miners' Gala

Soak up the atmosphere and join the traditional mining heritage celebrations, with colourful banners, colliery band music, family activities and much more.

When: 13 July

Where: Riverside, Durham City

Picnic Cinema: Alien Invasion Weekend

Enjoy a double bill screening of alien and sci-fi goodness under the stars at Hamsterley Forest. Camp out in the depths of the forest, dress up, play games and quizzes before settling down to a cinema screening like no other.

When: 19 – 20 July

Where: Hamsterley Forest

Durham City Run Festival

The three-day festival will feature films, talks, book signings, a running expo and free running activities alongside the popular Prince Bishops 5K and 10K runs.

When: 25 – 27 July

Where: Durham City

The Flying Scotsman

Don't miss your chance to get a close up view of this iconic steam locomotive.

When: 26 July – 12 August

Where: Locomotion, Shildon

August

The Secret Garden

Relive this tale of secrecy and curiosity with Chapterhouse Theatre Company, as they perform outdoors this enchanting story, loved by children and adults alike.

When: 10 August

Where: Wharton Park, Durham City

166th Sedgefield Agricultural Show

Come and see a showcase of agricultural and rural life with horses, dogs, cattle, sheep, goats as well as handicrafts and horticulture.

When: 10 August

Where: Robert Brown Show Field, Sedgefield

Hardwick Live Festival

The biggest music festival in the North East returns this summer, bringing with it a huge line-up of high profile and new musical acts, plus plenty of bars, food and family fun.

When: 17 – 18 August

Where: Hardwick Park, Sedgefield

Superheroes Weekend

Superheroes and villains are landing at Crook Hall for a fun-filled day of games, stories, treasure hunts and photo opportunities with some of your favourite characters.

When: 25 – 26 August

Where: Crook Hall & Gardens, Durham City

All information is subject to change and was accurate at time of going to print. You are advised to check event details before you travel.

For details of these events, and many more taking place across the county this summer, visit: thisisdurham.com/19



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