



**DERBY  
LIVE**

# WHAT'S ON

Sep—Dec 2025

LIVE performances, events & festivals



**DERBY FESTÉ**  
Sat 27 Sep

**CATHEDRAL QUARTER ICE RINK**  
Sat 29 Nov — Wed 31 Dec

**DICK WHITTINGTON**  
Fri 5 — Wed 31 Dec

**MERRY ELWIN THE ADVENTUROUS ELF**  
Thu 11 — Tue 23 Dec

**FAMILY  
EVENTS**

**MUSIC  
THEATRE**

**DON'T  
MISS**

**COMEDY**

**TALK**

**FILM**

**VARIETY**

**NOW  
INCLUDING**

**CHAPEL  
STREET  
ARTS CENTRE**

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# THE DARLEY PARK WEEKENDER

Get practising your best bouffant for a nostalgic night of music featuring Bananarama, The Fizz, Haircut 100 and BBC Radio 2 DJ Gary Davies. 80s Mix Tape takes you back to the era where leggings was a staple, and the music was epic.



**Fri 29 Aug, 4pm** **Music**

From £27 (ages 5-15 £15) when buying in advance



If you still miss sitting down to an episode of Dawson's Creek or donning your best double denim for a 90s night out, then join us at Ultimate 90s as more pop legends Heather Small, East 17, 911 and Damage, take us back to the best era for all things pop.

**Sat 30 Aug, 4pm** **Music**

From £27 (ages 5-15 £15) when buying in advance



For over three decades, The Darley Park Concert has been a favourite fixture in the summer calendar in Derby. One of Derby's best classical concerts will delight crowds in the beautiful setting of Darley Park.

**Sun 31 Aug, 4pm, VIP 6pm** **EVENTS**

From £6 (under 16s £3) when buying in advance.

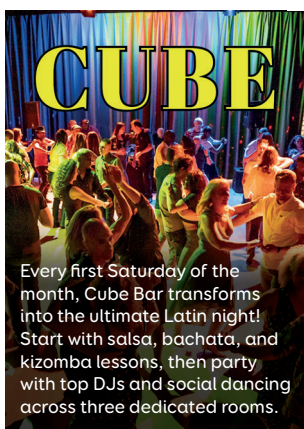


## THE DARLEY PARK CONCERT



### KEY TO ICONS

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



Every first Saturday of the month, Cube Bar transforms into the ultimate Latin night! Start with salsa, bachata, and kizomba lessons, then party with top DJs and social dancing across three dedicated rooms.

**Sats 6 Sep, 4 Oct, 1 Nov &**

**6 Dec, 7:30pm** **DANCE**

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£13



Derby LIVE, Ancestories & The Lost Boys

**LIVE WIRES**

A dynamic new programme offering weekly arts and theatre workshops for ages 16-17 and 18+. Each session is led by experienced professionals, focusing on both creative and technical skills – acting, directing, stage design, lighting, sound, and more.

**Thus, 6pm - from 11 Sep** **THEATRE**

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£11 per session or £50 per term





**HEJIRA**

Hattie Whitehead fronts a seven-piece band of world-class musicians, honouring Joni Mitchell's late works. Expect an evening of great songs like *Amelia*, *Woodstock*, and *A Case of You*.

**Fri 26 Sep, 8pm** 

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£26.50 



**DERBY FESTE**

Expect the unexpected as Derby's streets transform into a vibrant stage of dance, theatre, circus, parkour, and aerial spectacle. See it. Feel it. Be part of it.

**Sat 27 Sep, 12noon-6pm**

**Derby Market Place & Cathedral Green**  
Free

**OCT**

Fantastic folk music, brought to the heart of the city. Expect well known acts, such as Winter Wilson, Steve Tilston, Granny's Attic, The Lost Notes and more in new venues, with a great atmosphere.



**Fri 10 - Sun 12 Oct** 

**The Old Bell & Derby City Centre**  
£88-£20



**Derby Folk Festival 2025**





**LITTLE BLACK BOOK**

Award-winning pianist Robert Mitchell leads his new electric power trio, Little Black Book, with Zayn Mohammed on guitar and Laurie Lowe on drums. Their unique swapping of lead and bass roles makes them exceptional.

**Fri 17 Oct, 8pm** 

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£16 



**THE DERBYSHIRE DRAG PAGEANT**

Derbyshire's finest drag performers go heel to heel in the first-ever Derbyshire Drag Pageant! Eight fierce competitors will deliver original performances, showcase extravagant costumes, and lip-sync for the crown of Derbyshire's next drag superstar.

**Sat 18 Oct, 7:30pm** 

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£16  



**Sweet & SOUR**

The ultimate Olivia Rodrigo vs. Sabrina Carpenter tribute! This electrifying show, with a live band and dancers, brings their pop anthems and rival vibes to life.

**Sat 25 Oct, 7:30pm** 

**Derby Arena**  
£27





# FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

## THE LADY WITH THE LAMP

The hilarious story of Florence Nightingale, who challenges the Crimean War's "men know best" medical establishment with her radical, yet effective, ideas.



Sat 25 Oct, 7:30pm **THEATRE**

Chapel Street Arts Centre

£21-£16 **C**

# THE BAD FLOWER BURLESQUE REVUE

Join Derby's queen of cabaret Fleur du Mal and a host of haunting stars for a night of thrills, chills, and excitement. Expect to see burlesque, singing, drag, poetry, and more!



Fri 31 Oct, 7:30pm **Variety**

Chapel Street Arts Centre

£26-£21 **18+**

NOV



LIMITED TICKETS

Experience a dramatic taste of what a legendary ELO concert would have been like back in their heyday, the whole experience is professionally re-enacted with a great sound reproduction, light show and visual effects.

Sun 2 Nov, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena

£36-£31



Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with singers, musicians, and dancers performing Yuletide favourites like *Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town*, *O Holy Night* and *The Fairytale of New York*.

Thu 6 Nov, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena

£30.50

lost boy

Become part of the action as you attend a Thought Police Training Seminar, where every audience member is both observer and participant. Guided by Officer O'Brien, you'll witness the interrogation of Winston Smith and face the ultimate question: Will you enforce the Party's rules, or dare to resist?

# 1984 : The Thought Police

YOUR PARTY NEEDS



YOU!

Thu 6 - Sat 8 Nov **THEATRE**

Chapel Street Arts Centre

£16 **C**

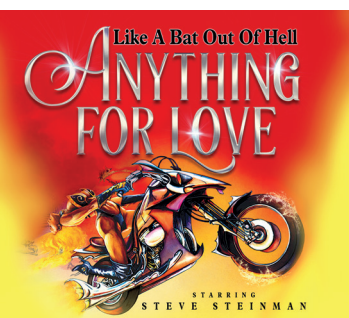


The only show endorsed by Jon Bon Jovi! This phenomenal, high-energy tribute recreates the magic of their timeless classics, guaranteeing a night of singing and dancing.

Fri 7 Nov, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena

£30.50



Steve Steinman, and his cast of amazing singers and musicians take you on a nostalgic trip back in time. *Anything For Love*, *Bat Out Of Hell*, *Paradise By The Dashboard Light*, *Love - Total Eclipse Of The Heart* and more.

Sat 8 Nov, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena

£38



Celebrating 50 years since the release of the *Wish You Were Here* album, enjoy a recreation of the atmosphere of Floyd live - featuring top-flight musicians, a stunning light show and incredible music.

Sun 9 Nov, 8pm **Music**

Derby Arena

£30.50





**COMING SOON**

**أحمد [Ahmed]**

An international quartet (Pat Thomas, Joel Grip, Antonin Gerbal, Seymour Wright) will re-imagine the music of Ahmed Abdul-Malik in real time.

**Sun 16 Nov, 4pm** **Music**

**Chapel Street Arts Centre**  
£26.50 **C**



**THE POCKET ELLINGTON**

The Duke Ellington Orchestra was one 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 **C**

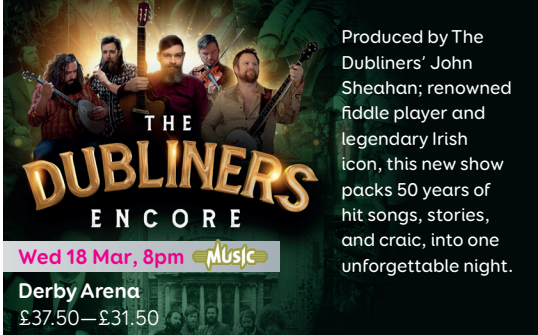


**LONDON SYMPHONIC ROCK ORCHESTRA**

Iconic rock hits in the most spectacular way. Experience iconic rock hits reimagined spectacularly from AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, Metallica, Guns N' Roses, and more!

**Tue 17 Mar, 8pm** **Music**

**Derby Arena**  
£69.50—£136



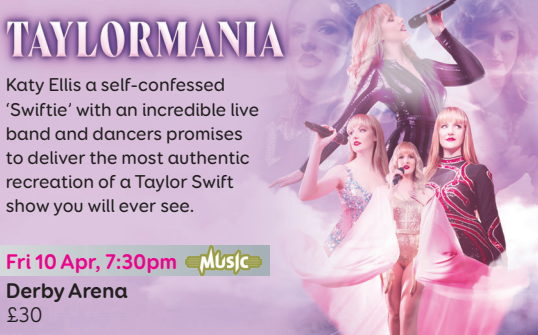
**THE DUBLINERS**

**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



**TAYLORMANIA**

Katy Ellis 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



Hear all the classics, from *Hotel California* and *Take It Easy* to deeper cuts from the iconic 1973 album *Desperado*, making this one of the most authentic and talented tribute shows in the world.

**Sat 11 Apr, 8pm** **Music**

**Derby Arena**  
£41.50



**entertainers presents**

**MAN IN THE MIRROR**

A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON

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

**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



**RADIO GaGa**

Get ready for a night like no other! Radio GaGa recreates two magical hours live on stage, celebrating Queen's iconic touring days.

**Fri 1 May, 8pm** **Music**

**Derby Arena**  
£35 **PG**



**THANK YOU For the MUSIC**

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ABBA

Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank you for the Music! This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other.

**Sat 2 May, 8pm** **Music**

**Derby Arena**  
£34.50 **PG**





# Yule love this festival

Join the countdown in Derby City Centre as we switch on the wonderful Christmas lights and open Festive Derby! Enjoy free live entertainment, followed by a stage show full of local and community acts presented by Smooth Radio, and a spectacular lantern parade.

## Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sat 29 Nov from 4pm **FAMILY**

Derby City Centre  
Free entry

CATHEDRAL  
QUARTER  
DERBY

# Ice Rink

Toddler sessions  
—  
Santa sessions  
—  
under 5s  
go free

Get your skates on and glide onto this year's ice rink! All ages and abilities are welcome for hour-long sessions, including skate hire and free skate aids. It's the perfect way to embrace the festive spirit!

Sat 29 Nov – Wed 31 Dec **EVENTS**

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

**NORDIC  
BAR  
- CO -**

Great  
entertainment  
in the Tips  
see website for full  
programme

Step into our cozy Nordic Bar! Enjoy a festive ambiance with wooden benches, twinkling lights, and a packed entertainment program. Warm up with delicious cocktails, mocktails, mulled wine, and hot chocolate - perfect for catching up with friends and family.

Sat 29 Nov – Wed 31 Dec **EVENTS**

Derby Market Place  
Free entry



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**Smooth**  
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Always the best music

Little  
WOLF

**Derby's Pawsome Pantomime!**

## Dick WHITTINGTON

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!

**STARRING!**



**DERBY'S  
AWARD-WINNING  
DAME  
MORGAN  
BRIND  
RETURNS!**



**Fri 5 - Wed 31 Dec** **VARIETY**

**Derby Arena**

£37-£22

**C G S**

## FAMILY FESTIVITIES AT MARKEATON PARK

Enjoy festive food, live music, Christmas crafts, walkabout characters, and a bustling market perfect for holiday shopping. Don't miss the free Elf Trail and post your letter to Father Christmas at the North Pole post box!

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

**Markeaton Park Craft Village**  
Free

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 aights, 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 S**



CHAPEL  
STREET  
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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](http://derbylive.co.uk/dance-classes)

## Derby Market Hall



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Derby Market Hall, City Centre spaces  
and parks across Derby.

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