



## **Bristol Events June 2010**

### **Major Events**

**12 - 13 June**

#### **Bristol Festival of Nature**

Harbourside

An ambitious and imaginative weekend of films, animal encounters, exhibitions, walks, talks, workshops and competitions for all ages and interests.

**19 June**

#### **Hobbs Fashion Show**

Colston Hall

Fashion, music, dance, design - we all know Bristol's where its happening. Hobbs Fashion Show brings it all together for Europe's biggest independent fashion event.

**26 - 27 June**

#### **Rat Race Urban Adventure**

Various venues

Rat Racing returns to the streets of 'ole Brizzle'. Abseiling off car parks, jumping off bridges, surfing their way down kayak weirs and even a spot of street art.

**28 June - 3 July**

#### **Strictly Come Dancing - The Professionals**

Bristol Hippodrome

Strictly Come Dancing - The Professionals features the world champion dancers from the smash hit BBC TV series as they take to the stage for the first time in the ultimate dance extravaganza!

**Until 22 August**

#### **Art from The New World Exhibition**

Bristol Museum & Art Gallery

For the first time, a world-class collection of works from some of the finest emerging U.S. Urban and Contemporary artists from the new American art scene is being unveiled internationally in a museum exhibition for British and European audiences.

### **Special: World Cup Events**

**11 June - 11 July**

**11 - 12 June**

#### **World Cup Themed Weekend**

Old Down Country Park

It's football fever at the Old Down this June when the park gears up for this year's World Cup. There will be a tasty BBQ in the walled garden football shootout on the lawn and a spot the ball competition running over the weekend. A great family day out for all ages.

**11 June – 11 July**

#### **Live England Games**

Ramada Bristol City

With every game live you're guaranteed a rollercoaster ride with tears, glory, penalties and goals.

### **Family Fun**

**1 - 2 June**

#### **Hands On... Natural World**

Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

Come and explore the wonders of the natural world with a day of craft and handling activities dedicated to all creatures, great and small. Suitable for children aged 2-11 years. No need to book. Just drop in.

**1 – 3 June**

#### **Teddy Bear's Picnic Events**

Berkeley Castle

Visitors to the Castle can enjoy a Teddy Bear Trail through the Gardens & Castle, as well as Teddy inspired arts & crafts and storytelling – all included within the admission price.

**2 – 5 June**

#### **The Royal Bath and West Show**

The Bath And West Showground

From the country's finest livestock, over 600 trade stands, the National Cheese Awards to the UK's biggest cider competition, there really is something for everyone - family or food lover.

**Untill 6 June**

#### **Trail events**

Brunel's ss Great Britain

**Horrid Torrid Tales Trail:** Discover passengers' nasty onboard experiences (7-11 years).

**Titchy Tales Trail:** Fabulous fun for young voyagers (6 and under).

### **Until 6 June**

#### **Shark Week**

Blue Reef Aquarium

Visit the Blue Reef Aquarium during the May half term holidays and become immersed in Shark Week. Learn all about the secret world of these amazing creatures and what we can do to help protect them in the wild.

### **Until 6 June**

#### **Downy Duckling Days**

WWT Slimbridge Wetlands Centre

During the May half term there are special opportunities for visitors to take a look behind the scenes at the newly hatched ducklings, goslings and cygnets.

### **12 – 13 June**

#### **South West Model Railway Show**

Fleet Air Arm Museum

Supported by leading manufacturers, associations, clubs and traders, the show will attract enthusiasts in all gauges of model railways.

### **19 - 20 June**

#### **Bristol Harbour Train Rides**

Brunel's ss Great Britain

Be transported back to the days of steam when Bristol's Museums most popular exhibit – the impressive steam train - chugs into action once again for a new season of harbour trips.

### **20 June**

#### **Annual Austin Seven Rally**

Old Down Country Park

A spectacle not to be missed - this year's annual Austin Seven Rally will be held at Old Down Country Park in Tockington on the 20 June.

### **12, 13 and 20 June**

#### **Various Activities**

Horseworld

**12 and 13 June: Activity Days.** Fun packed day for Youth Groups including all animal sessions and creative workshop for each child (pre-booking essential).

**20 June – Father's Day.** Free entry for all dads when accompanied by their children.

### **Ongoing**

#### **Animate It!**

At-Bristol

Morph will join a host of other Aardman Animations favourites in At-Bristol's new permanent exhibition, Animate It!

Besides Animate-it! there are many more exhibitions to explore, such as Move it!, All about our world!, Storytelling!, Eat HQ! and Experi-mania!. At-Bristol brings science to life!

### **Various Dates**

#### **Events at Castle Combe Circuit**

Castle Combe Circuit

**19 – 20 June: Summer Racing Carnival.** Top drivers and cars will be why you won't want to miss our first two day meeting of the season, with some of the UK's most prestigious championships making your mouth water both on track and in the paddock.  
**9, 18 and 23 June: Track Days.** If you want value, close exciting racing with some of the largest grids in the country, a race programme often featuring 10 or 11 races crammed into a 4½ hour afternoon, then Castle Combe Circuit is the answer.

### **Get Close to Nature**

#### **1 - 20 June**

#### **Events on Troopers Hill in June**

Troopers Hill Nature Reserve

Troopers Hill is a local nature reserve owned by Bristol Parks. It is on a hillside overlooking the River Avon that's been used as a mine and quarry in the past.

**5 June: Work Party** (10.00am)

**19 June: Music on the Hill** from 6pm. A summer evening of music on Troopers Hill, provided by the City of Bristol Brass Band. Enjoy the views over Bristol while listening to some wonderful music.

#### **3 and 19 June**

#### **Various events**

The Avon Gorge & Wildlife Project

**3 June: Fabulous Falcons:** Discover amazing facts about the Avon Gorge's fastest and most beautiful predator and have lots of fun in our pigeon-peregrine game. (Children's event)

**19 June: Gorge-ous Peregrines:** Swoop along to the Downs for a special peregrine family event with Ed Drewitt.

**21 - 27 June**  
**National Insect Week**  
Bristol Zoo Gardens

Learn more about these fascinating creatures with bug-tastic activities throughout the week and the Phasmid Study Group experts in stick and leaf insects at the weekend.

**Walks & Tours**

**Throughout June**  
**Garden Tours**  
Tyntesfield

Enjoy a free guided tour of the formal gardens or Kitchen Garden. Meet by the Aviary. Tours run Saturday to Wednesday, normal admission charges apply. No booking required.

**6, 15 and 19 June**  
**Walking into History**  
Various Locations

**Victorian Buildings** (6 June 2.00 - 4.00) This walk covers the notable Victorian buildings of 'cultural Clifton' and down Park Street, considering the national and local influences and the architects involved. Starts outside the Royal West of England Academy, ends at the bottom of Park Street.

**The Story of the Downs** (15 June 2.00 - 4.00 OR 19 June 2.00 - 4.00) The walk looks at the leisure pursuits of more than a hundred years. Practically the whole of the Downs was used for organised recreation - even polo! Begins and ends at Sea Walls  
(Booking essential)

**Throughout June**  
**Guided walks around Bristol**  
Various Locations

By walking with a guide through the city centre, old town, markets and historic harbour you can hear about the personalities, the stories and events that over centuries helped form Bristol into the energised and successful city of today.

**Saturday morning Bristol Highlights walks** (11.00am start from the Beetle sculpture in Anchor Square) £3.50 per person. No need to book.  
**2 June: Clifton Walk.** (6.30pm start from Christ Church, Clifton Green) Walk will take approx. 1 1/2 hrs. £3.50 per person No need to book just turn up.  
**15 June: Medieval Bristol** (6.30pm start from the Corn Exchange, Corn Street.) Walk will take approx 1 1/2 hrs. £3.50 per person. No need to book just turn up.

**Ongoing**  
**Pirate Walks**  
Harbourside

Join Pirate Pete for a guided walking tour of Bristol's historic harbourside and its maritime history of discovery, trade, slavery and piracy. Walk times 2.00pm on weekends. Booking essential.

**Exhibitions**

**Until 6 June**  
**Zoe Williams Exhibition**  
Spike Island

An exhibition by Zoe Williams showing new work following her residency as part of the Roostein Hopkins Artists' Award 2009.

**Until 4 July**  
**Caroline Bergvall & Ciaran Maher Exhibition**  
Arnolfini

Say Parsley is a sparse sound and language installation by London-based French-Norwegian writer Caroline Bergvall and Irish composer Ciaran Maher.

**Until 4 July**  
**Otto Zitko & Louise Bourgeois Exhibition**  
Arnolfini

Otto Zitko will produce an ambitious drawing-based architectural intervention especially for the Arnolfini's exhibition and circulation space.

**Ongoing**  
**Plinth Project**  
Bristol Museum & Art Gallery

Container, an artists led exhibition and workshop space set up by the Stokes Croft Contemporary Arts Project CIC, will be presenting a series of six newly commissioned works in an exciting collaboration with Bristol Museum & Art Gallery. During June, Ian Penna's work will be shown.

**23 May – 1 November**  
**Outdoor Equine Sculpture Exhibition**  
Horseworld

The show will exhibit the work of over thirty exciting and diverse artists. The idea of the exhibition is to display horses, ponies and donkeys and their mythological variants illustrating their place in history, prehistory and myth.

## **Theatre and Music**

### **Ongoing (Sundays) Soul Sundays**

Glassboat

Get that 'Easy Like Sunday Morning' feeling at the Glassboat. You'll be able to wind back and read the paper whilst sipping on a Bloody Mary and tucking into your Eggs Benedict. The Soul Brothers will provide the perfect background to an indulgent Sunday with laid back soul 45s in the lounge bar.

### **6 June Jake & Elwood - The Best Blues Brothers Show In The World...EVER!!!**

Bristol Hippodrome

Don your hats and shades and get ready to party with Jake & Elwood - The Best Blues Brothers Show In The World...EVER!!!

### **6 June The Tempest**

Berkeley Castle

Evening, outside performance of The Tempest by the Lord Chamberlain's Men. Bring a picnic, a seat and a jumper. This annual event always proves to be very popular – whatever the weather! Performed on the Lower Lawn adjacent to the Lily Pond.

### **7 - 12 June The Rat Pack - Live from Las Vegas**

Bristol Hippodrome

This spectacular production celebrates the incredible singing talent of three world famous entertainers and performers and some of the finest music and song that has ever been recorded.

### **8 - 12 June Random**

Bristol Old Vic Theatre

Unwelcome visitors. Unwelcome news. A family wake up to a normal day. By lunchtime one random act has changed everything. An urgent and powerful play by Debbie Tucker Green.

### **Until 9 June Far Away**

Bristol Old Vic

Bristol Old Vic's Associate Director Simon Godwin begins his work for the company with Far Away, an extraordinary apocalyptic play by Caryl Churchill.

### **13 June Jus' Like That**

Bristol Hippodrome

Jus' like that! brings Tommy Cooper back to life with all the familiar trademarks - the fez, the laugh and the magic. Jus' like that! is a hilarious tribute to one of the greatest comedians this country has ever seen.

### **14 - 26 June The Crucible**

Bristol Old Vic Theatre

1692. A small community is stirred into madness and the cry of witchcraft fuelled by superstition, paranoia lust and greed.

### **17 June Westlife**

Ashton Gate

Westlife will play live in concert at Ashton Gate Stadium - the home of Bristol City Football Club - on Thursday, June 17th.

### **16 - 20 June The Hobbit**

Bristol Hippodrome

Enjoy the sights, sounds and excitement of the best-selling fantasy novel ever written in this fresh spectacular live theatre production with sparkling new magical effects. Perfect for Tolkien fans both young and old.

### **20 June Blondie Concert**

Westonbirt Arboretum

One of the most significant bands of the popular music era Blondie has announced a summer concert at Westonbirt Arboretum.

### **21 June Sally Morgan**

Bristol Hippodrome

Following her own TV Series 'Star Psychic' on National TV, Britain's best-loved celebrity psychic brings her amazing abilities and her tremendous personality to the stage.

**24 June**

**Yvette Fielding's Night of Fright with a team from Living's Most Haunted Live on Stage**

Bristol Hippodrome

Now for the first time on stage the team are looking forward to bringing their theatrical debut production of a supernatural thrill fest to theatres.

**25 June**

**That'll Be the Day**

Bristol Hippodrome

Back by overwhelming public demand the legendary That'll Be The Day returns with a brand new show.

**Try something new**

**18 June**

**Photo Walks with Graham Parish**

CREATE Centre

Join photographer Graham Parish and Bristol Blue Badge guide Liz Gamlin on a leisurely walk around Bristol's harbourside from the Create Centre. Learn to understand your camera, listen to Bristol's unique history.

**Ongoing - Various Dates**

**Cookery Classes and Workshops**

Bordeaux Quay

Bordeaux Quay's Cookery School offers a number of hands-on workshops and courses for adults and children.

**Various Dates until 3 July**

**Art History Day Schools**

Royal West of England Academy

The RWA is launching a program of Art History Day Schools during 2010. Dr Jo Kear and Jan Cox, highly respected art history lecturers, have worked with the RWA to put together an exciting programme of sessions that will run on Saturdays between 10am and 4pm (booking essential).

**Special Tours**

**Ongoing**

**The Bristol Packet Boat Trips**

Wapping Wharf

Take a trip on one of the beautiful boats for a unique tour of Bristol and beyond.

**Every weekend:** Floating Harbour Tour

**Every Sunday:** Afternoon River Cruise to Beese's Tea Gardens

**Ongoing**

**Bristol Ferry Boat Co**

Harbourside / City Centre

The distinctive yellow and blue boats offer a range of services from within the city limits and out to the countryside beyond.

**Fairs, Markets & Food**

**Every Wednesday**

**Bristol Farmers Market**

Corn Street

Local producers from a 40 mile radius sell a massive range of food from cheese, fish, honey, cakes and vegetables to meat, game and poultry at this award-winning market.

**First Sunday of every month**

**Slow Food Market**

Corn Street

The UK's first regular Slow Food market has become a monthly treat for lovers of real food. Slow Food embraces the theory of good food production.

**For further information on any of these events and more please check out [www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)**