

DEREHAM BLUES FESTIVAL

2024

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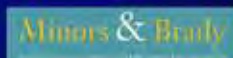
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Dereham Blues Festival 2024

This is the 10th Dereham Blues Festival in twelve years so we've gone all out to make it extra special. Not only will there be over 60 artists taking part over five days in 14 great pub and club venues, there will also be a host of new activities for you and your family to get involved in. Check out page 15 to see what's extra under the Community Blues Explosion events. This is a big new initiative and couldn't have happened without some serious support from Dereham Town Council, the Geoffrey Watling Charity and Norfolk Blues Society who actually instigated the first festival back in 2013. This is your chance to learn more about blues music, try out singing the blues, perform in the festival and beat some heart into the town with the Unbeatable Energy drumming group. So much to see, hear and do this year, so welcome to Dereham Blues Festival 2024 - be to be part of it!

We are really proud to announce this year's opening act, organised by Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall. Headlining is Toby Lee, a young man not yet 20, with years of experience already behind him. Revered by international blues peers a generation older than himself, he has been exciting blues audiences at a high level since he was just nine years old. He's proof that the future of the blues is alive and kicking and is a must for any young musician to see as well as us grandees.

Toby is supported by Catfish. Currently a really popular band who fill out venues in their own right both here in the UK and on the European circuit. This is a truly stunning double bill and one not to be missed. If you do though, why not book for Norfolk Blues Society's Big Gig on 25th May as a warm up for the festival? Just visit norfolkbluessociety@gmail.com

With huge thanks to..

- You fabulous festival fans of course, plus the talented musicians from all over the UK and Alabama! Oh and all those lovely venues too.
- The Dereham Blues Festival management team who like all our volunteers live locally in the community.
- Our festival partners - Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall, Dereham Round Table, Rockavox, Dencora Property Development, St Nicholas Church, Dereham Baptist Church, Orion Cinema, Morrisons Supermarket, About Dereham and Tesco for supporting us in our aims to keep blues live and Dereham a great place to live and work in.
- To our sponsors, Minors and Brady, Dereham Taxis, Orchard Caravans Quote 4 Insurance Services and Stephenson Smart Accountants, for being such an important part of making the festival happen.
- To Dereham Town Council, Geoffrey Watling Charity, BAM and Norfolk Blues Society Members who have made this year's festival so rich and inclusive.

Details of performers, venues, times and dates were correct at the time of the printing of this program. Any subsequent changes can be found listed on our website (www.derehamb blues festival.org.uk).

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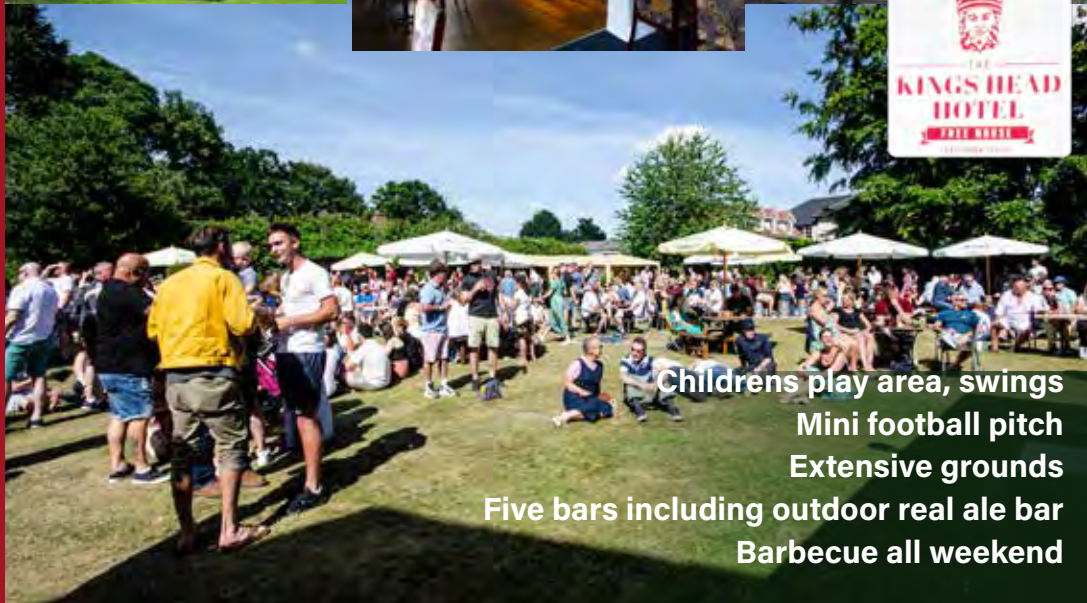


*We are especially delighted
this year to welcome back
the 10th Dereham Blues Festival*

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Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall are delighted to host the opening concert once again with two sensational blues acts. Headlining is the 19 year old blues prodigy Toby Lee who has already played with top international blues stars having been on stage since he was 9 years old. Supporting him is the up and coming UK band Catfish. Not a night to be missed by any music fan.

**We are proud to be associated with
 Dereham Blues Festival**

Look us up on Facebook or on AboutDereham.org Join us to help ensure quality live acts continue to come to Dereham

Pre-concert entertainment from the amazing Rockavox choir

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Saturday 13 July
12-5pm

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12-1pm Ralph Beeby & the Elephant Collective
1-1.20pm Peddars Way
1.20-1.40pm Bill Bennett
1.40-2.00pm Mistery guest
2.00-3.00pm Henry Baker
3.00-3.10pm Ruby n Bailey
3.10-3.30pm Vilalge Green Ukulele S
3.30-3.40pm Koda Villers
3.40-4.00pm Sam Smith Singers
4.00-5.00pm Dove and Boweevil

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Celebrate the Dereham Blues Festival 2024 with an exclusive Screening at the Orion Cinema, exploring the rise of Chess Records.

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<https://nbsweb.org/>

Sat 13th July @ 5:30pm
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Audience with MISSISSIPPI MACDONALD

In this one off, light hearted chat about blues music, local rising star Ross Stewart interviews a patron of Norfolk Blues Society who is himself making waves over the pond... got their guitars too!

Friday 12 July
Orion Cinema
7:30pm - 8:45pm
£3.50



Sing Blues and Soul



In addition to the festival Saturday morning beginner's taster session Lauren Dove leads four, weekly choir sessions in the run up to an opportunity to sing your heart out in the festival.

Wednesdays 12,19,26 June and 3 July. £5 per session

Saturday 13 July
10am book or
£3 on the day

All sessions held 7.30pm at Church House, Church Street, Dereham

Don't just come to the festival - be part of it!

For more information and tickets visit
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History of the Blues

Local blues guru and guitar hero Terry Bunting delivers a fascinating take on how, where and why blues music is so enduring and why it still influences contemporary and popular music today.

Saturday 13 July
Dereham Baptist
Church 11am £3.50

Cigar box Guitar Making



Opportunity to make your very own cigar box guitar, led by Eric of OddBox Guitars. Tools and materials provided **Booking essential as places limited.**

Saturday 13 July, 12pm - 5pm
Dereham's Men's Shed Adjacent to
Dereham Memorial Hall £35.00

West African Drumming



Eight one hour opportunities over the Festival weekend to have a go at this uplifting, invigorating and inclusive experience led by Unbeatable Energy. All are welcome. Book, or just turn up on the day £3 per session, children just £2. Saturday 13 July, Sunday 14 July Morrisons Car Park

11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm 4:00pm both days.

Community Blues explosion has been funded by: Dereham Town Council, Norfolk Blues Society and The Geoffrey Watling Charity, BAM and Cam Trak

Notes from the bands

After Hours Where Blues meets Rock! Steve Tansley's and Dave Crane's complimentary guitar styles are scorching with rhythm supplied by Harry Collins on Bass and Dave 'Nobby' Sparrow on Drums with Kenny Philpot on keyboard. The band has played alongside many top international pop, rock and country acts.

Against the Grain is a perennial popular band based in Norfolk that has been in existence for over 30 years. Playing mainly Blues and Rock with a splattering of Soul and Pop. Expect some Hendrix, Peter Green and perhaps if John gets his way, Bob Dylan.

Andy Grant Band Incendiary guitar playing, bluesy vocals and funky grooves characterise the music of the Andy Grant Band. Think classic rock-era rock 3 piece mixed with a 21st-century edge, add a dash of slide guitar and you're getting close to this rootsy blend of blues, soul and rock.

Back Porch With their foot-stomping, danceable rhythms and a lot of fun, Back Porch will make you laugh, cry and tap your feet! It's a stripped down line-up of harp, washboard and guitars – just some mates sitting on a back porch, playing the blues.

Ben Hemming London based singer songwriter with strong blues influence to his work influenced by the beat writers of the early sixties and the music of BB King and Howlin' Wolf, with lyrics inspired by the likes of Jack Kerouac.

Blackstone Blues Band Steve Backstone, harmonica/singer/composer fronts this blues band all the way from Anglesey. A must see of the festival.

Blues Highway A hard driving good time blues band. With Simon Whitney and Daniel Carway up front, Dicky Pearce on bass and Keith Froud on drums. A powerful combination of guitars and blues harp drive the band along with gritty vocals and backing from Simon and Daniel. All excellent Norfolk blues musicians at the top of their game. Not to be missed.

Checkmate Kings love playing live and the set includes their own interpretations of ageless classics from the Juke Joints of the Mississippi Delta to the mean streets of Chicago via the British blues explosion. Music to soothe your soul, move your body and expand your mind!

Clean Sneak Jazzy/Blues'N'Roots trio focussing on an early jazz/blues cross-over sound, authentically recalling the period whilst extending this vocabulary into more recent songs to create a unique collection of sounds and blues themes. Regular hosts of their own Blues'N'Roots nights at The Bishops Cave, Blues in The City (Chelmsford), The Music Den - Epping, South Mill Arts Centre, Bishops Stortford.

Cold Sweat 5 Piece Boogie Blues & R'n'R Band playing late 60's 'British Blues' with authentic guitar by Andy Clouting, effortless piano and hammond from Dennis Robbins, pure passion from vocalist Simon Lovick and solid groove to get you dancing laid down by Peter Thompson (bass) and Steven 'Stan' Clouting (Drums) One of Norfolk and Suffolks finest bands back at the Dereham Blues Festival.

Notes from the bands

Doc K's Blues Band Chicago Blues at it's finest from North London's legendary Doc K's Blues Band. Originally formed by ex John Mayall guitarist Geoff Krivit, the band has undergone more changes than Trigger's broom, but throughout their fifty year history, the band has been lead by singer/slide player Dave 'Mad Dog' Barnes. WARNING: may induce spontaneous foot tapping, and even dancing.

Dove and Boweevil Soaring vocals from Lauren Dove and raw, gritty guitar from Mark 'Boweevil' Howes provide a sumptuous set of Americana, vintage soul and Stax influenced material, delivered with power and verve. Total blast!

Egypt is a UK blues rock three-piece band formed in 1987 by Eric Chipulina - guitar and vocals, Alan Fish - bass and vocals and Peter Correa on drums. All former members of legendary progressive blues outfit The Groundhogs. Giggled with top UK names, several albums, UK and European tours under their belts.

Going Down South Young, yes young, British duo playing raw hill country. They will be playing unplugged, off the cuff RAW Blues. See them now before they move onwards and upwards.

Goldrush Formed in 2016 in Norwich, this popular five-piece blues band is a regular at the festival. Fronted by the soulful vocals of Jade Grand, with stirring guitar and stonking rhythm to keep you busy on the dance floor.

Gypsy Candlesticks Yve Mary B and Tony Brook from Alabama in the deep south of the USA, will be singing a warm, mellifluous range of blues and Americana, including a lot of their original songs. The real deal folks.

Henry Baker Henry is a well-respected local performer who has hosted the Norfolk Blues Society jam sessions. Giving powerful renditions of everything from delta slide blues to jump jivin' dancefloor fillers, his excellent guitar licks and gritty voice are augmented by his passion for music performance.

Hot Cold Ground Four-piece that have been belting out rocking rhythm and blues since 2009 and show no signs of stopping. Classic blues tunes you know and some catchy original numbers about cheese, local roads, and the perils of song writing. Daniel – guitar/vocals; Trevor – guitar; Dave – bass; Richard – drums.

HotSmoke and Danger High-octane three-piece blues band, playing more unusual tracks as well as some new versions of early blues and their own original blues material. Ex-members of the Electric Blues Machine deliver low-swamp Mississippi right through to twisting, turning, rip-roaring in your face 12 bar blues.

Indigo Collective Indigo Collective are a new blues/rock covers band from Dereham, covering artists like King King, Garry Moore, Bernie Marsden, Siggie Schwarz, Prince, Thunder, Joe Bonamassa.

John's Blues Crew A great mix of swing and in ya face blues. 'It's all about the groove' and these guys have it in buckets. So come on down to their party and get in the groove too - boogie like you've never done before.

Notes from the bands

Jon De'Konker Root Regular players in Dereham this lively and fun West Norfolk electric blues trio cover the likes of John Mayall, Clapton, Peter Green, Muddy Waters, Elmore James, Taj Mahal and many more. Formerly "Stone Pepper Blues".

Justin Light and the Midnighters offer up a rocking, rollicking evening of high-octane rhythm and blues. Their songs blend traditional blues structures, catchy hooks, sassy lyrics accompanied by stinging guitar tones, groovy bass lines and incendiary drums producing scintillating crowd-pleasing danceable grooves.

Katie and the Bad Sign Vocalist Katie O'Malley and her band meld Americana, blues, soul and rock. Melodic to gritty guitar and gravelly vocals, think Janis Joplin with a modern rootsy, rock feel, they have played festivals all over the UK, aired on BBC - Planet Rock Radio and supported Beth Rowley and Jill Andrews on their UK tours.

Lightning Threads An electrifying power trio, thundering out of Sheffield's legendary blues rock scene and influenced by the great rock musicians of another time. Often compared to The Black Keys, Gary Clarke Jr., Cream and the Doors. See that Sheffield steel shine.

Lou and the Tall Boys Featuring on bass the amazing Martin York, on guitar the wonderful Trevor Staff with Louisa Sadler on lead vocals and guitar. They will be delivering a class set of distinctive americana blues style originals and covers all played with heart making it all look so easy.

Luke Arnold A guru of the local blues scene. Spine chillin' harp riffs and bourbon drenched vocals draw you in as Luke's eccentric delivery of standards and his own contemporary numbers just ooze into the atmosphere.

Miller Crossan is a Scottish-based blues roots trio that excels in finger picked acoustic/slide guitars, harmonica and percussion. The band melds a tinge of the west coast with their unique harmony-laden slant to blues classics and their original driving roots material. Veterans of Fyrefest, Girvan Folk Festival, Crabble Corn Mill Festival in Dover, Hogmanays on Iona, the Callander Jazz & Blues Festival and they once entertained motorists whilst stuck in a traffic jam on the M25.

Mississippi MacDonald is currently making waves and recording over the pond in USA "Mississippi MacDonald represents the next generation of great guitarists who hail from the UK... wholly authentic, he's earned the right to claim the name" Living Blues, USA. See him interviewed live and accompanied by Ross Stewart

Mojo Mules Blend traditional blues with a contemporary funky twist for a fantastic live performance. Belt up and hang on - you're in for a real interesting ride.

Mojo Preachers Yay they're back ! Progressive, eclectic, female fronted blues with driving guitar riffs and psychedelic keys carrying a range of dark and wild blues-fusion mixed tunes. 75% Originals, 25% covers, 100% full on.

Notes from the bands

Moonshine Coyote draws influences from traditional blues and Americana. Four vocalists, cajon, bass, lap steel, cigar box, and resonator guitars create a diverse soundscape for the band's original songs and occasional covers done differently. Influenced by the raw blues of Memphis Minnie, Muddy Waters, Big Mama Thornton and more contemporary acts like The Dead South.

NEVEN solo acoustic performer originally from Serbia, based in Liverpool. Previously drummer in numerous rock bands, and studied orchestral percussion at Faculty of Music, Belgrade, NEVEN has turned to his very first love - the guitar. Delivering energetic bluesy, grungy, honest, relatable performances.

No Good Woman and the Kingsnakes Having made notable appearances at Digby Fairweather's Jazz Centre UK, the 2022 Leigh Folk Festival and The Green Note, London. Expect sassy, soulful blues, old and new, from the Delta to Chicago, Bessie Smith to BB King and Nina Simone to Peter Green all topped by the incredible voice and persona that is A No Good Woman...

Paul Tinkler Part Time Blues Band Consummate blues man with rich vocals oozing with character and guitar skills to match. Has toured Germany and has played with such names as Chris Barber and The Kinks bass player Jim Rodford. He has also been the front man for "John Slaughter's Blues Band" and the "CC Blues Band".

Ralph Beeby and the Elephant Collective Blues done differently! Revering the greats not just copying them. Ralph Beeby & the Elephant Collective treat the Blues and classic rock as a jumping-off point, crafting bold new songs with dark, richly storied lyrics, and tunes you'll be humming for the rest of the day. Wierd? Maybe, but certainly interesting too." -- Norman Darwen, Blues in the South.

Rhythm Travellers Expect rich narratives of Blues and Roots music, old (some very old!) with a dash of new and original material. Relaxed, laid back amplified acoustic performances with a little music history thrown in. Experienced performers popular at other festivals as well as this one.

Rich Miller Solo slide guitar player playing original and covers on his vintage steel guitars. Blues as played originally.

Richard Townsend and the Mighty Bosscats Favorably compared to JJ Cale, Chris Rea and Dire Straits, "Melancholic, relaxed and enthralling: Richard Townsend is a fascinating songwriter in the world of Blues." WASSER-PRAWDA.DE

Ross Stewart A young man making waves on the local blues scene. "He's been here before" is often heard as he immerses himself in his blues influenced material or when taking classics like Crossroads and making them his own. Ross was support act with the Shunters at last year's opening Concert.

Saltshaker Adrian Day on harmonica and vocals with Andy Heasman on guitar and vocals play raw, up tempo, acoustic blues some familiar, some not but

Notes from the bands

always seasoned with a sprinkling of their own original material too. They have worked with well known independent, sub-culture and roots channel Bopflix in 2023.

Stoli Gibson and the Pearl Onions Four-piece blues-rock band from Kings Lynn, delivering no-frills, mean and dirty, guitar-driven blues (as well as a few drops of something slightly gentler). So buckle up boys and girls and get ready to be shaken and stirred.

Stoney Broke Scottish, singer-songwriter Stoney Broke creates a dynamic, eclectic musical style, with inspired lyrics, layered on expansive guitar to deliver an original and unmistakable sound full of loop, stomp, and swagger. Multi-instrumentalist Stoney Broke has performed across the UK to critical acclaim.

Stoney Pony has played at almost every DBF to date and is a long-established Norfolk Band. Andy Graham is on guitar vocals and his son Jake Graham is on drums. The trio prides itself on musicianship and a versatile jamming approach to playing.

Stormy G and Bluesman's Lane are a four-piece band from Hastings, playing traditional jump and swing blues, retro R'n'B, and classic blues tunes from the 1930s to the 2000s, and have recently released their debut originals album entitled "Drinkin' & Swingin'".

The Core Norwich based female vocal led, 5-piece rockin' blues band. Ricci Reeves soaring vocals are ably supported by some of Norwich's most experienced players (Terry Bunting, Andy Cooper, Malcolm Jackson and Dave Sparrow). Playing their own interpretation of blues classics from the 1960s thru to the present.

The Devil's Cadillac A rocky rhythm 'n' blues band with veteran blues performers and local artists: Christian Lovick on vocals, Glenn Medler on drums, Richard Banks on bass, and Nathan Codling on guitar. Blues as blues can get.

The JBBH Project An 11 (that's not a typo) piece, rhythm & blues tribute to Joe Bonamassa & Beth Hart - why say more?

The Ministry of Mojo An experienced and dynamic five piece Chicago blues band, regularly gigging in Essex and Suffolk, delivering blues powered by shuffle and swing. An antidote to complexity offered to the brethren of Mojo!

The Sam Wilkinson Band Accomplished infectious grooves from an exciting three-piece Blues/Funk band fronted by extremely passionate blues guitarist/vocalist Sam Wilkinson, who is proud to have supported Dr Feelgood and Joe Bonamassa and gigged across the UK since the early 2000s.

The Shunters Company is a five-piece raw, urban blues band born out of the Norfolk Blues Society's own house band. These guys have all paid their blues dues. Expect hard-hitting, high-energy driving rhythm, haunting smoke stack harp and evocative tracks delivered with mid-Atlantic attitude.

Notes from the bands

The Staffell and Stewart Band Important contributors to the original Rhythm & Blues explosion which ignited West London in the 'sixties. Stewart was lead singer and harp player with legendary R&B band 'The Others', while Staffell was lead singer and bass player in the pre-Queen power trio 'Smile' with Brian May & Roger Taylor and is featured in the movie 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. The other band members are likewise as experienced but too much to say...

The Thomas Heppel Band Up and coming, rising blues performer Thomas and his band have wowed discerning UK audiences, delivering energetic and engaging performances. Their music will get you moving to some familiar good old blues, jazz, rock & roll classics and some originals too. A must to see.

The Tricks The Tricks are Luke Arnold, Mark Howes, Jo Bernard & Daniel Reynolds. They play blues and R'n'B classics with free abandon, aptly described as organised chaos. The song is the roadmap and the band is the car taking detours wherever they feel like it. Hang on to your seat and join them for a ride into a blues adventure. Who knows where you might end up?

The Worried Men are in demand across UK and Europe, playing non-stop and performing at countless festivalsAttacking guitar of Jamie Thyer blasts out Blues and Rhythm and Blues. It just doesn't get any better than this! And these road tested veterans have only just begun!

Tony Brook Band All the way from Alabama USA Tony returns to the UK ... to paying us a welcome visit and will be playing his blues with the rhythm section of the Norfolk Blues Society house band.

Uncalled Four are old enough to know better and yet young enough to play old-school Rhythm & Blues with a spring in the step and a twinkle in the eye. That's that's R&B of the broadest church with a twist of blues, a twang of country, and a trace of Americana. A couple of original tunes jostle side by side with classics from BB King, Ray Charles, Georgie Fame, Bonnie Raitt, Stephen Bruton, Ry Cooder and many more.

Used Blues Having performed at festivals and music venues on both sides of the border, by popular demand, this Glasgow-based Rhythm n' Blues outfit bring their brand of a good time, foot stompin' tunes back to Dereham yet again. The name says it all ... the songs aren't new, but that doesn't mean there's nothing original about this band! From the 1940s tunes of Louis Jordan to the contemporary songs of Gary Clark Jr via Tom Waits, Buddy Guy et al, this band delivers!



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Who's where and when

All items marked **(CBE)** see Community Blues Explosion Page or visit <https://cbe.derehambluesfestival.org.uk/>

Saturday 25 May

- 8-11pm** ■ The Big Gig festival warm-up (Ticketed. see <https://nbsweb.org/>)
Santiago and the Soulmakers, hosted by Mississippi MacDonald

Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26, June + 3rd July

- 7-9pm** ■ Lauren Dove Blues & Soul Choir rehearsals **(CBE)**

Wednesday 10th July

- 7.30pm** Opening concert, Dereham Memorial Hall (Ticketed. FoDMH)
Doors open Headliner **Toby Lee** with support **Cat Fish**
6.30pm In the foyer from 6.45pm - Rockavox Choir

Thursday 11th July

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| 8-11pm | ■ Blues jam | The Gemini |
| 9-11pm | ■ Richard Townsend and the Bosscats | The Kings Head |
| 9-11pm | ■ Stone Pony | The Cherry Tree |
| 9-11pm | ■ Mojo Preachers | The Red Lion |
| 9-11pm | ■ Uncalled Four | The Bull |
| 9-11pm | ■ Doc K's Blues Band | The Cock |
| 9-11pm | ■ Against the Grain | The George |

Friday 12th July

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| 6-8pm | ■ The Tricks | The Kings Head |
| | ■ Stormy 'T' and the Bluesman's Lane | The Cock |
| | ■ Blues Highway | The Gemini |
| 7-8.45pm | ■ Live chat Mississippi MacDonald (CBE) | ORION Cinema |
| 7-9.00 pm | ■ The Core | Golf Club |
| 7.15-9.15 | ■ The JBBH Project | Cricket Club |
| 8-10pm | ■ Goldrusha | Toftwood SC |
| | ■ Justin Light and the Midnighters | MNR Station |
| 9-11pm | ■ Checkmate Kings | The Kings Head |
| | ■ Egypt | The Cherry Tree |
| | ■ The Shunters Co.with Ross Stewart | The Red Lion |

- Stormy 'T' and the Bluesman's Lane
- The Tricks
- Indigo Collective
- Back Porch
- Cold Sweat

The Bull
The Cock
The Railway Tavern
The Gemini
The George

Saturday 13th July

10-12pm

- Beginners Blues & Soul singing (CBE)

Church House

11-12pm

- Story of the Blues, Terry Bunting (CBE)

Baptist Church

- West African Drumming workshop (CBE)

Morrisons Car Park

12.30-1.30

- West African Drumming workshop (CBE)

Morrisons Car Park

12-1pm

- Ralph Beeby and the Elephant Collective

Ellenor Fenn Gdn

- Miller Crossan

The Cock

12-5pm

- Cigar Box Guitar Making (CBE)

See website

1-2pm

- West African Drumming workshop (CBE)

Morrisons Car Park

- Moonshine Coyote

The Kings Head

- Hot Smoke and Danger

The Cherry Tree

- NBS Busker showcase

Ellenor Fenn Gdn

- Sam Wilkinson Band

The Red Lion

- Jon De'Konker Root

The Bull

- John's Blues Crew

The Gemini

- Katie and the Bad Sign

The George Hotel

2.30-3.30

- West African Drumming workshop (CBE)

Morrisons Car Park

2-3pm

- Henry Baker

Ellenor Fenn Gdn

- Richard Townend

The Red Lion

- Stoli Gibson and the Pearl Onions

The Cock

- Ben Hemming Band

The Railway Tavern

- Rich Miller

The George Hotel

3-4pm

- West African Drumming workshop (CBE)

Morrisons Car Park

- Blackstone Blues Band

The Kings Head

- Ministry of Mojo

The Cherry Tree

- NBS Busker showcase

Ellenor Fenn Gdn

- Hot Smoke and Danger

The Red Lion

- Tony Brook Band

The Bull

- Moonshine Coyote

The Gemini

- Miller Crossan

The George Hotel

4-5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ West African Drumming workshop (CBE) ■ Ross Stewart ■ Katie and the Bad Sign ■ Justin Light and the Midnighters ■ Dove and Boweevil Duo ■ Stony Broke 	Morrisons Car Park The Red Lion The Cock The Railway Tavern Ellenor Fenn Gdn The George
5-6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stoli Gibson and the Pearly Onions ■ The Tony Brook Band ■ The Ben Hemming Band ■ Sam Wilkinson Band ■ Devil's Cadillac ■ Blackstone Blues Band 	The Kings Head The Cherry Tree The Red Lion The Bull The Gemini The George
6-8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No Good Woman 	MNR Station
6-7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stony Broke ■ Stormy 'T' and the Bluesman Lane ■ Going Down South 	The Red Lion The Cock The George
7-8pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Devil's Cadillac ■ Jon De'Konker Root ■ Moonshine Coyote ■ Blackstone Blues Band ■ Stoli Gibson and the Pearly Onions ■ Ministry of Mojo ■ Hot Smoke and Danger 	The Kings Head The Cherry Tree The Red Lion The Bull The Railway Tavern The Gemini
8-9pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NEVEN ■ John's Blues Crew ■ Mojo Mules 	The George The Red Lion The Cock
9-10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stormy 'T' and the Bluesman Lane 	The George
9-11pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Staffell and Stewart Band ■ The JBBH Project ■ Ben Hemming Band ■ Katie and the Bad Sign ■ Justin Light and the Midnighters ■ Andy Grant Band ■ After Hours 	The Red Lion The Kings Head MNR Station The Bull The Railway Tavern The Gemini The George
10-12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No Good Woman 	The Cherry Tree
11.30-1am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jon De Konker Root 	The Cock The Red Lion

Sunday 14th July

11-12pm	■ West African Drumming workshop (CBE)	Morrisons Car Park
12.30-1.30	■ West African Drumming workshop (CBE)	Morrisons Car Park
12-2pm	■ Lightening Threads	The Cock
2.30-3.30	■ West African Drumming workshop (CBE)	Morrisons Car Park
1-3pm	■ Used Blues	The Red Lion
	■ Lou and the Tall Boys	The Bull
	■ Miller Crossan	The Gemini
2-4pm	■ Thomas Heppel Band	Toftwood SC
	■ The Worried Men	The Greenstone
2-5pm	■ NBS Blues Jam hosted by Saltshaker	The Kings Head
3-5pm	■ The Rhythm Travellers	The George
3-8pm	■ Robin Bibi Band and Blues Jam	Cherry Tree
4-5pm	■ West African Drumming workshop (CBE)	Morrisons Car Park
4-6pm	■ Lightening Threads	The Red Lion
	■ Used Blues	The Bull
	■ Andy Grant Band	The Coachmakers
	■ Gypsy Candlesticks	The Gemini
5-6pm	■ Luke Arnold	The George
5-7pm	■ Clean Sneak	Toftwood SC
6-8pm	■ The Core	The Greenstone
	■ Paul Tinkler's Part Time Blues Band	The George
7-9pm	■ Thomas Heppel Band	The Red Lion
	■ Andy Grant Band	The Cock
	■ Saltshaker	The Gemini

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- 3 **THE GEORGE**
A stylish family hotel with spacious bar, restaurant, conservatory and outside terrace - wide variety of beers on tap. Accommodation available - just call.
- 4 **THE RED LION**
Central traditional pub, ideal starting point to enjoy the festival or explore the town. The venue boasts no less than four very large screens. The Red Lion is right next to the cinema and the central market place.
- 5 **ORION CINEMA:**
This amazing cinema joins the festival to offer plush seating for an 'Audience with Mississippi MacDonald' and a special showing of Cadillac Records which explores the rise of Chess Records. Put your feet up in comfort!
- 6 **CHURCH HOUSE:** Adjacent to St Nicholas Church this historic building is hosting Lauren Dove's Soul and Blues Choir rehearsals and a beginners vocal workshop as part of our celebratory Community Blues Explosion
- 7 **THE KINGS HEAD**
A free house with a large beer garden popular with families. Has a purpose built outdoor stage and bar and plans an all-weekend barbecue.
- 8 **THE COCK**
A freehouse with a lovely relaxed friendly vibe, it is a popular haunt of real ale buffs as they serve delicious and interesting beers from local and national brewers, as well as specials from around the world. This year voted Norwich and District CAMRA Pub of the Year Award.
- 9 **DEREHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**
Super welcoming and well equipped venue for talks and presentations is hosting 'The Story of the Blues' presented by Terry Bunting. They will also be providing facilities and refreshments for the Ellenor Fen Garden event
- 10 **ELLENOR FENN GARDEN**
An attractive open public space in the heart of one of the town's busy shopping precincts with good parking close by. All the festival fun brought to those who are just passing by or want to make an afternoon of it outside.
- 11 **THE BULL**
A traditional 18th century pub with a welcoming atmosphere and great value and quality food with a popular courtyard beer garden.
- 12 **TOFTWOOD SOCIAL CLUB** A welcome venue to Dereham Blues Festival and chosen by Norfolk Blues Society for its monthly jam sessions. A great place to relax sit back comfortably and soak up the atmosphere. Just a short drive or 15 minute walk from town.

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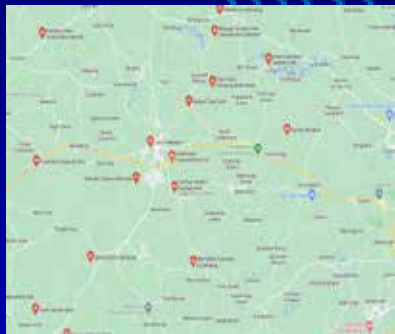
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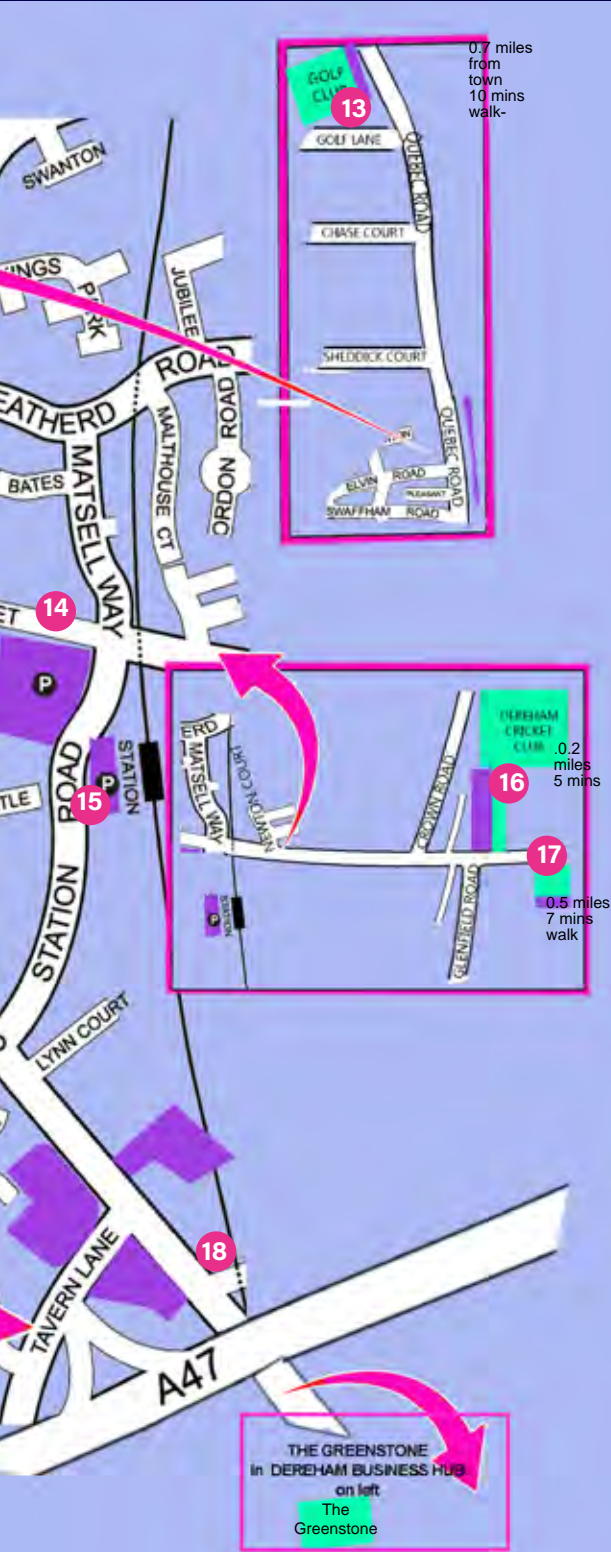
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14 THE MEMORIAL HALL
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15 MID NORFOLK RAILWAY STATION: - It's Back! One of the most memorable venues of the festival with bands playing on the station platform. a really atmospheric venue. Real ales will be on sale too!

16 DEREHAM CRICKET CLUB
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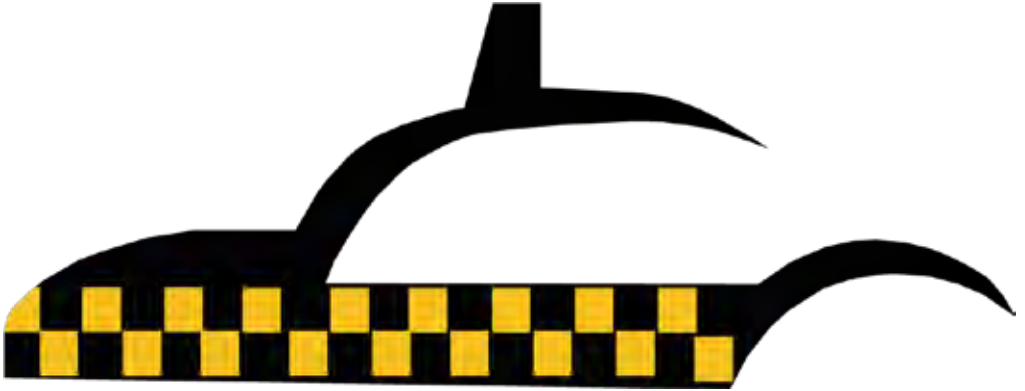
17 THE COACHMAKERS
Stylishly decorated venue serving locally sourced freshly prepared food including fresh stone baked pizzas. Amazing wine cellar from small vineyards all over the world. Cocktails made to order.

18 THE RAILWAY TAVERN
A truly unique pub serving some of the best fish and chips in town, famous for hitting the headlines with well organised fund raising events throughout the year. Always worth a visit to see what they have on offer.

19 THE GREENSTONE
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