

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

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



July 2021 onwards (Revised 19.7.21)

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

On **July 19th** all Covid legal restrictions in England ended, including social distancing. There are no limits on people attending events. But because of steeply rising infection rates of the more transmissible Delta variant, the government says people should proceed with 'extreme caution' and is *recommending* and *expecting* that the use of face coverings should continue on public transport and in 'enclosed spaces'.

Self isolation: If contacted by Test and Trace because of close contact with an infected person, you must self isolate for 10 days. But from 16th August, people who've had both their jabs in England will no longer have to self-isolate after close contact with someone who tests positive. If contacted they will be advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible. As long as that is negative, and they don't develop symptoms, they won't need to take any further action. Of course the rules can change at any time!

Holidays abroad: only to green list countries. Current guidance is not to go to amber list countries. (From July 19th fully vaccinated people and children returning to England from amber-list countries will no longer need to self-isolate, with the exception of France).

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 adults (aged 18 and over) have now been offered a first vaccination. 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.
- **Market Hall Museum:** There are summer family events on the Heritage Warwickshire website. <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk>. 01926 412500. **The Fusilier Museum** remains closed as it prepares to move location next year, but is still open for family research enquiries and shop sales. **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Jury Street Court House is due to reopen in September, but can accommodate private viewings (less than 10 people) on mutually convenient dates between 10am and 4pm, ideally midweek. Contact the Principal Curator. principal_curator@warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk
- **Warwick Town Council** is providing updates on local developments: <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **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

- 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.
- **St. Mary's Church** will be open to the public on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12noon to 5pm, but some Covid precautions will remain through the summer, and the shop remains closed for the time being. www.stmaryswarwick.org.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). There is no need to book. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- The **Mill Garden**. 55 Mill Street. For current opening times and further details call the Visitor Information Centre: 01926 492212
- **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 returned at the end of May, with limits on numbers and a simple booking system; (see calendar below).

2021

Many of the events below remain under review.

Tickets are on sale for the Warwick and Leamington Midsummer Music Festival marking 25 years of 'Music to Your Ears'. Details: www.leamingtonmusic.org

July

- 19th** **Fourth stage for easing lockdown.** Postponed from June 21st this is the date for all legal limits on contact with others to be removed in England – still depending on infection rates and hospital admissions. No social distancing, events returning with full crowds, theatres allowed full capacity and nightclubs reopening; no limit on numbers at weddings and funerals. The government says face coverings will not be mandatory, but 'are expected' in enclosed places and public transport, though some regional mayors don't agree and want to retain mask-wearing.
- 19th** **Linen Street Car Park closes permanently.** Warwick District Council has made the decision following extensive analysis of the building which is now deemed unsafe. Details of alternative parking arrangements are here: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/linenstreetclosure>
- 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/>
- 24th** Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden **Charity Open Day** for National Garden Scheme. 10am – 3.30pm. Adults £3.50. Children free. Pre-booking and payment needed via NGS website: <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/34002>

28th Market Hall Museum / Market Place. 10am – 3pm. **Start Your Engines.** Challenge your family and friends to a remote-control car race in the market Place. Then become a budding engineer and make you own battery-powered car in the museum. £3 per child for the car; free to take part in the racing. Book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice

August

- 1st **Myton Hospice Cycle Challenge.** Choose a 50K, 100K or 100 mile route to help raise money for the Myton Hospice. Details and how to sign up: www.mytonhospice.org/our-events/event/cycle-challenge-2021/
- 1st **Warwick Food Festival** organised by CJ Events, with up to 100 stalls around the centre of Warwick and live music. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/b33aeb6055faa582/>
- 3rd - 7th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 4pm. **Fastest Lap Competition.** As part of the Donald Healey exhibition, there is a Scalextric racetrack. You are challenged to do the fastest recorded lap over the five days to win a goodie bag. Free. 01926 412501
- 4th St. John's House Museum Garden, 10am – 3pm. **Arty Tots – Circus Skills.** Amazing circus entertainers. Can you juggle? Big Top inspired crafts for you to make and take home. Bring a picnic. Book a morning or afternoon slot. Circus skills workshops at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm and 2.15pm. Children £5. Accompanying adults free. Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arty-tots-circus-skills-tickets-162246442477?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> or book a slot when you arrive.
- 5th **Teddy Bear's Picnic at Hill Close Gardens.** 2pm – 4pm. £4 per child. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- 7th 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. A stroll 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
- 11th Market Hall Museum / Market Place. 10am – 3pm. **Green Power.** Create a glider, a wind turbine and a wind-powered car. £3 per child. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/green-power-sail-car-activity-tickets-161807591863?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- 14th 2pm. St. John's House Garden. **Little Red and The Big Bad Wolf** with Folksy Theatre. Filled with live music, colourful characters and puppetry, this family musical has something for everyone! Bring along your picnics, blankets, folding chairs and friends and family! Adults £15. Children £12 plus booking fee. Book here: <https://ticketstripe.com/events/1025427> or www.folksytheatre.co.uk
- 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/>
- 16th The government has said that from this date **new rules** that will exempt double-jabbed people in England from having to self-isolate if a close contact has tested positive – allowing them to take tests instead.
- 18th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 3pm. **Arty Tots – Vroom vroom.** Transport inspired craft activities. £3 per child. Select a time here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arty-tots-vroom-vroom-tickets-161811704163?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- 19th Warwick Racecourse. 7pm – 10pm. **Outdoor Theatre – The Lion King.** Tickets from £12 (adult) and £8 Child). <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lion-king-pg-outdoor-cinema-experience-at-warwick-racecourse-tickets-88305316579>
- 21st From 9am. **Warwick Regatta** on the Avon, St. Nicholas Park/Myton Fields. Free to watch. <http://www.warwickboatclub.co.uk/rowing-regatta/>
- 25th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 3pm. **Stone Age Day.** Could you survive living in the stone age? Tools, crafts and crops. £3 per child. Book a slot in advance here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stone-age-day-tickets-161808570791?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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29th - 30th The Court House, Jury Street, and Pageant Garden. **Warwick Horticultural Show**. Details here: <https://www.whasociety.org/annual-show.html>

Sept

4th - 5th **Warwick Thai Festival** at the Racecourse; food, music and entertainment. Details here: <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/the-warwick-thai-festival/>

5th 9am – 5pm. **Warwick Town Cycle Race** starting at the Dough and Brew. www.doughandbrew.com <https://www.facebook.com/events/dough-brew/warwick-town-centre-races-2021/663743131110826/>

10th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Fumi Otsuki** (violin) with **Sarah Kershaw** (piano). Free. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

16th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **The Gentlemen of St John's**. A concert of sacred and secular a cappella music from Byrd to the Beatles. Formed of the choral and organ scholars of the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge, the Gentlemen of St John's have enjoyed a busy schedule of concerts and recordings for over forty years. The Gents are noted for their versatility and range of repertoire, performing music spanning over 600 years. All profits from the concert are kindly being donated to St Mary's. Tickets: £15 (accompanied under-16s free) from <https://gentlemenofstjohns.eventbrite.co.uk>

20th - 21st **Warwick Races** – the new season opens with a full programme of jump races. This two-day Grand Season Opener has a total of 17 races. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/the-grand-season-opener/>

24th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Oliver Hancock** (organ). Free. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

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

October

1st St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Free. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

4th - 10th **Warwick Words History Festival**. www.warwickwords.co.uk Confirmed speakers so far include Tracy Borman, Helen Carr, Ben Collins, Sarah Gristwood Loyd Grossman, Max Hastings, Greg Jenner, Lauren Johnson, Dan Jones, Alexander Larman, Suzannah Lipscomb, Fatima Manji, Marc Morris, Charles Spencer, Rachel Trethewey, Simon Thurley, Nicola Tallis and Alison Weir. A full programme and ticket booking will be published at the end of July.

15th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – John Keys** (organ) from St. Mary's Nottingham. Free. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

...and later in the year

Nov 6th 5pm – 8pm. **Warwick Bonfire and Fireworks** at the Racecourse, organised by Warwick Lions and Rotary Club.

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



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