

# What's On in Warwick (and What's Not)

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



**November 2020 onwards** (Revised 1.11.20)

[www.unlockingwarwick.org](http://www.unlockingwarwick.org)

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. Farmers' Markets are usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month.

## The latest rules from the government

### In England

**From Thursday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a four-week lockdown until December 2<sup>nd</sup>, though it might be extended. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november> A summary:

- Stay at Home unless you have to go out to work or education, to get essential supplies, for caring or exercise.
- Schools, colleges and universities remain open.
- Pubs and restaurants to close except for takeaways and deliveries. 'Non-essential' shops closed. You must wear a face mask in shops.
- Leisure and Entertainment venues closed. Professional sport continues but amateur sport cannot.
- No household mixing indoors or in private gardens unless in your 'support bubble'. Individuals "can meet one person from outside their household in an outdoor public space".
- Overnight stays and holidays away from your home are not allowed, including holidays in the UK and abroad. This includes staying in a second home, if you own one.
- Places of worship will be closed except for funerals, online services and private prayer. The Government has said weddings will not be allowed, apart from under "exceptional circumstances".

### In Warwick

- **The Victorian Evening**, the **Christmas Tree Festival** and the **Warwick Bonfire** in November have been cancelled. There will be no **Tree of Light Service** this year, but there will be a tree in the Market Place for hanging messages to loved ones and remembrances. The Lights of Love leaflets will be on the counter at the Post Office, and Torry's. From Tuesdays - Fridays there will be leaflets on the Visitor Information Centre doorstep for people to pick up. Post completed forms through the letter box of the Visitor Centre. Or call 01926 492212.
- **Warwick Castle, Museums, the Lord Leycester and the County Record Office** will be closed to the public.
- Several **churches** will offer opportunities for private prayer. St. Mary's will be open for individuals on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 3pm.

- **Warwick Town Council** will be providing updates on local developments: <https://www.warwicktowncouncil.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **Warwick District Council** has information on local services on its website: [www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk) and a Covid-19 Helpline: 01926 456111 (Mon-Fri. 9am – 5pm)
- Staff at the the **Warwick Visitor Information Centre** in Jury Street/Castle Street will be working from home, but can be contacted on 01926 492212 or [info@visitwarwick.co.uk](mailto:info@visitwarwick.co.uk) The **gift shop** has items online that can be delivered to CV34 addresses or posted. <https://visitwarwick.co.uk/gift-shop/> A selection of **Charity Christmas Cards** will also be available. (Charities include Cancer Research UK, Barnardo's, British Heart Foundation, Alzheimer's Society and RNLI, as well as local charity Myton Hospices).
- During lockdown 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.oncell.com>



The Town of Treasures Web-based App

- The Warwick **Saturday Market** is open with social distancing in place.
- The **Market Hall Museum** is posting activities for children on its website, ranging from Arty Tots to 'Show and Tell' talks. You can see them at: <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/> 01926 412500
- **Warwick Racecourse:** The Jump Racing Season continues but behind closed doors. [www.warwickracecourse.co.uk](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)
- **Warwick Castle** will be closed. The annual **Carols at the Castle in December** has been **cancelled**.
- **Unlocking Warwick** have cancelled until further notice their 'In The Ballroom' Socials, their Tea and Dance Lessons, and special events including this year's Christmas Regency Ball.
- The **Stanks Island Roadworks** have been delayed by distancing measures; now scheduled to be completed shortly (early November). Though no date has been posted: <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/stanks-island-and-birmingham-road-improvement-scheme-1190656?e=acfb8b1c7c>

## November

- 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **Joglaresa – Boogie Knights**. Medieval music. Part of the Leamington Music Season. Face coverings must be worn. Tickets £20 from [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org) or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon. <http://www.leamingtonmusic.org/event/joglaresa-boogie-knights-at-the-dream-factory-warwick/>
- 6<sup>th</sup>** Warwick Racecourse. **The November Raceday**. Currently to be held behind closed doors. [www.warwickracecourse.co.uk](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)
- 7<sup>th</sup>** Warwick Racecourse. **Warwick Fireworks and Bonfire Night**. . [www.warwicktownbonfire.org.uk](http://www.warwicktownbonfire.org.uk) **CANCELLED**
- 8<sup>th</sup>** **Remembrance Sunday** will be marked at the war memorial this year by a private service and wreath-laying by representatives of the military and local organisations. The public are asked *not to attend*, and to mark the two minutes' silence at 11am from home.

- 10<sup>th</sup> The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **Kosmos – music from around the world from the acclaimed trio.** Part of the Leamington Music Season. Tickets £20 from [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org) or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon. <http://www.leamingtonmusic.org/event/kosmos-at-the-dream-factory-warwick/> **Cancelled**
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Trivia Trail.** 12 noon starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer fun questions. **Cancelled.**
- 14<sup>th</sup> At the **Saturday Market**, the Visitor Centre will have a stall with Lights of Love leaflets and charity Christmas cards alongside other merchandise and work by local artists.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Warwick Racecourse. **The Winter Warmer Raceday** to be held behind closed doors. [www.warwickracecourse.co.uk](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 5pm. **Warwick Winter Food Market.** Replacing the usual Winter Food Festival. **Cancelled.** [www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk](http://www.cjseventswarwickshire.co.uk)
- 24<sup>th</sup> The Dream Factory, Playbox Theatre, Stratford Road. 7.30pm. **The Mellstock Band – The Shepherd's Calendar.** Words and music celebrating merrymaking through the rural year, with unusual instruments. Face coverings must be worn. Tickets £20 from [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org) or call 01926 497000 Mon-Friday 10am – 12noon. **Cancelled**
- 27<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm. **'Light Up The District' - Warwick's Christmas Lights** will be switched on at the same time as the lights in Leamington, Whitnash and Kenilworth. But there will be no Victorian Evening this year and residents are asked *not* to go to the Market Place, but to switch on their own lights at home at the same time.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Warwick Racecourse. 10am. **Warwick Reindeer Run.** Dress up as a reindeer and run or jog a 7km or 2.5km course. Plus a 1km fun-run for children. Details of entry and charity sponsorship here: <http://www.reindeerrun.co.uk> **Check with organisers**

## December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The month-long **lockdown** is due to end. If it is not extended, England will return to the restrictions of the previous tier system, depending on the severity of infection in the local area. Before the lockdown, Warwick was in Tier Three, defined as Medium Risk and requiring the rule of six and pubs/restaurants closing at 10pm.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Warwick Racecourse. **Eventmasters Christmas at the Races.** Currently to be held behind closed doors. [www.warwickracecourse.co.uk](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's Church. 5pm and 7.30pm. **The York Waits** with Deborah Catterall singer: "The Waits' Wassail" - music for Advent and Christmas. Medieval and Renaissance music with ancient instruments. Tickets in advance only. £20 from [www.leamingtonmusic.org](http://www.leamingtonmusic.org) or call 01926 487000
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Trivia Trail.** 12 noon starting at The Globe gastro pub, Theatre Street, a 90-minute walk round central Warwick looking for clues to answer historical, observational and fun questions. Maximum of 6 per team, and coronavirus measures will be in place. Adult £12.50. Child 8-16 £5.00. Under 8 free. Buggy and dog friendly. Please book in advance: Phone 07718 574544 or 01926 409266 or email [jane@triviatrails.co.uk](mailto:jane@triviatrails.co.uk)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Warwick Racecourse. **New Year's Eve Racing.** Currently to be held behind closed doors. [www.warwickracecourse.co.uk](http://www.warwickracecourse.co.uk)
- 31<sup>st</sup> Warwick Castle New Year's Eve Ball. 7.30pm. £135. Details here: [www.warwick-castle.com/private-events/christmas/](http://www.warwick-castle.com/private-events/christmas/) Check with the castle. 01926 406660

## 2021

- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> **The Court Leet Winter Beer and Cider Festival** in the Pageant Garden, Castle Street. 20 different beers and 7 ciders; hot food available. Numbers must be limited so advance tickets only from the Lord Leicester or the Visitor Information Centre. Entry £5 to include a commemorative glass. All money raised goes to CV34 charities and worthy causes. [www.warwickbeerfestival.com](http://www.warwickbeerfestival.com) 07710 373267 Email: [warwickbeerfest@gmail.com](mailto:warwickbeerfest@gmail.com)

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Warwick Pancake Races** in the Market Place. 1.30pm – 3pm. The popular event for teams of children from local schools, organised by the Rotary Club. To enter a team contact Jackie Compton: 01926 492496

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The Court House Volunteers

To alert us to forthcoming events in Warwick, or send news of cancellations, email [whatson@unlockingwarwick.org](mailto:whatson@unlockingwarwick.org)