

# 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.** BOB Vols workday is on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:john@john-willis.me.uk)

## OTHER EVENTS IN 2026: BRISTOL BIRDMAN 14<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization is on display in the Create Centre until 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS 2026

Our workdays around the Bridge are nominally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month but please check [www.brunelsotherbridge.org.uk](http://www.brunelsotherbridge.org.uk) for changes. Dates for 2026:

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

## BRUNEL SWIVEL BRIDGE GROUP IS REGISTERED WITH



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Many retailers donate a small percentage of each purchase to easyfundraising, which shares it with us. Please set Brunel Swivel Bridge as your chosen charity.

## 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](mailto:Treasurer@brunelswivelbridge.org.uk)

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