

What's On in Warwick

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



May 2022 onwards (Revised 30.4.22)

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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:** Over 75s and the medically vulnerable can now book Spring Boosters. You can book a free booster vaccination here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> or phone 119. **Warwick District Council** has information on local vaccination services: helpline: 01926 456111 (Mon-Fri. 9am - 5pm) https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20827/coronavirus/1647/covid-19_vaccination
- **Market Hall Museum** is open as normal and there are family events on the Heritage Warwickshire website. <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk>. On the first Saturday of the month, 10am – 12noon, Make and Create craft workshop. £1 per accompanied child. On the third Thursday of the month, 1.30pm – 3.30pm drop in for 'Sketch in the Museum' for adults. Materials supplied. And on first and third Tuesdays, 1pm – 3pm 'Knit and Natter'. Free. No need to book. 01926 412500.
- **The Fusilier Museum** in St. John's House is closed as it prepares to move to a new site in the centre of town; but it is still open for research enquiries, shop sales and events. 01926 492653
- **The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum** in the Jury Street Court House is now open at weekends and on bank holidays 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>
- **The Museum of The Queen's Royal Hussars – Churchill's Own** in Priory Road is open on Fridays, Saturdays, Sunday and Bank Holidays from 10am – 4pm, until October 31st. <https://www.facebook.com/The-Queens-Royal-Hussars-Museum-1087446214620464/>
- **The Visitor Information Centre** in the Jury Street Court House is open seven days a week with a range of gifts and cards on sale. www.visitwarwick.co.uk There is a touch screen display about the Fusilier Museum, currently closed while it prepares to move to Pageant House later in the year. From Tuesdays to Sundays, the '**Chambers Cafe**' in the Town Council Chamber, run by NICuisine, is open from 10am – 4pm.
- **The Lord Leicester Hospital** is now *closed to visitors for at least a year* for a major refurbishment of the ancient buildings. www.lordleycester.com
- **The Collegiate Church of St. Mary** is open to visitors Mon to Sat 10am – 4pm, (Weds from 10.45am) and Sun 12noon- 4pm.

- You can enjoy **Virtual Tours** of The Court House, St. Mary's Church and The Lord Leycester Hospital via the QR code below, or go to <https://warwicktour.ocell.com> and watch online.



The Town of Treasurers Web-based App

- Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden** behind Hinton's Nursery on Coventry Road is open to the public from 1pm to 3.30pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Entry is free but numbers are limited by a ticketing system. Book via the website: <http://www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk/>
- Hill Close Gardens** are open every day during the summer season, 11am – 5pm, (last entry 4.30pm). 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, is now open each day.
- Unlocking Warwick's** monthly 'In The Ballroom' Socials, monthly Tea and Dance Lessons and Court House Tours have now returned. (See calendar below).

2022

May

- 1st** Market Place and Town Centre. 10am – 5pm. **Warwick Food Festival.** 100 stalls with the best of local food and drink. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/5b0d056829b86b40/>
- 1st** Market Place. 10am – 4pm. During the Food Festival there will be a 'drop in' stand for **Information about the local impact of the Commonwealth Games**, (July 28th – August 7th) including road closures. Hosted by the County Council, District Council and Games Organising Committee. <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Birmingham2022commonwealthgames>
- 1st** St. Nicholas Park. 11am – 12.30pm. **A Bird Walk in the Park.** A Mayday stroll beside the river to the Kingfisher Pools and back to see how many birds we can identify, with Rick Thompson and members of the Warwick Natural History Society. Free to attend but please email if you want to come: rick.thompson@t-media.org.uk Meet outside the cafe in the park. Children welcome but no dogs on the walk, please.
- 1st** Warwick Hall, Warwick School. 10am – 3pm. **Sing for Ukraine.** A free singing workshop and initial performance. Retiring collection with proceeds going to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Lunch provided. Led by the Choral Entrepreneur Team with special guest Bruce Knight. Details here: <https://warwicksingintown.co.uk/sing-for-Ukraine/>
- 1st** The Court House, Jury Street. 10am – 4pm. **Craft Fair in the Ballroom.** Locally made gifts and artwork on display. For details email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 2nd** Warwick Races. **Kids Carnival Day.** Serious racing combined with family entertainment. Tickets £20. Under 18s free. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/kids-carnival-day/
- 6th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Allesandro Bianchi** (organist from Cantu, Italy). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 7th** **The Town Criers' Competition.** Criers from around the region parade in the Market Place from 11am and the high-volume contest will be in Pageant Garden, Castle Street from 2pm. 01926 411694

- 7th 11am – 11.45am. Court House, Jury Street. **Court House Tour with Unlocking Warwick.** A Saturday morning stroll around the Grade-1 listed building constructed after the Great Fire that destroyed most of the town centre, as guides tell some of Warwick's rich history. Free to attend. Assemble in the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212 www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 7th Warwick Races. **Ladies Night.** An evening of racing with traditional dressing up. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/ladies-night/>
- 7th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Faure's Requiem and Durufle Requiem** with the Coventry Philharmonic Choir, soloists Victoria Adams and Andrew Randall. Tickets £15, from 07728 887349, www.wegotickets.com, church bookshop, at the door, or www.covphilsoc.org.uk
- 8th St. Mary's Church. 10.30am. **The Mayor of Warwick's Civic Service.** Please be in your seats by 10.20am. The service will be preceded at 10am by a procession of civic dignitaries from the Court House along Church Street to St. Mary's. civicadmin@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk
- 8th Warwick Myton Hospice. **Walk for Myton.** A choice of three country walks - 3, 6 or 12 miles - to raise funds for a great local cause, celebrating 40 years of Myton Hospices. Setting off any time from 8.30am to 10am. £5 adults; £3 children. Details here: <https://www.mytonhospice.org/our-events/event/walk-for-myton-2022/>
- 8th Hill Close Gardens. **Wellbeing Day.** Activities and Stalls supporting National Mental Health Awareness Week. Normal opening times. 01926 439993 www.hillclosegardens.com
- 9th The Chambers in the Jury Street Court House. 11am – 3pm. **Free Valuation Day** with Steve Bruce from Kinghams Auctioneers and Valuers. Bring small items - your jewellery, paintings, ceramics etc. enquiries@kinghamsauctioneers.com 01608 695695
- 10th Unitarian Chapel, High Street. 7.30pm. **Warwick Society – 'Legends of deep England, explored and reimagined'.** A talk by Sarah Hosking about a project to discover more about 12 Warwickshire legends. Non-members welcome. Email: hilaryholland2@gmail.com
- 11th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – 'The Puckerings and the Priory'.** A talk by Trevor Langley. Who were the Puckerings and why were they so important? Followed by tea and cake, a quiz, and time to chat. £3 per person to include the tea. Numbers are limited, so *pre-booking is essential*. Call the Visitor Centre on 01926 492212 to reserve a place, or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk Organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 13th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – the Darrach Ensemble.** (Graze Tushingham, oboe, Lewis Sinclair, cor anglais/oboe, Hugo Maughan, clarinet. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 13th Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Sempervivum Workshop.** Learn how to grow these succulent plants that like gravelly conditions. £25 (£20 members) Pre-booking essential. 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com
- 18th Warwick Races. The **Proudly Warwick** meeting. Tickets from £15. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/proudly-warwick/>
- 20th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Mark Swinton** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 20th Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close. 2pm. **Head Gardener's Walk**, with tips on how to grow summer flowers. No extra charge. 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com
- 20th - 22nd Warwick Racecourse. **Picnic in the Park Outdoor Cinema.** 5 films over the 3 days. Details and tickets here: <https://www.cinemaoutdoor.co.uk/warwickoutdoorcinema>
- 21st St. John's House Museum. 11am – 7pm. **St. John's House Beer, Gin and Cider Fayre.** Celebrating local brewers and distillers. Picnic area and street food, children's activities and a display in the museum about brewing. Free entry. 01926 412069.
- 21st St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **The Music of the Coronation.** A concert to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, with St. James's Singers. Programme includes Parry 'I was glad', Stanford 'Gloria in Excelsis', Handel 'Zadok the Priest', and works by Walton, Byrd and Vaughan Williams. Further details from www.stjamessingers.com Tickets £17.50/£12.50/£10 available from the Box Office 07359 114362

- 21st Kingfisher Pools, St. Nicholas Park. From 9am. **Junior Fishing Drop-in Saturday**. No charge. Tackle provided. <http://www.kingfisherpool.co.uk/>
- 24th Court House, Jury Street. 2pm - 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons** in the ballroom. A social gathering suitable for ballroom dance beginners. Coaching by a professional dance teacher. Just £3 per person to include tea/coffee and cake. Organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. Numbers limited so please book in advance at the Visitor Centre, or call them on 01926 492212. Or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 25th Warwick Races. **Wigley Property Race Day**. The final meeting of the Warwick jump racing season at the historic racecourse. Enclosure tickets from £15
www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/celebration-race-night/
- 27th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Petra Gries** (piano and organ) from Volklingen, Germany. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 31st Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Making Buttonholes Workshop**. £25 (members £20). Pre-booking essential. 01926 439993 www.hillclosegardens.com

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- 2nd Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Family Workshop: Boggling Bugs and Creepy Crawleys**. Book your place by emailing centremanager@hcg.org.uk or phone 01926 493339
- 2nd- 5th The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. A four day holiday.
On **Thursday 2nd**, '**Warwick Celebrates in the Market Place**', organised by the Town Council. 12noon – 7pm. Live music; bring a picnic; fun for families. On **Sunday 5th Street Parties** are expected. Jubilee beacons will be lit across the country. More details to come.
<https://www.queensjubileebeacons.com/> Warwick Town Council: 01926 411694
- 3rd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Castalia** (Director, Clive Letchford) Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 4th 11am – 11.45am. Court House, Jury Street. **Court House Tour with Unlocking Warwick**. A Jubilee Saturday stroll around the Grade-1 listed building constructed after the Great Fire that destroyed most of the town centre, as guides tell some of Warwick's rich history. Free to attend. Assemble in the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212 www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 4th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Choral Pilgrimage 2022 with The Sixteen**, Harry Christophers conductor. Parry - Songs of Farewell, Cecilia McDowall – An Unexpected Shore, Champion - Never, Weather-Beaten Sail, Author of Light, Tune thy Music to thy Heart, Howells - Take him, Earth for Cherishing, plus a selection of medieval carols. Tickets £7.50 - £35 available from 0333 010 2850 or <https://thesixteen.com/events/choral-pilgrimage-2022-warwick/select-seats/34801/>
- 6th The Chambers in the Jury Street Court House. 11am – 3pm. **Free Valuation Day** with Steve Bruce from Kinghams Auctioneers and Valuers. Bring small items - your jewellery, paintings, ceramics etc. enquiries@kinghamsauctioneers.com 01608 695695
- 8th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – A Cream Tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee** with bingo and beetle - followed by tea and cake, a royal quiz, and time to chat. £3 per person. Numbers are limited so pre-booking is essential. Call the Visitor Centre on 01926 492212 to reserve a place, or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk Organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 10th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Matthew Howell** (organ). Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 10th - 12th St. Nicholas Park. **Pub in the Park** hosted by celebrity chef James Martin. Food from top restaurants, drinks and music including Natalie Imbruglia, McFly and Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Tickets are now on sale. <https://www.pubintheparkuk.com/warwick>
- 11th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Concert by Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra**, Gillian Blair saxophone, Roger Coull conductor. Vaughan Williams - Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis, Cecilia McDowall - Dancing Fish, Milhaud – Scaramouche, Schumann - Symphony No 3, Op 97 'Rhenish'. Tickets £14 (concessions £7) and £18 (concessions £9) from www.wso.org.uk/ Presto Music and 07922 119350

- 14th Warwick Castle, 6.30pm. **The Annual Mayor-Making Ceremony** when the current mayor, Cllr Richard Edgington will hand over to the Mayor Elect, Cllr. Parminder Singh Birdi. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Mayor's Secretary Angela Clarke: 01926 411694
- 17th Hill Close Garden. 2pm. **Head Gardener's Walk**. No extra charge. Gardening tips and advice about how to keep your garden in good shape in the summer months. 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com
- 17th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Julian Thomas** (organ) from Tonbridge School. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 18th Warwick Hall, Warwick School. 4pm. **Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf**. Orchestra of the Swan, Zeb Soanes narrator, conductor tbc. Tickets: £15, £5 children under 16, wheelchair users and students, available from www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk, or contact the Box Office on 01926 776438. Email: boxoffice@bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
- 18th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Concert by Collegium Warwick with Beauchamp Sinfonetta**. Director Oliver Hancock. Organist Adrian Moore. Mass in G - Schubert. The Cuckoo and the Nightingale – Handel. Cantata 147 – J.S. Bach. Adults £13; accompanied under-16s free. Tickets available from members of Collegium or on the door. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 18th Hill Close Gardens. 6pm – 9.30pm. **Midsummer Music in the Gardens**. Picnic in the gardens from 6pm. Music from 7pm. Refreshments on sale. Adults £15. Children £11.50. See the Hill Close Gardens website for performers. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 18th - July 3rd **Warwickshire Open Studios**. Scores of local artists and potters show off their work in their own studios. Details of the artwork and studio locations here: <https://www.warwickshireopenstudios.org/>
- 21st Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Workshop: Summer Propagation**. Tips and advice from the experts at the restored Victorian gardens. Pre-booking is essential. £25. (Members £20). Email centremanager@hcgt.org.uk 01926 493339
- 21st St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm. **The Mid Summer Young People's Concert** performed by pupils from local schools and organised by the Rotary Club. Doors open 5.45pm. Tickets £6 (under 16s £1) available from Claridges or Warwick Visitor Information Centre: 01926 492212
- 24th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Colin Druce** (organ) from Warwick School. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 25th **Warwick Allotments Judging Day**. Judge Andrew Caine will visit all four of the town's allotment sites at Percy Estate, Railwayside, Canalside and Cape Housing. For more information phone the Town Council Visitor Centre: 01926 492212
- 25th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Concert by the Choirs of St. Mary's with Beauchamp Sinfonietta**. Music by Parry, Mendelsshon, Vaughan Williams, Willan and Brahms. Adults £13. Under-16s free. Tickets available from 9th May via Eventbrite.
- 26th The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Opera**, Jeffrey Skidmore conductor. Charpentier - Les Arts Florissants, Offenbach - Mesdames de la Halle. Tickets £20 unreserved (£1 students and children) from Leamington and Warwick VIC Box Offices, 01926 334418 and www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk. Also www.leamingtonmusic.org. (Leamington Music). Part of Warwick Choral Festival.
- 28th Court House, Jury Street. 2pm - 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons** in the ballroom. A social gathering suitable for ballroom dance beginners. Coaching by a professional dance teacher. Just £3 per person to include tea/coffee and cake. Organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. Numbers limited so please book in advance at the Visitor Centre, or call them on 01926 492212. Or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 30th St. Mary's Church 7.30pm. The highlights of the **Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II**, narrated by former Royal Correspondent, Jennie Bond, with music from the ceremony by Armonico Consort and Baroque Players. Tickets £13.50 to £34.50. Box office: 01926 334418. www.armonico.org.uk

July

- 1st St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Young Musicians from Warwick School.** Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 2nd 11am – 11.45am. Court House, Jury Street. **Court House Tour with Unlocking Warwick.** A stroll around the Grade-1 listed building constructed after the Great Fire that destroyed most of the town centre, as guides tell some of Warwick's rich history. Free to attend. Assemble in the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212
- 2nd St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Romance and Rhyme – Da Capo Chamber Choir.** Poetry in music for a cappella choir. Words by Blake, Lear, Silvestri and others, with music by Paul Mealor, Eric Whitacre and more. Tickets £12.50. Schoolchildren free. Available from www.dacapochoir.org.uk
- 3rd **Warwick Vintage Carnival** in the town centre. A new event from CJ Events. <https://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk/events/e668573346c05929/>
- 3rd Court House, Jury Street. 10am – 4pm. **Craft Fair in the Ballroom.** Locally made gifts and artwork on display. For details email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 5th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Choir of Clare College Cambridge – Programme Celebrating Ralph Vaughan Williams' 150th Anniversary.** Motets and anthems from England and America. Tickets £25, £15 and £1 students. (All unreserved) from Warwick Visitor Information Centre Box Office, www.leamingtonmusic.org, or phone 01926 334418
- 8th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Andrew Kirk** (organ) from St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. Free to attend. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 9th St. Nicholas Church, Warwick. 7.30pm. **Divertimento: '70 Glorious Years'.** The singing ensemble perform a light-hearted look at British and Commonwealth music throughout the Queen's reign. Tickets £15. Under 18s free. Available from www.divertimento.org.uk, or 01926 429607, or from Presto Music in Leamington.
- 9th - 10th **Warwick Rotary Thai Festival** at the Racecourse. Food, music and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale later in the year.
- 13th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – 'Everlasting Flowers' with Christine Ramsey.** Tips on how to dry and arrange flowers from your gardens or hedgerows. Followed by tea and cake, a quiz, and time to chat. £3 per person to include the tea. Numbers are limited, so *pre-booking is essential*. Call the Visitor Centre on 01926 492212 to reserve a place, or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk Organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. www.unlockingwarwick.org
- 13th Warwick Castle, Castle Lane. 6pm. **Michael Bubl  at the Castle.** Tickets from www.ticketmaster.co.uk www.warwick-castle.com
- 15th Warwick Castle, Castle Lane. 6pm. **Tears for Fears.** Tickets from www.axs.com www.warwick-castle.com
- 15th -16th Pageant Gardens. **Warwick Beer and Cider Festival** organised by the Court Leet. Many local brews and entertainment.
- 16th Hill Close Gardens. 11am – 5pm. **Arts Festival.** A summer exhibition of arts and crafts around the gardens, with workshops, music and children's activities. Normal entry. Adults £5. Children 5-17 £1. Under 5s free. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- 21st - 24th Warwick Castle Park. CV34 6AX. **The Warwick Folk Festival** returns on a new site after cancellation last year. Music, dance, crafts and food. Venue open from 1pm Thursday to 12noon Monday. For details and tickets: www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk
- 23rd The **Smith Street Fair** with stalls, food, drink, music and morris dancers. 10am – 8pm.
- 26th Court House, Jury Street. 2pm - 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons** in the ballroom. A social gathering suitable for ballroom dance beginners. Coaching by a professional dance teacher. Just £3 per person to include tea/coffee and cake. Organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. Numbers limited so please book your place in advance at the Visitor Centre, or call them on 01926 492212. Or email enquiries@visitwarwick.co.uk

Some Diary Dates Later in the Year

- August 4th** Hill Close Gardens. **Teddy Bear's Picnic.** www.hillclosegardens.com
- 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/> This is on the final day of the Games – July 28th to August 7th. There will be road closures.
- August 14th** Market Place. **The Warwick Classic Car Show,** organised by the Court Leet and free to attend.
- August 23rd** Hill Close Gardens. **Jane Eyre – Drama by Heartbreak Productions.** Picnic from 5pm. Drama at 6.30pm. Adults £15. Children £11.50. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 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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To alert us to forthcoming events in Warwick, or send news of cancellations, email whatson@unlockingwarwick.org