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What’s On in England 2014
Continuing from 2013

**Duty Calls**
March 2013 – October 2014
*Duty Calls* looks at the impact of various conflicts on nine of Yorkshire’s major country houses, and the experiences of their occupants and wider communities, from the points of view of owners, servants, tenants and estate workers. Simultaneous interlinked exhibitions and programmes of events and activities will highlight and explore each house’s own particular circumstances, collections and stories, chronicling how these estates and communities faced the hardships of war across three centuries.

**War Horse, UK Tour**
27 September – July 2014
War Horse is the powerful story of a young boy called Albert and his beloved horse, Joey, who has been requisitioned to fight for the English in World War I. Caught in enemy crossfire, Joey ends up serving on both sides during the war before landing in no man’s land, while Albert, not old enough to enlist, embarks on a treacherous mission to find his horse and bring him home. War Horse will visit the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, Birmingham Hippodrome; The Lowry in Salford Quays; The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton; Sunderland Empire and the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford.
www.warhorseonstage.com

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, London**
Until 25 October 2014
Based upon an award-winning mystery novel about a young boy called Christopher, the play has now been extended until October 2014 due to its popularity and success, releasing 250,000 more tickets.
www.curiousonstage.com

**January**

**KidZania, Westfield, LONDON**
Late 2014/early 2015
Miming real life and real jobs the children have the ability to role-play realistic situations in grown-up, everyday life. This provides a unique educational environment combined with a fun element in which children can take on responsibility while the parents take a step back. Being described as an international and award-winning experience for children, it provides a safe environment for them to do what comes naturally, role-play, while also being beneficial.
www.kidzania.com

**February**

**One Million Years of the Human Story, Natural History Museum**
13 February - 28 September
This new exhibition tells the enchanting story of the changing faces and spaces of prehistoric Britain. The latest scientific techniques and life-size models bring rarely seen specimens to life so you can look back, long before the Romans, Saxons and Vikings, to piece together how humans came and went in Britain over the last million years. See amazing objects unearthed from beneath our feet, many of which have never been on public display before. Come face to face with life-size Neanderthal models and see some of the astonishing creatures that were hunted by early human pioneers, including rhinos and giant deer.
http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit-us/whats-on/temporary-exhibitions/britain-million-years/index.html

**March**

**In Fine Style: The Art of Tudor and Stuart Fashion**
14 March - 20 July 2014
Through the evidence of portraiture, *In Fine Style: The Art of Tudor and Stuart Fashion* traces changing tastes in fashionable attire in Great Britain in the 16th and 17th centuries. Using paintings, drawings and miniatures from the Royal Collection, and a
number of rare surviving examples of clothing and accessories, it explores the style of the rich and famous of the Tudor and Stuart periods.
http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/exhibitions

**Royal Shakespeare Company Summer Season, UK wide tour**
18 March – 6 September
The Royal Shakespeare Company commences a run of all 36 of Shakespeare’s plays, which will take place over the next 6 years under the artistic direction of Gregory Doran. Highlights include the Swan Theatre’s *Roaring Girls* season of Jacobean written for and about women, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre staged there for the first time in 45 years in July, as well as *Henry IV Parts I and II*. Shakespeare Nation, a nationwide celebration of the Bard over the next three years, will be led by the RSC.
www.rsc.org.uk

**William Kent: Designing Georgian Britain V&A**
22 March - 13 July 2014
This new exhibition at the V&A will examine the life and work of William Kent (1685-1748), the leading architect and designer of early Georgian Britain. The exhibition will celebrate Kent's oeuvre over four decades (1709-48) when Britain defined itself as a new nation with the accession of a new Hanoverian Royal Family. The exhibition will bring together nearly 200 examples of William Kent's work including architectural drawings, paintings and illustrated books, demonstrating the versatility of the ‘Kentian’ style.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/

**Tour de France Cultural Festival**
27 March – 6 July
In anticipation of the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire, there will be a festival of culture for 100 days, running prior to and alongside the county’s showpiece event – Yorkshire’s Grand Départ.
www.letouryorkshire.com/artsfestival

**April**

**Quex Park Revisited - First World War**
April 2014 - June 2016
In the late summer of 1914 many Belgian civilians began to flee from the fighting, soon to be followed by wounded men of the Belgian Army. The first group were brought over to England from Ostend on 10th October by the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, a British aid organisation formed in August 1914, and taken to a hospital set up by a Voluntary Aid Detachment in Ramsgate. The VAD hospital at Quex Park was one of 80 in Kent. Quex Park Revisited - The First World War, tells the story of this time and the subsequent years of the War through activities designed to help visitors engage with and learn about this important moment in history and its associated material heritage.
http://www.quexpark.co.uk/museum/quex-park-vad-hospital-welkom-vriend.html

**The Glamour of Italian Fashion 1945 – 2014, V&A**
5 April - 27 July
The Glamour of Italian Fashion 1945 - 2014 will be the first major exhibition to explore Italy’s rich contribution to modern fashion from the end of the Second World War to the present. It will examine the craftsmanship, luxurious materials and expertise for which Italy has become renowned across couture, fine tailoring, innovative ready-to-wear and accessories. On display will be around 100 ensembles by the leading Italian fashion houses including Dolce and Gabbana, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Missoni, Prada, Valentino and Versace alongside the work of forgotten post-war designers as well as garments by the emerging Italian fashion talent of today.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/

**The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Sidewalk to the Catwalk, Barbican**
9 April - 17 August
The theatrically-staged exhibition will bring together more than 140 cutting-edge couture and ready-to-wear garments including iconic costumes for film and performance from the early 1970s to the present day. The infamous conical bra and corsets Madonna wore during her 1990 Blonde Ambition World Tour are showcased alongside stage costumes designed for Kylie Minogue.
http://www.barbican.org.uk/artgallery/event-detail.asp?ID=14772

**The First Georgians: Art & Monarchy 1714-1760**
11 April – 12 October
To mark the 300th anniversary of the beginning of the Georgian era, The First Georgians: Art and Monarchy 1714-1760 explores royal patronage and taste in the reigns of George I and George II as a product of a time when Britain was the world's most liberal, commercial and modern society. It brings together over 300 works in the Royal Collection from royal residences across the UK.
http://www.royalcollection.org.uk

**Henri Matisse: The Cut-Outs, Tate Modern**
17 April - 7 September
Henri-Émile-Benoît Matisse (1869 – 1954) is one of the leading figures of modern art and one of the most significant colourists of all time. This major exhibition is the most comprehensive exhibition ever devoted to the artist’s paper cut-outs made between 1943 and 1954. It brings together around 120 works, many seen together for the first time, in a ground-breaking reassessment of Matisse’s colourful and innovative final works. The show will include the largest number of Matisse’s Blue Nudes ever exhibited together.

**Architecture in Italian Renaissance Painting, National Gallery**
30 April - 21 September
This exhibition is the first in Britain to explore architecture in Italian Renaissance painting. It considers the ways in which Italian painters of the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries including Duccio, Botticelli and Crivelli represented architecture. It will also examine how architecture was used to frame figures and to construct the illusion of space.
http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/building-the-picture

**May**

**A Dorset Woman at War: Mabel Stobart and the Retreat from Serbia 1915**
31 May - 15 November
The Museum has a collection of unique photographs recording Mabel Stobart’s experiences in Serbia. They trace her intrepid journey from the tented field hospital she established near the front line and the relentless 250 mile trek through the Albanian mountains to her final escape from Scutari. Already in her mid-fifties, she travelled to Serbia with female doctors and nurses whom she had recruited and trained to help the war effort. Her story is exceptional, not only for the adventures she experienced - in 1914 she had been arrested by the Germans and sentenced to be shot as a spy - but because she was motivated by bettering the lot of women. A supporter of the Suffragette movement, Stobart believed that women should earn the vote by demonstrating that they were as valuable to society as men. She led her mission to Serbia in the face of opposition from another famous Dorset figure, Sir Frederick Treves, who felt there was no place for women in the Serbian conflict.
www.dorsetcountymuseum.org

**Mammoths: Ice Age Giants, Natural History Museum**
23 May – 7 September
Guaranteed to be the summer’s blockbuster exhibition, this is an exciting opportunity to see the most completely preserved mammoth remains ever discovered, as well as other great creatures of the ice age. Unearthed in Siberia in 2007, the exhibition will use original skeletons, life-size models and giant fossils to bring the immense power and size of the mammoths to life.
http://www.nhm.ac.uk/
Sculpture in the City
Spring/summer 2014
During 2013, visitors, workers and residents have had the opportunity to discover ten art installations including the iconic LOVE sculpture by Robert Indiana, the distinctive life-sized figures of Antony Gormley, and three giant steel dinosaurs made by Jake and Dinos Chapman. Brand new contemporary art installations by leading international artists will be installed around EC3 in Spring/Summer 2014.
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/sculptureinthecity

June

Renishaw Hall Wine Tours
Few English vineyards can claim links to a 400-year-old family home, a grandly eccentric poet, a literary pioneer and the UK’s most northerly award-winning wine. But that’s exactly what visitors can find at Renishaw Hall in north east Derbyshire. Home to the Sitwell family for nearly four centuries – including famous literary trio, Edith, Osbert, and Sacheverell Sitwell who played a significant role in the artistic and literary world in the early 20th century – Renishaw, also boasts one of England’s oldest vineyards which are holding public tours in June (8th & 15th), August (3rd & 10th) and September (21st).
http://www.renishaw-hall.co.uk/your-visit/vineyard.aspx

City of London Festival
Summer 2014
The annual City of London Festival will once again animate the Square Mile in 2014 with its customary extravaganza of music, dance, art, film, poetry, family and participation events, transforming some of the City’s most iconic venues and outdoor spaces into a wealth of creative activity for everyone to enjoy. The next City of London Festival will be full of surprises with new director, Paul Gudgin.
http://www.colf.org/

4 June – 21 September
This exhibition will offer a sensitive examination of the couple’s prolific output during their early time together and a rare opportunity to see their views of the same landscapes, seascapes, still lifes and portraits, some of the most memorable works of the period. Showcasing over 80 works the exhibition will chart the Nicholsons’ journey from London to Switzerland, Cumberland and Cornwall, the evolution in Winifred’s use of colour and Ben’s consideration of form and movement. Spanning ten years of exciting artistic exchange, this is the first exhibition to consider the group of artists in the same context, over a period that shaped the careers of Ben and Winifred Nicholson irrevocably.
www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk

Mondrian and his Studios: Abstraction into the World, Tate Liverpool
6 June – 5 October
Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (1872–1944) was one of the most important contributors to the development of abstract art at the beginning of the 20th century. This brand new exhibition, which commemorates the 70th anniversary of the artist’s death, provides fresh insights into Mondrian’s practice and explores his relationship with architecture and urbanism.
www.tate.org.uk

Colour, National Gallery
18 June - 7 September
The first of its kind in Britain – this exhibition offers visitors an exceptional opportunity to take a journey through the history of colour by exploring the wide-ranging materials used to create colour in paintings and other works of art. Using the Gallery’s own spectacular paintings across the breadth of the collection, and the world-class expertise of the National Gallery’s scientific
department, visitors will understand not only the history of the use of colour, but also the origins and developments of the physical materials themselves. By following trade routes and exploring artistic experimentation over 700 years, the exhibition explores the material problems faced by artists in achieving their painterly aims.
http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

**Greenwich+Docklands International Festival**  
20 - 28 June  
Opening on midsummer’s day, GDIF returns with a thrilling line-up of inspiring UK and international outdoor arts. Prepare for a packed programme of eye-popping spectacles, innovative outdoor theatre, and the country’s biggest programme of outdoor dance as well as ingenious and surprising art installations.  
http://www.festival.org/

**Wimbledon Championships, All England Club**  
23 June - 6 July  
The Wimbledon Championships is the oldest tennis tournament in the world, and widely considered to be the biggest and the most prestigious. It has been held at the All England Club since 1877. It is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, the other three majors being the Australian Open, French Open and US Open. Wimbledon is the only Major still played on grass, the game's original surface, which gave the game its original name of “lawn tennis”.  
http://www.wimbledon.com/index.html

**U.Dance 2014: National Youth Dance Festival**  
26 - 29 June  
Over 400 young dancers will descend upon Nottingham for a celebration of dance, made for and by young people. The event will showcase the breadth and diversity of youth dance that is being created across Britain. At Nottingham Playhouse, you will be able to see three inspiring and distinctive performances of new work in a range of dance styles from dance theatre to vogueing, hip hop to ballet and contemporary to kathak.  
www.dance4.co.uk

**Leigh Folk Festival**  
27 - 29 June  
The largest free folk festival in the UK, featuring international and local musical performers, traditional and contemporary dance, children's events, ceilidhs, workshops, street theatre, comedy, film and much, much more.  
www.leighfolkfestival.com

**Nott Just Ballet**  
27 June  
A week of dance workshops for 60 local young people to build confidence, self-esteem and artistic skills will culminate in a one-off special performance on the world class stage at Nottingham Theatre Royal during the run of La Fille Mal Gardée by Birmingham Royal Ballet at the theatre.  
www.dance4.co.uk

**Bollyero at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground**  
28 June  
Enjoy a spectacular performance of dance during the outfield pre-match and interval at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. For one day only, fusing Torvill & Dean’s Bolero with South Asian dance, choreographer Laura Savage will be working with BTEC performing arts dance students from Rushey Mead School, Leicester to create ‘Bollyero’.  
www.trentbridge.co.uk

**Byron Festival, Hucknall, Nottingham**  
28 June – 6 July 2014
Every year the International Byron Festival takes place in Hucknall at places associated with the romantic poet and celebrates the life and works in the town that he was buried. This ever-popular annual festival welcomes visitors from far and wide to join local residents at this family-friendly event, and features a variety of activities to suit all ages.
http://www.ashfield-dc.gov.uk

July

**Splendour, Wollaton Park, Nottingham**

*July 2014*

Set in a 500 acre deer park and home to the stunning Elizabethan mansion Wollaton Hall, Splendour Festival has grown to become Nottingham’s largest outdoor music event, attracting over 20,000 people of all ages. Internationally-renowned artists will once again share the stage with local talent for this one-day, family-friendly festival. Previous events have seen the likes of Blondie, Scissor Sisters, Dizzie Rascal and Nottingham’s very own star, Jake Bugg, take on the main stage in 2013.

http://www.splendourfestival.com/

**Liverpool Biennial**

*6 July – 26 October*

Liverpool Biennial unfolds through a programme of exhibitions and projects that lead to a rediscovery of the city. Newly commissioned and existing artworks and projects are presented in diverse locations, including unusual and unexpected public spaces as well as the city’s galleries, museums and cultural venues.

http://liverpoolbiennial.co.uk

**Jam On A Tram**

*5 July*

For one day only, enjoy a tram ride with a difference, as members of Nottinghamshire's own eNGine Collective bring the journey to life through movement. Choreographed by New Zealand dance artist, Sacha Copland, expect high energy, physical comedy and outrageous scenarios as the Collective interact with one another and the many unsuspecting audience members.

www.dance4.co.uk

**Tour de France 2014, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and The Mall**

*7 July*

See the world’s top cyclists race past London landmarks including Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace to finish at The Mall. After setting off from Yorkshire, the Tour de France Grand Depart will arrive at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and then into central London.

www.visitlondon.com/events

**Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate**

*8 – 10 July*

There were over 130,000 visitors to last year’s Great Yorkshire Show, and this year’s show promises to be just as huge, coming only days after the Tour de France has bid a fond au revoir to Yorkshire. With something for absolutely everybody, it’s well worth a day-trip to Great Yorkshire Showground.

www.gretyorkshireshow.co.uk

**Hampton Court Palace Flower Show**

*8 - 13 July*

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is the world's largest annual flower show. As well as the stunning floral displays, you can learn about growing your own fruit and vegetables, get tips on gardening in a changing climate, and shop for garden products. This RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) spectacle is the largest of its kind in the world and for six days in July thousands of gardening fans can see, smell and touch an abundance of floral delights.

http://www.rhs.org.uk/
Louis Kahn: The Power of Architecture, Design Museum
9 July - 12 October
The American architect Louis Kahn (1901-1974) is regarded as one of the great master builders of the Twentieth Century. Kahn created buildings of monumental beauty with powerful universal symbolism. This exhibition encompasses an unprecedented and diverse range of architectural models, original drawings, travel sketches, photographs and films.

English vs. India, Trent Bridge, Nottingham
9 – 12 July
After playing host during the first test of the sold-out 2013 Ashes between England and Australia, July 2013 was Trent Bridge’s busiest month, with more than 125,000 fans streaming through the gates. The city will be thriving with international visitors again in 2014 and Trent Bridge will be an array of culture and excitement as it is to host England vs. India in the Investec test and NatWest series one day international.
http://trentbridge.co.uk/

Ships, Clocks & Stars: The Quest for Longitude, National Maritime Museum
11 July 2014 – 4 January 2015
Why is it that Greenwich in London is the prime meridian, dividing the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres? This fascinating exhibition delves into the most fiercely debated intellectual battle of the Georgian age – to solve the riddle of longitude. Discover the heroes who conquered longitude and changed our world forever.
http://www.rmg.co.uk/

War Stories, Brighton
12 July - January 2015
As part of the Royal Pavilion & Museums season of remembrance there will be a major exhibition at the museum commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. The exhibition will tell the story of WWI through the life stories of 12 real people. By looking at the experiences of a range of individuals it will consider the impact of war time and the resonance of it throughout a lifetime.
www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk

The Duke of Essex Polo
12 - 13 July
A fun-filled day of spectacular day and night entertainment, socialising and world-class polo. Show jumping, skydiving displays, jousting and funfair attractions and of course a high-adrenaline polo match where the teams battle for the illustrious Duke of Essex Trophy.
www.dukeofessexpolo.co.uk

Live Bolero
12 July
Iconic spaces across Nottingham and the East Midlands will be brought to life with the incredible sounds and moves of Torvill & Dean's unforgettable choreography, from the Sarajevo 1984 Winter Olympics. Working with professional dancers, hundreds of people from all walks of life are taking part by learning sections of the routine, and the choreography will be presented to the public, and will mark the spectacular finale to In Notts We Love Dance.
www.dance4.co.uk

The War & Peace Revival
16 - 20 July
The organisers of War and Peace Revival have lots of things planned to recognise the three important moments in history being commemorated in 2014. Highlights include the exciting Vintage Village - a peaceful haven with displays of vintage Rolls Royce from the 1920s to 1960s, an RAF camp featuring the full-sized replica Spitfire, Hurricane and "captured" Me 109 and the Home Front area with a wartime pub, shop, Women's Voluntary Service providing tea and refreshments to bombed out householders.
www.warandpeacerevival.co.uk

The Proms, Royal Albert Hall
18 July - 13 September
The BBC Proms, or simply The Proms, is an eight-week summer season of daily classical music concerts and many more other related events. The Proms are held annually mostly in Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, London, but also in London's Cadogan Hall and several parks throughout the whole country.
http://www.royalalberthall.com/

Newcastle Triathlon, Newcastle
19 July 2014
The Newcastle Triathlon is an exciting new event unfolding in July 2014 against the backdrop of the destination's iconic architecture including the Tyne Bridge, Gateshead Millennium Bridge and Sage Gateshead. Thousands from all over the UK and further afield will descend on the fabulous quayside for the first edition of the event, brought to the destination by VO2 Max Racing Events, supported by Triathlon England and Newcastle City Council, and will see athletes of all abilities cheered on to a grand finish and well-deserved medal by the gathered crowds. A Saturday schedule enables everyone to enjoy an exciting day of sport then keep the party going into the small hours by enjoying the city's vibrant night-life.
www.thenewcastletriathlon.co.uk

Pride London 2014
19 - 27 July 2014
Join the party as thousands of people take to the streets for Pride London, a major celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and culture. Pride London is Europe's largest non-ticketed event. The parade (usually in early July), featuring floats and music, is always one of the most vibrant events in the London calendar.
http://londoncommunitypride.org/

200th Anniversary of Mansfield Park, Warwickshire
21 – 23 July
Stoneleigh Abbey, once the country seat of Jane Austen’s relatives ‘the Leighs’, will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the publication of Mansfield Park, a novel written by Jane Austen and published in 1814. The Abbey will also host a stage production of Northanger Abbey, the first of Jane’s novels to be completed for publication. The production will be performed by Jadis Shadows Theatre Company from 21 - 23 July.
www.stoneleighabbey.org

Hamlet Underground, Bristol
21 – 26 July
Hamlet Underground is a 75-minute adaptation of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, brought to Bristol Shakespeare Festival by professional London-based theatre company Butterfly. Butterfly is renowned for bringing classic texts vividly to life in extraordinary settings, creating site-specific productions underground to intrigue and amaze. Expect a culmination of eerie song, superb costume and exquisite acting as you enter an underground world of vengeance, ghosts and a son who has to make the hardest decision of his life.
http://www.bristolshakespearefestival.org.uk/

Coppélia, London Coliseum
23 - 27 July
Coppélia, is the comic tale of an eccentric toymaker and his mechanical doll. Dr Coppélius, the toymaker, has created the lifelike Coppélia doll and wishes for nothing more than to bring her to life. English National Ballet’s time honoured production is choreographed by Ronald Hynd. Léo Delibes’ melodic score is played by English National Ballet’s full orchestra. For more information contact Nicola.
http://www.eno.org/about/eno-past/history-of-the-coliseum
SkyRide Newcastle
NewcastleGateshead Quayside
26 July
Join us for a fantastic traffic-free bike ride in NewcastleGateshead this July. Sky Ride NewcastleGateshead is a great opportunity to ride with family and friends in the city centre this summer. There'll be loads of free things for the whole family to do on the day, so get your bikes ready and come and join us!
www.goskyride.com/newcastle

Royal Childhood, Buckingham Palace, London
26 July – 28 September 2014
From well-loved toys and treasured family gifts to tiny childhood outfits, a special exhibition at Buckingham Palace will give an unprecedented glimpse into life as a young member of the royal family growing up at Buckingham Palace. The exhibition will bring together both family and official gifts presented to royal children, as well as displaying many outfits and toys, including the Queen’s favourite rocking horse as a child. The silk-satin and lace christening robe worn by Prince George, a replica of the original royal christening robe commissioned by Queen Victoria, will also be shown.
http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/exhibitions/royal-childhood

Valour, Loss & Sacrifice: Chatham, the Royal Navy and the War at Sea, 1914-1918
26 July - 30 November
Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, this exhibition portrays the significant role played by Chatham Dockyard, its workers and the Chatham Port Division of the Royal Navy in the 'Great War', shown through the eyes of those who served. Four years of sacrifice and loss will be depicted using objects and artefacts drawn mainly from The Historic Dockyard's own collection.
www.thedockyard.co.uk

RHS Garden Hyde Hall Flower Show
31 July - 3 August
This four-day flagship event gives you the chance to combine a visit to this inspirational Essex garden along with the opportunity to buy a fantastic range of plants, garden sundries and ornaments. All exhibiting nurseries will have floral displays to excite and inspire you.
www.rhs.org.uk/hydehall

August

Robin Hood Festival, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire
4 – 10 August 2014
Wander through the medieval village and meet strolling jousters and entertainers, discover medieval crafts and music, enjoy jousting contests and a falconry display and try your hand at archery in the forest made famous by Robin Hood. This week-long festival is your chance to meet Robin Hood and his merry men and see them take on the Sheriff.
http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhoodfestival/

Epstein: The Man Who Made The Beatles, Leicester Square Theatre
5 August - 6 September
The Man Who Made The Beatles, the long-awaited play about the legendary music manager Brian Epstein will open at London’s Leicester Square Theatre in Summer 2014 for an initial 6-week run. The play is a window into the private world of the music entrepreneur whose stellar career as Beatles Manager made him a household name yet whose controversial personal life remained very much in the closet.
http://www.leicestersquaretheatre.com/

EAT! NewcastleGateshead 2014
NewcastleGateshead Initiative’s acclaimed festival of adventures in food, EAT! NewcastleGateshead, returns for an eighth year in 2014. Championing local food producers, restaurants and culinary talent in NewcastleGateshead and North East England, its eclectic and imaginative events programme helps people to see food in a brand new way. Tasty favourites including The Big EAT! Weekend will be served up once again, with a second helping set to tantalise food lovers in February 2015.
www.eatnewcastlegateshead.com

Prudential RideLondon
9 - 10 August
The mass-participation cycling event is back in London in 2014 after a brilliantly successful first year. The two-day cycling festival will allow families and amateur riders to take part, as well as attracting the world’s best elite cyclists. There will be fun rides for cyclists of all ages and abilities who want to enjoy the fun of cycling in a traffic-free environment. The route will pass many of Central London’s famous landmarks. The 100 mile race will appeal to the world’s top elite cyclists and amateur cyclists alike, starting at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, taking in roads in London and Surrey and finishing in Central London.
http://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/

Alt-Fest, South-East England
15 – 17 August
Alt-Fest is a new alternative music festival confirmed to take place in 2014 at a 50,000 capacity site in south-east England. It’s set to feature five live music stages, presenting Goth, Metal and Industrial acts, plus the ‘best-of-the-next’ on a newcomers stage, and the absolute ‘best-of-the-best’ on a punter voted main stage line-up. Alt-Fest will also present a massive clubbing marquee, to be hosted by a different ‘name’ event team each night, a circus big top, an alternative traders’ field, fairground rides and an artists’ village, showcasing installations, body art and sculptures taking shape over the weekend.
www.alt-fest.com

V Festival
16 - 17 August
Hylands Park, Chelmsford
Annual music festival held in England during the penultimate weekend in August. The event is held at two parks simultaneously which share the same bill; artists perform at one location on Saturday and then swap on Sunday. Previous performers include Stereophonics, Calvin Harris, Beyoncé and Kings of Leon.
www.vfestival.com

Clacton Airshow
21 & 22 August
2014 will see 23 fabulous years of the annual show based in the stunning Tendring District along the Essex Sunshine Coast. Impressive aerobatic displays take to the skies whilst a whole host of exhibition, trade stands, food court and onsite entertainment are available at ground level.
www.clactonairshow.com

Notting Hill Carnival
25 - 26 August
The award winning and internationally renowned annual London Carnival rooted in the Caribbean tradition includes a series of linked events from July to August that culminate in the major event on the streets of Notting Hill on August Bank Holiday.
http://www.thenottinghillcarnival.com/about/

To Kill a Mockingbird, Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre
28 August - 13 September
The 2013 production of To Kill a Mockingbird will return to the venue in 2014. Concluding next year’s season, the production will then embark on a UK tour.
http://openairtheatre.com/production/to-kill-a-mockingbird
**September**

**The Sherlock Holmes exhibition, Museum of London, LONDON**

*Autumn 2014*

This exciting exhibition delves into Victorian London, analysing one of the most famous Londoners of all time. Doyle tells the story about the consulting detective and his infamous companion, John Watson, while Britain was one of the most dominant powers. He portrays an interesting relationship between Holmes and the city of London, which is investigated by the Museum, analysing his fascination.

www.museumoflondon.org.uk

**Making modern communications, Science Museum, LONDON**

*Autumn 2014*

This new, permanent exhibition explores the history of information and communication technologies. It will tell powerful stories about how these technologies have shaped our world over the last 200 years, showcasing never-seen-before objects and the most advanced multimedia and interpretive techniques.

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

**DH Lawrence Festival, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire**

*September*

Celebrate one of the UK’s most controversial authors with a celebration in his hometown of Eastwood. A programme of talks, exhibitions, readings, special events and workshops will explore the different facets of D.H. Lawrence’s works and personalities. Previous events have seen special exhibitions of some of Lawrence’s rare writings and paintings. Whilst in the area, explore more of D.H. Lawrence’s life and heritage by visiting some of the sites that inspired his writings. Take a stroll in the town of Eastwood and browse the market, or head to the Moorgreen Reservoir, a pretty and melancholic stretch of water which appears in many of Lawrence’s novels, such as *Women in Love*.

www.dhlawrenceheritage.org

**Falmouth-Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta 2014**

*5 - 9 September*

This event will see around fifty of the world’s most spectacular Tall Ships berthed and open to the public in the historic Queen’s Wharf in Falmouth Docks. From there the race is on, with the Tall Ships setting sail and navigating a series of waypoints to a finish line off the Isle of Wight. The final leg of the journey sees them cruise into Royal Greenwich, where they will be stationed between 5-9 September, marking the first time in 25 years that London has played host to a major International Tall Ships Regatta.

http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/events/2014-falmouth-royal-greenwich-tall-ships-regatta-

**Swim Scilly**

*6 September 2014*

Adventure Scilly is launching the islands’ first swim challenge, giving swimmers the opportunity to swim between all of the inhabited islands in a single day.

http://www.swimtrek.com/Home/Package-Search/Package-Details?pkcode=Scil

**WWI commemoration at Hylands House**

*14 September*

Displays about Essex people and places during the War, the use of Hylands as a military hospital as well as a series of speakers talking about different aspects of the War in Essex such as Zeppelin raids; men who joined up; women at work; casualty rates and more. Part of Heritage Open Days weekend.

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/hylands

**Constable: The Making of a Master, V&A**

*20 September 2014 - 11 January 2015*
This exhibition will reveal the hidden stories of how Constable created some of his most loved and well-known paintings. It will present Constable’s work for the first time alongside the old masters of classical landscape such as Ruisdael and Claude whose compositional ideas and formal values he revered and studied in great depth. The exhibition will also examine Constable’s collection of over 5000 etchings, a vital resource for his own image making, as well as the mezzotints of his paintings made in the last decade of his life to secure his lasting legacy.
http://www.vam.ac.uk

Information Age, Science Museum
September 2014
A new £15.6m permanent gallery that will use sophisticated interactive displays and engaging participative experiences to reveal personal stories about how our lives have been transformed by communication innovations over the last 200 years. The gallery will occupy the largest exhibition space in the Museum, and will feature hundreds of unique objects from the Science Museum’s world class collections, many of which have never been seen before.
http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

October

Robin Hood Pageant, Nottingham Castle, Nottingham
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Meet Maid Marian and see Robin Hood and his Merry Men fight the Sheriff and his men in front of King Richard I. From living history demonstrations, wandering minstrels and historical entertainers, try your hand at archery or attend jousting performances by the Knights of Nottingham.
http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/pageant

Rembrandt: The Final Years, the National Gallery
15 October 2014 – 18 January 2015
The exhibition, in collaboration with the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, is the first ever in-depth, focused exploration of Rembrandt’s late works across all media. Rembrandt: The Final Years will bring together approximately 40 paintings, 20 drawings and 30 prints by the master, to offer visitors a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the passion and innovation of Rembrandt’s late works. The exhibition will highlight the formal and iconographic concerns that occupied Rembrandt during the later years and inspired unprecedented creativity that defines our image of Rembrandt. The display will include key works lent by European and American museums.
http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/

Cairo to Constantinople: Early Photographs of the Middle East, The Queen’s Gallery
31 October 2014 – 22 February 2015
In 1862, the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) was sent on an educational tour of the Middle East, accompanied by the British photographer Francis Bedford. This exhibition documents the journey through the work of Bedford, the first photographer to join a royal tour and explores the cultural and political significance Victorian Britain attached to the region. The display includes archaeological material brought back to Britain by the Prince, including an Egyptian papyrus inscribed with the Amduat, a memorial text which describes the journey through the Underworld of Ra, the Egyptian sun god.

November

Painting Canada 2: Emily Carr and the Indigenous Art of the Northwest Coast
1 November 2014 – 22 February 2015
This will showcase over 100 paintings produced by Carr between 1912 and 1939 including a focused selection of Carr’s watercolours and sketchbook drawings – less well-known even in Canada as well as the inclusion of reference material highlighting the importance of Indigenous Art as an influence for Carr. The exhibition will trace a dramatic trajectory from darkness to light. Visitors will first encounter Carr’s brooding, often claustrophobic forest scenes. The show will culminate in a display of Carr’s later euphoric sky paintings, rhythmic light-filled beach scenes and clear-cut landscapes.
Lord Mayor’s Show, London
8 November
The Lord Mayor’s Show is one of the world’s oldest and best-loved pageants. Having survived eight centuries, the procession fills the streets from Mansion House to the Royal Courts of Justice in Aldwych. In 2014 the show will be celebrating the 800th year of the Mayoral Charter.
http://www.lordmayorsshow.org/

Juice Festival 2014, Newcastle
24 October – 2 November
NewcastleGateshead’s award-winning festival for children, young people and their families returns for its eighth year this October half term. The 10-day festival showcases outstanding work created by children and young people as well as a family friendly programme delivered by regional, national and international artists.
www.juicefestival.co.uk

December
Riverdance - The 20th Anniversary Tour, Hammersmith Apollo
10 - 13 December 2014
Riverdance 20th Anniversary Tour will visit 16 venues across the UK including a stint at the Hammersmith Apollo. With an incredible two decades of global success since the show first burst into the public’s heart at the Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin in 1994, this is an unmissable chance for UK audiences to reconnect with Riverdance.
http://riverdance.com/uk/

Burning the Clocks, Brighton
21 December
The dark grip of long wintry nights is broken by a flicker of light… Started in 1993, Burning the Clocks represents an alternative to the commercial Christmas, and celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2013. Thousands of people gather to make paper and willow lanterns to carry through the city before burning them on the beach as a token for the end of the year and to greet the lengthening days.
www.burningtheclocks.co.uk

NewcastleGateshead Winter Festival
31 December
New Year’s Eve always signals a time to celebrate, and NewcastleGateshead presents one of the biggest events across the country in the New Year’s Eve Winter Carnival. For night owls staying in town to celebrate the stroke of midnight in restaurants, bars and attractions along the quayside, don’t miss the New Year’s Eve Midnight Fireworks, the perfect end to the New Year’s Eve festivities.
www.NewcastleGateshead.com/winterfestival