

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

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



## September 2021 onwards (Revised 4.9.21)

[www.unlockingwarwick.org](http://www.unlockingwarwick.org)

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. Farmers' Markets are usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. During the summer there is an additional market on Wednesdays.

### The latest rules from the government - in England

On July 19<sup>th</sup> all Covid legal restrictions in England ended, including social distancing. There are no limits on people attending events. But 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:* Since 16<sup>th</sup> August, people who've had both their jabs will no longer have to self-isolate after close contact with someone who tests positive. If contacted, you are advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible. As long as that is negative, and you don't develop symptoms, you won't need to take any further action. If positive you must self-isolate for 10 days.

*Holidays abroad:* revised traffic light system announced on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Arrivals from red list countries must quarantine in govt hotels. Fully vaccinated people returning to England from amber-list countries will no longer be required to self-isolate. All travellers will still need to take a Covid test pre-departure and a PCR test on the second day after they arrive in the UK.

### 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 80% of adults (aged 18 and over) have now been double-vaccinated. 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](mailto:principal_curator@warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk) They will continue to respond to research enquiries received via the enquiry form on the website [www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk](http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk)
- **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** is now holding full Sunday services. It is open to the public on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12noon to 5pm, though the shop remains closed. On September 26<sup>th</sup> it will close its doors to visitors. As scaffolding is erected for long term repairs to the church tower, there are **road closures** affecting Northgate Street, Old Square and Church Street until mid October. And entrance to the church will be through the south transept door (via the path off Church Street). [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk) <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.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](http://www.hillclosegardens.com) 01926 493339
- The **Mill Garden**. 55 Mill Street. A beautiful garden beneath the walls of the castle. Now open seven days a week.
- **Unlocking Warwick** have cancelled until further notice their 'In The Ballroom' Socials, their Tea and Dance Lessons, and special events. The last Court House Tours of this season will be on September 19<sup>th</sup>; (see below).

## 2021

### Sept

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** **Swim for Myton.** Choose one of four distances to swim in your local pool to raise funds for your local hospice. Or take on the team challenge. Sign up for just £5. [https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/swim-for-myton/?dm\\_i=6S4O.AITK.2D66VA.19K2G.1](https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/swim-for-myton/?dm_i=6S4O.AITK.2D66VA.19K2G.1)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** **Heritage Open Days 2021.** Warwick will be taking part in this national celebration of heritage venues, with many opening their doors for free entry over the ten days. Download the **Warwick District Council programme of local attractions** here: [https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/events/event/199/heritage\\_open\\_days](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/events/event/199/heritage_open_days)  
Among those places staging special events are the *Market Hall Museum* (tours on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>), the *County Museum Collections* at Hawkes Point (13<sup>th</sup>), the *Fusilier Museum* with an exhibition about the Warwicks in Sudan and some online talks, *The Court House* with tours on the final Sunday, the *Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum* with discussions centred on unusual artefacts, (it will be open from 10am each day of HoDs apart from Tuesday and Thursday), and there will be Great Fire of Warwick Walks on 13<sup>th</sup>. Details and links to book when necessary are in the brochure.
- 11<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 4.30pm. Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street Court House. '**Love Local**' **Craft Fair** with seven local exhibitors displaying their work in the redesigned centre. Craft fairs will be held on the second Saturday of each month. If you want to exhibit, call Trudy Ashmore on 01926 492212 Email: [enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk)

- 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>** Racecourse Car Park. **The Netherlands National Circus.** Wed- Friday 7pm. Saturday 3pm and 6pm. Sunday 12.30pm and 3pm. Details and tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/warwick/racecourse-car-park/netherlands-national-circus-warwick/e-vpejgd>
- 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 '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>
- 17<sup>th</sup>** 2pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Head Gardener's Apple Walk.** Learn about the amazing varieties. Usual entry charges apply. [www.hillclosegardens.co.uk](http://www.hillclosegardens.co.uk)
- 19<sup>th</sup>** **Court House Tours for Heritage Open Days.** Unlocking Warwick guides will lead a gentle walk round the Grade-1 listed Jury Street Court House, relating the history of the buildings on this central site and stories from Warwick's past. Tours at 11am and 2pm lasting 45 minutes. Free to attend. **Please book** at the Visitor Centre. 01926 492212
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** **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](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)  
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/the-grand-season-opener/>
- 24<sup>th</sup>** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Oliver Hancock** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- 25<sup>th</sup>** **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the basement of the Court House in Jury Street reopens for weekends, 10am – 4pm. Free entry to this fascinating museum about the history and exploits of the famed volunteer cavalry regiment. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>
- 26<sup>th</sup>** **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 competing, many in fancy dress. To enter a team contact Norman: 07966 951234. Free to watch from the park or Myton Fields. <https://warwickboats.co.uk/charity-dragon-boating/>
- 27<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am – 3.30pm. County Record Office, Priory Park, and locations in the town. **Women of Warwick Castle Study Day.** Local historians Aaron Manning and Adam Busiakiewicz and special guest Melissa Perry will chart the way women shaped the fate and fortunes of Warwick Castle, the town, and the lives of their husbands. An Event for the Warwick Words History Festival supported by the Rt. Hon. Lady Brooke. £35 including lunch and access to the County Record Office, St. Mary's Church and Warwick Castle. Comfortable footwear advised – walking and steep steps involved. There are limited spaces available. Please book through the Heritage Box Office: 01926 334418 <https://www.warwickwords.co.uk/index.php/268-study-day>

## October

- 1<sup>st</sup>** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Free. Retiring collection. [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** **Warwick Words History Festival.** Tickets are now on sale, online or at the Visitor Information Centre. 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. Copies of the full programme can be picked up at the Visitor Information Centre in Jury Street, or downloaded from the festival website where you can buy your tickets. Be aware that many WWHF events tend to sell out fast. [www.warwickwords.co.uk](http://www.warwickwords.co.uk)
- 5<sup>th</sup>** 12noon to 2pm. Market Hall Museum. **Knit and Natter.** Join fellow crafters to develop your skills and make friends. Free to attend.

- 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. St. Mary's church. **Stile Antico – Towards the Dawn**. Music charting the nighttime hours by Tavener, Tallis, Byrd, Monteverdi, Lassus and Allegri. Tickets £12 - £25. <https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173614958>
- 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm - 9.30pm. The Jury Street Court House. **Autumn Pudding Club** hosted by Caking and Baking. Guests will have a welcome drink and can then enjoy 5 delicious handmade dessert. A perfect evening for those with a sweet tooth! Tickets £40 (£35 early bird). <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/cakingandbaking/567430#>
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm. Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street Court House. **'Love Local' Craft Fair** with local exhibitors displaying their work in the redesigned centre. Fairs are being held on the second Saturday of each month. If you want to exhibit, call Trudy Ashmore on 01926 492212 Email: [enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk)
- 10<sup>th</sup> **The Memorial Musical Tea**. 2pm in the Court House Ballroom. On the final afternoon of the Warwick Words History Festival, Unlocking Warwick will be holding a musical tea with songs from the twenties and fifties by the noted trio 'My Favourite Things', marking the decades after the two world wars and the centenary year of the Warwick War Memorial. With a presentation about the post-wars years. Tickets £15 from the Visitor Information Centre or online at [www.warwickwords.co.uk](http://www.warwickwords.co.uk)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 11am – 4.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Apple Day and Country Fair**. Fruit displays, stalls, arts and crafts for all the family. Usual entry charges. [www.hillclosegardens.co.uk](http://www.hillclosegardens.co.uk)
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 1.30pm. Market Hall Museum. **Show and Tell: Vaccination – the Fight Against Deadly Diseases**. A look at some of the local records showing how parishes dealt with outbreaks and the introduction of vaccination. Free. Just drop in. 01926 412501.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12noon. Hill Close Gardens. **Autumn Wreath Workshop**. £25 including materials. Booking essential. Please Tel. 01926 493339 or email [centremanager@hcg.org.uk](mailto:centremanager@hcg.org.uk)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Market Place. **The Butterfly Effect for Myton Hospice**. A light installation featuring 1,000 images of loved ones coming together in one Myton butterfly, raising much needed funds for the hospice. You can make a donation to have the picture of your loved one in the display. [https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/the-butterfly-effect/?dm\\_i=6S4O,AITK,2D66VA,19K2G,1](https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/the-butterfly-effect/?dm_i=6S4O,AITK,2D66VA,19K2G,1) [www.mytonhospice.org.uk](http://www.mytonhospice.org.uk)
- 15<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – John Keys** (organ) from St. Mary's Nottingham. Free. Retiring collection. [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. King's Hall, King's High School, Banbury Road. **The Great Outdoors with Roderick Williams** (baritone) and **Susie Allen** (piano). Music by some of the great English masters. Tickets £20 including a glass of wine: <https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173614846>
- 21<sup>st</sup> 1pm – 1.30pm. Market Hall Museum. **Show and Tell: Life and Death in the Jurassic**. A look at the realities of survival in Warwickshire's Jurassic seas – how to eat and how to avoid being eaten. Free. Just drop in. 01926 412501.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 2.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Hedgehog Day**. Arts and crafts based on prickly friends of the gardener. [www.hillclosegardens.co.uk](http://www.hillclosegardens.co.uk)
- 30<sup>th</sup> 11am – 4.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Chrysanthemum Open Day**: In Aid of National Gardens' Scheme and Plant Heritage. [www.hillclosegardens.co.uk](http://www.hillclosegardens.co.uk)

## November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 12noon to 2pm. Market Hall Museum. **Knit and Natter**. Join fellow crafters to develop your skills and make friends. Knitting and crocheting session free to attend. Just drop in. 01926 412501
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm for 7.30pm. **St Mary's Collegiate Church - Gala Dinner** with a 1940s feel, to mark the end of WW2, (a three-times rescheduled celebration of VE75) . Music will be provided by the "SingWell Community Choir" and by "Occasional Brass". Dress code is Black Tie or "a hint of the 40s will be welcomed"! All proceeds to St Mary's Church Capital Campaign. Tickets £40. Email [applyfortickets@btinternet.com](mailto:applyfortickets@btinternet.com) or ring 07889 420993.

- 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm. **Myton Hospice Firewalk** at Myton Hospice, Myton Road. Under expert supervision, some will get the chance to test their nerve by walking over hot coals. A new event for bonfire night. [https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/firewalk-2021/?dm\\_i=6S4O,AITK,2D66VA,19K2G,1](https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/firewalk-2021/?dm_i=6S4O,AITK,2D66VA,19K2G,1)
- 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 8pm. **Warwick Bonfire and Fireworks** at the Racecourse, organised by Warwick Lions and Rotary Club.
- 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **The Binchois Consort**. The famed male vocal group perform works by Josquin Des Prez. Tickets £12 to £25. <https://warwickdc.ticketssolve.com/shows/1173614956>
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. Market Hall Museum. **History of the British Sports Car**. A talk about the development of sports cars over 100 years. Jaguar, MG, Triumph, Morgan etc. have their places in the changing social, political and economic climate. £7.50. Please book. [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)
- 13<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm. Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street Court House. **'Love Local' Craft Fair** with local exhibitors displaying their work in the redesigned centre. If you want to exhibit, call Trudy Ashmore on 01926 492212 Email: [enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk)
- 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. The Dream Factory Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. **The Mellstock Band; The Shepherd's Calendar**, celebrate merrymaking and courtship in the time of Thomas Hardy. Tickets £20. <https://warwickdc.ticketssolve.com/shows/1173614849>
- 18<sup>th</sup> 1pm – 1.30pm. Market Hall Museum. **Show and Tell: Status Symbols in Time**. Discover how people in the past showed off their wealth and place in society using objects and clothes. With the Curator of Human History and new displays in the museum. Free. Just drop in. 01926 412501
- 21<sup>st</sup> 10am – 12noon. St. John's House Museum. **Stir Up Sunday**. Make traditional Christmas pudding in the Victorian kitchen with recipes from the archives. £20. Price includes festive refreshments. Bring your own pudding basin. Please book: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 12noon – 9pm. **Victorian Evening** and switching on of Christmas Lights. Market from 12noon, fairground rides, street food and dressing up. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/51f05083174d227d/>
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Dec 5<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Tree Festival 2021** in St. Marys Church. Following last year's virtual festival, the trees will be back in the church decorated in original ways by local organisations and schools, with twinkling lights illuminating the nave and the Beauchamp Chapel. Doors open at 5pm on the Victorian Evening when mulled wine and mince pies will be served by The Friends of St Mary's. A small charge for adults to see the display. Children free. Details on how to enter a tree later. [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Concert by Collegium Warwick**. Director Oliver Hancock. Music by Mendelsshon and Mozart. Adults £13, accompanied under-16s free. Tickets available from members of Collegium or on the door. [www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm – 4.30pm. **Rustic Indoor Wreath Workshop**. Lois Golding conducts a class on how to make a decorative Christmas wreath from natural materials such as willow, hazel, moss, foliage, berries and grasses. £45. including tuition, equipment and materials, with festive snacks and mulled wine. Please book. [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)
- 28<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm. **Pre-Christmas Market in the Ballroom**. Local traders and crafters will have gift stalls in the Regency ballroom in the Jury Street Court House. 01926 492212
- 28<sup>th</sup> Market Place. **Warwick Winter Food Market** - a Sunday all-day market with stalls selling locally produced food and drink. [www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk)

## December

- 7<sup>th</sup> 12noon to 2pm. Market Hall Museum. **Knit and Natter**. Join fellow crafters to develop your skills and make friends. Free to attend.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm. Market Hall Museum. **Quilled Christmas Decorations Workshop**. Explore the world of paper quilling, and make some lovely hanging Christmas decorations. £25 to

include all materials. Please book: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)

- 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Joglaresa** celebrate the arrival of Yule with music from the Celtic parts of Europe. Carols, lullabies, dance tunes and wassails. Tickets £12 to £25 including mulled wine and mince pies. <https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173614953>
- 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm. The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. **The York Waits Wassail**. Festive medieval music on period instruments. Tickets £20 including mulled wine and mince pies. <https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173614847>
- 16<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm – 5pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Christmas Family Workshop Festival**. Arts and crafts to make your Christmas sparkle, a special story time and you can deliver your letter to Santa. [www.hillclosegardens.co.uk](http://www.hillclosegardens.co.uk)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 8pm. Market Hall Museum. **Io Saturnalia!** Find out how the Romans celebrated their winter festival. Social rules were relaxed and slaves were allowed to exchange roles with their masters. Local Romans Geminus (and maybe also Cinnama) will be pleased to share some of their favourite recipes of the food prepared especially for Saturnalia. £8. please book: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)

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