



Major Events and Festivals 2024

Stanley Spencer Gallery Exhibition: Everywhere is Heaven **ends 24 Mar 2024**

The winter exhibition at the Stanley Spencer Gallery is its first ever to show the work of a contemporary artist alongside works by Stanley Spencer. A number of works by Roger Wagner, from private collections, are hung in the Gallery, alongside works from the Stanley Spencer Gallery and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge (including *Builders of the Tower of Babel* and *Making Columns for the Tower of Babel*).

<https://stanleypencer.org.uk/>

Snowdrops at Cliveden **mid Jan – mid February 2024**

Longer hours of daylight heralds the arrival of thousands of snowdrops around Cliveden estate. Follow a walking trail seeking for four different varieties in the crisp winter air.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden

Windsor Festival International String Competition **March 2024**

Launched in memory of festival founder Yehudi Menuhin, this biennial competition is the foremost of its kind in the world. It seeks out the star performer of a generation, and launches the career of an exceptional violinist, violist, or cellist.

<https://windsorfestival.com/>

Daffodils at Cliveden **March – April 2024**

The annual daffodil-spectacular sees hundreds of thousands of narcissi spring up across the estate and rolling displays of rarer, pot-grown varieties on show in the Ferneries.

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Daffodils in Windsor Great Park **March – April 2024**

Bulbs and seeds planted in The Valley Gardens, on the northern shore of Virginia Water, have over the past half century grown into one of England's largest displays, and heralds the start of spring.

www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk

Royal Windsor Horse Racing **15 April – 14 October & 15 December 2024**

The 2024 fixture list covers 25 flat race meetings on mainly Monday afternoon/evenings. Post-racing live music features at events through the summer. Plus, for the first time in 20 years, racegoers can enjoy jump racing at Windsor as jumps racing returns on Sunday 15th December 2024. Unlike the flat season from April to October, jumps racing features jumps and hurdles on an all-weather track, making for a truly unmissable and distinctive atmosphere. Excitement has been building at Windsor over the last few months and look forward to its return as it becomes a dual course.

www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk

Royal Windsor Horse Show**1 – 5 May 2024**

A feast of all things equestrian held in the private grounds of Windsor Castle. Top-class competition in Jumping, Dressage, Driving and Endurance, and the 120-plus Showing classes, combined with special events for a fantastic day out.

www.rwhs.co.uk

Spring flowers in The Valley Gardens**May 2024**

The 250-acre site in Windsor Great Park is located just above Virginia Water Lake, where the Punchbowl annual display of rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias and camelias is a riot of colour.

<https://www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk/explore/the-gardens/the-valley-gardens/>

Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Show**8 June 2024**

Traditional summer flower show held at The York Club, in Windsor Great Park. Alongside the classes are exhibitions by leading garden designers, talks, classes and demonstrations from outstanding gardeners, cooks, artisans, makers, and craftspeople.

<http://rwrhs.com/>

Cartier Queen's Cup Finals Day**June 2024**

One of the top five polo tournaments in the world, The Cartier Queen's Cup attracts the sport's leading international players and an A-list crowd of supporters to Guards Polo Club in Windsor Great Park.

www.guardspoloclub.com

Garner Day**17 June 2024**

Colourful occasion for the oldest and most senior British Order of Chivalry, founded by King Edward III in 1348. After lunch the King and 24 knights walk to St George's Chapel, wearing traditional ceremonial robes and hats, and after the service return to the Castle's upper ward in an open-carriage procession. Ticketed event – spectators can apply from Jan - Mar.

www.royal.uk/order-garter

Royal Ascot**18 – 22 June 2024**

A national institution and highlight of the British social calendar which combines tradition, fashion, pageantry, dining, and style. Each day the Royal Procession of coaches passes in front of the grandstand and into the Parade Ring. After the last race, racegoers enjoy traditional singing at the bandstand.

www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events

Summer Roses**June – July 2024**

The Savill Garden's contemporary Rose Garden is the focus for an intense sensory experience. Roses are specially chosen for their scent, strong colours and repeat flowering, and are best appreciated from a walkway that 'floats' above them.

www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk

Windsor Championship Dog Show**27 – 30 June 2024**

Known as the Royal Ascot of Dog Shows, the summer “Crufts” takes place in Home Park, under the ramparts of Windsor Castle. Four days of intense competition among 7000 dogs of 200 pedigree breeds concludes with the ‘Best in Show’ finale on Sunday. The free to watch event has a main ring, show suites and shopping village.

www.windsordogshow.org.uk

Parallel Windsor**7 July 2024**

National mass participation celebration event of disability and inclusion. Parallel Windsor will host a range of multiple distances; 100m, 1km, 5km, 10km and the innovative Super Sensory 1km. The event also includes a free to attend accessible festival of inclusivity.

<https://www.parallellifestyle.com/windsor2022>

Swan Upping**Tuesday 16 July 2024**

Annual census of the River Thames swan population by HM Swan Marker and the Royal Swan Uppers in a flotilla of traditional wooden rowing skiffs. Passing Windsor Castle, the rowers stand to attention in their boat with oars raised and salute "His Majesty The King, Seigneur of the Swans".

www.royalswan.co.uk/

En Plein Air**TBC July 2024**

Open Air (quick) painting event and competition where, during a four-hour period, Artists create their own masterpieces at locations around the town centre. Their interpretations are then exhibited on easels, with votes cast and prizes awarded.

www.windsor.gov.uk

Maidenhead Festival**20 - 21 July 2024**

Free admission family-focussed weekend event takes place in Maidenhead’s Kidwells Park and features music, a beach, fairground, stalls and side-shows as well as circus performers.

www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk

King George Diamond Weekend**26 – 27 July 2024**

Less formal than the Royal meeting, this is the next most important, historic, and glamorous racing meeting in Ascot’s calendar and combines world-class flat racing with summer style, live music, and a quintessential English garden party atmosphere.

www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events

Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Raceday**10 August 2024**

A unique fixture in the global racing calendar as the world’s top jockeys come together to compete for points to lift racing’s ultimate team prize. Off-track the entertainment is every bit appealing with a post-racing concert on the Old Paddock Lawns.

www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events

Windsor Festival**Dates TBC 2024**

Celebration of music, literature and the arts which attracts distinguished artists from around the world to perform in prestigious venues including Windsor Castle's Waterloo Chamber, St George's Chapel, the Eton College Chapel, and the Theatre Royal.

www.windsorfestival.com

Art in the Garden**Sept – October 2024**

An exhibition of eye-catching sculpture inspired by the natural world forms a trail around The Savill Garden. Each piece is placed to benefit from the surrounding flora and be shown to best effect throughout the event.

www.windsorgreatpark.co.uk

Windsor Fringe Festival**Sept – Oct Dates TBC 2024**

A mixed programme of arts and entertainment: music, drama, visual arts (including photography and sculpture), film, poetry, informative walks in Windsor, gastronomy – and even conkers. Many young artists, such as soprano Dame Emma Kirkby and jazz musician Jamie Cullum, cut their teeth in the Fringe, going on to become household names.

www.windsorfringe.co.uk

Cliveden Literary Festival**21 – 22 Sept 2024**

Evoke the spirit of the great writers and potentates who stayed here and continue the tradition of the house as a sanctuary for lovers of literature. The festival promises lively discussion, innovative ideas, and political debate, which reflects Cliveden's own story.

<http://clivedenliteraryfestival.org/>

"Brick or Treat"**28 September – 5 November 2024**

LEGOLAND Windsor Resort transforms into a pumpkin-filled wonderland, led by Lego Monsters for a frightfully fun family event. Expect fangtastic photo opportunities, 4D movies, themed LEGO builds, the Monster Jam show, and the return of 'Monster Street'.

<https://www.legoland.co.uk/explore/special-events/brick-or-treat/>

Fireworks Spectacular Family Raceday Ascot**2 November 2024**

Jump racing returns with a bang at Ascot when high quality racing is followed by one of the region's largest pyro musical shows featuring over 20,000 fireworks. Racegoers can expect an abundance of spooky activities and fairground rides to enjoy throughout the day.

www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events

Windsor Contemporary Art Fair**Dates TBC November 2024**

This prominent national arts event brings together 150 award-winning and emerging artists and galleries to exhibit their work at Royal Windsor Racecourse. The event showcases contemporary and fine art under one roof, with prices ranging from £50 - £5,000.

www.windsorcontemporaryartfair.co.uk

Windsor Great Park Illuminated**November 2024 – January 2025**

Follow a path through woodland awash with colour as sparkles of fireflies, luminous beacons and dancing fairies blaze the way, the lake alive with flood-lit fountains and glimmering reflections.

www.windsorilluminated.com

Windsor on Ice**Dates TBC Nov 2024 – Jan 2025**

Situated in Alexandra Gardens, the covered main rink has an outside ice-skating track, viewing area, festive food court and under-cover attractions, so non-skaters can relax and stay warm. Ice-guides to teach basic skating techniques are available with advance booking.

www.windsoronice.com

LaplandUK**Nov – Dec 2024**

An immersive Christmas experience for young children, rated as the UK's most magical Christmas Experience, is located in Whitmoor Forest, Windsor Great Park. Open on selected dates between November and Christmas Eve. Tickets for 2023 sold out.

www.laplanduk.co.uk

Windsor Living Advent Calendar**01 – 24 December 2024**

A different businesses window or door opens each evening at 6:15pm promptly for a 15 minute "live" Christmas themed performance - carols, music, poetry, readings, folklore, sketches, dance etc. – usually followed by an invite to Christmas treats and nibbles.

www.windsor.gov.uk

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