

What's On in Warwick at a Glance

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



www.unlockingwarwick.org

2017

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

September

- 2nd St. Nicholas Church. **Love Hand Made Fair**. 10am - 4pm. Local arts and crafts on sale.
www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk
- 2nd Warwick Castle. **Battle Banquet**. 7.30pm. £60. 01926 406660
www.warwick-castle.com/events/themed-dining/battle-banquets.aspx
- 2nd Warwick Racecourse. **Wiggle Tempest** cycling event with different route options through Warwickshire between 33 and 100 miles. Cost £26 - £35. For more information visit
<https://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-tempest-sportive/>
- 2nd Warwick School, Myton Road. **Dickinson's Real Deal**. A recording of the daytime ITV programme valuing and making offers for your antiques and collectables with some going to auction. 8am – 5pm. Free admission. www.itv.com/beontv/shows/dickinsonsrealdeal
- 2nd and 23rd The Quilters Den, Smith Street. **Create a quilt from scratch**. Held over two days 9.30am – 4pm. £35 each workshop. To book contact Anita 01926 408247 www.thequiltersden.co.uk
- 3rd Chase Meadow Community Centre. **Dandy's Big Birthday Bash**, celebrating the 6th birthday of the baby and toddler development organisation. 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Bouncy castle, diddy car track, games and singalong. £5 entry per family up to 5.
<http://www.dandydevelopment.co.uk>
- 5th St. Mary's Collegiate Church. **Poppies Launch**. An evening launch of a year-long project to create thousands of hand-crafted poppies for a grand display as Warwick's Community Tribute marking the centenary of the end of WW1 in 2018. Any funds raised to be shared between the Royal British Legion and the Church. For further details, email:
contact@warwickpoppies.org.uk www.warwickpoppies.org.uk
- 5th, 6th and 7th **Luna Cinema at Warwick Castle**. The castle grounds become an open air cinema for 8.30pm screenings. On 5th - La La Land. 6th - Dirty Dancing. 7th – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Tickets (various prices) must be booked in advance via website:
www.thelunacinema.com
- 6th The Old Shire Hall. **Wine Tasting Dinner** in the Judges House, provided by Wild View Events Ltd and Wine Poole Ltd. 7pm -10pm. £39.50 per person. To book phone 01926 736350 or email oldshirehall@warwickshire.gov.uk

- 7th-10th** **Warwick Heritage Open Days.** Many historic buildings and places of interest will open their doors free of charge. www.heritageopendays.org.uk (See below)
- 8th** Hill Close Gardens. **Head Gardener's Apple Walk.** 2pm. Usual entrance charge: £4 (children £1). 01926 493339 www.hillclosegardens.com/events.html
- 8th** Warwick Castle. **Ghost Hunt** hosted by Haunted Happenings. 9am – 4pm. Vigils, seances, experiments. £59 per person including light refreshments. 07837 845912 www.hauntedhappenings.co.uk/snorder/order.php?id=3548
- 9th** St. Nicholas Park. Drop in Saturday for **Junior Anglers at Kingfisher Pool** near the footbridge. Rods and bait provided free. 10am – 1pm. www.kingfisherpool.co.uk/drop%20in.html
- 9th** **Court House Tour.** 11am. A free 45-minute tour of the Jury Street Court House by Unlocking Warwick for Heritage Open Days. Numbers limited so first-come will be on the tour. www.unlockingwarwick.org 01926 492212.
- 9th** County Record Office in Priory Park, **Behind the Scenes at the Archives.** 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Tours to see the precious documents in the strongrooms. Free as part of Heritage Open Days. Donations welcome. 01926 738959
- 9th-10th** **Saltisford Canal Trust Open Days** is a fun Heritage Open Days weekend with boat trips, music and activities. 10am – 5pm. www.saltisfordcanal.co.uk/Saltisford_Canal/Canal_Fun_Weekend
- 9th-10th** **Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden** will be open for visitors to see progress on the restoration of this 18th century kitchen garden, as part of Heritage Open Days weekend. 10am – 3.30pm. www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk
- 9th-10th** **Hill Close Gardens** will have free entry as part of the Heritage Weekend. 11am – 5pm. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 10th** Bar Catalan, Jury Street. **Safeline Fiesta**, a charity day supporting Safeline, with welcome drinks, paella, tapas and live music. 12.30pm – 7pm. Tickets £25 from Hatton and Harding, NV Her, Ostrich Pink, The Roebuck, or the Catalan. www.safeline.org.uk/safeline-fiesta/
- 12th** 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 into the Visitor Information Centre.
- 13th** Warwick Arms Hotel. **Goodbye Old Man – the artist Fortunino Matania's vision of the Great War** presented by Lucie Gosling – including his anecdotes from working at the Front as a 'special artist'. 7.45pm.
- 14th** Court House, Jury Street. **"In the Ballroom"**, the monthly social gathering with tea, cake, a talk and conversation, organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 2pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in. £2. This month an "Activities Afternoon". 01926 411694 or email info@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 15th** Market Hall Museum. **Thomas Oken Explains.** 2pm – 3.30pm. Trevor Langley becomes the first Mayor of Warwick, Thomas Oken, who resisted Henry VIII's ambitions to strip Warwick of its treasures. An interactive performance. Tickets £5. Please book by calling 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice

- 16th** Warwick Castle **Glow in the Moonlight for Myton Hospice**. A 5km run round the town centre and St. Nicholas Park by neon-clad runners. 8pm. Early bird offer £15 and £10. lucy.turner@mytonhospice.org www.mytonhospice.org/event/glow-in-the-moonlight/
- 16th** St.Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Armonico Consort and Baroque Orchestra** perform the Monteverdi Vespers of 1610. Tickets £11.00 - £32.50 plus booking fee from 0844 5810750 www.armonico.org.uk
- 16th** County Record Office. **Family History: Health and Housing**. A session with historian Jennifer Cranfield about how to find records of our ancestors' way of life. £12. Call 01926 738959 to book.
- 16th** The Bridge House Theatre. **The Pink Floyd Show**. 8pm. 'Darkside' perform a new show with tracks from the band's famous albums. £16 - £18. Tickets from www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk/portfolio_page/pink_floyd_show/
- 17th** St. Nicholas Church. 7.30pm. **Oriflamme Winds Ensemble** perform Respighi Suita della Tabacchiera, Françaix 9 Pièces Caractéristiques, Steven Russell's new work 'Green Hill Dance Fragments'. A St Nicholas benefit performance. Admission by donation. 01926 419905
- 17th** Chase Meadow Community Centre. **Mum2mum Market**. 2.30pm – 4.30pm. £2 on the door; children free. Contact Amy: warks@mum2mummarket.co.uk
- 19th** Methodist Church Hall, Barrack Street. **Warwick Horticultural Society Harvest Event**. All welcome. From 10am. 01926 409150
- 20th** Bridge House Theatre. **The Great Train Robbery**. A Scratchworks Theatre Company production. 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50/£10.50. www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk/portfolio_page/great-train-robbery/
- 20th** The Court House, Jury Street. **Postcards, Cigarette Cards and Toys Auction**. 12noon – 5pm. www.warwickandwarwick.com
- 21st** Lord Leycester Hospital, Bretheren's Kitchen. 7pm. A 'Smart Talk' by Heidi Meyer - **Perspectives on Afghanistan**. Food and a help-yourself bar. Tickets £22. Book your place by email: info@lordleycester.com or call 01926 491422.
- 21st** Market Hall Museum. **70s Night Fever at the Museum**. 7pm – 10pm. Feel free to dress up and bring your 70s memorabilia for a themed evening with activities. An event for over 16s. Alcohol will be served. Tickets £5 must be bought in advance. Call 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 23rd** The Court House in Jury Street. 11am. **Court House Tour** by Unlocking Warwick. A free 45-minute tour of the building and its surrounds as an introduction to the history of Warwick. Assemble in Pageant Gardens. Numbers limited so first-come etc. 01926 492212 www.unlockingwarwick.org Email: info@unlockingwarwick.org
- 25th** Warwick Ams Hotel. **Warwick Folk Club - Under the Wychbold**. Plus two more acts. 8pm. Entrance £5. www.warwickfolkclub.co.uk/programme.html
- 26th** **Warwick Racecourse. The Grand Season Opener**. From 11.50 am. Details: www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 27th** County Record Office. **The Accounts of Sir Fulke Greville as Treasurer of Marine Causes**. 1pm – 1.30pm A chance to have a brief look at some of the account books from the castle archive dating from around 1600 when Sir Fulke - Lord Brooke of Warwick Castle - was Treasurer of the Navy. Free, no need to book. 01926 738959

- 27th The Bridge House Theatre. **Nocturnes**. A multi-media twist on a 50s spy thriller. 7pm. Tickets £14/£10. www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk
- 28th Market Hall Museum. **Make Kitchen Herbal Medicines**. Katie Beswick of Little Bird Soaps lead a hands-on workshop. 7pm – 9pm. Bring a sterilised glass jar with a lid to take your herbal medicines home. £20. Please book in advance. 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 30th Market Hall Museum. **Redwork Christmas Embroidery Workshop**. 10.30am – 1pm. Combine patchwork, embroidery and recycled vintage fabrics to make unusual Christmas decorations. £20. Please book in advance: 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 30th County Record Office. A **Local History Forum** with The Friends of Warwickshire County Record Office. Talks on the county's engineering background and the Warwick Healey Motor Archive. Visitors welcome. 2pm – 4pm. £3 payable at the door, including light refreshments. 01926 738959
- 30th St. John's House Museum. **Haunted Mansion Ghost Hunt** hosted by Haunted Happenings. 9pm – 3am. £49 per person. www.hauntedhappenings.co.uk 07837 845912

October

- 1st St. Mary's Church. 11am. The **Warwick Words Service** marking the start of the History Festival. www.warwickwords.co.uk
- 2nd-8th **Warwick Words History Festival 2017**. Full programme and tickets available from the Warwick Visitor Information Centre, 01926 492212 or click here: www.warwickwords.co.uk/whats-on www.warwickwords.co.uk 01926 334418
- 3rd County Record Office. **Plants to Pills: How did we stay well in the past?** 10.30am – 12.30pm. Old recipes and remedies from the CRO collection and some replica surgical instruments. Maybe add your own remedies to the 'Our Warwickshire' website. £6. This is a Warwick Words event. Please book at the WW box office: 01926 334418 or visit www.warwickwords.co.uk
- 5th **Warwick Racecourse. The Autumn Meeting**. 12noon to 7.45pm. www.warwick.thejockeyclub.co.uk
- 6th Unitarian Chapel in the High Street. **House of Light**. A heartwarming evening of harmony songs. 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from bruce@naturalvoice.net or phone Bruce Knight on 01926 778454
- 7th **Warwick Words History Fair** at the Market Hall Museum. 10am – 2pm. Meet members of local history groups and find out what they do. Visit the Unlocking Warwick stand! Oxfam Books and Music will be there selling books on local history. 01926 412500
- 7th St. Nicholas Church. **Love Hand Made Fair**. 10am - 4pm. www.lovehandmadefairs.co.uk
- 7th **Festival of Voices III**. Warwick Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road. Divertimento's third Festival, showcasing Warwickshire's range of choral groups with seven choirs. 7pm. Tickets £10 (Children £5) www.divertimento.org.uk
- 7th Unitarian Chapel, High Street. An **Accapella singing workshop with Helen Chadwick**. 10.30am – 4pm. Songs taught by ear – no need to be able to read music. Cost for the day £25 (£22 if paid by Sept 15th). Early booking advised. Bring some food for a shared lunch.

Details from Bruce Knight – 01926 778454 or email bruce@naturalvoice.net

- 8th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. A **Jane Austen Tea in the Ballroom**, marking 200 years since the author's death, with a demonstration of Regency dancing, a presentation about Jane's local connections, songs from her personal song book, and an authentic Regency-style tea. Organised by Unlocking Warwick for Warwick Words. Tickets at £15 on sale at the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212 or the Warwick Words box office: 01926 334418 info@unlockingwarwick.org **SOLD OUT**
- 8th **Twilight Walk** for the Brain Tumour Charity. A relaxed 10km sponsored walk taking in some of Warwick's historic sights, starting from and finishing at Warwick Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road. Registration 3pm. Start 4.30pm. Adults £15. Children over five £10. www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/events/twilight-walk-warwick-17/
- 10th The Court House Ballroom Jury Street. 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 into the Visitor Information Centre.
- 10th St. Marys Church. The Opening of the Early Music Season begins with **Ex Cathedra** performing Monteverdi's 1610 collection of music. 7.30pm. Tickets £13 to £21 from the St. Mary's Gift Shop or Leamington Visitor Information Centre Box Office 01926 334418 (online at www.royalspacentreandtownhall.co.uk) www.leamingtonmusic.org <http://excathedra.co.uk/monteverdi-made-spiritual-warwick-2017-3/>
- 10th A **Study Day about the Earls of Warwick, their castle and their town**, an extra Warwick Words event. 9.45am – 3.30pm with lectures, guided walks and lunch in the Thomas Oken Tea Rooms. £25. Meet at St. Mary's Church. Numbers limited. Please book through the box office: 01926 334418
- 12th Court House, Jury Street. **"In the Ballroom"**, the monthly social gathering with tea, cake, a talk and conversation, organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 2pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in. £2. This time there'll be an **Antiques Roadshow**. Details later in 'News' on this website or contact the Town Hall: 01926 411694 info@visitwarwick.co.uk
- 12th Market Hall Museum. **Romans in Warwickshire**, a lunchtime 'Show and Tell' with some of the Roman artefacts found locally. 1pm – 1.30pm. Free. 01926 412500
- 13th **Behind the Scenes at the Museum Stores**, Montague Road, Warwick. 10.30am – 12noon. See some of the geological, archeological and natural history collections not on display at the Market Hall Museum, with Collections Assistant Laura McCoy. £5. To book call 01926 412500
- 13th-14th **Warwick Mop Fair** in and around the Market Place. Fairground rides and street food.
- 14th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Collegium Warwick** perform Cherubini's Requiem in C Minor and Mendelssohn's Lauda Sion. Tickets £13 (under 16s free) from St. Mary's Gift Shop 01926 403940 or on the door. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 14th County Record Office. **Family History: Law and Order**. 10.15am – 12.45pm. Historian Jennifer Cranfield shows how to find records of ancestors who had dealings with the law. £12. To book call 01926 738959
- 15th Hill Close Gardens. **Autumn Apple Day and Country Fair**. Harvest displays. Children's Workshops. 11am – 5pm. www.hillclosegardens.com £2 (child 50p) 01926 493339.
- 15th St. Nicholas Church. **Flute and Horn Recital** with Katie Alcock and Clare Roberts. 3pm. Free admission – retiring collection. www.stnicholaswarwick.org.uk

- 16th** County Record Office. **Bertie Greatheed at Home and Abroad.** 2pm - 4pm. Two illustrated talks about the owner of Guys Cliffe who helped to develop Leamington Spa in the 18th Century, his life in Warwickshire, and his Grand Tour of Europe. £5. Book in advance by calling 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 17th and 31st** Market Hall Museum. **Ceramics Workshop.** 7pm – 9.30pm. Carey Moon helps you get inspiration from objects in the collection and prepare to make objects in clay. Finish and decorate in the second session. Cost £40 for both sessions includes materials. Book in advance: 01926 412500 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
- 18th** County Record Office. **Black and Asian Presence in the Warwickshire Archives.** A free lunchtime 'Show and Tell'. 1pm – 1.30pm. No need to book. 01926 738959
- 19th** Lord Leycester Hospital, Bretheren's Kitchen. 7pm. A 'Smart Talk' by Julian Spilsbury on **The Charge of the Light Brigade.** Food and a help-yourself bar. Tickets £22. Book your place by email: info@lordleycester.com or call 01926 491422.
- 19th** County Record Office. **Archives Online.** 10.30am -11.30am. Find out how to use Warwickshire's Past Unlocked, the County Record Office's online catalogue. Free. No need to book. 01926 735989
- 20th-21st** **Warwick Runaway Mop.** Fairground rides in and around the Market Place.
- 25th** County Record Office. **Bringing Warwickshire's Past Alive in Three Dimensions.** A free lunchtime 'Show and Tell' with the collection of mid-Victorian stereo photographic cards, now digitised with local scenes compared with recent 3D photos. 1pm – 1.30pm. 01926 738959
- 26th** Hill Close Gardens. Half Term **Family Workshop 'All about Autumn'.** 10.30am – 12noon. Craft activities. £4 per child. www.hillclosegardens.com 01926 493339
- 28th** Hill Close Gardens. **Crysanthemum Open Day.** 11am – 5pm. £5. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 28th** St. Mary's Church. **Raphael Wallfisch Plays Bach.** The celebrated cellist plays the six Bach Cello Suites in two concerts with a supper interval, 5pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £13 to £21 from St. Mary's Gift Shop or Warwick Visitor Information Centre, or phone 01926 334418. For details of local restaurants serving supper, call the Leamington Music office: 01926 487000
- 28th** Friends Meeting House, High Street. **Stalin – Writing the Biography of a 'Monster',** a Tea Time Talk by Professor Chris Read, biographer. A Warwick Words extra event in association with the University of Warwick. 4pm. £6 including refreshment. 01926 334418

November

- 3rd-5th** A special weekend in Warwick marking the **400th anniversary of the visit 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. www.warwick-castle.co.uk St. Mary's Church will have a display about the King James Bible.
- 4th** Lord Leycester Hospital. **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. Details and ticket sales from 4th September. www.lordleycester.com 01926 491422. The festivities will continue during the afternoon of Saturday 4th. (See below)
- 4th** Lord Leycester Hospital. **400 Years Festivities.** 12noon – 5pm. Live music and merriment for all ages in the Courtyard and Grand Hall. £5 entry. 01926 491422 www.lordleycester.com

- 4th **Warwick Town Bonfire and Fireworks Display** at Warwick Racecourse – a special event marking the 400 celebrations. Gates open at 5pm with hot refreshments and children's fun area. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm. www.warwicktowntonbonfire.org.uk St. Mary's Church Tower will be open for a unique vantage point for the firework display, with drinks and canapes. Booking details later. 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 St. Mary's Church. Sunday services will mark the 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, organised by Warwick Town Council and Unlocking Warwick. 2pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in. £2. This month there will be a workshop on Christmas Floral Arranging. 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.
- 16th Lord Leycester Hospital, Bretheren's Kitchen. 7pm. A **'Smart Talk'** evening, one of a monthly series of expert talks. Details to be announced. 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

- 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
- 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
- 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**. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk

December

- 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 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 include mince pies and mulled wine. Unreserved. 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, **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 - 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>
- 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
- 12th 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.
- 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
- 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 bookshop 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 £25 family, £10 (£8) 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 in 2018

- January 23rd** **The Guesoaldo Six** perform The Flower of the Italian Madrigal in St. Mary's Church. www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalspacentre/events/event/930/the_gesualdo_six
- February 13th** **Warwick Pancake Races** in the Market Place. www.warwickrotary.org.uk
- 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
- May 27th** **Warwick Food Festival**. www.warwickfoodfestival.co.uk
- June 10th** **The Two Castles Run**. www.twocastlesrun.org.uk
- July 17th** **Warwick Thai Festival** at the Racecourse.
- July 20th/21st** **Court Leet Beer, Cider and Music Festival**.
- October 5th** **Opening of "Warwick Poppies 2018"** display and exhibition in St. Mary's Church, with a gala dinner. www.warwickpoppies.org.uk

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