

What's On in Warwick at a Glance

A long-term calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by 'Unlocking Warwick'
November 2017 onwards (updated monthly)



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2017

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am with farmers' markets on the 2nd & 5th Saturdays of each month.

November

- 1st** Warwick Town Centre. This month a **20mph Speed Limit** will be introduced as part of a wider plan to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists and reduce pollution. www.warwickcourier.co.uk/news/new-speed-limit-in-warwick-town-centre-1-8210639
- 2nd** St. Mary's Church. **'Reflections for All Souls': Howells Requiem**, with Da Capo a capella chamber choir. 8pm. Free admission; retiring collection. www.dacapochoir.org.uk
- 3rd- 5th** **Warwick King James I Festival**. A special weekend marking the 400th anniversary of the visit to Warwick by King James I when he enjoyed a 3-day feast at the Lord Leycester as guest of Sir Fulke Greville who congratulated him on surviving the Gunpowder Plot. (See below). Warwick Castle will be running tours throughout the weekend explaining King James' influence on the castle, and why he gifted it to the Greville family - included in the usual ticket price. St. Mary's Church will have a display about the King James Bible. www.shakespeares-england.co.uk/warwick-king-james-i-festival/
- 3rd** Lord Leycester Hospital. **James 1st 400 Years Grand Banquet**. 7pm – midnight. An extravaganza of music, dancing, food and ale, recreating the banquet held in the King's honour in 1617. £75. **NOW SOLD OUT** www.lordleycester.com/events.html 01926 491422. The festivities will continue during the afternoon of Saturday 4th. (See below)
- 3rd** Market Hall Museum. A mobile **Gratitude Wall**, inspired by research at Coventry University, will encourage adults and children to write on the wall their reasons to be thankful, increasing their sense of wellbeing. It will be at the museum all month. www.coventry.ac.uk/primary-news/gratitude-wall-tour-aims-to-help-boost-peoples-happiness-/
- 4th** Lord Leycester Hospital. **400 Years Festivities**. 12noon – 5pm. Live music and merriment for all ages in the Courtyard and Grand Hall. £1 entry. 01926 491422 www.lordleycester.com
- 4th** **Warwick Town Bonfire and Fireworks Display** at Warwick Racecourse – a special event marking the King James 400 celebrations. Gates open at 5pm with hot refreshments and children's fun area. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm. www.warwicktownbonfire.org.uk St. Mary's Church Tower will be open for a unique vantage point for the firework display, with drinks and canapes. Book a place at the St. Mary's gift shop. www.stmaryswarwick.co.uk
- 4th** Market Hall Museum. **1617 Activities**. 10.30am – 3pm. Discover what life was like 400 years ago. Children can design their own coat of arms and create patchwork to help dress Guy Fawkes for the bonfire. No need to book. £2.50 per child. www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/museum-service/

- 4th St. Nicholas Church. **Love Hand Made Fair**. 10am - 4pm. www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk
- 4th Warwick Arms Hotel. **Drinking Matters**, a Tea Time Talk about the history and culture of alcohol by Prof Beat Kumin. A Warwick Words extra event in association with the University of Warwick. 4pm. Tickets £6 including refreshments. 01926 334418
- 5th Market Place and around the town. **Chocolate Festival** organised by Warwick Rocks. 11am – 5pm. Artisan chocolates and even chocolate beer. www.enjoywarwick.co.uk/events-and-whats-on/warwick-chocolate-festival/view-details.html
- 5th St. Mary's Church. Sunday services will mark the James 1st 400th anniversary with **choral music** enjoyed by the King. www.stmaryswarwick.co.uk
- 7th St. Mary's Church. **Palisander Recorder Quartet** play works by Tallis, Vivaldi, Susato and Dowland, with a theme of Renaissance Journeys to the New World. 7.30pm Tickets £13 to £21. 01926 334418 or online at www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk www.palisanderrecorders.com
- 9th Court House, Jury Street. **"In the Ballroom"**, the monthly social gathering with tea, cake, a talk and conversation. 2pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in. £2. This month Kate Sargent from Unlocking Warwick will be demonstrating how to make a Christmas flower arrangement using greenery from the garden. 01926 411694 or email info@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 9th Market Hall Museum. **Warwickshire Pebbles**. A free lunchtime 'Show and Tell' revealing what locally-found pebbles can tell us about ancient local environments and climate change. 1pm -1.30pm. No need to book. 01926 412500
- 10th **Warwick Racecourse. Business Networking Raceday**. 10.50am – 17.15pm. First race at 12.50pm. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 10th Warwick **Ghost Walk** starting at 7pm outside the Rose and Crown in the Market Place. £8. Phone 0845 680 1926. Email: customerservice@oxboffice.com. www.midlandsdiscoverytours.co.uk/ghost-walks/warwick-ghost-walk
- 11th County Record Office. **Family History: Findmypast Website**. 10.15am -12.30pm. Historian Jennifer Cranfield shows how to use the website to explore your family history. £12. Call 01926 738959 to book.
- 11th St.Mary's Church. **Armonico Consort: Come and Sing with John Rutter**. A singing workshop day starting at 11.30am when John will help you to perform a range of choral harmony works. £15. Under eighteens £8. Proceeds to the AC Academy creating children's choirs. Box office 0844 581 0750. www.armonico.org.uk
- 11th **Armistice Day**. A short remembrance service at the War Memorial in Church Street 10.45 – 11.15am. Church St. will be closed and residents' parking suspended. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk 01926 403940
- 12th St. Marys Church and War Memorial. **Remembrance Sunday**. At 9.50am, the Mayor of Warwick, Mace Bearers, Town Crier, Councillors, Court Leet, and Civic Representatives will process from the Court House in Jury Street to attend a service at St. Mary's. Then there will be a procession to the War Memorial in Church Street for wreath-laying at 11am by representatives of organisations in the town, followed by a parade of service men and women from Kineton Military Station, veterans, service cadets, scouts and guiding organisations. Northgate Street and Church Street will be closed from 8.30am and parking suspended. Details: adminofficer@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk 01926 411694
- 14th The Court House, Jury Street. **The Mayor's 'Warwick Youth' Charity Business Lunch** with Keynote Speaker John Peters MBA, the former RAF Squadron Leader who was shot down over Iraq in 1991 and held for 47 days by the Saddam Hussein regime. 12noon – 2.30pm. Tickets £40. (Tables of ten £375). Proceeds to youth organisations in Warwick. Contact The Mayor's Secretary Sarah Acklam. 01926 411694 civadmin@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk
- 16th Lord Leycester Hospital, Bretheren's Kitchen. 7pm. This month's Smart Talk will be **Thomas Oken Explains** with Trevor Langley. Food and a help-yourself bar. Tickets £22. Book your place by email: info@lordleycester.com or call 01926 491422.

- 16th** Market Hall Museum. **Museum After Hours: The Warwickshire Lute.** 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Adam Busiakiewicz gives a talk about Warwickshire's unique 450-year-old lute, and plays pieces composed in the mid-sixteenth century. Visitors can also browse the museum's new displays. £5. Please book in advance: 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 18th** Market Hall Museum. **Make Your Own Christmas Decorations.** 1pm – 4pm. A workshop with specialists from STRADFAST (Arts Society). £20. Please book in advance by calling 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 18th** Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow. **Hearing Dog Celebration.** 2pm – 4.30pm. Celebrating the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People charity over coffee and cake. Stalls and a silent auction. 07824 329063 www.hearingdogs.org.uk/support/events/HD-Warwick/
- 19th** St. Nicholas Church. A programme of **Choral Music and Organ Recital.** 3pm. Free admission – retiring collection. www.stnicholaswarwick.org.uk
- 20th** County Record Office. **Behind the Scenes at the Archives.** 10.30 – 12noon. Tour the strongrooms and learn how to use the record office. £5. To book call 01926 738959
- 22nd** The Jury Street Court House Ballroom. A **Tea-Dance** organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 2pm – 4pm. Refreshments provided. £2.50 per person. For more information: 01926 411694, or call in to the Visitor Information Centre.
- 22nd** **Warwick Racecourse. Winter Warmer Raceday.** 10.30am to 4.50pm. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 22nd** County Record Office. **The Beauchamp Charter.** 1pm -1.30pm. A brief look at the illumination of the medieval charters. Free – no need to book. 01926 738959
- 24th** **Warwick Castle. Great Hall Tournament Banquet.** Feast and watch knights fighting with authentic weapons. £79. events@warwick-castle.com 01926 406660 www.warwick-castle.com/corporate-events/seasonal-events/
- 25th** The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. **Restaging the Hone Trials of 1817.** 4pm. Academics and students from the University of Warwick re-enact the trial in London 200 years ago of satirist William Hone, accused of blasphemous libel. An extra Warwick Words event in association with the university. £6 including refreshments. 01926 334418 www.warwickwords.co.uk
- 25th** St. Nicholas Church. **Haydn - The Creation,** performed by the Warwick & Kenilworth Choral Society with soloists and orchestra; Benedict Wilson conductor. 7.30pm. Tickets £13 (£12), £5 students, £2 under 16's, from Warwick Books, Kenilworth Books and 01926 491316
- 25th** **Warwick Castle. Great Hall Dinner and Disco.** 7.30pm. £59. 01926 406660 www.warwick-castle.com/events/christmas-parties.aspx
- 26th** St John's Museum. **Lost Traditions: Stir Up Sunday.** 10am – 12noon. Make your traditional Christmas pudding in the Victorian kitchen. Bring your own pudding bowl. £20 to include festive refreshments. Please book in advance by calling 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 26th** **Warwick Castle. Great Hall Tournament Banquet.** 7.30pm. £78. www.warwick-castle.com/events/christmas-parties.aspx
- 30th** Warwick's celebrated **Victorian Evening** ushers in the Christmas period. 5pm – 9pm, with a steam carousel, a ferris wheel, Victorian market, craft stalls and festive food. Shopkeepers will be in period costume. Touch FM will host musical entertainments on stage. And at 7pm, the Christmas Lights will be switched on by the Mayor and Father Christmas. www.enjoywarwick.co.uk/events-and-whats-on/warwick-victorian-evening/view-details.html
- 30th – Dec 10th** St. Mary's Church. The annual **Christmas Tree Festival** opens on the day of the Victorian evening at 5pm. Admission 50p (children free). Vote for your favourite Christmas Tree and be entered in a prize draw. Musical entertainment including hand bell ringing, craft stalls, mulled wine and mince pies. The evening ends with a short carol service at 8.45pm. Keep in touch with the festival events at www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

December

- 1st** St. Mary's Church. Local school choirs sing Christmas songs in a free concert from 10am. Coffee and cake available. At 12.30pm join a guided tour of St. Mary's including the beautiful Beauchamp Chapel. £3 for the tour. Places must be booked in advance by emailing contact@stmaryswarwick.org.uk or phone 01926 403940
- 2nd** St. Nicholas Church. **Love Hand Made Fair**. 10am - 4pm. www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk
- 2nd** **Small Business Saturday**. Supporting Warwick's independent shops. www.smallbusinesssaturday.com
- 2nd** St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Charity Concert** in aid of Rufus' Friends' Fund, performed by the Gentlemen of Her Majesty's Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. 6pm drinks reception; 7pm concert. Tickets £15 (includes drinks reception) available by phone: 01926 257965, or online from www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-concert-sung-by-the-gentlemen-of-her-majestys-chapel-royal-hampton-court-palace-tickets-35602868137
www.everydayhero.co.uk/event/Rufus-Friends-Fund
- 2nd** Saltisford Church, Albert Street. **Omnium Gatherum**. A selection of Christmas Music, 3pm. Free admission. Refreshments provided. Donations to Cancer Research.
- 4th** Warwick Arms Hotel. **Les Barker at Warwick Folk Club**. From 8pm. The popular poet guests. £8 entrance. http://www.warwickfolkclub.co.uk/coming%20up_3.html
- 5th** Lord Leycester Hospital. **The Mellstock Band** perform 'When Icicles Hang', a new show featuring voices and a range of early music instruments. 7.30pm. Tickets £20 on the door and unreserved include mince pies and mulled wine. www.lordleycester.com
01926 491422 www.davetownsendmusic.com/mellstockband
- 7th** Court House, Jury Street. **"In the Ballroom"**, the monthly social gathering with tea, cake, a talk, a quiz and conversation, organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 2pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in. £2. This month, join in with **Christmas Carols**. 01926 411694 or email info@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 9th** The 2017 **Warwick Christmas Regency Ball** in the Court House ballroom, Jury Street. 7.30pm. Tickets £21 (twenty guineas) to include a welcome glass of prosecco and canapés at the interval. The ball is already **SOLD OUT**. But if you would like to join the standby list for returns, email regencyball@unlockingwarwick.org
- 9th** St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Tree Festival events**. Have tea and cake at 11am with the Mayor of Warwick, Stephen Cross, as he pays a visit to the festival, accompanied by Santa. The Da Capo chamber choir will be singing at 11am and 1pm. And at 2pm the Guild of Bellringers' Service takes place, with refreshments. Free entry; donations welcome.
- 9th** St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Carols and Canapés** performed by St. Mary's Scholars. A range of Christmas music with opportunities for the audience to join in, followed by mulled wine and festive food. Tickets: £12.50 (£11) available from St Mary's Gift Shop 01926 403940, or online: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carols-canapes-with-st-marys-scholars-tickets-37466556479
- 9th - 10th** Market Hall Museum. **Market Hall Makers Fair**. 10am – 5pm. Paintings, ceramics, sculpture, jewellery, textiles. Free entry. To book a stall, contact rowanfisher@warwickshire.gov.uk or visit <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk>
- 10th** Market Square. **Warwick Rotary's Lights of Love Service**. 4pm. You can dedicate a message remembering a loved one, and an attractive card will be added to the Christmas Tree for a short service led by Vaughan Roberts, vicar of St. Mary's, and carol-singing with the community band. Buy a dedication card from the Visitor Information Centre, Warwick Post Office, Claridges or Torreys. Proceeds to local charities. www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- 11th** St. Nicholas Church. **Handel's Messiah**, performed by the Warwick & Kenilworth Choral Society with soloists, string ensemble and organ. 7.30pm. Tickets £13 (£12), £5 students, £2 under 16's, from Warwick Books, Kenilworth Books and 01926 491316

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- 12th** St. Mary's Church. **The York Waits with Deborah Catterall** perform a celebration of English medieval and Tudor carols and dances, with an array of early instruments, including curtal, hurdy gurdy, rebec, rommelpot and sackbut. 7.30pm. Tickets £13 to £21 including mince pies and mulled wine. 01926 334418. www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk
www.theyorkwaits.org.uk
- 12th** Hill Close Gardens. **Christmas Craft Family Workshop**. 3.30pm to 5pm. £4 per child. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 14th** Warwick Racecourse. **Eventmasters Christmas at the Races**. 10.20am – 4.35pm. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 15th** Warwick District Council. **Car Park Stratgy Consultation Ends**. The District Council's 3-month public consultation about the 10-year strategy for car-parking in Warwick ends today. It's clearly a very important issue for residents, businesses and tourists. If you want to contribute, go to www.warwickdc.gov.uk/carparkconsultation before the deadline.
- 16th** **Carols at Warwick Castle**. Doors open 6.45pm. Carols from 7.30pm. The popular annual charity event in the grounds of the castle attracts a capacity audience of 2,500. So it's worth booking early. Advance tickets £6. Children £1. 01926 406660 events@warwick-castle.com
- 16th** St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Music including Handel's Messiah Part 1**. Coventry Philharmonic Choir with Oriflamme, Steven Russell conductor. 7.30pm Tickets £14 from the church gift shop or www.wegotickets.com www.covphilchoir.org.uk 07728 887349
- 19th** St. Mary's Church. **Da Capo Chamber Choir – Christmas Cheer!** Carols old and new with a chance to join in. Tickets £10 (£8) and £25 family, to include programme and refreshments from www.dacapochoir.org.uk 0845 680 1926.
- 20th - 31st** Playbox Theatre. **"The Wizard of Oz"**. www.playboxtheatre.com/whatson/Whats_On.html
- 21st** St. Mary's Church. **Carols by Candlelight with Armonico Consort**. 7.30pm. Tickets £34.50/£23.50/£17.50/£13 + booking fee from 08445 810750 or online at www.armonico.org.uk
- 23rd** St. Mary's Church. **Christmas Concert with St. James Singers**. Festive music and readings. 7.30pm. Tickets £15/£10 from box office 07502 939498 or www.stjamessingers.com
- 31st** Warwick Racecourse. **New Year's Eve Party at the Races**. 10am – 4.20pm. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 31st** Warwick Castle. **New Year's Eve Banquet**. 7.30pm. £130 per person. 01926 406660. www.warwick-castle.com/corporate/christmas-events/

Some dates for your diaries in 2018

- Jan 2nd** St. Mary's Church. A **Concert by Oriflamme**. Conductor Antoine Mitchell, Cello George Wilkes perform works by Lutoslawski, Elgar, Mozart and Schubert. 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from Presto Classical: 01926 317025 and 07884 978822. In aid of Amnesty International.
- Jan 23rd** **The Guesoaldo Six** perform The Flower of the Italian Madrigal in St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalspacentre/events/event/930/the_guesoaldo_six
- Feb 13th** **Warwick Pancake Races** in the Market Place. www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- Feb 16th - 17th** **Special Court Leet Beer and Cider Festival** at the Lord Leycester Hospital in aid of its maintenance fund. www.warwickcourtleet.co.uk

- Feb 20th** **Joglaresa**, the early music ensemble, perform *The Enchantress of Seville* at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk 011926 334418
- March 4th** **Warwick Half-Marathon** raising money for the fight against heart disease; this year with a **Family Fun-Run**. www.bhf.org.uk/get-involved/events/runs/warwick-half-marathon
- March 13th** **The Bach Players** perform *Music for Easter* at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk 01926 334418
- March 17th** **Vintage Fair** at the Market Hall Museum. <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events-and-activities/>
- May 19th** **National Town Criers' Competition** at the Jury Street Court House and Pageant Gardens, with criers from around the country battling it out vocally. www.warwickcourtleet.co.uk
- May 27th** **Warwick Food Festival**. www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk
- June 9th** **Warwick Court Leet Assizes Day** with officers inspecting food and drink around the town, a custom dating from 1554. www.warwickcourtleet.co.uk
- June 10th** **The Two Castles Run**. www.twocastlesrun.org.uk
- July 13th - 14th** **Court Leet Summer Beer, Cider and Music Festival**. www.enjoywarwick.co.uk/Events-and-What-s-On/
- July 17th** **Warwick Thai Festival** at the Racecourse. www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- July 26th- 29th** **Warwick Folk Festival** with the Smith Street Party on 28th. www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk

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



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