The Riviera's major music festivals will go ahead as planned this week, despite strikers having forced major festivals across the country to close down over the last few days.

"We do not have any strikes planned for local music festivals," a spokesman from the Antibes branch of the CGT told the Riviera Gazette yesterday.

The union is behind the action which has led to the cancellation of a string of events across France.

Among the famous acts rolling into town for the Nice Jazz Festival are early 80s pop star Joe Jackson who’s hits include ‘Is She Really Going Out With Him’ and ‘It’s Different For Girls’, and Jimmy Cliff, who ’could see clearly’ that he was the most popular performer at this year’s Glastonbury festival.

Jamiroquai, former Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant and funksters Kool and the Gang are also performing at this year’s festival, which runs from July 22 to 29.

Elsewhere on the Riviera there will be ‘fun, fun, fun’ with the Beach Boys at Monte-Carlo’s Le Sporting on Saturday night, and Bristol trip-hop band Massive Attack and Asian Dub Foundation will be pleasing a younger crowd at the Cannes Palm Beach Festival.

And Johnny Hallyday, France’s most famous rock star, will pack out the Nice’s Nikaïa tonight at 9pm. Jazz à Juan is also in full swing, with the Keith Jarrett Trio performing tonight.

A stunning performance by South African superstar Johnny Clegg drew a crowd of 6,000 to Vence’s Nuits du Sud last weekend – the event’s biggest ever audience.

But other festivals have not been so lucky. Jean-Jacques Aillagon, the culture and education minister, hit back at striking performers last Friday, the day after the Avignon and Aix festivals, two of France’s largest events, were cancelled. He warned that “draconian measures were being drawn up to swiftly eradicate the abusive use of temporary work contracts by performers.”

Workers in the industry are currently eligible for year-round unemployment benefit if they work for just three months of the year.

And prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin has asked entertainment industry workers to “respect the social dialogue and put an end to the blocking of summer festivals.”

He also announced plans to help out financially stricken cities hit by the strikes, where loss of revenue is estimated at €15m.
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BRITISH prisoners in EC countries will no longer get regular consular visits following a change announced on Monday.

“When we hear someone has been detained we advise them of their rights and give them a prisoner’s information booklet,” Consul General Simon Lever told The Gazette. “What has changed is after sentencing you are entitled to one visit, and after that you visit if the need arises.”

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JACQUES Chirac started a new EU row on Monday in his traditional Bastille day speech.

The row was triggered by the President’s suggestion that the EU should soften its Stability and Growth Pact, designed to keep public debt levels in check and to meet the single currency. It is considered one of the cornerstone of the EU’s economic policy.

At a meeting in Brussels on Monday, fuming EU ministers hit back at Chirac’s plan.

“This is July 14, the day the Bastille was stormed, and now it’s the day the stability pact has been stormed,” furious Dutch finance minister Gerrt Zalm claimed. “The storming of the Bastille was a better idea.”

“We have no room for softening the pact, not even temporarily,” added Finnish finance minister Antti Kalliomaki.

“We shouldn’t even be discussing this. It’s one of the pillars of our economic policy and the single currency,” said Austria’s economy minister Karl Heinz Grasser.

France and Germany both breached the pact last year and are at risk of doing so again this year.

Both countries want to cut taxes to boost their flagging economies.

Mr Chirac said he was calling for a solution consistent with the requirement for stability but that would avoid “this is not about modifying the Stability pact,” said Mr Chirac in a TV interview.

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Now US blames France in 'dodgy dossier' row

THE US government has accused the French secret service of not allowing Britain to have the UK's 'credible' intelligence showing that Iraq was trying to buy uranium ore from Niger.

Britain's secret intelligence service, MI6, says it has "different and credible" evidence to show that Iraq was attempting to buy the ore, known as yellowcake, officials insisted.

But it was given to them by at least one and possibly two other intelligence services and, under the rules governing cooperation, could not be shared with anyone else without the originator's permission.

US intelligence believes the most likely source of MI6's information was the DGSE, the French secret service.

Nigeria's former French colony and its uranium mines are run by a French company that comes under the control of France's Atomic Energy Commission.

However, the French foreign ministry has denied the allegations and said in a statement released this week: "Contrary to the insinuations which appeared in the British press, France is not behind the intelligence which appeared in the British press, relative to the nuclear programme of Iraq."

The row erupted when The Financial Times named Italian and French intelligence as the most likely sources of the information, which was included in a UK government document supporting war in Iraq which is now known as the 'dodgy dossier'.

Warhol is just dandy

This summer's must-see art exhibition, a major display of works by Andy Warhol, opened in Monaco this week.

The £2.5m Super Warhol show includes some of the king of Pop Arts most famous works, including his portraits of Marilyn Monroe, Chairman Mao and Jackie Onassis.

Over 250 works are on show, dating from the 1960s up to the time of Warhol's death in 1987, and include paintings borrowed from the Warhol museum in Pittsburgh, the Mograbi family private collection and numerous New York art galleries.

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Revealed: How to rewire your car

Whether you're looking for a few minor modifications or a car that will be the envy of all your mates, there are ways to improve the look and function of your vehicle.

Some of the more simple alterations to your car include:

- Adding additional lights, such as driving lights or fog lights.
- Customising the interior with seat covers or a new carpet set.
- Upgrading the sound system with a more powerful stereo or better speakers.
- Installing a GPS navigation system for easy driving.
- Adding a customised grill or bumper for a sportier look.
- Replacing the stock mirrors with custom ones.
- Applying vinyl graphics or decals to the body or window.
- Installing a sunroof or tinted windows for added privacy.
- Upgrading the suspension for a smoother ride.
- Mounting additional lights on the roof or hood for additional visibility.
- Installing a trailer hitch for towing purposes.
- Upgrading the brake system for better performance.
- Adding a customised steering wheel or pedals.
- Installing a customised air intake system for increased performance.
- Upgrading the exhaust system for a louder sound.

These are just a few examples of the many ways you can improve your car. The key is to find a balance between aesthetics and functionality, ensuring that any modifications you make enhance your driving experience.
Restaurateur Chris Maughan tells Jenny Paul about choosing good looking staff for his new eatery and beating a rival pub... at football

"I'M FROM Newcastle and I was a general manager for a chain of health clubs in the UK when the guy I was working for bought a business down here. He asked if I wanted to become a company director in Cannes, so I said 'when'? My boss said 'today' so I packed my stuff, got on the plane and started driving down the same day.

It was such a quick decision that I only remembered to ring my mum and tell her when I got to Paris! I arrived here in March 2001 and I loved it instantly. I love the weather and the place – it's one of the great things about the area; you get a really good mix of loads of different cultures.

I like to go every single night. Every single night. I love it. I enjoy going out during the film festival. I go to a lot of the parties and I even met the model from the Wonderbra ad, Eva Herzigova, in the Noga Hilton last year. Unfortunately I’ve lost her number!

One of the other things I like doing all year round is jet-skiing. It’s great fun, and it’s not far away. Newcastle doesn’t offer things like a small alpine village, but it’s only an hour’s drive away. It’s so different from England. I love it instantly. I love the weather and the place – it’s one of the great things about the area; you get a really good mix of loads of different cultures."

"I enjoy the atmosphere in general over here because it’s so easy and relaxed – even though I work hard, it’s not all stress, stress, stress...

My Riviera

INSEPARABLE...

David Night, with bar manager Maitreaid and barman Chris at his Cannes eatery.
Friday 18
● Kibildy chef Charles MacFurline will set off on a marathon Monaco to Glasgow charity cycle ride just after 09:00 on Monaco's Quai Antoine 1er.

Thursday 17
● The Barney Jewellery Collection exhibition opens today at 18:00 at Monac's National Museum in Place Duca. Until September 30.
Tel: +377 93 19 30 25.

● Jazz a Juan Jazz Festival concludes tonight at the Forum. Performance today are Keith Jarrett, Gary Peacock and Jack DeJohnette. Tel: 04 92 97 20 37. Tel: 04 92 97 20 37.

● The Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra is presenting Brahms’ Scherzo at the Forum des Champs in Monaco at 21:30. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16.

● LOT Biz to Cannes, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Warsaw at 16:30.

● Continuing today are Jazz a Juan (tonight starring Bette Turner and Lucky Peterson), Les Nuits du Château, Red Pear Theatre’s Resident Alien, the Cannes Palm Beach Festival (tonight starring Le Peuple de l’Herbe), The Beach Boys, The Salons du Chantant and Menton Tango.

Saturday 19
● Bette Bourne stars on the remarkable and outstanding Quetzeparisien Concert is Resident Alien at the Antibia Théâtre tonight and tomorrow at 20:30. Tickets are €23 from 93 61 01 71.

● There’s a free jazz concert in Place Gemdala in Haut de Cagnes at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 22 91 25.

● LOT Biz to Cagnes, Gdansk, Prague and Stockholm at 16:30.

● Continuing today are Jazz a Juan, Les Nuits du Château and Menton Tango.

Tuesday 22
● The Var branch of The British Association is having a summer festival lunch at La Bonne Auberge in Le Cannet des Moulins at 12:30. The price including wine is €18 for members and €20 for guests.

● The Nice Jazz Festival starts today with Joe Jackson, Bito Miliman, Jacky Terrasson, Richard Galliano, Dianne Reeves, Paolo Fresu, Duara and Fran Cardell. Gates open at 17:30 in the city’s Cannes gardens. The festival ends on July 20. Tickets start at €29. Tel: 02 80 72 00 40.

● 31: Brazilian carnival night in Menton with son., 4 July in Cagnes sur Mer with the Cannes Palm Beach Festival and the Salon des Antiquaires.

● Continuing today are Les Nuits du Château, the Cannes Palm Beach Festival and the Salon des Antiquaires.

Wednesday 23
● The Nice Jazz Festival continues with Jimmy Cliff, The Roots, Too & The Mayas, Carlos Vives, Ib Snare, Loz de Abajo, Orishas and Maceo & Abdu Cuban Jazz Masters. Tel: 08 20 40 04.

● The British Association of Nice is having lunch at the Green Room in Nice from 12:00. The three course lunch is €20 for members and €25 for guests. Tel: 04 92 87 46 24.

● LOT Biz to Cagnes, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.

● Continuing today are Les Nuits du Château, Nice’s southern music festival and the Salon Antiquaires.

The Riviera weather

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- Night: 21°C
- Day: 28°C
- Rain: 25mm
- High: 32°C
- Low: 18°C
- High: 35°C
- Low: 23°C
- Rainfall: 5mm

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June In Nice...
- Night: 17°C
- Day: 28°C
- Rain: 15mm
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- Rainfall: 20mm

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