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Activity Calendar

Your year ahead with suggestions and ideas for celebrating
Great Britain and it's traditions and diverse cultures

Darlyn House



Our Great British Coach Tour

A celebration of the places we love around the United Kingdom

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Let's go to...

EDINBURGH

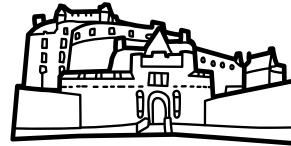


Go traditional by listening to some Scottish bagpipes, ceiddh or carsach or go a bit more modern with Bay City Rollers or The Proclaimers



BURNS NIGHT

25TH
JANUARY



"The Scots think of it as their capital; they're too possessive, Edinburgh belongs to the world."
Richard Demarco



Scotland is famous for its golf courses, why not try a few rounds of armchair golf.

There's some great Scottish movies that showcase the country's vast history and landscapes. How about Brigades, Braveheart, Sunshine On Leith, or Brave?



Try researching and making your family tartan with some different arts and crafts

Try your hand at writing or reciting some poetry like the man himself, Robert Burns

Bake some traditional Scottish shortbread











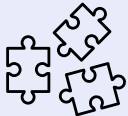

Why not try some traditional Scottish recipes

Baked haggis
Neeps & Tatties
Cullen Skink
Cranachan





January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 National Trivia Day 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 National Milk Day 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 National Popcorn Day 	20	21 National Squirrel Day 
22 Chinese New Year 	23	24	25 Burns Night 	26	27 National Chocolate Cake Day 	28 National Lego Day 
29 National Puzzle Day 	30 National Croissant Day 	31				



Decorate the home with plenty of daffodils, they could be fresh or you could try your hand at making some paper or even fabric bouquets



Keep the craft theme going by making your very own traditional love spoon

If you like a bit of sports, go on YouTube and watch some of Wales Finest Rugby Moments, theres sure to be plenty of them!

Catch some classic movies that are set in Wales such as 'How Green was My Valley' or Proud Boy' and if these don't take your fancy stick to good old Gavin and Stacey!

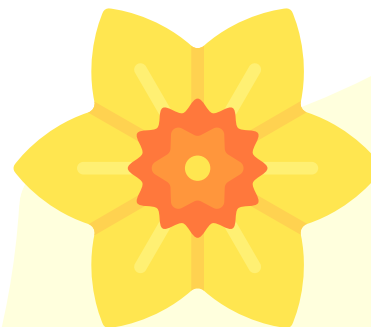
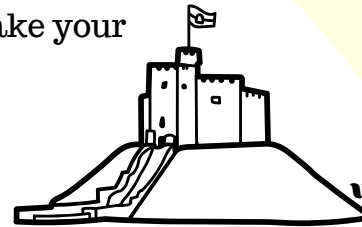


Wales is known as the 'land of the song' and there's a huge range to choose from including traditional folk, all male voice choirs, Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey, Charlotte Church, Shakin' Steven, and Duffy to name but a few



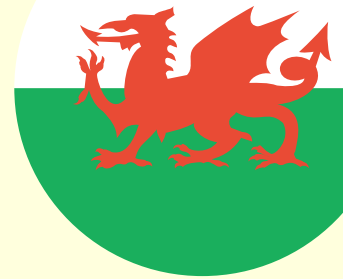
Try some welsh treats including

- Welsh rarebit
- Leg of Welsh lamb served with leek and potato gratin
- Glamorgan sausages and mash
- Lavabread
- Welshcakes



NEXT STOP IS WALES...

CARDIFF



Get ready to celebrate St David's Day on 1st March


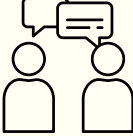





"Lovely the woods, waters, meadows, combes, vales, All the air things wear that build this world of Wales."

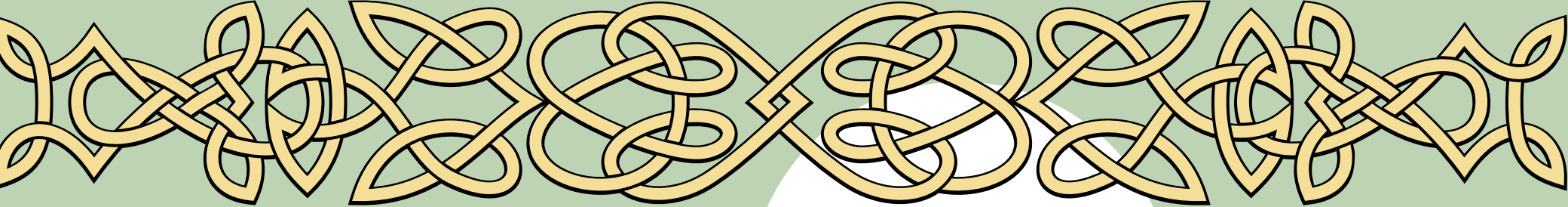
Gerard Manley Hopkins





February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 	2 Time to Talk Day 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 National Pizza Day 	10 Welsh Language Music Day 	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day 	15	16	17 Random Act of Kindness Day <i>#BeKind</i>	18
19	20 National Love Your Pet Day 	21 Shrove Tuesday	22 Ash Wednesday	23 National Chilli Day 	24	25
26	27	28				



NOW LETS GO TO...

BELFAST



"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

**C.S Lewis,
Famous Belfast author**



Kick those legs in the air like Michael Flatley and dance along to some classic 'Riverdance'. Try your hand at some traditional Irish crafts like basket weaving or irish crochet

Why not organise your own version of a traditional irish games contest with some horseshoe throwing, turf stacking and wellie throwing.

Try watching some Irish movies such as 'Once' 'The Wind That Shakes The Barley,' 'The Commitments,' 'Sing Street' and the aptly named 'Belfast'



Your spoilt for choice with the musical offerings of the Irish, whether its the Mighty Irish Ballads, some traditional folk or modern pop. There's plenty to choose from...Christy Moore, Van Morrisson, U2, The Cranberries, Snow Patrol and Niall Horan!

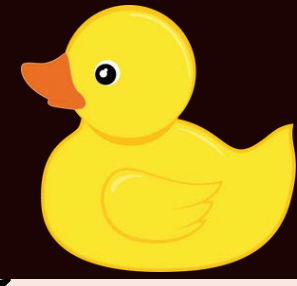
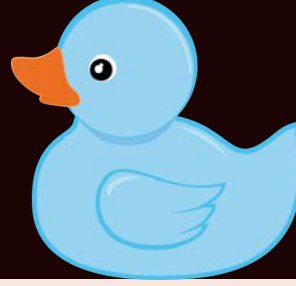
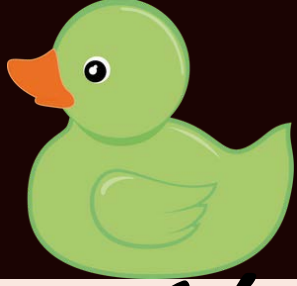
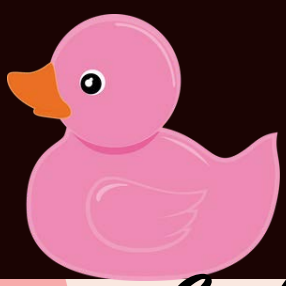
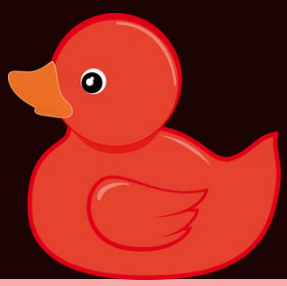
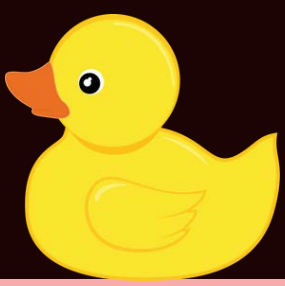
Use one of our menus to enjoy some delicious Irish scran





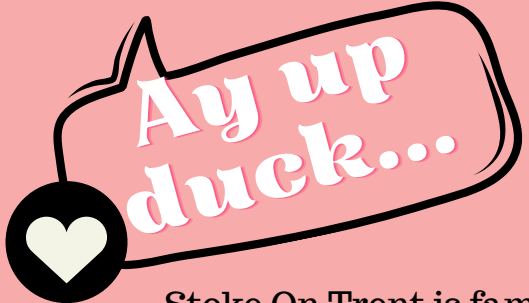
March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 St Davids Day 	2	3 World Hearing Day 	4
5	6 British Pie Week 	7 World Plant Power Day 	8 International Women's day 	9	10	11
12	13 National Napping Day 	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Mother's Day 	20 International Day of Happiness 	21	22 1st Day of Ramadan 	23	24	25 Earth Hour 
26	27 World Theatre Day 	28	29	30	31	



Let's celebrate our hometown

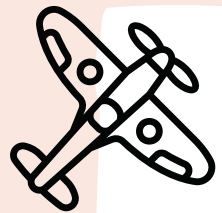
STOKE ON TRENT



Stoke On Trent is famous for its heritage in the potbank industry why not try your hand at some cup painting or clay throwing? Take some inspiration from some Stoke On Trent ceramics like Clarice Cliff or Wedgewood.



Stoke's most famous homegrown talent is the cheeky chap of pop, Robbie Williams. If you fancy a bit more rock and roll give Lemmy or Slash a listen!



You could even take some inspiration from the cities football teams... Elvis' 'The Wonder of You' if you're from the black and white side of the city or Tom Jones' 'Delilah' if you support the reds!



Stoke has it's own specialist dialect, why not make a quiz to find out how much Stokie slang you know! We'll start you off.."Ay up, ow at? Orate?"



If you've never tried a traditional Staffordshire or Stokie Oatcake then you've never been to Stoke! Affectionately called a Potteries popadom or a Clay Suzette, it's a oat pancake rolled up and traditionally filled with breakfast stales like sausage, bacon egg and cheese. How about trying to make your own and inventing a new filling!

Reginald Mitchell, inventor of the Spitfire was a famous Stokie, why not design your own paper airplanes and have a flying contest?

















"But can they do it on a cold, rainy night in Stoke?"

Famous football quote by commentator Andy Gray





April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 International Pillow Fight Day 
2 Autism Awareness Day 	3	4 International Carrot Day 	5 Passover 	6	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter Sunday 	10 National Siblings Day 	11	12	13 National Scrabble Day 	14 International Moment of Laughter Day 	15 World Art Day 
16 St George's Day 	17	18 National Haiku Poetry Day 	19	20 Last Day of Ramadan 	21 National Tea Day 	22 Earth Day 
23	24	25 World Penguin Day 	26	27	28	29 International Dance Day 



LET'S CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION IN OUR CAPITAL



LONDON



King Charles will be hosting a special concert for his coronation of all his favourite music, join in the celebrations by listening to some Great British icons like The Spice Girls,

Have a classic old cockney knees up and sing some old classics like "Lambeth Walk" or "Yankee Doodle Came to London"



London is famous for its landmarks, how about making some activities based on these...guess the landmark or a spot the difference.



King Charles will be coronated this month, why not celebrate with some reminiscence activities around the last coronation of his mother, Queen Elizabeth and on the day have a good old fashioned street party!



Get crafty and make a Union Jack flag in red white and blue wool and card or make your very own crown decorating it with sparkles.



Design your own Coronation Quiz based around royalty maybe include a picture round of some our historic royals.

There's so many songs influenced by London...have a contest to see how many you can think of!

We'll start you off...
Waterloo Sunset - The Kinks
LDN - Lily Allen











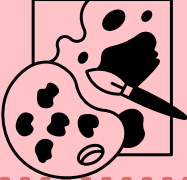
London is famous for its street food markets. Why not have your very own celebrating foods from around the world like they do on the Southbank.



If you're brave enough stay traditional with some jellied eels!



May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Share a story day 	2	3 Meditate in the garden day 	4	5 National astronaut day 	6
7	8 Coronation day 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 International family day 	16	17	18	19	20 National Rescue dog day 
21 World baking day 	22	23 World turtle day 	24	25	26	27
28	29 Spring bank holiday	30 Creativity day 	31			



Let's go to Brighton

Brighton is famous for many of things like the beach but is also famous for the LGBTQ parade so let's celebrate PRIDE month in style

PRIDE MONTH



If it's a rainy June stay at home and watch Summer Holiday with Cliff Richard to get you in the seaside mood

Brighton is famous for it's seaside why not organise your own summer seaside carnival and enjoy games like Cup smash , Bank a ball, Ring toss Tik tac toe



In honour of PRIDE, be inspired by rainbow crafting... do some glass painting, makes some rainbow badges or flags. Remember the more flamboyant the better



Celebrate in true G.A.Y style, get on your disco shoes, throw on some glitter and your feather boas and belt out some karaoke classics such as Kylie Minogue, Elton John and the Pet Shop Boys.



Why not treat yourself to some good old fashioned seaside grub...fish and chips in paper some potted shrimp, donuts, ice-cream cones, candy floss and even a nice cold lager





June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 National Fish and Chips day 	3 National bicycle day 
4 National cheese day 	5 World Environment Day 	6 D-Day 	7	8 National bestfriends day 	9	10 Global wellness day 
11	12	13	14	15 Beer Day 	16	17 National Fudg Day 
18 Fathers day 	19	20	21 Summer solstice 	22	23 National Pink Day 	24
25	26	27 National bingo day 	28	29	30	



LET'S CONTINUE OUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN

Newquay



Relax on your own makeshift beach, fill some tubs with sand so that you can feel it between your toes while sipping on some homemade beach mocktails.



While you're relaxing why not listen to some typical beach summer tunes like The Beach Boys, Under the Boardwalk by The Drifters or Summer Nights by Olivia Newton John and John Travolta



If you're craving the sweet stuff treat yourself to some Cornish cream scones with jam and clotted cream














Lets have a beach BBQ. lets invite our friends over and try famous foods Newquay is famous for...burgers, hotdogs, prawn and shrimp skewers. If you don't fancy a BBQ why not opt for a traditional Cornish pasty.



Balloon tennis all you need is two tennis rackets and balloons Armchair football all you need is a beachball and some willing players



July 2023

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 International Joke Day 	2 Thank You Day 	3	4	5	6	7 World Chocolate Day 
8	9 Eid-ul-Adha 	10 Don't step on bee day 	11 World Population Day 	12	13	14
15 National Give Something Away Day	16 National Ice Cream Day 	17	18	19	20 International Chess Day 	21
22	23 Parents Day 	24	25	26	27	28
29 National Lipstick Day 	30 International friendship day 	31				



LET'S KICK OFF IN **manchester**

Manchester is famous for Granada studios, celebrate with some reminiscence activities about Coronation street who remembers Ena Sharples and Minnie Cauldwell? Download some classic episodes of Coronation street from youtube



Manchester is famous for its iconic football teams, how about a football activity based on these... why not a game of arm chair football or wordsearches with famous football teams to find



Food to try when your in Manchester could be... Rag Pudding, a Pasty Barm, Lancashire Hotpots, Manchester Tarts and Eccles Cakes



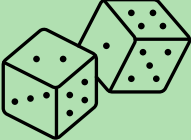



Manchester is famous for its modern music scene but who can forget the likes of George Formby...how about a quiz to see how many you can remember of his songs and then have a sing along!



The Lowry Gallery in Salford Manchester houses Lowry famous paintings, why not try a painting activity based on his famous pictures. Or try a craft session making match stalk men. Have a sing a long to the song based on his life Matchstalk men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs



August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Yorkshire Day 	2 Playday 	3	4 International Beer day 	5
6	7	8 International cat day 	9 National Book Lovers Day 	10	11 National Bakewell Tart Day 	12 National Bowling Day 
13 National Prosecco Day 	14	15 National relaxation day 	16 National roller-coaster day 	17 National Cupcake Day 	18 National Fajita day 	19
20 National Radio day 	21	22	23	24	25	26 National dog day 
27	28	29	30 National beach day 	31 National Burger Day 		

We've arrived in

Birmingham



Let's host our very own commonwealth games... why not try Armchair Bowls Beach volley ball with a net and a balloon Lounge Golf



Birmingham is famous for its TV drama Peaky blinders... why don't we all sit down and watch the series with a hot chocolate and some blankets Or why don't we dress up like someone from peaky blinders



Birmingham is rich in diversity and there is so much culture to embrace. It is the birthplace of the 'balti' so how about giving some recipes a try!

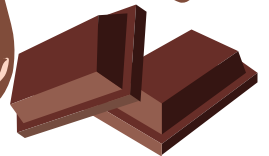


Birmingham is said to be the home of heavy metal...some artists and bands such as Ozzy Osbourne Duran Duran Wizard

Why don't we have a karaoke night and reminisce on some of the songs or maybe do a wordsearch based on some of there songs



Some other famous Birmingham foods you could try are... Faggot Birmingham soup Brummy bacon cake





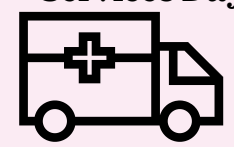


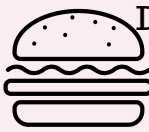









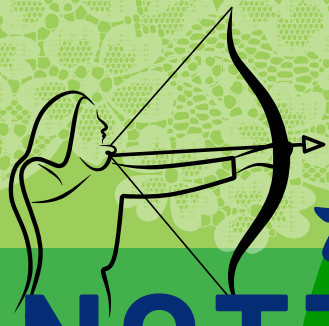
Birmingham is famous for it's chocolate as the birthplace of Cadburys. How about hosting some chocolate themed activities such as chocolate tasting, a chocolate quiz make a chocolate cake or create a chocolate wordsearch based on favourite chocolate brands.





September 2023

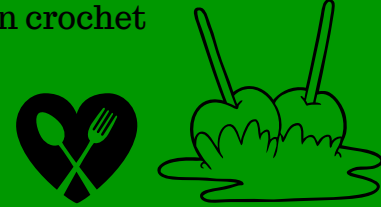
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					1 National foodbank day 	2 World Beard Day 
3	4	5 International Day of Charity 	6 Read a book day 	7	8	9 Emergency Services Day 
10	11	12	13 Roald Dahl day 	14	15 World lymphoma day	16
17 International Country Music Day 	18 National Cheeseburger Day 	19 Talk like a pirate day 	20	21 World Alzheimer's day 		23 International day of sign language 
24 National day of art in carehomes 	25 World dream day 	26	27 World tourism day 	28	29 World Heart Day 	30



Hello

NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham is famous for its lace why not try your hand at your own crochet



Make some Toffee Apples and some treacle Toffee
Enjoy a bowl of witches brew and create some unusual Mocktails

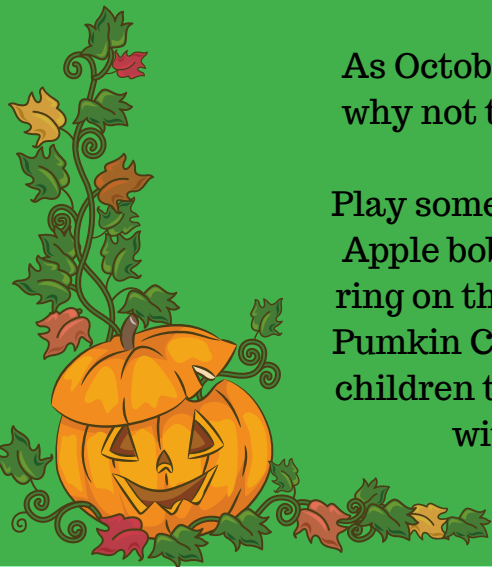


Robin Hood - explore the history of Robin and Marion
Play Armchair Darts throw the arrows at the target



As October draws to a close why not throw a Halloween Party.

Play some classic games like Apple bobbing, and toss the ring on the witches hat. Try Pumkin Carving, invite local children to dress up and help with the fune



Nottingham is well known for Sherwood forest as Autumn leaves start to fall why not have a garden walk and crunch the leaves or collect some for a collage
Collect some pine cones and decorate







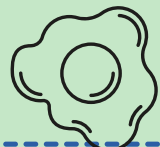







Famous Poets from Birmingham include Lord Byron and DH Lawrence
Was named as the Unesco city of literature 2015. Why not have a poetry hour reading classic poems





October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 International music day 	2 World architecture day 	3	4 Yom Kippur 	5	6 World Smile day 	7
8	9	10 World porridge day 	11	12 World sight day 	13 World egg day 	14
15	16	17 National pasta day 	18	19	20 International chefs day 	21
22	23	24 Diwali HAPPY DIWALI!	25 International artist day 	26	27	28
29 National cat day 	30	31 Halloween 				

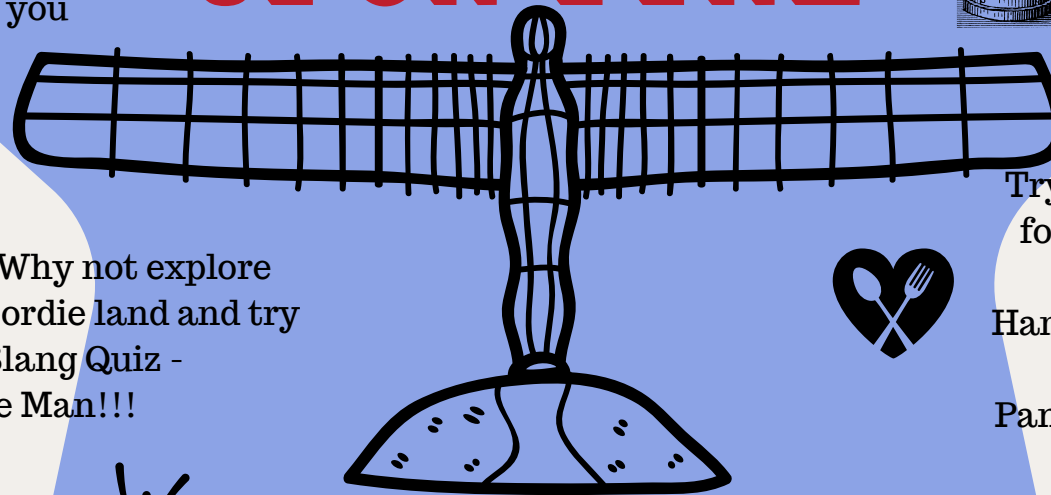


Famous for its likely lads Ant and Dec and the Saturday night takeaway
 Play the Ad game how many famous brands do you recognise

WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE



Newcastle upon tyne is famous for its Geordie lamp as an activity make some lamps



Geordie slang - Why not explore the slang from Geordie land and try a Geordie Slang Quiz -
 Wey aye Man!!!

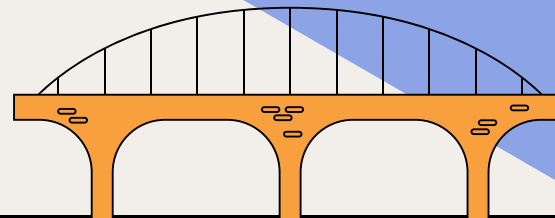


Try some traditional food from the North East
 Ham and Peas pudding
 Stotty cake
 Pan Haggerty to name a few



Famous for its Quayside market reminisce about your favourite Market Place - What did they sell-

Enjoy Bonfire night, invite your families, try some home made pie and peas and watch the fireworks together, followed by Parkin





November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 All saints day 	2	3	4
5 Bonfire night 	6	7	8 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev 	9 British pudding day 	10	11 Remembrance day 
12	13 World kindness day 	14 World Diabetes day 	15	16	17	18
19 National play monopoly day 	20	21 World hello day 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Giving tuesday 	29	30	31	



CHRISTMAS IN LIVERPOOL



The Titanic sailed from Liverpool Have a movie night watch Titanic and Drink Hot Chocolate and eat Marshmallow



If you're feeling chilly make the traditional Liverpool stew of 'Scouse'



Lets make some traditional festive drinks like mulled wines and add your favourite spiced fruits



Put on a Christmas Play telling the story of Christmas



Hold a Christmas party and ask santa to deliver presents



Hold a Christmas market, make baubles and Christmas cards to sell, make candy cones for the children and invite relatives. Decorated baubles



Throw a Christmas cookie cooking contest or make ginger bread houses

Hold a end of year party to welcome the new year in... have a traditional buffet who will be your first foot



Liverpool is famous for singing, the birthplace of the Beatles and Lulu Enjoy afternoon of Singing and then invite children from local school to sing Christmas Carols





December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 National mutt day 	3
4	5	6 St nicholas day	7	8 National brownie day 	9	10 Human rights day 
11	12	13	14 Monkey day 	15	16	17
18	19	20 International human solidarity day	21	22	23	24 Christmas eve 
25 Christmas day	26 Boxing day	27	28	29	30	31 New years eve 