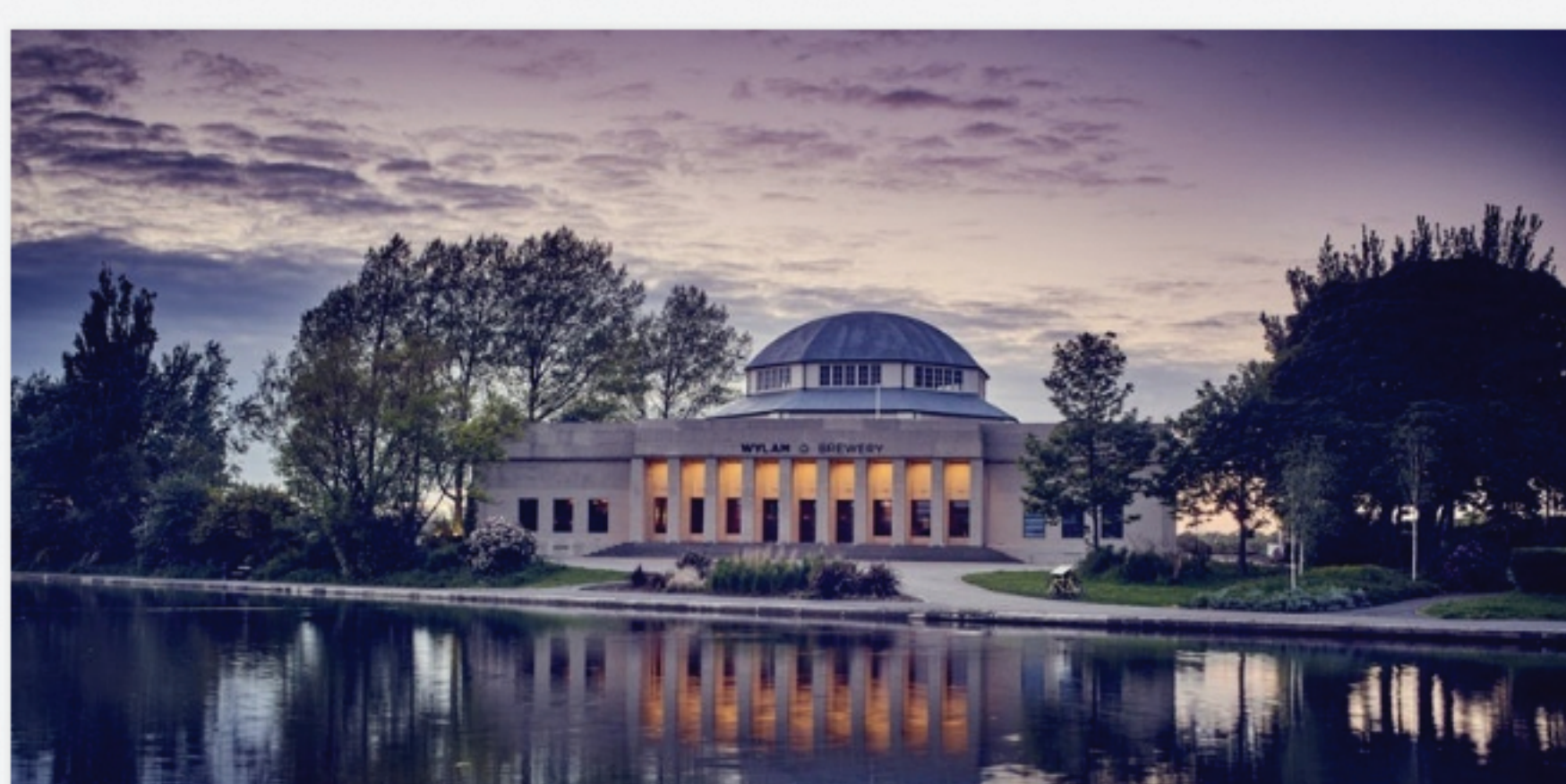


# Best Five Live Music Venues in Newcastle

Be in the know of Newcastle's best of the best by checking out our guide to their top 5 greatest music venues right now!

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Newcastle has always been a prominent feature in music, churning out the likes of [Sting](#), [Maximo Park](#) and the vocalist of iconic rock band [AC/DC](#), and they've not let their reputation drop in the least. Their fantastic line-up of live venues keeps the bass pumping and the music playing across the city each and every night. With so much on offer it can be hard to know where to start, so we have compiled a list of some of the most remarkable and unmissable venues in the city! Take a look below:

## The Cluny



### VIEW EVENTS

This building on 36 Lime Street has stood there for over 150 years, first opening as a flax mill in 1848 – now it hosts a number of offices, artist spaces and recording studios, as well as Newcastle's best little bar: [The Cluny](#).

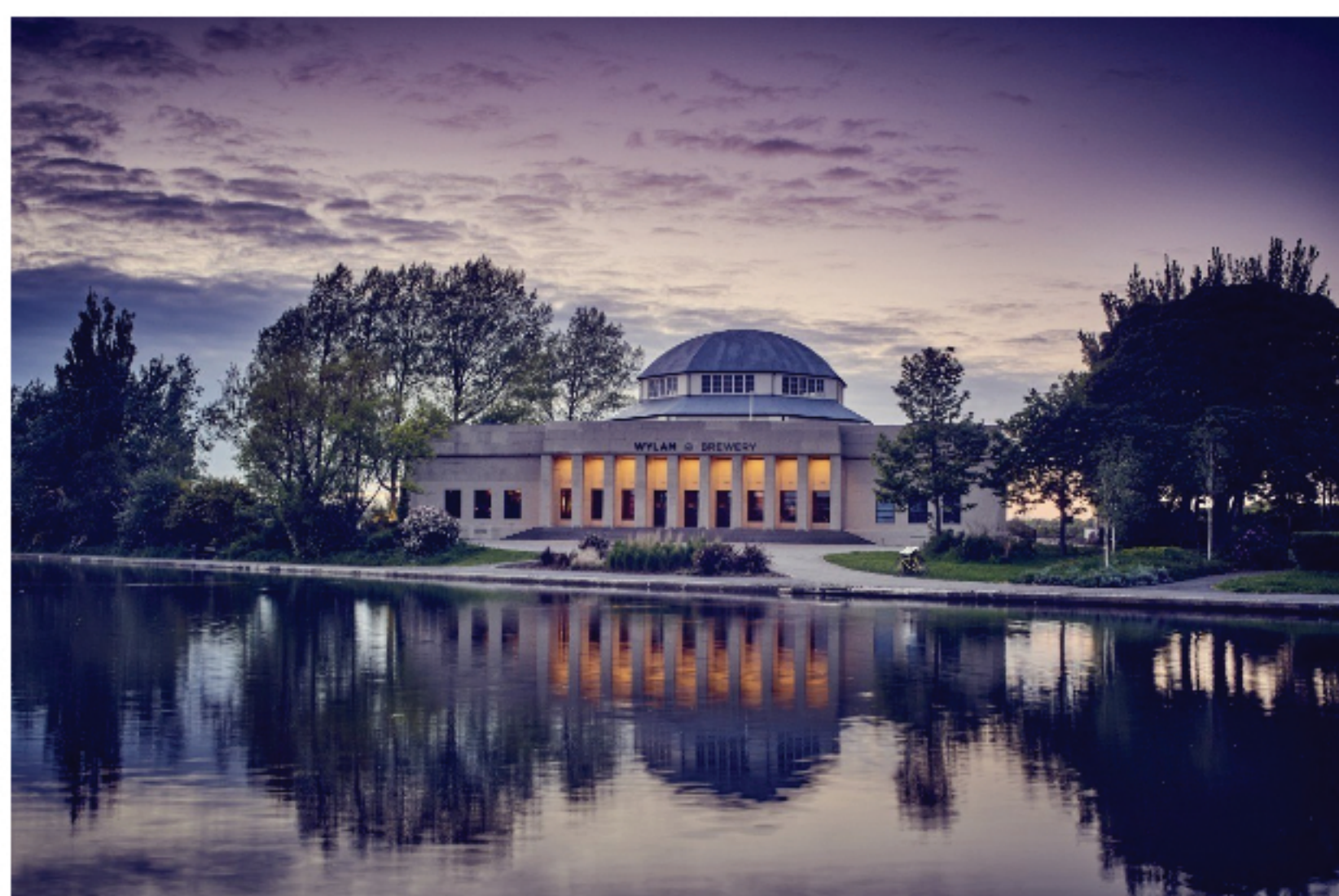
Since opening in 1999, The Cluny has become one of the best, if not *the* best place for a drink in Newcastle, endeavouring to use local and independent breweries whenever they can as well as having a huge selection of real ales and world lagers. They are one of only two pubs in Newcastle to make their way onto the 2004 edition of the Good Pub Guide, *and* the only Newcastle pub to break into the Top 100 list of the World's Best Bars.

Not only are they good pub, but they're an excellent venue as well. In 2009 they were voted the Best Live Music Venue by Generator North East, and are fairly well known as one of the most important places for emerging bands in the region. As a result, they have an all-star history of great acts who have played their stage in their early days from [Kate Nash](#) to [Arctic Monkeys](#) and [Mumford & Sons](#).

Coming soon through their doors are [Chastity Belt](#) and [Margaret Glaspy](#), tickets are less than £15 so grab some soon and enjoy a world class evening!

**How to get there:** 36 Lime Street, Ouseburn, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2PQ  
**Capacity:** 300

## Wylam Brewery



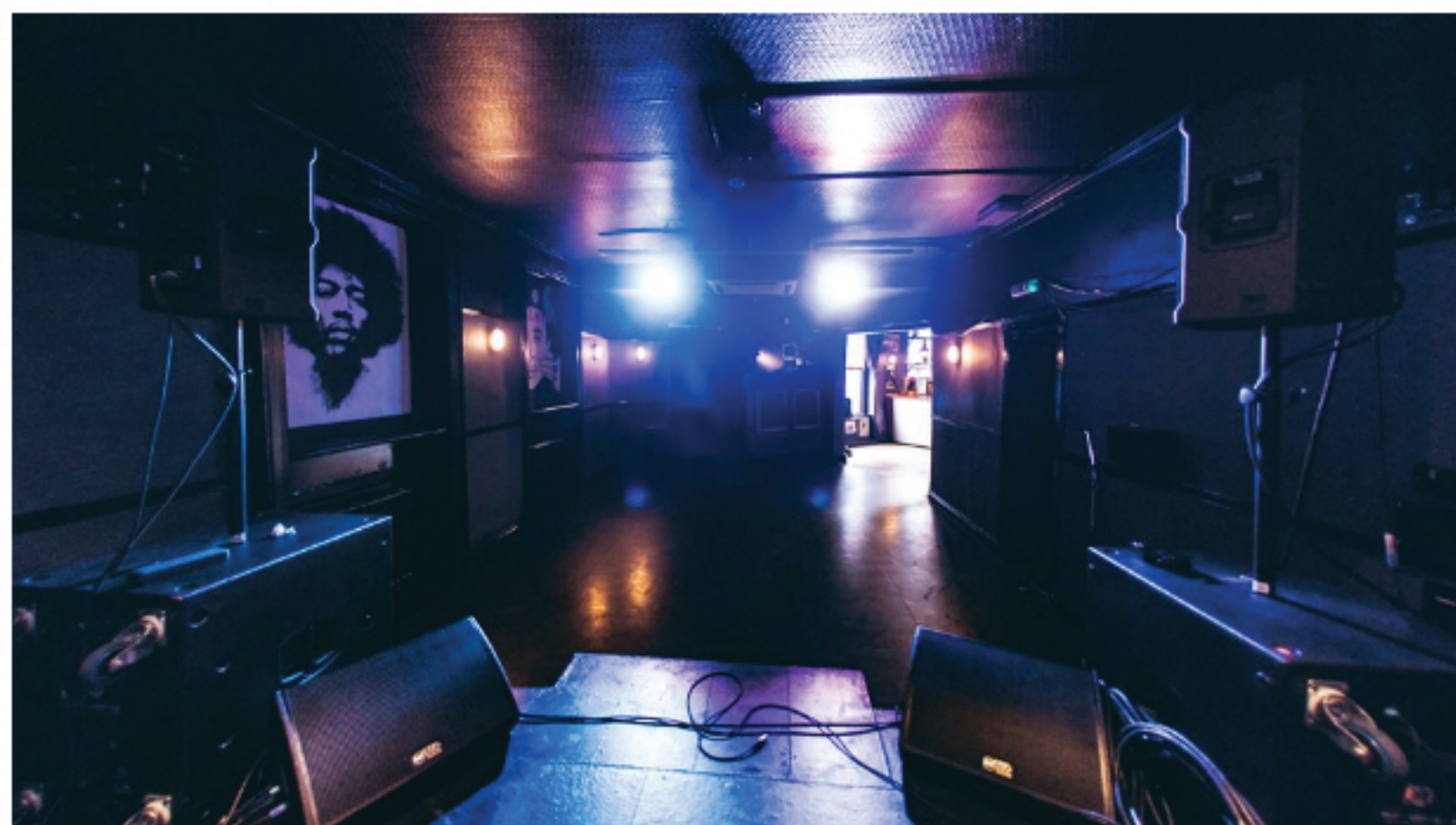
### VIEW EVENTS

Since 2000 the [Wylam Brewery](#) has sat in the picturesque scenery of the Palace of Arts in Exhibition Park, operating a 30-barrel microbrewery and venue. Inside they serve up the freshest Wylam beers on Keg and Cask in the Tap room Thursdays through Saturdays, with an equally delicious menu of traditional British food with a North-East twist.

In addition to that they host a fantastic selection of live events, with nights like [Motoon](#) bringing you a smooth selection of soul & Motown, mixed in with just the right amount of funk and disco. If that's not your taste, then you'll be able to catch [The Beat](#) and [Dave Wakeling](#) on September 3<sup>rd</sup> – but if you *really* want something to taste, you'll also be able to get tickets for a [tour of the brewery](#) and see the whole process...

**How to get there:** Palace of Arts Exhibition Park, Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4PZ  
**Capacity:** 800

## Jumpin' Jacks



### VIEW EVENTS

One of the freshest places on the Newcastle scene is Jumpin' Jacks on Clayton Street, sitting right above the famous bar The Dog and Parrot. Affectionately known as JJ's, their intimate gig space hosts some of the very best in local up and coming live bands.

They've got everything from real ale to cocktails, as well as featured taps from Wylam and a fantastic sound system to boot. You can lounge in their rooftop terrace, or stay inside watching one of their fantastic live acts take over the stage. Coming soon are the [Misfires](#) on September 7<sup>th</sup>, or catch [Anteros](#) at the end of the month!

**How to get there:** 52 Clayton Street West, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 4EX  
**Capacity:** 100

## Think Tank?



### VIEW EVENTS

The [Think Tank?](#) began as a way to try get local and national artists into the forefront of Newcastle music, giving them an outlet, a platform to perform on without the normal constraints of the established venues, helping acts like [The 1975](#), [Wolf Alice](#), [Jake Bugg](#) and [The Charlatans](#) reach their fans in Newcastle.

Now in the permanent location in Times Square, they have become the musical heartbeat of the city, being rated the 11<sup>th</sup> Best Cub in the World and the Best in the UK, and they're only just getting started. Get yourself through their doors to be part of something special, with [Little Barrie](#) playing there on September 13<sup>th</sup>, or see [Slotface](#) on October 7<sup>th</sup>

**How to get there:** Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4EP  
**Capacity:** 600

## Boiler shop



### VIEW EVENTS

The [Boiler Shop](#) is quickly reaching their 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, having first opened as the focal part of the Stephenson Co locomotive works back in the 1820s. As a venue however, they are still relatively young and in that 'discovering themselves' stage. They're hard to define, calling themselves boho and hip and hosting everything from corporate, arts and cultural events, interspersed with the odd food festival!

As a result you never quite know what you'll get from them, but you can guarantee it'll be something different and extra special. Coming up soon they've got the rising star [JP Cooper](#) performing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, with the musical mavericks [Sparks](#) there September 19<sup>th</sup> if you can't wait to visit this historical venue!

**How to get there:** 20 South St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3PE  
**Capacity:** 1000