Scorching schedule of summer events in St Helens

Why not pay a visit to St Helens this summer and see what exciting attractions the town has to offer?

With a fantastic programme of family fun events announced, packed with a variety of street entertainment, sport and live music that will amaze and excite audiences of all ages – It's all happening in St Helens.

Join us on:

Friday 3 June: Six times Super League champions St Helens R.FC take on local rivals Warrington Wolves in round 17 of the First Utility Super League. This fixture is guaranteed to be a nail-biting affair, with St Helens narrowly claiming victory twice last season, before falling to defeat towards the end of last season. Book your tickets now by visiting www.saintsrlfc.com/tickets

Sunday 5 June: St Helens will be in fine tune as the annual Westfield Street Music Festival returns – promising to be bigger and better than ever before.

Now in its third year, this family-friendly music and entertainment event attracts thousands of people to St Helens and is music to the ears for music lovers who can listen to hot local music acts in pubs and bars along Westfield Street.

Saturday 18 June: Irish pop rockers, The Corrs will kick-off a trio of monthly music treats at Haydock Racecourse, as part of An Evening at the Races.

Known for their number one hits 'Breathless' and 'Runaway' the sibling group have gone on to sell over 30millions of albums worldwide.

Meanwhile, there's no place you would rather be than Haydock Racecouse on **Friday 1 July** when number one selling artist, Jess Glynne performs a selection of her hit singles including 'Real Love' and 'Right Here' in front of thousands of adoring fans – before 80s pop star, Lisa Stransfield closes the show on **Friday 5 August.**

By your tickets now by visiting http://haydock.thejockeyclub.co.uk/racing-and-live-music-2016

Friday 22 July: The seaside comes to St Helens as children's favourite, Peppa Pig, officially opens the ever-popular Summer Beach in Church Square.

Complete with a seriously large sandpit for youngsters to tackle with their buckets and spades, the beach features some special entertainment with seaside tunes of yesteryear cranked out on a barrel organ and a talented face painter will also be on duty.

Saturday 6 August: Hopes are high for some glorious sunshine and family fun, as the annual Newton Town Show – returns this summer.

Held at Mesnes Park and hosted by the non-profit organisation, Newton and Earlestown Community Group, this event draws in thousands of people every year and will be packed full of fantastic attractions for all ages.

Must see events include an appearance by two army attack helicopters and a motorcycle display team, but there will also be funfair rides, birds of prey, arts and crafts, classic cars, zip-lines, samba and brass bands, Segway rallying, the annual, highly-contested Tug o' War competition and much more besides.

Entry is free and all donations and proceeds from the show go towards making the following year's event bigger and better, as well as funding local groups' and schools' projects throughout the year, creating a wonderfully community-oriented day.

Saturday 13 August: A carnival atmosphere will hit St Helens when the annual Summer Streets returns to town.

Expect a line-up of internationally acclaimed artists from the world of comedy, music, acrobatics, dance, magic and theatre who will take to the streets of the town centre to wow the thousands in attendance with their unique acts for FREE

St Helens is also home to a range of museums and entertainment venues including the award-nominated Theatre Royal, shortlisted for Entertainment Venue of the Year at the Liverpool City Region Tourism Awards - while the North West Museum of Transport in Hall Street and the World of Glass both attract thousands of visitors each year and are well worth a visit.

St Helens town centre provides a great range of high street stores and independent shops, quality restaurants, pubs and bars. Easily accessible car parking can be found at Chalon Way Car Park and throughout the town centre.

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