

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

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



May 2021 onwards (Revised 30.4.21)

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

In England

In February Boris Johnson announced his 'Road Map' for ending Covid restrictions in England. There are provisional dates for a four stage approach, depending on the infection rates. On April 12th Phase Two meant that all shops, gyms, hairdressers and libraries were allowed to reopen. Pub beer gardens and restaurants opened for outdoor table service. In summary the current rules are:

- **Socialising.** You still cannot meet other people indoors unless you live with them or they are part of your support bubble. Outdoors, you can now meet up to six people including in gardens. This is due to change to a Rule of Thirty outdoors and up to six people indoors on May 17th. Shielding ended on April 1st.
- **No holidays abroad.** UK holidays are now allowed for single households in self-contained lets.
- **Masks.** You must wear a face covering in shops and on public transport.
- **Pubs and restaurants remain closed** except for takeaways and deliveries, but pub beer gardens and restaurant outdoor seating areas have now reopened. May 17th is the provision date for pubs and restaurants to reopen fully.
- **Entertainment venues** and tourist venues including museums remain closed until at least May 17th. Outdoor venues such as zoos and theme parks can now open.
- **Hotels** and guest houses are closed until at least May 17th
- **Work from home if possible.**
- You can attend **places of worship** for a service. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times. No more than 6 people at a wedding and 30 people for a funeral. Weddings with up to 30 people from May 17th.

In Warwick

- **Vaccinations:** The vaccination centre for the Primary Care Network (PCN) covering Warwick is at Warwickshire Golf Club. Some GP surgeries are also carrying out vaccinations. There is another nearby vaccination centre at Stoneleigh Nat. Agricultural Centre. NHS England says all over-18s should have been offered a first vaccination by the end of July. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-55045639> More local information here: <https://www.southwarwickshireccg.nhs.uk/Your-Health/COVID-19-Vaccination>

- **Museums, the Lord Leycester and the County Record Office** are closed to the public at least until May 17th. Heritage Warwickshire has been providing some activities children can do from home: See museum online activities at: <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/> Twitter [@RuairiTheFawn](https://twitter.com/RuairiTheFawn) Facebook: [Warwickshire Museum](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireMuseum) Instagram: [@heritageandculturewarwickshire](https://www.instagram.com/heritageandculturewarwickshire) YouTube: [Heritage and Culture Warwickshire](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC01926412500) 01926 412500
- **Warwick Castle** has now reopened its outdoor attractions. <https://www.warwick-castle.com/explore/special-events/what-s-on/> .
- Several **churches** are offering opportunities for private prayer. For example, **St. Mary's** is open for individuals on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 3pm. Please wear a mask. Sunday services at 10.30am are streamed on the stmaryswarwick Facebook page, and then uploaded on to their You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CollegiateChurchofStMaryWarwick> .
- **Warwick Town Council** will be providing updates on local developments: <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus> .
- **The Visitor Information Centre** is now open again seven days a week and has been redesigned to provide more room for visitors, and more space for displays and gifts. See available items at www.visitwarwick.co.uk. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WarwickVisitorCentre/> 01926 492212
- **Warwick District Council** has information on the infection rate in the district and local services on its website: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20827/coronavirus> There is a Covid-19 Helpline: 01926 456111 (Mon-Fri. 9am – 5pm).



The Town of Treasurers Web-based App

- During the restrictions you can enjoy **Virtual Tours** of The Court House, St. Mary's Church and The Lord Leycester Hospital via the QR code above, or go to <https://warwicktour.oncell.com> and watch online.
- The Warwick **Saturday Market** is open.
- **Warwick Racecourse:** The Jump Racing Season continues but behind closed doors until the meeting on 19th May. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
- **Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden** is now open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. With numbers limited by a ticketing system. Book here: <http://www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk/>
- **Hill Close Gardens** are open every day, 11am – 4.30pm, until November, (then weekdays only for the winter season). You may visit with your household or in groups of up to six. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- The **Mill Garden** remains closed to the public because the owner is highly vulnerable to Covid-19, but it can be booked for one-off photo shoots such as wedding pictures. 01926 492877
- **Unlocking Warwick** have cancelled until further notice their 'In The Ballroom' Socials, their Tea and Dance Lessons, and special events. It is hoped to be able to resume Court House Tours at the end of May, depending on restrictions, (see calendar below).

2021

According to the Government 'Road Map', restrictions are all set to be lifted by June 21st. But this is dependant on Covid infection rates. So some entries on the What's On are subject to change.

May

- 3rd** **Warwick Races.** Still behind closed doors. **Kids Carnival Day.** If the children dress as super heroes, they'll have to do it at home this year!
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/kids-carnival-day/>
- 6th** **Voting in Local Elections.** Elections this year are for Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.
https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20659/local_elections/1649/local_elections_2021_-_county_pcc_and_neighbourhood_plan_referendums
- 7th** 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Adrian Moore** (organ). The recital will be streamed online only via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 8th** **Warwick Races. Ladies Night.** Evening racing but still behind closed doors.
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/ladies-night/>
- 14th** 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Oliver Hancock** (organ). It will be streamed online only via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 17th** **Third stage for easing lockdown.** At the earliest – the Rule of Six outdoors to be scrapped with a new limit of 30. Six people of two households can meet indoors. Indoor hospitality opens, including pubs, restaurants, cinemas, hotels, B&Bs and museums. Sports venues and theatres open with limited numbers. Warwick Racecourse is expecting to welcome back the crowds for the rest of the jump season, with some limits on numbers and distancing measures. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/> Weddings with up to 30 people are permitted. Possible return of international travel but this is very much under review; 'vaccine passports' are under consideration.
- 17th** 11am – 12.30pm. St. Nicholas Park. **A Bird Walk in the Park** identifying species with Rick Thompson and Derek Walton of the Warwick Natural History Society. Numbers limited, so please book by emailing rick.thompson@t-media.org.uk
- 19th** **Warwick Races – The Proudly Warwick meeting.** The racecourse will be welcoming back visitors. Tickets are now on sale with a money back guarantee.
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/proudly-warwick/>
- 19th** **The Market Hall Museum** is due to reopen, subject to government guidelines remaining as they are. There will be a new exhibition: **'Donald Healey Motor Company'**, telling the remarkable story of the Warwick-based motor company, using rarely seen archives, photographs and artefacts. The exhibition will take over the whole of the ground floor until Spring 2022 with some special events during the year. www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk
- 21st** **The Lord Leycester Hospital** and Bretheren's Kitchen are scheduled to reopen.
<https://www.lordleycester.com/>
- 21st** 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Richard Tanner** (organ) from Rugby School. The recital will be streamed online only, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 25th** 8pm - 9pm. **'Volcanoes, Pebbles and Oysters – a Tale of Two Mass Extinctions in Warwickshire'**. A virtual talk looking at some of the geological specimens at Market Hall Museum revealing the two mass extinctions and recovery of life that affected our county roughly 250 and 200 million years ago. With John Radley, Curator of Natural Sciences. Join via Teams. No need to download anything. £3. Details and how to book tickets here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 26th** **Warwick Races – Celebration Race Night** marks the final event of the jump season. Seven races from 5.30pm. Last race 8.40pm. Tickets from £20.
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/celebration-race-night/>

- 28th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Lucy Morrell** (organ). The recital will be streamed online only, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 29th 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A socially-distanced walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, while guides relate the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past dating back to its Saxon origins. Free to attend but numbers limited. So **please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212

June

- 4th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Isabella Abbot Parker**, (soprano from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire). The recital will be streamed online only, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 5th 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A socially-distanced walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, while guides relate the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past dating back to its Saxon origins. Free to attend but numbers limited. So **please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212
- 9th 8pm - 9.15pm. **The Austen Healey Motor Company**. A virtual talk on the archives of the Warwick-based Donald Healey Motor Company, now part of the exhibition at the Market Hall Museum. Rob Eyre, Senior Archivist, explores the history of the sports car company and its founder Donald Healey with the archive material held at the County Record Office. Join via Teams. No need to download anything. £3. You can type questions in the Q&A box. Details and how to book tickets here: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxofice
- 11th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Steve Lee** (trumpet) **with Lucy Morrell** (organ). The recital will be streamed online only, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 18th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Colin Druce** (piano). The recital will be streamed online only, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 19th 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A socially-distanced walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, while guides relate the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past dating back to its Saxon origins. Free to attend but numbers limited. So **please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212
- 19th – July 4th Summer Arts week from Warwickshire Open Studios. The organisers are hopeful that a physical event will be possible, as well as online art.
<https://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org/> <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshireopenstudios/>
- 21st **Fourth stage for easing lockdown**. At the earliest, all legal limits on contact removed, depending on infection rates. Large events and performances could restart with full crowds. Theatres allowed full capacity and nightclubs reopen. No limit on numbers at weddings and funerals.
- 25th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). The recital will be open to members of the public if government guidelines permit – admission free, retiring collection. Otherwise it will be streamed online, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 26th 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Concert by the Choirs of St. Mary's Collegiate Church**, with Beauchamp Sinfonietta, Mark Swinton (organ) and Lucy Morrell (organ), including music by Parry, Mendelssohn, Jonathan Dove, Bairstow and Howells. Tickets: Adults £12, accompanied under-16s free. Available from mid-May. See www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk for details

July

- 2nd 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – David Smith** (piano). The recital will be open to members of the public if government guidelines permit – admission free, retiring collection. Otherwise it will be streamed online, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 2nd- 4th **Pub in the Park** with Tom Kerridge and friends. St. Nicholas Park.
<https://www.pubintheparkuk.com/warwick>

- 3rd 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A socially-distanced walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, while guides relate the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past dating back to its Saxon origins. Free to attend but numbers limited. So **please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212
- 9th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – The Parmetto Piano Trio** - Susan Meteyard (violin), Maja Todd (cello), Gillian Parsons (piano). The recital will be open to members of the public if government guidelines permit – admission free, retiring collection. Otherwise it will be streamed online, via St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 9th - 10th **The Court Leet Beer and Cider Festival**. Pageant Gardens, Castle Street. <https://warwickbeerfestival.com>
- 10th - 11th **Warwick Thai Festival** at the Racecourse; food, music and entertainment. Details nearer the time: www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- 15th - 18th **Warwick Folk Festival** at a new location in the Castle Park. The organisers are confident it will go ahead at this outdoor venue. Tickets are already on sale, with a refund policy if you feel unable to attend. www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk **The Smith Street Party** will be on 17th.
- 17th 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A socially-distanced walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, while guides relate the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past dating back to its Saxon origins. Free to attend but numbers limited. So **please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212
- 20th **Olly Murs in Concert** at the Castle. **Postponed to July 16th 2022**. <https://www.warwick-castle.com/explore/special-events/what-s-on/>
- 23rd **Michael Bubl  in Concert** at the Castle. **Postponed to July 13th 2022**. <https://www.warwick-castle.com/explore/special-events/what-s-on/>
- Some Dates Later in the Year**
(All under review depending on possible Covid restrictions. Fingers crossed!)
- August 15th **Retro Warwick Classic Car Show 2021**. Market Place. 9am – 4pm. Free to attend for visitors and exhibitors. Up to 150 classic vehicles on show. <https://www.carsceneinternational.com/uk-classic-car-shows-club-event/retro-warwick-classic-car-show-2021/>
- Sept 5th **Warwick Town Cycle Race** starting at the Dough and Brew. www.doughandbrew.com
- Sept 20th - 21st **Warwick Races** – the new season opens. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk
- Oct 4th - 10th **Warwick Words History Festival**. www.warwickwords.co.uk Confirmed speakers so far include Dan Jones, Alison Weir, Charles Spencer, Tracy Borman, Nicola Tallis, Ghee Bowman, Lauren Johnson, Lesley Smith and Greg Jenner.
- Nov 6th **Warwick Bonfire and Fireworks** at the Racecourse.

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



The Court House Volunteers

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