



Bristol events July 2010

Major events

Throughout 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!

Throughout July

40th Anniversary of the 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.

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.

2 – 4 July

Bristol Wine & Food Fair Harbourside

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

3 July

St Paul's Carnival St Paul's

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

30 July – 1 August

Bristol Harbour Festival Harbourside

Bristol's liveliest and largest Harbourside event, taking place against 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 And Art Gallery

For the first time, a world-class collection of works from some of the finest emerging US 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

3 – 4 July

Pirate Weekend Blue Reef Aquarium

Buccaneers big and small will have a rip-roaring time with special pirate-related events going on all weekend.

4 July

Hands On... Pick A Portrait Bristol Museum And Art Gallery

Look closely at yourself and others through a range of family activities inspired by portrait paintings and sculptures in the art galleries as well as some unusual faces in the rear hall.

10 – 11 and 31 July

Bristol Harbour Train Rides Brunel's ss Great Britain

Be transported back to the days of steam when Bristol Museum's 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 having a picnic in the sun.

10 July
Saturday Sun-Day
Create Centre

Solar demos, green building workshops and eco-renovation advice from the experts. Have fun in the sun with live solar power sounds from Knowalternative and music from the Ambling Band. Sample fair trade and locally sourced barbeque food and drink, including Bath Ales Bar.

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

Boogie for Brizzle will bring the best in live music, street theatre, dance, kids stuff and so much more to Bristol Zoo Gardens.

24 – 25 July
The Berkeley Skirmish
Berkeley Castle

Travel back in time for a weekend of medieval life set in the shadow of beautiful Berkeley Castle. Experience the medieval world, shop at medieval market stalls and modern trade stands and watch whilst hundreds of costumed re-enactors take centre stage for battles and skirmishes.

Until 31 July
Wild Child activity: Bug Hunt
Tyntesfield

Children will have the opportunity to be a real bug-detective and to learn more about bugs at Tyntesfield.

Ongoing
Animate It!
At-Bristol

Morph will join a host of other Aardman Animations favourites in At-Bristol's new permanent exhibition, Animate It! With over 300 hands-on exhibits to explore plus live shows and a planetarium, At-Bristol is one of the UK's biggest and most exciting interactive science centres.

Throughout July
Events
Brunel's ss Great Britain

17 – 18 July: 1970 Home-coming Celebrations. Celebrating the ship's epic salvage and return to Bristol in 1970.
17 July onward: Exhibition – The Baker Gallery. Step back in time to 1970, hear the memories of those who rescued the ship from the Falkland Islands and witnessed her return, and view the stunning new animated film.
24 July – 31 August (except Mondays): Mr Brunel visits. Meet Britain's greatest engineer.

Throughout July
Events
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 and a race programme often featuring 10 or 11 races crammed into a 4½ hour afternoon, then Castle Combe Circuit is for you.
17 – 18 July: Dunlop Great & British Motorsport Festival. Come and spend time in the paddock and watch 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.

Exhibitions

2 – 27 July
Roger Conlon
Royal West Of England Academy

Paintings of the life, city and landscapes of Bristol.

Until 4 July
Built In Bristol
Harvey Nichols

Built In Bristol is a series of contemporary drawings by local artist Lisa Malyon, celebrating the wealth of architecture within Bristol.

Until 4 July
Caroline Bergvall and Ciaran Maher
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 and Louise Bourgeois
Arnolfini

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

8 – 13 July
Furnish
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.

Until 15 July
West Meets West
The Bristol Gallery

West Meets West is an exhibition that brings original contemporary art from America's West Coast to audiences in the West of England.

17 July – 12 September
Kerry Tribe
Arnolfini

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

17 July – 12 September
Sequelism Pt 2
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.

18 July – 5 September
Near And Far
Royal West Of England Academy

From Cirencester to Shenzhen; from Dorset to Dusseldorf; memorable moments in Mexico; vibrant views of Venice; quiet colours of the Cotswolds; windows onto Wales; tasty times in Thailand. RWA artists draw inspiration from their travels. Familiar and exotic scenes and interpretations on show. A summer exhibition with surprises.

18 July – 5 September
David Hockney: Six Tales From The Brothers Grimm
Royal West Of England Academy

An extraordinary exhibition of etchings illustrating the six fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm. Hockney has given each fairy tale his own contemporary and humorous interpretations, reflected in the quirky nature of the images.

30 July – 24 August
Martin Bentham
Royal West Of England Academy

This exhibition features recent work including figurative paintings by one of the academy's newest and most popular members, Martin Bentham.

Ongoing
Plinth Project
Bristol Museum And 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 And Art Gallery. During July, Ellen Bell's work will be shown.

Until 11 August
Summer Seasons
Square Gallery, Berkeley Square Hotel

The Square Gallery presents its Summer Seasons with Aperture. This solo show of new work by Stone Roses guitarist John Squire is a series of paintings and drawings on canvas and hand-made paper which continue Squire's study of negative space, consumer packaging and 'image burn-in': the lingering after effect carried on the retina.

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

Sundays (ongoing)
Soul Sundays
Glassboat Restaurant

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 in the lounge bar.

2 – 3 July **Opera Extravaganza** Tyntesfield

2 July: La Bohème. The first of a two-night opera extravaganza! 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.

3 July **The Tempest** Brandon Hill

The Lord Chamberlain's Men present Shakespeare's magical last play the Tempest, combining love, comedy and magic in equal measure.

Until 3 July **Strictly Come Dancing – The Professionals** The 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!

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.

13 July **Opera: Simon Boccanegra** Big Screen Millennium Square

View opera on the big screen in Millennium Square. On 13 July Simon Boccanegra will be showing from 7.30pm. Free entry to the event enclosure is on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to capacity.

16 July **JLS** Westonbirt – The National Arboretum

Britain's favourite new boyband in a unique open-air concert at Westonbirt.

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.

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.

24 July **Jazz Delights** Bristol Botanic Gardens

There will be a delightful Summer Jazz concert by Blue Note Jazz Band and Hannah Wedlock in the beautiful grounds of the Botanic Garden. Booking essential.

29 July **Romeo And Juliet by Illyria** Bristol Zoo Gardens

Romeo And Juliet by Illyria is an explosive swash-buckling romance with a thrilling storyline and a

tragic ending. This Shakespeare play will be performed open-air in the Zoo's stunning grounds.

Special 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 spotting this rare moth and some of the other invertebrates that make the Avon Gorge their home.

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 and listen to Bristol's unique history.

Throughout July Garden Tours Tyntesfield

Enjoy a free guided tour of the formal gardens or Kitchen Garden. Meet by the Aviary. Tours run from Saturday to Wednesday.

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:

11am start from the Beetle sculpture in Anchor Square. £3.50 per person.

7 July: Clifton Walk: 6.30pm start from Christ Church, Clifton Green. Walk will take about 1½ hours. £3.50 per person.

20 July: Medieval Bristol: 6.30pm start from the Corn Exchange, Corn Street. Walk will take about 1½ hours. £3.50 per person.

Tuesdays (ongoing) BBC Bristol Tours BBC Broadcasting House

Find out what goes on inside BBC Bristol, the regional television centre for the West of England. You'll learn how television and radio programmes

are made and have the chance to visit our interactive studio where you can have a go at presenting the weather and star in your very own radio drama, complete with sound effects!

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: 2pm on weekends. Book at the Tourist Information Centre or phone Pirate Pete.

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 and 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