

Selection of local activities for summer 2018



If you are wondering what to do this summer, then here are a few ideas

22nd May – 9th Sept: Hare Trail

5th annual Cotswold Hare Trail. The Organisers are encouraging everyone from art aficionados and nature lovers to social media snappers to explore new attractions, hidden hills and valleys, quiet corners and busy market towns along the trail.

For more detail <http://www.cotswoldsharetrail.org.uk>

27th May – 9th June: Witney Music Festival

The Witney Music Festival has its annual 2 week takeover of the towns music venues. There is something for all, with multiple types of bands, artists and musical styles, these are some of the most prestigious gigs of the year.

For more detail. <https://www.witneymusicfestival.co.uk>

2nd June: Chadlington Beer Festival

<http://www.chadlington.com>

7th – 11th June: Giffords Circus @ Blenheim

This year Giffords Circus celebrates the birth of circus which happened near Westminster Bridge in London in 1768, and is, in our view, the most bonkers, surprising, diverse and life affirming art form there is.

More detail: www.giffordscircus.com

9th June: World gin Day @ Oxford Castle

<https://thegintomytonic.com/event/sold-out-world-gin-day-oxford-oxford-castle-unlocked-9th-june-2018/>

9th June: Ramsden Summer Fete

13.00 - 16.00 Wynter's Close, High Street, Ramsden

A traditional event with a modern twist – fun for everybody. The Food Hall, open from midday, has a wide range of hot and cold foods to suit all tastes. The bar offers Pimms, Prosecco and artisan gins from local suppliers.

9th & 10th June: Wootton by Woodstock Open Gardens & Flower Fete

Saturday 14.00 - 18.00 & Sunday 14.00 – 17.00

Tea, Cake and a raffle. Plus an evening concert on Saturday in St Mary's Church. Admission free to `Flower` Festival, £6 to Open Gardens & concert £12.

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10th June: Churchill Vintage & Classic Car Show

12.00 - 17.00

<https://www.churchillsarsden.com/vintage--classic-car-show.html>

16th June: Hailey Summer Fete

12.00- 16.00 Hailey Recreation Ground.

Radio Cherwell, Bar, BBQ, Tug-O-War, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Bouncy Slide, Traditional Fair Ground rides, Ice Cream, Tea, Coffee and Cakes, Flight simulator, Radio controlled banger racing, Reptile enclosure, Sheep shearing and lots more. Free entry.

17th June: West Oxford Beer Festival

<http://oxfordgreenweek.org/events/west-oxford-beer-festival/>

22nd – 24th June: Blenheim Flower Show

Celebrating the very best of gardening, home and lifestyle. Explore the show gardens and shopping village, attend talks and discussions led by the professionals and venture into the Floral Art Marquee to find beautiful pieces by renowned local and international artists.

<https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/flower-show.html>

23rd June: Gordon Giltrap & Nick Hooper at Finstock

<http://www.wegotickets.com/event/431228>

23rd & 24th June: Classic & Sports Car Show

<http://bicesterheritage.co.uk/events/>

23rd June – 7th July: Oxford Festival of Arts

Over 100 events in two weeks

www.artsfestivaloxford.org

30th June: Charlbury Beer Festival

<http://www.charlburybeerfestival.org>

1st July: Cowley Road Carnival

Carnival parade, music, dance and a host of other activities

www.cowleyroadcarnival.co.uk

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7th July: Stonesfield Gardening Club Plant sale & FoSL book sale

10.00 – 12.00 Four Acres, Pond Hill

Lots of plants, coffee and books, all at bargain prices. And money goes to charity.

www.stonesfieldgardening.info

7th July: FoSS Band Night

'The Inflatables' are performing in Stonesfield Village Hall

Doors and bar (run by the SSSC) **open from 7.30pm**, there will also be a raffle.

More details <http://stonesfield.online/category/events/>

13th – 15th July: Cornbury Music Festival

Great Tew hosts a huge range of musicians

<http://www.cornburyfestival.com>

15th July: Bridewell Open Gardens

Other dates later in summer

<http://www.bridewellgardens.co.uk>

21st July: Hook Norton Beer Fest

<https://www.hookybeerfest.co.uk>

21st July: Battle Proms Picnic Concert @ Blenheim

Full programme of captivating classical music from the 60 piece New English Concert Orchestra, complemented by toe-tapping vintage vocals, breathtaking Spitfire display to Elgar's Nimrod, sensational freefall demonstration by The Red Devils parachute team, dramatic WWI cavalry display and groundshaking live fire from over 200 cannons.

More detail: <https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/battle-proms.html>

20th – 22nd July: The Truck Festival

The Godfather of the small festival scene", is one of the UK's longest running and most popular small festivals. Coming straight out of the idyllic Oxfordshire countryside, we've been able to treat you to some of the biggest and best emerging artists since 1998!

<https://truckfestival.com>

27th – 29th July: Cogges Manor Farm Beer & Cider Festival

<http://www.cogges.org.uk/event/cogges-beer-cider-festival-2018>

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2nd – 5th August: Wilderness

<https://www.wildernessfestival.com>

3rd – 6th August: Countryfile Live @ Blenheim

Live arena shows, talks, hands-on activities, Adam Henson's farm, animal displays, farming in action, Q&A with the Countryfile presenters, off road experiences, shopping from more than 700 exhibitors including food, craft and luxury producers and even a great British pub garden.

More detail: <https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/countryfile-live.html>

12th August: Family Cycling Day @ Blenheim

Bring your bicycles (and helmets please!) and take in the scenery and fresh air, stop for a picnic and make it a day to remember. There is no age restriction for children participating in Family Cycling Day, but they must wear appropriate safety equipment and must be accompanied by adults. There is no need to pre-book and first aid will be located on site. Two routes will be available to take, one around Queen Pool and one around the Park perimeter. Extra bike racks will be available for cyclists wishing to make the most of their day

More detail: <https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/family-cycling-day.html>

17th & 18th August: Witney Music Festival

You can experience fantastic cover bands and tribute acts. With the main stage rocking away all day on Saturday 18th August with fantastic local bands and great music.

For more detail. <https://www.witneymusicfestival.co.uk>

24th – 26th August: The Big Festival

Food and music at Kingham

More detail: <https://thebigfeastival.com>

25th – 27th August: Oxford Foodies Festival

Foodies Festival, the UK's biggest food festival, returns to Oxford South Parks with a mouth-watering summer festival and the launch of a brand new Musicians Against Homelessness music stage and extended opening times. Watch MasterChef Winner 2018 Kenny Tutt cooking live in The Chefs Theatre.

<http://foodiesfestival.com/oxford-food-festival/>

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26th August: Minster Lovell Beer Festival

<https://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org/whats-on/minster-lovell-beer-festival-and-fun-day-p1549081>

26th & 27th August: Festival of Transport @ Blenheim

Vehicle judging and an experienced motor commentator to talk us through the day's events.

This is a truly unmissable event for petrol heads and a great day addition for those visiting

More detail: <https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/festival-of-transport.html>

30th August – 1st September: Salon Prive @ Blenheim

A Concours d'Elégance in the truest sense, Salon Privé is the most luxurious of garden parties set out over three days on our South Lawn. Presenting the finest collection of supercars, hypercars and classic cars, along with a luxury retail village and exquisite cuisine, it is a truly unique experience.

More detail: <https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/salon-prive.html>