

What's on in North Somerset

13 July – 9 August 2011

Welcome to the 'What's on' listing from The Events Team at North Somerset Council.

What's on is published fortnightly - next edition Wednesday 27 July. Regular events appear at the end of this listing.

Sand Sculpture Festival

On now until Sunday 4 September Open daily 10am - 6pm
Weston Beach between the Victorian Café and SeaQuarium.

Enjoy amazing jungle themed sand sculptures created by sculptors from around the world! See small animals and insects of the rainforest, chimpanzees, snakes, elephants, crocodiles and many other creatures carved out of sand. Café and gift shop.

Entry fees: Adults £3.50, Concessions £2.50, Child (3-16) £2, Family (2+2) £10. Group rates for 10 or more available.

For more details: Weston Tourist Information Centre, 01934 417 117

www.westonsandsculpture.co.uk

Contemporary Art Exhibition

On now until Saturday 6 August 11am - 5pm every day except Sundays
The Gallery, 3 Locking Road, Weston-super-Mare

Visit the new Gallery space in the town centre, with an exhibition gathering 22 local artists.

Free admission.

For more details: 01934 626 616, thegallery48@gmail.com

Winscombe Orchestra - Music in the Mendips Concert Series

Friday 15 July 7.45pm

Friends Meeting House, Sidcot, BS25 1PD

The programme is Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake Suite; Handel; Ravel, Gershwin: selected works for voice featuring Esther Mallett (soprano); and Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Overture.

Tickets on the door: Adults £7, Concessions £6, Children 16 and under £2.

For more details: 01934 629 166

www.winscombeorchestra.org.uk

Royal Institute of British Architects Sandcastle Competition

Saturday 16 July 11.00am Registration, building starts 1.00pm

Weston-super-Mare Beach

Architects from around the country will battle it out to design the best sandcastle. Competition also open to members of the public.

For more details: 01934 626 982

Excitement of Discovery - many aspects of archaeology

Saturday 16 July 9.15am - 12.45pm

Blakehay Theatre, Weston-super-Mare

Talks and two guided walks at 2.30pm at Worlebury Hill Fort and the town centre. Organised by Weston-super-Mare Archaeological and Natural History Society.

Free entry.

For more details: 01934 620 006

www.WANHS.org

Weston-super-Mare Philatelic Society Annual Stamp Fair

Saturday 16 July 10am - 4pm

St Paul's Church Hall, Walliscote Road, Weston-super-Mare

Quality dealers in attendance. Stamps, postal history. Refreshments.

Admission: 50p (juniors 10p).

For more details: Carl Warren, Carl.Warren@gifford.co.uk

Rock Toyz - a panto by Greg Snape

Saturday 16 July 2pm and 7pm

Backwell Playhouse

A children's panto with attitude - toys come to life at night with a rock 'n roll soundtrack.

Tickets: Adults £8, Children £6.

For more details: 01275 392 936

www.alicat.me

Winscombe Orchestra - Music in the Mendips Concert Series

Saturday 16 July 7.45pm

Christ Church, Montpelier, Weston-super-Mare

The programme is Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake Suite; Handel; Ravel, Gershwin: selected works for voice featuring Esther Mallett (soprano); and Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet Overture.

Tickets £7 on the door.

For more details: 01934 629 166

www.winscombeorchestra.org.uk

Tell me the truth about love

Saturday 16 July 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Langford

Romantic songs and music.

Tickets: Adults £8, concessions £6.

For more details: 01934 852 606

Great Weston Bike Ride

Sunday 17 July Afternoon

Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare nr Clarence Road

A challenging 56-mile recreational bike ride from Bristol to Weston-super-Mare via the Mendips and the Somerset Levels. It's not a race, there's no official timing and the route itself is designed to appeal to everyone - experienced cyclists, recreational riders, commuters and even non-cyclists who are willing to rise to a challenge.

Entry fee: £22 Adults, £16 U16's, £15 transport to Bristol. Minimum rider age is 14 and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

For more details: 0117 973 8792, mail@greatwestonride.com

www.greatwestonride.com

Guided Walk - Weston's Seafront

Sunday 17 July 2pm start and lasts for approx 2.5 hours

Meet at the fishpond in Prince Consort Gardens, overlooking the Old Pier

The seafront has been enjoyed by many illustrious people of the past. Novelists, scientists, statesmen, philosophers and musicians are among those to be mentioned during this walk led by Chris Richards from the Ranger Service.

Charge: £3 per person. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing according to weather conditions.

For more details: North Somerset Council's Seafront Office, 01934 626 982

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Grove Park Bandstand Concert

Sunday 17 July 3pm - 5pm
Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare

Free bandstand concert 'Weston Brass' in Grove Park.
Free admission.

For more details: 01934 427 225
www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Clevedon Bandstand Concert

Sunday 17 July 2pm - 4.30pm
Clevedon Bandstand, Salthouse Fields

Free bandstand concert by Clevedon Baptist Church.
No charge.

For more details: 01934 427 225 or 01275 341 659

Summer Inspiration Garden talk

Wednesday 20 July 6.15pm - 7.30pm
Cadbury Garden Centre, Smallways, Congresbury

Cadbury's Plant guru Paul Gilmour will give an evening talk to local residents called 'Inspiration and help for re designing your garden - from the deckchair'.

No charge but booking advisable.

For more details: 01934 875 700
www.g-l.co.uk

Portishead Floral Art Society - demonstration

Wednesday 20 July Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start
Somerset Hall, Portishead

Floral demonstration by Arnaud Metairie, a Frenchman living in Cheltenham. His title for the evening is "Come Fly With Me". Visitors always welcome.

Visitors £5, can pay at the door.

For more details: 01275 393 641

Richard Lennox (formerly Baker) - organist and pianist

Thursday 21 July 7.30pm
United Reformed Church, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare

An evening of musical entertainment.

Tickets: £7 at the door.

For more details: 01934 629 354

Catching the Gypsy's Tale

Friday 22 July 7.30pm
St Nicholas Church, Brockley

Spellbinding stories, theatre, fortune-telling and stirring music following the migration of the Gypsy people from their home of Rajasthan, through Arabia, the Balkans, Central Europe and the British Isles.

Tickets: Adults £8, Concessions £5.

For more details: 01934 830 124

Go4Life Community Festival

Saturday 23 July 10am - 4pm
Hans Price Sport Centre, Weston-super-Mare

Free healthy and active taster sessions aimed at beginners on offer include dance, badminton, fencing, tai chi, climbing, snooker, yoga, trampolining, zumba, tri golf, line dancing, cheerleading, boxing, belly dancing, cha cha, ballroom and latin dance, go ride cycling, military fitness sessions and mini assault courses. Also

led health walks or jogging sessions and 'you can cook' sessions available.

No charge but registration advisable.

For more details: 01275 882 730, go4life@n-somerset.gov.uk

www.go4life.org

Clevedon Annual Long Swim

Saturday 23 July 12.30pm start

Ladye Bay, Clevedon

The swim is approximately 1 mile in length from Ladye Bay to the Pier beach, Clevedon. Various categories of swimmers take part. Swimmers to meet one hour earlier than start time to allow for registration and briefing. Presentations at Clevedon Sailing Club (licensed bar, hot and cold drinks).

Entry fees: Senior £14, Junior £8, CASC members £2 reduction. No entries on the day - postal entries only - last date 7 days before the event. For more information, please see website.

For more details: Jenny Ellis, 07790 395 064 or Fiona, 0797 0736 225, aqua.info@virginmedia.com

www.wavesswimschool.co.uk

Mini-Holidays

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 10am - 5.30pm

Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare

The Czech Air Force will lead this event with two military helicopters.

Usual Museum admission apply.

For more details: 01934 635 227, helimuseum@btconnect.com

www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk

Beatles Day

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 July 10am - 5pm

The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare

Large selection of Beatle memorabilia, records, CDs, books, photos and more.

Free admission.

For more details: Box Office, 01934 417 117

www.thewintergardens.com

Samaritan's Summer Fete

Sunday 24 July 12noon - 4pm

Italian Gardens, Weston-super-Mare (outdoors)

Cakes, plants, hair braiding, books, tombola and much, much more. Please come along and join in the fun.

Free admission.

For more details: Vera, 01934 623 229

Grove Park Bandstand Concert

Sunday 24 July 3pm - 5pm

Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare

Free bandstand concert 'Rozel Brass' in Grove Park.

Free admission.

For more details: 01934 427 225

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Clevedon Bandstand Concert

Sunday 24 July 1pm - 4pm

Clevedon Bandstand, Salthouse Fields

Free bandstand concert by the Salvation Army Band.

For more details: 01934 427 225

Royal Visit

Monday 25 July Morning
Weston seafront

Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal will visit the new Tourist Information Centre at the Winter Gardens. Princess Anne will view the new promenade before unveiling a plaque at the Grand Pier to officially mark its opening and she will also visit Pier Square before departing.

For more details: 01934 888 802

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Travis Ave Gospel Singers

Tuesday 26 July 7.30pm
Clevedon Baptist Church, Queen's Square, Clevedon

A guest choir from Texas, USA.

Free admission with a voluntary collection.

For more details: 01275 876 878

Helicopter Experience Flights

Wednesday 27 July 10am - 5.30pm (flights from 2pm)
Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare

For the really adventurous, helicopter experience flights commence at 2pm for 15 mile flights around Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding coastline.

Usual museum admission applies. Flights are an additional £34 per seat.

For more details: 01934 635 227, helimuseum@btconnect.com

www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk

Charity Golf Tournament

Thursday 28 July All day
Weston-super-Mare Golf Club

A stableford competition for teams of four. Best two scores at each hole count. Prizes. Proceeds to local and national charities.

Entry fee for teams of four £160 including buffet lunch.

For more details: James Robertson, Competition Secretary, 01934 750 267

Weston Cider Festival

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 July Friday 7.30pm - 11pm and Saturday 11am - 4pm and 7.30pm - 11pm
Grounds of the Royal Hotel, Weston-super-Mare

More than 90 types of cider and perry will be on offer at Weston's first scrumpy and western circus. Featuring live music from The Mangledwurzels and The Twurzels. Drink up thy cider and to soak up the cider, hot food will be available. Over 18s only on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tickets: £7 (per session) in advance or £8 on the door.

For more details: Chris Lilley, 01225 330304

www.ciderfestivals.co.uk

Brunomart Continental Market

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 July Friday and Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 4pm.
Pier Square, Weston-super-Mare

A wide selection of stalls including pancakes, olives, spices, Belgian chocolates, cheese, bread, arts and crafts, clothes and accessories. Market run by Veva Events.

Free entry.

For more details: Rafika, 07759 932 738

Portishead Flower Show and Country Fair

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 July Friday: 1pm - 6.30pm and Saturday: 10am - 6pm

The Show Field, Clevedon Road, Portishead, BS20 7RA

A Flower Show and Country Fair with something for everyone - 3 marquees full of flowers, fruit, vegetables and handicrafts and trade stands, a host of arena events including Paws for Thought Dog Display Team, Duck herding, Circus Workshops (come along and learn how to juggle, plate spin) Dog Show, Alpacas, Jazz Band, Somerset Paddies, Ferret Racing, Children's activities and fun sports and a 6.5 metre climbing wall.

Entry £5 adults, 10-16 years £2, and under 10 years free when accompanied by an adult.

For more details: Linda Hodgetts, 01275 817 350 or 01275 848 132

www.portisheadhorticultural.org.uk

Weston RNLI Lifeboat Week

Saturday 30 July to Saturday 7 August Various times

Weston-super-Mare seafront and town centre

Weston Lifeboat Week with the theme 'go mad for the RNLI'. Join in with a series of mad events taking place around Weston. There will be something for every age group. On 6 August, there will be a raft race on Marine Lake and on 7 August, the 'Big Swim' takes place from Brean Down to Anchor Head.

For more details: Clare Kingsbury-Bell, 07909 903 120, rnli@amiconf.demon.co.uk

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm - Reptile Fortnight

Saturday 30 July to Saturday 13 August Zoo open 10.30am - 5pm (show times: 12noon and 2pm)

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall

Back for its fourth year, Reptile Fortnight returns with some of the most dangerous and deadliest exciting reptiles including the black mamba and cobras, and some non-venomous reptiles for the public to handle after the shows.

Normal admission applies.

For more details: 01275 852 606

www.noahsarkzoo.com

Stars of Time - Sci-fi and Movie Extravaganza and Helicopter Experience Flights

Sunday 31 July 10am - 5.30pm (flights from 2pm)

Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare

A film, TV and toy collectors extravaganza with star autograph signings and special events. The south west's premier sci-fi event. Confirmed celebrity guests include Colin Baker (Dr Who), John Challis (Boycie) and Caroline Munro (iconic Bond girl). See the famous James Bond auto-gyro 'Little Nellie', meet the Daleks, view the DeLorean from 'Back to the Future' and encounter costumed characters including Kingons, Stormtroopers and Darth Vader. Also win a flight with a Bond girl, film making talks, fancy dress dance-off and a 007 flight simulator. Helicopter experience flights commence at 2pm.

Entry fees: Adults £9.50, Child and concessions £6 and includes entrance to both Stars of Time and Helicopter Museum. Flights are an additional £34 per seat.

For more details: 01934 635 227, helimuseum@btconnect.com, www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk

www.starsofetime.co.uk

Guided Walk - Walton St Mary

Sunday 31 July 2pm start and lasts for approx 2.5 hours

Meet at Ladye Bay Car Park, Bay Road, Walton St Mary, Clevedon

This quiet part of Clevedon is noted for its rocky cove of Ladye Bay, a richly furnished 19thC church on ancient foundations and the former residence of Sir Edward Elgar's daughter Carice. Walk led by Chris Richards from the Ranger Service.

Charge: £3 per person. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing according to weather conditions.

For more details: North Somerset Council's Seafront Office, 01934 626 982

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Grove Park Bandstand Concert

Sunday 31 July 3pm - 5pm

Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare

Free bandstand concert 'Klair Soul and Rock Singer' in Grove Park.

Free admission.

For more details: 01934 427 225

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Clevedon Bandstand Concert

Sunday 31 July 4pm - 5.30pm

Clevedon Bandstand, Salthouse Fields

Free bandstand concert by Copse Road Chapel - community hymns.

For more details: 01934 427 225

National Play Day

Wednesday 3 August 12noon - 4pm

Ashcombe Park, Weston-super-Mare

Playday is the national day for play, traditionally celebrated on the first Wednesday in August. On Playday thousands of children and their families get out to play at hundreds of community events across the UK. As well as a celebration of children's right to play, Playday is also an opportunity to raise awareness about some serious issues affecting children's play. This event is run in conjunction with Inspire - Building Community Confidence.

Free admission.

For more details: Sarah Vincent, 01934 427 225

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/events

Helicopter Experience Flights

Wednesday 3 August 10am - 5.30pm (flights from 2pm)

Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare

For the really adventurous, helicopter experience flights commence at 2pm for 15 mile flights around Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding coastline.

Usual museum admission applies. Flights are an additional £34 per seat.

For more details: 01934 635 227, helimuseum@btconnect.com

www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk

Nailsea Flower Show

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 August 12.30pm onwards Saturday and 10am onwards Sunday

Golden Valley Playing Field, Nailsea

Come and enjoy a traditional summer flower show.

Open Cockpit Day and Helicopter Experience Flights

Sunday 7 August 10am - 5.30pm (flights from 2pm)

Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare

Climb into the cockpit of a helicopter and be shown the controls by an experienced guide. For the really adventurous, helicopter experience flights commence at 2pm for 15 mile flights around Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding coastline.

Usual museum admission applies. Flights are an additional £34 per seat.

For more details: 01934 635 227, helimuseum@btconnect.com

www.helicoptermuseum.co.uk

Grove Park Bandstand Concert

Sunday 7 August 3pm - 5pm

Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare

Free bandstand concert 'Bold Brass' in Grove Park.

Free admission.

For more details: 01934 427 225

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Major events coming soon ...

Carters Steam Fair

Thursday 4 August to Sunday 4 September Mon - Thurs 11am - 7pm; Fri, Sat, Sun and Bank Holiday

Monday 11am - 10pm

Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare

Carters is the largest original touring vintage fairground anywhere in the world and uses pre-1960's equipment, transport, sideshows and rides. Attractions include Gallopers, Chair-O-Planes, Helter Skelter, Dive Bomber, Dodgems, Swingboats, Dobbies, Toy Town, Train Ride, Arcades and much more.

Free admission. Charges per ride.

For more details: 01628 822 221, john@psycho.co.uk

www.carterssteamfair.co.uk

Weston Lions Real Ale and Cider Festival

Friday 12 August to Sunday 14 August 11am -10.30pm (Fri/Sat), 11am-5pm (Sun)

Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare (opposite Grand Atlantic Hotel)

Weston Lions Club's annual Real Ale and Cider Festival with more than 40 real ales and a selection of locally brewed ciders, wine and soft drinks available. A Food Fair, demonstrating the excellence of local produce, will take place until 6pm each day and there will be live music each evening and Sunday afternoon. All proceeds go to charities including Weston Hospice and the RNLI.

Entrance charge : £3 on Friday and Saturday after 6pm only. At all other times, entrance is free.

For more details: John Holland, johnfieldholland575@googlemail.com

www.westonlionsrealalefestival.org.uk

Boomfest

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 August Friday 12noon - 9pm; Saturday 11am - 9pm; and Sunday 11am - 6pm (subject to confirmation)

Clarence Park East, Weston-super-Mare

An exciting 3 day festival for children, young people and families. Boomfest offers a variety of professional cultural and creative arts performances and workshops for all ages through dance including parkour, street dance and free running, live music, theatre, film, comedy, performance poetry, graffiti, BMX-ing, skateboarding and exhibitions. Festival headline acts include the internationally acclaimed Weapons of Sound and the amazing Invisible Circus who produce unique circus theatre experiences.

Free.

For more details: Andy Jeffery, North Somerset Council, 01275 884 220

www.boomsatsuma.com

Summer activities for children ...

Play Forum - Picnic in the Park

Monday 25 July 12noon - 4pm

Clarence Park, Weston-super-Mare

Outdoor activities. Remember to bring a picnic and wear appropriate dress for the weather. Organised by the Play Forum in conjunction with Weston Central Children's Centre. Open to children aged 0-11 but 'family' must include 0-5 year old.

Cost: 50p per family.

For more details: 01934 426 794

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Sunshine and Puddles

Wednesday 27 July, 17, 24 and 31 August 1pm - 2.30pm

Old Town Quarry, Queens Road, Weston-super-Mare

Outdoor activities. Remember to bring a picnic and wear appropriate dress for the weather. Organised by the

Weston Central Children's Centre. Open to children aged 0-11 but 'family' must include 0-5 year old.

Cost: 50p per family.

For more details: 01934 426 794

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 3 August 11am - 2pm

Old Town Quarry, Queens Road, Weston-super-Mare

Outdoor activities. Remember to bring a picnic and wear appropriate dress for the weather. Organised by the Weston Central Children's Centre. Open to children aged 0-11 but 'family' must include 0-5 year old.

Cost: 50p per family.

For more details: 01934 426 794

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Seaside Fun

Wednesday 10 August 11am - 2pm

Marine Lake beach, Weston-super-Mare

Outdoor activities. Remember to bring a picnic and wear appropriate dress for the weather. Organised by the Weston Central Children's Centre. Open to children aged 0-11 but 'family' must include 0-5 year old.

Cost: 50p per family.

For more details: 01934 426 794

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Summer Activities for the East Locality Children's Centres

Various dates in July and August Various times

Various locations

Summer activities suitable for children under 5 (siblings up to age 7 welcome). Organised by the East Locality Children's Centre which covers Locking & Locking Castle, Milton & Old Worle, North Worle, St Georges & Kewstoke. Remember to dress for all weather!

Cost: £1 per family.

For more details: 01934 426 618 or 01934 426 679

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Stay and Play, and Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday 2 August 12noon - 3pm

The Club Room, Long Ashton Community Centre

Bring your own picnic and favourite teddy bear and join in the fun! For under 8's and parents and carers.

Cost: £1 for the first child and 50p per additional child.

For more details: Long Ashton Children's Centre, 01275 888 555

Summer Holiday Activities - Fun workshops

Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 August Two sessions: 10am - 12noon and 1pm - 3pm
St Martin's C of E Junior School (mornings) and Worle Community School (afternoons)

Fun two hour workshops for children including individual workshops on bushcraft, street dance, comic art masterclass, dodgeball, lego, bike mania and scavenger hunt. Organised by the Extended Services Team at Worle Community School.

Cost: £5 per workshop session. Booking essential.

For more details: visit the website for a booking form or phone 01934 529 533

www.worle.n-somerset.sch.uk

Regular events throughout the year...

North Somerset Athletic Club Open Training Event

Every Tuesday during term time ending on 19 July, restarting 6 September 6pm - 7pm
Worle School, Weston-super-Mare

Run by experienced England athletics qualified coaches, this event is aimed at 8-12 year olds and will be focused on fun athletics. So if you have always wanted to give athletics a try or think you are the next Usain Bolt then come along and be part of the largest and most successful junior athletics club in the south west.

First session free and £2.50 a session thereafter.

For more details: Head Coach, chrisbtg@blueyonder.co.uk

www.fitnessontrack.co.uk

Winscombe Thursday Market

Every Thursday morning 8am - 12noon

Community Centre, Sandford Road, Winscombe

A superb range of fresh fish, local and seasonal vegetables, free range eggs, local cheese, home made cakes, fudge, savouries, honey and preserves, Hobbs House Bread, Moorland Farm beef and many other interesting and varied stalls including charity cards, "Barefoot" books for children, and "See Saw" children's clothing, "Traidcraft" provisions and goods, home made craft items and seasonal plants. Refreshments available.

Free admission.

For more details: Tina Joyce, 01934 842 304

RBL Bike Nights

Thursdays until 29 September 6pm - 9pm

Marine Parade, Weston-super-Mare (between Royal Sands and Clarence Road intersection)

The Royal British Legion's Bike Nights return for its fourth season. A display of motorbikes open to the general public. See website for details of themed nights.

No charge.

For more details: westonbikenight@googlemail.com

www.rblr.co.uk

Grand Pier - Half Price Fridays

Every Friday evening until further notice 5pm - 9pm

Grand Pier, Weston-super-Mare

All turnstiled rides become half price every Friday evening. So pay us a visit and enjoy all your favourite rides at half their normal price!

Tickets vary dependent on rides, available from ticket stations positioned around the Pier.

For more details: Events Team, Grand Pier, 01934 646 155, events@grandpier.co.uk

www.grandpier.co.uk

Bristol Water Discovery Days

Every Sunday from 3 April to 28 August 2011 2pm - 5pm

Blagdon Lake Visitor Centre, off the A368 through Blagdon village

An afternoon of fun and discovery for kids and grown ups. Watch the mighty beam engine, have a go on the WaterAid pump, try the computer demos, explore the nature trail, feed the trout, free guided nature trail walks and horse drawn carriage rides some Sundays. Refreshments and parking available.

Free entry.

For more details: 0117 953 6470

www.bristolwater.co.uk/leisure

Grand Pier's Grand Prix

Ongoing until 4 December 2011 Every weekend

Grand Pier, Weston-super-Mare

During the nineteen race weekends of this year's Formula 1 season, everyone who tries the F1 simulators or rides on the Go Kart track will have their lap times recorded. Each weekend, the people with the fastest lap times on both rides will be presented with a £50 ride voucher. At the end of the season, all the winners will be invited to a Grand Final showdown with the overall winner collecting a super prize.

Normal ride costs apply.

For more details: Events Team, Grand Pier, 01934 646 155, events@grandpier.co.uk

www.grandpier.co.uk

Visit Steep Holm Island

Various dates until October 2011 departure time depends on tide

From Knightstone Harbour, Weston-super-Mare

Join an exhilarating 15 minute trip from Knightstone Harbour (operated by Cardiff Sea Safaris) and then enjoy a full day of adventure and relaxation on historic Steep Holm.

Tickets: Adults £25, Children (5-16 years) £15.

For more details: 01934 522 125 or steepholmbookings@fsmail.net

www.steeptholm.org.uk

Visit Flat Holm Island

Various dates until October 2011 departure time depends on tide

From Knightstone Harbour, Weston-super-Mare

Take a leisurely one hour crossing on board the Westward Ho (operated by M W Marine), a purpose built island class, bow loading passenger vessel to Flat Holm Island. Once there, see a variety of bird life, flora and fauna. Souvenir shop and refreshments available. Enjoy a well earned drink in the pub located in the barracks. Self guided tour pack available to purchase and guided tours available on certain dates.

Tickets: Adults £24, Children (5-16 years) £12 plus £5 landing fee per person.

For more details: Martin Woolls, 01934 636 734, 07754 833158, info@mwmarine.org

Guided walks along Weston seafront

Various dates until November 2011 12noon, 1.30pm and 3pm daily

Meet at Grand Pier, Weston-super-Mare

Hear fascinating stories from Weston's past on a gentle one mile stroll along the seafront. Hear about the Great Tsunami of 1607, smuggling and shipwrecks in the area and much more. No steps or steep slopes. Evening murder and ghost walks also available.

Charges: Adults £3 and Children £2.

For more details: visit the website

www.westonwalks.co.uk

Go4Life - various events and activities

Ongoing Various

Various locations; call or visit the Go4Life website for more details

Go4Life encourages and helps people to live healthier and more active lives. Various activities take place throughout North Somerset on a regular basis. Visit the website to view the regular newsletter or call the Go4Life team to find out about opportunities to get and stay active in North Somerset.

A charge may apply depending on the activity.

For more details: Go4Life Team, 01275 882 730, go4life@n-somerset.gov.uk

www.go4life.org

Pilates

Every Tuesday and Friday. Also Mondays (starting September 2011) 9.30am - 10.30am

Uphill Victory Hall, Uphill

A community class which focuses on strengthening the core muscles of the back, abdominals and pelvic floor. Improving flexibility and posture through calm focused movements.

1st class free, then £5 per session.

For more details: Emma Duffill, 07973 839453

www.fit-com.co.uk

Fitness and Fun for Babies and Mum

Every Friday 10.30am - 11.30am

Uphill Victory Hall, Uphill

A fun exercise class with no need for childcare! 30 minutes of gentle aerobics/dance with baby/toddler in pushchair, followed by 30 minutes of toning the abdominal and pelvic floor muscles with the children playing around us.

1st session free, then £4 per session for 7 week course.

For more details: Emma Duffill, 07973 839453

www.fit-com.co.uk

Story Time at Worle Library

Every Tuesday during term time 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Worle Library, The Maltings, Worle

Stories will be shared with pre-school children and their parents/carers in an exciting, interactive way using puppets, props and lots of imagination! No need to book - just turn up with your Under 5's to this free half hour session.

No charge.

For more details: Tricia Margerison, 01934 426 090

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Leisure/Libraries

Story Time at Weston Library

First and third Thursdays of every month 9.30am - 10am

Weston Library, Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare

Stories will be shared with pre-school children and their parents/carers in an exciting, interactive way using puppets, props and lots of imagination! No need to book - just turn up with your Under 5's to this free half hour session.

No charge.

For more details: Tricia Margerison, 01934 426 897/426 010

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Bookstart Rhymetime at the Healthy Living Centre

Every Thursday during term time 11am - 11.30am

The Healthy Living Centre Library, Lonsdale Avenue, Weston-super-Mare

Rhymetime session with songs, rhymes, and musical instruments. For children aged 0-4 years and their parents/carers.

No charge.

For more details: 01934 426 111

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Story Time at Nailsea Library

Every Thursday 2pm - 2.30pm

Nailsea Library, Somerset Square, Nailsea

For pre-school children and their parents/carers. No need to book - just turn up with your under 5's to this free half hour session.

No charge.

For more details: 01934 426 030

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Story Time at Portishead Library

Every Thursday during term time 2.15pm - 2.45pm

Portishead Library, 24 Harbour Road, Portishead

For pre-school children and their parents/carers. No need to book - just turn up with your under 5's to this free half hour session.

No charge.

For more details: 01934 426 040

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Story Time/Rhymetime at The Campus Library

Every Friday during term time 9.15am - 9.45am

The Campus Library, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare

Storytime session for parents/carers and children aged 0-4 years. The last Friday of each month during term time is a rhymetime session with songs, rhymes and musical instruments.

No charge.

For more details: 01934 427 427

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North Somerset Children's Centres

Ongoing Various

Throughout North Somerset

For families and carers with children aged 0-5. Stay and Play sessions, outings and special events.

A charge may apply depending on the activity.

For more details: Family Information Service, 01934 426 300

www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk

Jungle Tots - Parents and Toddlers Group

Every Monday morning during term time 10.30am - 12noon

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Clevedon Road, Wraxall, Bristol

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm has recently refurbished their soft play area for under 5's into the fabulous 'Jungle Den'. To celebrate this wonderful space we have set up a parent and toddler group to meet in this area on Monday mornings. Each week will have a different theme such as singing, story time, hands-on animal time and arts and crafts. A free squash and biscuit will be available for the tots and adult refreshments available for a small additional cost.

Charge applicable but free to members.

For more details: Hayley Lung 01275 852 606, hayley.lung@noahsarkzoofarm.co.uk

www.noahsarkzoofarm.co.uk

Summer season at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare

Songs from the Shows

Every Wednesday until 21 September Show starts at 8pm

The Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare

First Call Entertainment present this year Songs from the Shows including hit songs from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Chicago, Hairspray, La Cage Aux Folles, Cabaret, Wicked and many more. Directed by Matthew Jeanes and featuring the Dance Company.

Tickets: Adults £11.50, Seniors/Children £10.50, Parties 10+ and special concessions £10, one child free (up to 12 years) per paying adult.

For more details: Box Office, 01934 417 117

www.thewintergardens.com

Afternoon Tea Dances with Mark Helmore

Tuesday 12, 26 July, 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 August 2pm - 4pm

The Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare

Take to the floor in the historic ballroom for an afternoon of dancing fun with your host Mark Helmore.

Tickets: £5 to include a cup of tea.

For more details: Box Office, 01934 417 117

www.thewintergardens.com

Afternoon Tea Dances and Evening Social Dances with Sid Gateley

Wednesday 29 June, 13, 27 July, 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 August 2pm - 4pm and 8pm - 11pm

The Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare

Enjoy an afternoon or evening dance under the guidance of Sid Gateley in the Winter Gardens ballroom.

Tickets: Afternoons - £5 to include a cup of tea, Evenings - £6.

For more details: Box Office, 01934 417 117

www.thewintergardens.com

Weekend Evening Social Dances with Sid Gateley

Saturday 30 July, 20 August, 10 September, 15 October, 5 November and 17 December 8pm - 11.30pm

The Winter Gardens Pavilion, Weston-super-Mare

Hosted by Sid Gateley, make your way to the ballroom for an evening of social dancing.

Tickets: £8.

For more details: Box Office, 01934 417 117

www.thewintergardens.com

The Playhouse Theatre

For details of shows taking place at the [Playhouse Theatre](http://www.theplayhouse.co.uk), Weston-super-Mare, please contact the Box office on 01934 645 544 or visit www.theplayhouse.co.uk.

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