

What's On in Warwick (and What's Not)

A long-term calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by Unlocking Warwick



September 2020 onwards (updated 31.8.20)

www.unlockingwarwick.org

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

The latest rules from the government. They are liable to change at any moment it seems:

In England:

Pubs, cafe, restaurants, hairdressers, social clubs, places of worship, museums and other attractions, and indoor venues such as gyms and swimming pools are now able to reopen with social distancing measures and face coverings when required. Where 2 metres is not possible, '1 metre +' will be the rule. **The 'Rule of Six' means no more than six people in a 'social gathering'**. But indoor events like concerts can proceed with social distancing.

B&Bs, hotels and holiday accommodation are also open if they are 'Covid Secure'. You can meet members of another household, one household per occasion, anywhere, and stay overnight. People are able to meet in groups of up to six people from different households - outside - either in parks or private gardens - so long as you observe social distancing. People can also exercise outside with up to five others from different households. That means small groups or sport teams can hold fitness sessions, but social distancing must be maintained.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household-from-4-july>

Schools have reopened. Various measures to achieve distancing have been put in place. **All shops** are now able to open if they can achieve social distancing. You **must wear a face covering on public transport and in shops.**

In Warwick:

- Currently some public events requiring close contact indoors have been cancelled or postponed but some such as Leamington Music concerts are going ahead. **Warwick Town Council** is providing updates on local developments: <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **Warwick District Council** has information on local services on its website: www.warwickdc.gov.uk and a Covid-19 Helpline: 01926 456111 (Mon-Fri. 9am – 5pm)
- The **Warwick Visitor Information Centre** in Jury Street/Castle Street is now opened seven days a week with social distancing measures in place (from 9.30am weekdays and from 10am at weekend). Entry via the Castle Street door. 01926 492212
- The Warwick **Saturday Market** has resumed with social distancing in place. The next French Market is now scheduled for October 3rd.
- The **Lord Leycester Hospital** has reopened (closed Mondays) with a one-way system in place.

- **Warwickshire County Record Office** and the county's **Market Hall Museum** have reopened. (CRO on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Museum open Tuesday-Saturday). You must book in advance via Eventbrite. Tickets for the museum must be booked on a Monday for that week with only 8 people admitted at any one time. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-6137347795> The museum is also posting activities for children on its website, ranging from Arty Tots to 'Show and Tell' talks. You can see them at: <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/> CRO: 01926 738959. Museum: 01926 412500
- **Warwick Racecourse:** The new Jump Racing Season will begin on Sept 21st but behind closed doors. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
- **Warwick Castle and Gardens** have now reopened in line with government guidance. Tickets must be pre-booked. See website for details. <https://www.warwick-castle.com/tickets-passes/passes/> www.warwick-castle.com/about/coronavirus/ From September 17th to October 4th, **Picnic at the Castle** will offer distanced groups of six food, drink and live entertainments. Booking essential at www.warwick-castle.com/explore/events/picnic-at-the-castle The annual **Carols at the Castle in December** has been cancelled.
- **The Fusilier Museum at St. John's** is now open Tues – Sat with anti-Covid measures in place. But the **Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Court House is currently closed.
- **Princes Drive Recycling** is open for 'essential' visits but you must book a time-slot in advance: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/recyclingprincesdrive>
- **Places of Worship** have begun to resume services with congregations distancing. **St. Mary's** has resumed Sunday Services (10.30am) and will be open for private prayer from 1pm to 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. www.stmaryswarwick.co.uk
- The **Warwick Words History Festival's** physical events have been cancelled for this year, but there will be online talks and discussions, Oct 5th – 11th. Details to come: www.warwickwords.co.uk
- Tom Kerridge's **Pub in the Park** has been postponed until 2021
- **Unlocking Warwick** have cancelled until further notice their 'In The Ballroom' socials, their Tea and Dance Lessons, and special events. The free **Court House Tours** have resumed. The final tours of the season will be at 11am and 2pm on Sept 19th. Book a place at the Visitor Centre: 01926 492212
- **Hill Close Gardens** is now open every day 11am – 5pm. Last entry 4.30pm. Tea room open Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday Monday. www.hillclosegardens.com
- The **Stanks Island Roadworks** have been delayed by distancing measures; now scheduled to be completed 'by the autumn', but no date has been published. Details here: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/stanks-island-and-birmingham-road-improvement-scheme-1190656?e=acfb8b1c7c>

September

1st - 3rd

Luna Cinema at Warwick Castle. Sept 1st The Greatest Showman. 2nd Grease. 3rd Rocketman. Doors open 7pm. Films 8.30pm. Screen in the Courtyard. Food and drink available. Anti-covid measures in place. Toilets available. Details: <https://thelunacinema.com/warwick-castle>

5th

11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A volunteer guide will take you round the Jury Street Court House and introduce visitors to the history of Warwick. Free to attend, but numbers limited to 10 individuals per tour and 2-metre distancing will be observed. Booking essential. Reserve a place at the Visitor Information Centre or call them on 01926 492212. www.unlockingwarwick.org

- 11th - 20th** **Heritage Open Days** with free entry to many historic buildings and some special events. Plans are still under review depending on social distancing rules, but there are expected to be some outdoor events and online experiences.
<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/news-desk/news/covid-19-update>
- On **Friday 11th Sept, The Great Fire Walk** will follow the course of the 1694 fire that devastated the centre of town. There will be three group walks starting at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. Each walk will last about 90 minutes. Coordinated by volunteers Sue Rigby and Paula Fletcher and Heritage and Culture Warwickshire, the walk will start in Pageant Garden, behind the Visitor Information Centre, and then go towards the Lord Leycester Hospital, near to where the fire started. The route will take in St Mary's Church and finish at the Court House where copies of original documents relating to the Great Fire will be on display. The tours are free, but will be limited to ten people on each tour; places **must be booked in advance** at the Visitor Information Centre. Drop in (open seven days a week) or phone: 01926 492212. Email: lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk
SOLD OUT
- On **Saturday 19th Sept** there will be free **Court House Tours** at 11am and 2pm. They last 45 minutes. Numbers will be limited so *please book* a place at the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212.
- 12th - 13th** **Guy's Cliff Walled Garden** will be open for this year's Heritage Open Days but entry will be by *ticket only* and limited to safe numbers. The Garden is open from 10.30am - 3.45pm on both days (last entry is 3pm). Tickets can only be booked at the Visitor Information Centre in the Court House. Ring 01926 492212 or email info@visitwarwick.co.uk. The garden produce is being donated to local food banks and a homeless night shelter.
- Hill Close Gardens** will be open from 11am to 5pm on both days. No booking required.
www.hillclosegardens.com
- 13th** The annual **Dragon Boat Racing** on the Avon in St. Nicholas Park has been **cancelled**.
- 16th** 7.30pm. **Warwickshire and Gallipoli (part 1) Tretton to Suvla**. A free online Zoom talk in conjunction with the Fusilier Museum by Ian Binnie and David Vaux, with rare photographs and artefacts. To receive the invitation to take part, email Ian Binnie: warwickfus@btinternet.com
(Part two the following day, see below)
- 17th** 7.30pm. **The Warwickshire Yeomanry and Gallipoli**. Online Zoom talk.
warwickfus@btinternet.com
- 17th - Oct 4th** **Picnic at the Castle** – a new festival featuring live music, comedians, food and drink. Groups of up to six can book their own pergolas for different sessions throughout the day, or couples can sit under parasols in the grounds. Tickets must be booked in advance at www.warwick-castle.com/explore/events/picnic-at-the-castle
- 18th - 20th** **'Pub in the Park'** with Chef Tom Kerridge and friends in St. Nicholas Park has been **postponed** to next year, date to be decided. www.pubintheparkuk.com/warwick
- 19th** 11am and 2pm. **Court House Tours** for Heritage Open Days. A guide from Unlocking Warwick will take you round the Grade-1 listed Court House in Jury Street and introduce visitors to the history of Warwick. (Note there are no courts there now. It is the Town Hall with Council Chamber and Regency Ballroom). Tours last 45 minutes and are free to attend, but numbers will be limited to 5 guests per tour to comply with 'The Rule of Six' and 2-metre distancing will be observed. Booking essential. Reserve a place at the Visitor Information Centre. Drop in or call them on 01926 492212. Email: lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk
www.unlockingwarwick.org **ALL TICKETS ARE NOW TAKEN**
- 21st - 22nd** Warwick Racecourse. **The Heart of England Two-Day Race Meeting** is the jump season opener held behind closed doors. 'Racing TV' will be showing every race live.
www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

25th **Trivia Trail.** 1.30pm starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer historical, observational and fun questions. Maximum of 6 per team, and coronavirus measures will be in place. Adult £12.50. Child 8-16 £5.00. Under 8 free. Buggy and dog friendly. Please book in advance: Phone 07718 574544 or 01926 409266 or email jane@triviatrials.co.uk

October

3rd 9am – 4pm. **The French Market** returns to the Market Place with social distancing.

4th Market Place and around town. 11am – 5pm. **Warwick Chocolate Festival.** Many speciality chocolate treats – even chocolate flavoured beer.
www.sketts.co.uk

5th- 11th **Warwick Words Digital History Festival 2020.** www.warwickwords.co.uk The physical events have now been cancelled for this year and there will be no History Societies Fair. But there will be 7 days of free online talks and events. The programme is likely to be posted in September. www.warwickwords.co.uk

11th Hill Close Gardens. 11am – 5pm. **Autumn and Apple Day.** Many varieties of apples, pears and plums. Adults £4.50. Children £1. www.hillclosegardens.com

11th **Trivia Trail.** 12.30pm starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer historical, observational and fun questions. Maximum of 6 per team, and coronavirus measures will be in place. Adult £12.50. Child 8-16 £5.00. Under 8s free. Buggy and dog friendly. Please book in advance: Phone 07718 574544 or 01926 409266 or email jane@triviatrials.co.uk

13th The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7pm. **Concert by the Fitzwilliam String Quartet.** Haydn, Wolf and Schubert. Face coverings must be worn. Tickets £25 to include a glass of champagne from www.leamingtonmusic.org or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon. **SOLD OUT**

17th **Glow for Myton**, rescheduled to this date and this year a little different. Complete a sponsored 5km run or walk on or before Oct 17th, then at 7pm join the online After Party at Home. Details: <https://www.mytonhospice.org/our-events/glow-myton-home/>

21st Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 6pm The annual **Warwick Town Meeting** when councillors and community groups report on their activities.

24th Hill Close Gardens. 11am – 5pm. **Crysanthemum Open Day** with teas, displays and gifts. Adults £4.50. Children £1. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339

November

3rd The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **Joglaresa – Boogie Knights.** Medieval music. Part of the Leamington Music Season. Face coverings must be worn. Tickets £20 from www.leamingtonmusic.org or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon.

7th Warwick Racecourse. **Warwick Fireworks and Bonfire Night.** Gate 5.15pm. Display 6.30pm. Free parking. Adults £7. Children £2. Proceeds to charity.
www.warwicktownbonfire.org.uk (Under review depending on government restrictions)

10th The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **Kosmos – music from around the world from the acclaimed trio.** Part of the Leamington Music Season. Face coverings must be worn and distancing will be in place. Tickets £20 from www.leamingtonmusic.org or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon.

14th **Trivia Trail.** 12 noon starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer historical, observational and fun questions. Maximum of 6 per team, and coronavirus measures will be in place. Adult £12.50. Child 8-16 £5.00. Under 8 free. Buggy and dog friendly. Please book in advance: Phone 07718 574544 or 01926 409266 or email jane@triviatrials.co.uk

- 22nd** 10am – 5pm. **Warwick Winter Food Market.** Replacing the usual Winter Food Festival to ensure social distancing. There will be up to 40 local trader and artisan food stall in various streets in the town centre and the market place, but no traditional entertainments this year. CJ events say they will seek to capture the Christmas spirit while adhering to government guidelines. They will be posting details on their website: www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk
- 24th** The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **The Mellstock Band – The Shepherd's Calendar.** Words and music celebrating merrymaking through the rural year, with unusual instruments. Part of the Leamington Music Season. Face coverings must be worn. Tickets £20 from www.learmingtonmusic.org or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon.
- 29th** Warwick Racecourse. 10am. **Warwick Reindeer Run.** Dress up as a reindeer and run or jog a 7km or 2.5km course. Plus a 1km fun-run for children. Details of entry and charity sponsorship here: <http://www.reindeerrun.co.uk>

December

- 27th** **Trivia Trail.** 12 noon starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer historical, observational and fun questions. Maximum of 6 per team, and coronavirus measures will be in place. Adult £12.50. Child 8-16 £5.00. Under 8 free. Buggy and dog friendly. Please book in advance: Phone 07718 574544 or 01926 409266 or email jane@triviatrails.co.uk

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The Court House Volunteers

To alert us to forthcoming events in Warwick, or send news of cancellations, email whatson@unlockingwarwick.org