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Horse Trials**
17-19 May

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in Derbyshire

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your garden

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Welcome to the May edition of Westside.

Our attention turns to the Chatsworth International Horse Trials this month, which return to the Derbyshire estate from 17-19 May. Chatsworth will once again host the British leg of the FEI Nations Cup which brings an international focus to the competition.

Elsewhere we look out how you can keep the family entertained in Derbyshire without breaking the bank, look out how you can spruce up your outdoor spaces, and speak to some 'men in business'.

We also look at how you can be part of this year's restaurant awards and have our usual mix of fashion, beauty, homes, motoring and more.

See you next month.

Richard Abbey
Executive Editor



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The best things in life **ARE FREE**

Entertaining the family doesn't have to cost the earth. From parks and gardens to museums and walks, we've found lots of things to do, and it won't cost you a penny. By Kiera Wilcox.

Ways to Play trail at Chatsworth Estate

Ways to Play is a trail for children – big, small and young at heart. Located in the beautiful Chatsworth Estate in Bakewell, the grounds offer many free activities for families to get stuck into. Though the trail through the garden does require a house and garden ticket, the trail through Stand Wood is completely free for children to explore and enjoy. The trail gives children the chance to use the materials given to them by nature and use their imaginations, such as building a secret den, racing boats made of leaves and sticks down the stream or use them to make their own art. Become a detective and identify all the amazing wildlife the woods are home to like birds or butterflies. The trail encourages kids to take in their surroundings, noticing every smell, sound and sights that the great outdoors offers.

Buxton Museum and Art Gallery

Learn about local history at the Buxton Museum and Art Gallery. With a focus on a collection of geology, history and archaeology mainly from the Peak District and Derbyshire, there is a plethora of information to be learned for visitors of all ages. Entrance to the museum and exhibitions is free of charge, giving people the opportunity to view over 12,000 objects on display, each telling the story of the area. Kids will especially enjoy The Wonders of the Peak District exhibit, showcasing the fascinating fossils of mammals that once roamed the Peak District such as scimitar-toothed cats and cave lions. There are

quizzes and activities that are sure to keep the kids entertained and engaged during their visit.

Hall Leys Park – Matlock

This picturesque park in the heart of Matlock is just a short walk from the station. Since it's opening in 1911, it has received awards and gained its 15th consecutive Green Flag Award from the Keep Britain Tidy group in 2022, making it one of the best parks in the UK. With its ample space with many seating options, it has hosted events, competitions and festivals, and the stunning surroundings of flower beds and trees make it a wonderful destination to take a stroll or enjoy a picnic in the grounds. Kids will want to make a beeline to the play areas and paddling pool open from Easter through to the summer months, making it a perfect place to visit during the school holidays. Families are spoilt for choice with a variety of activities in the park, such as the boating pool, skate park, miniature railway and bowling green. On the hotter days, delicious ice cream is available from one of the ice cream vans dotted around the park or grab a drink from the café. There is also an outdoor market held on Wednesdays, with a number of stalls to browse.

Queens Park - Chesterfield

Off Boythrope Road, Chesterfield is Queens Park, a stunning public park free for visitors to spend a relaxing day on the grounds. The park opened in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. In its heyday, the park brought in many visitors and was a popular

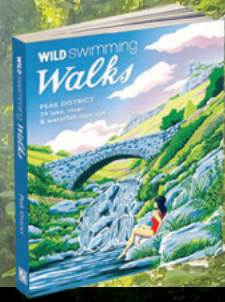
location for rallies and demonstrations. The Derbyshire Minors association even held their rally here in the 1890's with swingboats, coconut shies and roundabouts. Nowadays, the park has undergone a big restoration and offers a range of facilities. Located in the north side of the park is a café, situated ideally near the toddlers play area for any parents wanting to take a seat and grab a refreshing drink while the little ones play.

There's something for everyone as the park offers many fun activities to try out such as a boating lake, cricket grounds, tennis courts and a miniature railway. On occasion a local live brass band play in the park on Sunday afternoons during the summer, for everyone to sit and enjoy.

Robin Hood's Stride Walk

Robin Hood's Stride is a rocky formation near the village of Elton in Derbyshire. It is one of the best walks in the Peak District for any budding young climbers in the family as the boulders act as a perfect natural climbing frame for kids to play on and explore the local area whilst the parents kick back and relax with a flask of coffee. With an easy climb to the top, they will reach the viewpoint that promises fantastic views of the surrounding area including the Nine Stone Close stone circle.

On the walk there is a larger rock formation, Cratcliffe Tor, with a small cave at the base known as a "Hermit's Cave" and a stone crucifix dating back to the 13th-14th centuries. When you combine these sites, you end up with the perfect 3km walk for kids that will take a few hours to complete to allow further exploring time.



Wild swimming in the Rivelin Valley

Wild swimming offers a multitude of benefits, both physical and mental. It is a great way to stay active, disconnect from the stressors of day-to-day life and immerse yourself fully in nature and the water-based gems the region has to offer. Not to mention a refreshing break from the heat in the summer months (fingers crossed). Luckily, there are many options in the Peak District to choose from if you want to take a dip, many of which are revealed in a brand new book – *Wild Swimming Walks Peak District* by Matt Heason.

Just a short walk on the very edge of Sheffield, you'll find Rivelin Plunge Pool, a generously sized natural pool. Upon approaching you may hear the sound of children laughing as it is a popular spot for families to visit with good jumping potential of 3m, although it is best to be safe and check this out before taking the plunge.

Back in its day, the Rivelin Valley boasted 28 water-powered mills, with the earliest dating back to 1580. The walk first takes you through the wildness of the ancient woodlands, through to the remnants of the mills that can be seen to this day through the extensive network of goit channels, holding pools and dams that are still standing.

Fuel up for the walk at the delightful family-run Apple Shack Café, a lovely little shed just at the base of the idyllic Blackbrook Woods. Stop for a refreshing cup of tea or coffee and enjoy one of their delicious cakes.

Wild Swimming Walks Peak District is available from Wild Things Publishing and readers can receive 25 per cent off and free P&P with coupon code westside24 (offer price £11.25).

The Diary

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Words: Kiera Wilcox

Exhibition

Ways of Water

Until 12 May

Millennium Gallery

www.sheffieldmuseums.org.uk

The immersive exhibition brought to Sheffield by artists Helena Hunter and Mark Peter Wright (Matterlurgy) welcomes visitors to come and explore the relationship they have to water, how it shapes lives and lives shape it in return. Discover through film, photography and sculpture how our lives are intertwined with our local water infrastructure.

Stanhope Forbes,
Sheffield - River
and Smoking
Chimneys, 1915.
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Museums



Theatre

39 Steps

30 April – 4 May / Lyceum Theatre
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

A parody adaptation of the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock spy thriller follows the journey of hero Richard Hannay, from an average stuck up Brit to fugitive on the run with a beautiful blonde accomplice. Following its huge success with ten years on the West End and Broadway, the fast-paced gripping comedy thriller promises a delighting, riotous experience as the hero encounters murders and tries to save the country from a group of devious spies.

West Side Story

8-11 May / Sheffield City Hall
www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk

Sondheim lovers will not want to miss this one. Manor Operatic Society will be putting their own spin on the all-time classic musical West Side Story. The experience promises beautiful arrangements of iconic songs from West Side Story such as I Feel Pretty, Somewhere, Tonight, America and more.

Liberation Squares

28-29 May / Playhouse
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

A group of schoolgirls meet at a creative workshop and become unlikely friends. When they discover the workshop is connected to state surveillance “prevent” programme, they join forces to fight back. Will their friendships prevail as they explore different avenues of resistance? At a time when every teen struggles to cope with the challenges of adolescence, the girls must also navigate the complications of islamophobia and cultural erasure.

Comedy

Myles Jupp: On I Bang

7 May / Lyceum Theatre
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

In 2021 Myles suffered a seizure as a result of a brain tumour and lived to tell the tale, literally. The show takes the audience through the whole story of his seizure, diagnosis and recovery. In keeping with a quintessentially English approach to not taking it too seriously, Jupp puts an amusing yet elegant twist on a life-altering experience.

Music

Killer Queen

4 May
Sheffield City Hall
www.sheffieldcityhall.co.uk

Since 1993, Killer Queen, a tribute to one of the most infamous rock bands in history, has taken the Queen experience all over the world. With their expert musicianship and uncanny portrayal, they recreate the powerful live experience that mirrors the real deal.

Bryan Adams

19 May
Utilita Arena Sheffield
www.utilitaarenasheffield.co.uk

Returning for the 12th time, Canadian rocker Bryan Adams is back in the UK bringing his “So Happy It Hurts” tour to Sheffield Utilita Arena, performing songs from the grammy-nominated album like “On the Road”, “Kick Ass” and “Never Gonna Rain”, as well as his biggest hits.

Ed Cosens

24 May
Leadmill
www.leadmill.co.uk

Sheffield singer-songwriter and local music legend Ed Cosens (who you may have also seen shredding riffs for Reverend & The Makers and Milburn) sold out his last Sheffield show within hours – he brings the full band to Leadmill this May for a showcase of his wonderfully lush, intimate sound.

Jazz

Sheffield Jazz 50th Anniversary Concert

18 May / Crucible Theatre
www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk
Celebrate 50 years of Sheffield Jazz with 2 all-star bands comprised of award-winning musicians. Renowned UK Jazz musician Tony Kofi leads on saxophone with his quartet dedicated to the music of Thelonious Monk in an ode to Sheffield’s Jazz history. The concert will also feature up and comer Emma Rawicz, known for her fusion of afro-cuban, jazz and funk, she has been shaking things up in the jazz community.



Event

Open up Sheffield

4-6 May & 11-12 May
Various venues
openupsheffield.co.uk

Over 100 studios are opening their doors to the public to celebrate all things craft. Open up Sheffield has been running for 25 years, showcasing the cities array of individual artists and their work and celebrating the cultural vibrancy Sheffield has to offer. From ceramicists, printmakers, painters and more, the artists welcome you to visit their studios to explore and even purchase original pieces of work. Check out the individual artists pages for opening times across the five days.

Film

IF

24 May
Ever wondered what your imaginary friends would think of you now? The star-studded film IF, directed by John Krasinski, tells the story of Bea (Cailey Fleming), a young girl who possesses the ability to see the imaginary friends of grown-ups who have been forgotten. he discovers, through the help of The Man Upstairs (Ryan Reynolds) who has the same gift, that the Imaginary Friends (IF's for short) are not very happy about being left behind.