

# *Willow House Caravan Park*

## Autumn Blog

Whether you're a new visitor visiting our beautiful city, a returning lover of York or a lucky resident, I'm hoping this blog will inspire you for things to do this autumn.

Autumn is a funny time of year. The weather is changeable, and the glorious long warm days of summer are sadly firmly behind us and it can leave us all feeling uninspired and drawn to the comforts of 'home'. On the other hand, it brings a sense of excitement. The run up to the big 'C' word (I daren't say it) Autumn in York should be experienced by all, with the help of a coat and an umbrella of course!

So, without further ado the list below in chronological order is just a fraction of some of the delights you can expect to find going on in and around York in September, November and December!

## ~ SEPTEMBER ~

### **York Mystery Plays on Wagons: 9<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> , 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The York Mystery Plays will be staged again in 2018 on pageant wagons in the city's streets. The York Mystery Plays are a cultural treasure that the city is rightly proud of. Beyond the religious significance, they represent the values of community and togetherness as they draw on the talents of local people, who gladly give their time to present these iconic plays to the people of Yorkshire and beyond. In 2018 for the first time an additional torch-lit evening performance will be held. Find out more at [www.yorkmysteryplays.co.uk](http://www.yorkmysteryplays.co.uk)

### **York National Book Fair: 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

From modest beginnings with just 20 exhibitors at the White Swan Inn in York in 1974, the York Book Fair has grown into the largest rare and collectable books fair in the UK. Held over two days, over 220 of the country's leading booksellers offer a breath-taking diversity of books, as well as posters, ephemera, manuscripts, maps and prints, ranging in price from just a few pounds up to tens of thousands of pounds. Besides booksellers there will also be bookbinders, paper restorers, calligraphers and others in the associated trades' area. [www.yorkbookfair.com](http://www.yorkbookfair.com) Press contact: Tony Fothergill, Email [tony@kenspelman.com](mailto:tony@kenspelman.com), Tel: 01904 624414. Janette Ray, Email: [books@janetteray.co.uk](mailto:books@janetteray.co.uk), Tel: 01904 623088.

### **York Beer Festival: 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Calling all beer and cider lovers, this is one for you! Held at the prestigious York racecourse, you can join other enthusiasts and divulge in over 480 real ales, 100+ ciders, a UK Key Keg bar, Foreign beer bar, wines + soft drinks. Held in a huge marquee with a beer garden and food stalls- I'm sold, see you

all there! Opening times, contact details and prices are as follows; General Public: Wed 5-11pm, Thu-Sat 12noon-11pm. Entry: Wed £3.50 (CAMRA members £1.50); Thu £4.50 (members £2.50); Fri/Sat £5.50 (members £3.50). Children welcome until 8PM. For details contact [staffing@yorkbeerfestival.org.uk](mailto:staffing@yorkbeerfestival.org.uk) More details [yorkbeerfestival.org.uk](http://yorkbeerfestival.org.uk) and [facebook.com/yorkbeerfest](https://facebook.com/yorkbeerfest) Twitter: @beerfestyork. Website: [yorkbeerfestival.org.uk](http://yorkbeerfestival.org.uk).

### **York Food and Drink Festival: 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

York Food and Drink Festival will offer day and evening events from wine tastings, talks and food tastings to cookery demonstrations and hands on workshops in some of the city's iconic historic buildings. A more detailed programme to be confirmed in 2017. Public contact: For full programme and tickets visit the website at [www.yorkfoodfestival.com](http://www.yorkfoodfestival.com) Press contact: Michael Hjort, email: [admin@yorkfoodfestival.com](mailto:admin@yorkfoodfestival.com), Tel: 01904 635149.

### **Yorks Little Festival of live music: 21<sup>st</sup> September- 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**5-9pm**

Held in The music marquee found on Parliament Street, this year's music festival will feature renowned Yorkshire folk and rock n' roll group the Jon Palmer Band; well-known American Brit-Pop band Bull who have recently returned from a successful tour across the UK, America and Europe; voice of an angel Edwina Hayes, who has won her reputation as a true natural talent of gentle folk-Americana; and renowned folk musician Boss Caine. Other acts who will be performing include Molly Teasdale, The Rusty Pegs, Andy Doonan, Stan Smith, Laura Kindelan, Ava Rose and Peter Hyndman, Leather'o, Bruni, The Bronze, Paul Lewis, The Southern Wild, Union Jill, White Sail, Ramona Rose, Jack Parker, Flora Greysteel, Ava Rose and Charlie Daykin, Evie Barrand, Casee Wilson, Smith n Wallace, Nick Hall, the memorising Rachel Croft who is one of the finest independent musicians performing alternative folk music, award-winning pop and soul performer Jess Gardham and North Lincolnshire's folk extravaganza Ramble Gamble. For more information contact [yorkslivemusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:yorkslivemusicfestival@gmail.com) 01904 635149

### **York International Balloon Fiesta: 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The skies of York will be transformed once again this year when the city welcomes its second hot air balloon festival following the success of last year's flight. A total of more than 40 hot air balloons, from all across the UK, will fly across York while a fun packed festival-style weekend takes place below. Visitors and residents can watch the balloons lift off from the Knavesmire while they explore the funfair complete with Victorian inspired rides, live music, a beer tent and tasty street food stalls from Yorkshire vendors.

**~ OCTOBER ~**

**York Mediale: 27<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Founded as a major international event to celebrate York's designation as a UNESCO City of Media Arts, the first York Mediale will take place in Autumn 2018. The festival will celebrate, showcase and demonstrate the world's leading artists and technologists, and bring the beautiful city to life with mind blowing art, performances, workshops and installations. Engaging over 100,000 people in cutting edge media arts, the festival will provide a platform for innovative art and technology to tell York's stories in places people least expect it. [www.cityofmediaarts.com/mediale](http://www.cityofmediaarts.com/mediale)

### **October Finale Races day: 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Visit York Racecourse for its final race meeting of the season, The Countryside Race day and The Coral sprint trophy. Get your glad rags on for the county stand or enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the grandstand & paddock. York Racecourse is always a fantastic day out. A variety of tickets are available, and prices vary. Please do visit the York racecourse website for more information <https://www.yorkracecourse.co.uk/racing-fixtures.html>.

### **York Guildhall Orchestra - Brahms & Beethoven: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**7:30pm to 9:30pm**

Held at York Barbican, a welcome return for Martin Roscoe sees one of this country's foremost interpreters of Beethoven perform the third piano concerto. The concert is top and tailed by Brahms, his turbulent Tragic Overture and the wonderful fourth symphony with the famous Passacaglia final movement. Tickets are £25.30, £21.95, £17.45. Kids £6.20. OAP discount. Contact 0844 854 2757 for more information.

## **~ NOVEMBER ~**

### **Aesthetica Short Film Festival (ASFF): 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The BAFTA Qualifying Aesthetica Short Film Festival (ASFF) is organised by Aesthetica, an international art and culture publication. The festival was launched in 2011 and takes place annually at the beginning of November in York. ASFF champions outstanding filmmaking talent and expands audience choice by showcasing 300 stunning films from across the world in 18 of the city's most iconic venues. The films span a diverse range of genres, including advertising, animation, artists' film, comedy, dance, documentary, drama, experimental, fashion, music video and thriller. 2018 will be the festival's eighth year and will be celebrated with an even bigger programme of films and networking opportunities that make the festival a must-attend event for all filmmakers and film fans. [www.asff.co.uk](http://www.asff.co.uk)

### **Living North Christmas fair: 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Get yourselves into the Christmas spirit by visiting the Living North Christmas fair at York racecourse and find yourselves or your loved ones some unique gifts from over 250 of the best local traders and designers. Yorkshire has become renowned for its huge collection of award-winning local artisan food and drink producers and our eclectic food hall let you discover some of the most tasty and tempting treats the region has to offer from liqueurs, hampers and chocolate goodies to sausages,

wagyu beef and DIY pizzas! Pick up a trick or two...Over the years the Chef Demonstration Theatre has grabbed a lot of attention with some of Yorkshire's finest chefs giving you all of the culinary tips and tricks you need to impress your friends and family. You can find out more at <https://www.livingnorth.com/northeast/events/essence-christmas-york/essence-christmas-york> including opening times, ticket prices and exhibitors lists.

### **York Christmas Festival and St Nicholas Fair: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2018**

York St Nicholas Christmas Festival takes place annually, now extended to run from mid-November to 23rd December. The popular St Nicholas Fair in Parliament Street will run for the full 35 days too, with extended opening times. Snug wooden chalets dressed in pretty garlands and twinkling lights will line Parliament Street and extend into St Sampson's Square. Adding to the festive atmosphere, stallholders will be selling a range of gifts including jewellery such as Whitby jet, ceramics, homewares, crafts and Yorkshire produce such as locally made wines and cheeses. [www.visitYork.org/christmas](http://www.visitYork.org/christmas)

To name but a few, these are some of the more popular, well known events in York at this time of year. You will find a great deal more for a huge variety of audiences on websites such as VisitYork, The Press, YorkMix, MakeitYork, MinsterFM, Skiddle and York360.

If your visiting us please do let us know of any events you attended that you enjoyed, equally local tourist attractions, bars and restaurants. We love to share local hotspots and hidden gems with our other customers!

Thank you for reading

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