

What's On in Warwick

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



October 2021 onwards (Revised 1.10.21)

www.unlockingwarwick.org

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

The latest rules from the government - in England

On July 19th all Covid legal restrictions in England ended. But the government says people should proceed with 'extreme caution'. On 14th September the PM announced that 12 to 15 year-olds will get single vaccinations, and a booster jabs are now being offered to over-50s as supplies allow. ('Plan A'). If the NHS is in danger of being overwhelmed, 'Plan B' would be the reintroduction of some measures, as yet unspecified.

Self isolation: Since 16th 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, you won't need to take any further action. If positive you must self-isolate for 10 days.

Holidays abroad: At present, arrivals from red list countries must quarantine in govt hotels. Fully vaccinated people returning to England from other countries are no longer required to self-isolate. On 4th October, the amber and green lists were merged. Anyone who's fully vaccinated will no longer have to take a PCR test before travelling to England from non-red list countries. They will still have to take a PCR test two days after arrival, but the government says this will be replaced by a cheaper and simpler lateral flow test 'later in October'. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-52544307>

In Warwick

- **Vaccinations:** The Covid and flu vaccination centre for the Primary Care Network covering Warwick is now at The Ramada Hotel, Chesford Bridge, CV8 2LN. You can pick up free lateral flow tests from Mellors Chemists. <https://www.southwarwickshireccg.nhs.uk/Your-Health/COVID-19-Vaccination>
- **Market Hall Museum:** There are 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 open at weekends during October 10am – 4pm, and in November at the weekends 6th-7th and 13th-14th, and also on Armistice day Nov 11th. Private viewings may be possible at other times by appointment including those following up research enquiries, ideally mid-week between 10am and 4pm. Please contact the principal_curator@warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk. The team will continue to respond to research enquiries received via the enquiry form on the website. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk> The museum will reopen in April 2022.
- **Warwick District Council** has information on the infection rate in the district and local services: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20827/coronavirus> 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 closed to visitors until November 25th, except for musical recitals. Northgate Street, Old Square and Church Street have now reopened to traffic after the erection of scaffolding. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk <https://www.stmaryscampaign2023.org.uk>
- **The Lord Leycester Hospital** is open for visits Tuesdays - Sundays, 10am - 5pm. From Christmas Eve it will be closed to visitors for at least a year for a major refurbishment of the ancient buildings. www.lordleycester.com
- **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 – 5pm, 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. A beautiful garden beneath the walls of the castle. Currently open seven days a week but it will close for the winter at the end of October.
- **Unlocking Warwick** have suspended until further notice their monthly 'In The Ballroom' Socials and their Tea and Dance Lessons, and continue to monitor the local Covid-19 infection rate.

2021

October

- 14th - 19th** 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 www.mytonhospice.org.uk
- 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
- 15th** 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.ticketssolve.com/shows/1173614846> Full details are available on www.learmingtonmusic.org Tickets for all Leamington Music concerts are available on www.royalspacetreandtownhall.co.uk or call 01926 334418.
- 15th - 16th** Market Place and town centre. **The Warwick Mop Fair**. Opened at 12 noon on Saturday by the Mayor and Town Crier. Fairground rides, street food and music until 10.30pm each day. <https://warwickmopfair.co.uk/>
- 17th** St. Nicholas Church. 3pm. **A Candle of Hope!** A flute and piano recital with music by Bach, Faure, Roudot, Chopin and more. Nela Mahony (flute) and Mariela Cingo (piano). Free to attend. Refreshments.

- 21st 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.
<https://allevents.in/warwick/show-and-tell-%E2%80%93-life-and-death-in-the-jurassic/200021584146442>
- 22nd - 23rd Market Place and town centre. **The Runaway Mop.** 5pm – 10.30pm Friday, and 12noon – 10.30pm Saturday. The second weekend of the famous mop fairs with traditional fairground rides, stalls and street food. <https://warwickmopfair.co.uk/>
- 28th 10.30am – 2.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Hedgehog Day.** Arts and crafts based on the prickly friends of the gardener. www.hillclosegardens.co.uk
- 28th - 31st 10am – 4pm St. John's House Museum. **St. John's Haunted House.** Enjoy a family friendly spooky experience in October half term. Walk through haunted rooms and take part in spooky crafts and activities. Make Halloween decorations to take home. Dressing up welcome. Spaces are limited so please book. £12 per child, £5 per adult. Two and under free. Book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 30th 11am – 4.30pm. Hill Close Gardens. **Chrysanthemum Open Day:** In Aid of the National Gardens' Scheme and Plant Heritage. www.hillclosegardens.co.uk
- 30th Market Place 10am – 12noon. **Churches Together – Healing in the Streets.** Various churches in Warwick come together for outdoor prayers and singing. You can email for a prayer at warwickhots@gmail.com

November

- 2nd 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.
- 2nd 8pm. St. Mary's Church. **Da Capo Chamber Choir – 'Reflections fo All Souls'.** Movements of Cardoso's Missa Pro Defunctis interspersed with thought-provoking readings. Forty minutes of peace and reflection at the end of the day. Free admission, retiring collection. Further details from www.dacapochoir.org.uk
- 4th 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 or ring 07889 420993.
- 4th 7.30pm. Friends Meeting House, High Street. **Warwick Natural History Society** resumes its fortnightly meetings (every other Thursday) with a talk by Mike Lane called 'A Lane in a Midlands Forest'. Non-members welcome to see if they would like to join. www.wnhs.info
- 5th 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
- 5th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – James Druce** (trombone) Free. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 5th Warwick Racecourse. **The Stan Mellor Raceday.** First race 12.50pm. Last race 4.05pm. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/sporting-icon-raceday/>
- 6th 5pm – 8pm. **Warwick Bonfire and Fireworks** at the Racecourse, organised by Warwick Lions and Rotary Club. Adults £8. Children £2. Details: www.warwicktownbonfire.org.uk
- 6th 10am – 5pm. St. Nicholas Church. **'Josquin'** a singing workshop with David Hatcher learning the music of Josquin des prez; organised by the Midlands Early Music Forum. Cost £22 for the day. Bring your own lunch/refreshments. You can book a place on the early music forum website: www.memf.org.uk
- 6th - 7th 10am – 4pm. **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Jury Street Court House will be open for the weekend. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>

- 9th 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **The Binchois Consort- Josquin des Prez 500**. The famed male vocal group perform works by Josquin Des Prez. to celebrate his centenary year. Tickets: £25/£18/£12 (£1 students and children), from Leamington and Warwick visitor centre Box Offices, 01926 334418 or online www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk
- 10th 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
- 11th **Armistice Day**. The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum in the Court House will be open 10am – 4pm. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>
- 13th 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
- 14th **Remembrance Sunday**. 11am service at the War Memorial in Church Street, wreath-laying and march-past. It is the 100th anniversary of the unveiling of the memorial in 1921.
- 16th 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. The Mellstock band use traditional instruments to entertain, with a unique combination of singing, instrumental music and spoken word. Tickets £20. <https://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/shows/1173614849>
- 17th Warwick Racecourse. **Winter Warmer Raceday** with seven jump races starting at 12 noon. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/winter-warmer/>
- 18th 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
- 18th 7.30pm. Friends Meeting House, High Street. **Warwick Natural History Society** meeting with a talk and refreshments. Non-members welcome to see if they would like to join. www.wnhs.info
- 19th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Matthew Howell** (organ) Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 20th 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
- 21st 10am – 12noon. St. John's House Museum. **Stir Up Sunday**. Make traditional Christmas pudding in the Victorian kitchen with recipes from the archives. £20 including festive refreshments. Bring a pudding basin and please book: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 25th 12noon – 9pm. **Victorian Evening** and switching on of Christmas Lights by the Mayor and father Christmas at 5pm. Market is open from 12noon, with fairground rides, traction engines, street food and dressing up. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/51f05083174d227d/>
- 25th – Dec 5th **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. Children free. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 27th – Jan 3rd **Christmas at the Castle**. Warwick Castle begins its special festive events including the open air ice rink. <https://www.warwick-castle.com/explore/events/christmas/#tickets>
- 27th 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

- 28th 10am – 3.30pm. **Christmas In The Ballroom Market.** Local traders and crafters will have gift stalls in the Regency ballroom in the Jury Street Court House every Sunday before Christmas. 01926 492212
- 28th Market Place. **Warwick Winter Food Market** - a Sunday all-day market with stalls selling locally produced food and drink. www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk

December

- 3rd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ), Lucy Phillips (violin) and Jonny Ingall (cello). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 5th 10am – 3.30pm. **Christmas In The Ballroom Market.** Local traders and crafters will have gift stalls in the Regency ballroom in the Jury Street Court House every Sunday before Christmas. 01926 492212
- 7th 12noon to 2pm. Market Hall Museum. **Knit and Natter.** Join fellow crafters to develop your skills and make friends. Free to attend. 01926 412501
- 7th 7pm – 9pm. Market Hall Museum. **Quilled Christmas Decorations Workshop.** Explore the world of paper quilling, and make some unusual hanging Christmas decorations. £25 to include materials. Please book at the Heritage Box Office: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 7th 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.ticketssolve.com/shows/1173614953>
- 9th Warwick Racecourse. **Christmas at the Races.** Seven races. First race 12.20. Last race 3.30pm. Tickets from £15. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/christmas-at-the-races/
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- 14th 7.30pm. St. Nicholas Church. **Handel's Messiah.** Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society, Colin Druce organ, David Wynne conductor. Tickets: £15 (£5 students and under-16s), from Presto Music, Kenilworth Books, Warwick Books and 07496 839549
- 15th 7.30pm. The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. **The York Waits Wassail with Deborah Cotterall** singer. Festive medieval music on period instruments. Tickets £20 including mulled wine and mince pies, from Warwick Visitor Centre or 01926 334418 or online at www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk (Leamington Music) or <https://warwickdc.ticketssolve.com/shows/1173614847>
- 16th 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
- 18th 7.30 pm. St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Concert by St James's Singers**, Julian Harris conductor. Seasonal music and festive readings. Tickets: £10 and £15, from Box Office 07502 939498.
- 19th 10am – 3.30pm. **Christmas In The Ballroom Market.** Local traders and crafters will have gift stalls in the Regency ballroom in the Jury Street Court House. 01926 492212
- 21st 7.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Crackers with Da Capo Chamber Choir**, John Adams conductor. Carols old and new sung by a cappella choir, with opportunities for the audience to join in with their favourites. Ticket price includes programme and refreshments: £13 adult, £7 child, for table seating with food, from www.dacapochoir.org.uk Email: dacapo.warwick@gmail.com

- 24th** The **Lord Leycester Hospital** with close to visitors for at least a year while major refurbishment takes place.
- 24th** St. Mary's Crib Service. The popular Crib Service is held every Christmas Eve, with the main parts taken by Family Service and Sunday School children. All children who come are invited to dress up and join in on the stage.
<http://www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php?stmarysredesign/worship>
- 31st** Warwick Races. **New Year's Eve Raceday**. Seven races starting at 12 noon. Tickets from £20. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/new-years-eve/>

Some Diary Dates for 2022

- Jan 15th** Warwick Races. **The Agetur Classic Chase Day**.
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/fixture-list/>
- Jan 27th** 11am. Warwick War Memorial, Church Street. **Holocaust Memorial Day**. Readings and laying of a wreath by the Mayor.
- Feb 12th** Warwick Races. **Kingmaker Chase Day**.
<https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/fixture-list/>
- Feb 18th** Lord Leycester Hospital. **Court Leet Winter Beer and Cider Festival**. This will go ahead despite the LLH being closed for visitors for refurbishment. www.warwick-courtleet.co.uk/
- June 2nd** The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – beacons will be lit across the country.
<https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/>
- July 13th** Warwick Castle. **Michael Buble at the Castle**. www.warwick-castle.com
- July 16th** Warwick Castle. **Olly Murs at the Castle**. www.warwick-castle.com
- July 21st - 24th** Castle grounds. **The Warwick Folk Festival** is due to return after cancellation last year.
www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk
- August 7th** 8am – 5pm. **Commonwealth Games women's and men's Cycling Road Races**. Starting and finishing in St. Nicholas' Park. <https://www.birmingham2022.com/the-games/schedule/>

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The Court House Volunteers

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