



## Bristol events September 2010

### Major events

**4 – 5 September**  
**Bristol International Festival Of Kites  
And Air Creations**  
Ashton Court Estate

In 2010 the Kite Festival is promising an action packed aerial extravaganza. This will feature spectacular flying displays, kite fighting battles, breathtaking synchronised routines to music as well as colourful ground-based inflatables.

**5 September**  
**Bristol Half Marathon 2010**  
Starts at Anchor Road

One of the UK's leading road races with over 15,000 entries. The attractive, sea-level course takes in the old city, scenic Harbourside and the stunning Avon Gorge and offers great potential for fast times and personal bests.

**11 - 26 September**  
**Bristol Cycle Festival**  
City centre

Watch out for installations and activities across Bristol City Centre, and get in the saddle for the UK's first dedicated bike carnival, and join in bike games across the city with IgFest, Bristol's annual 'interesting games' festival.

**18 September – 28 November**  
**BAC 100 exhibition**  
Bristol Museum And Art Gallery

The exhibition will provide an overview of a century of aviation innovation in the West of England, taking as its starting point the founding in 1910 of the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

**25 – 26 September**  
**The Bristol Do**  
Portland Square

Playfulness, oddity and spectacle are the buzz words of the Bristol Do, Bristol's only street and circus festival.

**23 – 26 September**  
**Bristol Fashion Week**  
The Mall at Cribbs Causeway

Bristol Fashion Week is The Mall at Cribbs Causeway's annual fashion extravaganza. It returns at the end of September to launch the autumn/winter collections available from stores at the Mall.

**24 – 29 September**  
**Coupe Gordon Bennett Balloon Race**  
Ashton Court Estate

In September 2010, the Coupe Gordon Bennett will be hosted in Britain for the first time. Up to 20 teams from around the world will compete in the world's greatest Gas Balloon Race.

**24 – 26 September**  
**Brisfest**  
Harbourside

Brisfest is a music and arts festival celebrating local and South West culture, created to inspire passion and creativity by offering an exciting interactive event for audiences of all ages. There are out-door stages, fire displays, kids area, fancy dress, world food zone, light shows, workshops, garden and turfed areas to create a stunning festival vibe in an urban city centre location.

### Family fun

**11 – 12 September**  
**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.

**11, 25 – 26 September**  
**Events**  
Horseworld

**11 September: Open Horse & Pony Show.** Come to Horseworld and see horses of all shapes and sizes at our fun show.

**25 – 26 September: Pony Days.** A special day for children aged 7 to 12. They can experience the joy of caring for a pony for the day. Booking essential.

## **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 September** **Events**

Brunel's ss Great Britain

**12 September: Grandparent's day.** Treat your grandparents with a free pot of tea for two! Go to Brunel's ss Great Britain's website to download a voucher.

**25 – 26 September: Horrid torrid tales trails.** Discover passengers' nasty onboard experiences.

## **1, 10 and 22 September** **Track Days**

Castle Combe Circuit

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.

## **25 – 26 September** **Silverline Power Tool Drag Racing** **Championship**

Fleet Air Arm Museum

The Fleet Air Arm Museum has been chosen as the venue for the UK's 2010 Silverline Power Tool Drag Racing Championship.

The crazy sport of power tool drag racing involves transforming hand held power tools into lean mean drag racing machines!

## **Exhibitions**

### **Until 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.

### **Until 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.

### **Until 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.

### **Until 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.

### **Until 28 September** **Anne Adamson**

Royal West Of England Academy

This exhibition features enigmatic scenes exploring memory and imagination.

### **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.

### **Ongoing** **Plinth Project**

Bristol Museum Art 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 September, Andrew Southall's work will be shown.

## **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.

#### **Final Sunday of every month**

#### **Vintage Afternoon Teas**

Hotel Du Vin

Bistro Du Vin Bristol, in association with Bristol Vintage, invites you to join them for afternoon tea like no other. Picture stunning surroundings, the finest vintage china, a unique style of hospitality, and of course the most wonderfully delightful cakes, sandwiches and tea. Booking essential.

### **1 – 4 September**

#### **George's Marvellous Medicine**

The Bristol Hippodrome

George's Marvellous Medicine is Roald Dahl's amazing story about a young boy who makes a marvellous new medicine to cure his Grandmother of her terrifying temper. But when she drinks his special new potion, the most incredible things start to happen. And George's adventure has just begun.

### **4 September**

#### **Eliza Carthy Band and Hodmadodderly**

Bristol Zoo Gardens and St George's Bristol

Eliza brings her whip-smart backing band to Bristol Zoo Gardens for the ultimate open-air summer folk concert, performing powerful English folk songs with superb technique and irresistible energy. Bawdy, sexy and beautiful, this is folk music as it should be.

### **13 – 18 September**

#### **Spamalot**

The Bristol hippodrome

Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, and featuring a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and French people, Monty Python's Spamalot 'raises silliness to an art form' (The Sunday Times) and has been hailed as 'a no-holds-barred smash hit' (The New Yorker).

### **20 September**

#### **Vampires Rock**

The Bristol Hippodrome

Vampires Rock has everything you need for a great night out. The greatest rock anthems of all time, fantastic costumes, comedy, magic, spectacular illusions and amazing stage set and pyrotechnics to blow your mind, this rock spectacular is not to be missed!

### **22 September**

#### **The Moody Blues**

The Bristol Hippodrome

A legendary band with an enviable repertoire and reputation, The Moody Blues remain one of the top-grossing album and touring bands in existence. Don't miss your opportunity to witness these living legends in action.

### **23 September**

#### **The Armstrong & Miller Show**

The Bristol Hippodrome

With their usual mix of the beautifully observed and the utterly barmy, Ben and Xander will be performing a parade of characters from their extensive dressing-up box and wig-store including; The street-talking WWII chav pilots; Brabbins and Fyffe, the filthy alter-egos of Flanders and Swann; Jilted Jim, dumped at the altar but still on his honeymoon; and so many more...

### **25 – 26 September**

#### **Peppa Pig's Party**

The Bristol Hippodrome

Peppa is a playful little piggy who lives with her younger brother George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig. Through everyday adventures she plays games, makes new friends and enjoys her absolute favourite activity: jumping up and down in muddy puddles!

### **26 September**

#### **Peter's Friends**

The Tobacco Factory

The award-winning "secret star" of the contemporary magic scene, Peter Clifford, brings together the elite of magical talent for a series of mind-melting, jaw-dropping shows. Each evening Peter will present two acts to amaze you.

### **28 September – 2 October**

#### **Oklahoma**

The Bristol Hippodrome

Set on the Western Frontier, against a background of conflict between farmers and cattlemen, Oklahoma! perfectly integrates song, dance and story to tell the tale of farm girl Laurey and the two

rivals for her affections, happy go-lucky cowboy Curly and the sinister farm hand Jud.

## **Special tours**

### **Throughout September** **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.

### **Until 30 September** **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:** Start from the Beetle sculpture in Anchor Square at 11am. £3.50 per person.

**8 September: Clifton Walk:** Start from Christ Church, Clifton Green at 6.30pm. Walk will take approximately 1½ hours. £3.50 per person.

**21 September: Medieval Bristol.** Start from the Corn Exchange, Corn Street at 6.30pm. Walk will take approximately 1½ hours. £3.50 per person.

### **Tuesday (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](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk)**