

What's On in Warwick at a Glance

A long-term calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by Unlocking Warwick
March 2020 onwards (updated 25.3.20)



www.unlockingwarwick.org

2020

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. Farmers' Markets are on the 2nd and 5th Saturdays of the month. Craft Market on the 1st Saturday of each month.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, all public events have been cancelled or postponed and venues closed. Warwick Town Council are providing updates on local developments:

<https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus/>

- **Schools, colleges and nurseries** closed on Friday 20th March.
- CJ's Events have postponed the **French Market** on Saturday 1st March until later in the year, but currently the usual Saturday Market remains in operation.
- **Warwickshire County Records Office** has closed until 1st May.
- **Warwick Visitor Information Centre** is closed until further notice.
- **Warwick Rotary Club** has suspended all meetings until the end of April.
- **Warwick Racecourse:** All racing in Britain has been suspended until the end of April.
- **Warwick Castle** is closed until further notice.
- **The Fusilier Museum at St. John's** and the **Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Court House are closed until further notice.
- The Myton Hospices have rescheduled their **Glow for Myton** event until Saturday 17th October .
- **Places of Worship** have all closed their doors though some will still conduct weddings and funerals.
- **The Warwick Food Festival** in May has been cancelled.
- **Tom Kerridge's Pub in the Park** has been postponed until 18th-20th September 2020.

- Warwick Court Leet have postponed the **Warwick Town Criers Competition** until 2021
- **Unlocking Warwick** have cancelled until further notice their 'In The Ballroom' socials, the Tea and Dance Lessons, and Court House Tours, and postponed the Jazz Age event planned for May 2nd.
- Warwick Court Leet have decided to cancel this year's **Spring Court** scheduled for 26th March.
- **Hill Close Gardens** remain open but the Visitor Centre and Tea Room are closed. Please observe social distancing.

March

- 25th County Record Office. 6pm – 7pm. **Origins of Place Names**. Anthony Poulton Smith explores the origins of place names. Discover how to research the topic. **Cancelled** All group events at the CRO have been cancelled until May 1st. 01926 738959
- 26th **Warwick Races – Molly Olly's Wishes Raceday**. A special meeting for a local charity. **Cancelled**. All racing in Britain has been suspended – initially until the end of April. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/
- 28th St. Nicholas Church. 7.30pm. **Diatonic Choir: "From the sublime to..."** Music by Bach, Karl Jenkins and Joseph Horowitz. Tickets £12 from 01926 882898, Presto Music, or on the door. www.diatonic.co.uk/events **Cancelled**
- 28th St. John's House Museum. 1pm – 4pm. **Fabric Sculpture Workshop** with Annette Smyth. **Cancelled. The museum is closed until further notice.** <http://www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk/news/article.asp?50>

April

- 2nd The Court House, Jury Street. 6pm. **The Annual Town Meeting**. The Mayor of Warwick's annual report from the Town Council and local community groups summarise their activities. **Postponed until October 21st**. 01926 411694. <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus/>
- 3rd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. Lunchtime Recital – **Mark Swinton** (organ). **Cancelled**. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 4th Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street. 10am – 4.30pm. **#Love Local**. Local artists and crafters selling handmade products. **Cancelled** 01926 411694
- 5th Warwick Racecourse. 10am. **Warwick Grand National Run**. A 7km run or trot round the racecourse for the Kids Run Free Charity. www.warwickhorserun.co.uk www.kidsrunfree.co.uk **Postponed until 29th November**
- 7th Fusilier Museum, St. John's House. 10.30 - 12.30. **Veterans' Cafe**. Open to all veterans; **Cancelled. The Museum is closed until further notice.** <http://www.warwickfusiliers.co.uk/news/article.asp?50> 01926 491653
- 8th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – Warwickshire Folk Tales** with Colin King. 01926 411694 **Cancelled**
- 10th (Good Friday) Court House, Jury Street. 10am. **Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** was due to reopen for the Season. **Now closed until further notice.** <https://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>
- 11th The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Easter Saturday Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. **Cancelled and later Tours cancelled until further notice.** 01926 492212 info@unlockingwarwick.org
- 11th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 3pm. **The Volunteers Celebrate Market Hall's 350th Anniversary**. A day of free activities, talks, tours and demonstrations. **Cancelled** 01926 412500
- 14th Warwick Racecourse. **Coventry City FC Raceday**. **Cancelled**.

- 17th Hill Close Gardens. All events **Cancelled**. The visitor centre and tea room are closed but **the gate to the gardens is open** (11am to 5pm) and people are welcome to enjoy the gardens while respecting social distancing. The usual entry free of £4.50 is waived but there is a box for donations. Toilets will be open and cleaned. Plants can still be bought; use contactless cards or correct change please. 01926 493339
www.hillclosegardens.com.
- 18th Central Warwick and Pageant Garden, Castle Street. From 11.15 am. **Warwick Town Criers Competition**. The Warwick Court Leet have announced that this is **postponed until 2021** <https://warwicktowntcrier.co.uk/warwick-town-criers-competition/>
- 20th Market Hall Museum. 7pm – 9.15pm. **TOFT Crochet Workshop – Ammonite**. **Cancelled**
- 22nd County Record Office. 1pm – 1.30pm. **Show and Tell: A Signature Style**. **Cancelled**
- 23rd Warwick Racecourse. **Kissing It Better Raceday**. Supporting the healthcare charity. **Cancelled** <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/>
- 25th 1.30pm. **Trivia Trails**. Meeting your host at The Globe in Theatre Street, teams of up to six take on a 90' quiz trail challenge around Warwick. **Cancelled** jane@triviatrails.co.uk
www.triviatrails.co.uk
- 25th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **St. James's Singers perform Mozart Mass in C**. Conductor Julian Harris. Tickets £12.50 - £17.50 from 07502 939498, or www.stjamesingers.com **Performance suspended**
- 26th Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow. CV34 6BT. 2.30-4.30pm. **Mum2Mum Market**. Baby, children's (up to 6yrs) and maternity nearly new sales. £2 on the door. Children free. Email: warwickshire@mum2mummarket.co.uk
www.facebook.com/mum2mummarketwestmidands/
- 28th The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons**. A social gathering suitable for dance beginners. **Cancelled** 01926 411694.

May

- 1st **Stanks Island Works Delayed**. Originally the major works at Stanks Island at the junction of Birmingham Road and the A46 was due to be completed in May. The County Council have announced that completion will be delayed, but so far have not announced a new completion date.
<https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/stanks-island-update-4/>
- 2nd The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. **Cancelled** 01926 492212.
- 2nd Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street. 10am – 4.30pm. **#Love Local**. A collection of local artists and crafters. **Cancelled until further notice**. 01926 411694
- 2nd The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 7.30pm. Unlocking Warwick presents **'The Jazz Age' 1920s Experience 2020**. This will have a Charleston Stroll Masterclass, a demonstration of the Lindy Hop with music from the Roy Forbes 5-piece jazz band, cocktails, canapés and dancing until 11pm.
Postponed to a later date to be decided. www.unlockingwarwick.org
info@unlockingwarwick.org
- 6th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Gala Dinner to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day**, organised by the Warwick Poppies team. Proceeds to be shared between the Mayor's Charities, Lord Leycester Hospital and St. Mary's. **Postponed** 01926 403940
- 8th **Spring Bank Holiday** (changed from the previous Monday to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day).
- 8th **Warwick Races: Victory in Europe Raceday**. Marking the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day **Cancelled**. 01926 405560
www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

- 8th Hill Close Gardens. All events are **Cancelled**. The visitor centre and tea room are closed but **the gate to the gardens is open** (11am to 5pm) and people are welcome to enjoy the gardens while respecting social distancing. The usual entry free of £4.50 is waived but there is a box for donations. Toilets will be open and cleaned. Plants can still be bought; use contactless cards or correct change please. 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com.
- 8th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Hans Uwe Hielscher** (organ), from Wiesbaden, Germany. **Cancelled**. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 9th The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. **Tours are currently suspended**. 01926 492212
- 9th **Warwick Races: Ladies' Night**. An evening meeting. Tickets from £12.50. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/ladies-night/> **Check with the Racecourse** 01926 405560
- 9th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Rousing English Music to Celebrate V.E. Day**. Overture The Wasps (Vaughan Williams); Sea Pictures (Elgar). Coventry Philharmonic Choir with Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra, conductor Roger Coull. Tickets £15 from the church bookshop, or www.wegotickets.com or www.covphilsoc.org.uk or 07728 887349. **Currently the church is closed for public events**
- 10th St. Mary's Church. 10.30am. **Special Service for VE-Day 75th Anniversary**. The Eucharist will be a Special Commemoration Service, with senior figures from the local military units that fought in WW2, and the choir singing appropriate songs. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk **Currently no public church services**
- 10th St. Nicholas Park. 11am – 12.30pm. **A Bird Walk in the Park**. A springtime stroll along the Avon and around the Kingfisher Pools with Rick and Alan from the Warwick Natural History Society, to see how many species can be identified. **Cancelled**
- 13th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – Treasure Islands** with Roger Butler. An illustrated talk on Scottish isles and the wildlife around them, with tea, cake, a quiz and time to chat. £2.50. No need to book. 01926 411694 **Cancelled**
- 15th Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Sempervivum Workshop and Head Gardener's Walk** **Cancelled**. The visitor centre and tea room are closed but **the gate to the gardens is open** (11am to 5pm) and people are welcome to enjoy the gardens while respecting social distancing. The usual entry free of £4.50 is waived but there is a box for donations. Toilets will be open and cleaned. Plants can still be bought; use contactless cards or correct change please. 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com.
- 15th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Lucy Morrell** (organ). Free admission. Retiring collection. **Check with St. Mary's**. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 17th King's Hall, King's High School, Banbury Road. 3pm. **Works by English Masters with Roderick Williams (baritone) and Susie Allen (piano)**. A Leamington Music Festival Extra. Works by Butterworth, Ireland, Warlock, Gurney, Vaughan Williams and Britten. Afterwards tea and cake and a tour of the new school is possible. Tickets £20 from Visitor Information Centre or 10926 334418. **Cancelled**
- 20th **Warwick Races: Proudly Warwickshire**. Celebrating one of the oldest racecourses in the country. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/proudly-warwick/> **Check with the Racecourse** 01926 405560 www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
- 22nd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Young Musicians from King Henry VIII School**. **Performance suspended** www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 24th Market Place and around town. 10am – 6pm. **The Warwick Food Festival**. **Cancelled** www.localfoodfestivals.co.uk 01926 800750
- 26th The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons**. A social gathering suitable for dance beginners. **Cancelled**. 01926 411694.
- 27th **Warwick Races: Celebration Race Night**. The finale of Warwick's jump racing season. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/celebration-race-night/> **Check with the Racecourse** 01926 405560 www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

- 30th** 12noon and 1.30pm. **Trivia Trails. Cancelled** jane@triviatrails.co.uk
www.triviatrails.co.uk
- 30th - 31st** Warwick Racecourse. 10am – 6pm. **Warwick Thai Festival.** Entertainment throughout both days including traditional music and dancing, Muay Thai boxing, Ladyboy show, Thai beer garden, Thai food and produce stalls, Thai massage and children's play area. Entry £4. Under twelves free. www.magicofthailand.co.uk **Check with the Racecourse.** 01926 405560 www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
- 31st** St. Mary's Church. 5.30pm. **Come and Sing Pentecost Evensong with St. Mary's Choirs.** A fundraising event for the choirs' tour to Poland in August. You can join in. 2pm Registration. 2.15pm Rehearsal including break for refreshments. 5.30pm Evensong – congregation welcome. Music by Ives, Dyson and Elgar. £15 to include refreshments. £5 for under sixteens. Please register in advance via St. Mary's website by 27th May. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk **Under review**

Some Diary Dates Later in the Year

- June 5th- 7th** St. Nicholas Park. 'Pub in the Park' with Tom Kerridge and Friends. **Postponed until 18th - 20th September** www.pubinthepark.com
- June 14th** The Two Castles Run. www.twocastlesrun.org.uk **Cancelled**
- June 20th** St. John's Beer Festival www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk
- June 20th- July 5th** Warwickshire Open Studios. www.warwickshireopenstudios.org **Cancelled**
- July 17th- 18th** Court Leet Beer and Cider Festival. <https://warwickbeerfestival.com> 07710 373267
- July 23rd** Teddy Bears' Picnic at Hill Close Gardens. www.hillclosegardens.com
- July 23rd- 26th** Warwick Folk Festival. www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk This year based in The Warwick Castle grounds. Details on access available at the Visitor Information Centre. The Smith Street Party will be on 25th.
- July 31st** Michael Buble outdoor concert at the castle. www.aegpresents.co.uk/events/detail/michael-buble
- August 9th** Retro Warwick Classic Car Show in the Market Place. alan.lettis@gmail.com
- August 29th- 31st** Warwick Horticultural Show. www.whasociety.org
- Sept 11th - 20th** Heritage Open Days with free entry to many historic buildings and some special events.
- Oct 5th- 11th** Warwick Words History Festival 2020. www.warwickwords.co.uk

Please check events with the organisers. Unlocking Warwick cannot take any responsibility for any errors or changes



The Court House Volunteers

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