

Thursday 30th April 2026

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## News and information

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### Local Country Shows



#### Agricultural shows and fairs in Yorkshire celebrate rural heritage.

Events like the Great Yorkshire Show and North Yorkshire County Show highlight farming excellence, traditional skills, and community spirit. These gatherings preserve countryside traditions while fostering innovation in agriculture and rural life.

To visit a Country Show or village fayre, see those available locally at [VisitThirsk.uk/countrysows](http://VisitThirsk.uk/countrysows)

### Copywrong at Shandy Hall



Exhibition of work by A T Kabe Wilson, artist, experimental poet, archival scholar.

Copywrong reimagines Graham Greene's 'The Tenth Man' by physically altering a copy of the novel to reflect its themes of identity and the power of documents.

The exhibition also previews Kabe's new portrait series, 'Honourmastics'. Drawing on Sterne's fascination with naming, Kabe will unveil the first Honourmastic of a fictional figure: Tristram Shandy, honouring Shandy Hall's literary legacy. Sat 9 May-Sat 22 Aug at Shandy Hall, Coxwold, York YO61 4AD. Free entry. [launcestertrust.org.uk/event](http://launcestertrust.org.uk/event)

### Monk Park Farm's Little Thirsk



At Monk Park Farm, Little Thirsk is a fully immersive indoor role play village designed especially for younger visitors. Children can step into a miniature world inspired by local businesses and community life, encouraging imaginative play, creativity, and hands-on fun.

The new space provides a brilliant all-weather attraction, giving families even more to enjoy during their visit, whatever the season. With thoughtfully designed play areas and familiar touches inspired by the local area, Little Thirsk adds a unique and engaging experience to the farm and is included as part of the standard farm admission, alongside Monk Park Farm's much loved attractions including animal encounters, outdoor play areas, and seasonal events.

For more information and to book tickets, visit:

[monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://monkparkfarm.co.uk)

### Thirsk to Helmsley bus



**Until Sun 27 Sep there is a bus service between Thirsk and Helmsley on Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays.**

The M5 bus leaves Thirsk Market Place for Helmsley at 9:42 on Saturdays and at both 10:42 & 15:42 on Sundays & BHs, The opposite journey from Helmsley to Thirsk starts from Helmsley Market Place at 16.33 on Saturdays and at both 11:33 & 16:33 on Sundays & BHs. The journey between Thirsk and Helmsley takes about 40mins.

You are not limited to staying in Helmsley or Thirsk. The M5 journey above is only part of a large network of Moorsbuses on Saturdays and Sundays. If Northallerton or Easingwold is more convenient than Thirsk you can catch a Moorsbus there.

The adult single fare is capped at £3 (concessionary cards accepted). See the full network map, timetables & fares at [moorsbus.org](http://moorsbus.org)

### Adventurer Jasmin's Homecoming

**Rotary**  
Thirsk & District

**Homecoming!**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**  
**Town Hall, Thirsk**

Welcoming Thirsk adventurer Jasmine Harrison's return from her 28,000 miles Mini Globe Race solo sail around the world.

**FREE Community Event 12-4pm**  
Short talks by Jasmine  
Community groups & sponsor stands  
To apply for a free stand: [caroljordanx@aol.com](mailto:caroljordanx@aol.com)

**Homecoming Party! 7-11pm**  
Talk by Jasmine : Live band – MOTA  
Yorkshire Scrans Pizza van : Ewe La La Bar  
Tickets £15  
For tickets: [contact@jasmine-harrison.com](mailto:contact@jasmine-harrison.com)

**ECON HILLSPRINT Goodchips VISIOL Windows**

Two events, free entry in the afternoon and £15 for the evening party.

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

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... please email it, with picture, to [News@VisitThirsk.uk](mailto:News@VisitThirsk.uk)

### To send us an event

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## What's on in the coming weeks

Send your event - go to [VisitThirsk.uk/event](http://VisitThirsk.uk/event)

**Fri 1 May**

### Sugar Pie Honey Bunch

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*



Music of the Four Tops. Brings the Motown magic back to the stage in a live concert with powerful vocals, splendid harmonies and high stepping dance routines. 7.30pm. £27. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

[info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk](mailto:info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk). T: 01609 776230.

[forumnorthallerton.org.uk](http://forumnorthallerton.org.uk)

**Fri 1 May**

### Helmsley Open Air Pool

*Baxton's Sprunt, Helmsley, YO62 5HT*

Yorkshire's only 25m heated open air pool. We are a charity providing affordable outdoor swimming and a 'holiday atmosphere' to our local community and many visitors. The pool opens for the summer season today. Tickets: Online booking is recommended. E:

[helmsleypool@outlook.com](mailto:helmsleypool@outlook.com). T: 01439 326008.

[helmsleyopenairpool.org](http://helmsleyopenairpool.org)

**Now until Sat 2 May**

### The Arts Collective Annual Exhibition

*The Old Courthouse, Thirsk*

NOT MON or SUN. Discover an inspiring collection of original prints & beautifully crafted ceramics, each piece reflecting the individuality & skill of our resident makers. From striking contemporary designs to timeless hand-crafted work, this exhibition offers something for every art lover. All artworks marked for sale are available to purchase.

**Sat 2 May**

### Thirsk Hunt Cup

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

Watch top sprinters compete in our most valuable race of the season. With live music, bars & food vendors. Gates open 11am. Tickets: Book online. E: [info@thirskracecourse.net](mailto:info@thirskracecourse.net). T: 01845

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[thirskracecourse.net](http://thirskracecourse.net)

**Sat 2 May**

### Forest Bathing

*Sutton Bank National Park Centre, Thirsk YO7 2EH*

This involves a mindful walk through the woods, and along the way we will stop to do some gentle nature-based activities that will enhance our connection to nature and our environment. This has a number of health benefits and improves general wellbeing. 10am-12.30pm. £20. Tickets: Book by email or phone. E: [discovernaturemindfully@gmail.com](mailto:discovernaturemindfully@gmail.com). T: **07988 758288**

**Sat 2 May**

### Beautiful Botanicals: Collagraph Printing

*Rural Arts, The 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 seed heads. 10:30am - 3:30pm. £90. Tickets: Online. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 526536.

[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/beautiful-botanicals-collagraph-printing/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/beautiful-botanicals-collagraph-printing/)

**Sat 2 May**

### Spoken Word Poetry Evening

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

Join us for an evening of spoken word poetry with Stu Freestone and Chloe Hanks. 8pm. £13 Early Bird or £15 Full Price. Tickets: Online.

**Fri 1 May until Sun 3 May**

### Whitby Goth Weekend

*All over Whitby*

The first Goth weekend of the year featuring music, markets and gatherings at various venues all over Whitby. Some events will be ticketed. Search for the Little Black Almanac for more details including 30th April events to start it off. All weekend. Free to wander but there may be a charge for some events. [whitbygothweekend.co.uk](http://whitbygothweekend.co.uk)

**Sun 3 May**

### Sunday Big Band

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*

Enjoy the fabulous sounds of the Big Band Era performed, in an open session,

by Alan Owens and The Forum Big Band. 12pm-2pm. £4, and the bar is open. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: [info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk](mailto:info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk). T: 01609 776230. [forumnorthallerton.org.uk](http://forumnorthallerton.org.uk)

**Sun 3 May**

### Sports Cars in the Park

*Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE*

More than 1,000 sports cars.. A really fantastic day out for the whole family, with a great atmosphere and your ticket includes free entry into Newby Hall's amazing grounds with its legendary adventure playground. £22, Child (4-15) £16, Family (2+2) £65. Tickets: Book online. E: [info@newbyhall.com](mailto:info@newbyhall.com). T: 01423 322583.

[newbyhall.com/event](http://newbyhall.com/event)

**Sun 3 May**

### 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](mailto:info@northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com). [northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com](http://northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com)

**Thu 30 Apr until Mon 4 May**

### Northallerton May Fair

*Northallerton High St DL7 8LP*

The High Street will be filled with rides and side shows.

[www.facebook.com/NorthallertonFair](http://www.facebook.com/NorthallertonFair)

**Sat 2 May until Mon 4 May**

### The Super Mario Galaxy Movie

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*



(PG) Having thwarted Bowser's previous plot to marry Princess Peach,



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'We had such a great day out here, it's not just for fans of the books. I highly recommend this little gem to everyone!'

Mario and Luigi now face a fresh threat in Bowser Jr., who is determined to liberate his father from captivity and restore the family legacy. 2.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.  
[ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

### Sat 2 May until Mon 4 May Really Wild Bank Holiday Weekend

#### Monk Park Farm

Get ready for a really wild weekend at Monk Park Farm. This Bank Holiday, meet exotic animals from Knaresborough Exotic Rescue Centre, including parrots, skunks and snakes. Get up close, learn from expert handlers, and discover fascinating species— all included in your farm admission. 10:00am. Prices starting from £3pp. Tickets: Online or on the door. E: [admin@monkparkfarm.co.uk](mailto:admin@monkparkfarm.co.uk). T: 01845 421124.  
[www.monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://www.monkparkfarm.co.uk)

### Sat 2 May until Mon 4 May Constable Burton Hall Tulip Festival

#### Constable Burton Hall, Constable Burton, Leyburn, DL8 5LJ

Constable Burton Hall & Gardens will be running the ever-popular annual Tulip Festival over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend - Saturday 2nd May to Monday 4th May 2026. 10:00 until 16:00. Adults: £10 in advance online, or £12 on the door. Children (3 - 16) £5. Tickets: Online or on the door. E: [estate@constableburton.com](mailto:estate@constableburton.com).  
[www.constableburton.com/tulip-festival](http://www.constableburton.com/tulip-festival)

### Mon 4 May

#### Duncombe Park Country Fair

##### Duncombe Park, Helmsley, YO62 5EB

Stunt Riding, Mini Grand National, Gun Dog Display, Terrier Racing, Fun Dog Show, Working Ferret Display. 9am - 5pm. £35 Family (2 +2), £15 Adult, £12 OAP, £6 Child, Free Under 5yrs. Tickets: Book online. E: [info@dpcountryfair.co.uk](mailto:info@dpcountryfair.co.uk).  
[www.dpcountryfair.co.uk](http://www.dpcountryfair.co.uk)

### Tue 5 May

#### World Hand Hygiene Day

##### Hambleton Grange, Station Road, Thirsk YO7 1GB

Mini treasure hunt for fun find 10 posters displayed around the Home and learn about keeping everyone safe.

### Tue 5 May

#### Are you sitting comfortably?

##### Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP

Lecture by Janusz Karczewski; A consideration of the chair, its style and construction, and significance from ancient times to the 19th century. 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](mailto:hambleton@theartsociety.org).  
[www.theartsociety.org/hambleton](http://www.theartsociety.org/hambleton)

### Tue 5 May

#### Bedale Archaeology & History Society

##### Bedale Hall, North End, DL8 1AA (opposite the church)

Ironstone Mining in New Marske, Dr Chris Twigg, Chair, Cleveland Industrial Archaeology Society  
Please note not Monday 4th as originally advertised. 7.30 pm. non-members £3 (full-time education free), or £12 pp for membership for the whole of 2026 (6 more talks & at least 1 field trip). Tickets: on the door or email [bedale.arch@gmail.com](mailto:bedale.arch@gmail.com) for details. E: [bedale.arch@gmail.com](mailto:bedale.arch@gmail.com).  
[bedaleahs.com](http://bedaleahs.com)

### Wed 6 May

#### Forest Bathing

##### Thorp Perrow Arboretum, Bedale, DL8 2PS

Spending time in nature is well-known for being beneficial for wellbeing so come along and experience our guided Forest Bathing and Mindfulness Walk led by Faith Douglas, our Curator, mindfulness practitioner, and author of The Nature Remedy. 10:00-12:00. From £23.50. Tickets: <https://booking.bookinghound.cloud/fe/booking?og=6d55784e-4d5c-46a6-9940-a8d09d48b8b2>. E: [enquiries@thorpperrow.com](mailto:enquiries@thorpperrow.com). T: 01677 425323.  
[thorpperrow.com/](http://thorpperrow.com/)

### Fri 1 May until Thu 7 May

#### California Schemin' (15)

##### Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring James McAvoy, Amber Anderson, James Corden. In the late 1990s, Gavin Bain and Billy Boyd had their musical ambitions consistently ridiculed for having the 'wrong' accents, so they went for broke and reinvented themselves as Californian rappers. 7.30pm. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.  
[ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

### Thu 7 May

#### Music Monthlies: Basset

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

Canadian folk/roots duo, Basset, are full of timeless heart, with deeply human lyrics and stunning duo harmonies reminiscent of the early folk revival. Their live performances are both sincere and disarmingly funny, with warmth enough to soothe anyone ready to lean in. 7:30pm. £13.00. Tickets: Online. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 526536.  
[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/music-monthlies-basset/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/music-monthlies-basset/)

### Fri 8 May

#### Origami Fairy Lights

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

Join Laura from L & S Crafts in this relaxing origami class where you will learn how to create a stunning string of origami fairy lights. Working with a wide selection of patterned and plain specialist origami papers, Laura will guide you step-by-step through the creative process. 6:30pm - 8:30pm. £25. Tickets: Online. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 526536.  
[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/origami-fairy-lights/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/origami-fairy-lights/)

### Fri 8 May

#### Maverick Line Dancing

##### Northallerton WMC

Live music and dancing. 7pm -11pm. £8 on the door.  
T: 076864525359

### Thu 7 May until Sat 9 May

#### Show Stoppers - NMTC

##### The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP



Northallerton Musical Theatre Company presents well-known songs from the shows. A foot tapping evening will include "Oklahoma", "Chicago", "Jersey Boys", "Shrek", "Guys and Dolls", "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dream-coat" and more. Thu 7.25, Fri & Sat 7.30pm. £16, Child £14. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:



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**Sat 9 May**

### Repair your stuff

*Thirsk Library, Meadowfields, Chapel St  
YO7 1TH*



Be greener by avoiding waste and save money by letting a team of dedicated and talented volunteers try to repair your broken or "worn-out" items; cost is a voluntary donation. For further details or if you would like to volunteer, please email. 10am-1pm, last repair 12.30pm. Free, donations welcome.  
**E: thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com**

**Sat 9 May**

### Drawing with Thread

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

Join textile artist Hayley Mills-Styles for this full day workshop and create a hand embroidered picture using different colours and textures of fabric and some simple hand embroidery stitches. 10am - 4pm. £90. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.  
[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/drawing-with-thread/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/drawing-with-thread/)

**Sat 9 May**

### Silver Wrap Rings

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

Learn the basics of silversmithing as you design and make your own silver ring wrap ring. You will learn how to use basic jewellery making tools to form your ring and how to apply different techniques to create textures and finishes. 10am - 1pm. £45. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.  
[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/wrap-rings/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/wrap-rings/)

**Sat 9 May**

### Emergency Services' Day

*Monk Park Farm, Green Lane, Bagby,  
Thirsk, YO72AG*

Join us for a special Emergency Services Day at Monk Park Farm! Meet real-life heroes, explore emergency vehicles, and learn about the amazing work they do. Plus enjoy all the farm fun – animals, play areas, woodland walks and our brand-new indoor role play village. 10am. Adult £12.45 Child £12.45 Under 1 £3 when booked in advance online. Tickets: Online or on the door (cheapest if booked online before day of your visit). E: eyup@monkparkfarm.co.uk. T: 01845 421124.  
[www.monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://www.monkparkfarm.co.uk)

**Sun 10 May**

### York Guildhall Orchestra

*York Barbican, York YO10 4NT*  
Conductor Simon Wright, Leader Fiona Love. 3pm. Tickets: 08448542757.

**Sun 10 May**

### The Yorkshire Flea Market

*Thirsk Auction Mart YO7 3AB*  
'Put it on the Ritz'. 100 dealers in Antiques and Vintage items. Free parking, cafe. Celebrating Fred Astair. 10am - 5pm. £4 per person. (£8 early bird).

**Sun 10 May**

### Rock Choir

*Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE*  
Performances at 1pm & 2pm. Free with Gardens or other tickets. Tickets: Book online. E: info@newbyhall.com. T: 01423 322583.  
[newbyhall.com/event](http://newbyhall.com/event)

**Mon 11 May**

### Sowerby WI monthly meeting

*Sowerby Parochial Hall, The Flatts,  
Sowerby YO7 1JG*  
Talk by Strikes: 'Hanging Baskets & House Plants'. 7.30pm. Members free, small charge for visitors. Tickets: Visitors pay cash on door (£3, includes refreshments). E: sowerbywi@gmail.com. T: 07932 119817.  
[www.nyorkseastwi.org.uk](http://www.nyorkseastwi.org.uk)

**Tue 12 May**

### Saint Hild of Whitby

*Sacred Heart Church, Thirsk Rd,  
Northallerton DL6 1PJ*  
Northallerton & District Local History Society. 'Saint Hild & the Synod of Whitby'. Talk by Rev Dr Greg Hoyland

FRSA FHEA. 7pm. Non members £5, full-time students free. E: heritage1138@outlook.com.  
**T: 07566 770625**

**Now until Wed 13 May**

### Intermediate Abstract Landscape Painting

*Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate,  
Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
Step beyond realism and discover the freedom of painting landscapes in an abstract style with artist, Dave Mercer. This inspiring, hands-on workshop invites you to explore mood, movement, colour, and texture rather than literal detail. 10am - 2pm. £35 per session. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.  
[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/abstract-landscape-painting/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/abstract-landscape-painting/)

**Wed 13 May**

### Northallerton u3a

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton  
DL6 1LP*  
Speaker: "Sister Dora" - Suzanne Strike. 10.15am.  
[northallerton.u3asite.uk](http://northallerton.u3asite.uk)

**Fri 8 May until Thu 14 May**

### Glenrothan (12A)

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
Starring Brian Cox and Alan Cumming. After 35 years in Chicago, Donal reluctantly returns to the Scottish Highlands to reconcile with his estranged older brother Sandy. Sandy needs Donal to take over the family's whisky distillery or he'll be forced to sell and give up on the family's legacy. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £7 on door, £8 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.  
[ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

**Fri 15 May**

### Spring Quiz

*Thirsk & Sowerby Institute, Flats Lane*  
In aid of Sowerby Flatts Bowling Club. 7.30pm Arrival, Starts 8 pm. Up to 6 people per team. £2 per person.



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**Fri 15 May**

**Sting & The Police**

*The Forum, Bullmoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*



A tribute to Sting and The Police starring The Rozzers. From Roxanne and Every Breath You Take to Fields of Gold and Englishman in New York, all the hits are reproduced with stunning authenticity and vocal accuracy. 7.30pm. £25. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230. [forumnorthallerton.org.uk](http://forumnorthallerton.org.uk)

**Fri 15 May**

**NT Live: All My Sons**

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
Special event - one night only, filmed live from London's West End. Bryan Cranston and Marianne Jean-Baptiste star in this triumphantly acclaimed new production of the Arthur Miller's classic. 7.30pm. £15, Child (under 15) £10. Tickets: On door or online (adds £1 booking fee). T: 01845 524751. [ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

**Fri 15 May**

**Eurovision Karaoke Singalong**

*Hambleton Grange, Station Road, Thirsk YO7 1GB*  
Join us from for a morning of fun and hilarity singing along to Eurovision favourites. 10:30am.

**Tue 12 May until Sat 16 May**

**Florence Foster Jenkins**

*Darlington Hippodrome, Parkgate DL1 1RR*  
In Glorious, Wendi Peters moves from her life on the cobbles of Coronation Street to reprise her role as musically inept character Florence Foster Jenkins. 7.30pm. £20 to £43. Tickets: Book online. E: hippodrome.boxoffice@darlington.gov.uk. T: 01325 405405. [darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk](http://darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk)

**Thu 14 May until Sat 16 May**

**Grease**

*The Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Rd, York YO31 8TA*



Return to Rydell High with the T-Birds and Pink Ladies for a night of hot rods and timeless songs, including Summer Nights, We Go Together and the unforgettable, sing-along classic, Greased Lightning. By York St. John Musical Production Society. 7.30pm, also Sat 2.30pm. £15, Child/Senior £12. Tickets: Book online. E: boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk. T: 01904 501935. [josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk](http://josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk)

**Sat 16 May**

**Sky Bet Irish Day**

*Thirsk Racecourse, Station Road, Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1QL*  
Prepare your Irish-themed outfits and join us for thrilling races, live Irish music from The Emerald Thieves and some quality racing. Gates open 11am. Tickets: Book online. E: info@thirskracecourse.net. T: 01845 522276. [thirskracecourse.net](http://thirskracecourse.net)

**Sat 16 May**

**Easingwold Singers**

*St Oswalds Church, Sowerby, Thirsk YO7 1JG*  
A Sea Symphony - Vaughan Williams. 7.00pm. £12. Tickets: White Rose Bookshop, Choir members or On the door. E: easingwoldsingers@gmail.com. T: 07821 429022. [easingwold-singers.com](http://easingwold-singers.com)

**Sat 16 May**

**Landscape in Pastel**

*Rural Arts, The Courthouse, 4 Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
Spend a full day exploring the expressive possibilities of pastels as you learn to capture the atmosphere, light and texture of the landscape. From sweeping vistas to intimate natural details, this workshop invites participants to explore composition, colour and mood through this versatile medium. 10am - 4pm. £80. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T:

01845 526536.

[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/landscape-in-pastel/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/landscape-in-pastel/)

**Sat 16 May**

**Guide Dogs Fundraiser**

*Meadowfields Bistro, Chapel Street, Thirsk YO7 1LU*

Meadowfields Bistro are hosting an event in aid of Guide Dogs Dales & District Fundraising Group. Meet the dogs, Play Tombola, buy merchandise and find ways to get involved. Tea, coffee & cake £3. Home cooked doggy biscuits. 10am - 12noon. £3 for tea, coffee and cake.

**Sat 16 May until Sun 17 May**  
**Yorkshire Game and Country Fair**

*Scampston Hall, Malton YO17 8NG*  
Experience all the countryside has to offer - from a vast array of country sports with loads of 'have-a-go' opportunities, to fine foods and animals. 9am-5pm. £14, Over 65s £13, Under 16s £8, Under 5s free, Family (2+3) £40. Tickets: Book online. E: info@outdoorshows.co.uk. T: 01751 200839. [outdoorshows.co.uk/yorkshire-game-and-country-fair](http://outdoorshows.co.uk/yorkshire-game-and-country-fair)

**Sat 16 May until Sun 17 May**

**Meet the Owls**

*Monk Park Farm, Green Lane, Bagby, Thirsk, YO72AG*  
Get up close to beautiful birds of prey with Gosling Raptors, including Eagle Owls, Barn Owls and more. Learn from expert handlers, gently interact, and enjoy a calm, fascinating experience. Included in farm admission, with optional photo opportunities available for a small donation. 10:00am. Prices starting from £3pp. Tickets: Online or on the door. E: eyup@monkparkfarm.co.uk. T: 01845 421124. [www.monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://www.monkparkfarm.co.uk)

**Sun 17 May**

**Scarecrow Festival**

*Sessay YO7 3BE*  
Come and follow our Scarecrow Trail through the Village. Collect your Scarecrow trail maps from Sessay Village Hall, then follow the clues for your chance to win a prize! Refreshments, bar, tombola, homemade cakes. 1pm - 4.30pm. £5 per adult. Children FREE! Tickets: At the Village Hall.



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**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

**Sun 17 May**

**Husthwaite Village Market**

Husthwaite Village Hall YO61 4PY

With both indoor and outdoor stalls, we offer a fabulous selection of both food and goods for all your needs! The Apple Tree Café will be serving up home-made sandwiches, cakes and hot and cold drinks as well as bacon butties. Wheelchair accessible/ Dog friendly. Run by and for the community. 11am till 2pm. Free. E: husthwaitemarket@gmail.com. T: 07810 263346.

**husthwaite village hall**

**Sun 17 May**

**How To Write A Novel**

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

A workshop with Kate Gray. 10am. T: 01439 771700.

**helmsleyarts.co.uk**

**Tue 19 May**

**Japanese Four Hole Stab Bind**

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

Explore the elegance of traditional Japanese bookbinding in this hands-on workshop. You'll learn the iconic four-hole stab binding technique, using beautiful papers and threads to create your own handcrafted notebook. 1:30pm - 3:30pm. £35. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. [www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/bookbinding-japanese-four-hole-stab-bind/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/bookbinding-japanese-four-hole-stab-bind/)

**Thu 21 May**

**Enamel Pendant**

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

Join Heather, the North East representative for the Guild of Enamellers and a proud member of Heritage Crafts, in this engaging day session, creating a beautiful pendant. 10:30am - 12:30pm. £45. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/enamel-pendant-creation/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/enamel-pendant-creation/)

**Thu 21 May**

**Spring Reflective Day**

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

A day with the Labyrinth with Helen Warwick. This refreshing day will include space in our garden with our indoor chapel and creative hub space. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. T: 01845 522580.

[www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk)

**Fri 22 May**

**Fleeting Rumours**

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Fleeting Rumours are the North's premier Tribute band to Fleetwood Mac. Getting that special blend of vocals, guitars, keyboards and drums to an exceptional level of authenticity. Every member of the six piece band are seasoned musicians and singers renowned in their own field. 7.30pm. £22. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

[forumnorthallerton.org.uk](http://forumnorthallerton.org.uk)

**Fri 22 May**

**Colour Reduction Linoprint**

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

In this workshop, you'll plan your image, carve each layer, apply ink, and print with accurate registration so the colours line up. We'll cover how to manage drying times, work safely with tools, and get clean, consistent prints. 10:30am - 4:30pm. £90. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/colour-reduction-linoprint/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/colour-reduction-linoprint/)

**Wed 20 May until Sat 23 May**

**Calendar Girls The Musical**

The Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Rd, York YO31 8TA

Heart-warming and Hilarious. The inspiring story of friendship and strategically-placed jam jars arrives in York with a score written by Take That's Gary Barlow. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Sat. £24. Tickets: Book online. E: boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk. T: 01904 501935.

[josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk](http://josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk)

**Sat 23 May**

**Jasmine's Homecoming**

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

FREE Community Event welcoming Thirsk adventurer Jasmine Harrison's return from her 28,000 miles Mini Globe Race solo sail around the world. Short talks by Jasmine. Community groups & sponsor stands. To apply for a free stand: caroljordanx@aol.com. Organised by Thirsk & District Rotary. 12pm-4pm. Free entry.

**Sat 23 May**

**Jasmine's Homecoming Party**

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

Talk by Jasmin, Live Band MOTA (high-energy rock and pop anthems), Yorkshire Scran Pizza van & Ewe La La Bar. Organised by Thirsk & District Rotary. 7pm-11pm. £15. Tickets: Please email.

E: [contact@jasmine-harrison.com](mailto:contact@jasmine-harrison.com)

**Sat 23 May**

**Opera with Nicola Mills**

Church of Christ the Consoler, Newby Hall Estate, Ripon HG4 5EG

An unforgettable evening of soaring voices, beloved opera classics and showstopping musical favourites, performed by internationally acclaimed soprano Nicola Mills. 7pm, doors open 6.30pm. £15. Tickets: Book online. [guestlist.co/events/811695](http://guestlist.co/events/811695)

**Sat 23 May until Sun 24 May**

**Hambleton District Show**

Sutton Park, Sutton-on-the-Forest, York YO61 1DP

The largest horse show in the north of England. E: hannah\_voakes@live.co.uk. T: 07894 856810.

[www.hambletonshow.com](http://www.hambletonshow.com)



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**Sun 24 May**

**The Upbeat Beatles**

*The Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Rd, York YO31 8TA*

They will take you on a journey through the earth-shattering sounds of the Fab 4. The show takes you through the long and winding road from the early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation. Throw away all your inhibitions! 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £25, 18 & under £23. Tickets: Book online. E: [boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk). T: 01904 501935.

[josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk](http://josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk)

**Sun 24 May**

**Simon Yates: My Mountain Life**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*

Touching the void. On the remote Siula Grande in Peru in June 1985, mountaineer Simon Yates found himself in a desperately unenviable position. He was slowly being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, Joe Simpson, dangling on the rope 50 metres below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives in the epic of survival that followed. 7.30pm. £18.75. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: [info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk](mailto:info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk). T: 01609 776230.

[forumnorthallerton.org.uk](http://forumnorthallerton.org.uk)

**Sat 23 May until Mon 25 May**

**Safari Express Train Ride**

*Bolton Abbey Station, BD23 6AF*

Step into the wild this May half term as the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway is transformed into a Safari Express – a magical train adventure full of exotic creatures, jungle thrills, and unforgettable moments! £13-£17.

Tickets:

<https://www.embsayboltonabbeyrailway.org.uk/events/bluey>. E: [office@ebar.org.uk](mailto:office@ebar.org.uk).

T: 01756 710614

**Mon 25 May**

**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](mailto:hello@thirskparishes.org). T: 07877 213327

**Now until Tue 26 May**

**Art Essentials: Seeing Differently**

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

Seeing Differently invites participants to slow down, look closely, and expand their creative confidence. Across six enjoyable sessions, you'll explore core visual skills including tone, perspective, composition and colour. 10:00am - 12:00pm. £125 for 6 sessions. Tickets: Online. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 526536.

[www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/art-essentials-seeing-differently/](http://www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/art-essentials-seeing-differently/)

**Tue 26 May**

**Megaslam Wrestling**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*

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, Family (4) £45. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: [info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk](mailto:info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk). T: 01609 776230.

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**Mon 25 May until Wed 27 May**

**Film: The Magic Faraway Tree**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*



ONLY FRI SAT SUN. (U) A modern family relocates to the countryside where the children discover a magical tree with eccentric residents. They're transported to fantastical lands, rekindling their family bond through adventures. Mon 2.30pm, Tue 10.30am, Wed 2.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, by phone or at

the door. E:

[info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk](mailto:info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk). T: 01609 776230.

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**Wed 27 May**

**Romanby Jazz and Cabaret Club**

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

Jon Taylor's Jazz Ensemble. Jon Taylor plays saxophone, flute, accordion, harmonica, and sings! A contemporary of Alan Barnes, Dave Newton and Snake Davis. classic standards, funk, blues, latin and chill out grooves. Doors open 12.00. 12.30 to 3pm. £20. Tickets: online or by phone. E: [stephenwest277@gmail.com](mailto:stephenwest277@gmail.com).

[www.romanby.com/jazz](http://www.romanby.com/jazz)

**Wed 27 May**

**Thirsk Ladies PROBUS Monthly Meeting**

*Meadowfields, Chapel Street, Thirsk YO7 1LU*

PROBUS Ladies invite you to join us for light refreshments and socialising before our May speaker, Richard Darn, an experienced astronomer shares his knowledge of the benefits of dark sky status - on our doorstep! A short business meeting concludes the proceedings. 10.00 am end time 12 noon. £3.00.

T: 01845 597487

**Thu 28 May**

**Thirsk Ladies Club**

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

A highly recommended speaker, Barbara Dixon will give us a few of her "Tales from a Registrar" experiences. Learn just exactly what being a Registrar entails. 7.30pm. Free for members, visitors £4.

T: 01845 522819

**Thu 28 May**

**Fountains Abbey**

*Thirkleby Village Hall*

Thirkleby Local History Society presents a talk by David Banks. 2pm. Annual subs £15 - visitors £3. Tickets: A. Stony.

T: 01845 501365



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**Thu 28 May**

### **Playboy of the Western World**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*

National Theatre Live (12A), filmed live on stage: The Playboy of the Western World. Pegeen Flaherty's life is turned upside down when a young man walks into her pub claiming that he's killed his father. 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.

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**Sat 9 May until Sat 30 May**

### **Artist Returns to his Roots**

*Zillah Bell Gallery, 15 Kirkgate, Thirsk YO7 1PQ*



NOT MON or SUN. Although landscape artist Simon Palmer has lived and worked in North Yorkshire for over 40 years, he has predominantly exhibited in London Galleries. Lovers of Yorkshire's unique countryside will have the opportunity to enjoy his work on home soil. The artist is showing more than 20 of his immediately recognisable original paintings in this major exhibition. 10am-5pm. E: info@zillahbellgallery.co.uk. T: 01845 522479.

[zillahbellgallery.co.uk](http://zillahbellgallery.co.uk)

**Sat 30 May**

### **Artisan Market**

*Sutton Bank National Park Centre, Thirsk YO7 2EH*

High-quality independent traders in one of Yorkshire's most spectacular settings. 10am-3pm. free entry. E: info@littlebirdmade.co.uk.

[littlebirdmade.com](http://littlebirdmade.com)

**Sat 23 May until Sun 31 May**

### **Emerald Adventure May Half Term**

*Mother Shipton's Cave, Knaresborough*

Follow the yellow brick road to an Emerald Adventure this May Half Term at Mother Shipton's Cave. Step into a woodland wonderland inspired by the timeless magic of The Wizard of Oz and the spellbinding world of Wicked. 9:30am - 5:30pm (last admission 4pm). £42 per car (up to 5 people), £42 per pedestrian group (up to 5 people), or £16 per individual pedestrian, under 2s are free. Tickets: Online booking essential.

[mothershipton.co.uk](http://mothershipton.co.uk)

**Sat 23 May until Sun 31 May**

### **Farm Academy**

*Monk Park Farm, Green Lane, Bagby, Thirsk, YO72AG*

Join us this May Half Term for Farm Academy. Little farmers can look forward to a fun, hands-on farming adventure around the farm. Expect plenty of interactive activities, animal encounters and farmyard fun for the whole family. 10:00am. Prices starting from £3pp. Tickets: Online or on the door. E: eyup@monkparkfarm.co.uk. T: 01845 421124.

[www.monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://www.monkparkfarm.co.uk)

**Sun 31 May**

### **Sky Bet Sunday Series**

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

Thirsk has been selected to host a Sky Bet Sunday Series fixture. This exciting raceday will showcase competitive racing, live on ITV, with excellent prize money attracting top trainers and jockeys. It's the perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends. Gates open 11am. Tickets: Book online. E: info@thirskracecourse.net. T: 01845 522276.

[thirskracecourse.net](http://thirskracecourse.net)

**Sun 31 May**

### **Paris 75 football special (12A)**

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*



Special event - one night only, To mark the 51st anniversary of arguably Leeds United's biggest game and greatest travesty in its history. One of the UK's independent box-office hits of 2025 is playing a select number of cinemas in a series of one-off screenings. Includes Q&A with Leeds Legend Paul Reaney. 7.30pm. £20, £21 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751. [ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

**Sun 31 May**

### **Harrogate Theatre Choir**

*Newby Hall, Ripon HG4 5AE*

An extensive repertoire ranging from Hollywood film classics to favourites from the greatest West End and Broadway shows. 1pm to 3pm. Free with Gardens or other tickets. Tickets: Book online. E: info@newbyhall.com. T: 01423 322583.

[newbyhall.com/event](http://newbyhall.com/event)

**Tue 2 Jun**

### **Sun and Snow**

*Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP*

Lecture by Tim Stimson on Nordic Landscape Painting. 19th century paintings which helped confirm a distinct Scandinavian/Northern identity. 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](http://www.theartsociety.org/hambleton)



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