Sunday 7th December 2025

Thirsk Tourist Information W:VisitThirsk.uk T:01845 522755

News and information

Send yours to news@visitthirsk.uk

Santa visits your street



Follow Facebook for route maps, timings and scheduled stopping locations

Helped by Thirsk Rotary, Santa will be visiting many streets in Thirsk and Sowerby before Christmas, collecting for local organisations.

See Facebook for route maps, timings and scheduled stopping locations.

facebook.com/p/Thirsk-Rotary-61569 696980959

Thirsk Christmas Cards





Thirsk Christmas cards

We have large and smaller cards of Thirsk Market Place in the snow, a painting by local artist Blanche Carney. We also have Cards For Good Causes from about 30 different charities.

We are Thirsk Tourist Information in the Market Place – you can't miss us!

Last Inland Posting Dates

Wed 17 Dec: 2nd Class & 2nd Class

Signed For.

Fri 19 Dec: Royal Mail Tracked 48. Sat 20 Dec: 1st Class & 1st Class Signed

For.

Sun 21 Dec: Royal Mail Tracked 24. Tue 23 Dec: Special Delivery

Guaranteed.

Christmas church services

Sowerby Methodist

Tue 16 Dec, 8.00pm
Carol Concert by the Mowbray Singers.
Sun 21 Dec, 3.00pm
Carol service.
Thu 25 Dec, 10.00am
All age Christmas Day celebration.

St Oswald's, Sowerby Sun 14 Dec. 10.30am

Family carols.

Sat 20 Dec, 6.00pm
Carol service.

Wed 24 Dec
Christmas Eve crib service, 4.00pm.
Christmas First Communion, 11.30pm
Thu 25 Dec, 10.30am
Christmas Day celebration.

St Mary's, Thirsk

Sun 21 Dec, 3pm Nine Lessons & Carols with Organ, Community Choir and Srings Attached. Wed 24 Dec Crib Service, 4.00pm. Midnight Communion, 11.30pm. Thu 25 Dec, 10am Morning service with Holy Communion.

St Leonard's Sandhutton

Wed 24 Dec, 4.00pm. Carol service.

St Lawrence's Carlton Miniott

Thu 18 Dec, 6.30pm. Carols with the choir from the school..

St Wilfrid's South Kilvington

Thu 25 Dec, 9am Holy communion service.

To receive this regularly

... please tell us at **VisitThirsk.uk/news**

To send 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

Now until Sun 7 Dec

Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints Church, High Street, Northallerton

Over 60 Christmas trees on display in and around the church. Sponsored and decorated by local businesses and charities. Local musicians and groups performing. Refreshments available. All very welcome. Friday 10am-7pm; Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-4pm. Free, donations welcome.

Now until Sun 7 Dec

Thirsk Christmas Market

Martree Business Park, Cedar Rd, Sowerby, Thirsk YO7 3FF



Local small business stalls, visit Santa, kids activities, enjoy festive hot food and drink or a pint over at the bar. Please support local this Christmas and join us to spread the festive cheer. From 10am each day. Free entry. E: ThirskCM@hotmail.com.

facebook.com/profile.php?id=6158230 6102360

Sun 7 Dec

Christmas Carol Service

Thirsk Auction Mart YO7 3AB

Thirsk Friends of the Lambert Hospice invite you to join them for a Christmas



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Carol Service. Festive music, raffle, children's tombola, bar. 3pm. £5 per person to include mince pie and mulled wine. under 16 free. Tickets: Website, Dawn or The Pantry. T: 07774 983275. thirskfriendsofthelamberthospice.org

Sun 7 Dec

Sunday Jazz

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton

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. 12pm until 2pm. £4. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sun 7 Dec

André Rieu at Christmas

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

This holiday season, the magic begins on the big screen. Join André Rieu for his 2025 Christmas Concert - "Merry Christmas" and experience joyful carols, beautiful waltzes, and plenty of surprises - it's the ultimate Christmas cinema event. 7.00pm. £16, Child £10, Senior/Student £13. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sun 7 Dec

Richmond Chamber Orchestra

Tennant's Garden Rooms, Auction Centre, Harmby Rd. Leyburn. DL8 5SG

Concertos & Carols - a musical celebration of Christmas. 4pm.

Sun 7 Dec

Vocalis Chamber Choir

St Wilfred's Church, Duchy Rd. Harrogate HG1 2EY

Glorious Christmas choral music. 4pm.

Sun 7 Dec

Christingle Service

St Mary's Church, Kirkgate, Thirsk YO7

A candlelit celebration of Jesus' light, in support of The Children's Society. All welcome. Free admission. 15.00. Free. www.thirskparishes.org/

Tue 9 Dec

U3A Monthly Meeting

St Oswalds Parochial Hall Sowerby

Last meeting of the year brings Chris Cade with another witty little tale for us. Always a laugh! Tea and coffee 50p, perhaps a mince pie too. Come and meet new people and help plan our excursions for next year. 10am. 1st two visits are free! Subscriptions (£20) due in January. E: patm.dixon@btinternet.com.

T: 01845 523945

Tue 9 Dec

Croft's Crossing

Sacred Heart Church, Thirsk Rd, Northallerton DL6 1PJ

Northallerton & District Local History Society. Talk by Karen Streatfield. 7pm. Non members £5, full-time students free. E: heritage1138@outlook.com. T: 07566 770625

Tue 9 Dec

Creative Day - Advent Poetry

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

Led by Helen Warwick. Come & enjoy time out in this busy time of year, listening, creating & enjoying some advent poems. 10am - 4pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

T: 01845 522580

Wed 10 Dec

Royal Opera: The Nutcracker

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

The magician Herr Drosselmeyer needs to save his nephew. Hans-Peter has been transformed into a Nutcracker; the only way to save him is for the Nutcracker to defeat the Mouse King and find a girl to love and care for him. 7.15pm. £16, Child £10, Senior/Student £13. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door, E:

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

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Wed 10 Dec

Christmas Prints

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

In this festive workshop, we'll explore the art of linoprinting. Guided by our artist Dove, you will have the opportunity to use the printing press, specialist tools and explore different techniques to carve and create your very own lino prints, perfect for unique Christmas cards or gifts. 10:30am -4:30pm. £20. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/

Wed 10 Dec

The Big Easy Band

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

Lunchtime Show. Includes buffet lunch at 1.30pm. 12noon for 12.30 start. £20. E: stephenwest277@gmail.com. T: 07856 432673.

www.romanby.com/jazz

Now until Thu 11 Dec

Art Evenings: Clay Club

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

ONLY THU. Join The Clay Club every Thursday, with ceramicist Michelle Wade. Learn hand-building, glazing and gain access to our throwing wheel. All materials provided, create, learn, and grow in a friendly, creative community. 6pm-8pm. £45 per month or £180 for all sessions. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/

Now until Thu 11 Dec

Art Evenings: Drawing Club

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

ONLY THU. All levels welcome to explore drawing techniques with guidance from our excellent tutors in a relaxed, friendly space. 6pm - 8pm. £30 per month or £120 for all sessions. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/

Now until Thu 11 Dec

Art Evenings: The Enamel Club

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

Take part in Heather Croft's monthly enamelling class. Explore both beginner and advanced techniques, enhance your creativity, and develop lasting skills in this colourful and exciting craft. Remaining dates: Thu 20 Nov and Thu 11 Dec. 6pm-8pm. £20 per session or £15 per session for Guild Members. Tickets: Book online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on



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Now until Thu 11 Dec

Blue Moon (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS
Starring Ethan Hawke, Margaret
Qualley, Bobby Cannavale and Andrew
Scott. On the evening of March 31,
1943, legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart
confronts his shattered self-confidence
in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator
Richard Rodgers celebrates the opening
night of his ground-breaking hit musical
'Oklahoma!'. Subtitled on Sunday.
7.30pm, also Wed 2.30pm. £6 on door,
£7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T:
01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Thu 11 Dec

Jennyruth Workshops Christmas Fair

Jennyruth Workshops, Unit 5, Red House Farm, Bridge House Farm, Ripon HG4 5AY Christmassy workshop, Christmas refreshments, Christmas mince pies, Christmas Raffle - and have lots of fun. 1.30pm - 5pm.

Now until Fri 12 Dec

Friday Night Thai Supper Evenings

Coxwold Tearoom

ONLY FRI. 3 course set menus of authentic Thai cuisine in the delightful village of Coxwold. Menu changes every month. 7pm for 7.30pm. £24.95 per person to end August then £27.95 thereafter. Tickets: Booking Essential. E: coxwoldtearoom@gmail.com.

www.coxwoldtearoom.co.uk

Now until Fri 12 Dec

Card or decoration for Christmas

Hambleton Grange Station Road Thirsk YO7 1GB

Please deliver your entries to Hambleton Grange before the closing date of 12th December. For entries for u16 please add your age. Have fun we can't wait to see what you come up with limited only by your imagination. 14:00 - 16:00. E: elaine.snowden@hc-one.co.uk.

T: 01845 573778

Thu 11 Dec until Fri 12 Dec

Mistletoe and Wine

Town Hall, High St, Northallerton DL7 8QR Northallerton Musical Theatre Company will be performing well known Christmas songs, monologues, poems and will be joined by the junior members who will also be singing. Come and join us it's a great way to start off the Christmas festivities. 7.30pm. £12 including a glass of wine and mincepie. Tickets: Phone or email.

Fri 12 Dec

Wreath Making Workshop

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

Join our festive Christmas wreath workshop at The Courthouse. Get creative, enjoy a festive drink, and leave with your handmade wreath to proudly display this holiday season. Two sessions available: 2:30pm - 4:30pm or 7:00pm - 9:00pm. £45. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on

Now until Sat 13 Dec

Pantomime Adventures of Peter Pan

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

NOT MON. A rollicking romp of a traditional family panto. Various times, see link. £22, Child (0-18) £20. Tickets: Book online. E:

boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk. T: 01904 501935.

josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk/whats-o

Sat 13 Dec

Northallerton Male Voice Choir

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Christmas Concert. They will be singing a varied selection of Christmas themed songs, there will be something for everyone. Their guests once again will be the Easington Colliery Band. 3pm & 7.30pm. £12. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sat 13 Dec

Harrogate Choral Society

St Wilfred's Church, Duchy Rd. Harrogate HG1 2EY

Handel's Messiah by candlelight, 4pm.

Sat 13 Dec

Stokesley & District Choral Society

St Peter & St Paul's Church, 1 High St. Stokesley TS9 5AE

A joyful celebration of Christmas music, with Christmas Strings & Roseberry Primary School choir. 7.00pm.

Sat 13 Dec

Breakfast in Bethlehem

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

Free fun for all the family, including breakfast! With games in the aisles, nativity characters, plenty of fun activities and refreshments. We hope you can join us. 10.00 am to 12 noon. Free. E: hello@thirskparishes.org.

www.thirskparishes.org/

Sat 13 Dec

Fabric Crackers

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

In this creative session, you'll learn to cut simple patterns and explore textile techniques like appliqué and embellishment, all while crafting sustainable, reusable fabric crackers. Perfect for beginners or experienced makers, you'll leave with beautifully handmade crackers to brighten your festive celebrations. 2:00pm - 4:00pm. £20. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/

Sat 13 Dec

Ripon Choral Society

Ripon Cathedral, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QT

Handel's "Messiah, our ever-popular Christmas concert: the festive season starts here! 7.30 pm.

riponcathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Sat 13 Dec

Advent Carols at Ampleforth Abbey

Ampleforth Abbey, York YO62 4EN
Join us for a candlelit evening of Advent
Carols performed by the Schola
Cantorum of Ampleforth College.
7:00pm - 8:15pm. £10. Tickets:
https://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/ad
vent-candlelight. E:
digitalmarketing@ampleforth.org.uk. T:
01439 766099.

www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/advent-candlelight

Now until Sun 14 Dec

1812 Pantomime

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

Robin Hood's Helmsley Adventure. A traditional pantomime with a Knock Knock Joke content.

(Some shows are already sold out). Follow us on Facebook or Instagram. 2.30pm / 7.30pm. £16, under 16's £8,



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family £45. Tickets: Box office 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on

Sun 14 Dec

The David Gordon Trio

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

One of the most innovative and adventurous jazz trios working today, seamlessly blending genres and eras into a sound that is as daring as it is delightful. Their music roams freely, from bebop to Argentinian zamba, from Bach-inspired passages to nursery rhymes, all while remaining rooted in the spirit of contemporary jazz. 3pm. £21.56 & £10.78, Students/18 and under free, Adult accompanying under 18 free. Tickets: Book online.

riponconcerts.co.uk

Sun 14 Dec

Ripon Concerts

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

The David Gordon Trio perform a diverse programme 'From Jazz to the Classics'. 3pm. From £0 to £20. riponconcerts.co.uk

Sun 14 Dec

Christmas With Jubilate Ladies' Choir

Easingwold Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Easingwold, YO61 3AE

Christmas Concert. Come and celebrate the festive season with us on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm - an evening full of Christmas tunes to get you into the spirit. 6.30pm. Tickets £12.00 to include refreshments. Tickets: Available on the door or book in advance by ringing 07964-841511. E: jubilateeasingwold@outlook.com. T: 07964 841511.

jubilate ladies' choir facebook page

Now until Tue 16 Dec

Blue Light Breakfast

Hambleton Grange Station Road Thirsk YO7 1GB

We invite our emergency service personnel to call in for a hot drink and a bacon sandwich whilst out serving our local community. Every third Tuesday of the month. 8:30am - 10am. Free. E: elaine.snowden@hc-one.co.uk.

T: 01845 573778

Tue 16 Dec

Paulinus Singers Carol Service

St John's Church, Sharow, Ripon HG4 5BJ



Christmas Carol Service with the Paulinus Singers. 6.30pm.

Tue 16 Dec

Carols, Songs & Words

Sowerby Methodist Church

The Mowbray Singers. 8pm. Free admission, retiring selection. **mowbraysingers.co.uk**

Wed 17 Dec

Last Christmas (PG)

The Galtre Cinema, Market Place, Easingwold YO61 3BU

The Galtres Cinema presents the Christmas film of the decade. 7.30pm. £6 adults £4 children. Tickets: Box office 01347 822472 (9am - 5pm).

Fri 12 Dec until Thu 18 Dec

Wicked: For Good (PG)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS



The eagerly anticipated second installment. Starring Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey, Jeff Goldblum, Michelle Yeoh. Set in the Land of Oz, before and after Dorothy Gale's arrival from Kansas, Elphaba and Glinda's friendship is put to the test as they embrace their new respective identities as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch of the North. Subtitled on Sunday. 7.30pm, also Wed 2.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Thu 18 Dec

Carol Singing at The Fleece

The Golden Fleece Courtyard, Thirsk YO7 1LL

The courtyard will come alive with festive cheer as the Thirsk Royal British

Legion Band fills the air with beautiful Christmas carols. Free event with mince pies and mulled wine or hot chocolate. All welcome. 7pm. Free.

Thu 18 Dec

Louis Louis Louis

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

Cabaret Night. Includes supper at 8pm. 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start. £22.50. E: stephenwest277@gmail.com. T: 07856 432673.

www.romanby.com/jazz

Thu 18 Dec

Winter Wonderband

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

A chamber folk quartet with Saul on melodeon, Maclaine Colston on hammered dulcimer, Beth Porter on cello & Jennifer Crook on harp & guitar. With this beautiful combination of instruments & mixed vocals they play Winter & Festive themed music & songs traditional, modern & original. 7.30pm. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on

Thu 18 Dec

Christmas Party

Hambleton Grange, Station Road, Thirsk YO7 1GB

Please come and join us and celebrate with residents. Festive music and refreshments and a visit from Santa on his way North. All welcome. 14:00 - 16:00.

Wed 10 Dec until Fri 19 Dec

Thirsk Rotary Club Santa Run

Various routes around Thirsk & Sowerby
NOT TUE SAT SUN. Wednesday 10th OldSowerby / Thursday 11th Hambleton
/ Friday 12th -Sowerby Gateway 1
(South of Oak Drive) / Monday15th
Sowerby Gateway 2 (North of Oak
Drive) / Wednesday 17th - Station Road
& Carlton Miniott /Friday 19th Stockton Road & Norby.
Follow Facbook for route maps, timings

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Fri 19 Dec

Chapter House Choir, York

York Minster, Deangate, York YO1 7HHA concert of Christmas music. 7.30pm.



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Fri 19 Dec

Topcliffe & Asenby Carols

Village Hall, Topcliffe, Thirsk YO7 3RJ Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree outside the Village Hall with refreshments inside afterwards. 7pm. T: 01845 577911.

www.topcliffe.org.uk/village-hall

Fri 19 Dec

Jack and The Beanstalk

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall, Westgate, Thirsk, YO7 1QS

Join Same Difference as we go on an adventure into the Christmas story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Jack's adventure to save his mum's cafe may just save Christmas! Packed with laughs, songs, and festive fun for all. 7:00pm - 8:00pm. £10 or £8 concession. Tickets: Online. E: info@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536. www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/

Fri 19 Dec

Chubby Brown 2025 (18+)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

50 plus years in Entertainment/ comedy, Roy Chubby Brown is still going strong. Entertaining thousands and thousands of fans annually up and down the country, Roy is the undoubted King of Comedy.. 7.30pm. £29. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Fri 19 Dec

Sing Carols with us

Northallerton Methodist church 73 High Street, Northallerton. DL7 8EG

A Christmas carol event with a chance to sing along to some favourite carols and listen to the choir and music group singing and playing lighthearted Christmas music.

Light refreshments are available at the end. 7pm. Free. Donations welcome to support Action for Children. Tickets: Coffee pot on Wednesday and Saturday am in the church hall or email.

E: jan.henderson1@icloud.com

Sat 13 Dec until Sat 20 Dec

Christmas Candlelit Tours

Shandy Hall, Coxwold, York YO61 4AD



ONLY SAT & SUN. Explore Shandy Hall's 600-year history by candlelight. Join us by the fireside for festive refreshments. Limited numbers - Book early. £25. E:

info@laurencesternetrust.org.uk. T: 01347 868465.

laurencesternetrust.org.uk

Fri 19 Dec until Sat 20 Dec

Die Hard (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Christmas Special, 2 nights only. NYPD cop John McClane's plan to reconcile with his estranged wife is thrown for a serious loop when, minutes after he arrives at her office's Christmas Party, the entire building is overtaken by a group of terrorists. With little help from the LAPD, wisecracking McClane sets out to single-handedly rescue the hostages and bring the bad guys down. 7.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751. ritzcinema.co.uk

Sat 20 Dec

Jervaulx Singers

St John's Church, Sharow, Ripon HG4 5BJ $\pounds 0 - \pounds 20$.

Now until Sun 21 Dec

St Nicholas Fair

York City Centre

York's Christmas Market, featuring chalets selling local craft and artisan products along with food and drink. **visityork.org/events**

Now until Sun 21 Dec

Carol singing

St Mary's Church, Kirkgate, Thirsk

Would you like to be part of our community choir to sing carols and some choir items at our service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 21 December at 3.00pm? Lower voices especially welcome but no experience needed. Weekly rehearsals commencing 27 November in church. Please phone or email to put your name down. 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Free. E: chrisdodd1@gmail.com.

T: 07850 917680

Now until Sun 21 Dec

Santa Express at NYMR

North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Park Street, Pickering YO18 7AJ



ONLY SAT & SUN. The steam train ride will be packed with songs, jokes and the magic of Christmas, brought to life by Santa's Elves - families will also get to meet the great man himself on board. Weekend dates as shown, but also 22, 23 & 24 Dec. Choice of 4 times each day. £29.50 per person. Tickets: Booking online. E: info@nymr.co.uk. T: 01751 472508.

nymr.co.uk/santa

Now until Sun 21 Dec

Great Yorkshire Christmas

Monk Park Farm, Bagby, Thirsk YO7 2AG



ONLY SAT & SUN. (Also Mon 22 & Tue 23 Dec). Join us on our opening weekend (29 & 30 Nov) and you'll save over 20% on all Adult and child tickets compared to 23rd December prices. Meet Santa, visit the Toy Emporium and help Mrs Claus in her cosy kitchen. You'll even take home a gingerbread man. Tickets: Book online. E: eyup@monkparkfarm.co.uk. T: 01845 421124.

www.monkpark farm.co.uk

Now until Sun 21 Dec

Father Christmas and his Elves

Thirsk Garden Centre, Blakey Lane, Thirsk YO7 3AB



ONLY SAT & SUN. Santa welcomes children on the weekends of 6/7th, 13/14th and 20/21st. Every child can tell Santa what they'd like to find in their Christmas stocking. He'll do a quick



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check that they're not on his Naughty List, and give them each a gift. All money collected goes to the Rotary Club of Thirsk to be used to support local good causes. 10am-4pm. £7 per child. E: info@thirskgardencentre.co.uk. T: 01845 523032.

thirskgardencentre.co.uk

Now until Sun 21 Dec

Santa's Grotto

Thirsk Garden Centre, Blakey Lane, Thirsk **YO7 3AB**

ONLY SAT & SUN. Every Saturday & Sunday. Come and Meet Santa and the famous singing reindeer. All proceeds are used by Rotary to support the Thirsk and District Community. 10am - 4pm. £7 per child. Gift for each child.

Sun 21 Dec

Community Carols

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

A service of Nine Lessons and Carols with Organ, Community Choir and Strings Attached. All welcome. Free admission. 15.00. Free.

www.thirskparishes.org/

Sun 21 Dec

Love Actually (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS



loveactually

One night only: Christmas Special starring Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth and more. Eight very different couples deal with their love lives in various loosely interrelated tales all set during a frantic month before Christmas in London. 7.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Sun 21 Dec

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

Sat 20 Dec until Mon 22 Dec

Santa's Jungle Jamboree

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Tom Rolfe Productions - A Festive Family Santamime. Join Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their mischievous magical elves as they work together to save Christmas in this heartwarming, fun-filled show. With laughter, songs, and audience participation, it's the perfect way to kick off your holiday season. Various times from 11am to 3pm, running time 50mins. £12. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Now until Tue 23 Dec

Thirsk Bridge Club

Orchid House YO7 3QA

Friendly social duplicate bridge played Every Tuesday. Free refreshments. Ample parking. Free tuition by accredited EBU teacher. 6.45pm for 7pm start until 10pm. £3 Per session.

Mon 22 Dec until Tue 23 Dec

It's a Wonderful Life (U)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS



Christmas Special, 2 nights only. A holiday favourite for generations...

George Bailey has spent his entire life giving to the people of Bedford Falls. All that prevents rich skinflint Mr. Potter from taking over the entire town is George's modest building and loan company. But on Christmas Eve the business's \$8,000 is lost and George's troubles begin. 7.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Now until Wed 24 Dec

The Polar Express Train Ride

Bolton Abbey Station, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 6AF

http://www.ebar.org.uk/polarexpress. 09.00 - 19.00. £37 to £59.95. Tickets: Online only. E: office@ebar.org.uk. T: 01756 710614.

www.ebar.org.uk/polarexpress

Now until Wed 24 Dec

Magical Christmas Experience

Prophecy House, High Bridge, Knaresborough, HG5 8DD

Step into a magical Christmas world at Mother Shipton's. Meet Santa, enjoy festive activities, explore enchanting woodland displays, and toast marshmallows by the fire. Create unforgettable memories in one of the UK's best-rated grottos this festive season. Check website for full details. From £54 for Car/Pedestrian Group Ticket (Covers up to 5 people) + Santa Ticket. Tickets: Online - Booking is essential. E: info@mothershipton.co.uk. T: 01423 864600.

myfmx.uk?c=2lblmes

Tue 23 Dec until Wed 24 Dec

Nine Lessons & Carols

Ripon Cathedral, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QT

On two evenings: the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols when the story of Christmas is told in readings and music from Ripon Cathedral Choir. Everyone seated by 5.10pm, service 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Tickets: Book online (ticketed services due to popularity). riponcathedral.org.uk/whats-on

Wed 24 Dec

Christmas Eve Crib Service

St Mary's Church, Kirkgate, Thirsk YO7

Join us for our family friendly crib service on Christmas Eve. All welcome. 4pm. Free. E: hello@thirskparishes.org. www.thirskparishes.org/



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Thu 25 Dec

Free afternoon tea

Maple Park Café, Skipton Bridge, Thirsk YO7 4SA

A free afternoon tea for anyone who may be spending Christmas Day on their own. It was very popular last Christmas and no doubt will be again this year. Tickets: Book by phone.

T: 01845 813115

Fri 26 Dec

Boxing Day Pilgrimage

Start at Ripon Cathedral, Minster Road, Ripon HG4 1QS

Annual St Stephen's Day celebration 4 mile walk from the Cathedral to Fountains Abbey, followed by a short service in the Abbey cellarium. The pilgrimage follows in the footsteps of the monks that founded Fountains Abbey. Start 10.15am, ends about 12.45pm. Entry to Fountains Abbey is free to non NT members until 12pm on Boxing Day when the service starts.

Sat 20 Dec until Sat 27 Dec

Thirsk Christmas Walking Tour

Meet by the information centre, Thirsk Market Place YO7 1EY

ONLY SAT & SUN. On two Saturdays and a Sunday, this festive journey through Thirsk's history explores Christmas in poorhouses, alleys, and markets, crimes of the 16th century, and why carol singers were expelled from churches. Discover the Hermit's dwelling, Nelson's surgical link, a mysterious 7ft skeleton, and the canal that never was - revealing secrets beneath Thirsk's past. Please wear sensible shoes. 11am, finish about 12.30pm. No fixed price but donations gratefully received. Tickets: No need to book. E:

ThirskWalkingTours@gmail.com. **T: 07988 758288**

Sat 27 Dec until Mon 29 Dec

The Choral (12A)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton

Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Robert Emms, Mark Addy, Simon Russell Beale, Alun Armstrong in Yorkshire, 1916. A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army. Sat 2.30pm,

Sun 7.30pm, Mon 2.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Sat 27 Dec until Tue 30 Dec Blue Moon (15)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

ONLY MON TUE SAT. On the evening of March 31, 1943, legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart confronts his shattered self-confidence in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator Richard Rodgers celebrates the opening night of his ground-breaking hit musical "Oklahoma!". Sat 7.30pm, Mon 7.30pm, Tue 2.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

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Sat 27 Dec until Tue 30 Dec Nuremberg

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS
Starring Russell Crowe, Rami Malek,
Michael Shannon, Colin Hanks, Richard
E. Grant, John Slattery and Leo
Woodall. In postwar Germany, an
American psychiatrist must determine
whether Nazi prisoners are fit to go on
trial for war crimes, and finds himself in
a complex battle of intellect and ethics
with Hermann Göring, Hitler's
right-hand man. Subtitled on Sunday.
7.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets:
Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.
ritzcinema.co.uk

Now until Wed 31 Dec

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Darlington Hippodrome, Parkgate DL1 1RR



Strictly Come Dancing star Brendan Cole leads as the Evil Ringmaster, joined by Darlington panto regulars Josh Benson and Jamie Jones as Joey the Clown and Dame Betty Barnum. For four weeks only Darlington Hippodrome will be transformed into a sensational circus, where everything is possible, and anything could (and will) happen. 10.30am, 2pm, 5.30pm & 7pm: check website for dates. Family (3-6) £26. Tickets: Book online, no show 25 Dec. E:

hippodrome.boxoffice@darlington.gov. uk. T: 01325 405405.

darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

Wed 31 Dec

Thai Supper Evening

Coxwold Tearoom

New Years Eve special to include a bottle of Prosecco.
Booking Essential. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. £39.95 per couple. E: coxwoldtearoom@gmail.com.
www.coxwoldtearoom.co.uk

Now until Sun 4 Jan

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Castle Howard, near Malton, York YO60 7DA



Follow in Dorothy's footsteps. The House is transformed into the magical world of Oz. Experience our festive take on this much-loved story, told through installations, soundscapes and projections. From £23+booking fee, including access to the Gardens. Tickets: Book online.

castlehoward.co.uk

Now until Sun 4 Jan

New Yarnbombers display

Thirsk Market Place

Christmas-themed knitting and crotcheting around the town.

Now until Sun 4 Jan

Sleeping Beauty Family Pantomime

York Theatre Royal, St. Leonard's Place, York YO1 7HD

The magical Sleeping Beauty is brought to life by Evolution Productions.
Starring Jennie Dale as Fairy
Moonbeam, Robin Simpson, Jocasta
Almgill, Tommy Carmichael, Aoife
Kenny, and Christian Mortimer, this
festive family show promises adventure,
laughs, and dazzling effects. Written by
Paul Hendy and directed by Juliet
Forster, it's a sparkling seasonal treat
you won't want to miss! Tickets: See
link for dates, times and tickets.



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yorktheatreroyal.co.uk/show/sleeping-beauty

Sat 27 Dec until Sun 4 Jan Whitby Winter Excursions

North Yorkshire Moors Railway, Park Street, Pickering YO18 7AJ

Blow away the cobwebs with a special steam-hauled excursion to Whitby running every day. These pre-booked, seat allocated services, depart from Pickering Station and traverse the North York Moors National Park to Whitby where visitors will have just over a couple of hours to spend?in the town before the steam hauled service returns from Whitby back to Pickering. £49.50, Child £12.15. Tickets: Book online. E: info@nymr.co.uk. T: 01751 472508. www.nymr.co.uk/event/whitby-winter

Fri 2 Jan until Sun 4 Jan Zootropolis (PG)

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Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS Matinées only. Voice Talent from Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Ke Huy Quan, Idris Elba. After cracking the biggest case in Zootropolis history, rookie cops Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde find their partnership isn't as solid as they thought when Chief Bogo orders them to join the Partners in Crisis counselling programme. 2.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Fri 2 Jan until Sun 4 Jan

Community New Year Retreat

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

Led byRevds Sue Hammersley & Syblle Batten & the Holy Rood community for good times, good food, poetry, music, creative arts & rest, linking to our theme of the year -'Let Justice Flow.'. Friday 4pm to Sunday 2pm.

T: 01845 522580

Thu 8 Jan

Jim Smith: Prime Cuts

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

One of Scotland's most beloved farming comedians, bringing his unique blend of rural humour and sharp storytelling to audiences across the country. Hailing from Perthshire, Jim is not only a stand-up comedian but also a working farmer, making his comedy deeply relatable to those who know the joys and

struggles of agricultural life. 7.30pm. £24. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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

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Fri 9 Jan

Bitter Sweet: Sabrina & Olivia

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

The incredible tribute concert to pop mega-stars Sabrina Carpenter and Olivia Rodrigo. Carpenters and Livvies alike will rejoice in a spectacular show packed with pop smash-hits, heartbreak anthems, and the undeniable thrill of friendly rivalry. 7.30pm. £23. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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

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Sat 10 Jan

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

Sun 11 Jan

Chethams music school students

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

This famous school has launched so many talented musicians on their careers. Many have become household names in concert halls around the world. 3pm. £21.56 & £10.78, Students/18 and under free, Adult accompanying under 18 free. Tickets: Book online.

riponconcerts.co.uk

Mon 12 Jan

Rock Choir

Thirsk Methodist Church, St James Green, Thirsk, YO7 1AQ

Monday evenings we sing contemporary songs from the 50's to today. No auditions and all abilities. Great experiences from recording at Abbey Road, Edinburgh Fringe, stadium areas and our own gigs. Look up our website and click on join or taster session. 7-00 till 8.30pm. monthly payment - see website. Tickets: Website www.rockchoir.com/join..rockchoir.com/join

Tue 13 Jan

John Gully: Fighter & Miner

Sacred Heart Church, Thirsk Rd, Northallerton DL6 1PJ

Northallerton & District Local History Society. 'John Gully: Prize Fighter & Mining Developer'. Talk by Anthony Wood. 7pm. Non members £5, full-time students free. E: heritage1138@outlook.com.

T: 07566 770625

Wed 14 Jan

Royal Opera: La Traviata (12A)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

At one of her lavish parties, celebrated Parisan courtesan Violetta is introduced to Alfredo Germont. The two fall madly in love, and though hesitant to leave behind her life of luxury and freedom, Violetta follows her heart. 8.45pm. £16, Child £10, Senior/Student £13. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sun 18 Jan until Sat 24 Jan

Mother Goose Pantomime NAVC

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP



NOT WED. Northallerton Amateur Variety Company presents Mother Goose written by an expert panto script



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writer Alan Frayn. We have Priscilla the Goose who the children will love and our wonderful dame Mother Goose who with her son, Billy Gosling, will no doubt be getting into all sorts of trouble. Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat 7.15pm. Also Sun & Sat 2.15pm, £14, Child £12. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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

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Fri 23 Jan until Sun 25 Jan

Music & Mindfulness

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

Led by Rev Mike Leigh and Shaun Lambert. Fri. 4pm - Sun. 2pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. **T: 01845 522580**

Thu 29 Jan

National Theatre Live: Hamlet

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one. 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**

Thu 5 Feb

Buster Keaton's Sherlock Jr

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP



Silents Synced pairs classic silent movies with epic rock music to bring audiences a unique big screen experience. Buster Keaton's 1924 comedy classic is reimagined with R.E.M.'s alt-rock masterpieces Monster (1994) and New Adventures in Hi-Fi (1996). 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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Fri 6 Feb

The Counterfeit 70s Show

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DI 6 11 P

The unique Seventies show from a decade of glam rock through to new wave music, and everything in between. Featuring the music of Slade, Sweet, T.Rex, The Bay City Rollers and many, many more, they will take you through a rollercoaster ride of the biggest 70's hits. 7.30pm. £25, Seniors £24. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.

forumnorthallerton.org.uk

Sat 7 Feb until Sun 8 Feb

York Ice Trail

York City Centre

Wander through the historic streets and discover dazzling ice sculptures inspired by magic, mystery, and the weird and wonderful. The same weekend sees the 'Ice Village' – a market filled with family-friendly fun and themed traders offering magical delights. Just around the corner, warm up with delicious street food at Shambles Food Court.

visityork.org/york-ice-trail

Sun 8 Feb

The Experience of Love

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

Heartstrings - Songs on the Experience of Love. Counter tenor Hugh Cutting and lutenist Sergio Bucheli celebrate the ways that songwriters have coloured our experience of love in all its forms. 3pm. £21.56 & £10.78, Students/18 and under free, Adult accompanying under 18 free. Tickets: Book online.

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Tue 10 Feb

Castle as a Holiday Home

Sacred Heart Church, Thirsk Rd, Northallerton DL6 1PJ

Northallerton & District Local History Society. 'The Castle as a Holiday Home: Sigston & Whorlton'. Talk by Erik Matthews. 7pm. Non members £5, full-time students free. E: heritage1138@outlook.com.

T: 07566 770625

Tue 10 Feb until Sat 14 Feb We Will Rock You

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

Award winning Crash Bang Wallop Youth Theatre brings the worldwide smash hit musical, We Will Rock You by Queen and Ben Elton. 7.00pm, also Sat 1.30pm. £17, Senior/Child (0-14) £14. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T:

01609 776230. **forumnorthallerton.org.uk**

Sat 14 Feb until Sun 15 Feb Peppa Pig & Baby Evie

Darlington Hippodrome, Parkgate DL1 1RR



Peppa Pig Live is back with a brand-new 'oinktastic' stage show: Peppa Pig's Big Family Show, which will feature the new addition to the family, baby Evie. Based on the much-loved animated preschool TV series, Peppa Pig's Big Family Show is packed full of music, adventure and surprises for little ones and is the perfect introduction to theatre. 10am, 1pm & 4pm each day. £13 to £22. Tickets: Book online. E: hippodrome.boxoffice@darlington.gov.

hippodrome.boxoffice@darlington.go uk. T: 01325 405405.

darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

Sat 21 Feb

Repair your stuff

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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

Thu 26 Feb

Hidden Treasures of Shandy Hall

Thirkleby Village Hall

Thirkleby Local History Society presents a talk by Chris Pearson. 2pm. Annual subs £15 - visitors £3.00. Tickets: Contact A Stoney.

T: 01845 501365

Now until Fri 27 Feb

Exhibition

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

'Forms of Water' by Jess Shaw. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on

Now until Sat 28 Feb

Luminescence - A Winter Light Trail

Swinton Estate

NOT MON TUE WED. Immerse yourself in a magical woodland escape this winter. Set amidst the 17 acre wooded gardens of Swinton Park Hotel you will be transported to an ethereal illuminated experience depicting the magic of the natural world. 4pm - last entry at 8pm. See web site. Tickets: Book on web site (must be booked in advance). E: reservations@swintonestate.com. T:

01765 680900. **swintonestate.com**

Wed 14 Jan until Wed 4 Mar

Learn to Paint Watercolours

Family Life Church Hall, Finkle Street, Thirsk, YO7 1DA

Learn to paint in an encouraging and supportive environment. 8 weekly watercolour workshops for the beginner with an experienced tutor and artist. All materials and equipment provided, plus refreshments. 09.30am - 12.30pm. £195. Tickets: allez.art@hotmail.com. E: allez.art@hotmail.com.

T: 07783 931661

Wed 14 Jan until Wed 4 Mar

Watercolours, 8-Week Course

Family Life Church Hall, Finkle Street, Thirsk

8 week watercolour course for beginners & intermediates. All materials provided. Just come and paint. Contact Alison for further details. (Limited numbers.). Wednesdays 9.30am -12.30pm.

E: allez.art@hotmail.com

Sun 8 Mar

Raphael Wallfisch plays Bach

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

One of the greatest cellists of our time plays Bach's cello suites 1, 3 4 and 6 and provides insights into Bach's extraordinary life with readings from his diaries. 3pm. £21.56 & £10.78, Students/18 and under free, Adult accompanying under 18 free. Tickets: Book online.

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