



# SUMMER DIARY

## MAY

### EAST YORKSHIRE THOROUGHbred CAR CLUB VINTAGE RALLY

Fantastic classic cars from Yorkshire and beyond gather in the beautiful grounds of Burton Agnes Hall.

**Burton Agnes Hall, Burton Agnes, Driffield, East Yorkshire YO25 4NB. May 12. Tel 01262 490324; [www.burtonagnes.com](http://www.burtonagnes.com).**

### RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

World-renowned and glamorous, RHS Chelsea is an unforgettable day out.

This year sees a garden design debut from the Duchess of Cambridge.

**Royal Hospital Chelsea, London SW3 4SR. May 21-25. Tel: 020 3176 5800; [www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show](http://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show).**

### LEONARDO DA VINCI: A LIFE IN DRAWING

To mark the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, this display of over 144 of his drawings will be the largest exhibition of the polymath's work in over 65 years.

**The Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1A 1AA. May 24 to October 13. Tel: 0303 123 7301; [www.rct.uk/visit/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace](http://www.rct.uk/visit/the-queens-gallery-buckingham-palace).**

### A ROTHSCHILD TREASURY

This year marks the creation of a new permanent display celebrating the Waddesdon Rothschilds as collectors. More than 800 objects dating from AD 100 to the 20th century will be included, most on public display for the very first time.

**Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP18 0JH. From May 24. Tel: 01296 820414; <https://waddesdon.org.uk>.**



*Medieval jousting at Arundel Castle.*

### CRICK BOAT SHOW

As well as a display of new narrow-boats and wide beams and Britain's largest chandlery, there are dozens of boats to look round, free boat trips, live music and a real ale marquee.

**Crick Marina, West Haddon Road, Crick, Northamptonshire NN6 7SQ. May 25-27. Tel: 01283 742950 or email [www.crickboatshow.com](http://www.crickboatshow.com).**

### COOPER'S HILL CHEESE ROLL

Fancy chasing a 9lb Double Gloucester down the steep slopes of Cooper's Hill? The tradition dates back centuries and the aim is to catch the cheese or simply be the first to the bottom – sounds easier than it is!

**Cooper's Hill, Brockworth, Gloucestershire. May 27. Visit <https://officialcheeserolling.com>.**

### 2019 ELGAR FESTIVAL

A four-day celebration celebrating Elgar's works in and around the city of his birth, Worcester. Highlights include the composer's Cello Concerto, played by international cellist Raphael Wallfisch with the English Symphony Orchestra in Worcester Cathedral.

**Worcester. May 30-June 2. Tel: 01905 611427; [www.elgarfestival.org](http://www.elgarfestival.org).**

### COTSWOLD OLIMPICK GAMES

Dating back to 1612, this forerunner of the modern Olympics sees a number of unusual events including Shin Kicking. Don't worry – you can use straw to pad your shins!

**Dover's Hill, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire. May 31. Visit [www.olimpickgames.co.uk](http://www.olimpickgames.co.uk).**

## JUNE

### EPSOM DERBY

Carnival atmosphere and picnics on the hill to top hat and tails in the Queen's Stand: Derby Day is here.

**Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5LQ. June 1. [www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/epsom/events-tickets/epsom-derby](http://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/epsom/events-tickets/epsom-derby).**

### TROOPING THE COLOUR

The 1st battalion Grenadier Guards will take centre stage at the Queen's birthday parade.

**June 8; <https://qbp.army.mod.uk/>.**

### MACMILLAN CHARITY RACEDAY

At the biggest charity meeting in Britain, you can party on the lawns. And whether you win or lose, you can be safe in the knowledge that simply attending has helped raise money.

**York Racecourse, Knavesmire Road, York YO23 1EX. June 15. Tel: 01904 620911; [www.yorkracecourse.co.uk](http://www.yorkracecourse.co.uk).**

### WYMONDHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

Crossing all genres, this festival is a mix of free and paid-for concerts – some in Wymondham's magnificent Abbey as well as Town Busking Day and the annual open-air Jazz Picnic.

**Wymondham, Norfolk. June 21-29. Tel: 01953 333500; [www.wymfest.org.uk](http://www.wymfest.org.uk).**