

guide

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All hail the cult king of gut-busting TV

events

Out & about

SATURDAY PETERBOROUGH
Dragon Boat Festival
Messing about on the river and all that.
River Nene, Town Bridge, dragonboatfestivals.co.uk

SATURDAY TO 24 JUN ACROSS THE UK
Bike Week

Two-wheeled celebration including workshops, organised rides and more. See www.bikeweek.co.uk

SUNDAY HURLEY Bell Stories
Jon Ronson heads up a day of literary events celebrating 40 years of the Picador imprint.
The Olde Bell, Berkshire, theoldebell.co.uk

THURSDAY TO 30 JUNE KIRKWALL St Magnus International Festival
Music, opera, theatre and film, plus a talk with Sir Peter Maxwell Davies.
Various venues, Orkney, stmagnusfestival.com

THURSDAY, FRIDAY LONDON Taste Of London
Delicious overindulgence complete with celeb chefs including Jamie Oliver.
Regents Park, NW1, tasteoflondon.com

FRIDAY TO 8 JULY ASHBOURNE
Ashbourne Festival Theatre, poetry, music, plus spoken word from the Guardian's Simon Hoggart.
Various venues, ashbournefestival.org

• Brighton Japan



You may have dabbled in sushi and sudoku, but how about downing Yamazaki whisky,

dressing as a manga character, or discovering your Do - aka spiritual path - through flower-

arranging? Give these a Basho at this Nippon-themed fest, also offering animation workshops, karaoke, chalk art, soba-eating contests and retro videogaming. Live shows include the Paper Cinema's latest (pictured), and a Tokyo Sounds gig featuring No Cars and smallgang.
COLETTE BERNHARDT
Various venues, Fri to 1 Jul, brightonjapan.com

• BritMums Live! London

For mummy bloggers, whether yummy, funny or even a bit slummy, it's no longer enough to just write well - the more successful are revenue-focused masters of self-promotion and search engine optimisation. This eclectic community makes blogging work for itself, and that's something you have to

respect. BritMums Live! is an opportunity to learn from the experts - expect smart, business-minded women (and a few men) among a bill taking in Sarah Brown, Carla Buzasi (pictured), Zoe Williams and Ruby Wax. Other highlights include Friday's Brilliance In Blogging awards and readings from popular



posts next Saturday.
RENATA BLOWER
The Brewery, EC1, Fri to 23 Jun, britmumslive.com

• Holmfirth Arts Festival

Now in its fifth year, this buzzy festival goes for the intriguing and unusual rather than rely on celebrities to draw a crowd. But that formula works perfectly to pack out this small West Yorkshire town, with acts such as the famed Brighouse and Rastrick Band, Invisible Thread Theatre Of



Animation (pictured) and German comic Henning Wehn typifying a mix of innovative and quirky. There are plenty of opportunities to take part yourself, with poetry busking and a day of retro play for adults and children alike. **IAN AITCH**
Various venues, to 24 Jun, holmfirthartsfestival.co.uk