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OF DERBYSHIRE

# Festivals



2015

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## BELPER ARTS FESTIVAL

ACROSS THE TOWN OF BELPER DE56  
www.belperartsfestival.org  
nonnel@sky.com 07845 400914

**Saturday 2 May -  
Monday 25 May 2015**

Featuring the Belper Arts Trail, the Belperamble, Belper Open Houses, theatre, film, music, dance, literature, poetry and lots of surprises!



## DERBYSHIRE LITERATURE FESTIVAL

LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY VENUES ACROSS THE COUNTY



www.derbyshire.gov.uk/festival  
arts.team@derbyshire.gov.uk 01773 831385

**8 - 17 May 2015**

Exciting events will be happening throughout the Festival ranging from author talks and workshops to events for children and families. For more information and to join the mailing list please contact the Arts Team. Copies of the Festival brochure are available from Derbyshire Libraries.

## FLAMING SKIRT FESTIVAL 2015

AMBER VALLEY'S CONTEMPORARY ARTS FESTIVAL IN COMMUNITY SPACES & PLACES  
http://flamingkirtfestival.tumblr.com mhv@lemsford2.demon.co.uk 07974 785624

**Sunday 28 June 2015**

Take part in art on the move, transported by double-decker bus. A day out of fun and delightful creative surprises at each Flaming Skirt Festival location in east Amber Valley. Experience the kind of contemporary art events that could unfold in and around your community spaces and places regularly: performance, games, puppets, storytelling, poetry, soundscapes, creative walking, installations, interventions...



## MELBOURNE FESTIVAL

MELBOURNE, SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DE73 8EJ  
www.melbournefestival.co.uk  
info@melbournefestival.co.uk 07765 819428

**Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 September 2015**  
**ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL**

Art to enjoy, intrigue and take home! Over 100 artists in 70 venues from houses to halls in the historic heart of Melbourne - A great day out for all the family!  
**Sat 5 September - Sat 3 October - CONCERTS**  
Enjoy music, dance, plays, comedy performances and much more!



## BUXTON FESTIVAL FRINGE

BUXTON SK17 6XN  
www.buxtonfringe.org.uk  
info@buxtonfringe.org.uk 01298 70705

**Wednesday 8 - Sunday 26 July**

Buxton Fringe, a registered charity, is one of the largest Fringes in England. It is an open-access festival offering a spectacular programme of theatre, comedy, music, film, exhibitions, poetry, children's events and more with many events free!



## DERBY FESTE

DERBY DE1 3AH  
www.derbyfeste.com  
info@derbyfeste.com 01332 255800

**Friday 25 - Saturday 26  
September 2015**

A highlight in Derby's events calendar, a fantastic outdoor festival featuring live performance, music, dance, film and more. "One of the most exciting UK festivals for outdoor performance." The Guardian.



## DERWENT VALLEY MILLS DISCOVERY DAYS

www.derwentvalleymills.org  
gwen.wilson@derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 536831

**25th May - 7th June:**

Discovery Walks - World Heritage Site Walking Festival

**24th October - 1st November:** Discovery Days

Lots to see and do during Discovery Days in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. Special openings of historic buildings, family-fun events, arts, performances, talks and walks. Take the chance to explore the site in exciting and innovative ways.

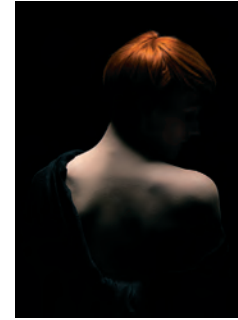


## BUXTON FESTIVAL

BUXTON SK17 9LU  
www.buxtonfestival.co.uk info@buxtonfestival.co.uk  
Festival Office 01298 70395 Box Office 0845 127 2190

**Friday 10 - Sunday 26 July 2015**

A nationally renowned and award winning opera, music and literary Festival established in 1979. The operas are performed in the stunning Buxton Opera House and a series of concerts, recitals and literary talks take place in the Pavilion Arts Centre and St John's Church. 'A happy marriage of music, opera and books' The Observer

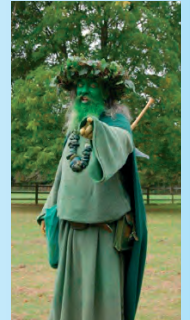


## DERBYSHIRE WOODLAND FESTIVAL

ELVASTON CASTLE COUNTRY PARK DE72 3EP  
www.derbyshire.gov.uk  
stephanie.burkinshaw@derbyshire.gov.uk 01629 533870

**Saturday 26 - Sunday 27 September**

A celebration of contemporary and traditional woodland crafts. Lots to see and do for all the family from pole lathe turning to willow weaving and basket making. Enjoy watching skilled crafts people at work and have a go at some of the crafts whilst strolling through the beautiful grounds of Elvaston Castle Country Park.



## DERBY COMEDY FESTIVAL

DERBY DE1 3AH  
www.derbycomedyfestival.co.uk  
derbylive@derby.gov.uk 01332 255800

**Fri 3 - Sun 12 Jul 2015**

10 days filled with fun. Now in its 2nd year, the Derby Comedy Festival takes place in venues across Derby, with a range of events including stand-up, theatre, film, family, music and dance.



## WIRKSWORTH FESTIVAL

WIRKSWORTH DE4 4FG  
www.wirksworthfestival.co.uk  
info@wirksworthfestival.co.uk 01629 824003

**Friday 11 - Sunday 27  
September 2015**

A leading rural arts festival featuring 2 weeks of contemporary art, architecture with art trails, music and performance in a unique and inspiring setting. Arts and Architecture Trail 12 & 13 September.



## DERBY FOLK FESTIVAL

DERBY DE1 3AH  
www.derbyfolkfestival.co.uk  
admin@derbyfolkfestival.co.uk  
01332 255800

**Friday 2 - Sunday 4  
October 2015**

Now in its 9th year and a sell out last year, the Derby Folk Festival is packed full of music, song, dance and craft. With concerts, dance displays, ceilidhs, workshops and sessions, along with a great outdoor Fringe programme.



## CONTACT DERBYSHIRE FESTIVALS...

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# Festivity

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When it comes to the creative and performing arts there is no better place to go than Derbyshire - Britain's Festival County!

On your doorstep you will find everything from paintings to poetry and performances to pottery, with much more besides.

This year why not lap up some literature, dip into performance poetry or marvel at the stunning fine art, crafts and photography exhibited, and for sale, at a host of amazing events throughout the year. Look out for art in traditional galleries and unusual places, including private homes and the magnificent Buxton Dome.

If you are looking for live entertainment Derbyshire's theatre and music festivals will strike the right note. Tune into everything from acoustic rock to folk, cutting-edge comedy to rarely-performed opera, children's theatre to classic plays in pubs, restaurants, theatres, city arenas and in the open air.

The festivals we've featured here are members of Festivity, a forum for joint working between all the festivals in Derbyshire, who work together to bring a vibrant and varied menu of artistic events to the festival season each year. There's something for everyone, so read on and discover what there is to see, and be seen at, this year in Derbyshire.

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For more information about Derbyshire festivals...  
visit individual Festival websites  
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or contact [arts.team@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:arts.team@derbyshire.gov.uk)