

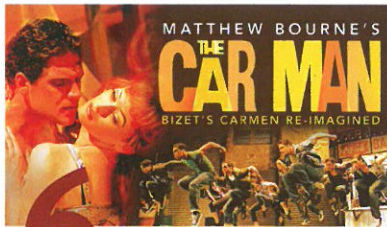
# Stay in >> go out >> enjoy

Elysia Agnew reveals some of this summer's most sizzling events

## 3 - 8 JULY

The classic tale of the trailblazing Jane is set to arrive on Tyneside this July. Following a critically-acclaimed season at the National Theatre, this masterpiece, based on the novel by Charlotte Brontë, is as inspiring as ever; a bold and dynamic production that uncovers one woman's fight for freedom. Directed by Sally Cookson, the classic adaptation with a contemporary twist is a collaboration between the National Theatre and the Bristol Old Vic. Following the story of the beloved Jane Eyre, who journeys through life's obstacles head-on, surviving as an orphan who falls into a life of poverty, injustice and the bitter betrayal of a loved one. With themes of love, determination, strength and sanity, it's a heartfelt production that will wow in all aspects from the vocals to the stage direction and more. Don't miss out on this classic tale told in cool, contemporary style at the Theatre Royal this summer.

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



## 6 JULY

Matthew Bourne's spectacular work returns to the North East with The Car Man this July. The Princess Alexandra Auditorium in Yarm will be screening this sensational dance show based on Bizet's popular opera (CARMEN) and has one of the most thrilling scores in classical music, brilliantly arranged by Terry Davies.

To set the scene: swap the 19th Century Spanish cigarette factory for a greasy 1960s American diner, where the dreams of a small-town are shattered by the arrival of a handsome stranger. It's a tale of desire, greed, lust, betrayal and revenge.

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



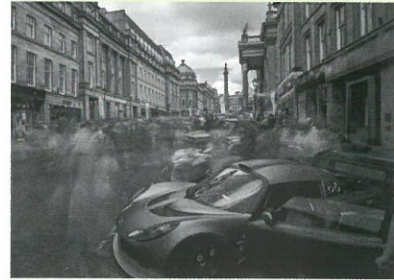
## 6 - 9 JULY

The Mouth of the Tyne Festival hits the North East coast this July.

Round up for a wealth of well-known rock bands, sensational singer-songwriters and stunning, cliffside views of the medieval Tynemouth Priory and Castle. The festival brings a marvellous mix of music, performing arts, food and crafts. The jazz stage at the top of Front Street is the go-to place for street performers and parades, while the Playhouse offers child-friendly activities, storytelling, music and creative making. This year's headliners include Elbow, Laura Marling and Tom Odell.

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

## GET INTO NEWCASTLE NE1



**8 & 9 JULY** The NE1 Newcastle Motor Show returns this July and is set to be the biggest and the best show yet. It's a spectacular event for car enthusiasts as Grey Street is turned into a playground for the motor industry. Visitors can get up close and personal with dream cars as luxury motors line the street. There are also trade stands, scheduled entertainment and world-renowned exhibits to browse.

## 7 JULY

Combine a random mix of American frat culture with martial arts, death metal, rodeos and Greek mythology - and you've got Theseus Beefcake, a journey into the dark labyrinth of masculinity. Book your tickets now to witness this unforgettable duet exploring masculine excess, friendship, fantasy and competition. Dance City will be holding a free pre-show talk where artistic directors will discuss the exciting themes and ideas behind the scenes of Theseus Beefcake.

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

## 7 JULY

Sample the very best of the region's real ales at Blackfriars Restaurant this summer. Whey Ale Man is a tasty event for local beer-lovers who wish to learn the secrets of the trade. The workshop will include eight beer samples and snacks to pick at throughout.

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



## 7 JULY

# GIN FESTIVAL

Calling all gin lovers... head to Wynyard Hall this summer for the ultimate Gin Festival. A celebration of the nation's favourite spirit, the festival will include gin demonstrations, over 50 different samples to try throughout the day, a cool combination of Fever-tree tonics, vodka and rum cocktails and great garnishes selected by Wynyard Hall's mixologist and taken from the site's Edible Garden. A fun, gin-fuelled event that will have gin lovers smiling from ear to ear.

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

## 11 JULY

Check in at the Live Theatre this July for An Evening with Nashville Songwriter, Will Hoge as he explores deeper into his country and rock-and-roll roots. Will Hoge has spent countless hours penning songs that he now wishes to share with a North East audience. Inspired by his travels, Hoge is an extremely prolific songwriter who shows passion and pure dedication in his music. He invites audiences to come together and feel the lyrics live this summer.

[www.live.org.uk](http://www.live.org.uk)

## 12 JULY

Celebrate this year's Durham BRASS Festival with an evening of jazz in the Undercroft Restaurant. The jazz-fuelled evening will come complete with a tapas-style three-course meal and drinks reception and will include music from BBC Big Band Quartet: Martin Shaw on the trumpet, Robin Aspland on the piano, Jeremy Brown on the bass and Tom Gordon on the drums. A musical spectacular not to be missed!

[durhamcathedral.co.uk/whatson/jazz](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk/whatson/jazz)

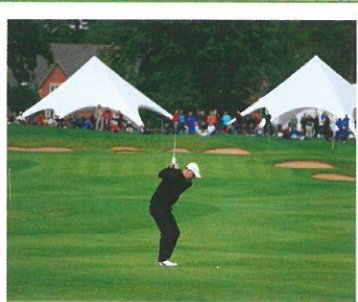
## 14 JUL - 6 AUG

The North East's premier comedy festival returns this summer. Jesterval will hold an exciting schedule of events as part of the Q Festival - a collaboration with Gateshead Council. The fab festival will run from Friday 15 July until Saturday 6 August.

Visitors are invited to wind down with a bit of comedy on Baltic Square. The Spielgelteent will play host to a vibrant mix of entertainers and activities for the little ones and grown ups alike. Jesterval will include a delicious gin festival with burlesque, immersive cinema, an electrifying family carnival day, crafts, storytelling, performances and DJs.

But best of all, Jesterval will host some of the finest comedians, from household names to our very own local talents. Make sure you check in for some belly-laughing fun with the whole family this summer.

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



## 11 JULY

Golfers - gear up for an exciting season of events at Rockliffe Hall, starting with July's Summer Open Pairs Golf Competition. Golfers are invited to play in this prestigious competition with prizes for first, second and third place teams. There'll be breakfast buffies available on arrival, as well as a cup of tea or coffee before you tee off. It's set to be a great day out on the greens.

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

## THROUGHOUT JULY & AUGUST

If a trip to the seaside isn't on the cards this summer, then look no further than the Quayside Seaside. The nights are getting lighter and the sun is getting warmer, so pack up a picnic and head to the pop-up beach on the banks of the Tyne for some sun-soaked fun. You'll get that toes-in-the-sand feeling in the heart of the city with deck chairs, palm trees, fresh food and a volleyball court and climbing wall to entertain activity-seekers.

## 25 JULY - 4 SEPTEMBER

Film-fanatics don't have to miss out on the sunshine days this summer as NE1's Screen On The Green returns to the heart of the city this summer. From 25 July to 4 September, film buffs can look forward to a full programme of free film screenings, including a whole host of family favourites, new movies and old classics. An outdoor cinema will be set up at Old Eldon Square for the entire school holidays. So, whether you're making the trip to catch your favourite film, or you fancy a bit of downtime, mid shopping trip, don't forget to check in at the Screen on the Green. Tweet your fab, film-loving pics to @newcastlene1 using the hashtag #NE1ScreenOnTheGreen.

## THROUGHOUT AUGUST

Loosen the buckle on your belt - it's that time of year again. Time for NE1 Newcastle Restaurant Week! As the city's foodie scene expands, the incredibly popular restaurant event returns with over 100 participants offering top deals on some of Newcastle's finest flavours. This tasty week is tremendously popular, so book up your favourite restaurant fast to avoid disappointment. Visit: [www.getintonecastle.co.uk/ne1-events/restaurant-week](http://www.getintonecastle.co.uk/ne1-events/restaurant-week) for the full list of participating restaurants and offers.

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