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FAMILY-FRIENDLY

ACTIVITIES

in Darwen this Summer



DARWEN
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DARWEN MARKET & MARKET SQUARE



EVENTS
FREE
EVENTS

MINI-ZINES WORKSHOP MOLLY BLAND

THU 24 JULY ▲ DARWEN MARKET

Join Molly to learn how to defeat summer boredom or creative block through the art of zine-making. Cut, stick and doodle your way out of any creative traffic jam by going back to basics and having fun with making. Materials provided but feel free to bring your own collage materials along if you wish.

Drop in activity between 11am and 3pm



CASPIAN'S STORM LASTHEATRE

THU 31 JULY ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Caspian the crab is small in stature but BIG in curiosity. Happy in his rock pool home, he loves cleaning, collecting adventure stories, and watching the humans who live near the shore. But one stormy night, a strange magic connects sea and land thrusting Caspian into the spotlight and off on an adventure of his own.

30 minute performances at 11am, 12.30pm & 2pm



AQUANAUTS ADRIFT ENTER EDEM

SAT 26 JULY ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Bubbles and barnacles are everywhere! Explore the Aquanauts Adrift trawl and see what you find in their nets, with wonderful krill puppetry, eye-catching bubble spectacles and fascinating storytelling seashells, join these deep sea divers on their journey from the ocean.

30 minute performances at 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm

"WE HAVE HAD
A FANTASTIC
EXPERIENCE TODAY."

"FAB, SOMETHING WE
COULD ALL DO TOGETHER,
GREAT FOR PLAY AND
IMAGINATION."

"I LOVE THE WAY THAT
THEY DO THINGS LIKE THIS WITH
THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS. GETS THE WHOLE FAMILY
OUT FOR THE DAY/COUPLE OF HOURS
AND DOES NOT COST A PENNY.
THANK YOU!"

POP POETRY DROP IN ELLA OTOMEWO AND CHRIS BROWN

WED 30 JULY ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Join Ella and Chris in their pop up tent! The Pop Poetry team will be waiting to meet you and keen to help you get writing and exploring words. Create short poems with our resident poet and add them to a digital zine. At the end of the day we'll have built a book of poems for everyone to enjoy.

Drop in activity between 11am and 2pm



DESIGN A POCKET ADVENTURE PRINT, PAINT AND PIXEL

WED 6 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET

Join Print, Paint and Pixel and create your own treasure book! Pick 6 surprise location stickers, then create, design and decorate your own 8-page booklet. Once it's finished, it's time to head off on your own adventure, explore the market and find your chosen locations.

Drop in activity between 11am and 3pm



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PUPPET BIRDING HANDMADE THEATRE

FRI 8 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET

Join HandMade Theatre for some Puppet Birding, a fun family show inspired by British birds. Meet our two quirky Bird Watchers as they take you on an adventure in search of birds.

We will also be running a puppet making workshop, so join us and make your very own flapping bird puppet.

20 minute performances at 11.30am & 2.30pm.
Workshop at 1pm.



CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP CIRCUS HOUSE

FRI 15 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Join The Circus House team for a circus skills workshop. Have a go with diabolo, spin some plates, learn to juggle or even try aerial hoop!

The fully trained circus team will be delivering all of the sessions between 11am and 3pm



"WE REALLY APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS AMAZING CREATIVE ACTIVITY."



"WE COME HERE EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. WE LOVE ALL THE CRAFT SESSIONS."

"MY FAVOURITE ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR."



BHANGRA TOTS SOHAN KAILEY

WED 20 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET

Join the adventure with Sohan Kailey as he takes you on an exciting adventure of Bhangra dancing fun. A heartwarming story about a bunny rabbit who has to leave its home and start a new beginning. Not knowing where to go the bunny rabbit meets new friends and starts a new life where everyone is welcome. An uplifting story told in English and Panjabi phrases.

40 minute performances at 11.30am & 1.30pm.
For children aged 2 to 7 and their families.

PIRATE PRINCESS GEMMA BOND

WED 13 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Pirate Princess is a heartwarming story of hope against adversity told with physical theatre, clowning and circus. Join poor shipwrecked Princess Poppy on a tiny island. Can she overcome a big dress, extreme weather and the ultimate test of strength to see her way to safety?

30 minute performances at 11.30am & 2pm.
For children aged 5 to 11 and their families



UKULELE ZERO TO UKULELE HERO IN 10 MINUTES!

RICHARD MOSS

FRI 22 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET

Join Richard for an inclusive workshop where all ages can play and sing fun songs with the ukulele within minutes! You don't need an instrument or any musical experience, just a little enthusiasm. If you have your own ukulele then bring it along, but Richard will supply ukuleles for everyone to have a go.

Drop in activity between 11am and 3pm



DARWEN MARKET, MARKET SQUARE & TOWN CENTRE

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THE ELEPHANT AND THE DRUMMER

SONIA SABRI COMPANY

THU 28 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

A roaming, interactive, dance and live music walkabout performance Elnaz the Elephant and Dholli the Drummer are the best of friends and absolutely love music and dance. When Dholli starts playing, Elnaz can't stop herself from dancing along!

30 minute performances at 11.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm



THE #SHOPDARWEN SUMMER HERITAGE TRAIL

MON 21 JULY - SAT 6 SEPT ◆ AROUND DARWEN

How much do you know about the heritage of Darwen? #shopdarwen are working with artist / illustrator Lucie Cooke to create a beautifully illustrated Summer Heritage Trail.

Whether you are a historian in the making or haven't thought too much about it in the past, the #shopdarwen summer heritage trail is for everyone! Can you find the 15 different shopdarwen businesses and the unique, hand illustrated heritage feature displayed at each one?



"WE LOVE THE ACTIVITIES IN THE MARKET - USUALLY THINGS WE DON'T NORMALLY THINK OF."

"REALLY CHEERED ME UP."

"REALLY FUN ACTIVITY THAT WE'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE; WE HAD LOTS OF FUN!"

STORYTELLING

IAN DOUGLAS

SAT 30 AUGUST ▲ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Ian Douglas tells stories of mythical creatures and long lost lands, of strange travellers and even stranger travels. Sit down and listen to him weave song, drama and laughter a plenty into his tales from all over. Look out for Ian and Vera – his trusty pedal powered caravan – bring a cushion, settle in and enjoy.

30 minute performances at 11.30am, 12.30pm & 2pm



BEGIN2SING

AUGUST ◆ SUNBIRD RECORDS

Introducing Begin2sing a new FREE monthly workshop series in Darwen designed to help you discover your voice, boost confidence, and connect with others through music.

Led by award-winning coach Paul Stuart Davies from Darwen School of Music.

Email begin2sing@mail.com to book your place



DARWEN FESTIVAL OF FUN

SAT 30 AUGUST ◆ DARWEN MARKET SQUARE

Join Crafty Vintage for an artisan market, fairground fun, face painting and all sorts of circus skills.

Activity from 10am until 4pm

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE PLANT A TREE FOR EVERY EVENT AND PERFORMANCE COORDINATED BY CULTURAPEDIA?

We don't claim that a few trees alone will save the planet, but every little helps. There are over 1000 trees so far in the Culturapedia Forest. These Summer activities in Darwen will add another 24.

You also do your part by attending local events and shopping locally. This leaflet is already printed on recycled paper. At the end of the Summer - why not recycle it again?

DARWEN LIBRARY

JACK & THE BEANSTALK ROBIN SIMPSON - STORYTELLER

TUE 29 JULY 10am - 12pm **DARWEN LIBRARY**

Hear the tale of brave Jack as he tries to defeat a giant, find his cow and look after his vegetable plot.

With music, mayhem, a magic chicken and a whole heap of horticulture!

11am - 12pm



CREEPY CRAWLIES ZOO LAB

TUE 5 AUGUST 10am - 12pm **DARWEN LIBRARY**

Get up close and hands-on with real live creepy crawlly creatures, and learn more about them.

11am - 12pm



Tickets for both activities will be available from Darwen Library 2 weeks before each event, price £1 children, £3 accompanying adults.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

spotonlancashire.co.uk
darwentowncentre.co.uk



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There is a parallel programme of activities and performances happening in Blackburn this Summer.

You can find all the details at discoverblackburn.co.uk