



# JESMOND COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

12 May - 4 June 2017



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 or ask in Jesmond Library!

## Your Key to Events during the Festival Period

### Friday 12 May

*97 & Social, 97 Osborne Road*

#### Big Tidy Up!

**4:00 - 7:00pm**  
 Community litter pick. Free and open to all, organised by Keep Jesmond Clean. Meet at 97 & Social on Osborne Road for a two hour litter pick, after which we will return for refreshments. For more information email [keepjesmondclean@gmail.com](mailto:keepjesmondclean@gmail.com).

*Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Bats and Moths

**Evening - time to be confirmed on booking**  
 Learn about the different species of bats before we set out on a short walk and see which ones we can find. Don't forget your torch! We will also be running a moth trap throughout the evening. Suggested age 8+. Booking essential – contact the Visitor Centre on **0191 281 2082**, £5 per person.

### Saturday 13 May

*St George's Church Green and Church Hall, Osborne Road*

#### Grand Festival Fair

**10:00am - 4:00pm**  
 Entertainment, Music, Food, Crafts, Fun, Community Groups and Market, on the Green or, if the weather is poor, in the Church Hall. Information about Festival events. Entertainment will include musicians from West Jesmond School and City Youth Music, classic bikes from the Royal British Legion and the bells (and bellringers) of St George's.

*Holy Trinity Church, Churchill Gardens*

#### Messy Church

**9:30am - 12:00noon**  
 Enjoy the toddler play zone, crafts, story and songs along with a coffee and refreshments. Call in for as little or as long as you wish.

*The Northumberland Club, North Jesmond Avenue*

#### Great British Tennis Weekend

**10:00am - 12:00noon**  
 Free event offering a range of tennis tasters, coaching and fun for the whole family. Competitions, prizes and giveaways. All age groups and abilities welcome, all equipment provided.

*Jesmond Dene Nature Area (across the Ouseburn from Pets' Corner)*

#### Pond Dipping and Moth Morning

**10:00am - 12:00noon**  
 We'll go through the moth trap to see what we have managed to catch. Try pond dipping. Drop in, and stay as long as you like. More information from the Visitor Centre on **0191 281 2082**.

*Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Open Weekend

**10:00am - 3:00pm**  
 Drop by on Saturday or Sunday and find out what the Friends of Jesmond Dene and the Volunteer Rangers get up to, and how they help and support the parks staff. History displays, information about the archive project, the 'Adopt a Plot' scheme, video footage of wildlife and history walks. Visitor Centre and Gift Shop open.

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### Philionius Funk

**7:00 - 9:00pm**  
 Members of the Northumbria Students' Union Funk Band perform some of their favourite numbers in an event presented by Jesmond Residents Association. Expect a great night out!

### Sunday 14 May

*Ouseburn Parks - Jesmond Dene*

#### Dawn Chorus

**4:30 - 7:30am, yes an!**  
 Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day, join the Rangers and Volunteer Rangers on this early morning walk through the Dene. Come back to the Visitor Centre for a breakfast roll, a hot drink and some footage of other wildlife in the Dene. Suitable for adults and older children (12+). **Booking essential on 0191 281 2082**

*Newcastle Town Moor, to the west of Exhibition Park*

#### Junior Parkrun

**9:00am start**  
 Free 2km run for children aged 4-14. Register in advance at [www.parkrun.org.uk/townmoor-juniors](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/townmoor-juniors)

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*Jesmond Old Cemetery, Sandford Road*

#### Heritage Tour

**10:00am - 12noon**  
 Meet at South Lodge, adjacent to the Sandford Rd entrance, for a guided tour of this historic backwater, the last resting place of John Dobson and John Fenwick. No car parking available. Turn up 15 minutes before the tour starts. No charge, but donations welcome. Any queries to Ray Hayes **07936 534 084**.

*Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Open Weekend

**10:00am - 3:00pm - 11:00am - Short guided walk**  
 Join in a short guided walk, and at 2:00pm the Friends will be holding their Annual General Meeting. Contact the Visitor Centre on **0191 281 2082** for more information.

*Cestria House, 45 Sanderson Road*

#### Semitones

**2:00 - 3:00pm**  
 Informal concert for residents, staff and friends. If you are not a resident and wish to attend, leave extra time to check with staff in advance.

*Jesmond Community Orchard, St Andrew's Cemetery, Tankerville Terrace*

#### Open Day at the Orchard

**2:00 - 4:00pm**  
 A (delayed) celebration of May Day, with the fruit trees in blossom. Enjoy activities, crafts and games for children and adults and discover one of Jesmond's most attractive hidden corners.

*Cake Stories, Brentwood Avenue*

#### Storytelling Open Mic Night

**6:00 - 8:00pm**  
 An evening of story telling, hosted by Cake Stories. Cakes, drinks and food available to purchase. Bring your favourite story to read, sing or perform. Any format fine, stand-up jokes, drama, a song or a bed-time story. Free entry.

### Monday 15 May

*Jesmond Parish Church Halls, Eskdale Terrace*

#### Toddler Group

**10:00am - 12:00noon**  
 We provide a large, fun, safe place for you and your 5's to enjoy a variety of structured and free play activities. Try a session for £2 per family (also takes place on Wednesday and Friday mornings). Contact [anne.leonard@church.org.uk](mailto:anne.leonard@church.org.uk) for more info.

*St Hilda's Church, Thornleigh Road*

#### Knit and Natter

**2:00 - 3:30pm**  
 Come and join us, knit for your own good and natter for fun! Wool and needles supplied, or bring your own if you prefer. Refreshments. Free

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### All Together Now!

**6:00 - 7:30pm**  
 To mark Dementia Awareness Week, the Jesmond Dementia Action Alliance invites you to enjoy a musical performance by Semitones, join in the singing, and learn about local work being carried out to develop the potential of musical interactions in dementia care.

### Monday 15 May (cont)

*Newcastle Cricket Club, Osborne Avenue*

#### Girls and Women's Coaching

**6:30 - 8:00pm**  
 Free taster session. Try out fun cricket coaching for girls and women aged 13 to pensioners. Bar open from 5:00pm.

*St George's Church Hall, Osborne Road*

#### Flower Arranging

**7:30 - 9:30pm**  
 Jesmond WI invite anyone attending Festival events to a demonstration of flower arranging by Pamela Alexander, Secretary of the Northumberland & Durham Area of the National Association of Flower Arrangers. Arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. Donations please.

### Tuesday 16 May

*Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Volunteer Open Day

**10:00am - 12:30pm**  
 Come along to Jesmond Dene, meet the Friends and Volunteer Rangers, and find out what they get up to. We have various different volunteer opportunities: guided walks, practical sessions, bee keeping, events, the archives, and lots more. For more information contact the Visitor Centre on **0191 281 2082** or email [jesks@countyside@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:jesks@countyside@newcastle.gov.uk). If you would like to volunteer, but can't come on this day, please get in touch anyway!

*Portland Bowling Club, Hutton Terrace*

#### Open Afternoon

**2:00 - 5:00pm**  
 See the County's oldest private bowling club, for men of all ages. A great opportunity to visit one of Jesmond's hidden gems and try out bowls in a near perfect setting (flat soled shoes or trainers required). Licenced bar, tea and coffee.

*Newcastle Cricket Club, Osborne Avenue*

#### The Jesmond Debate

**7:00 - 9:00pm**  
 'Is private education good or bad for society as a whole?' Speakers: Bernard Trafford (currently Head of Newcastle Royal Grammar School) and Gerry Keating (formerly a teacher at RGS). After the main speakers, members of the audience will be invited to make their contributions. Organised by the North East Humanists.

*Holy Trinity Church Hall, Churchill Gardens*

#### Rock Project Adult Tasters

**7:15 - 9:00pm**  
 Adults, try out guitar, bass or drums. Places limited - contact Paul Gibson on **07802 234843** or [newcastle@therockproject.com](mailto:newcastle@therockproject.com) in advance.

### Wednesday 17 May

*JesSpace, above 1901 Caffè Bistro, Jesmond Methodist Church, St George's Terrace*

#### JesCraft

**10:00am - 12:00noon**  
 Learn some new skills, or refresh older ones. Spend the time knitting, crocheting, sewing, cross-stitching and embroidering. If you have your own needles please bring them along. Free event.

*Jesmond Methodist Church, St George's Terrace*

#### Open House

**1:00 - 3:00pm**  
 We will be opening our doors to anyone who needs space for relaxation and rest, whether that's a break from work, kids or exam prep. There will be a prayer space, drawing materials and books available, and friendly conversation, should you wish. Tea, coffee and cake. Free entry.

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### Circle Dancing

**2:00 - 4:00pm**  
 A taster session with Liz Hammer, including tea and refreshments. Suitable for all ages, and you don't need a partner. Enjoy a fun and sociable time as you learn dances from around the world. Donations please.

*Jesmond Old Cemetery, Sandford Road*

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*The Holy Name Church Hall, Towers Avenue*

#### Poetry Please? Please Yourself!

**7:00 - 8:30pm**  
 Bring along a published poem of your choice, to share over a glass of wine with fellow poetry lovers, in an informal and relaxed setting

### Thursday 18 May

*Newcastle Cricket Club, Osborne Avenue*

#### Senior Men's Club (Women also Welcome!)

**10:30am - 12:00noon**  
 Come and enjoy the week's speaker. Tea & coffee available from 10:00am.

*Holy Trinity Church Hall, Churchill Gardens*

#### 'Vintage' Lunch Club

**11:30am - 1:30pm**  
 Light lunch and conversation, for the over 60s.

*Chapman House, Newcastle High School for Girls Junior Department, Sandford Road*

#### Put a Song in Your Heart

**2:00 - 4:00pm (doors open 1:30pm)**  
 Fun and frivolity for the over 50s, with entertainment by the children of the school and afternoon tea. Hosted by NHSG and the Elders Council of Newcastle. Open to all over 50s. Free transport available from various stops in Jesmond, contact **0191 275 9745** to book.

*The Holy Name Church Hall, Towers Avenue*

#### Afternoon Tea Club

**2:00 - 4:00pm**  
 Join us for afternoon tea, with a slide show of Old Jesmond, musical entertainment and a raffle. People of all ages welcome. £2 charge includes tea, all accompaniments and the raffle.

*Jesmond Parish Church Halls, Eskdale Terrace*

#### Quench After School Café

**3:50 - 5:00pm**  
 Start winding down for the weekend! Come down, grab a snack, then kick back and relax, or challenge your mates to a game of FIFA or Table Tennis. Open to everyone in school years 7-13. Free entry: just pay for what you buy. Contact [dan.mcbride@church.org.uk](mailto:dan.mcbride@church.org.uk) for more info.

*Newcastle Cricket Club, Osborne Avenue*

#### Rock Project Tasters

**4:00 - 6:00pm (ages 7 - 11)**  
**6:15 - 8:15pm (ages 11 - 18)**  
 Try out guitar, bass or drums. But places are limited so contact Paul Gibson on **07802 234843** or [newcastle@therockproject.com](mailto:newcastle@therockproject.com) for further details.

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### Streets for People: a Thursday evening talk

**6:00 - 7:00pm**  
 Speaker: Phil Jones Associates, urban designers of the proposed Jesmond-wide plan, sponsored by Jesmond Safe Cycling and Jesmond Residents Association. £3 a head, to help keep our library open.

*Meet at Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Guided Walk: St Mary's Chapel and Well

**6:00 - 8:00pm**  
 A walk in Jesmond Dene taking in the history of St Mary's Chapel and the Old Well in the company of volunteers who are passionate about the parks. £3 per head. **Booking essential**, phone **0191 281 2082**.

### Friday 19 May

*Holy Trinity Church Hall, Churchill Gardens*

#### Trinity Tots

**9:30 - 11:30am**  
 Toddler Group for babies, preschool age children and their parents!.

*St George's Church Hall, Osborne Road*

#### Friday Café

**10:30am - 12:00noon**  
 Open to all. We warmly welcome those affected by dementia.

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### West Jesmond Primary School Music Event

**11:00 - 11:30am**  
 Open to all! An informal concert of singers and instrumentalists from West Jesmond Primary School, performing a variety of music. Coffee and refreshments.

*Newcastle Cricket Club, Osborne Avenue*

#### City Youth Music Young Bands Night

**7:00 - 10:00pm**  
 City Youth Music present a Jesmond Festival Gig showcasing local bands and music performers of school age. Refreshments. Tickets at the door.

*The Church of the Holy Name, North Jesmond Avenue*

#### Compass Acappella

**7:30 - 9:00pm**  
 A musical performance by a 40-strong chorus, conducted by Susan Jones. Comprising men from all walks of life, based in the North East, who enjoy singing a range of popular songs a capella (without accompaniment) in four part close harmony. Contains songs from Swing, '60s to present day.

*Jesmond Parish Church, Eskdale Terrace*

#### An Evening of Comedy & Magic

**7:45 - 9:45pm**  
 Enjoy John Archer's unique brand of comedy and magic, and hear about how the God of the Bible changed his life. £4 adults, £2 concessions. Book at [www.jpcc.org.uk/jesmondfest](http://www.jpcc.org.uk/jesmondfest) or phone **0191 212 7414**.

### Saturday 20 May

*Jesmond United Reformed Church, Burdon Terrace*

#### Light Amid Shadow, a Quiet Morning (led by Rev Ruth Crofton)

**10:00 for a 10:30am start - 1:00pm**  
 An Army Chaplain in World War I, Rev GA Suddert-Kennedy ('Woodbine Willie') worked through his experiences in the trenches in poetry, with a touch of wry humour. We'll look at his life and poetry, and reflect in quietness. Coffee from 10:00am, bring a packed lunch if you wish.

### Saturday 20 May (cont)

*Armstrong Bridge, off Jesmond Dene Road*

#### Jesmond Food Market

**10:00am - 3:00pm**  
 Jesmond's monthly food market returns, featuring all the best produce from around the region. The market is supported by Jesmond Residents Association and Food Newcastle and organised by Anna Hedworth of The Grazer.

*Ouseburn Parks Visitor Centre, Jesmond Dene*

#### Jesmond Dene Arts Market

**10:00am - 3:00pm**  
 Around 20 top local artists, designers and crafters, with something for all tastes and budgets. The Arts Market is supported by LoveArtsnortheast and Newcastle City Council and organised by Lesley McNish.

*Jesmond Parish Church Halls, Eskdale Terrace*

#### Gospel Choir Workshop

**10:00am - 4:00pm**  
 A fun filled day learning a variety of gospel songs - then sing the next day at the Jesmond Parish Church evening service, with a band. No previous singing experience or ability to read music required, just lots of enthusiasm! Free entry, but please book your place at [www.jpcc.org.uk/jesmondfest](http://www.jpcc.org.uk/jesmondfest).

*Jesmond Nursery, 8 Osborne Road*

#### Family Fun Day and Barbecue

**11:00am - 1:00pm**  
 An exciting day with various fun activities, indoors and out, including a bouncy castle, face painting and charity raffle. Everyone welcome, free entry!

*St Hilda's Church, Thornleigh Road*

#### Art Exhibition, Books, Stalls and Refreshments

**11:00am - 2:00pm**  
 Art exhibition includes work from West Jesmond Primary School, Percy Hedley Foundation Northern Counties School and other local artists. Stalls include books, preserves, ginger wine and more. Light refreshments available. Prayers on the hour, every hour, in the church.

*Jesmond Methodist Church, St George's Terrace*

#### A Taste of Nations

**12:00noon - 2:00pm**  
 Drop into JMC for a taste of home cooked food from around the world. Event ends when the food runs out! Free.

*Holy Trinity Church Hall, Churchill Gardens*

#### Splice of Life Film Club

**7:00 - 9:30pm**  
 We are showing the award-winning film 'Bohhood', an American coming-of-age drama, which used the same cast over the period 2002 to 2013. After the film there will be an opportunity to discuss issues raised.

*Jesmond Library, St George's Terrace*

#### Axum, with the Elderly Brothers

**Doors open 7:30pm - 9:45pm**  
 Folk band Axum make a welcome return to Jesmond Library, with traditional tunes from around the British Isles. With support from vocal harmony group The Elderly Brothers. £5 entry fee to support Jesmond Library and the Festival. Refreshments available.

*Jesmond Parish Church Halls, Eskdale Terrace*

#### House: Youth Event

**8:00 - 10:00pm**  
 In school years 9 - 13? then House is for you. Join us for a relaxed evening in the café, get stuck into some epic Table Tennis and Football battles or play the night away in our Gaming Zone. It's your House! Free entry for first-timers. Contact [dan.mcbride@church.org.uk](mailto:dan.mcbride@church.org.uk) for more info.

### Sunday 21 May

*Newcastle Town Moor, to the west of Exhibition Park*

#### Junior Parkrun

**9:00am start**  
 Free 2km run for children aged 4-14. Register in advance at [www.parkrun.org.uk/townmoor-juniors](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/townmoor-juniors)

*Exhibition Park, off Branding Park or Claremont Road*

#### Steam Train Rides

**11:00am - 3:00pm**  
 Ride on the model railway as guests of the Tyneside Society of Model and Experimental Engineers. Children and adults welcome! Tracks are situated behind the Wylam Brewery Building, at the Northern