

This year we've been proud to hold the title of Liverpool City Region Borough of Culture. It's been a terrific year so far with dozens of free events taking place at venues across the borough promoting everything great about our communities and our people.

This Saturday is one of the biggest events yet, when we host 'As The World Tipped' at Birchley Street Car Park. The site opens at 5pm and it starts at 630pm.

The free event is the largest we've ever put on, and will combine dramatic film and visuals with a stunning aerial performance. It has toured the world, and this really is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see this ambitious work here in St Helens, the hometown of Wired Aerial Theatre's Artistic Director, Wendy Hesketh-Ogilvie.

And it's not the only great event taking place this weekend.

On Thursday the Rainhill Beer Festival starts, and on Saturday at 11am our Library Service is hosting a free Family Film Club at Lucem House Community Cinema on Corporation Street.

On Sunday we welcome Kristin Woolf and the Tongan men's rugby league squad back to Saints for a showdown with England in the first of a three match Test series. I've got my tickets and it should be a cracker.

The World of Glass is also currently running a Glass Festival, with lots of exciting, free events, tours and talks taking place from now until November. Visit worldofglass.com to find out more.

It's also just been announced that next week on Friday 27th October the Totally Wicked Stadium will host a Festival of Football. St Helens Town AFC will take on Wigan Town FC followed by a special match between a Louis McCarthy Scarsbrook St Helens Town XI and a Matty Smith Saints XI, featuring some very special guests. The event is part of our Borough of Culture celebrations and also in support of Mark Percival's testimonial year.

Thank you so much to the organisers of all these events, and I hope everyone attending and taking part has a great time.

Keep an eye on the St Helens Star, visit culturesthelens.co.uk or search What's On In St Helens on social media to find out more about all these events and more.

Don't let anyone tell you nothing ever happens in St Helens!

Best wishes to all Star readers.