



## Major Events in Rutland 2009

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

### **Rutland to Melton International CiCLE Classic**

Britain's only Elite single day cycle road race, taking competitors on and off road over 100 miles through villages in Rutland and finishing just over the border in Melton.

This exciting race attracts international competitors from all over Europe and beyond, and is a wonderful day out for spectators of all ages.

Venue: Market Place, Oakham. Information: 01572 787726

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

### **Exton Street Market**

The Exton street market has been running for more than 25 years and has grown to become one of Rutland's most famous annual events. The market takes place in the pretty village of Exton, attracting around 6000 visitors.

Venue: Exton village. Information 01572 812594

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### **Rutland County Show**

The annual County Show is a firm favourite in the Rutland calendar. The event includes a range of animal showing classes, charity raffles, a wide variety of displays such as classic cars and agricultural machinery and tempting food and drink.

Showcasing the best of Rutland, this show is not to be missed.

Venue: Burley on the Hill. Information: 01572 787567

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

### **Rutland Open Air Theatre at Tolethorpe Hall**

Stamford Shakespeare Company presents an annual season of plays which for 2009 include The Tempest, Oliver Twist and A Midsummer Nights Dream. No performance is ever cancelled because of the weather, and so whilst the actors might get wet, the audience will remain safely covered beneath a permanent canopy.

Venue: Tolethorpe Hall. Information: 01780 756133

Mid June to early July \*dates not yet confirmed

### **Oakham Festival & Uppingham Fringe**

A celebration of the arts, bringing an exciting range of music, poetry, comedy and theatre to Oakham and Uppingham. This fantastic Festival includes a packed schedule of high quality entertainment during the 10 day event.

Venue: Various locations across Rutland, see Festival brochure locally for details.

Information: 07826 733374

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

### **The British Birdwatching Fair**

An important international event, and the largest event in Rutland which annually draws 20,000 people to the county for a weekend dedicated to birds and bird watching. Described as the Glastonbury for bird watchers, visitors can browse over

300 stalls offering every gadget possible and enjoy the food halls and refreshment tents.

Venue: Rutland Water Nature Reserve, Egleton. Information: 01572 771079

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### **The Grainstore Brewery Beer Festival**

Sample over 70 real ales and draught ciders at the very popular and well attended Grainstore Brewery Beer Festival. Enjoy delicious hot food including burgers and hot dogs and soak up a real party atmosphere. There's a truly fantastic line up of live music every night from 8.30pm during the Festival *and* during the day on Saturday and Sunday. Some of the exciting acts include Soul Sensation on Friday and Hicksville Bombers (rock & roll) on Sunday.

Venue: The Grainstore Brewery. Information: 01572 770065

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

### **Burghley Horse Trials**

Burghley is both an equestrian and social event, situated in the beautiful parkland surrounding Burghley House. This famous televised event draws visitors from far and wide and is hugely popular.

Venue: Burghley House, Stamford. Information: 01933 304744

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September \*provisional date

### **Rutland Day**

Becoming a firm fixture in the events calendar, Rutland Day is a fun-packed day out for all the family. Come and enjoy live music from some top local bands, a range of excellent children's entertainment, delicious food and drink and much more. It's free to enjoy and set on the shores of Rutland Water.

Venue: Rutland Water. Information: 01572 722577

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### **Rutland Dog Show**

This popular family event, organised by Rutland Dog Warden Barry Briggs, will take place in Oakham at Cutts Close. The 2008 event featured a host of fantastic attractions including an appearance from the Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain, free dog health checks and a novelty dog show and was sponsored by big names including Pedigree and Oakham Veterinary Hospital. The 2009 event promises to be unmissable.

Venue: Cutts Close, Oakham. Information 01572 722577

### Further Information

If you require further information, please contact the Tourism Team at Discover Rutland on 01572 720924 or 01572 720921 or email [tourism@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@rutland.gov.uk)  
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