



Fabulous events coming up in Retford

There are some fabulous events coming up in Retford, offering a great opportunity for you to visit the town centre and show your support for our local businesses and organisations.

Events in May

Open Studios Notts

This annual event celebrates the creativity and passions of Nottinghamshire's makers and creators. Artists welcome visitors into their studios to share their work and their process – meaning great opportunities to meet our fantastic artists:



Beer Under the Clock, Town Hall Yard

- Sunday 5th May, 3.00pm – Paul Cookson, with Liz Carney-Marsh
- Wednesday 8th May, 8.00pm – Benny Shakes

Events in June and beyond

Retford Authors Group present 'Meet the Authors'

This will be held at Bassetlaw Museum, Grove Street on Saturday 8th June, 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry and refreshments.



- Cath Ray Gallery and Studio, Bridgegate – Saturday 4th May and Sunday 9th June, 10.00am to 4.00pm
- Retford Arts Hub Studio Artists, Cannon Square – Saturdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May and Monday 6th May, 10.00am to 4.00pm



MAKE MUSIC DAY UK

21 JUNE

Retford Make Music Day

Performances at various venues around town on Friday 21st June. See 'Retford Make Music Day' on Facebook for more details.

Retford Big Market Days Future Retford Big Market

Days: Saturdays, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August, 21st September (Big Cheese), 19th October, 16th November, and 21st December – great free family fun for all!

Retford Christmas Market 2024

This year's Retford Christmas Market will be on Sunday 24th November.

Winter Festival of Light

The Winter Festival of Light / Late Night Shopping event will be on 12th December 2024. 🌟



Latest Retford Business Forum (RBF) member

Sunrise Plants – a small independent ever-evolving business in Saundby. Since 2015 they have been a plant centre. In 2021 they added a small glamping and camping site and, for 2024, they are developing into a wellness weekend retreat centre offering various holistic therapies including sound healing, meditation, cold therapy, yoga and breathwork which will also revive their quirky plant-based coffee shop.

Rose Leveck at Sunrise now hosts Wim Hof days at their fantastic facility, collaborating with certified Wim Hof instructors. They hold one-day workshops with a full programme of classes including refreshments, lunch, private indoor changing areas, and free parking. There are small class sizes, and they even have their alpacas in for the day! More information is available from their Facebook page: 'sunriseplants'.

Service in our stores and hospitality venues

Retford Business Forum think the staff in our shops and cafés do a fantastic job and we hear so much about them having a tough time these days. If you have had exceptionally good service from any of the town's brilliant people, please let them know at chair@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk.



To find out about membership, and to join (for only £24.00 per year), please contact membership@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk.



Retford Business Forum (RBF) events are delivered in partnership with North Notts BID, and Bassetlaw District Council. RBF is very grateful for the help provided by its partners, supporting organisations, stallholders, performers, and everyone who attends its events. www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk.

What's On this May



Retford Big Market Day

Saturday 18th May 2024

Retford Market Square and Buttermarket

**Farmers' Market (open until 1.00pm),
Craft Market and Traditional Saturday Market
(open from 8.30am to 2.30pm)**

(These markets are organised by Bassetlaw District Council)

Want to have a craft stall?

Great rates available including a half-table and insurance for £10 – contact Lynden on 07725 768392 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or visit Online Business Services at www.bassetlaw.gov.uk

Plus Circus Skills Workshop

- come and learn how to juggle at our free family fun circus skills workshop – whatever age you are – it is never too early to learn... or too late!



Plus **Retford Arts Hub Craft Fair:** Even more crafty goings on 11am – 3pm, Cannon Square, Retford.

Save the Date!

After May, the next Retford Big Market Day is on Saturday 15th June - we will welcome back Professor Paul Temple's Punch & Judy Show... and Hathersage Brass Band – even more fantastic, free family fun!



Visit Retford Town Centre
Support your local businesses, so they can be here to support you!



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