

FREE July
events guide

more to do in marlborough



See inside for things to do in our amazing market town!

Riverbank
events

including the ITV
Lottery project,
Reclaim Our
River

Jazz Festival

Town and
Country Fair
Open Studios

Summer School

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Riverbank news

This guide has been created on behalf of
Kennet Valley Arts Trust (Riverbank project)

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WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

Kennet Valley Arts Trust (KVAT, the group campaigning for an arts centre, Riverbank, in Marlborough) is celebrating the diversity of arts and entertainment in July in Marlborough by showing them off in one guide.

Next year this guide aims to go one better with a We Love Marlborough[†] festival month. If you have an event you want to be included, have a great idea, want to be involved or support it in some way, please ring KVAT

on 01672 516 480, email hello@welovemarlborough.co.uk or visit www.welovemarlborough.co.uk

Read on about July events and find out the latest on the Riverbank project from page 8.



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Reclaim Our River arts and environment exhibition



An ITV People's Millions Lottery project
by Kennet Valley Arts Trust and Action for the River Kennet

Saturday 14 July 11am - 3pm FREE
St Peter's Junior School Dance and Drama Studio

The children of St Peter's Junior,
St Mary's Infant and Preshute
Primary schools present their river
inspired art.

The work was made through
workshops, created and run by
local artist James Aldridge (www.jamesaldrige-artist.co.uk),
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Please see pages 4, 10 and 11
for more details of Reclaim Our
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Reclaim Our River Festival

An ITV People's Millions Lottery project
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 Saturday 28 July 11am – 5pm FREE entry 01672 516480
 Priory Gardens (next to the River Kennet by George Lane carpark)

A day of arts and environmental river-themed stalls, exhibitions, and workshops for the whole family. Bring a picnic and enjoy the new and improved Priory Gardens and river.

The day includes:

- Planting river reeds and flowers
- Stained glass window making demonstration
- Children's book launch of 'The Cunning Spider' with draw and create workshop
- North Wilts Friends of the Earth
- Yatesbury Organic Farm
- Stencilling workshops
- Drumming workshops
- Make a dream catcher
- Open air yoga (bring mat)
- Pottery workshops
- Made in Wiltshire/PACT arts and crafts gallery

Book for workshops on the day.

Please see pages 4, 10 and 11 for more on Reclaim Our River.



Reclaim Our River logo designed by Lauren James of St Peter's School.

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 19 & 26 July 6 - 7.30pm.
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All abilities river-themed classes
 with local author Jon Cannon.

Treasure Island

The Festival Players and The Fabulous Old Spot Theatre Company
 Saturday 7 July 3pm £3 01672 516480
 Priory Gardens. Family outdoor theatre.

All aboard, shipmates, as Jim Hawkins and crew set sail in search of buried treasure.

Come dressed as a pirate – prize for the best costume! Bring a picnic, rugs and cushions. Light refreshments available.

Buy tickets at the event, or from 01672 516480 or White Horse Bookshop, Marlborough.



Marlborough Open Studios

Various local artists www.marlboroughopenstudios.com

Every weekend during July FREE entry
 Multiple venues

In July, an artist near you throws open their door to visitors. Open Studios is an opportunity – for free – to see the work made and meet the people who create it.

The art is as wide-ranging as the huge diversity of talent in the Marlborough area. From water colour to sculpture, practical pottery to abstract conversation pieces, print making to photography, visitors can enjoy learning more about, or buy, their favourite art.

Pictured: Wiltshire Downs by Annie Monk



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Marlborough Jazz Festival

MARLBOROUGH *Jazz*

Various venues www.marlboroughjazz.co.uk 01672 515095

Friday - Sunday 13 - 15 July

In the words of the Sunday Telegraph: "each year the exquisite market town of Marlborough becomes a mini New Orleans."

Acts include Aker Bilk, 3G the Gospel All Stars, The Slaughterhouse Seven, Sticky Wicket Little Big Band, Cuban Meltdown and Gabby Young.

Buy single tickets or festival passes – the 'Stroller.' Some events are free; prices for Strollers start from £17 for Friday to £50 for a Weekender.



Carmen



Operaluna www.operaluna.com 0845 890 5862

Friday 13 at 7.30pm & Saturday 14 July at 6.30pm £10 - £35
Memorial Hall, Marlborough College. Bring a picnic

Operaluna's annual staging is Marlborough's answer to Glyndeborne. This year enjoy Bizet's tragic tale of risqué morality, performed by Opera A la Carte.

Carmen, a beautiful gypsy known for her temper, inspires passion and infatuation in men. However her pursuit of the dashing Don José leads to both his downfall and then hers when she inevitably strays.



Marlborough Town and Country Fair

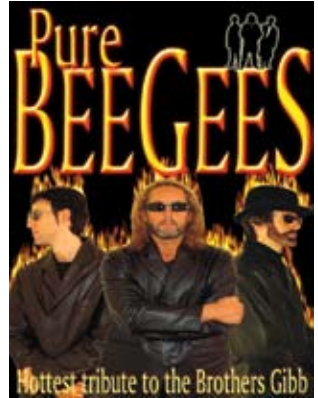


www.marlboughtownandcountryfair.co.uk

Saturday 21 July £1/£2 noon - 5pm Marlborough College Grounds
plus **Pure Bee Gees** 8pm Memorial Hall, Marlborough

At Marlborough's great family day out there's shopping, arts and crafts, a children's zone and bar. Try the best regional food and drink. Enjoy country pursuits stalls, exhibitors and displays such as sheepdogs and falconry.

Pure Bee Gees is the live band tribute to the group unforgettable for Saturday Night Fever and much more. Tickets are £20 from Sound Knowledge and White Horse Bookshop.



Marlborough College Summer School



www.mcsummerschool.org.uk 01672 892388

Monday 16 July - Friday 3 August
Marlborough College

This popular annual event of weekly courses attracts local, national and international students.

Courses range from arts and crafts, sports, film-making, music, writing, history, theatre and dance to computing and much more. They run weekdays on full day or half days.

As well as for individuals, Summer School is ideal as an alternative holiday, with courses aimed at ages 3 to adults plus accommodation and full catering.

ABOUT THE RIVERBANK PROJECT

Kennet Valley Arts Trust was set up to turn the dream of an arts centre for Marlborough and Kennet into a reality.

Set in our beautiful town of Marlborough, on the bank of the River Kennet, this new building will offer an experience of the arts for all the community.

It will provide a cultural and social focus for the vibrant artistic life of the area.

Imagine a café, gallery, studio space and 300 seat auditorium. Dream of an exciting programme of the very best film, theatre, music, dance and art. Think of the chance for local people to create and showcase their own performance and art. A professional home for Marlborough favourites like Open Studios and Jazz Festival.

KVAT already has an option to the land at a minimal rent from



An artist's impression of how Riverbank will look

Kennet District Council, secured planning permission for the building plan, and raised over half a million pounds. Now it needs the community's continued support to raise the money to build it.

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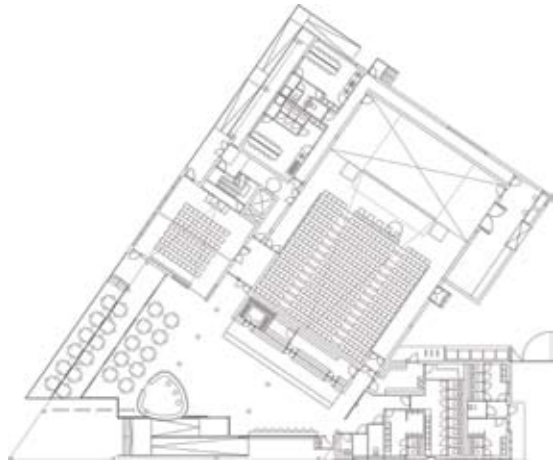
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Riverbank floor plan

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Reclaim Our River



*Charlotte Hitchmough (ARK) and Val Compton (Manton Residents Association) help to Reclaim Our River
pic credit: Anna Sexton*

Back in November, KVAT and Action for the River Kennet (ARK) teamed up to win £50,000 in a televised competition called The People's Millions.

Marlborough people were urged to vote for the Reclaim Our River project. ARK's work, which began in May clearing up a stretch of the River Kennet at the bottom of Priory Gardens, is almost finished. Hopefully you will start to see more trout, water voles, kingfishers and less rats.

KVAT's part in Reclaim Our River is a series of arts projects. A local school's competition was held to design a project logo (see page 4). Arts workshops at St Mary's, St Peter's and Preshute schools, alongside creative writing workshops, are taking place in June and July.

The highlight is the Reclaim Our River festival on Saturday July 28 – a date for your diary!

More to do!

This newsletter, is part of the July guide to Marlborough events, and a chance to promote the Riverbank campaign.

The guide was originally suggested by Riverbank Friend, Mora Abell. Aided by Sarah Townsend Rose, Mora then persuaded Marlborough businesses that this guide would be an excellent way to advertise their business. Thanks to all.

See page 2 for plans for next July.

Full houses and funds raised

The Bollywood Ball (10 February) was an enormous success, demonstrated by a full page spread in the Gazette.

Organiser Tina Heer-Burke ensured it was authentic throughout, with Bollywood movies, an Indian banquet and musicians. Party-goers rose to the occasion with beautiful Asian outfits.

Pianist Jack Gibbons received a standing ovation for his performance at An Evening of Gershwin (14 April) at St Peter’s Church – after a similar accolade at New York’s Carnegie Hall.

The international performer played in a Gershwin-style, told stories about the tunes and the composer, and showcased some of his own compositions. The finale, Rhapsody in Blue, demonstrated his virtuosity as he performed this piece for two pianists, solo.

Both events, and recent films, sold out.

Positive young people



Positive Images
pic credit www.funktonfilms.co.uk

The Positive Images project – a collaboration between KVAT and Marlborough Youth Development Centre, funded by the Local Network Fund for Children and Young People – was completed last December.

It was hugely successful and enjoyed by the young people who use the centre and were very excited to see themselves on the small screen.

Get a copy of the DVD (for a donation of £5) from KVAT on 01672 516480 or info@kvat.org.uk.

Changing Faces

Farewell to Rosie



A huge thank you to Rosie Hill who stepped down as director and trustee at the end of 2006.

The remaining trustees expressed sadness at her decision but recognised her need to relinquish this commitment. Richard Blake, chairman, said: "We're enormously grateful for Rosie's unstinting contribution from the start of the project and also for her offer to continue her support and assistance to KVAT and to the Trustees."

Rosie is still very much involved with the events committee: helping to book events, secure licences, helping on the day and finding sponsorship. "After eleven years I stepped down to concentrate on bigger and more ambitious Riverbank events," Rosie explained.

Goodbye and hello to Anna



The contract for KVAT's freelance professional development officer, Anna Sexton, finished at the end of March.

During her tenure she and the Appeal Committee put in substantial applications to trusts, foundations and the Lottery and raised over £300,000.

As well as fundraising, Anna helped with community projects and in the KVAT office. Trustee and board secretary Virginia Reekie acknowledged Anna's contribution: "Anna has brought a greater awareness of KVAT to the community through our arts projects. She has also helped to develop the smooth running of KVAT's administration."

Anna is KVAT project leader two days a week for Reclaim Our River, until the end of August 2007.

Who's that friendly voice?



Since November 2005 KVAT have had an office for the first time. When ringing the office in

the morning the friendly, efficient and helpful person on the end of the phone is Diana Turnbull.

Diana has been a supporter of Riverbank since moving here in 2002, and oils the wheels of KVAT.

"I take ticket bookings, dress the White Horse Bookshop window to promote a Riverbank event, get posters printed, answer the phones." explains Diana.

"I really enjoy helping at events – I get to know the regular supporters who keep coming back."

Another Riverbank feature she would like more people to know about and use is the website. "It is a very useful tool, and it is part of my job to keep it updated."

Riverbank will be an important asset to the town, Diana comments. "I feel its something we really need. We already get a great deal of support for the events." And she adds: "I would love to work there!"

Hello to Stuart

Stuart Hardy, who moved to Enford two years ago, was appointed as trustee in May.

"I really want the Riverbank to succeed - to raise the money and see it built," explained Stuart, who ran a London-based marketing business with high profile clients.

"Marlborough deserves a facility like Riverbank and I hope that my business expertise will support the board in achieving its goal."

The board welcomes interest from supporters of KVAT and Riverbank to become trustees or to help in any way. To find out more, please contact the office on 01672 516 480 or email info@kvat.co.uk

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Fundraising

As always, KVAT volunteers have worked hard on finding capital for Riverbank.

From January to May the Appeal Committee raised £14,000.

In the same period the Events Committee raised £5,250.

Cash donations amounted to £11,500.

Standing orders made £1,982.

Achieving planning permission is a costly business. This fundraising was essential in contributing to the professional fees of £136,960 to make this crucial step towards Riverbank possible.

Well done to all involved, including the following local businesses who have supported events:

The Hills Group, The Food Gallery, Beauty Full Time, Il Capricorno, NatWest, Wood, Awdry & Ford, Robin's World Travel, KPMG, Clarion, Haine & Smith, Atwell Martin, David Dudley Jeweller, Sullivan Garrett, Hobson's Choice, Aggregate Industries UK Ltd., Brewin Dolphin Ltd., Dreweatt Neate, Pinks the Florist, Earthline Ltd., Monahans, The Merriman Partnership and The White Horse Bookshop.

Thanks also to the loyalty, time and money received from individuals including anonymous donors, regular donors, Riverbank Friends, committee members and trustees.

Changing Approach

Until recently fundraising was coordinated by a committee lead by John Cornell. From April this was changed to a smaller group focused on approaching individuals for support.

John will be working mainly with Clive Priestley, Madeline Wilks and Terry Blake under the name 'Ivy Group.' They are also looking for donations to find the £125,000 needed for an experienced director to take Riverbank on the next stage of its journey.

If you would like to make a donation or offer any other support, please contact KVAT on 01672 516 480 or email info@kvat.co.uk, or write to/visit KVAT, B2 Wagon Yard, London Road, Marlborough, SN8 1AW, or become a Friend - fill out the form opposite.

MARLBOROUGH JULY DIARY

Date	Event	Marlborough venue
Thursdays 21 & 28 June, 19 & 26 (tbc) July 6 - 7.30pm	Reclaim Our River creative writing workshop (see page 4)	Library
Every weekend in July	Marlborough Open Studios	Various artist studios
Saturday 7 July 3pm	Treasure Island	Priory Gardens
Friday 13th 7.30pm & Saturday 14 July 6.30pm	Carmen	Memorial Hall, Marlborough College
13 - 15 July	Marlborough Jazz Festival	Various
Saturday 14 July 11am - 3pm	Reclaim Our River exhibition	St Peter's Junior School Dance & Drama Studio
16 July - 3 August	Marlborough College Summer School	Marlborough College
Saturday 21 July noon - 5pm	Marlborough Town and Country Fair	Marlborough College grounds
Saturday 21 July 8pm	Pure Bee Gees	Memorial Hall, Marlborough College
Saturday 28 July 11am - 5pm	Reclaim Our River Festival	Priory Gardens

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Friday 7 September 7.30pm	The Locrian Ensemble of London	St Peter's Church
Friday 28, 2 - 8pm, Saturday 29, 9 - 6pm, Sunday 30, 9 - 4.30pm September	Marlborough Artists Exhibition	Town Hall
Friday 26 October 7.30pm	Gala Jazz Evening with Kenny Ball and Pete Allen	Memorial Hall, Marlborough College
Thursday 15 November 6.30 - 9pm	Wine Fair	Town Hall
Thursday 19 November	Film Club (title tbc)	Town Hall

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