

What's On in Warwick

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



November 2021 onwards (Revised 28.11.21)

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.

Covid-19: the latest rules from the government - in England

Face coverings. With the appearance of the Omicron variant at the end of November, face coverings are a legal requirement in shops and on public transport from November 30th. Since mid-September, 12 to 15 year-olds have been getting single vaccinations, and booster jabs are now being offered to over-40s. If the NHS is in danger of being overwhelmed, more measures could be introduced, such as more working from home and the use of 'vaccine passports'.

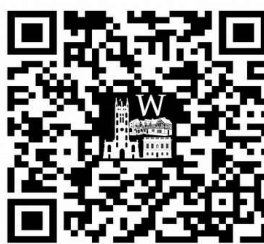
Self isolation: Since 16th August, people who've had both their jabs will no longer have to self-isolate after close contact with someone who tests positive. If contacted, you are advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible. As long as that is negative, you won't need to take any further action. If positive you must self-isolate for 10 days. **But** if you have been in contact with someone infected by the new Omicron variant, you must self-isolate for 10 days whether or not you have been double vaccinated.

Travel abroad: As the impact of the *Omicron variant* is assessed, everyone arriving from abroad must take a PCR test within two days and self-isolate until they receive a negative result. If you have been in contact with someone infected by the new variant, you must self-isolate for 10 days whether or not you have been double vaccinated. Arrivals from red list countries will have to isolate in a govt approved hotels for 10 days.

In Warwick

- **Vaccinations:** The Covid and flu vaccination centre for the Primary Care Network covering Warwick is 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> You can book a free booster vaccination here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>
- **Market Hall Museum** is now open as normal and there are family events on the Heritage Warwickshire website. <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk>. 01926 412500.
- **The Fusilier Museum** in St. John's House remains closed as it prepares to move to the centre of town next year, but it is still open for family research enquiries, shop sales and some events.
- **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Jury Street Court House is closed and will reopen at weekends and bank holidays on 15th April 2022 from 10am to 4pm. 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 form on the website. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>

- **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.
- **The Visitor Information Centre** in Jury Street is open 7 days a week and has a range of charity Christmas cards on sale along with other Warwick-themed Christmas gifts. www.visitwarwick.co.uk
- **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 weekday during the winter season, 11am – 5pm. There is no need to book. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- **The Mill Garden**. 55 Mill Street. The beautiful garden by the weir beneath the walls of the castle, has now closed for the winter months.
- **Unlocking Warwick** have suspended until further notice their monthly 'In The Ballroom' Socials and their Tea and Dance Lessons, but they are planned to return in March 2022 depending on coronavirus infection rates and government rules.

2021

November

- 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; mulled wine and mince pies will be served by The Friends of St Mary's. A small charge for adults. Children free. And the St. Mary's Tower will be open during the tree festival. Spectacular views. Last entry to the tower 3pm. www.stmaryschristmas.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>
- 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
- 28th 5.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Advent Carol Service** with the Christmas Trees decorating the church. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 28th 10am – 1pm. Warwick Racecourse. **The Warwick Reindeer Run**. Dress up as a reindeer and run 2.5km or 7km. Raising money for charity. Kids' Fun Run free. Tickets here: <https://endurancecui.active.com/new/events/72094651/>
- 30th Myton Hospice **'Giving Tuesday'** when the hospice group tries to raise £30,000 in 24 hours with the help of The Box Factory in Leamington that will double donations up to £15,000. <https://www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/donate/#donation>

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
- 4th Warwick Arms Hotel. 11am – 1pm. **Bernard Montgomery's Art of War** is the title of a new book about Field Marshall Montgomery of the Warwickshire Regiment, written by historian Zita Steele. Montgomery's grandson, Henry 3rd Viscount Montgomery, will be signing copies of the book (£15) with all proceeds going to the Fusilier Museum. www.mwsadispatches.com/library/2020/bernard-montgomery-art-of-war For order details contact David Seenev: jdsunset@btinternet.com
- 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. Learn how to knit or crochet. Free to attend. 01926 412501
- 7th 7pm. Hill Close Gardens Trust. **An Evening with Comedian Robin Ince – The Importance of Being Interested**. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/warwick/hill-close-gardens-trust-warwick/an-evening-with-comedian-robin-ince-the-importance-of-being-interested/e-kvdvj>
- 7th 7pm – 9pm. Market Hall Museum. **Quilled Christmas Decorations Workshop**. Explore the world of paper quilling, and make some unusual Christmas decorations. £25 to include materials. 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. Tickets from £15. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/christmas-at-the-races/
- 9th 7.30pm. Friends Meeting House, High Street. **Warwick Natural History Society** meeting with a talk by Colin Clay about 'Our Native Wild Orchids'. Refreshments available. Non-members are welcome to see if they would like to join. www.wnhs.info
- 12th 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 each Sunday before Christmas. 01926 492212
- 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.
- 18th 7pm – 9pm. **Carols at the Castle.** Outdoor charity event at Warwick Castle with the Choirs of St. Mary's leading the singing with musical support from Leamington's Royal Spa Brass. Gates open at 6.30pm. Food and hot drinks available. Tickets £9. Under twelves £3. www.carolswarwick.com/tickets
- 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
- 19th 6.30pm. St. Mary's Church. **Candlelit Carol Service.** www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 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 or Email: Mary Adams: dacapo.warwick@gmail.com
- 24th The **Lord Leycester Hospital** with close to visitors for at least a year while major refurbishment takes place.
- 24th 4pm. St. Mary's Church. **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>
11.15pm. **Midnight Mass.**
- 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/>

2022

January

- 6th 2.30pm. The Dormer Conference Centre in Leamington. **The Art and Architecture of St. Mary's Church, Warwick.** A talk by Tim Clark. £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits. <http://www.friendsofleamingtonartgallery.co.uk/summer.html>
- 7th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 15th Warwick Races. **The Agetur Classic Chase Day.** <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/fixture-list/>
- 21st St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Nela Mahony** (flute). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 27th 11am. Warwick War Memorial, Church Street. **Holocaust Memorial Day.** Readings and laying of a wreath by the Mayor.

Some Diary Dates Later in the Year

- Feb 4th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Dae Hee Kim** (piano). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 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/

- Feb 18th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mathew Howell** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- March 4th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Young Musicians from Warwick School**. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- March 5th** St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Nosferatu**. A screening of the 1922 silent German horror film on its centenary, with live music supplied by Mark Swinton (organ). Tickets £15.00, concessions £12.00, including a glass of wine or juice on arrival. Email: choirconcert@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or tickets available on the door.
- March 18th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Michael Overbury** (Organ – Worksop Priory). www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- March 26th** St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Concert by Collegium Warwick with Beauchamp Sinfonietta**. Director: Oliver Hancock. Rossini Stabat Mater, Pergolesi Magnificat. Tickets: Adults £13, accompanied under-16s free, available from members of Collegium or on the door. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- April 8th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- April 15th** The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum will reopen at weekends and on Bank Holidays. <http://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk>
- June 2nd** The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Beacons will be lit across the country. <https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/>
- July 3rd** **Warwick Vintage Carnival** in the town centre. A new event from CJ Events. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/e668573346c05929/>
- July 13th** Warwick Castle. **Michael Buble at the Castle**. www.warwick-castle.com
- July 15th-16th** **Warwick Beer and Cider Festival** organised by the Court Leet.
- 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
- July 23rd** The **Smith Street Party** with stalls, food, drink and music.
- 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/>
- October 3rd - 9th** **The Warwick Words History Festival**. Leading writers talk about their new books with history as a theme. www.warwickwords.co.uk

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The Court House Volunteers

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