



Hello DERT teams and judges,

DERT 2017 is only a couple of weeks away, so here's some information to answer any potential questions you may have. If there's something we haven't covered, then please email us with any questions.

## Friday

### Getting to Kendal:-

Kendal isn't too difficult to get to, but if you're unsure then have a look at <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/how-to-find-us/>

Once you're in Kendal, the maps attached to this email will help you find a car park and the venues.

### Arriving:-

If you are arriving on Friday night, please come to the Kirkbie Kendal School (Lound Rd, Kendal LA9 7EQ) to pick up your wristbands, information packs and any pre-ordered t-shirts. The car park at the school is reserved for camper vans and parking for those who are indoor camping, so if you're not staying at the school, please can you park at the Leisure Centre (Burton Rd, Kendal LA9 7HX) and walk the 200 metres back to the school. You can arrive any time after 5pm on Friday. Please note that the whole school site is non-smoking!

### Merchandise:-

By the time you're reading this, the T-shirt pre-ordering will have closed, but don't worry, there will be a selection of the colours and sizes available to buy at the weekend. Along with the T-shirts, we'll be selling two designs of leather badges at £2 each and a handy sized cotton bag, with the T-shirt design on, for £3 (perfect for carrying your rapper shoes in!). They will be on sale all weekend, until we run out.

## Saturday

### Arriving:-

If you are arriving on Saturday morning, please come to the Town Hall (LA9 4DL) where we will have information packs, wristbands etc. If you have reserved a space in our car park then make sure you have your print-out with you. There are maps attached to this email, as well as on the website.

**Timings:-**

The competition timings and the timings for the weekend are attached to this email, as well as online at: <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/timetables-and-maps/>

**Category allocations**

The category allocations are below, but they can be found online at <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/teams/>, along with the team bios.

**Premier**

Black Swan Rapper  
Newcastle Kingsmen  
Whip the Cat Rapper and Clog  
Star and Shadow  
Red Mum Rapper  
Sallyport Sword Dancers  
Gaorsach Rapper  
Sheffield Steel

**Championship**

Thrales Rapper  
Medlock Rapper  
Tower Ravens  
Northgate Rapper  
Mabel Gubbins  
Stone Monkey Silverbacks

**Open**

Warwick Rapper  
Locksided Rapper  
Birmingham Rapper  
Oakenyouth

**Venues:-**

The information and addresses of all the venues are now on our website: <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/venues/>

The late night drinking on Friday and Saturday, the Sunday workshop, the Sunday meeting and farewell all take place in Kirkbie Kendal School. There will also be a food van on the site on Saturday afternoon/early evening. This gives the teams a chance to head back to the school after the main competition, relax with a pint, have a shower and eat some lovely grub before the Showcase. Don't forget the DERT Bake Off competition that's being held in the school on the Friday night. Have a look on Facebook for the rules.

The Showcase and Traditional Competition are being held at the Leisure Centre, just a four minute walk from the school. The doors open at 6:30pm, for a prompt 7:00pm start. There will be tickets available on the door, but you can buy tickets in advance here: <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/shop/>. Make sure you're wearing your wrist band, otherwise you won't get in!

The Spotlight and DERTy competitions are being held in the Town Hall. This is also where the merchandise and ticket desk will be during the day on Saturday. There won't

be any beer for sale here, but entry is free and Kirkbie Kendal School World Challenge Group will be selling tea, coffee and snacks to raise funds for their Mongolia 2018 trip.

The five competition pubs are Burgundy's Brewhouse, Ruskins Bar, Bootleggers, The Bridge and The Factory Tap. The pubs are no more than 10 minutes apart (a few of them are less than 100m apart) but please make sure you're at the next dance spot 10 minutes before you're scheduled to be on. Because we've scheduled the host competition into the Saturday programme, a few teams will have a couple of quick pub changes, but most of the day there will be plenty of time to walk between pubs. There will be a steward in each venue to greet you - make sure you find them and identify yourself. More information is online.

Our hosts' competition this year is in the Westmorland Shopping Centre - more information on that further down the page.

### **Filming:-**

Following on from last year, we're going to live stream from some of the pubs and the evening venue directly to YouTube. If you go to our dedicated Youtube channel DERT 2017 Live ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKiFF2\\_uZiw5RD\\_oAAuQGjA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKiFF2_uZiw5RD_oAAuQGjA)) you'll be able to see the available live videos. As the live streaming will only be from a couple of pubs from one angle all day long, we would encourage people to film the dances (and the atmosphere) and upload the videos to YouTube.

### **Competition Rules:-**

The rules and marking criteria are here: <http://www.dert2017.co.uk/competition-documents/>

### **The Hosts' Competition - Crook's Crook:-**

This year our DERT 2017 hosts' competition is one we'd love all the teams to get involved with, which is why we've scheduled in a time for everyone, if they choose to accept it. Between 11am and 4pm, there will be floor space in the Westmorland Shopping Centre where every team will have ten minutes to dance and persuade the public to vote for them. The voting won't be with tokens or clapping - it will be through donations to the Great North Air Ambulance. As a side, we've supported the GNAA for the past few years because it's a charity that could potentially help any of us at any time and be the difference between life and death. The way it will work is that each team will have ten minutes to collect as much money as possible from the shoppers. As well as dancing to draw people in, the teams can use the whole of the ten minutes to persuade the public to part with their cash. At the end of the day we will add up the total collected by each team and award the winners with Crook's Crook! Well, what else would you expect from a side named Crook?

### **Beer:-**

We're extremely lucky in Kendal to have a few micro breweries, all making wonderful beer. In fact, two of our competition venues are two of those breweries, so expect some great beer at reasonable prices during the day. For the Friday and Saturday evening at the school, we're going to be running our own bar. As well as the usual wines, spirits and cider, we're offering two real ales from the Hawkshead Brewery, based in Staveley (only 5 miles north of Kendal) at only £2.50 a pint! If you're lucky, you may even get to try some of our damson gin, made with damsons from Crook's very own damson tree.

The Leisure Centre will be running their own bar on the Saturday evening for the

Showcase and Traditional Competition, but as well as their bottled real ales, we'll be supplying them with a few barrels of the Hawkshead beer.

## Sunday

### Sunday meeting

On Sunday morning at 11am (after the winners' workshop) in the Kirkbie Kendal School Main Hall, we're planning to have another informal chat/meeting to talk about the future of DERT. The aim this year will be to follow on from last year. Now that the survey results have been published at <http://www.dertinfo.co.uk>, there will be plenty to talk about.

Don't forget, everyone is responsible for their own belongings throughout the whole weekend!

If you have any queries, please email:

[dert2017@gmail.co.uk](mailto:dert2017@gmail.co.uk)

For emergencies at the event, call the DERT hub on – 07957772390. Dan, Sam or Anj will be there to help.

See you in Kendal!

Crook Morris

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