

BRUNEL SWIVEL BRIDGE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2026

2026 EVENTS INVOLVING THE SWIVEL BRIDGE.... HELP !



BRISTOL HARBOUR FESTIVAL

Friday 17th July to Sunday 19th July,
see <https://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/>

International performers on land and water, lots of sales stalls, and a popular cardboard boat race. We would like to run tours around the Knuckle, so need hosts & guides please.

To offer your help on BOB during this event, please complete: <https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/7398c44b-774b-4894-ab76-eb26d6949d2c/select>

Please email john@john-willis.me.uk if you want to join a team to build a cardboard swivel bridge, modified so it doesn't sink too quickly, to enter the boat race !
More information: <https://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk/get-involved/cardboard-boat-race>

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Friday September 11th to Sunday 20th. BOB Vols workday is on Sat 19th September.

This is part of a national event that used to be called Doors Open Days. This year's theme is "Everyday Histories". See <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

To offer your help on BOB during this event, please complete: <https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/70994d6a-e57d-4321-98d5-91173b2bb37d/>

DOCK HERITAGE WEEKEND

Date to be announced, possibly 3-4th October.

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/event/docks-heritage-weekend/231472301/>

The Museum, SS Great Britain and Underfall Yard put on activities, and we would like to.

Each of these events has its own style, and is a good 'shop window' for BOB and the heritage we love and care for around the Cumberland Basin, so do please sign up on the Doodle Polls above, or e-mail John Willis on john@john-willis.me.uk

OTHER EVENTS IN 2026: BRISTOL BIRDMAN 14th June



Teams create home-made, human-powered flying machines using only recycled materials, and launch themselves off a platform. Last year there were 7-10,000 cheering spectators, and it was good fun.

Proceeds go directly to support the work of **Grassroot Communities**, helping young people from underserved areas of Bristol build confidence, skills, and brighter futures. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 28th June



Up to 36 teams compete in heats, semi-finals and a grand final.

Organised by [Bristol Breakfast Rotary Club](#), to raise money for their chosen charities both nationwide and based in the South West.

A full day's event that takes place on Baltic Wharf close to the Cottage Inn.

For more information click on their [website](#) here.

UNDERFALL YARD HARBOUR FEST in July



Underfall Yard 'Harbour Fest' will take place during the Harbour Festival in July. Please see the Yard's website for dates and details.

GUIDED WALKS

Bristol City Museum offers guided walks around part of the historic centre on Thursdays, starting at 10.30am on 19 February, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, & 18 June.

See: <https://www.bristolmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/m-shed/historical-walk-old-city/>

CREATE CENTRE



The Green Register promotes sustainable building practice. They provide publicity and training for construction industry professionals, and offer a Register of Construction Professionals. A free exhibition celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization is on display in the Create Centre until 2nd March.

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS 2026

Our workdays around the Bridge are nominally on the 3rd Saturday of the month but please check www.brunelsotherbridge.org.uk for changes. Dates for 2026:

Feb 21 st	May 16 th	August 15 th
March 28 th	June 20 th	September 19 th
April 18 th	July 18 th	October 17 th

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TREASURER NEEDED

As the charity expands we need additional help. Do you have book-keeping or accountancy skills? This is an important but straight-forward role, so please volunteer if you have financial experience. Contact: Treasurer@brunelswivelbridge.org.uk

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