

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 21.5.21)

www.unlockingwarwick.org

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. Farmers' Markets are usually on the 2nd and 5th Saturdays of the month. In June there will be additional markets on Wednesdays

The latest rules from the government

In England

In February Boris Johnson announced his 'Road Map' for ending Covid restrictions in England in four stages, 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.

Phase Three is due on May 17th. In summary the current rules are:

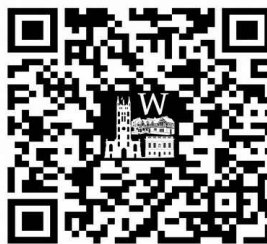
- **Socialising.** You still cannot meet other people indoors unless they are part of your support bubble. Outdoors, you can now meet up to six people including in gardens. This is due to change to a Rule of Thirty outdoors and up to six people indoors with overnight stays allowed from May 17th. Shielding ended on April 1st.
- **No holidays abroad** until May 17th. Then only green list countries. UK holidays are allowed for single households in self-contained lets.
- **Masks.** You must continue to 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 date for pubs and restaurants to reopen fully with table service only.
- **Entertainment venues** and tourist venues including museums remain closed until May 17th. Outdoor venues such as zoos and theme parks can now open.
- **Hotels** and guest houses are closed until May 17th when overnight stays will be allowed.
- 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 and no limit on funeral guest numbers 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> You can pick up free lateral flow tests at Mellors Chemists.

- **The Market Hall Museum** is due to open on 19th May, <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/about-the-museum-service/market-hall-planning-your-visit>. 01926 412500. The **County Record Office** will reopen on 17th May. 01926 738959. **The Lord Leycester Hospital and Bretheren's Kitchen** will reopen on 21st May. www.lordleycester.com
- **Warwick Castle** has now reopened its outdoor attractions and Knight's Village. <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).

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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. There will also be markets on Wednesdays in June.
- **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. The free Court House Tours are due to return 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. Tickets are now on sale for the Warwick and Leamington Midsummer Music Festival marking 25 years of 'Music to Your Ears'. Details: www.leamingtonmusic.org

May

- 21st** **The Lord Leicester 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 www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 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 www.unlockingwarwick.org

June

- 2nd** 9am – 2pm. **Warwick Wednesday Market** with a wide range of stalls in the Market Place. This is the first of additional markets on Wednesdays throughout 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/heritageboxoffice 01926 412501
- 9th** 9am – 2pm. Market Place. **Warwick Wednesday Market**.
- 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

- 16th 9am – 2pm. Market Place. **Warwick Wednesday Market.**
- 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, with more than 320 artists taking part and 117 venues to visit across the county 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 and variants such as the Indian Variant. Large events and performances could restart with full crowds. Theatres allowed full capacity and nightclubs reopen. No limit on numbers at weddings and funerals.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021-summary>
- 21st **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Jury Street court House is due to reopen if the fourth stage of easing goes ahead. In the meantime the museum can accommodate private viewings (less than 10 people) on mutually convenient dates between 10am and 4pm, ideally midweek. Those wishing to do so are requested to contact the principal_curator@warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk
- 23rd 9am – 2pm. Market Place. **Warwick Wednesday Market.**
www.cjeventswarwickshire.co.uk
- 25th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Music by Bach, Saint-Saens and Leighton. Admission free, retiring collection. St. Mary's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmaryswarwick
- 26th 6pm – 9.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Midsummer Music in the Gardens – Katie Leaver (soprano) and Emma Cockbill (piano).** A light-hearted journey through the songs of stage and screen. Tickets now on sale: Adults £15.00. Children £11.50. Call 01926 493339. Picnic from 6pm. Music from 7pm. www.hillclosegardens.co.uk or www.learningtonmusic.org
- 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, Bainton, Mendelssohn, Jonathan Dove, Bairstow, Howells and Brahms. Tickets: Adults £12, accompanied under-16s free. Available from mid-May. See www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 27th 3pm. Northgate Methodist Church. **The Queen's Singers, Director Trevor Barr.** Richard Copeland, Piano, and singers from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Tickets £10. Call 01926 885663 or on the door. www.learningtonmusic.org
- 27th 7.30pm. The Dream Factory, Shelley Avenue/Stratford Road. **Performances by 2020 Learnington Music Prizewinners.** Music by Smetana, Martinu and Dvorak. Tickets £15 including a glass of wine from 01926 497000. www.learningtonmusic.org
- 30th 9am – 2pm. Market Place. **Warwick Wednesday Market.** Up to twenty stalls with a range of food and gifts.

July

- 2nd 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – David Smith** (piano). Bach's Inventions and Chorale Preludes. Free admission; retiring collection. Booking info: www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk 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 www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 3rd 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Da Capo Chamber Choir – Songs for Summer**. Tickets £10. Children free. Booking info: www.dacapochoir.org.uk www.leamingtonmusic.org or www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 4th 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Lord Leycester Hospital. **Open Air Concert with Curzon Brass**. Marking US Independence Day. In the Master's Garden. Bring a picnic and a rug. Tickets £8. www.leamingtonmusic.org 01926 497000
- 4th 7.30pm - 9.15pm. The Dream Factory. **Curzon Brass** with an extended programme of American Music to mark Independence Day. Tickets £15 including a glass of wine. 01926 497000 www.leamingtonmusic.org
- 6th 5pm and 8pm. St. Mary's Church. **The Bach Players with Rachel Elliot** (soprano). Two one-hour programmes featuring Bach and his contemporaries. Tickets £20 per concert or £35 for both. 01926 497000 www.leamingtonmusic.org
- 6th Hill Close Gardens. **Special Evening Opening**. Bring a picnic. Details: 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com
- 8th 7.30pm – 9.30pm. St. Mary's Church. Armonico Consort perform **St. Matthew's Passion, J.S. Bach**. Director Christopher Monks. Soloists Ian Bostridge (Evangelist) and Sir Willard White (Christus). Five prices of tickets from £11.00 to £39.50. Booking www.armonico.org.uk or call 01926 334418
- 9th 1.15pm – 2pm. St. Mary's Church. **Summer Recital – The Parmetto Piano Trio** - Susan Meteyard (violin), Maja Todd (cello), Gillian Parsons (piano). Music by Clara Schumann and Widor. Admission free, retiring collection. Booking info: www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk www.leamingtonmusic.org
- 9th - 10th **The Court Leet Beer and Cider Festival**. Pageant Gardens, Castle Street. <https://warwickbeerfestival.com>
- 10th 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Sinfonia of Birmingham**. Works by Sibelius and Beethoven. Conductor Michael Seal. Tickets £12. Booking info www.sinfonia.org.uk www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 10th - 11th **Warwick Thai Festival** at the Racecourse; food, music and entertainment. Details nearer the time: www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- 13th Hill Close Gardens. **The Great Gatsby** outdoor performance by Heartbreak Productions. Picnic from 5pm. Performance at 6.30pm. Adults £15. Children £11.50. call 01926 493339 or visit www.hillclosegardens.com
- 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 Saturday 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 www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 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 Bublé 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 5th** **Teddy Bear's Picnic at Hill Close Gardens.** 2pm – 4pm. £4 per child.
www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- 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/>
- August 21st** **Warwick Regatta** on the Avon, St. Nicholas Park. Free to watch.
<https://www.warwickboatclub.co.uk/rowing-regatta/>
- 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
- Sept 26th** **Dragon Boat Racing on the Avon.** St. Nicholas Park from 10am. Organised by The Rotary Club in aid of Myton Hospices and Birmingham Children's Hospital. Up to 26 teams, many in fancy dress. To enter a team contact Norman: 07966 951234
- 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