



Bristol Events July 2010

Major Events

1 – 31 July

At-Bristol's 10th Birthday Celebrations

Harbourside

At-Bristol is celebrating its 10th birthday throughout July with lots of exciting experiments to get involved in, people to meet and things to do - plus all the usual goings-on of interactive science fun!

2 – 4 July

Bristol Wine & Food Fair

Harbourside

A 3-day wine and food extravaganza in the heart of Bristol celebrating fine wines from around the world and welcomes artisan food producers from the South West.

3 July

St Pauls Carnival

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Visit St Pauls Carnival to not miss this much-loved community carnival. It promises more music, dance and colourful costumes than ever before!

19 July

40th Anniversary of return of Brunel's ss Great Britain to Bristol

Harbourside

Join the 40th anniversary celebrations of the ship's epic salvage from the Falkland Islands and return to Bristol. 'The Incredible Journey' includes: A new exhibition Beautiful animation Trails Memories and film online.

30 July – 1 August

Bristol Harbour Festival

Harbourside

Bristol's liveliest and largest Harbourside event, taking place before a backdrop of hundreds of colourful vessels in the floating harbour throughout the weekend, and finishing with a stunning fireworks display.

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.

Family Fun

10 – 11 and 31 July

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.

10 July

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Old Down Country Park

Entertain your kids this July at Old Down Country Parks Teddy Bear's picnic. Held in the Victoria Walled garden children can enjoy some classic stories while enjoying a picnic in the sun. Why not grab a coffee in the cafe and let your kids be entertained by someone else for a change! Normal admission charges apply.

14 July

Tall Tales for Little People

Avon Gorge and Wildlife Project

After a short walk accompanied by animated tales about the wildlife and folklore of the Gorge and Downs there will be a picnic beside a meadow. (Booking essential)

17 July

Boogie for Brizzle

Bristol Zoo Gardens

The best in live music, street theatre, dance, kids stuff and so much more, making this the annual event not to be missed!

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 Experimentia!

Various Dates

Events at Castle Combe Circuit

Castle Combe Circuit

2, 7, 21 and 30 July: 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.

17 - 18 July: Dunlop Great & British Motorsport Festival. You'll want to spend as much time in the paddock as you will watching the racing at the Dunlop Great & British Motorsport Festival meeting.

31 July – 1 August: 60th Anniversary Raceday. One of the most significant meetings ever, as the circuit celebrates its 60th Anniversary.

Get Close to Nature

3 and 13 July

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.

3 July: Work Party (10.00am)

13 July: Meeting (7.15pm)

Walks & Tours

8 July

Silky Wave Walk

The Avon Gorge & Wildlife Project

The Avon Gorge is the only English site for the silky wave moth. Spend an evening with Ray Barnett (Bristol Naturalists' Society) and Warren Spencer (Bristol Zoo Gardens) spotting this rare moth and some of the other invertebrates that make the Avon Gorge their home.

Throughout July

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.

Throughout July

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.

7 July: 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.

20 July: 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 it's maritime history of discovery, trade, slavery and piracy. Walk times 2.00pm on weekends. Book at the Tourist Information Centre or phone Pirate Pete.

Exhibitions

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.

8 – 13 July

Furnish Exhibition

Paintworks Event Space

The group specialise in contemporary and classic furniture using sometimes modern, sometimes traditional, and sometimes sustainable materials to make striking and innovative pieces.

17 July - 12 September
Kerry Tribe Exhibition
Arnolfini

This will be the first major solo exhibition in the UK by this LA-based artist. Kerry Tribe works primarily with video, film and installation.

17 July - 12 September
Sequelism Pt 2 Exhibition
Arnolfini

Following on from Arnolfini large-scale group exhibition Sequelism Pt 3 in 2009, this exhibition will be an even larger project, sited within the public realm. Sequelism is an ambitious, multi-faceted project that looks into the future and at that which is yet to happen.

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 July, Ellen Bell's work will be shown.

Until 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.

2 – 3 July
Opera Extravaganza
Tyntesfield

2 July: La Boheme. The first of a two night opera extravaganza! For the first time ever, enjoy a

spectacular operatic performance in the beautiful surroundings of Tyntesfield's gardens.
3 July: The Marriage of Figaro. Some of Mozart's most sublime music features in this bittersweet yet uplifting comedy.

Until 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!

4 July
Keynsham Music Festival
Keynsham Memorial Park

The Keynsham Music Festival has succeeded in remaining free and has continued to grow both in quality and reputation. It's Keynsham's biggest event with an ethos to promote local bands, artists, performers and businesses.

5 – 10 July
The Rocky Horror Show
The Bristol Hippodrome

It's the original, it's the best, it's the world's favourite rock 'n' roll musical, so jump on board for another rip-roaring ride!

8 – 10 July
Summer Nights at Ashton Court, Open-air concerts
Ashton Court Estate

Summer Nights is a glittering picnic concert series for Bristol, set in the glorious grounds of Ashton Court Estate. Enjoy 3 days of outstanding open-air concerts for music lovers.

13 July – 7 August
Les Miserables
The Bristol Hippodrome

This international award-winning musical sweeps its audience through an epic tale of passion and destruction, against the backdrop of a nation in the grip of revolution.

18 July
As You Like It – Rococo Players
Berkeley Castle

Visitors to the Castle, will have the chance to see the Rococo Players perform their version of As You

Like It on the Lower Lawn during the afternoon – all included within the admission price to the Castle.

23 – 25 July Real Ale Festival

Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare

Enjoy over 40 real ales and a selection of locally brewed ciders with live music each evening and on Sunday afternoon at this year's Real Ale Festival in Weston-super-Mare.

24 July The Tempest

Tyntesfield

An outdoor production of Shakespeare's magical final masterpiece, by the Lord Chamberlain's Men.

Throughout July The Bristol Shakespeare Festival

Various Venues

The Bristol Shakespeare Festival is a not for profit organisation dedicated to bringing the freshest, most exciting productions of Shakespeare's plays to some of Bristol's most beautiful and unusual spaces.

Try something new

30 July 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.

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