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**Magna Carta exhibition, Temple Church, London**

From 17 November 2014

An outstanding exhibition to celebrate the Charter, past and present will open at the Temple Church this November. The V&A is lending four casts of medieval effigies: William Marshal I and II (taken before the Blitz), John and Henry III, whilst further loans from Lincoln Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral and the National Archives will transform the Temple’s Round Church into a shrine to the Great Charter of Liberties. The exhibition will be in place throughout 2015 and for the foreseeable future.

www.templechurch.com

**Elvis Presley exhibition, The O2, London**

Until 31 August

Get an insight into the life of the King of rock ‘n’ roll in the largest Elvis Presley retrospective ever mounted in Europe. Showcasing over 300 different artefacts direct from the Presley family’s Graceland Archives, the exhibition features many cars, tour costumes and personal artefacts which have never been exhibited outside of Graceland before. It chronicles the rise of the rock ‘n’ roll icon and demonstrates how Elvis impacted popular culture around the world through his music, movies and personal style.

http://www.elvisattheo2.com/

**Small Stories: At Home in a Dolls’ House, V&A Museum of Childhood**

Until 6 September

Discover the fascinating stories behind some of the UK’s best-loved dolls’ houses, by going on a journey through the history of the home, everyday lives and changing family relationships. Visitors are encouraged to come and meet the residents, and discover tales of marriages and parties, politics and crime. The exhibition encompasses country mansions, the Georgian town house, suburban villas, newly-built council estates and high-rise apartments.

http://www.museumofchildhood.org.uk/

January

**Banners exhibition, Parliament, London**

20 January – November

Launching on 20 January, a large-scale banners exhibition will hang in the medieval Westminster Hall until late November 2015. Commemorating an 800 year history, this will cover 18 themes related to the movements and moments which ‘made a difference’ in the journey to the rights and representation that we enjoy today. Themes include the emergence of Parliament, the Civil War, Suffrage Acts, groups such as the Chartists and Levellers, as well as the development of civil and human rights.

http://www.parliament.uk/

**Churchill: Science in War and Peace, Science Museum**

23 January

50 years after his death, the Science Museum will be hosting a brand new exhibition dedicated to Sir Winston Churchill this January. Churchill: Science in War and Peace will adopt an intimate tone by spotlighting individual scientists and their achievements under the direction of Churchill. The exhibition will be divided into two sections: one addressing the uniqueness of scientific innovations to the British war effort, the second tracing how the huge infusion of war research and development defined fundamental science of the 1950s – and has resonated to the current day.

http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/

February

**Magna Carta and Parliament, London**

5 February

Following the unification of the four surviving copies of Magna Carta at the British Library, the manuscripts will then be loaned to Parliament for a one-off display at the House of Lords on 5 February. This event will then be followed by a month-long
exhibition organised by the Parliamentary Archives, which will include iconic documents such as The Bill of Rights and the 1832 Great Reform Act.
http://www.parliament.uk/

**New Churchill exhibition, Blenheim Palace**
14 February
Blenheim Palace will re-open after the winter break on 14 February with a completely re-vamped Churchill exhibition: the story of Sir Winston Churchill’s life will be told with new artefacts and interpretation.

**White water rafting, Lee Valley White Water Centre, Hertfordshire**
From 28 February
The 2015 white water rafting season launches at Lee Valley White Water Centre on 28 February, giving adventure-loving visitors the chance to confront the raging rapids of the London 2012 venue. No experience is necessary and all equipment is provided, including wetsuits, boots, helmets and buoyancy aids.
www.gowhitewater.co.uk

**March**

**Magna Carta exhibition, Salisbury Cathedral**
7 March
This exhibition, entitled ‘Magna Carta: Spirit of Justice, Power of Words’, will present Salisbury Cathedral’s original 1215 Magna Carta manuscript in its historic context. It will move from the story of the struggle between King John and his barons to the legacy of Magna Carta across the ages, and why it is still relevant today.
http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/magna-carta/visiting-magna-carta

**Henry Moore exhibition, Yorkshire Sculpture Park**
7 March – 6 September
Hailing from Castleford in West Yorkshire, Henry Moore is one of the most important artists of the 20th century. This new major exhibition takes a fresh approach to Moore’s work by considering his profound relationship with the land, which was fundamental to his practice and fuelled his visual vocabulary. The exhibition also presents an opportunity to explore the man behind the practice with a carefully-selected display of personal artefacts, notes, sketches and photographs, curated in collaboration with the artist’s daughter, Mary Moore.
http://www.ysp.co.uk/exhibitions/henry-moore-back-to-a-land

**Alexander McQueen exhibition, The V&A**
14 March – 19 July
Five years after his tragic death, the first and largest retrospective of the late designer’s work to be presented in Europe will go on show at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty will span from his 1992 MA graduate collection to his unfinished A/W 2010 collection. The designs will be presented with the dramatic staging and sense of spectacle synonymous with his runway shows and the exhibition will run from 14 March – 19 July 2015.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/exhibitions/exhibition-alexander-mcqueen-savage-beauty/

**Summerdown Camp, Eastbourne Museum, Eastbourne**
16 March – 15 November
This new exhibition uncovers the pioneering medical treatments and occupational therapies used during the First World War to treat injured soldiers, as well as displaying star finds such as an extraordinary ring made by a Summerdown Camp soldier. Bringing a wealth of history to the town, Summerdown Camp opened in April 1915, designed to rehabilitate wounded and distressed soldiers from the front line. Over 150,000 soldiers were treated at the camp which closed in 1920.
http://www.eastbournemuseums.co.uk/summerdown-camp.aspx

**Magna Carta exhibition, Bodleian Library, Oxford**
March - September
The Bodleian Library houses four of the seventeen surviving pre-1300 ‘engrossments’ of Magna Carta. To mark its 800th anniversary, the new Weston Library at the Bodleian will host an exhibition entitled ‘Marks of Genius’, which will display the Gloucester Charter. There will also be a special celebration event planned for the Magna Carta sealing anniversary day on 15 June.
http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/bodley

April

'Withdrawn' Flotilla Display, Bristol
April
In April, Bristol artist Luke Jerram will install a flotilla of abandoned fishing vessels in Leigh Woods. The display, part of the European Green Capital calendar, will be available for the public to view for six months during which time this thought-provoking and engaging installation will raise discussion about climate change, extreme weather, falling fish stocks and our impact on the marine environment.
http://www.lukejerram.com/projects/withdrawn

Magna Carta exhibition, Lincoln Cathedral
1 April
Lincoln Cathedral’s Magna Carta will take pride of place in a new state-of-the-art visitor attraction part of a £22m restoration programme. Working in partnership with Lincoln Castle, its Magna Carta, Charter of the Forest and a related loan document will be on display in the Magna Carta vault with a double-height ‘wall of word’. The exhibition will be entitled ‘Magna Carta: Power, Justice and Accountability’.
http://lincolncathedral.com/

A Gift from the Whole Nation, Harewood House, Leeds
3 April – 1 November
At the start of the First World War there was a mass outpouring of sympathy and charity to the men fighting for England. In October 1914 the young Princess Mary took it upon herself to provide a small thank you present for the troops serving the country on Christmas Day 1914. Over the next four years, more than two million boxes would be delivered to people involved in Britain’s war effort. ‘A Gift from the Whole Nation’ will showcase over 70 examples of these very special gift boxes and will be on display on the State Floor in the main house.
http://harewood.org/whats-on/event/ww1-at-harewood/

Francis Bacon and The Masters, The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia, Norfolk
18 April - 26 July
Francis Bacon and The Masters will bring together over 25 major works, many of which have never been shown in the UK before. Alongside work from Francis Bacon the exhibition will feature Velázquez, Rembrandt, Titian, Michelangelo, Rodin, Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse.
www.scva.ac.uk/

Indigenous Australia exhibition, British Museum
23 April – 2 August
‘Indigenous Australia: enduring civilisation’ will be the first major exhibition in England to present a history of Indigenous Australia, both Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, through objects. It will include major works of contemporary art and a wide range of artefacts, from a shield believed to have been collected at Botany Bay in 1770 by Captain Cook or one of his men to a protest placard from the Aboriginal Tent Embassy established in 1972.
http://www.britishmuseum.org/

May

Borde Hill sculpture exhibition, West Sussex
1 May – 1 September
Now in its 16th year, the Sculpture Exhibition at Borde Hill is a notable celebration of art and sculpture by both established and up-and-coming artists. During the exhibition, the garden is transformed into an outdoor gallery, enabling visitors to enjoy unique works of art set in its beautiful gardens. The bronze, resin, stone, metalwork, ceramics, steel, clay and glass sculptures will be set within the gardens, and for the first time ever the exhibition this year extends out into the woodland.
http://www.bordehill.co.uk/

The Alice Look, V&A Museum of Childhood, London
2 May - 1 November
Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's much loved tale, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, this enchanting exhibition brings together a range of photographs, rare editions, garments and illustrations that show how the character of Alice became a major cultural icon. The exhibition is divided into four main areas, with examples of the period dress that Alice was best known for, along with displays in which the character adopts a contemporary look.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/moc/exhibitions-and-displays/the-alice-look/

New exhibition at York's Chocolate Story, York
4 May
A new exhibition 'Brilliant Brands: York Chocolate through the Ages' will allow visitors to delve deep into the history of York's most famous brands. Visitors will be able to take a journey through York's much-loved confectionery – from the 1800s to the modern day. Discoveries will include which world-famous chocolate bar was once called Chocolate Crisp, and which multi-coloured treats were formerly known as Chocolate Beans. The exhibition will showcase a varied collection of packaging and artefacts, never before seen together.
www.yorkschocolatestory.com

'Lest We Forget – Rugby and the First World War', World Rugby Museum, Twickenham
5 May – 1 September
Timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the death of Ronald Poulton Palmer, England's Grand-Slam winning captain from the 1914 season, this exhibition is dedicated to the memory of all rugby players who fought and died in the First World War. Featuring stories of rugby players from many different countries, and all levels of the game, the exhibition is an opportunity to view many unique objects and images brought together for the first time. The exhibition can be viewed as part of a World Rugby Museum visit or a combined stadium tour and museum ticket.
http://www.englandrugby.com/twickenham/world-rugby-museum

Artists Rooms: Jeff Koons, Norwich Castle
9 May—6 September
This exhibition offers a rare opportunity to see a display devoted to one of the most famous (and most expensive) living artists in the world, Jeff Koons. Celebrated for pieces like the giant flower Puppy outside the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Koons has been stoking controversy ever since the early seventies, provoking debate around issues of taste, class, and value. With an emphasis on engaging young audiences, this will be a vibrant and thought-provoking exhibition featuring some of Koons' most iconic works including Winter Bears from 'Banality' in 1988.
http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/Visit_Us/Norwich_Castle/index.htm

One Magnificent City Festival, Liverpool
15 May – 5 July
One Magnificent City (OMC) is a seven-week programme of events including an Atlantic Food Festival, a vintage festival at the historic Albert Dock, and an International Mersey River Festival. The programme launches on Friday 15 May with the hugely popular LightNight and runs right through for seven weeks ending with Transatlantic 175. Many of the events will focus on the 175th anniversary of the first Cunard transatlantic sailing, and will bring to life the stories of those who travelled on the ship in 1840, with the festival promising to take visitors on 'a transatlantic journey'. The 25 May will see the Three Queens unite as they sail in formation along the Mersey, with an exciting projection by Amazing Graces and a dazzling firework display.
https://www.cultureliverpool.co.uk/one-magnificent-city/
Great British Tennis Weekend, Countrywide
16 – 17 May / 13 – 14 June / 1 – 2 August
Great British Tennis Weekend is a national campaign from the Lawn Tennis Association that aims to increase participation in the sport by working in partnership with clubs, community venues, schools and universities. Venues across the country will open their doors to the public and provide free tennis and coaching for people of all ages and abilities.
https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/opendays

Hogarth Exhibition, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
16 May – 31 August
This summer, Tate Britain is set to lend its collection of oil paintings of one of the most important figures of English art, William Hogarth, to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. From portraiture to satire to history painting; this exhibition will introduce the diverse range of subjects that were tackled by this iconic painter and printmaker.
http://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/bristol-museum-and-art-gallery

The Story of Children’s Television From 1946 to Today, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry
22 May – 13 September
This exhibition traces the fascinating history of children’s television, bringing together seven decades of iconic objects, memorabilia, merchandise, clips and images. From puppetry to CGI and live shows, to dramas and fantasy, the exhibition looks at how the magical programmes of our childhood have created memories and nostalgia in today’s adults.

Turner’s Wessex: Architecture and Ambition, Salisbury Museum
22 May – 27 September
After launching the new Wessex Gallery last year, Salisbury Museum will open a new art exhibition, Turner’s Wessex: Architecture and Ambition, which will run from May-September. Situated in the Cathedral Close, directly opposite its West Front, the museum is ideally placed to explore Turner’s relationship with Salisbury and the cathedral.
http://www.salisburymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/exhibitions/turners-wessex-architecture-and-ambition

Grayson Perry exhibition, Turner Contemporary, Kent
23 May – 13 September
This summer sees Grayson Perry’s exhibition ‘Provincial Punk’ come to Margate. It will see more than 50 works in this focused survey of Perry’s practice, from a young artist forging his own language in Thatcherite 1980s Britain to his work today. See an extensive display of Perry’s hand-made ceramic pots covered in drawings, handwritten texts and collaged elements, from Perry’s earliest pieces made in the late 1980s to the present day.
https://www.turnercontemporary.org/exhibitions/grayson-perry

Bend It Like Beckham – the musical, London
May
12 years after its box office success, Bend It Like Beckham will take to the stage in May at the Phoenix Theatre in London. The musical will be directed by award-winning Gurinder Chadha, who also directed the original film. The story centres on two 18-year-old girls who set out to make careers as professional footballers despite their families’ best efforts to stop them, and tickets are on sale now.
http://www.phoenixtheatrelondon.co.uk/bend-it-like-beckham/

June
King John, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London
Opens 1 June
Filled with cynical allegiances and ruthless politicking, King John is considered one of Shakespeare’s most abrasively modern English history plays. is a first for the Globe and a rare opportunity to see some vividly memorable characters brought to life on
the stage – especially the wildly outspoken Faulconbridge, one of Shakespeare’s most thrillingly caustic and sardonic political commentators.
http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/

**Aegon Open Nottingham**
8 – 14 June / 22 – 27 June
This year marks the return of world-class tennis to the city of Nottingham for the first time since 2008. The Aegon Open Nottingham features a men’s ATP World Tour 250 event and a brand-new WTA International competition at the biggest public tennis facility in Britain, the Nottingham Tennis Centre. The WTA event takes place 8 - 14 June, with the men returning to the venue from the 22 - 27 June.
http://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/aegon-open-nottingham/

**Carsten Höller: Decision, Hayward Gallery, London**
10 June – 6 September
The Southbank Centre is hosting an exhibition with a difference this summer in Carsten Höller’s ‘Decision’. Höller, a trained scientist before becoming an artist, explores perception and decision making through a series of interactive artwork and experiential installations, including a giant slide.
http://carstenholler.southbankcentre.co.uk/

**Unseen Waterloo: The Conflict Revisited**, Somerset House
12 June – 31 August
Opening for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, Somerset House will present its brand new Waterloo exhibition, made up of a series of portraits by photographer Sam Faulkner. Since 2009, Faulkner has travelled to the annual Waterloo re-enactment in Belgium to photograph the ‘soldiers’ who take part, dressed in the historically accurate uniforms each participant creates with painstaking attention to detail for the event. Curated by international stage director and designer Patrick Kinmonth, the exhibition presents 80 life-size images hung against a backdrop of Hainsworth fabric, the rich scarlet woollen cloth used to dress the ‘redcoat’ soldiers in 1815.
http://www.somersethouse.org.uk/visual-arts/unseen-waterloo

**Shoes: Pleasure and Pain**, V&A Museum
This new exhibition examines the many elaborate ways that shoes have been developed around the world over the years, with sometimes extreme results that have provided anything but practicality or comfort. Around 200 incredible pairs of shoes are on display, with examples of everything from sandals decorated in pure gold leaf from ancient Egypt, to high-end fashion creations from contemporary designers. As well as looking at the outlandish design processes, the exhibition also considers the cultural meaning of the footwear along with the transformative effect that they have on the wearer.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/exhibitions/shoes-pleasure-and-pain/

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https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/opendays

**Magna Carta exhibition, Holkham Hall, Norfolk**
14 June – 29 October
To tie in with the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta, an exhibition on the role of Sir Edward Coke, one of England’s foremost jurists, will be held at Holkham Hall. Coke used Magna Carta in order to help draw up The Petition of Rights, limiting the powers of the Stuart kings. Included in the exhibition will be manuscripts and books from the Library and Archives at Holkham, which demonstrate his strong links with Magna Carta.
http://www.holkham.co.uk/events/exhibitions/magna-carta-2015
Soldiers and Suffragettes exhibition, Museum of London Docklands
19 June – 1 November
Uncover the remarkable story of one of the UK's first female press photographers, Christina Broom, in this exhibition at The Museum of London Docklands. Despite her pioneering work, this is the first major exhibition entirely dedicated to her work. Delve into an extensive cross section of her images, many of which are on show to the public for the first time, having been kept in private collections. Along with rare shots of historic events are a number of original glass plate negatives, letters, passes, notebooks, cuttings and postcards that, combined, give a good sense of Broom as a person and as a photographer.
http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands/whats-on/exhibitions-displays/christina-broom/

Aegon International Eastbourne
20 – 27 June
First held back in 1974, The Aegon International Eastbourne is a prominent WTA Premier tournament based in the intimate setting of Devonshire Park on the south coast. Many of the world’s top female players have set foot on the grass courts, with previous winners including Martina Navratilova, Virginia Wade, Justine Henin and Caroline Wozniacki.
http://www.lta.org.uk/major-events/Aegon-International-Eastbourne/

Jane Austen Regency Week, Hampshire
20 – 28 June
An eight-day festival in the market town of Alton and nearby village of Chawton in Hampshire will celebrate Jane Austen and the Regency period. Home to the Jane Austen House Museum, where she published some of her most successful novels, Chawton is the ideal location to honour the author. This year’s festival boasts a fantastic line-up of activities and events including a Persuasion read-a-thon, Regency-style dancing and dining, a writing workshop and teas and tours at Chawton House. Talks by experts include ‘Mr Darcy: Still Sexy After 200 Years’, and the week will come to a climax with a Regency Supper at the Alton House Hotel.
http://www.janeaustenregencyweek.co.uk/

GoGoDragons!, Norwich
21 June – 5 September
GoGoDragons! 2015 is an interactive arts sculpture trail bringing over 80 large painted sculptures and over 100 baby dragons designed by schools to the streets of Norwich. Dragons have been a heraldic symbol closely associated with the city of Norwich since the Middle Ages and today dragons are still visible across the city's architecture and feature in many city historic buildings.
http://gogodragons.co.uk/. 

Glastonbury Festival attraction, Legoland Windsor
22 June
Part of the world-famous Miniland attraction at LEGOLAND Windsor, visitors will now be able to spot a brand new Glastonbury Festival scene within the attraction. It will include a 50cm high Pyramid Stage, as well as stars such as Kim Kardashian and Kanye West enjoying the VIP section backstage. Also included in the scene will be tents, portaloos, and festival-goers sliding through mud in typical Glastonbury fashion. The scene will become a permanent feature in the Miniland attraction.
www.legoland.co.uk

The Festival of the Sea, Isle of Wight
22 June – 5 July
The annual celebration of the island’s nautical heritage, now in its third year, will return this year with one of the largest yacht races in the world with over 1,700 boats. It will also involve many “anchor” events, bringing visitors a memorable fourteen filled with shanty bands, arts & crafts exhibitions, lighthouse tours, sea safaris and delicious seafood. New for 2015 will be ‘Shipwreck Isle’ at Appley Beach, with a full programme of planned including stunt action sword-fighting, historical re-enactments, cannon and firearm demonstrations on the beach.
www.visitisleofwight.co.uk
City of London Festival
22 June – 10 July
This summer, experience world-class events in outstanding venues across the City of London. Events range from jazz at the top of The Shard, to the London Symphony Orchestra inside St Paul’s Cathedral, to the return of the fabulous Bowler Hat venue with the best acts in comedy, cabaret and contemporary circus. There will also be a wealth of choral and classical performances in beautiful livery halls, the popular debate series, as well as walks and art tours - including locations not usually open to the public.
http://www.colf.org/

Barbara Hepworth: Sculpture for A Modern World, Tate Britain
24 June – 25 October
This is the first large-scale exhibition devoted to Barbara Hepworth in London for more than 50 years, partially due to her famous association with St Ives, Cornwall, where she spent much of her life. Despite being one of the leading artists of the 1930s, Hepworth’s career and achievements are sometimes overlooked, even though her work in the ’50s and ’60s made her one of the most successful sculptors in the world. This exhibition looks to bring her work to a new and unfamiliar audience, charting her development from creating small carvings as a young woman to the highly impressive bronzes for which she became internationally famous.

British Cycling National Road Championships, Lincolnshire
25 -28 June
This year’s British Cycling National Road Championships will be taking place across Lincolnshire, with a four-day festival of cycling planned to celebrate the event. The events include Time Trial Championships and Road Race Championships and crowds of up to 30,000 supporters are set to flock to Cadwell Park, Castle Square, Lincoln Castle and Westgate in Lincoln to watch the event.
http://www.nationalroadchamps.co.uk/

Kipling Festival, Brighton
25 June - 5 July
The theme for this year’s festival in Rottingdean is ‘Kipling in India’, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of his birth there. Events will include plays inspired by the author alongside his own material.
www.kiplingfestivalrottingdean.co.uk

St Ives exhibition, Abbott Hall, Cumbria
26 June – 3 October
Abbot Hall in Kendal will host a brand new exhibition this summer, documenting how St Ives became home to a group of artists who took painting to dizzying new heights during the 1950s. ‘Taking Flight: St Ives in the 1950s’ concentrates on the St Ives artists who used light, space and colour to create dazzling paintings of huge presence. It will include works from major British collections, such as Tate, British Council and Manchester Art Gallery.
https://www.abbothall.org.uk/exhibitions/taking-flight

Pride Festival, London
27 June
Join the party as thousands of people take part in the week-long festival of Pride in London, The culmination of the week-long Pride Festival (a celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community) is the Pride Parade. The route runs from Baker Street to Whitehall via Oxford Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, Lower Regent Street, Pall Mall and Trafalgar Square. It features more than 180 community groups, dancers and performers, while more than 15,000 spectators are expected to attend.
http://prideinlondon.org/
Fia Formula E Grand Prix, London
27 - 28 June
This June, London will host the two final races of the world’s first fully-electric racing series. Spectators will be able to watch the events from Battersea Park, and see the 20 Formula E drivers tackle a mixture of fast straights, high-speed bends, challenging chicanes and braking zones in a 2.922km circuit built around the perimeter roads of the park.
http://london.fiaformulae.com/

Eastbourne Feastival
27 - 28 June
The Eastbourne Feastival will be a celebration of culture, cuisine and arts from around the world. Every day, festival-goers can enjoy the abundance of food and drink stalls offering delicious flavours from around the world. As well as great food, there will be arts and entertainment showcasing a diversity of cultural and global talent.
www.eastbournefeastival.com

Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships, London
29 June – 12 July
Every summer, the world of tennis descends on Wimbledon in South West London for two weeks at the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships. Wimbledon is the world’s longest-running and most prestigious tennis tournament, and is one of four annual Grand Slam tournaments held around the world. Games are still played on the original playing surface, grass, and there’s a strict white-only dress code for players.
http://www.wimbledon.com/

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, London
30 June – 5 July
The world’s largest annual flower show gets underway in London this summer, with a host of horticultural displays and activities in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace. Along with stunning floral displays, visitors can learn about growing their own fruit and vegetables, get tips on gardening in a changing climate, and shop for garden products. This Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) spectacle is the largest of its kind in the world.
https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-hampton-court-palace-flower-show

Jackson Pollock exhibition, Tate Liverpool
30 June – 18 October
Jackson Pollock: Blind Spots brings together the most significant showing of this widely debated body of work in a public institution since 1980. This exhibition will take visitors on a journey through the artist’s practice, starting with a room featuring a selection of paintings from 1947–49 as an introduction to the innovative directions represented by the Black Pourings period. Exhibiting works from the peak of the artist’s fame juxtaposed with his lesser known work offers the opportunity to appreciate Pollock’s broader ambitions as an artist and better understand the importance of the ‘blind spots’ in his practice.

July
Bristol Comedy Garden
1 – 5 July
For five days in July, Queen Square in the city centre will be taken over by the Bristol Comedy Garden, a festival that has previously attracted big names such as Josh Widdicombe, Milton Jones and Nina Conti. See up-and-coming comedians at the Smoke & Mirrors on Denmark Street, where local boy Russell Howard cut his teeth, or be lucky enough to get a ticket for a circuit comedian at The Bristol Hippodrome or Colston Hall.
http://bristolcomedygarden.co.uk/

Henley Royal Regatta, Oxfordshire
1 – 5 July
First held in 1839, Henley Royal Regatta is the town’s most famous, and most prestigious, annual event, attracting visitors from all over the world. There are hundreds of international standard races featuring Olympic class crews, famous clubs and renowned schools. Regatta visitors can also enjoy the unique garden party ambience and facilities within the enclosures and along the riverbank.

www.visit-henley.com

Alice in Wonderland Gallery, Bodleian Library, Oxford
1 July – 6 September
To mark the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Alice in Wonderland*, the Bodleian Library in Oxford will be running an exhibition dedicated to Lewis Carroll’s most famous work. The exhibition will run from 1 July – 6 September.
http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/bodley

Audrey Hepburn exhibition, National Portrait Gallery
2 July – 18 October
A new fascinating photographic exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery entitled ‘Portraits of an Icon’ will illustrate the life of actress and fashion icon Audrey Hepburn. The exhibition will comprise more than 60 images, including classic and rarely seen prints, as well as an array of vintage magazine covers, film stills and extraordinary archival material, completing her captivating story.
http://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/hepburn/home.php

Manchester International Festival
2 – 19 July
The Manchester International Festival is the world’s first festival of original, new work and special events and takes place biennially. Launched in 2007 as an artist-led, commissioning Festival, it presents new works from across the spectrum of performing arts, visual arts and popular culture. The 2015 programme includes a new contemporary ballet directed and choreographed by Wayne McGregor with music composed by Jamie xx, as well as a show about the history of the universe, ‘The Age of Starlight’, written and presented by Professor Brian Cox.
http://www.mif.co.uk/

Winchester Festival
3rd – 11th July
Winchester Festival will be back for ten days, with a jam-packed line-up of music, literature and art. A range of exciting talks from experts include the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and internationally-recognised medical scientist Sir Robert Winston.
http://www.winchesterfestival.co.uk/

53rd Lord Birkett Trophy, Ullswater, Cumbria
4 – 5 July
The Ullswater Yacht Club will hold its 53rd Lord Birkett Memorial Trophy contest this July. The quest for the ‘Holy Grail’ of a Birkett win attracts keen sailors from national champions to novices from all over the country in a huge range of different boats all racing the full length of Ullswater and back on both days. One of the most spectacular sailing events in the North, it is rated number eight in the top 50 ‘must do’ sailing regattas.
www.ullswateryachtclub.org

River Festival, Stratford-upon-Avon
4 – 5 July
For two whole days this summer, Stratford-upon-Avon’s riverside comes alive, welcoming over 50,000 revellers to the beautiful town. This year’s event will feature more free events and activities than ever before.
http://www.stratforward.co.uk/events/stratford-river-festival

Island Beats, Thorpe Park
6 July – 30 August
Brand new for 2015, Island Beats will run over eight weeks this summer at Thorpe Park. During the day there will be performances from emerging artists at the Amity Cove Stage, whilst headline artists will perform on Fridays and Saturdays at the main stage in Lost City. Already confirmed to perform are The Vamps, Rizzle Kicks and Professor Green. Visitors will be able to warm-up on over 30 rides and attractions ahead of the artists’ performances, with extended ride times until 10pm every Friday and Saturday as the headline artists perform.

https://www.thorpepark.com/events-experiences/events/island-beats/

Shaun the Sheep trails, Bristol
6 July – 31 August
Following the film release in February, Aardman Animations' loveable lamb, Shaun the Sheep, and his flock will be brightening up the city streets of Bristol this summer with an arts trail that’s not to be missed. 60 five-foot-high sculptures painted by local artists and celebrities will be placed across the city before they are auctioned off by Wallace & Gromit’s Grand Appeal to raise money for the Bristol Children’s Hospital.
http://shauninthe_city.org.uk/

Henley Festival, Oxfordshire
8 – 12 July
Henley Festival is a truly unique and quintessentially English event offering an interesting mix of music, art, culture and food in the beautiful riverside setting. The diverse programme includes fine dining, comedy shows, art exhibitions, street theatre performers, pop-up restaurants from celebrity chefs and nightly fireworks. This year's highlights are set to include Lionel Richie and a Gershwin Spectacular featuring Laura Mvula and Gregory Porter.
www.henley-festival.co.uk/

Sounds in the Grounds, Warwick Castle
10 -11 July
Two nights of unforgettable music are planned at Warwick Castle this summer, when the attraction presents its inaugural ‘Sounds in the Grounds’ concert. The first night will include chart-topping performers such as The Kaiser Chiefs, Professor Green, and Ella Eyre, whilst the final night will include a performance by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and a fantastic firework display.
www.warwick-castle.com

Buxton Festival
10 – 26 July
The internationally renowned and award-winning Buxton Festival featuring opera, music and books is set to take place once again this summer. The 16 day festival features over 100 concerts and recitals from world renowned musicians and singers including pianist Stephen Hough, the acclaimed English Chamber Orchestra and Fitzwilliam String Quartet. Opera performances include Verdi’s Giovanna d’Arco, Donizetti’s Lucia di Lammermoor and a concert performance of Charpentier’s Louise, whilst over forty speakers will speak on topics ranging from Magna Carta, Battle of Waterloo and Alice in Wonderland.
www.buxtonfestival.co.uk

Yves Saint Laurent exhibition, Bowes Museum, Durham
11 July – 25 October
An exclusive exhibition will present a stunning display of the work and life of esteemed French designer, Yves Saint Laurent. Yves Saint Laurent: Style is Eternal will be the first of its kind in the UK, highlighting the defining elements of YSL’s vision and his significant influence on fashion and the way we understand womenswear today. The exhibition will showcase the different eras and styles of his creative career and explore a number of themes including art, lace and transparency and women’s emancipation.
http://www.thisisdurham.com/blog/january-2015/Yves-Saint-Laurent

Race to the Stones, Chilterns to North Wessex Downs
11-12 July
Race to the Stones is an exciting challenge, full of endurance and determination during its 100km route. Passing up and along the high ground South West from Lewknor, Oxfordshire, the route rises up onto the North Wessex Downs before the iconic finish at the towering standing stones of Avebury. Participants can choose to do all 100km in one go, running through the night and watching the sunrise, or break the route in two by staying at the official campsite.  
http://www.racetothestones.com/

**Bastille Festival, London**  
12 July  
This year will mark Bankside and Borough Market’s eighth annual Bastille Festival. Enjoy family-friendly fun including magicians and street performers, live music, the classic French game of boules and a French feast with Borough Market traders serving culinary delights from crepes to comté. In the true spirit of the French revolution there will be a guillotine provided by The London Tombs. Festivities will continue into the night with the Bal Populaire – a traditional open air party.  
http://www.bastillefestival.co.uk/

**Cambridge Shakespeare Festival**  
13 July – 29 August  
An eight-week-long festival celebrating Shakespeare’s works will take place in Cambridge over the summer. Plays will be performed throughout the festival in the idyllic setting of Cambridge University’s private gardens. This year’s programme includes A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and Much Ado About Nothing.  
http://www.cambridgeshakespeare.com/

**Cambridge Comedy Festival**  
15 – 20 July  
Renowned for showcasing some of the finest stand-up comedians from around the globe, the annual Cambridge Comedy Festival will take place once again this July. It is now becoming a popular pit stop for many comedians in the run up to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.  
http://www.cambridgecomedyfestival.com/

**Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival, Harrogate**  
16-19 July  
Taking place over four days each July, the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival presents accessible and entertaining literature events, engaging 13,000 people each year. Authors confirmed for this summer’s festival include Arnaldur Indridason, Sara Paretsky and Lee Child.  
www.harrogateinternationalfestivals.com/crime/

**The Beach, Nottingham**  
16 July – 1 September  
Nottinghamshire may be the most land-locked county in England, but this summer the city centre will once again be transformed, for the seventh consecutive year, and Nottingham’s famous urban beach will draw crowds to Old Market Square. With 250 tonnes of golden sands, a fully-licensed themed beach bar, giant paddling pool, fun family rides and games, there is something for everyone.  
http://www.nottinghamriviera.co.uk/

**Marlborough International Jazz Festival, Wiltshire**  
17 – 19 July  
Every year, the picturesque market town of Marlborough is transformed into a mini New Orleans at its annual International Jazz Festival. Running since 1986, this year’s three day festival will play host to a range of established blues, jazz, soul and funk acts.  
http://www.marlboroughjazz.com/

**Jewellery Quarter Festival, Birmingham**
17 – 19 July
Brand new for this year, the Jewellery Quarter’s new public space, the Golden Square, will host its first festival in its grounds. The festival programme includes food and craft fairs, live music, theatre, dance, open studios, and a helter skelter. The festival will be the first time that the Jewellery Quarter has held an event of this scale.
http://www.jewelleryquarter.net/event/categories/festival/

SummerTyne Americana Festival, Sage Gateshead
17 - 19 July
SummerTyne Americana Festival is a popular weekend event that attracts visitors from across the world for a sizzling celebration of Americana music in and around the spectacular setting of Sage Gateshead, on the south bank of the river Tyne.
www.sagegateshead.com

Curious Arts Festival, New Forest
17 – 19 July
The 17th century Pylewell Park, set in 100 acres looking out across the Solent, will open its pleasure gardens this July. The festival focuses on literature, opera and comedy, but fringe events including life-drawing classes, bat walks and mind-reading displays are also on the line-up.
www.curiousartsfestival.com

Newcastle Pride
17 - 19 July
Celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Pride movement, Newcastle Pride is a celebration of LGBT life on Tyneside and is one of the biggest and most diverse free events in the North East. The event starts with a Pride march through Newcastle and ends with a day of music, education, fun and celebration.
http://www.northern-prise.com/

Splendour Festival, Nottingham
18 July
Nottingham’s leading music festival is returning to beautiful Wollaton Hall and Deer Park this July, with line-up confirmed to include The Specials, Bananarama and James. The entertainment doesn’t stop away from the main stages with loads for children on offer including fairground rides, and a free kids area hosted by Big Top Mania, featuring circus skills workshops and shows, crazy inflatables, giant bubbles and Big Bear’s Big Balloon Disco.
www.splendourfestival.com

America’s Cup World Series, Portsmouth
23 – 26 July
The America’s Cup World Series is a premier racing circuit that forms part of the 35th America’s Cup programme. It will feature the best sailors in the world competing on AC45’s – 45 foot foiling catamarans, and will travel to a number of locations around the world over the two years. The official event Race Village will be hosted on Southsea Common, with support hubs within the Naval Base and Historic Dockyard, as well as at Gun Wharf Quays. The four day spectacle will consist of a whole range of activities to engage spectators and visitors – exhibits, music, food and beverage, family entertainment, large screens and highlights/live coverage of the racing, prize givings and concerts.

Somersault Festival, Devon
23 – 27 July
A true summer holiday experience packed full of music and adventures, Somersault is back for 2015, promising five days of striped-back happiness and blissful outdoor life. As well as the international music programme, the festival offers seaside escapades, mountain biking, horse riding and yoga excursions. This year’s line-up includes well-known names such as Laura Marling and Bombay Bicycle Club.
http://somersaultfestival.com/
Dinosaur Uproar, Eden Project, Cornwall
24 July – 2 September
Visitors to the Eden Project can come face-to-face with ferocious creatures such as Australovenator, meet dinosaur specialists, and test their survival skills at the brand new summer attraction. Journey into a landscape from 67 million years ago to explore a world filled with prehistoric beasts, and take part in the Paelo camp to dig for a Stegosaurus. The attraction is included in a standard entrance ticket to the Eden Project.
http://www.edenproject.com/visit/whats-on/dinosaur-uproar

Burghley Film Festival, Lincolnshire
29 July – 2 August
Burghley’s picturesque South Gardens in the grounds of the Lincolnshire Elizabethan house will again be transformed into a magical outdoor movie venue for the annual Film Festival. With the spectacular backdrop of Burghley House, the festival will comprise five days and nights of fabulous films including the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, “Frozen”, and “Back to the Future”. Early bird booking offers prices of £8 for adults (£14 on the door) and £4 for children (£7 on the door).
www.burghley.co.uk

Cambridge Folk Festival
30 July – 2 August
Regarded as one of the longest-established and most prestigious folk festivals in the world, the Cambridge Folk Festival returns this summer with a stellar line up. International chart-topper Passenger will be among the eclectic range of performers at this year’s festival.
https://www.cambridgelivetrust.co.uk/folk-festival

The Grand Tour, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire
Galleries, museums and a stately home across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire – Nottingham Contemporary, Chatsworth, Derby Museums and The Harley Gallery, Welbeck – have joined together to create a contemporary reinterpretation of The Grand Tour. This modern day Grand Tour will reveal hidden treasures from private collections, juxtaposing them with contemporary art exhibitions across the four venues, showcasing them in a new light.
http://www.thegrandtour.uk.com/

August
Brighton Pride
1 August
This year makes the 25th anniversary of Pride Festival. The celebration of LGBT life in the UK’s ‘gay capital’ includes a huge, colourful Pride Parade through the city with floats, music and amazing costumes, and a big party in Preston Park. Pride is open, accessible and suitable for all.
www.brightonpride.org

Lake District Summer Music Festival
1 – 14 August
Hear great music played by world masters in the renowned beauty of the Lake District. Historic churches and halls in busy market towns offer the perfect setting for chamber music and orchestral concerts, recitals, music theatre, jazz, vocal works, pre-concert talks, and more. Enjoy opera and ballet relayed from the great opera houses in the charming and intimate Fellini’s Arts Cinema in Ambleside.
www.ldsm.org.uk

International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, Harrogate
1 – 23 August
The Gilbert & Sullivan Festival brings together a heady mix of the leading Gilbert & Sullivan societies from around the world, along with special professional performances from the outstanding National Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company and Charles Court Opera. There will be over 30 performances in the magnificent Royal Hall as well as seminars and concerts. http://gsfestivals.org/

Huguenot exhibition, Boughton House, Northamptonshire
1 – 31 August
As part of their ‘Huguenot Summer’, Boughton House will be hosting a special exhibition during August to celebrate the extraordinary French legacy of the Huguenot artwork preserved there. Many of the treasures were commissioned at the end of the 17th century and beginning of the 18th century by Ralph Montagu, the 1st Duke of Montagu. It will provide visitors with a rare opportunity to see how English culture was boosted by their skills with paintings, furniture, printing, silver, maps, sculpture, guns, porcelain, and more, all created by Huguenot artists and craftsmen.
http://www.boughtonhouse.co.uk/

Buckingham Palace Summer Opening, London
1 August – 27 September
This year, for the first time ever at the Summer Opening of the Palace, displays throughout the State Rooms will recreate the settings for State Visits, receptions, Garden Parties and more, and will show the preparations that go into each one. For the first time ever, visitors to the Summer Opening will enter the State Rooms through the Grand Entrance, used by those who come to the Palace at the invitation of The Queen, including Heads of State and Prime Ministers. This summer's display, entitled ‘A Royal Welcome’, will recreate some of the behind-the-scenes work, from the preparation of food and selection of wine to the choice of Her Majesty's outfits.
http://www.royalcollection.org.uk/exhibitions/a-royal-welcome

Great British Tennis Weekend, Countrywide
16 – 17 May / 13 – 14 June / 1 – 2 August
Great British Tennis Weekend is a national campaign from the Lawn Tennis Association that aims to increase participation in the sport by working in partnership with clubs, community venues, schools and universities. Venues across the country will open their doors to the public and provide free tennis and coaching for people of all ages and abilities.
https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/opendays

Magna Carta exhibition, Supreme Court, London
3 August – 25 September
One of the final reissues of Magna Carta will go on display at the Supreme Court this summer, on loan from Westminster Abbey. The exhibition will highlight the principle legal rights Magna Carta intended to protect in 1215, with interpretive panels exploring the document's legal significance. It is open to the public on weekdays, when the court is not sitting.
http://www.magnacarta800th.com/

London’s Secret Garden, Chelsea Physic Garden
4 – 26 August
In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Chelsea Physic Garden’s Florilegium Society, an exhibition of paintings and drawings from some of today's finest botanical artists will be held at the garden this August. The Florilegium Society was formed in 1995 with the explicit aim of recording in paintings and drawings the huge collection of plants growing in the Chelsea Physic Garden. Each year selected works are donated to the garden’s ever-expanding archive.
http://chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk/

Bristol International Balloon Fiesta
6 – 9 August
One of the largest events in Bristol's calendar, the annual International Balloon Fiesta will tie-in with the city's year as European Green Capital. The fiesta, which takes place at Ashton Court, will feature the launch of the world’s first modern solar-powered balloon, designed by local hot-air balloon legends Cameron Balloons.
Wilderness Festival, Oxfordshire
6 – 9 August
Oxfordshire’s Combury Park will be transformed into a theatre of fun this August. Perfect for all the family, the activities on offer include human rights debates, learning Brazilian martial-arts, and wild swimming as the sun sets. A great chance to have fun and learn, the festival is perfect for an intellectual bunch looking for something different.
www.wildernessfestival.com

Chilli Fiesta, West Dean Gardens, W. Sussex
7 – 9 August
Celebrating its 20th year in 2015, one of the original and biggest chilli festivals in the UK will return to West Sussex in August. The three-day programme will include live music such as salsa and Latin bands, food and entertainment as well as a spectacular firework display. The family-friendly festival boasts a Vintage Steam Fun Fair and brand new for this year, The Great Chilli Throwing contest for the little ones.

Broadstairs Folk Week, Kent
7 – 14 August
This year Broadstairs Folk Week will celebrate its 50th anniversary. To mark the occasion, there will be a combination of headline acts, including Kate Rusby, as well as up to 70 free events every day at venues across the town. The festival is suitable for families, with its vibrant seaside atmosphere, and camping tickets are available.
http://www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk/

Battle of Evesham Festival, Worcestershire
8 – 9 August
2015 is the 750th anniversary of the Battle of Evesham, fought between Simon de Montfort and Prince Edward II in the Baron War. To mark this locally and nationally significant part of history, The Battle of Evesham 2015 Festival will take place on 8 and 9 August. It will include tours and treasure trails, live battle re-enactments, archery and falconry displays and much more.

600th anniversary of Agincourt
8 – 9 August
2015 marks 800 years since Henry V’s greatest moment this year at Portchester Castle. An event, ‘En Route to Agincourt’ will take place at the castle in August, with a re-enactment of the army preparing to set sail for the Agincourt campaign. Authentic living history displays and encampments, arena displays of military skill, an archery tournament, football tournament and a visit from the king will help tell the story to visitors of this evocative time. There will also be music, kids’ activities, plays and historical traders.
http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/portchester-castle/

Flavour Fest, Plymouth
14 – 16 August
This year, Flavour Fest (the largest free food festival in the South West) will celebrate its 12th anniversary. Showcasing the best of regional produce alongside demonstrations and food theatre from some of the top names in cooking, it attracts over 150,000 visitors to Plymouth every year. Over 100 regional food and drink producers will line Armada Way throughout the weekend.
www.visitplymouth.co.uk/events/flavour-fest-2015-p1406843

British Firework Championships, Plymouth
18 and 19 August
Six top pyrotechnics companies will go head-to-head as they battle to become the British Fireworks champion. They will set off a total of four tonnes of fireworks over Plymouth Sound during the two-day event, which last year saw Crewe-based pyrotechnic company Blitz Fireworks take the crown.
http://www.britishfireworks.co.uk/

**Notting Hill Carnival, London**
30 – 31 August
The streets of West London come alive every August Bank Holiday weekend as London celebrates Europe’s biggest street festival – the Notting Hill Carnival. With a Caribbean theme that sees West London packed with steel bands, Calypso music and tempting food stalls, the Notting Hill Carnival is a huge party. Expect a sea of colour as amazing floats and costumed performers wind their way through the streets of London.
http://www.thelondonnottinghillcarnival.com/

**Via Roma Cirencester Twilight Criterium, Cirencester**
31 August
A unique spectator experience will take place this August, in the form of the Via Roma cycling event in the Cotswolds town of Cirencester. It will be the Cotswolds’ first floodlit town centre cycle race, and will see cyclists compete through the closed roads of the Ancient Roman Town Centre of Cirencester. There will be series of four races in total.
https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/131583/Via-Roma-Cirencester-Twilight-Crits

**September**

**D.H. Lawrence Festival, Nottingham**
September
This annual festival celebrates the life and works of writer D.H. Lawrence, as well as the mining heritage of his birthplace in Eastwood. A programme of talks, exhibitions, readings, special events and workshops will explore the different facets of D.H. Lawrence’s works and personalities – making it a great event for all the family.
www.dhlawrenceheritage.org

**Totally Thames Festival, London**
1 – 30 September
Totally Thames will once again take over the iconic 42-mile stretch of the river, incorporating all 17 riverfront boroughs. The programme of events will immerse visitors in the sites and tales of the Thames, and will include guided tours and informative talks and workshops, giving visitors the chance to imagine what London was like centuries ago when tall ships lined the river’s edge.
http://totallythames.org/

**Cambridge Film Festival**
3 – 13 September
2015 marks the 35th anniversary of the Cambridge Film Festival, which will once again feature a diverse programme of premieres, special events and screenings throughout September. Many will take place at the Arts Picturehouse, and other historic locations, while ‘Cinema on the River’, enables visitors to enjoy films whilst travelling on punts down the River Cam.
http://www.cambridgefilmfestival.org.uk/

**Blackpool iFest**
4 – 6 September
This weekend-long celebration will mark the start of the annual switch on of the Blackpool Illuminations at the Blackpool Tower Festival Headland. This year’s line-up includes Bananarama, Jason Donovan, and Paul Young. As well as well-known musicians, there will also be performances from famous comedians such as The Pub Landlord, Al Murray, who will headline the show.
http://www.visitblackpool.com/switchon/
Gloucester History Festival
5 - 20 September
With over 2,000 years of history, Gloucester is the perfect city in which to host a festival dedicated to history. The festival programme is packed full of events to inspire and entertain you; from thought-provoking talks to parades, to the third largest Heritage Open Days in the country. www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk

Goodwood Festival, West Sussex
11 – 13 September
Classic cars and golden-age glamour, the Goodwood Revival is THE festival for spotting talent of classic couture. This annual three day festival recaptures the exceptional wheel-to-wheel racing and the high sartorial fervour, intrinsic to the original Goodwood racecourse. During its glory days. Goodwood, alongside Silverstone, hosted some of the world’s most anticipated automotive competitions such as Formula One and the eponymous, Goodwood Nine Hours race. www.goodwood.com

Southampton Boat Show
11 – 20 September
Britain’s biggest boating festival, the Southampton Boat Show, will once again take place on the UK’s largest purpose-built Show marina this September. Highlights include the chance to take a ride on a round-the-world Ocean Race Yacht, free try-a-boat sessions, as well as paddle-boarding experiences for the kids. http://www.southamptonboatshow.com/home.aspx

Ravi Deepres - The Gain Line, Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
12 September 2015 – 9 January 2016
A major exhibition at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum will explore the game of rugby from a historical, physiological, social and cultural perspective. The work centres around an immersive moving image and sound installation by Ravi Deepres that will place the viewer in the mind-set of the player, both psychologically and physically. www.enjoyrugby.co.uk

Bike Oxford
13 September
From the team behind the successful and well-regarded Bike Bath event, Bike Oxford is a day of marked rides of 25, 50 and 80 miles taking in the best scenery of Oxford and the surrounding countryside. The marked routes will head through the city of Oxford before heading north and out into the spectacular surrounding Oxfordshire countryside. On arrival back at Cherwell School all riders will receive their finisher’s medal and the chance to enjoy some post-ride food and a well-deserved pint from local brewery, Hook Norton. http://www.bikeoxford.co.uk/

War of the Roses, Rose Theatre, Kingston
16 September – 31 October
In autumn, the Rose Theatre in Kingston will embark on its most ambitious project to date: a ground-breaking trilogy combining three of Shakespeare’s history plays under the banner The Wars of the Roses directed by Trevor Nunn. It will feature new adaptations of Henry VI, Edward IV and Richard III, with all three plays being presented in a cycle over 7 weeks from mid-September to the end of October. Visitors are encouraged to see all three plays in a day, or over the course of three days. http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org/the-wars-of-the-roses

Food and Drink Festival, Rugby
24 – 27 September
Celebrate all that is great about food and drink originating from and around the proud home and birthplace of the game, with a special Rugby World Cup theme.
Write On, Kew Gardens
24 – 28 September
This year’s inaugural literary festival at Kew Gardens boasts a line-up that includes Margaret Atwood, Bill Bryson and Michael Morpurgo. Individual author events start from £12.
www.kew.org

Great Cornish Food Festival, Truro
25 – 27 September
Over 40,000 people flocked to Truro’s three-day event last year, and they can do so once again when the Great Cornish Food Festival returns in September. The festival is a chance to enjoy pop-up restaurants, masterclasses and moreish delights from more than 60 local producers.
www.greatcornishfood.co.uk

Magna Carta celebrations, Cartmel Priory, Cumbria
25 – 29 September
Cartmel Priory was founded in 1189 by William Marshal, England's premier knight, who played a pivotal role in gaining King John’s assent to Magna Carta. To celebrate Magna Carta’s 800th anniversary, the Priory will host five days of festivities, including a historical flower pageant, a living history medieval encampment, tournée and fayre, with local food and drink. The evening Son et Lumière spectacle on Saturday and Sunday is expected to draw large crowds when the Priory will be illuminated with magical images at dusk.
http://www.cartmelpriory.org.uk/Home

British Ceramics Biennial, Stoke-on-Trent
26 September – 8 November
The British Ceramics Biennial (BCB) will return this autumn, featuring over 20 exhibitions in numerous venues across the world-famous 'Potteries’. Drawing on the history, heritage and creative-edge of Stoke-on-Trent and 'The Potteries', there will be a range of exhibitions, special events, installations and activities, as well as truly interactive experiences.
www.britishceramicsbiennial.com

Henley Literary Festival, Oxfordshire
28 September – 4 October
The 2015 Henley Literary Festival will feature Jane Hawking, whose memoir Travelling to Infinity became the Bafta and Oscar-winning The Theory of Everything; broadcaster Gyles Brandreth, columnist Will Hutton, comedian Helen Lederer and internationally bestselling authors SJ Watson, Paula Hawkes and MC Beaton. The week-long festival, which is now in its eighth year, covers a wide range of topics including politics, current affairs, fiction, history, food and sport.
http://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/

October

British Art Show, Leeds
October
The internationally renowned exhibition, British Art Show 8, will open at Leeds Art Gallery in October. Organised every five years by the Hayward Gallery as part of the Hayward Touring programme, the British Art Show showcases the very best work of both emerging and established artists. It is the biggest touring exhibition of contemporary art in the UK calendar, attracting over 420,000 visitors in its tour to four cities in 2010 and 2011.
http://www.visitleeds.co.uk/

Night of Festivals, Leicester
2 – 11 October
Night of Festivals will bring together innovative musicians, carnival and street artists and moving image makers from a range of world cultures. Created and produced by ArtReach, the event will bring the centre of Leicester alive in October 2015 to celebrate the Rugby World Cup. Artists that bring a connection to the rugby teams playing in Leicester will grace the main stage and street, such as the London Tango Orchestra bringing an Argentinian flavour to the city, and Mandinga Arts, who will unveil a new costumed carnival section based on traditions from Tonga. On Saturday 3 October, there will be a special lit carnival procession along Leicester’s New Walk to Victoria Park culminating in a twenty minute finale performance at the FanZone prior to the screening of the England versus Australia game.

www.nightoffestivals.com

Robin Hood Beer and Cider Festival, Nottinghamshire
7 – 10 October
The Robin Hood Beer Festival attracts more than 10,000 beer drinkers to the city each year and has the largest beer selection onsite of any beer festival in the world (more than 1,000 beers on offer). Held at Nottingham Castle, this year the festival will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. Tickets to the event go on sale in June.

http://www.beerfestival.nottinghamcamra.org/

Lancaster Music Festival
8 – 12 October
Last year's Lancaster Music Festival hosted the first public open-air concerts in Lancaster Castle for a thousand years. The 2015 festival sees an expanded programme of music events planned at the Castle. The event has once again been billed as Lancaster’s unofficial Bank Holiday, and with nearly 50 venues, 200 acts and performances and exciting locations such as the 1000 year old castle, there is sure to be something for everyone.

http://www.lancastermusicfestival.com/

Circus City, Bristol
8 - 31 October
Circus City is a festival across Bristol in October 2015 that will include an eclectic mix of brilliant shows, talks, masterclasses and workshops taking place both indoors and outdoors. The festival mixes circus with dance, theatre, comedy and puppetry, featuring home-grown talent amidst award winning European shows. Over four weeks a programme of diverse shows will fill the city’s spaces with circus shows both big and small, and plenty for families over the half term.

http://visitbristol.co.uk/whats-on/circus-city-p1893623

Juice Festival 2015, NewcastleGateshead
23 October – 1 November
NewcastleGateshead’s award-winning festival for children, young people and their families returns for its ninth year in October half term. The 10-day festival showcases outstanding work created by children and young people as well as a family friendly programme delivered by regional, national and international artists.

www.juicefestival.co.uk

November

Brick Wonders, Life Science Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne
28 November 2015 - 31 January 2016
Brick Wonders is the new exhibition of the wonders of the ancient, modern and natural worlds built out of Lego. One of the exhibition highlights is a large airport with working lights, and there will also be a chance to get ‘hands-on’ at one of several Lego activity stations.

www.life.org.uk

Julia Margaret Cameron exhibition, The V&A, London
28 November 2015 – 14 February 2016
2015 marks both the bicentenary of pioneering female photographer Julia Margaret Cameron’s birth, as well as 150 years since her first museum exhibition. To mark the occasion, the Victoria and Albert Museum will host an exhibition featuring over 100 of her photographs from the Museum’s collection. It will also examine her relationship with the V&A’s founding director, Sir Henry Cole, and feature some of their letters to one another. The nearby Science Museum will also stage an exhibition of her photographs from November until spring.
http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/exhibitions/julia-margaret-cameron/about-the-exhibition/

December

**Burning the Clocks, Brighton**
21 December
The dark grip of long wintry nights is broken by a flicker of light… Started in 1993, Burning the Clocks represents an alternative to the commercial Christmas. Thousands of people gather to make paper and willow lanterns to carry through the city before burning them on the beach as a token for the end of the year and to greet the lengthening days.
www.burningtheclocks.co.uk

**NewcastleGateshead Winter Festival**
31 December
New Year’s Eve always signals a time to celebrate, and NewcastleGateshead presents one of the biggest events across the country in the New Year’s Eve Winter Carnival. Night owls staying in town to celebrate the stroke of midnight in restaurants, bars and attractions along the quayside mustn’t miss the fireworks at midnight, the perfect end to the New Year’s Eve festivities.
www.NewcastleGateshead.com/winterfestival