

Bridgwater Quayside

Festival

Summer
Season



FREE

QUAYSIDE EVENT GUIDE 2021

FRI 9TH JULY

- International Pentanque Tournament
12 noon to 3 pm Victoria Park.
The café will be open!
Audience welcome.

Street Theatre 10am - 2pm
Bridgwater Town Centre

SAT 10TH JULY

Quayside Fest - Picnic in the Park- 11am to 5pm

- Street Theatre, Live Music, Outdoor Arts, Installations,
Street bands, Stalls, Circus, Dance, Wild Beach - Art Trail,
Eco Arts, Create and Make, Live Outdoors + Take Part at Home,
Online + Live Streaming

West Quay, East Quay, Blake Gardens, Fore Street,
Blake Statue, Bridgwater Art Centre, Library, Engine Room,
Blake Museum, Bridgwater Town Centre



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WELCOME BACK TO THE Bridgwater Quayside Festival

Summer Season - June to August 2021

The Bridgwater Quayside Festival is opening our live and virtual doors again with a free annual festival of outdoor, street theatre, music, dance, games and more, celebrating with our local and global audiences. This year it will take a different format to previous years encompassing a Covid safe programme with a hybrid mix of online, live stream and live outdoor performances and activities in Bridgwater. All events are designed under the current Covid restrictions and we ask you to observe safe social distancing. Our event's are largely outdoors but we encourage wearing face masks! You can also watch performances online with our live stream on Saturday, July 10th Join Fuse Somerset Outdoor Arts – You Tube.

We're excited to announce a summer with street theatre, outdoor music, and performances, celebrating culture, diversity and inclusivity. Visit Bridgwater cafés, restaurants and shops. Picnic in the Park on July 10th See the fabulous children's eco arts trail created for the Somerset Wildlife Trust, Wild Beach, Somerset Beautiful Coast project, listen to sound art installations in deckchairs at the Engine Room, meet the Bridgy walkabouts and musicians on the move. Visit Bridgwater Arts Centre, Blake Museum, Somerset Film and the Engine Room, part of the Bridgwater Cultural Partnership.

This year we are raising funds for the Bridgwater Food Bank. Please visit our 'Support Us' page on the website to donate direct to the charity via Just Giving. On the day we are also collecting for the League of Friends of Bridgwater Hospital with thanks to the Bridgwater Rotary collecting for the local charity on our behalf. We celebrate our local heroes in Bridgwater who have supported us over the past year, through these challenging times. The People Mural Project will be inviting you to nominate your local heroes.

2021 celebrates the Bridgwater Arts Centre 75th anniversary. It was opened on the 10th October 1946 and was the first Arts Centre in Britain to open with Arts Council support. Why not take some time and pop in for a tour on Saturday July 10th.

Thank you to the Arts Council for continuing to support the Bridgwater Outdoor Arts Events and to the Local Councils supporting our venues, parks and open spaces. Take part, join in and let's create together.

If you have any questions, need further information, or would like to take part, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you over the summer.

Let's Create Together

Please share your festival photos on Twitter & Facebook



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Bridgwater Arts Centre



While you enjoy the day's street activities, why not take a break to explore England's oldest arts centre in eighteenth century Castle Street. The doors of Bridgwater Arts Centre, which were first opened in 1946, will be open all day and a short entertaining guided tour is on offer at hourly intervals starting at 10.30am. The tour will take you from the front door in Castle Street, through the art gallery, down into the vaulted basement (which was once part of the original town castle) and across the stage of the theatre and back out into Queen Street. Art work and a video installation will be on display.

Blake Gardens

Come and enjoy free outdoor performances, music from Sedgemoor FM, story-telling for families and children to enjoy, plus a variety of activity stalls. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

11am	Beeology	2.30pm	Beeology
11.45am	Pirates of the Carabina - Taxi	3.15pm	Bluebird Theatre - Musicians of Bremen
12.30pm	Bluebird Theatre - Musicians of Bremen	3.15pm	Lets Dance - Spin
12.45pm	Lets Dance - Spin	3.30pm	Lets Dance Sedgemoor
1pm	Lets Dance Sedgemoor	4pm	Beeology + Bubbles and after show talk
1.30pm	Pirates of the Carabina – Taxi		

You can book your free tickets for performances, Bluebird Theatre Company - Musicians of Bremen and Beeology via www.bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk or by Phone 01458 259638. Bring a picnic and a blanket. All events have been organised to comply with the current level of Covid restrictions. To help you enjoy the events safely we ask you to stay in your safe bubbles, observe social distancing and we encourage the use of facemasks. Performances will also be live streamed on the day - Fuse Somerset Outdoor Arts YouTube channel!

Blake Museum



Bridgwater's Blake Museum will be serving tea, coffee, etc. from the rear of the museum (access from Blake Gardens). The museum will be closed to normal visiting but will instead be holding a one-off exhibition about Carol Lee Scott aka 'Grotbags'. Many will remember from their childhood the character 'Grotbags', the green witch. On display will be Carol's 'Grotbags' costume, along with other paraphernalia. This is a once only opportunity to view the costume on open display. On sale will be a number of items once belonging to Carol. Entry is free. Access is from Blake Street only. 11.00am – 4.00pm.

West Quay

Explore and discover the children's artwork created with Sarah Butterworth working with children from Bridgwater schools. They created marine wildlife sculptures using recycled materials. Look out for the giant eel, fabulous fish and seabirds created with recycled materials and highlighting plastic pollution in our rivers, waterways and sea's. There will be information on the Somerset Wildlife Trust stall in Blake Gardens to help you learn more about protecting your local environment.

This project was supported by Bridgwater Town Council and organised by Fuse Performance and Somerset Outdoor Arts with support from Arts Council England and in partnership with the Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Brilliant Coast, Wild Beach.



West Quay

Explore and Discover the Children's Eco Arts Trail - Wild Beach

Children created recycled sculptures with artist Sarah Butterworth to highlight the importance of leaving no trace and saving our sea's and waterways from plastic, pollution and waste. A Fuse Outdoor Arts project with support from Arts Council England, Bridgwater Town Council Youth Fund. Working in partnership with the Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Brilliant Coast.

Explore West Quay, East Quay, Blake Gardens and around the town centre.



Flotsam Mermaid

12noon, 2pm to 4pm

The Verdigris mermaid has washed ashore once more for bubble blowing, tail flipping fun! Making clothes from all she finds, be it Fishing nets to plastic bottles, Flotsam is cleaning the oceans on piece of rubbish at a time. Come and find her on the West Quay.

Washed Up Mermaid

11am 1pm 3pm

This mermaid has been washed up to our world with an important message, the impact of our waste has been devastating in our oceans and the act exposes this sad truth. This human statue performance shares with us a glimmer of hope and urges us to rise above the rubbish and do something about it.

Blake Gardens

Beeology

Weaving together juggling, storytelling, dance, puppetry and a love of all things living, Bee-ology is a funny, heart-warming and interactive outdoor Circus show for young people and their hives. Free tickets available www.bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk



Pirate Taxi by Pirates of the Carabina (POTC)

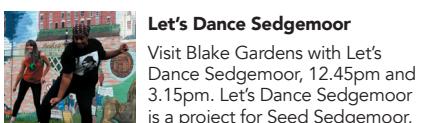
The small-scale outdoor circus show with large tales to tell!

Sometimes serious, but more often funny, **PIRATE TAXI** is a family-friendly circus show suitable for adventurers of all ages.

Bluebirds Theatre Company - The Musicians of Bremen - A Jazz musical

Based on the Grimm Brothers tale of four abandoned animals seeking a new life, the show celebrates the musical potential of everyone.

Free tickets available www.bridgwaterartscentre.co.uk



Let's Dance Sedgemoor

Visit Blake Gardens with Let's Dance Sedgemoor, 12.45pm and 3.15pm. Let's Dance Sedgemoor is a project for Seed Sedgemoor,



the Arts Council England funded Creative People and Places project. Take part and join in www.seedsedgemoor.com/creative-lives-under-lockdown

The People Mural Project

Highlighting local people who have kept us connected and supported in our communities during the pandemic.

The project aims to highlight people who would not normally be recognised. All nominations will be considered and we hope to represent a wide spectrum of things that people have done, from the practical to the creative all the way down to the smallest but meaningful gestures of solidarity, from friends and strangers.

We are calling for nominations to be sent to thepeoplemuralproject@gmail.com by Tuesday 6th July.

Nominations should include:

- The name of the person
- Why they are being nominated
- Your relationship to them
- Contact details for them and you

Blake Statue / Fore St

Gypsy Dreams

Sharon Hubbucks and Tim Heming combine to bring you their take on gypsy music from across Europe and beyond, plus some spiced up change from the classical repertoire.



"Magical - transported to exotic lands. Very emotional music, tugs at the heartstrings."

John Maybey

Guitar and mandolin player fusing acoustic roots, jazz and blues styles with loops and FX to make uplifting instrumental music.

Andy Foster

Local musician who recently featured in Seed Sedgemoor Front Garden Music Festival. Bringing an eclectic mix of summer tunes. Andy performs solo around the world visiting many countries.

Roller DisGoat

Introducing 'The Roller DisGoat' You can hear the DisGoats with their miniature VW Split-screen DJ booth in the town centre. The one and only finest and funkiest DJs ready to turn your frown upside-down.



Bridgwater Library

Sarah Mooney

Listen to the storytellers traditional tales and spontaneous stories from the storyteller ceremony. Sarah will be out and about in the park near the library during the day.

Walkabout Acts

See them at Blake Statue, Blake Gardens, West Quay, Fore St.



The Oystercatchers by Red Herring Productions

You may meet two Oystercatchers beside the banks of the River Parrett looking slightly disorientated as they try to find their way back home to Steart Marshes. Help them out by pointing them in the right direction, back to the safety and food supply of their much-loved coastal habitat? You may also come

across two 'twitchers', ardent fans. If you have a chance to speak with them you'll be sure to find out some interesting facts!

Supported by Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Brilliant Coast.

Mr Jules - recycled, re-used re-imagined.

Towering above the audience on stilts whilst sharing the message leave no trace, leave no waste. He's Rubbish!



"**Mr S** is.....stealthy, skilful and occasionally surreal." Watch out for him, out and about around the town and park.

The Instruments of Joy

The mini brass band play tunes that speak to our times, tunes like Lean on Me, the Beatles' Just a little help from my Friends and Come Together. Tunes that everyone knows and can join in with.



Corvus Angeliscus

Stunning winged creation walking on stilts or take to the air, providing a uniquely magical experience. Conceived of as COVID safe performance bringing the arts to people and supported by the Arts Council, this angel spreads love and light, joy and hope wherever she goes.

Detrius of the Deep

He comes in the form of a strange spirit, draped head to toe, embodied and bound by human waste found at the depths of the ocean. He roams this strange world above the surface with an important message for its people. Detritus of the deep is a stilt walking visual display which boldly communicates the problems our waste is creating in the ocean. He reminds us we can do better and we should.



Somerset Wildlife Trust Ocean Conservation Trust Surfers Against Sewage

How you can help! These organisations do great work to protect our seas, support them, join them, use your voice!

The Wardens

We welcome the Wardens to Bridgwater. They have now been updated in line with government guidelines and have incorporated all distancing and general rules of social conduct into their routine, so keeping the peace and causing lots of laughter at the same time.



Somerset Film and The Engine Room



Games for Good Exhibition

Come and celebrate with us the good that gaming can do. We'll be exhibiting a range of virtuous video games that either explore subjects as diverse as building sustainable civilisations to tackling negative perceptions of Muslims or that encourage creativity and dexterity. Take part in our Tetris challenge and play featured games in the exhibition on PC, PS4 and MAC. Opens 11am - 5pm Entry to the exhibition is free and will be limited to eight people at a time. Keyboards /controllers will be cleaned between use.



Bridgwater Through the Ages - sound installation

Pause. Take a rest in our deckchairs. Close your eyes and be transported through sound to experience our wonderful town during a range of imagined times. The deckchairs will be cleaned between use and are located outside the Engine Room.

Bridgwater Library

Listen to the storytellers traditional tales and spontaneous stories from storyteller Sarah Mooney. Sarah will be out and about in the park and near the library during the day.

You can also visit Bridgwater library and sign up to the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge 9:30am to 2pm. Register yourself as a library member (if you are not already) and then speak to a member of staff who will sign you up to the challenge there and then" Adult/Parent/Guardian permission must be given at the time of signing up.

Blake Statue / Fore St

The bells ring out at 11am to mark the opening of the Bridgwater Quayside Festival Summer season. You will see stunning street theatre, a street band, dance, music, circus and the Wild Beach children's art trail supported by Fuse Outdoor Arts working with the Somerset Wildlife Trust, Somerset Beautiful Coast project. Bring a picnic to the park and shop local. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

11am	Instruments of Joy	1.30pm	Jon Maybey
11.15am	Jon Maybey	2.30pm	Gypsy Dreams
12.15	Gypsy Dreams	3.15pm	Instruments of Joy
1pm	Instruments of Joy	3.30pm	Andy Foster

Briggy Walkabouts

11am	Corvus Angelicus >> Blake Statue >> Fore St. >> Blake Gardens
11.15am	The Oyster catchers >> Arts Centre >> Blake Statue >> Fore Street >> West Quay >> East Quay
11.30am	Mr S Blake Statue >> Blake Gardens
11am	The Wardens Blake Statue >> Fore St >> Blake Gardens
11.45am	Detritus of the Deep West Quay >> Fore St >> Blake Statue
12.30pm	The Wardens West Quay >> East Quay >> New Rd >> Fore St
12.45pm	Mr Jules, He's Rubbish >> West Quay >> Fore St >> Blake Statue
1pm	Corvus Angelicus Fore St. >> Blake Gardens >> West Quay
1pm	The Oyster catchers >> Arts Centre >> Blake Statue >> Fore Street >> Blake Gardens
1.15pm	Mr S Blake Statue >> East Quay >> West Quay
1.45pm	Detritus of the Deep West Quay >> Fore St >> Blake Gardens
2pm	The Wardens Blake Statue >> Fore St >> West Quay
2.15pm	Mr Jules, He's Rubbish >> West Quay >> Fore St >> Blake Gardens
2.30pm	Corvus Angelicus West Quay >> Blake Statue >> West Quay
3pm	Mr S Blake Statue >> Blake Gardens >> West Quay
3.30pm	The Oyster Catchers >> Arts Centre >> West Quay >> Blake Gardens >> Arts Centre
3.45pm	Detritus of the Deep Blake Gardens >> West Quay
4pm	Mr Jules, He's Rubbish >> Blake Gardens >> West Quay

BRIDGWATER TWINNING EVENING 2021

SAT JULY 24TH 8PM - 11PM AT BRIDGWATER ARTS CENTRE

LIVE MUSIC

- Cat 'n' Uke
- Mariusz
- BUSC - Bridgwater Ukelele
- Strummers Club
- Brian's Medley - Band

TICKETS £10 VIA WWW.BRIDGWATERARTSCENTRE.CO.UK

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AUG 14TH

Music and Street Theatre

10.30am - 2pm Bridgwater Town Centre

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Our central aims are to celebrate culture, diversity, and inclusivity and to take action on climate change through schools, environment and ecological workshops and through the creative programming of the Festival.

This has been a challenging year for us all. We would like to thank the following groups, organisations and people for their support for the Bridgwater Quayside Festival Summer Season June to August 2021: The festival commissioners Sedgemoor District Council, (with support funding from the HPC Community Fund), Bridgwater Town Council. Bridgwater Cultural Partnership: Bridgwater Arts Centre, Somerset Film and The Engine Room, Sedgemoor FM, Docks Gala, Bridgwater Carnival, Clayhill Arts, Blake Museum, Bridgwater Library, Taunton and Bridgwater College, SEED Sedgemoor.

A special thank you to the Bridgwater Rotary Club who kindly offered their support to collect on our behalf supporting local charities,

This year we are working with the Somerset Wildlife Trust on the project Somerset Beautiful Coast in partnership with Fuse Eco Art's school workshop programme supported by Bridgwater Town Council Youth Fund and Arts Council England, Thank you!

Thank you to the fabulous Quayside festival team, you know who you are, and without you, this would not take place

Thank you, Arts Council England for supporting Fuse Performance and Somerset Outdoor Arts projects through the Culture Recovery Fund and in the organisation of the Quayside Festival 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries or if would like to contribute or take part.

Sending Hope, Love and Connection

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Donations and collections welcome and will support Bridgwater Food bank and League of Friends of Bridgwater Hospital donate via:

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A Fuse performance event www.fuse.org.uk