

What's On in Warwick at a Glance

A long-term calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by Unlocking Warwick
March 2020 onwards (updated monthly)



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2020

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. Farmers' Markets are on the 2nd and 5th Saturdays of the month. Craft Market on the 1st Saturday of each month.

March

- 1st** Warwick Racecourse. 09.00. **The Wigley Group Warwick Half Marathon** through Warwickshire countryside and raising money for the Barrie Wells Trust and local charities. Suitable for wheelchair users. Also a 2.5km Fun Run route for ages 6 to 16. For details and entry fees see the website: <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/warwick-marathon/>
- 3rd** Fusilier Museum, St. John's House. 10.30 -12.30. **Veterans' Cafe**. Open to all veterans; just drop in for a cuppa and a chat. 01926 491653
- 4th** Warwick Books, Market Place. 7pm. **An Evening with Dan Vyleta** launching his new book 'SOOT'. Tickets £5 plus 0.42p booking fee. www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/yHqnJlhvfFNz
- 5th** St. Nicholas Park Leisure Centre. 6pm for 6.30pm. **The Warwick Community Forum**. Residents are welcome to come along to hear updates on community activities, the town Health Needs Assessment, local policing priorities and bids to the Forum Grant Fund. For details email Bernadette.allen@warwickdc.gov.uk
- 5th** Friends Meeting House, High Street. 7.30pm. **Grasshoppers and Crickets**. An illustrated talk to the Warwick Natural History Society by Peter and Kay Reeve. Non-members welcome. www.wnhs.info
- 6th** St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Oliver Hancock** (organ), Director of Music St. Mary's. Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 7th** Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street. 10am – 4.30pm. **#Love Local**. Local artists and crafters selling a range of handmade products. Free entry. 01926 411694
- 8th** **Warwick Races – Countryside Day**. Gates open 12noon. First race 2pm. Last race 5.10pm. Supporting the county's Air Ambulance. Various countryside activities. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk 01926 405560
- 8th** St. Nicholas Church. 2pm – 4pm. **Books and Jigsaws for all ages**. With tea and homemade cake available. Free entry. 01926 419905
- 10th** Lord Leycester Hospital. 7.30pm. **Our Victorian Architectural Heritage**. A talk to The Warwick Society by RIBA Architect, Keith Cattell. Non-members can attend. Contact James Mackay: 01926 498381 james.mackay@talktalk.net Or why not join at just £11 a year? <https://warwicksociety.wordpress.com/join-tws/>

- 11th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – The Story of Your Surname.** Author Anthony Poulton Smith explains where surnames come from and what they tell you about your ancestors. With tea, coffee, cake, a quiz, and time to chat. No need to book. £2.50 per person. 01926 411694
- 14th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **An Evening of Flanders and Swann** with Oliver and Samuel Hancock. Gas men, armadillos and Madeira. Fizz reception and canapés. Fundraising for St. Mary's Choir tour of Poland in August. Tickets must be bought in advance from St. Mary's Gift Shop. 01926 403940. Adults £15. Under sixteens £5.
- 16th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 12noon. **Home Educator Days: Romans.** Meet some Romans. Dress up, write like a Roman and discover how they changed Britain. Please book. Space is limited. £5 per child. Must be accompanied; (the accompanying adults and under 5s do not need a ticket). 01926 412500.
www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-6137347795
- 16th Warwick Folk Club, The Racehorse, Stratford Rd. 8pm-10.30pm. **Sunjay performs at Warwick Folk Club.** The singer and guitarist will be playing songs from his new album, 'Devil Came Calling'. Tickets: £10.00. Contact: Norman: 01527 401121
- 17th Aylesford School, Tapping Way, CV34 6XR. 7.15pm. **Immigrants in Warwickshire: a mobile population 1200 – 1525.** A talk to the Warwickshire Local History Society by Professor Christopher Dyer, University of Leicester, preceded by the society's AGM. Non-members welcome. www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk/events.php
- 18th County Record Office. 1pm – 1.30pm. **Show and Tell: National Service Appeals – The Warwick District Appeals Tribunal.** Men, their families and employers could appeal their conscription to fight in World War One for a variety of reasons, medical or commercial as well as moral, and their appeal papers show a different side to the conflict by illustrating the impact of the war at home. Free. Just drop in. 01926 738959
- 19th Friends Meeting House, High Street. 7.30pm. **Coronation Meadows Project.** A talk to the Warwick Natural History Society. Non-members welcome. www.wnhs.info
- 20th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Young Musicians from Warwick School.** Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 21st St. Nicholas Church. 6pm. **Singing for Mum.** The award-winning Warwickshire Choristers and County Male Voices present choral treats for Mums (and Dads). Tickets £12 (£10) with under-18s free, from www.choristers.org
- 21st St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Sinfonia of Birmingham Concert.** The Sea (Frank Bridge), Clarinet Concerto (Copland), Symphony No 5 (Shostakovich). Conductor Michael Seal with Julian Bliss, clarinet. Tickets £14. Students and under-18s £10. Call 07397 187927 or from www.sinfonia.org.uk/concerts
- 21st Warwick Castle. 7.30pm. **Medieval Banquet.** Wining and dining and medieval revelry, with live music and entertainment and a disco until 11pm. Tickets from £50 pp. Details at www.warwick-castle.com/events/dinners-and-banquets.asp x 01926 406660
- 24th The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons.** A social gathering suitable for dance beginners, with a professional teacher showing you the moves of some ballroom classics. Excellent gentle exercise. Enjoy tea, coffee, cake and time to chat in the interval. No need to book. £2.50 per person. 01926 411694.
- 24th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **The Orlando Consort: Guillaume de Machaut – Portrait of a Genius.** Fourteenth century music. Tickets £13 - £22 from the church gift shop, Visitor Information Centre, or call 01926 334418
- 25th County Record Office. 6pm – 7pm. **Origins of Place Names.** Anthony Poulton Smith explores the origins of place names. Discover how to research the topic. Bring along your place names questions for an entertaining discussion. £7.50 Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-6137347795 01926 738959
- 26th **Warwick Races – Molly Olly's Wishes Raceday.** A special meeting for local charity that supports children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses and their families. Gates open 12.30pm. First race 2.20pm. Tickets from £12.50. www.warwickracecourse.co.uk

- 28th St. Nicholas Church. 7.30pm. **Diatonic Choir: "From the sublime to..."** Music by Bach, Karl Jenkins and Joseph Horowitz. Tickets £12 from 01926 882898, Presto Music, or on the door. www.diatonic.co.uk/events
- 28th St. John's House Museum. 1pm – 4pm. **Fabric Sculpture Workshop** with Annette Smyth. Create a unique piece to take home. Materials, and gloves provided, but wear old clothes. £35. www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-and-culture-warwickshire-6137347795

April

- 2nd The Court House, Jury Street. 6pm. **The Annual Town Meeting**. The Mayor of Warwick will deliver the annual report from the Town Council and local community groups will summarise their activities. Residents are welcome to come along. Contact George Palmer at the Town Council: 01926 411694.
- 3rd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. Lunchtime Recital – **Mark Swinton** (organ). Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 4th Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street. 10am – 4.30pm. **#Love Local**. A collection of local artists and crafters selling handmade products. Free entry. 01926 411694
- 5th Warwick Racecourse. 10am. **Warwick Grand National Run**. A new event on the weekend of the Grand National. A 7km run or trot round the racecourse. Dress up as a horse! Raise funds for the Kids Run Free Charity. www.warwickhorserun.co.uk www.kidsrunfree.co.uk Entry fees: www.letsdothis.com/gb/e/warwick-horse-run-185080
- 7th Fusilier Museum, St. John's House. 10.30 - 12.30. **Veterans' Cafe**. Open to all veterans; just drop in for a cuppa and conversation. 01926 491653
- 8th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – Warwickshire Folk Tales** with Colin King. Stories of local folklore with tea, cake, a quiz and time to chat. £2.50. No need to book. 01926 411694
- 10th (Good Friday) Court House, Jury Street. 10am. **Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum Reopens for the Season**. This fine museum of the county cavalry regiment is free to attend (donations welcome) and will be open at weekends and on bank holidays. Group visits and private viewings can be arranged - use the contact form on the website: <https://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk> or email Archivist Philip Wilson: pwilson102003@yahoo.co.uk
- 11th The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Easter Saturday Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. The first free tour of the 2020 season. Volunteers take you for a gentle stroll round the Grade-1 listed Court House/Town Hall and outline the history of the county town. No need to book. Meet at the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212
- 11th Market Hall Museum. 10am – 3pm. **The Volunteers Celebrate Market Hall's 350th Anniversary**. A day of free activities, talks, tours and demonstrations.
 10am – 11.30am. Make and Create with Kathryn Seren and Animal Surprise Lucky Dip (£2. Call 01926 412500 to book a place)
 10.30am - 11am Free talk by Trevor Langley on The Story of Market Hall
 12noon - 12.30pm Free guided tour of the Museum with Liz Orrell
 12.30pm - 2.30pm Sketching the Museum with Angela Jack
 1.30pm - 2pm Free talk by Sue Rigby on the Great Fire of Warwick
 2.30pm - 3pm Free guided tour of the Museum with Chrissie Priestley.
 Also free all day : Beekeepers Chris and Paul will be on hand to talk to you about our museum bees. Volunteers will open up the museum handling boxes for you to delve into and get dressed up in replica costumes and hats. 01926 412500
- 14th Warwick Racecourse. **Coventry City FC Raceday**. Gates open 12noon. First race 2pm. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/coventry-city-sky-blue-raceday/
- 17th Hill Close Gardens. 2pm. **Head Gardener's Walk**. No extra charge. (Entry to gardens is £4.50 adults. £1 children) and no need to book. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 18th Central Warwick and Pageant Garden, Castle Street. From 11.15 am. **Warwick Town Criers Competition**. In this biannual contest, up to 20 criers from across the country compete to be the best at Diction, Inflection, Volume and Clarity. 11.15am: Parade

through town. 11.30am: 'Bells Up' on the steps of Shire Hall. 2pm - 4pm. The contest itself in Pageant Gardens behind the Jury Street Court House. It's free to attend. Oyez! <https://warwicktowncrier.co.uk/warwick-town-criers-competition/>

- 20th** Market Hall Museum. 7pm – 9.15pm. **TOFT Crochet Workshop – Ammonite.** Crochet your own ammonite. Curator of Natural History Jon Radley will give a brief talk about the fossils in the museum collection. The workshop includes everything you need to crochet your ammonite, as well as demonstrations of the techniques used. The TOFT team will be on-hand to help you. £35. Please book in advance. 01926 412500. Book tickets here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/toft-crochet-workshop-ammonite-tickets-83810915705
- 22nd** County Record Office. 1pm – 1.30pm. **Show and Tell: A Signature Style.** The interest in linking great authors with places they've visited is long established. View the visitor book from the Regent Hotel, Leamington, and see the signature of Charles Dickens, recently discovered by a CRO volunteer. Why did he spend the night at the Regent? Free. Just drop in. 01926 738959.
- 23rd** Warwick Racecourse. **Kissing It Better Raceday.** Supporting the healthcare charity. Gates open 11.55am. First race 1.55pm. Tickets from £12.50. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/charity-raceday/
- 25th** 1.30pm. **Trivia Trails.** Meeting your host at The Globe in Theatre Street, teams of up to six take on a 90' quiz trail challenge around Warwick, looking for the answers to a mix of historical, observational and fun questions. Adults £12.50. Children 9-16 £5. Under-8s free. Please book. 07718 574544. Email: jane@triviatrails.co.uk www.triviatrails.co.uk
- 25th** St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **St. James's Singers perform Mozart Mass in C.** Conductor Julian Harris. Tickets £12.50 - £17.50 from 07502 939498, or www.stjamesingers.com
- 26th** Chase Meadow Community Centre, Narrow Hall Meadow. CV34 6BT. 2.30-4.30pm. **Mum2Mum Market.** Baby, children's (up to 6yrs) and maternity nearly new sales. £2 on the door. Children free. Email: warwickshire@mum2mummarket.co.uk www.facebook.com/mum2mummarketwestmidands/
- 28th** The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons.** A social gathering suitable for dance beginners, with a professional teacher showing you the moves of the some ballroom classics. Excellent gentle exercise. Enjoy tea, coffee, cake and time to chat in the interval. No need to book. £2.50 per person. 01926 411694.

May

- 1st** **Stanks Island Works Delayed.** Originally the major works at Stanks Island at the junction of Birmingham Road and the A46 was due to be completed in May. The County Council have announced that completion will be delayed, but so far have not announced a new completion date. <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/stanks-island-update-4/>
- 2nd** The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. Volunteers take you for a gentle stroll round the Grade-1 listed Court House/Town Hall and outline the history of the county town. No need to book. Meet at the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212. (Afterwards why not look round the Love Local craft stalls – see below).
- 2nd** Visitor Information Centre, Jury Street. 10am – 4.30pm. **#Love Local.** A collection of local artists and crafters selling handmade products. Free entry. 01926 411694
- 2nd** The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 7.30pm. Unlocking Warwick presents **'The Jazz Age' 1920s Experience 2020.** This will have a Charleston Stroll Masterclass, a demonstration of the Lindy Hop with music from the Roy Forbes 5-piece jazz band, cocktails, canapés and dancing until 11pm. Period dress encouraged if you want to get into the twenties mood. Tickets £30 from the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212
- 6th** St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Gala Dinner to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day,** organised by the Warwick Poppies team. Proceeds to be shared between the Mayor's Charities, Lord Leycester Hospital and St. Mary's. Musical entertainment. Black tie or a 'hint of the 40s'. £40. Tickets: applyfortickets@btinternet.com 01926 403940

- 8th **Spring Bank Holiday** (changed from the previous Monday to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.
- 8th **Warwick Races: Victory in Europe Raceday.** Marking the 75th Anniversary of V.E. Day with a free picnic party in the centre of the course with seating for 1,500, traditional fairground rides and WW2 vintage vehicles on display. Over 75s have free entry. www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/victory-in-europe-raceday/ This is the start of the 'May Racing Carnival' with meetings on 8th, 9th, 20th and 27th. Details at www.warwickracecourse.co.uk 01926 405560
- 8th Hill Close Gardens. 11am – 5pm. **VE-Day 75-Year Celebration.** Special displays. Normal entry charge (£4.50 adults. Children £1) www.hillclosegardens.com
- 8th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Hans Uwe Hielscher** (organ), from Wiesbaden, Germany. Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 9th The Court House, Jury Street. 11am – 11.45am. **Court House Tour** with Unlocking Warwick. On Bank Holiday Saturday, Volunteers will take you for a gentle stroll round the grade-1 listed Court House/Town Hall and outline the history of the county town. No need to book. Meet at the Visitor Information Centre. 01926 492212
- 9th **Warwick Races: Ladies' Night.** An evening meeting. Tickets from £12.50. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/ladies-night/>
- 9th St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm. **Rousing English Music to Celebrate V.E. Day.** Overture The Wasps (Vaughan Williams); Sea Pictures (Elgar). Coventry Philharmonic Choir with Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra, conductor Roger Coull. Tickets £15 from the church bookshop, or www.wegotickets.com or www.covphilsoc.org.uk or 07728 887349.
- 10th St. Mary's Church. 10.30am. **Special Service for VE-Day 75th Anniversary.** The Eucharist will be a Special Commemoration Service, with senior figures from the local military units that fought in WW2, and the choir singing appropriate songs. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 10th St. Nicholas Park. 11am – 12.30pm. **A Bird Walk in the Park.** A springtime stroll along the Avon and around the Kingfisher Pools with Rick and Alan from the Warwick Natural History Society, to see how many species can be identified. Numbers limited, so please book in advance by emailing rick.thompson@t-media.org.uk or phone 07967 008021.
- 13th The Court House, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **In The Ballroom – Treasure Islands** with Roger Butler. An illustrated talk on Scottish isles and the wildlife around them, with tea, cake, a quiz and time to chat. £2.50. No need to book. 01926 411694
- 15th Hill Close Gardens. 10am – 12noon. **Sempervivum Workshop.** Learn about these popular hardy alpine plants. Tickets £20. Must book in advance. 01926 493339 or email centremanager@hcg.org.uk
At 2pm. There is a **Head Gardener's Walk.** No extra Charge. www.hillclosegardens.com
- 15th St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Lucy Morrell** (organ). Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 17th King's Hall, King's High School, Banbury Road. 3pm. **Works by English Masters with Roderick Williams (baritone) and Susie Allen (piano).** A Leamington Music Festival Extra. Works by Butterworth, Ireland, Warlock, Gurney, Vaughan Williams and Britten. Afterwards tea and cake and a tour of the new school is possible. Tickets £20 from Visitor Information Centre or 10926 334418.
- 20th **Warwick Races: Proudly Warwickshire.** Celebrating one of the oldest racecourses in the country. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/proudly-warwick/>
- 22nd St. Mary's Church. 1.15pm – 2pm. **Lunchtime Recital – Young Musicians from King Henry VIII School.** ,Free admission. Retiring collection. www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
- 24th Market Place and around town. 10am – 6pm. **The Warwick Food Festival.** Enjoy a range of great food and drink, with cooking demonstrations and entertainment. Special offers in many restaurants. www.localfoodfestivals.co.uk 01926 800750

- 26th** The Court House Ballroom, Jury Street. 2pm – 4pm. **Tea and Dance Lessons.** A social gathering suitable for dance beginners, with a professional teacher showing you the moves of the some ballroom classics. Excellent gentle exercise. Enjoy tea, coffee, cake and time to chat in the interval. No need to book. £2.50 per person. 01926 411694.
- 27th** **Warwick Races: Celebration Race Night.** The finale of Warwick's jump racing season. <https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/warwick/events-tickets/celebration-race-night/>
- 30th** 12noon and 1.30pm. **Trivia Trails.** Meeting your host at The Globe in Theatre Street, teams of up to six take on a 90' quiz trail challenge around Warwick, looking for the answers to a mix of historical, observational and fun questions. Adults £12.50. Children 9-16 £5. Under-8s free. Please book. 07718 574544. Email: jane@triviatrails.co.uk www.triviatrails.co.uk
- 30th - 31st** Warwick Racecourse. 10am – 6pm. **Warwick Thai Festival.** Entertainment throughout both days including traditional music and dancing, Muay Thai boxing, Ladyboy show, Thai beer garden, Thai food and produce stalls, Thai massage and children's play area. Entry £4. Under twelves free. www.magicofthailand.co.uk
- 31st** St. Mary's Church. 5.30pm. **Come and Sing Pentecost Evensong with St. Mary's Choirs.** A fundraising event for the choirs' tour to Poland in August. You can join in. 2pm Registration. 2.15pm Rehearsal including break for refreshments. 5.30pm Evensong – congregation welcome. Music by Ives, Dyson and Elgar. £15 to include refreshments. £5 for under sixteens. Please register in advance via St. Mary's website by 27th May. www.stmaryswarwck.org.uk

Some Diary Dates Later in the Year

- June 5th- 7th** St. Nicholas Park. 'Pub in the Park' with Tom Kerridge and Friends. Basement Jaxx, Roland Gift, All Saints, and Beverley Knight headlining. www.pubinthepark.com
- June 14th** The Two Castles Run. www.twocastlesrun.org.uk
- June 20th** St. John's Beer Festival www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk
- June 20th- July 5th** Warwickshire Open Studios. www.warwickshireopenstudios.org
- July 17th- 18th** Court Leet Beer and Cider Festival. <https://warwickbeerfestival.com> 07710 373267
- July 23rd** Teddy Bears' Picnic at Hill Close Gardens. www.hillclosegardens.com
- July 23rd- 26th** Warwick Folk Festival. www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk This year based in The Warwick Castle grounds. Details on access available at the Visitor Information Centre. The Smith Street Party will be on 25th.
- July 31st** Michael Buble outdoor concert at the castle. www.aegpresents.co.uk/events/detail/michael-buble
- August 9th** Retro Warwick Classic Car Show in the Market Place. alan.lettis@gmail.com
- August 29th- 31st** Warwick Horticultural Show. www.whasociety.org
- Sept 11th - 20th** Heritage Open Days with free entry to many historic buildings and some special events.
- Oct 5th- 11th** Warwick Words History Festival 2020. www.warwickwords.co.uk

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



The Court House Volunteers

To alert us to forthcoming events in Warwick, email well in advance to whatson@unlockingwarwick.org