What's On in Warwick at a Glance

A calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by 'Unlocking Warwick'

October 2016 onwards (updated monthly)

www.unlockingwarwick.org

2016

October

1st  Love Hand Made Fair in St. Nicholas Church with local artists selling their own gifts, jewellery, homeware and cakes.  www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk


2nd  Guys Cliffe Walled Garden – access from Hinton's Nursey, Coventry Road. Free informal Open Day to the big restoration project of these long-neglected Grade II listed Georgian/Victorian kitchen gardens. 10am – 3.30pm  www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk

3rd-9th  Warwick Words History Festival with personal appearances by leading historical writers – both fact and fiction. On 8th, a History Society Fair showcasing local organisations will be at The Friends’ Meeting House in the High Street, 10am - 2pm. Details of all the events at www.warwickwords.co.uk/whats-on  Box office: 01926 334418  Pick up a free programme at the Visitor Information Centre in the Jury Street Court House.

5th  County Record Office, Priory Park. 'Life in the Madhouse'. Part of Warwick Words, Julie Moores reveals the records of the Hatton Asylum. 1pm – 3pm. £10 to include refreshments. 01926 738959  www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

7th  The Jury Street Court House Ballroom (venue changed from previously advertised) 4.30pm. A Warwick Words talk by Taylor Downing who's book 'Breakdown' deals with shell-shock during the Battle of the Somme. www.warwickwords.co.uk/whats-on

8th  Northgate Street – the former Crown Court. 10am – 12.00. Tour of the disused court and cells. No disabled access. Not to be confused with the Jury Street Court House/Town Hall. (See next entry). Call 01926 334418 to book.  www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

9th  The Jury Street Court House – 11am and 2pm. 45-minute Court House Tours with Unlocking Warwick – the history of buildings on this central site and an introduction to the history of Warwick. Meet in Pageant Garden. Free on a first-come basis.  www.unlockingwarwick.org
9th
St. Mary's Church. Annual Parade of the Fusiliers Association (Warwickshire). This year is a special event, as the Colours of the former Second Fusiliers will be paraded for the last time, before being laid up in St Mary’s Church. The Second was the Battalion most closely associated with Warwick, as it was the direct successor to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Parade starts at 2pm in Northgate Street, then Church Street, High Street, Swan Street, Market Place and St. Mary's (3pm)
http://www.fusiliers-association.co.uk/Warwickshire/Warwickshire_Events_Page.htm

11th
St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. Concert by the vocal ensemble Stile Antico – 'The Touches of Sweet Harmony'. Music from Shakespeare's Time. Part of the Early Music Series at St. Mary's arranged by Leamington Music. www.learmingtonmusic.org www.stileantico.co.uk

13th
The Court House, Jury Street. 'In the Ballroom'. Drop in for tea, cakes, a picture quiz and chat with friends. 2pm – 4.30pm. An informal monthly get-together organised by the Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 01926 411694 assistanttownclerk@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk

14th-15th & 21st-22nd
The Mop Fair. Music, street food and entertainment, with fairground rides installed in the centre of Warwick. www.warwickmopfair.co.uk

15th
St. Nicholas Church. The Divertimento singers perform 'Baroque Masters'. 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (£3 children). 01926 778646. Book online at www.divertimento.org.uk

15th
Dungeons After Dark Dining at Warwick Castle. www.warwick-castle.com/events/dinners-and-banquets.aspx

15th
County Record Office, Priory Park. Family History in Newspapers. 9.15am – 12.15pm. Tickets £12. Tel: 01926 738959

16th
Autumn and Apple Day at Hill Close Gardens. See and taste the gardens' historic fruit varieties, with craft stalls and children's activities. www.hillclosegardens.com

16th
St. Nicholas Church. 3pm. A free piano and song recital by Antoine Mitchell with Richard Lloyd Owen. www.stnicholaswarwick.org.uk

21st
Lord Leycester Hospital. 7.30pm. 'The Making of the English Landscape', with BBC Coast presenter Nicholas Crane. £10. http://warwickwords.co.uk/index.php/whats-on/event/90-the-making-of-the-british-landscape
Tickets from the Warwick Words Festival office. 01926 334418

21st
County Record Office. 'Opening up the Parish Chest' explores parish records. 1pm to 3pm. £5. 01926 738959 www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

24th

22nd - 31st
Warwick Castle builds up to Halloween with a Haunted Castle ghosts experience. The castle will stay open until 9pm this week. Watch out for witches hiding in the dark. www.warwick-castle.com/explore/halloween-haunted-castle.aspx

26th
St. John's Museum. 'Insects Alive!'. 11am - 3pm. Meet a creepy-crawly collection of live spiders and insects. Will you be brave enough to handle one? Make a spooky spider headband and learn all about these incredible creatures. £2.50 per child. Children must be accompanied. No need to book. http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/events-and-activities/
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29th
Friends Meeting House. 4pm. 'A Shakespearean History of the Political Cartoon', with Paul Taylor, Associate Professor of English at Warwick University. Tickets £5.00 from the Warwick Words Festival Office: 01926 334418  
http://warwickwords.co.uk/index.php/whats-on/

29th
Warwick Farmers' Market in the Market Place.  
www.warwickdistrictmarkets.co.uk

**November**

4th
Warwick Racecourse. Business Networking Raceday. 11am – 4.10pm.  
http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on

5th
Warwick Fireworks. Bonfire and firework display at Warwick Racecourse from 5.15pm with display at 6.30pm. Hot refreshments and free parking.  
www.warwickbonfire.org.uk

5th
Love Hand Made Fair in St. Nicholas Church with local artists selling their own gifts, jewellery, homeware and cakes.  
www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk

5th
Friends Meeting House. 4pm. 'Napoleon's Theatrical Body'. A talk by Dr. Kate Astbury from Warwick University. Tickets £5 from the Warwick Words Festival office. 01926 334418

6th
Warwick Chocolate Festival in the Market Place and local shops.  
www.warwickrocks.org

8th
St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Dramatised concert by The Telling with Jan Chappell. 'The Vision'. Music by Hildegard of Bingen (12th century).  
www.leamingtonmusic.org

10th
'In the Ballroom'. 2pm – 4.30pm. Drop in to the monthly informal get-together for tea, cakes and chat in the ballroom on the first floor of the Jury Street Court House. 01926 411694  
assistanttownclerk@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk

10th and 11th
Public hearings to discussed the proposed parliamentary boundary changes that would see parts of the present Stratford-on-Avon constituency included in a new Warwick and Stratford electoral area, among other local changes. Proposals available 10am to 8pm at the Pump Rooms in Leamington.  
www.stratford-herald.com

11th
Ghost Walk. Starting at 7pm outside the Rose and Crown in the Market Place. £8.  
www.midlandsdiscoverytours.co.uk/ghost-walks/warwick-ghost-walk/

12th
County Record Office, Priory Park. Illustrating Your Family History. 9.15am – 12.15pm. How to source and use family pictures. A workshop with Jennifer Cranfield. £12  
Tel: 01926 738959  
www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

12th
Hearing Dogs Celebration. 2pm- 4.30pm, Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow (near the Unicorn pub). Coffee, cake and fundraising stalls in aid of the Hearing Dogs for Deaf People Charity.  
https://hearingdogs.org.uk/support/events/celebration-event-in-warwick/

13th
St. Mary’s Church. Remembrance Sunday parade and service.

13th
King's High School Performance Hall. 7pm. Schubert Winterreise with Roderick Williams, baritone, and Ian Burnside, piano.  
www.leamingtonmusic.org
16th  Warwick Racecourse. Mid-November Members’ Raceday. 10.40am – 3.50pm. 
http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on

19th  The Jury Street Court House Ballroom. The Mayor of Warwick, Christine Cross, will be hosting a Ladies' Charity Luncheon called 'Turkey and Tinsel' in support of Birmingham Children's Hospital. Details from Sarah Acklam: 01926 411694. Email: civicadmin@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk

20th  St. Nicholas Church. 3pm. Free Concert by the Polyphonica Recorder Trio. 
www.stnicholaswarwick.org.uk

20th  St. John's Museum. Lost Traditions: Stir up Sunday. 10am to 12.00 or 2pm to 4pm. Make your traditional Christmas Pudding in the Victorian kitchen. Bring your own bowl. £15.Book by calling 01926 412132 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice

24th  Victorian Evening in Warwick, 5 - 9pm, with music and entertainment in the Market Place, and the switching-on of the Christmas lights at 7pm. 
www.enjoywarwick.co.uk/events-and-whats-on/warwick-victorian-evening/view-details.html

24th- Dec 4th  St. Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival.  www.enjoywarwick.co.uk/events-and-whats-on/

25th  Warwick Castle. Great Hall Dinner and Disco. £59. 
www.warwick-castle.com/events/christmas-parties.aspx

26th  Warwick Castle. Great Hall Tournament Banquet. £78. 
www.warwick-castle.com/events/christmas-parties.aspx

26th  St. John's Museum. 1pm – 4pm. Lost Traditions: Christmas Decorations Workshop. £20. Book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice  01926 412132

26th  County Record Office. 9.15 – 12.15. A family history workshop with Jennifer Cranfield. £12. Tel: 01926 738959 www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

26th  Friends Meeting House. 4pm. 'Things Fall Apart: Justice and Family Care for the Aged'. A talk by Mark Philp, Professor of History and Politics at the University of Warwick. Tickets £5 from the Warwick Words Festival office;  01926 334418 www.warwickwords.co.uk

December

1st  'In the Ballroom'. 2pm – 4.30pm. Drop in to this monthly informal get-together for tea, cakes and chat in the ballroom on the first floor of the Jury Street Court House. 01926 411694 assistanttownclerk@warwicktowncouncil.org.uk

3rd  Warwick Small Business Saturday, supporting Warwick's independent shops. 
http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/smallbusiness-saturday

3rd  Love Hand Made Fair in St. Nicholas Church with local artists selling their own gifts, jewellery, homeware and cakes.  www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk

6th  St. Mary's Church. Handel's Fireworks with the Armonico Concert and Baroque Orchestra. Director Christopher Monks. 7.30pm  www.armonico.org.uk www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk/index.php?/music/whats-on-all

8th  Warwick Racecourse. Eventmasters Christmas at the Races. Racing and festive celebrations. 10.30am – 3.30pm. 
http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on
9th
Lord Leycester Hospital. 7.30pm. Christmas concert by the K’antu Ensemble. 'Dancing and the Divine', with mulled wine and mince pies. www.leamingtonmusic.org

10th
The Warwick Christmas Regency Ball in the restored ballroom at the Jury Street Court House. Live period music and an experienced dance caller. Dress up. Dance like Jane Austen. £20 to include a welcome drink and interval canapés. 7.30pm. Email regencyball@unlockingwarwick.org

11th
Santa Dash. Dress as Father Christmas or an elf and do the 5km fun-run round St. Nicholas Park ending at Myton Hospice. 01926 838825 www.mytonhospice.org

11th
Wassailing and Carol Singing at Hill Close Gardens, with mulled wine and mince pies. www.hillclosegardens.com

13th
St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. An Elizabethan Christmas – early music by Ex Cathedra. Byrd, Gibbons, Tallis. Tickets from £13 to £22 to include mulled wine and mince pies. www.leamingtonmusic.org

13th
Hill Close Gardens. Family Christmas Workshop. 3.30pm – 5pm. £4 per child, with accompanying adults free. Pre-book: 01926 493339 Email: centremanager@hcgt.org.uk

17th
Carols at Warwick Castle. The annual event attracting more than 2,000 people. www.warwickcastle.com

17th
St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. Christmas Concert with St. James' Singers. Tickets £15 from box office: 07502 939498 www.stjamessingers.com

20th
St. Nicholas Church. 7.30pm. Da Capo Christmas Concert. Tickets from the Parish Office: 01926 419905 Email: stnicswarwick@gmail.com

20th
St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. Carols and Canapés directed by Mark Swinton. Tickets £12.50 to include Christmas refreshments: www.carols-and-canapes.evenbrite.co.uk Or from St. Mary's Gift Shop. 01926 403940.

22nd
St.Mary's Church. 7.30pm. Carols by Candlelight with Armonico Consort and Orchestra. Tickets £12.00 to £33.50 from www.theticketfactory.com www.armonico.org.uk

31st
Warwick Racecourse. New Year's Eve Raceday. 10.40am – 3.40pm. http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on

31st
New Year's Eve Banquet at Warwick Castle. 7.30pm. Tickets £150. www.warwickcastle.com

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Some dates for events coming up next year...

January 14th

January 24th
St. Mary's Warwick. 7.30pm. Concert of early music with Emma Kirkby and Chelys Consort of Viols. www.chelysconsort.co.uk Tickets £13 to £22. Details: www.leamingtonmusic.org

January 26th
Warwick Races. Warwick Races. http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

February 11th
Warwick Races Kingmaker Race Day. 11am – 4.25pm http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
February 14th  St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. A 'music in the round' concert by the Society of Strange and Ancient Instruments. Tickets £13 to £20. Details from www.leamingtonmusic.org

February 24th  Warwick Races.  http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

February 28th  Warwick Pancake Races for local schools in the Market Place. www.warwickrotary.org.uk


March 12th  Warwick Races Countryside Raceday. 12.00 – 4.45pm  http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

March 14th  St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. Triumph over Tragedy. A concert with Nicki Kennedy (soprano), Simon Desbrulais (trumpet) and the Brook Street Band. www.brookstreetband.co.uk. Music by Telemann, Bach and Handel. Tickets £13 to £20. Details from www.leamingtonmusic.org

March 22nd  Warwick Races. March Raceday. 12.10pm – 5.20pm  http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

March 30th  Warwick Races. Second March Raceday. 12.00 – 5pm. http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

April 24th  Warwick Races. April Raceday. 12.10pm to 5.15pm. http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

May 1st  Warwick Races. Bank Holiday Family Fun Day. From 10am. http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

May 13th  Warwick Races. Proudly Warwick Twilight Meeting. From 5.15pm  http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

May 25th  Warwick Races. Think Pink Ladies Day  From 12.10pm  http://warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk

May 28th  Warwick Food Festival. Market Place 10am – 7pm. www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk

June 11th  The Two Castles Run.  www.twocastlesrun.org.uk

July 14th-15th  Warwick Court Leet Beer, Cider and Music Festival based at the racecourse, with 70 beers and ciders to choose from, music and hot food.  www.warwickbeerfestival.co.uk

July 27th - 30th  Warwick Folk Festival, now in its 38th year, based at Warwick School. In the town centre there are free performances and morris dancing, with the Smith Street Party on 29th  www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk

July 30th  Warwick Thai Festival. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk/events-tickets/whats-on/  Thai food, music, dance and entertainments at the racecourse.

August 13th  Retro Classic Car Show in the Market Square. www.retrowarwick.co.uk

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

The Court House Volunteer Group  www.unlockingwarwick.org


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