

Thursday 8th January 2026

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Station Road closure



From Sun 11 Jan to Fri 16 Jan Station Road will be closed for road works in both directions between the Westgate Mini Roundabout at Town End and Newsham Road near Lidl. For further information please contact NYC on 0300 131 2131

Rail closures

Rail passengers across Yorkshire are being encouraged to check before travelling by train as part of the main rail route linking Leeds and York closes.

Engineering works are taking place in the area around Church Fenton in North Yorkshire, as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU).

Trains between Leeds and York will be diverted via Castleford from now until Sun 25 Jan.

thetrupgrade.co.uk/yourstation/upcomingclosures

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What's on in the coming weeks

Send your event - go to VisitThirsk.uk/event

Now until Thu 8 Jan

Ella McCay (12A)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Emma MacKey and Jamie Lee Curtis. An idealistic young politician juggles familial issues and a challenging work life while preparing to take over the job of her mentor, the state's longtime incumbent governor. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

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



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Fri 9 Jan until Mon 12 Jan

Zootropolis 2 (PG)

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

NOT SUN. Detectives Judy Hopps (voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin) and Nick Wilde (voiced by Jason Bateman) find themselves on the twisting trail of a mysterious reptile who arrives in Zootropolis and turns the mammal metropolis upside down. Fri 10.30pm, Sat 2.30pm, 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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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'. 7.00pm till 8.30pm. Monthly payment - see website. Tickets: Book online. 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 Parisian 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.

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Fri 9 Jan until Thu 15 Jan

Fackham Hall (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

A new porter embarks on an unlikely relationship with the youngest daughter of a prominent English family. Simultaneously, rivalries are spilling over in the Davenport family, led by the Lord and Lady as they also weather the epic failure of the wedding of their eldest daughter to her caddish cousin. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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Thu 15 Jan

French Classes in Thirsk

Sowerby Methodist Church, Front St, Thirsk YO7 1JQ

Weekly evening classes for those who would like to revise their knowledge of French. For details please ring or email. E: thirsk.evening.classes.french@gmail.com.

T: 01845 522342

Mon 19 Jan

French Classes in Thirsk

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

Weekly afternoon French classes for almost beginners begin. For details please ring or email. E: thirsk.evening.classes.french@gmail.com.

T: 01845 522342

Fri 16 Jan until Thu 22 Jan

Marty Supreme (15)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Timothee Chalamet, Gwyneth Paltrow, Odessa A'zion. In 1950s New York, Marty Mauser, a young man with a dream no one respects, goes to hell and back in pursuit of greatness. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

ritzcinema.co.uk

Fri 23 Jan

Haunted Thirsk Walk

Start at the Clock Tower, Market Place, Thirsk YO7 1EY

Join the tour which lasts approx 75mins around the medieval town. Hear spooky tales and a fascinating history which surrounds this beautiful market town. Meet 6.30pm. £8, local residents £7, concessions £6.50. Tickets: Book by phone or email. E:

tina@historicexperiences.com. T: 07876 010835.

historicexperiences.com

Fri 23 Jan

Romanby jazz and cabaret club

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

The Firebirds bring the spirit of the 50's roaring in with fabulous harmonies, showmanship and pure vintage power. recognised as one of Europe's top Rock 'n' roll bands covering rockabilly, doo wop instrumentals and ballads. Doors open 6.45pm. 7pm to 10.30pm. £25. Tickets: online or by phone. E: stephenwest277@gmail.com. T: 07856 432673.

www.romanby.com/jazz

Fri 23 Jan

Justin Moorhouse

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

'The Greatest Performance of my Life 2026' Get ready for an unforgettable experience as Justin returns after a successful & extended tour of his 2022 'Stretch & Think' He's back on the road with his new show. Above all it's the Justin you have come to expect. It's funny and interesting and perhaps there's a little bit that warms the soul too. 8pm. £17.50. T: 01439 771700.

helmsleyarts.co.uk/whats-on

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 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:



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Fri 23 Jan until Sat 24 Jan

Star Wars

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

'May the Force be with You'. The Dark Web threatens Galactic freedom – but what's the password? In a period of deep unrest, rebel forces are fighting for survival. Led by Garth Vader, the Empire has created a sinister network called The Dark Web, through which Vader could travel back in time and crush the rebellion. All proceeds go to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Candlelighters. Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2.00pm & 7.30pm. £15, 18 & under £10. Tickets: Book online. E: boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk. T: 01904 501935. josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk

Sat 24 Jan

Mixed Media Journalling

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

Join Dove Armistead for a 2.5 hour Mixed Media Journalling workshop this January. Explore textures, colours, and ideas. Materials and a hot drink included. 13:00 - 15:30. £25.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/a-taste-of-mixed-media-journaling/

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

Sat 24 Jan until Sun 25 Jan

The SpongeBob Movie (PG)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

'Search for Squarepants' - SpongeBob sets out to conquer his fears on the ocean floor, animated family fun. 2.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751. ritzcinema.co.uk

Wed 28 Jan

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Fri 23 Jan until Thu 29 Jan

Song Sung Blue (TBC)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Hugh Jackman, Kate Hudson. Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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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.

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Sat 31 Jan

St Cecilia Orchestra

Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Rd, Ripon HG4 2EY

'The Vienna Connection'. Take a journey to Vienna with a programme showcasing two of the greatest composers ever to live and work in the city, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Richard Strauss. 7.30pm. £20, Under 18s free. Tickets: On the door or book online. E: mail@st-cecilia.org.uk. st-cecilia.org.uk

Sun 1 Feb

Thirsk Farmers' Market

Market Place, Thirsk YO7 1EY



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

Tue 3 Feb

Canaletto - 18th century England

Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton, DL7 8PP

Lecture by Nick Salmond on how Canaletto's art was impacted by his 10 years spent in England. 1.30 for 1.45pm. free to members of The Arts Society Hambleton, visitors £11 or £5.50 if a member of another Arts Society. Tickets: On the door. E: hambleton@theartsociety.org. www.theartsociety.org/hambleton

Fri 30 Jan until Thu 5 Feb

Hamnet (12A)

Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS

Starring Jessie Buckley, Paul Mescal, Emily Watson, Joe Alwyn. The powerful story of love and loss that inspired the creation of Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, Hamlet. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Wed. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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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



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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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Thu 5 Feb

Music Monthlies: Edwina Hayes

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

One of the finest female singer/songwriters this country has produced in years. Edwina brings together English folk, Americana and the rich Northern singer/songwriter tradition to create a sound that's truly her own. 7:30pm. £15.00. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.

www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/at-the-courthouse/music-monthlies-edwina-hayes/

Fri 6 Feb

The Counterfeit 70s Show

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

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.

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Fri 6 Feb

After Supper Ghost Stories

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

Join us for a Victorian-inspired evening of comic ghost stories by Jerome K. Jerome, paired with a ghostly supper: a charcuterie board for two and your choice of drink. Doors and supper served from 6pm, Stories from 7pm. £25 or £20 concession. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.
www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/after-supper-ghost-stories-by-jerome-k-jerome/

Sat 7 Feb

Thirsk Brick Show

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



A small, one day LEGO show featuring exhibits, traders and activities for LEGO fans of all ages. 10am-4pm. £4, Child (5-15) £2. Tickets: On the door, cash or card. E: events@brickalleylug.co.uk. brickalleylug.co.uk/events/thirsk-brick-show

Sat 7 Feb

Watercolour and Calligraphy

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

Explore watercolour and calligraphy in this two-hour workshop with artist Dove Armistead. Learn colour, composition, and lettering while creating personalised pieces. Includes all materials and a hot drink. Perfect for beginners. 1pm - 3:30pm. £25. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.
www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/workshops/a-taste-of-art-watercolour-and-calligraphy/

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.
riponconcerts.co.uk

Sat 7 Feb until Mon 9 Feb

Whitby Steampunk weekend

Whitby Pavillion and other venues in whitby

ONLY FRI SAT SUN. It's Steampunk time again with lots of attractions, activities, live performances, stalls, displays, presentations etc. Fun for all the family. All weekend. Free to wander but there may be a charge for other events.

welcome to whitby -steampunk

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

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Fri 13 Feb

Macrame Wall Hangings

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

Join artist Claire Ford for a three-hour workshop where you'll learn the art of macramé and create your own stunning wall hanging. 10:30am - 1:30pm. £35. Tickets: Online. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 526536.
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