



Wednesday 4th December 2024

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## News and information

Send yours to [news@visitthirsk.uk](mailto:news@visitthirsk.uk)

### Santa is visiting you

**THIRSK ROTARY CLUB  
SANTA RUN 2024**

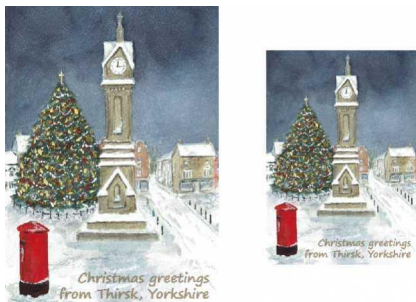
Supporting:

<b>Mon 9th December:</b> Sowerby ...Community Works	<b>Wed 11th December:</b> Hambleton (East Thirsk) ...Thirsk Youth Club
<b>Fri 13th December:</b> Sowerby Gateway 1 ...Vale of Mowbray Girl Guides	<b>Mon 16th December:</b> Sowerby Gateway 2 ...The Samaritans
<b>Wed 18th December:</b> Station Road & Carlton Miniott ...Carlton Miniott Playing Fields Association	<b>Fri 20th December:</b> Stockton Road & Norby ...1st Thirsk Scouts

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### Thirsk Christmas Cards



The picture on Thirsk Christmas Cards is from a watercolour by local artist Blanche Carney. Two sizes are available and prices start at 50p. Thirsk's information centre is open 10am-3pm Mon-Sat and 10am-1pm Sundays when a market is operating. We have Christmas stamps too.

### To receive this regularly

... please tell us at [VisitThirsk.uk/news](http://VisitThirsk.uk/news)

### Explore Thirsk this Christmas

#### THIRSK THROUGH THE AGES CHRISTMAS WALKING TOUR

- What was Christmas like in the poor house in Thirsk?
- Which crimes were taking place in 16th century Thirsk at Christmas?
- What went on at Christmas in the Thirsk ginnels?
- What could we buy at Thirsk Christmas market in medieval times?
- Why might carol singers have been thrown out of the church in medieval times?

All these questions and more will be answered in this fascinating festive journey through the history of Thirsk.

- See where The Hermit of Thirsk lived
- Hear about the surprising Thirsk link to Lord Horatio Nelson's amputation
- See where the strange ancient 7ft skeleton was found
- View the remains of the canal that never was and what lies beneath...

These tours last 1½hrs and will take place on:

- Sat 14 Dec, 11am-12.30pm
- Sat 21 Dec, 11am-12.30pm
- Sat 28 Dec, 11am-12.30pm

Meet at Thirsk Tourist Information Centre in the Market Place (in front of the door) at 11am and please wear sensible shoes.

There is no fixed price but donations will be gratefully received.

Contact:  
[ThirskWalkingTours@gmail.com](mailto:ThirskWalkingTours@gmail.com)  
**T: 07467 696486**

### To send a news article

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

### To send us an event

... please let us know at [VisitThirsk.uk/event](http://VisitThirsk.uk/event)

## What's on in the coming weeks

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

### Wed 4 Dec

#### Visible Mending

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

Join us for this new trend in mending old garments through the practice of visible mending, the practice of repairing a worn, torn or overused item, where the focus is on the decorative aspect of the repair. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £20. Tickets: Rural Arts. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

### Now until Thu 5 Dec

#### Meet the Designers Tour

**Castle Howard, Malton, York, North Yorkshire, YO60 7DA**

Enjoy a Guided Tour of our Alice in Wonderland-inspired installations in a small group after our regular opening hours. 22nd, 28th Nov and 5th Dec. From £25.00. Tickets: online. E: [house@castlehoward.co.uk](mailto:house@castlehoward.co.uk). T: 01653 648333.

[castlehowardchristmas.seetickets.com/timeslots/filter/meet-the-designers-tour](https://castlehowardchristmas.seetickets.com/timeslots/filter/meet-the-designers-tour)

### Now until Thu 5 Dec

#### Paddington in Peru (PG)

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

Starring Ben Wishaw (voice), Olivia Coleman, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters. Paddington travels to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. A thrilling adventure ensues with a journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Sat & Sun. £6 plus £1 booking fee if online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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

### Thu 5 Dec

#### Sowerby Flower Club

**Sowerby Parochial Hall, The Flatts, Sowerby, YO7 1JG**

Our own lunch & Workshop. 2pm.



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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!'

**Fri 6 Dec**

### **Bella Gaffney - 'Reflections'**

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

'Reflections' offers a captivating blend of original compositions and traditional tunes that delve into both British folk and Americana. 7.30pm. £10-£12.

Tickets: Rural Arts. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Fri 6 Dec**

### **Driftwood Scented Decorations**

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

These washed up pieces of wood are often beautiful and sculptural without any human intervention, but we want them to smell nice and fill your house with scents of clementine, pomegranate or frankincense. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. £20.

Tickets: Rural Arts. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Fri 6 Dec**

### **Ruth Lyon and Friends**

*Coxwold Village Hall, Byland Road YO614BB*

Catchy, folky and nostalgic music from Ruth. She will be joined by singer songwriter Tommy Arch and fiddle player James Nicholls of the Buffalo Skinners. 7:30 doors open 7pm. £12.

Tickets: Please phone. T: 01347 868719

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **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 entries by 12.30pm. Free, donations welcome.

E: [thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com)

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **Thirsk Community Library Quiz**

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

Thirsk Community Library Quiz (Christmas Special). 7.30pm. £5 per person. Tickets: Payment on door.

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **RBL Band Christmas Concert**

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

Free festive music concert performed by Thirsk Royal British Legion Band. 7.30pm. Free.

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **The Upbeat Beatles**

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

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none. The guys have an easy, happy rapport with any crowd, giving them a reputation to be envied as the best in the business. There isn't a band to touch them - 8 bars of "Twist and Shout" and you will know why! No other band can perform this song like The Upbeat Beatles. 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)

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **Music for Christmas**

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Thirsk Road, Northallerton DL6 1PJ*

Join Alverton Singers for an afternoon of Music for Christmas. In support of Target Ovarian cancer charity. 2.30pm. £10 including seasonal refreshments. Tickets: Choir members or phone. T: 01609 258953 / 01609 882365

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **Sustainable Family Festivities**

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

Sustainable children's workshops put on throughout the day. 10am - 4pm. £8 per workshop. Tickets: ruralarts.org. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Sat 7 Dec**

### **Easingwold Artisan Market**

*Market Square YO61 3AN*

Locally-produced arts & crafts, food & drink. A diverse, quality, shopping experience that celebrates independent

producers and makers. 9am-2pm.

**Sat 7 Dec until Sun 8 Dec**

### **Malton Christmas Festival**

*Malton Market Place, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 7LX*

A Christmas version of the market with artisan crafted food, festive gift stalls, street food, live music & choirs, entertainment for the whole family including a festive land train and Santa too. 09.00 - 15.30. Free entry. Tickets: <https://www.visitmalton.com/malton-christmas-festival>. E: enquiries@visitmalton.com.

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**Sun 8 Dec**

### **André Rieu 2024 Christmas Concert**

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

André Rieu's dazzling Christmas Concert, "Gold and Silver," exclusively in cinemas. This magical event embodies the festive spirit of Christmas. 7.00pm. £15, Child £10, Student/Senior £12.50. 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)

**Sun 8 Dec**

### **Hurry to Bethlehem**

*St Mary's, Thirsk*

A Sunday afternoon concert at St Mary's, seasonal choral music for Advent & Christmas. 14.30. Free but donations welcome.

**Sun 8 Dec**

### **Family Carols**

*St Mary's Church, YO7 1PR*

A service of festive cheer for all the family, followed by mince pies and refreshments.

10am on Sunday 8th at St. Mary's. 10am.

E: [thirskparishes@gmail.com](mailto:thirskparishes@gmail.com)



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**Sun 8 Dec**

**Between The Lights (TBC)**

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



One night only. Fresh from the London Breeze and Brighton Rocks Film Festivals, the Ritz is lucky enough to bring this cinematic gem for an exclusive performance. Filmed locally in York, including the famous Shambles. When sceptical scientist Alice falls for reluctant medium Jay, she's taken on an odyssey of love, loss and discovery that will turn her world upside down. 7.30pm. £6 plus £1 booking fee if online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751. [ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

**Sun 8 Dec**

**Ripon Concerts**

**Holy Trinity Church, Kirby Road, Ripon HG4 2EY**

Travel through time from Bach to Bernstein with plenty of boogie between. 3pm. £25. T: 01765 635244. [riponconcerts.co.uk](http://riponconcerts.co.uk)

**Sun 8 Dec**

**Northallerton Farmers' Market DL7 8EF**

**Applegarth Car Park**

From jams to gin, sourdough to scones, and cupcakes to Korean pickles - we've got it all. 9am-2pm. E: [info@northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com](mailto:info@northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com). [www.northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com](http://www.northerndalesfarmersmarkets.com)

**Tue 10 Dec**

**Royal Ballet's Cinderella (12A)**

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

This Christmas, be transported into an ethereal world where a sprinkling of fairy dust makes dreams come true. This enchanting ballet by The Royal Ballet's Founding Choreographer Frederick

Ashton is a theatrical experience for all the family. 7.15pm. £16, Child £10, Student/Senior £13. 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)

**Tue 10 Dec**

**Christmas Stockings**

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

This is a really fun workshop to make your own Christmas Stockings that can be filled and hung up next to a fireplace, end of a bed, or simply put underneath the tree. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. £20. Tickets: Rural Arts. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Tue 10 Dec**

**Wrapping Paper**

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

Make wrapping paper that is worthy of being a gift itself. There will be a choice of how you decorate your paper, either through print, letter press or calligraphy, but the creative design will be up to you. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £20. Tickets: Rural Arts. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Tue 10 Dec**

**Pet Sketch**

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

During this workshop, your tutor, Jo Lawson, will guide you through every stage of drawing pets. 10am - 4pm. £55. Tickets: Rural Arts. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Tue 10 Dec**

**On-line Advent Creative Retreat**

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

Creative Ways Through Advent. With Helen Warwick. A creative time to ponder on the Christmas season. 10am - 11am. E: [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk). T: 01845 522580

**Wed 11 Dec**

**Upcycled Wooden Furniture**

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

Perhaps you have small wooden piece of furniture that sits unloved in a corner of your home. Well, this upcycling workshop is the perfect way to give it some love and put it centre stage in a room. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £20. Tickets: Rural Arts. E: [admin@ruralarts.org](mailto:admin@ruralarts.org). T: 01845 525536. [www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Fri 6 Dec until Thu 12 Dec**

**Gladiator II (15)**

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

NOT SUN. Starring Pedro Pascal, Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington, Connie Nielsen, Derek Jacobi and Joseph Quinn. Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. 7.30pm, also Wed 2.30pm. £6 plus £1 booking fee if online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751. [ritzcinema.co.uk](http://ritzcinema.co.uk)

**Thu 12 Dec until Fri 13 Dec**

**Festive Film Favourites: Christmas Concert**

**Northallerton Town Hall, DL7 8QR**



This is a lovely way to kick start your Christmas festivities and the programme will include Christmas music & readings. 7.30pm. £11 (inc. glass of wine and mince pies). Tickets: Book by phone or email. E: [maureenwilloughby48@gmail.com](mailto:maureenwilloughby48@gmail.com). T: 01609 770936

**Fri 13 Dec**

**Organic Wreath Making**

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

Fed up with the throwaway culture of Christmas, where decorations and gifts are discarded just weeks later? This year, ditch the plastic and embrace a greener holiday. Make this Christmas not just merry, but truly sustainable. 10.30am - 12.30pm. £30. Tickets: Rural



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Arts. E: admin@ruralarts.org. T: 01845 525536.

[www.ruralarts.org](http://www.ruralarts.org)

**Sat 7 Dec until Sat 14 Dec**

### **Mother Goose Panto**

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



Another Rollicking Romp of a Panto From Rowntree Players. It's market day and Mother Goose needs to make rent before the ever nasty Demon Darkheart evicts the Goose family. Meantime Jack's exciting new addition to the farm - Priscilla the Goose - has stopped production in Jill's hen house. Comedy, song and dance in this very silly rollicking romp of a family pantomime. At various times. £20, Child (18 & under) £18. Tickets: Book online. E: [boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk). T: 01904 501935.

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

**Sat 14 Dec**

### **Digital Cafe**

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

Drop into our Digital Cafe where the buddies will be available to help you while you enjoy refreshments. Find out about online safety, online library resources, BBC Microbits and get help and advice with a range of problems. 10am-1pm. Free.

E: [thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com](mailto:thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com)

**Sat 14 Dec**

### **Northallerton Male Voice Choir**

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

Christmas concert. The Choir will once again be joined by the ever-popular Easington Colliery band. Together they will get everybody's Christmas off to a great start with both traditional and modern music. 3pm and 7.30pm. £12. 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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**Sat 14 Dec**

### **Christmas Tractor Parade**

*High Street, Northallerton*

Tractors will drive down the High Street to be judged & receive prizes in the Northallerton Auction Mart car park where you can go & see them up close, they will then drive back down the high street. There will be market stalls & late opening in some shops also, refreshments & Santa's Grotto in the Town Hall. To book a visit to Santa: please phone; To book a tractor or stall: please phone or email. Organised by North Yorkshire County Agricultural Show supporting Farmers' mental health charities. 6pm-8pm. E: [tractorphade@northyorkshireshow.co.uk](mailto:tractorphade@northyorkshireshow.co.uk).

T: 07584 302990

**Now until Sun 15 Dec**

### **Santa's Grotto**

*Eureka! The National Children's Museum, Halifax, HX1 2NE*

Visit Santa in the snuggliest Grotto in town, as decided by us, this Christmas at Eureka!

Come along to see the big man himself and an elf helper or two, for a discussion about how naughty / nice you've been, pressie requests, snap a festive (s)elfie and receive a gift! 10am - 5pm. Annual Pass: Adults £16.95, Children 3yrs+ £16.95, Toddlers 1-2yrs £7.45, Under 1's & Carers FREE. Tickets: Online: [book.eureka.org.uk/play](http://book.eureka.org.uk/play). E: [web@eureka.org.uk](mailto:web@eureka.org.uk). T: 01422 330069. [eureka.org.uk](http://eureka.org.uk)

**Sat 7 Dec until Sun 15 Dec**

### **Pinochio by Tom Whalley**

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

Join the 1812 Theatre Company for the ever popular Panto 'Pinochio', a Pantomime with no strings attached! Matinees 2.30pm: Sat 7th, Sun 8th, Sat 14th, Sun 15th. Evenings 7.30pm: Sat 7th, Wed. 11th, Thurs 12th, Fri 13th, Sat 14th December. Tickets: £16/ under 16 £12. Family £48 (2adult & 2 u16). T: 01439 771700.

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

**Sun 15 Dec**

### **Handel's Messiah**

*Tennant's Garden Rooms, Harmby Rd, Leyburn DL8 5SG*



Harrogate Choral Society and the National Festival Orchestra. Anna Devin, Soprano; Gaynor Keeble, Mezzo; Brian Parsons, Tenor; Gareth Brynmor John, Baritone. 4.30pm, doors open 3.30pm. £19 and £16, Child (under 16) & student £5. Tickets: Book online. [harrogatechoral.org.uk](http://harrogatechoral.org.uk)

**Sun 15 Dec**

### **Thirsk Artisan Market**

*Market Place, Thirsk YO7 1EY*



Locally-produced arts & crafts, food & drink. A diverse, quality, shopping experience that celebrates independent producers and makers. 10am-3pm. E: [info@littlebirdmade.co.uk](mailto:info@littlebirdmade.co.uk). [littlebirdmade.com](http://littlebirdmade.com)

**Now until Tue 17 Dec**

### **Boccia Classes**

*Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall*

ONLY TUE. What is Boccia? It's on every Tuesday and it's fun & friendly, a type of bowls that all ages & physical abilities can play. Come & have a go! New members needed. Everyone welcome. From 1.30pm with tea & cakes after. £3 per session.

**Tue 17 Dec**

### **100 Voices Christmas Spectacular**

*Middlesborough Town Hall*

140 Voices sing everything from Billie Eilish to Andrew Lloyd Weber 'plus all your favourite Christmas Songs, featuring Tenor Neil Allen and pianist Tim Lole, joined by 'The Singing with Heroes Choir'. Proceeds to 'Free Your Voice' [www.freeyourvoice.org.uk](http://www.freeyourvoice.org.uk). Doors and Bar open at 6.30pm. £14.



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Tickets: on line and phone. T: 01642 729729.  
[middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)

**Wed 18 Dec**

### Andre Rieu's Christmas Concert

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

Gold & Silver, a Christmas Spectacular. 7pm. E: [boxoffice@helmsleyarts.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@helmsleyarts.co.uk). T: 01439 771700.  
[helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://helmsleyarts.co.uk)

**Fri 13 Dec until Thu 19 Dec**

### Wicked (TBC)

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*



Starring Cynthia Erivo, Ariana Grande, Jonathan Bailey, Michelle Yeoh and Jeff Goldblum. Elphaba, an ostracised but defiant girl born with green skin, and Glinda, a privileged aristocrat born popular, become extremely unlikely friends in the magical Land of Oz. As the two girls struggle with their opposing personalities, their friendship is tested. The first of a two-part film adaptation of the Broadway musical. 7.30pm. £6 plus £1 booking fee if online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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

**Thu 19 Dec**

### Royal Ballet's Nutcracker (12A)

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

Discover the enchantment of ballet with this sparkling festive treat for the whole family. Julia Trevelyan Oman's period designs bring festive charm to Peter Wright's beloved Royal Ballet production, as fairytale magic comes together with spectacular dancing in this unforgettable classic ballet. 7.15pm. £16, Child £10, Student/Senior £13. 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 9 Dec until Fri 20 Dec**

### Thirsk Rotary Santa Run

*Around Thirsk & Sowerby*

ONLY MON WED FRI. Santa Run supporting Community Works Mon 9th around Sowerby; Thirsk Youth Club Wed 11th around Hambleton (East Thirsk); Vale of Mowbray Girl Guides 13th at Sowerby Gateway 1; The Samaritans Mon 16th Sowerby Gateway 2; Carlton Miniott Playing Fields Association 18th on Station Road & Carlton Miniott; 1st Thirsk Scouts Fri 20th on Stockton Road & Norby. Follow Facebook for route maps, timings and scheduled stopping locations.  
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**Fri 20 Dec**

### Sleeping Beauty and the Beast

*Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall*

The intrepid Badapple actors go where no Pantomimers have ever gone before in a hilarious new Panto mashup from York writer and actor Richard Kay. 7.00pm. £8-£10. Tickets: Rural Arts.

**Fri 20 Dec**

### Chubby Brown

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

Roy Chubby Brown is the undoubted King of Comedy. Remember to bring tissues to wipe away the tears of laughter and, as always, if easily offended please stay away. 7.30pm. £29. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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**Sat 21 Dec**

### Carols by Candlelight

*St John's Church, Berrygate Lane, Sharow HG4 5BJ*

In dulci jubilo, Jervaulx Singers. 7.30pm. £20, Child (under 18) free. Tickets: Book online.

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

**Now until Sun 22 Dec**

### Great Yorkshire Christmas

*Monk Park Farm, Bagby, Thirsk YO7 2AG*

ONLY SAT & SUN. Join Santa in his magical grotto, meet Bramble the Elf in his Toy Emporium, Visit the North Pole Sorting Office and Elf Village, taking the amazing Elf Show and pop in and see Mrs Clause who's baking Gingerbread in the kitchen. Adult £10 to £17, Child £20 to £35. Tickets: Book

online. T: 01845 421124.  
[monkparkfarm.co.uk](http://monkparkfarm.co.uk)

**Sun 22 Dec**

### Nine Lessons and Carols

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

Come and celebrate the approach of Christmas with our traditional carol service at St. Mary's. 3pm on Sunday 22nd December. 3pm.

**Sun 22 Dec**

### Elvis: Christmas Special Tribute

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

Steve Knight embodies the spirit and energy of Elvis Presley as he brings an electrifying performance that's captivated audiences from Las Vegas to London. With his spot-on vocals, dynamic stage presence, and uncanny resemblance to the King himself, you will be transported back to the golden age of rock 'n' roll. 7.30pm. £24, £22 (18 & under or 65 & over). Tickets: Book online. E: [boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk). T: 01904 501935.

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

**Now until Mon 23 Dec**

### The Polar Express, Wensleydale Railway

*Leeming Bar Station*

The annual festive treat of a ride on The Polar Express from Leeming Bar station up the Wensleydale line runs on weekends and other dates (check website). Last year over 50,000 guests took the magical journey and its popularity guarantees another bumper event this year. Various times and dates. Tickets: Book online.

[wensleydale-railway.co.uk](http://wensleydale-railway.co.uk)

**Fri 20 Dec until Mon 23 Dec**

### Red One (12A)

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*

Starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Lucy Liu and J.K Simmons. After Santa Claus (code name: Red One) is kidnapped, the North Pole's Head of Security must team up with the world's most infamous bounty hunter in a globe-trotting, action-packed mission to save Christmas. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Sat & Sun. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.

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



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**Sat 21 Dec until Mon 23 Dec**  
**Winter Warmer Cruises**

12 Canal Wharf, Bondgate Green, Ripon  
HG4 1AQ

A half hour festive cruise with a mulled wine, fruit punch, or luxury hot chocolate. And a choice of brownie or mince pie! GF and Vegan options available. Warm blankets for knees. Dog friendly too! 09.45. £8.95. Tickets: <https://buytickets.at/riponsceniccruises>. E: [ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com](mailto:ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com). T: 01765 609777.

[www.ripon-scenic-cruises.co.uk](http://www.ripon-scenic-cruises.co.uk)

**Sat 21 Dec until Mon 23 Dec**  
**Yule Tent & Yorkshire Tapas**

12 Canal Wharf, Bondgate Green, Ripon  
HG4 1AQ

A pop up cafe by the waterside with open fire, live music, hot drinks, mulled wine, blankets for knees and fantastic snacks. Ripon Canal Basin. 09.45am 3.30pm. No entry fee. Tickets: 01765609777. E:

[ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com](mailto:ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com). T: 07961 754812.

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**Sat 21 Dec until Mon 23 Dec**  
**Winter Warmer Canal Cruises**

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Half hour festive cruises with Mulled wine, fruit punch, luxury hot chocolates, mince pies and brownies.

Also a Yule Tent Pop Up Cafe by the waterside serving more drinks and Yorkshire Tapas. 09.45am 3.30pm. £8.95. Tickets:

<https://buytickets.at/riponsceniccruises/1424790>. E:

[ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com](mailto:ripon.scenic.cruises@gmail.com). T: 01765 609777.

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**Now until Tue 24 Dec**  
**Father Christmas in the Castle**

Castle Howard, Malton, North Yorkshire,  
YO60 7DA

Enjoy a full day out at Castle Howard with a Father Christmas in the Castle experience, which includes access to Alice's Christmas Wonderland in our main House, and access to the Gardens. From £31.00. Tickets: online. E:

[house@castlehoward.co.uk](mailto:house@castlehoward.co.uk). T: 01653 648333.  
[castlehowardchristmas.seetickets.com/timeslots/filter/father-christmas-in-the-castle](http://castlehowardchristmas.seetickets.com/timeslots/filter/father-christmas-in-the-castle)

**Now until Tue 24 Dec**  
**Railway Santa Specials**

North York Moors Railway, Pickering to  
Whitby

ONLY SAT & SUN. Weekends to Christmas: Eve Santa Specials on the train plus Steam Hauls 27th December to 5th January 2026.

**Sat 21 Dec until Tue 24 Dec**  
**Santa's Race to save Christmas**

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton  
DL6 1LP

Christmas is fast approaching, and all is going well in Santa's workshop as Mrs Claus and the elves busily prepare for the big night. The presents are wrapped and the reindeers have completed their training then suddenly disaster strikes! Multiple times, morning and afternoon. £12. 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)

**Tue 24 Dec**  
**Midnight Communion**

St Mary's Church, Thirsk, YO7 1PR

Come and welcome in Christmas with us, with a traditional midnight communion.

11:30pm on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's.

**Tue 24 Dec**  
**Crib Service**

St Mary's Church, Thirsk, YO7 1PR

Come and join us for an interactive celebration of the Christmas Story - fun for all the family!

4pm on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's.

**Wed 25 Dec**  
**Christmas Day Celebration**

St Mary's Church, Thirsk, YO7 1PR

Let's celebrate together on Christmas day! All our welcome to our family celebration with communion, 10am at St. Mary's.

**Thu 26 Dec**  
**Sleeping Beauty & The Beast**

Potto Village Hall, 14 Cooper Lane, Potto,  
Northallerton DL6 3HA

Three actors, two pantomimes, one hour... What could possibly go wrong? Join Fairy Naturel and her merry companions as they strive to prevent the nefarious schemes of the Wicked Witch of the West, a devious potion

plant-poisoner. Their mission? To rescue Belle and Beauty from their storybook fates. 7pm. £12, U16 £6. Tickets: Email or phone. E:

[pottovillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:pottovillagehall@gmail.com). T: 07956 126983.

[facebook.com/pottovillagehall](https://facebook.com/pottovillagehall)

**Mon 23 Dec until Fri 27 Dec**  
**Christmas Retreat**

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

Retreat with Revd Sue Hammersley, Revd Sibylle Batten and the Holy Rood Community. Come and join our Christmas celebration with reflective times, good food, poetry, music, creative arts, rest and outings. Mon.23rd Dec 4pm - Fri.27th Dec 11am. E:

[enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk).

T: 01845 522580

**Fri 27 Dec until Sun 29 Dec**  
**Paddington in Peru (PG)**

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton  
DL6 1LP



Starring Ben Whishaw (voice), Olivia Coleman, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters. Paddington travels to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. A thrilling adventure ensues with a journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru. Fri 2.30pm, Sat 11am, Sun 6.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. 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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**Fri 27 Dec until Mon 30 Dec**  
**Conclave (12A)**

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton  
DL6 1LP

Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow. After the unexpected death of the Pope, Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with managing the covert and ancient ritual of electing a new one. Fri 7.30pm, Sat 2.30pm, Sun 7.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:



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**Fri 27 Dec until Thu 2 Jan**  
**Conclave (12A)**

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
NOT TUE or WED. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow. After the unexpected death of the Pope, Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with managing the covert and ancient ritual of electing a new one. 7.30pm. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.  
ritzcinema.co.uk

**Now until Sat 4 Jan**  
**Jason Beside the Sea**

*Woodend Gallery, Scarborough*  
A presentation by Jason Wilsher-Mills. Free entry.

**Now until Sun 5 Jan**  
**Alice's Christmas Wonderland**

*Castle Howard, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO60 7DA*  
Alice is planning a huge Christmas party, and she invites you to follow the White Rabbit through Castle Howard's grand halls and regal rooms with each twist and turn revealing fanciful festive surprises. From £21.00. Tickets: online. E: house@castlehoward.co.uk. T: 01653 648333.  
castlehowardchristmas.seetickets.com/timeslots/filter/alice-s-christmas-wonderland

**Now until Sun 5 Jan**  
**New Yarnbombers display**

*Thirsk Market Place*  
Christmas-themed knitting and crotchet around the town.

**Fri 3 Jan until Sun 5 Jan**  
**Gladiator II (15)**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*  
Starring Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Joseph Quinn, Connie Nielsen, Spencer Treat Clark. Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist. Fri 2.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 7.30pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E:

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**Now until Mon 6 Jan**  
**Which Language?**

*Scarborough Art Gallery, The Crescent, Scarborough YO11 2PW*  
In Which Language Do We Dream? offers fresh insights through the photographic perspectives of the al-Hindawi family, a Syrian family with first-hand experience. 10am-5pm. £5 Annual Pass, under 18s free. Tickets: Book by phone.  
scarboroughmuseumsandgalleries.org.uk

**Fri 3 Jan until Mon 6 Jan**  
**New Year Retreat**

*Holy Rood House, Centre for Health & Pastoral Care, 10 Sowerby Rd. Thirsk. YO7 1HX*  
A retreat with Revd Sue Hammersley, Revd Sibylle Batten and the Holy Rood House Community. Join our New Year celebration with reflections to assist the year ahead, creative times and good food. Fri 3rd 4pm - Sun 5th 2pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. T: 01845 522580

**Fri 3 Jan until Thu 9 Jan**  
**Moana 2 (TBC)**

*Ritz Cinema, Westgate, Thirsk YO7 1QS*  
After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, Moana journeys alongside Maui and a new crew to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she's ever faced. 7.30pm, also 2.30pm Sat & Sun. £6 on door, £7 online. Tickets: Online or on door. T: 01845 524751.  
ritzcinema.co.uk

**Fri 10 Jan until Sat 11 Jan**  
**Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*  
(12A) Actor Christopher Reeve rises to stardom when he lands the role of Superman in the 1970s. When a horse-riding accident leaves him paralyzed in 1995, Reeve spends the rest of his life searching for a cure for spinal cord injuries. Fri 7.30pm, Sat 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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**Fri 10 Jan until Sun 12 Jan**  
**Wicked (PG)**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*  
Elphaba, an ostracized but defiant girl born with green skin, and Glinda, a privileged aristocrat born popular, become extremely unlikely friends in the magical Land of Oz. Fri 2.30pm, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 8.00pm. £6, Child/Senior/Student £5. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.  
forumnorthallerton.org.uk

**Sat 18 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 customer 12.30pm. Free, donations welcome. E: thirskrepaircafe@gmail.com

**Thu 23 Jan**  
**Thirkeby Local History Christmas party**

*Thirkeby Village Hall, Great Thirkeby,*  
The delayed Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 23rd January. £6 booking essential. 1pm. £6. Tickets: Ann Storey. T: 01845 501365

**Sun 19 Jan until Sat 25 Jan**  
**Robinson Crusoe**

*The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP*  
Northallerton Amateur Variety Company: a fun-packed panto which will appeal to kids and adults of all ages. There is a pirate ship run by women,



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Mrs. Crusoe who runs a fish and chip shop and Fairy Marina who makes everything magic. Sun 2.15pm, Mon-Sat 7.15pm, also Sat 2.15pm. £12, Child £10. Tickets: Book online, at The Forum or on the door. E: info@forumnorthallerton.org.uk. T: 01609 776230.  
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**Fri 24 Jan until Sat 25 Jan**

### Robin Hood Panto

Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Rd. York YO31 8TA



Join the Deadpan Players for a frolic through the forest as they make their debut at Joseph Rowntree Theatre. Nottingham cowers under the grip of the evil Sheriff of Nottingham and only Robin and the Merry Men can save the city and prevent him from marrying the beautiful Maid Marian. 7.30pm, also 2.00pm Sat. £15, Child (18 & under) £10. Tickets: Book online. E: boxoffice@jrtheatre.co.uk. T: 01904 501935.  
[josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk](http://josephrowntreetheatre.co.uk)

**Sat 25 Jan**

### Academy of St Olave's

St Olave's Church, Marygate, York YO30 7BH

Winter Concert. 8pm.

**Sat 25 Jan**

### Pretty Vacant

Darlington Hippodrome, Parkgate DL1 1RR



The Story of Punk and New Wave. Kevin Kennedy joins riotous new tour bringing iconic punk songs to life. 7.30pm. £18 to £29.50. Tickets: Book online. E: hippodrome.boxoffice@darlington.gov.

uk. T: 01325 405405.

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

**Fri 24 Jan until Mon 27 Jan**

### Richard Rohr Inspired Retreat

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

The Divine Dance; Trinity and Transformation. Led by Revd Ian Spencer and UrsMattman these popular four day retreats of Fr Richard Rohr OFM include talks, time for reflection and discussion, meditation, imagination exercises, liturgy and time to relax and enjoy this beautiful Environment. Fri.24th 4pm - Mon.27th 2pm. E: enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk. T: 01845 522580

**Fri 31 Jan**

### The Goldscheider Hom Trio

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

Ben Coldscheider was the 2016 BBC Young Musician of the Year. He is principal horn in the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra but still plays widely as a soloist and chamber musician. Benjamin Baker came from New Zealand to study violin first at the Yehudi Menuhin School and then at the Royal College of Music. Huw Watkins is a composer as well as a brilliant pianist, and his own trio will be played in this concert. 7.30pm. £22. Tickets: Book online. T: 01439 771700.  
[www.helmsleyarts.co.uk](http://www.helmsleyarts.co.uk)

**Mon 6 Jan until Mon 3 Feb**

### Local Myths, Legends & Folklore

Online course

Would you like to find out more about the famous people, places, rituals and traditions in your area and across North Yorkshire? During the course you will: read articles & extracts from a wide range of sources; discuss what you find out; consider the evidence (true or )false; plus more. 12.30 - 2.30. E: Adult-LearningService@northyorks.gov.uk. T: 01609 536066.  
[www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/adultlearning)

**Sat 8 Feb**

### Lego Show

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall

Back with another popular show for all ages, with funds raised to support Holy Rood House. 10am - 4pm.

**Sun 9 Feb**

### Les Misérables: The Staged Concert

The Forum, Bullamoor Rd, Northallerton DL6 1LP

(12A) Cinema Live. In 2019, Cameron Mackintosh produced a spectacular sell-out staged concert version at the Gielgud Theatre featuring an all-star cast including Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Carrie Hope Fletcher, Matt Lucas and John Owen Jones. Now cinema audiences can experience a unique encore of this incredible show to celebrate Les Misérables 40th Anniversary. 2pm. £16, Child £10, Student/Senior £13. 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)

**Sun 9 Feb**

### Yarnbombers

All over Thirsk

Random Acts of Kindness around Thirsk.

**Sat 15 Feb**

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