

Monday 14th September 2026

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News and information

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FREE heritage open days



Byland Abbey, Yorkshire

Welcome to England's largest annual festival of history and culture, Fri 11 Sep to Sun 20 Sep.

Powered by thousands of dedicated volunteers, the festival grants the public free access to thousands of historic venues, hidden sites, and cultural experiences across England. It offers a unique opportunity to explore places that are usually closed to the public or normally charge an entry fee, bringing local history to life through guided tours, exhibitions, and interactive workshops.

Near Thirsk, visitors can enjoy a variety of participating heritage venues:

Thirsk Museum

Situated in the birthplace of Thomas Lord (founder of Lord's Cricket Ground), this museum showcases regional history, traditional rural life, and local folklore – including the infamous Busby Stoop Chair.

St Mary's Church

A stunning 15th-century Grade I listed parish church featuring striking Perpendicular Gothic architecture, intricate wood carvings, and guided bell-tower tours.

The Ritz Cinema

One of the oldest continuously running projection houses in the country, providing behind-the-scenes insights into classic cinema heritage.

Byland Abbey (Coxwold)

Outstanding Cistercian ruins nearby offering specialised guided tours exploring medieval monastic life, architecture, and historical archaeology. See the website for days, times and over 100 other places near Thirsk heritageopendays.org.uk

New parking meters



North Yorkshire Council are replacing parking ticket machines across the county. These are NYC's answers to your questions.

What's changing?

Customers will no longer receive a ticket to display in their vehicle. Instead, they will:

- Enter their vehicle registration number (VRN) on the payment machine
- Select the length of stay required
- Pay using cash or card or a parking app (where available)

Will I notice anything different?

Aside from no longer receiving a printed ticket, customers should notice very little difference in how they pay for parking. Our installation team will carefully manage the transition to minimise disruption and ensure a smooth changeover at each location. Signage is also being updated to explain the new payment process, as well as displaying parking tariffs and specific car park information.

Can I still pay with cash?

Yes. The new machines will continue to accept cash as well as card payments. Parking apps will also be available where currently provided.

Why are you removing paper tickets?

Moving to a ticketless system reduces maintenance requirements, improves reliability, cuts paper usage and provides a more efficient service for customers and the council.

How do I know my payment has been successful?

Once payment has been made, the machine will confirm that your parking session has been successfully registered against your vehicle registration number.

Are you using ANPR (Automatic

Number Plate Recognition)?

No, we are not using ANPR technology in our car parks. Our civil enforcement officers will be able to check parking sessions electronically using vehicle registration numbers, removing the need to check printed tickets.

How will parking be enforced without a ticket?

Our civil enforcement officers will use handheld devices to check whether a valid parking session has been purchased for a vehicle using its registration number.

Sutton Bank shuts for repairs



Sutton Bank will be closed for three weeks while essential safety and maintenance work is carried out. The steep route, which forms part of the A170, will close for annual maintenance from 7am Sun 13 Sep. Completion is due by 7pm on Sun 4 Oct.

To receive regular What's On

... as a FREE email twice a month, tell us at

VisitThirsk.uk/news

To send us a news article

... please email it, with picture, to News@VisitThirsk.uk

To send us an event

... please let us know at VisitThirsk.uk/event

What's on in the coming weeks

Send your event - go to VisitThirsk.uk/event

Mon 14 Sep

Thirsk Races: Season Finale

Thirsk Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1QL

Live music, bars & food vendors. Saver Rate: Book before midnight on Fri 11

Sep to secure a lower price. Gates open 11am, First race 2.21pm. Tickets: Book online. E: info@thirskracecourse.net. T: 01845 522276.

thirskracecourse.net

Tue 15 Sep

Book Club - September

The Old Courthouse 4 Westgate Thirsk YO7 1QS

The Rural Arts book club is all about bringing people together through the power of a good story. Come along to our welcoming monthly sessions and chat about the book we've chosen with friendly fellow readers. Our September book is *Glorious Exploits* by Ferdia Lennon. 6.30-8pm. £5.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/book-club-september/

Tue 15 Sep

Hope & Harmony

Holy Rood House, Centre for Health & Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Rd. Thirsk YO7 1HX

A joyful day to explore & reflect on the beauty & spirituality of communal song. Led by Mike Leigh. Come & enjoy singing, all are welcome. 10am - 4pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk

Wed 16 Sep

Make & Meet: Candle Making

The Old Courthouse 4 Westgate Thirsk YO7 1QS

Get creative and transform everyday candles into beautiful hand-painted decorations. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £8.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/make-meet-candle-painting/

Wed 16 Sep

Hambleton Wind Band first rehearsal

Applegarth Primary School, Northallerton DL7 8QF

Hambleton Wind Band is a brand new community wind band. Our aim is to create a friendly band who enjoy playing together. Woodwind, brass and percussion players are very welcome. Interested? Please email. 7pm-9pm. E: elaine.reeves27@gmail.com

Now until Thu 17 Sep

Sunny Dancer (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Bella Ramsey, James Norton and Neil Patrick Harris. Ivy is a teenager in remission from cancer, whose parents insist she attend a summer retreat for young adults affected by cancer. However, as Ivy is reluctantly dragged through camp experience, she discovers new feelings with new friends. 7.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Thu 17 Sep

All Creatures Great and Small

TV channel 5



Season 7 of the James Herriot stories picks up in 1946, with World War II firmly in the rear-view mirror and Skeldale House once again full, and livelier than ever, as familiar faces reunite under one roof and look ahead to a hopeful new chapter. Thu 17 Sep, 9.00pm.

Thu 17 Sep

Willow Standing Deer

The Old Courthouse 4 Westgate Thirsk YO7 1QS

Use simple weaving techniques to create your own willow deer. The perfect addition to your home! 10:00-3:30pm. £95.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/willow-standing-deer-2026/

Fri 18 Sep

All Creatures Great and Small

TV channel 5

A behind-the-scenes spin-off from *All Creatures Great and Small*: Behind the Magic. 9.00pm.

Fri 18 Sep

Oasis (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

'Oasis: Don't look back in anger' - an unapologetically uplifting account of the Gallagher brothers 2025 reunion tour.

7.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Fri 18 Sep

Comedy Night

Knayton Village Hall, Thirsk YO74AZ

MC Tony Vino, Raul Kohli & Dom Woodward.

Free glass of wine/juice on arrival. Doors 7pm. Show 7.30pm. £15. Tickets: Telephone, Eventbrite, Herriot Shop Thirsk & Herriot at the Lambert Hospice. E: aileenandkeith3@gmail.com. T: 07989 265525

Now until Sat 19 Sep

Studfold Fairy Adventure

Studfold Farm, Lofthouse, Harrogate HG3 5SG

Find answers to clues, discover 30+ fairy houses, have fun on go-karts, ride on tractors, build a den & explore beautiful countryside. Tickets: Book online. E: info@studfold.com. T: 01423 755228.

studfold.com

Now until Sat 19 Sep

Grand Prize Draw

All Saints Church Thirkleby 175th

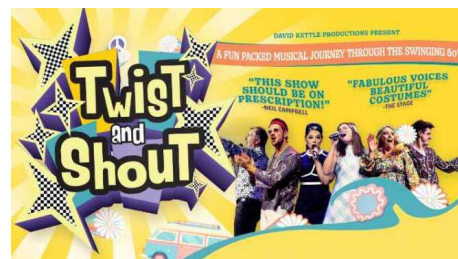
Anniversary

Prize Draw- 1st Prize £175, 2nd Prize Signed Peter Wright Book, 3rd Prize Voucher for free range Turkey, 4th Prize Iced Christmas Cake, plus many more prizes. Draw date Sun 20 Sep 4.30pm at Thirkleby parish hall. Tickets: £1 each. T: 07747 867769

Sat 19 Sep

Twist and Shout

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP



An all-star cast from the West End deliver a musical powerhouse of a show that starts with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power and Free Love of the late Sixties. 7.30pm. £28. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.



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forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sat 19 Sep

Stokesley Show

Springfield, Stokesley, Middlesbrough TS9 5JL

One of the largest one day agricultural shows in the country. 8am-6.30pm. Adult £20, Child (5-17) £10, Under 5s free, Family (2+2) £50. Tickets: Online or on gate. E:

secretary@stokesleyshow.co.uk. T: 01845 587158.

stokesleyshow.co.uk

Sat 19 Sep

Rowan McCabe - 'Hard Knocks'

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Rowan McCabe returns to the stage with Hard Knocks, a show of spoken word and comedy about community and connection. With support from local poet Olivia Mulligan. The show is part of Bookmarked:Thirsk. 7:30pm. £13 Early Bird or £14.50 Full Price. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/rowan-mccabe-hard-knocks/

Sat 19 Sep

Luke Wright 'Later Life Letter.'

Helmsley Arts Centre, Meeting House Ct, Helmsley, YO62 5DW

Later Life Letter tells the story of his adoption - the life he leads & the one he might have done. Wright navigates his audience through a warm & honest hour of poems & stand-up with wit, pathos & silliness that has made him one of the most popular live poets in England. 7pm-8pm. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk

Sat 19 Sep

Eggleston Agricultural Show.

Hayberries Farm, Mickleton DL12 0LP

Traditional agricultural show. 10am-4pm. Adult £10, Child(5-14) £3, Under 5s free. Free parking. Tickets: Online or cash on gate. E: egglestonshowsecretary@outlook.com. T: 07742 000886.

egglestonshow.co.uk

Now until Sun 20 Sep

Heritage Open Days

All over England



Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. This is England's largest festival of history and culture. Among the 115 open places near Thirsk are St Mary's Church, the Ritz Cinema and Thirsk Museum. There is a walking tour of Beningbrough Hall and do Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail Gathering Walk in Hawnby. See the website for days, times and other places.

heritageopendays.org.uk

Fri 18 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

No. 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley

North York Moors Railway



No. 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley will run on the heritage railway Fri 18 Sep to Sun 20 Sep and again Sat 17 Oct to Mon 20 Oct. It is a renowned member of the LNER A4 Pacific class, designed by the celebrated railway engineer, Sir Nigel Gresley. Built at Doncaster works, Sir Nigel Gresley entered service in 1937. Every service is a pre-booked return journey from Pickering to Grosmont and back, with allocated seating throughout. Tickets: Book online in advance.

www.nymr.co.uk/rockstar-services

Fri 18 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

Harrogate Autumn Flower Show

Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE

Stunning show garden features, live talks and demonstrations, great garden shopping, and the biggest exhibition by

florists and flower arrangers in the country. Tickets: Book online. E: info@flowershow.org.uk. T: 01423 648212.

flowershow.org.uk/autumn-show

Fri 18 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

Helmsley Literary Festival Weekend

Helmsley Arts Centre, Meeting House Ct, Helmsley, YO62 5DW

Events every day see website. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk

Fri 18 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

Helmsley Literary Festival Poetry Competition

Helmsley Arts Centre, Meeting House Ct, Helmsley, YO62 5DW

Poetry Competition to be adjudicated by Luke Wright. All poems will be on display at HAC during the Festival. Winners will be announced at Poets' Corner Open Mic. £5 entry. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk

Fri 18 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

Acquire @ Ampleforth

Ampleforth Abbey, Ampleforth, York, YO62 4EN

A special selling exhibition, curated by Joanne Gowan, showcasing 16 artisans of jewellery and silversmithing from Yorkshire and the Northern England. Complemented by a daily programme of ticketed talks organised by Susan Rumfitt, jewellery specialist from the BBC Antiques Roadshow. 10am - 5pm Daily. Free Exhibition - Additional charge for talks. E:

reception@ampleforthabbey.org.uk. T: 01439 766099.

www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/acquire-ampleforth

Sat 19 Sep until Sun 20 Sep

175th Anniversary, All Saints, Thirkleby

All Saints Church, Thirkleby, YO7 2AS

Saturday - Anniversary Concert; Talk by Peter Wright The Yorkshire Vet, My Early Years in Thirkleby; Sessay Songbirds Children's Choir; Thirkleby Community Choir.

Sunday - Church open from 10am with floral displays, Service of Thanksgiving at 2pm, Themed afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall, Grand Prize Draw - tickets from Karen 07747 867769. Please get in touch if you would like to lend a helping hand. Saturday 2pm, Sunday from



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10am, see above. Tickets: Karen - 07747 867769.

Sun 20 Sep Nidderdale Show.

Pateley Bridge HG3 5BD

Celebrates the best of agricultural traditions with top class livestock, horse and dog sections and boasts one of the finest exhibitions of animals anywhere in the UK. 7.45am – 6pm. Tickets: Online or at gate (costs more). E: info@nidderdaleshow.co.uk. T: 01969 650129.

nidderdaleshow.co.uk

Sun 20 Sep Thirsk Artisan Market

Market Place, Thirsk YO7 1EY



An artisan market that wants to help serve local communities with the best artisan stalls, whilst giving traders the best opportunities to showcase and sell their handmade goods. 10am-3pm. E: info@littlebirdmade.co.uk. littlebirdmade.com

Tue 22 Sep National Theatre: The Misanthrope (15)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Award-winner Sandra Oh (Killing Eve) plays the title role in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy. 7.00pm. £16, Child £10, Senior £13. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Tue 22 Sep Japanese Woodblock Printing

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Explore this captivating Japanese woodblock printing technique made famous by artists like Hokusai and his iconic Great Wave. Mokuhanga is a wonderfully accessible and eco-friendly method that uses water-based inks and requires no press, making it perfect for artists of all levels, even in small or

home studios. 10:30am - 4:30pm. £90. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/japanese-wood-block-printing/

Tue 22 Sep Autumn Quiet Day

Holy Rood House, Centre for Health & Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Rd. Thirsk YO7 1HX

Reflecting With Trees. Led by Helen Warwick who will offer poems, creative ideas & prayers connecting to our Autumn garden with trees giving us their wisdom. 10am - 4pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk

Wed 23 Sep Tony Hadley: Charity Concert

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

This concert has been arranged directly between Mike Carr and Tony Hadley. Mike is currently battling with a terminal brain tumour and is using this event to raise funds for future cancer research. All profits from this event go to Friends of the Friarage, Lincoln County Hospital Radiotherapy Department and Prostate Cancer UK. The Forum has a very limited number of tickets available (50) seats are unreserved on a first come basis. Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7.45pm. £75. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Wed 23 Sep Thirsk Probus Club for Ladies

Meadowfields, Chapel Street, Thirsk YO7 1LU

Riding for the disabled is the title of our September presentation and members will also be agreeing the venue for the Christmas lunch. 10.00am end time 12 noon. £2.00. Tickets: Pay on the door.

Sat 19 Sep until Thu 24 Sep The Dog Stars (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

NOT FRI. Starring Margaret Qualley, Jacob Elordi, Josh Brolin, Guy Pearce, Allison Janney. A man lives a lonesome existence in a Colorado aeroplane hangar with his dog. When a mysterious transmission comes through on the radio while he's flying his old Cessna, it sparks a hunt for the provenance of the sound. 7.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online.

Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Mon 21 Sep until Thu 24 Sep French classes begin

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

ONLY MON & THU. French classes for almost beginners start on Monday afternoon, 21st September. Classes for post GCSE start on Thursday evening, 24th September. For details, please email or telephone. E: thirsk.evening.classes.french@gmail.com.

T: 01845 522342

Thu 24 Sep Thirsk Ladies Club

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe, Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QR

Come along and learn a little bit about the history of gardening and exactly where the gnomes came from. Why do we look at the sky and say "Red sky at night, shepherd's delight"? An illustrated talk by local retired gardener, Mike I'Anson entitled 'Garden Lore'. 7.30pm. Free for members, visitors £4.

T: 01845 522819

Thu 24 Sep Seann Walsh: This is Torture

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

(14+) The UK's dishevelled king of stand-up, award-winning Seann Walsh returns with a brand-new hour of side-splitting comedy. 8.00pm. £18. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Thu 24 Sep Thirsk Jobs Fair

Rural Arts The Courthouse YO7 1QS

Looking for work or a fresh start - meet local employers, Explore full-time and part time roles, find learning opportunities and get advice and support for next steps.

There's no need to book a place, just pop in! 10am - 12noon. E: richmond-northallerton.e-pteam@dwg.ov.uk.

www.northyorks.gov.uk/skillsprojects



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Fri 25 Sep

Manfred's Comedy Club (14+)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Bringing comedians from the UK circuit to small towns and cities across the country for a night of live comedy. 8.00pm. £15. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Fri 25 Sep

Bellinis and Botanical Plaster Casts

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

In this workshop, you'll use leaves, flowers and natural textures to create an elegant botanical plaster cast tile. Experiment with arranging your chosen foliage before casting it into plaster to produce a unique decorative piece for your home. 7pm - 9pm. £25. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/something-social-bellinis-and-botanical-plaster-cast-tiles/

Fri 25 Sep

Romanby Jazz and Cabaret Club

Romanby Golf & Country Club, Yafforth Rd. Romanby. DL7 0PE

The Storyville Jazz Band from Holland. One of the oldest jazz bands from the Netherlands still playing all over the world. Founded in 1959 they focused on the new music they called jazz which became popular during the roaring 20's. Doors open 6.45. Hot supper included. 7.30 - 10.30pm. £22,50. Tickets: online or by phone. E: stephenwest277@gmail.com. T: 07856 432673.

www.romanby.com/jazz

Fri 25 Sep

National Theatre Live: The Misanthrope

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS (15) Award-winner Sandra Oh (Killing Eve) plays the title role in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's classic dark comedy. Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre. 7.30pm. £15, £16 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Fri 25 Sep

'Right Here. Right Now.'

Helmsley Arts Centre, Meeting House Ct, Helmsley, YO62 5DW

A hilarious improvised show that will bring the roof down with laughter. Presented by Riding Lights Theatre Company it's funny, it's foolish & it's fit for family viewing, and it really does make it up as it goes along. 7:30pm. £13 U18 & JSA £10. Tickets: Please phone. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk

Now until Sat 26 Sep

Woodfield Car Boot Sale

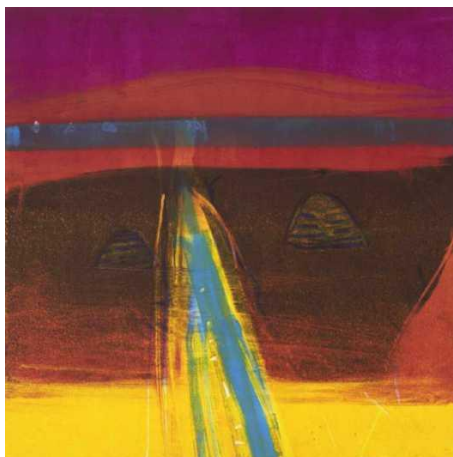
YO7 3AD Thirsk road

ONLY SAT. Thirsk's traditional Saturday afternoon Car Boot Sale. 1pm - 4pm (Sellers can set up 12-12.15pm). Sellers £5 per car £5 trailer £10 van. No New items to be sold. Buyers £1 each (under 16's free) Catering & Toilet facilities on site. 1pm-4pm. £5 car £5 trailer £10 van. E: sheel11@icloud.com. T: 07928 328308

Now until Sat 26 Sep

Barbara Rae: Monotypes

Zillah Bell Gallery, 15 Kirkgate, Thirsk YO7 1PQ



NOT MON or SUN. Major exhibition by the internationally acclaimed artist, Barbara Rae.

Rae, who was created Dame Barbara Rae in 2025 for services to art, is exhibiting over thirty monotypes and original prints. Many of these works have never been seen before. 10am - 5pm. Free entry. E: info@zillahbellgallery.co.uk. T: 01845 522479.

zillahbellgallery.co.uk

Now until Sat 26 Sep

Pick Your Own Apples

Ampleforth Abbey, Ampleforth, York, YO62 4EN



ONLY SAT. A rare opportunity to pick your own apples from our beautiful heritage orchard and learn how our famous Ampleforth Abbey apple juice and full juice cider are pressed in the Abbey's own Cider Mill. Also on Saturdays 17, 24 and 31 October. 11am - 3pm. Free - pay for the apples you pick. E: reception@ampleforthabbey.org.uk. T: 01439 766099.

ampleforthabbey.org.uk/pick-your-own-apples

Now until Sat 26 Sep

Art at the Summerhouse

Thorp Perrow Arboretum, Bedale, DL8 2PR

The Walton Group of Artists will be taking residence in our Summerhouse for two weeks, showcasing a collection of artwork across all mediums. There will also be a small collection of work inspired by our very own Arboretum. All work on display will be available to purchase. 10:00 - 13:00. Standard Admission to the Arboretum Applies. Tickets: Online, On the door. E: enquiries@thorpperrow.com. T: 01677 425323.

thorpperrow.com/#whats-on

Sat 26 Sep

Hot Doggers

Sessay Village Hall

Pop up bar - Hot Dogs - Raffle. 7pm for 7.30pm. Pre booked £10 or £12 on the door. Tickets: See above. E: events@sessayvillagehall.co.uk. T: 07467 549302.

www.sessayvillagehall.co.uk

Sat 26 Sep

Indian Night and Music Quiz

Sandhutton Village Hall, Thirsk YO7 4RS

Enjoy an Indian meal with poppadoms and breads. A JT music quiz follows. Bar & raffle. 6.30pm. £15. Tickets: Please phone to book.

T: 07584 838687



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Fri 18 Sep until Sun 27 Sep

Walking & Book Festival

Richmond & district



The festival offers a unique mix of walking and book events for all tastes. Our walks take place mainly in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales with three walks each day catering for a variety of abilities, led by experienced walkers who carry a wealth of local knowledge. Book events take place in historic Richmond in various venues including the Georgian Theatre Royal and The Station where some daytime events will be found. Tickets: See website. E: info@booksandboots.org. booksandboots.org

Thu 24 Sep until Sun 27 Sep

NYMR Annual Steam Gala

North York Moors Railway, Pickering

Join us for four fantastic days celebrating the sights & sounds of heritage steam locomotives. This year we welcome three amazing locomotives to join our home fleet. No. 60007 Sir Nigel Gresley, T3 class no. 563 & no. 4079 Pendennis Castle.

Fri 25 Sep until Sun 27 Sep

The Colours of Autumn

Holy Rood House, Centre for Health & Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Rd. Thirsk YO7 1HX

Still Life & Meditation. Led by Phill & Susie Hopkins. Using items from the garden & surroundings, being creative, exploring how artists use still life. Fri 4pm, Sun 2pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. T: 01845 522580.

www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

Sat 26 Sep until Sun 27 Sep

The Knitted Bible Exhibition

St Andrews Church South Otterington. DL7 8BB

Exhibition of over 30 Knitted Bible scenes. Refreshments available also tombola and other stalls. Sat 10am to 2pm. Sun 2pm to 5pm. Free admission. T: 07740 935908

Sat 26 Sep until Sun 27 Sep

Masham Sheep Fair

Masham, Ripon HG4 4DZ

Sheep showing, Sheep Racing, Craft Market, Bishop Blaize Procession, Fleece Stalls, Sheepdog Demonstrations, Hand Bell Ringers, Morris Dancers, Art Exhibition and Tours of Theakstons & Black Sheep Breweries, as well as a small Children's Fair. 10am-4pm. E: susancunliffelister@icloud.com. mashamsheepfair.com

Sun 27 Sep

Meatloaf Tribute Show

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Heaven Can Wait, featuring Meat Loaf's greatest hits. 7.30pm. £28. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sun 27 Sep

Apple Day

Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE



Apple Throwing Championships & The World Jam Festival. Central to Apple Day is the hotly contested Apple Throwing Championships where whoever throws an Apple the furthest over the River Ure wins the prestigious title and trophy. There will also be apple pressing demonstrations, Cider tasting, a display of the many apple varieties grown in our orchards. £22, Child (4-15) £16, Family (2+2) £65. Tickets: At the gate or online. T: 01423 322583. newbyhall.com

Mon 28 Sep

St Mary's Lunchtime Organ Recitals

St Mary's Church, Kirkgate, Thirsk, YO7 1PQ

St Mary's are delighted to welcome a number of accomplished organists for a series of Monday lunchtime organ recitals. Today John Dunford - conductor Ripon Choral Society.

12.15pm. Free including refreshments, with a retiring collection for the organ fund. E: hello@thirskparishes.org. T: 07877 213327

Now until Wed 30 Sep

Big Book Sale

Shandy Hall, Coxwold, Thirsk YO61 4AD

NOT MON or TUE. Good quality used books fiction & non-fiction of all kinds including art, literature, poetry and Folio Society. 11am - 4.30pm Wed - Sun. Tickets: Free. E: info@laurenceternetrust.org.uk. T: 01347 868465. www.laurenceternetrust.org.uk

Wed 30 Sep

Deer Willow Weaving Workshop

Thorp Perrow Arboretum, Bedale, DL8 2PR

Join expert willow artist Wendy Bristow of Twigs and Sprigs for a creative and festive workshop where you'll craft your own beautiful willow deer sculpture. This hands-on session will guide you step by step through the process of shaping and weaving natural willow into an elegant piece for your home or garden. 10:00 - 15:30. Please see website for prices. Tickets: Online. E: enquiries@thorpperrow.com. T: 01677 425323. thorpperrow.com/#whats-on

Wed 30 Sep

Scummy Mummies: Hot Mess

The Forum, Bullamoor Road, Northallerton; DL6 1LP

Mum's night out - Helen and Ellie are back with a brand new comedy show that will have you laughing till you wee. From menopause to mansplaining, teenagers to Tinder, no subject is safe. 7.30pm. £24. Tickets: forum. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sat 26 Sep until Thu 1 Oct

Pressure (PG)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Andrew Scott, Brendan Fraser, Damian Lewis and Kerry Condon. In the tense 72 hours before D-Day, and the fate of the free world hanging in the balance, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Captain James Stagg face an impossible choice - launch the largest and most dangerous seaborne invasion in history or risk losing the war altogether. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or



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on door. T: 01845 524751.
ritzcinema.co.uk

Thu 1 Oct

Music Monthlies

The Old Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QS

Music Monthlies: Rob Herron & Conrad Bird

Together, the Cumbrian cowboy, and the Yorkshire rover are heading off on a country-wide tour, both promoting their new solo releases, and briefly taking a step back from the wild rock & roll circus! 7.30pm. £15.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/music-monthlies-rob-herron-and-conrad-bird/

Thu 1 Oct

Rob Herron & Conrad Bird

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Flavours of classic country, gypsy-swing, rhythm & blues, and rockabilly in original songs. He is well-known for his live performances, and dry humour on stage. 7.30pm. £15. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org

Fri 2 Oct

Celine Dion Celebration

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Step into the world of Celine Dion like never before with My Heart Will Go On, a breathtaking concert experience that brings the legendary singer's iconic hits to life. 7.30pm. £28. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Fri 2 Oct

Comedy Night

Knayton Village Hall

Star Comedian - John Archer. 7.30pm. £15. Tickets: Call 07867171522.

Sat 3 Oct

Herriot Hospice Moonlight Glow Walk

Thirsk Racecourse, YO71QL

Gather under the moonlight to raise money for your local hospice care charity, Herriot Hospice. Walk a 5k route around Thirsk, dressed brightly in

lights and colours, to raise money and awareness for Herriot Hospice. Walk in memory. Walk for the Community. Walk for Herriot Hospice. 5:30pm, walk begins at 7:30pm. £20 for adults, £15 older child, £5 younger child. Under 5s free. Tickets: Online. E: jrobinson@hospice-care.org. T: 01609 777413.

www.herriothh.org.uk/

Sat 3 Oct

Megaslam Wrestling

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QR

The 2026 Mega Tour will feature all of your favourite Megaslam stars and some brand new ones. Team Nasty will battle it out with Team Megaslam in a series of action packed matches designed to get the whole family out of their seats and cheering on their favourites. 7.30pm. £15, Child £10. Plus booking fee.

Tickets: Book online. E: support@megaslam.co.uk. megaslam.co.uk

Sat 3 Oct

Joe Mcelderry Live

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

An unforgettable night of incredible vocals, big emotions and pure entertainment. From chart topping hits to fan favourites anthems, Joe brings his powerhouse voice, natural charm and infectious energy to the stage. 7.30pm. £32. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Sat 3 Oct

Pedal To the Helipad

Start New Northern Airbase at Skipton Bridge

Ride. Race. Rescue. Join us for an unforgettable cycling challenge across Yorkshire's stunning landscapes - all in support of Yorkshire Air Ambulance saving lives. Whether you're pushing for the full distance or taking-on a shorter ride, every mile makes a difference. 102 mile round route, finish at Nostell Airbase £65, entry or 30mile route, finish at Malton £30 entry. Minimum Fundraising Target £200.

<http://yaa.org.uk>

Sat 3 Oct

Richmondshire Concerts

Richmond School, Darlington Rd, Richmond DL10 7BQ,

Our Season opener - a real mix of great music from across the centuries. 7:30pm.

www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Sat 3 Oct

John Rutter's Requiem

Holy Trinity Church, Ripon

Ripon Choral Society, Come & Sing. Copies of vocal score will be available for hire on day. Music Director John Dunford, Accompanist Tim Harper, Soloist, Milly Lennox. Workshop 10am-3.30pm Performance 4pm. £25 including tea, coffee and cake. Tickets: email.

E: tickets@riponchoralsociety.org.uk

Sat 3 Oct

Ripon Choral Society

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

Join us for a day of glorious music & good company. 10.30am. £25.

www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Sat 3 Oct

Quaker Curious?

24 Kirkgate, Thirsk YO7 1PL opposite the Herriot Centre

Quaker Week runs every October. This year, we will offer a 30-minute taster so people can experience a Quaker Meeting for Worship at 10:30am on Saturday 3rd October at 24 Kirkgate. Afterwards, we will host a small exhibition, a continental breakfast and a chance to digest the experience with Thirsk Quakers. 10:30am. free. Tickets: No tickets.

Sun 4 Oct

Sunday Big Band

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Come along and enjoy the fabulous sounds of the Big Band Era performed, in an open session, by Alan Owens and The Forum Big Band. The bar is open. Noon-2pm. £4. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Teesside Music Society

Methodist Church, High St. Stokesley, TS9 5AD

A welcome return for this internationally-acclaimed string quartet. 7.00pm.

www.st-cecilia.org.uk

Sun 4 Oct

Thirsk Farmers' Market

Market Place, Thirsk YO7 1EY



Unlike some other markets all stallholders are local independent businesses who grow, rear or produce the food or drink on their stall. They're passionate about what they do and it shows. 9am-2pm. E:

info@northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com.
northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com

Tue 6 Oct

Reading Fiction For Fun

Holy Rood House, Centre for Health & Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Rd. Thirsk YO7 1HX

'Get Your Head Into That Book! A Quiet Day exploring our experience of reading novels for our relationship with the Divine. Led by Tiffany Conlin. 10am - 4pm. E:

enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. T: 01845 522580.

www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

Tue 6 Oct

The Glasgow Boys & Girls

Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP

Harry Fletcher on the Scottish Colourists and the French Connection. How a Scottish Art Dealers' meeting with the Impressionists and Post Impressionists influenced Scottish art. 1.30 for 1.45pm. free to members, visitors £11 or £5.50 if a member of another Arts Society.

Tickets: On the door. E:

hambleton@theartsociety.org.

www.theartsociety.org/hambleton

Tue 6 Oct

Bedale Archaeology & History Society

Bedale Hall DL8 1AA and Zoom

Talk by Dr Jon Kenny MCIfA, Community Archaeologist: Does a Neolithic Henge lurk beneath Kirk Hammerton?. 7.30 pm. non-members £3 (full-time education free), or £6 pp for membership for the rest of 2026 (3 more talks). Tickets: on the door or, for Zoom, please use the contact form on bedaleahs.org.

Fri 2 Oct until Thu 8 Oct

Bad Apples (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Saoirse Ronan. A struggling primary school teacher begins to make some questionable decisions after one of her students is injured. 7.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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Fri 9 Oct

The Quo Story

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

The UK's top Status Quo tribute band featuring Status Quo's very own Richie Malone. A show for all fans not to be missed! A night of hits after hits. 7.30pm. £27. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Fri 9 Oct

Ceramic Pumpkins and Cider

Rural Arts, The Old Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Celebrate the cosy charm of autumn with an evening of creativity, conversation and a warming glass of cider.

In this workshop, you'll hand-build your own unique ceramic pumpkin using clay, learning simple techniques to shape and decorate your design. 7pm - 9pm. £25.00. Tickets: Online.

Sat 10 Oct

Alverton Brass

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Charity concert. The band draws from a vast pool of musical experience, not only from the brass band world, but also military bands, dance bands and orchestras. 7.30pm. £10, Under 16s free. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or

on the door. E:

info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Sat 10 Oct

Bookmarked: Batty!

Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Have you got a wild side?

Batty has, she dreams of running barefoot, wild swimming, of talking trees, strange animals and the scent of the seasons turning. In fact she's starting to wonder if she might be a witch....

7:30pm. £13-£16. Tickets: Online. E:

admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/batty/thirsk-sowerby-town-hall/

Sat 10 Oct

Beautiful Botanicals: Collagraph Printing

Rural Art, The Old Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QS

Join York-based printmaker, Yvonne Hoggarth, for a creative and inspiring workshop making botanical prints using natural materials such as leaves, stems and seedheads. 10:30-3:30pm. £90.00. Tickets: Online.

Sat 3 Oct until Sun 11 Oct

No. 4079 Pendennis Castle

North York Moors Railway



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Pendennis Castle will run on the heritage railway on two weekends. A genuine racing legend built at Swindon Works in February 1924, No. 4079 Pendennis Castle is one of the most celebrated steam locomotives ever built. Every service is a pre-booked return journey from Pickering to Grosmont and back, with allocated seating throughout. Tickets: Book online in advance.

www.nymr.co.uk/rockstar-services



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