

## What's On in Warwick

## A long-term calendar of events for residents and visitors compiled by Warwick Visitor Information Centre







December 2024 onwards www.visitwarwick.co.uk

Warwick Market is every Saturday from 9am. And a Farmers' Markets when there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.

- The Visitor Information Centre is open 7 days a week (6 days from December) in the Court House on Jury Street. There are free maps and guides, a gift shop and tickets for the castle are available here at a discounted price. www.visitwarwick.co.uk
- Court House Café Monday Coffee Morning. 10am-12.30pm. Coffee and cake! Only £3 per person and no need to book.
- Warwick Town Council Warm Hubs. Here is a link to Warm Hubs available this winter.
   <a href="https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/directory/23/warm">https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/directory/23/warm</a> hubs in warwick district/category/337
- The Lord Leycester –Winter (Oct-Apr) See website for up to date opening hours (last admission 3pm); Summer (May-Sept) Tuesday to Sunday 10am-5pm (last admission 4pm). Nine hundred years ago the Lord Leycester Chapel was built. In the 1300s the Guilds built the half-timbered buildings you see today some of the most important examples of intact medieval architecture in Britain. Guided Tours from the Brethren take place every Wednesday and Saturday 11am-12pm. See website for ticket prices: <a href="https://www.lordleycester.com">www.lordleycester.com</a>
- The Collegiate Church of St. Mary Opening hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11am 4pm and Sunday 12pm 4pm. This is subject to change due to graduation ceremonies/weddings etc. St Mary's Church, Warwick Home Page (stmaryswarwick.org.uk)
- Come and have fun at Tiny Sing's FREE singing workshops for under 4s and their parents/carers. Meet, sing, play! Every Tuesday morning during termtime at Heathcote Community Centre. Click on the link to reserve your place. Tuesdays in Warwick (9.45 to 11.15 am). Book here: The BIG Sing SOUL (tickettailor.com)

• You can enjoy **Virtual Tours** of the Court House, St Mary's Church and The Lord Leycester via the QR code, or go to <a href="https://warwicktour.oncell.com">https://warwicktour.oncell.com</a> - The Town of Treasures Web-based App.





- Market Hall Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am 5pm. FREE ENTRY. There are family holiday events on the website. <a href="www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk">www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk</a>. Regular events listed below:
  - o Mondays at 10am-12pm *Arty Tots*. £3 per child, free for adults and those under 1. No need to book.
  - On the first Saturday of the month, 10am 12pm, Make and Create craft workshop. £1 to take part, no need to book.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1pm 3pm Knit and Natter. Knit or crochet for a good cause. Free.
     No need to book.
- Market Hall Museum Highlight Tours Hear about the fascinating history of the building, central to life in Warwick since 1670, and the highlights of the collection. For ages 12+ years. Tours last approx. 45 minutes. Ask at the museum for times and dates or call 01926 412501.
- The Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum is now closed to the public for the winter, but please contact the Curator via the contacts page or via the enquiry form on the website to make a visit by arrangement: <a href="https://www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk">www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk</a>
- The Museum of The Queen's Royal Hussars Churchill's Own is open seasonally April October: Friday and Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-3pm and Bank Holidays 10am-4pm. Last entry one hour before closing. QRH Museum
- The Fusilier Museum sits next door to the Visitor Centre in Pageant House. The newly curated museum is family friendly and has two rooms full of interesting items from the collection including uniforms, weapons, medals, and personal items. Please see the website for the latest opening times and ticket prices: <a href="https://www.fusiliermuseumwarwick.com/">www.fusiliermuseumwarwick.com/</a>
- **Guy's Cliffe Walled Garden** is situated behind Hinton's Nursery on Coventry Road. Opening times vary. Please see the website <a href="www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk/">www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk/</a> Free entry.
- The Mill Garden & Hill Close Gardens are now closed for the winter but if you would like to make an appointment to visit tel Mill St: 01926 492877 or email <a href="www.hillclosegardens.com">www.hillclosegardens.com</a>
- Playbox Theatre. Join Cécile for Pilates with Friends. Fridays 10.30am-11.20am. Suitable for all over 18, beginners and beyond. £10 per session (first class half price £5). Own mat required. Free parking available.
- Unlocking Warwick. The popular 'In the Ballroom' socials have resumed and take place on the second
  Wednesday of each month. Also happening on the fourth Tuesday of the month is Ballroom Board Games.
  For both events please reserve your place at the Visitor Information Centre. You can do this either in person,
  by emailing <a href="lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk">lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk</a> or ringing 01926 492212. A list of talks up to Dec 2025 can be found
  here: "In the Ballroom" 2024 Unlocking Warwick
- All Saints Church. Weekly Sessions Wednesdays. 1.00pm-2.30pm. Warwick Memory Singers. The sessions are open to anyone living with dementia or other neurological condition, but participants need to be accompanied by a carer. The sessions include fun warm-ups, activity songs and a wide variety of familiar tunes. They provide an opportunity to socialise with others and refreshments are served. £5 per week (Carers go free). To book a place or for further information please contact Sarah Riddell: <a href="mailto:sriddell@armonico.org.uk">sriddell@armonico.org.uk</a> or

call 07722 632242.

• County Record Office. **Trace Your Ancestors Monthly Club.** Saturday, 21st September, 26th October, 23rd November, 21st December 9.30am - 11.30am.

Get support with your family history research. Different theme each month but all enquiries welcomed. Bring along writing materials and information on your family history. Lead by Genealogist Paul Wilkins. £10 plus booking fees. Spaces are limited, please book in advance at <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice</a>

- Warwick a Singing town Free quality singing and choral opportunities <u>www.warwicksingingtown.co.uk</u>
- Live Music many of the local pubs have regular live music sessions, eg the Old Post Office on Saturday PM,
  Ronnie's Bar on Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings click on the link Events from 5 November 24 July
  2025 > Live Music Events > Visit Warwick or see pub websites for more info

## 2024

December	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Warwick Racecourse. <b>New Year's Eve Raceday.</b> With seven races, a fantastic atmosphere, and excellent racing, you'll kick-start your New Year celebrations the right way. Racing scheduled to start at 1pm. For more information and to buy tickets visit <u>Warwick New Year's Eve 2024   Tickets &amp; Info   Warwick Racecourse (thejockeyclub.co.uk)</u>

## 2025

January	
Jan to Mar	Hil Close Gardens <b>This is the Art Class you've always wanted</b> . Fun, easy, step by step instructions in a friendly atmosphere. 14 week course. Call 01926 710678 to enquire or sign up
9 <sup>th</sup>	The Queen's Royal Hussars Museum, The Birdman of Auschwitz talk 6:30pm £12 tickets including wine & nibbles from the Warwick visitor information centre, The Lord Leycester or via eventbrite
9 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pm, <b>Photographing Birds Around Warwickshire</b> – a talk by Alec Cuthbertson for Warwick Natural History society www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk. Facebook: @historysoc; T
10 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Katherine Cooper mezzo soprano, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
10 <sup>th</sup>	Opportunity to volunteer as a driver with Leamington Music, transporting young musicians to a workshop with Royal Birmingham Conservatoire – Second City Brass. Contact education@leamingtonmusic.org, or call 01926 774395
11 <sup>th</sup>	Online meeting of Warwickshire local history society <b>Three Warwickshire Parish Churches.</b> Obtain an online link by emailing info@warwickshirehistory.org.uk in advance to register interest. Attendance is free although donations are always welcome. www.warwickshirehistory.org.uk. Facebook: @historysoc;
11 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church, <b>A wonderful evening of Mozart</b> doors open 6:30pm, Tickets £15/£7.50 for Amnesty International at Presto Music or Warwick Books
11 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Racecourse Classic Chase Day www.thejockeyclub.co.uk
20 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Racecourse Afternoon Racing www.thejockeyclub.co.uk
23rd	Market Hall Museum, <b>Show and Tell: The Women's Land Army 1917-1950</b> 1pm – 1.30pm Free – no need to book
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pm, <b>Warwick District Council's Bio-diversity Plan</b> – a talk by Becky Davies, WDC Climate Change Adaption Officer for Warwick Natural History society

24 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Alexander Wilson organ, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
26 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Hall 3pm, <b>A Beautiful Thread</b> – a Celebration of Thomas Hardy with Anton Lesser, book at bridgehousetheatre.ticketsolve.com
31st	Opportunity to volunteer as a driver with Leamington Music, transporting young musicians to a workshop with <b>Ethel String Quartet</b> . Contact education@leamingtonmusic.org, or call 01926 774395
February	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pm, <b>Gardening with wildlife in mind</b> a talk by Pauline Pears for Warwick Natural History society
7 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church, <b>Intersellar</b> & other space themed music from stage & screen with organist Roger Sayer, doors open 7pm. Tickets £18/£5 from https://tiny.cc/interstellar
8 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Racecourse Kingmaker Chase Day www.thejockeyclub.co.uk
13 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum, <b>Show and Tell: How to Catch a Sea Dragon</b> Fossils & fossil collecting in 19 <sup>th</sup> century Warwickshire. Free – no need to book
14 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Polly rumble trumpet, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pmThe Heart of England Forest and it's diversity a talk by Sam McVie & Ros Anscombe for Warwick Natural History society
21st	Warwick Racecourse Fiver Friday www.thejockeyclub.co.uk
26 <sup>th</sup>	County Record Office <b>Show and Tell: Parish Apprenticeship Indentures</b> 1pm – 1:30pm  Join us to take a look at Warwickshire's parish apprenticeship indentures from this period and to find out more about the identity of the child apprentices and the trades in which they were trained. Free, no need to book.
March	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Old Shire Hall, Warwick <b>Rediscovered: The Lost Painting of Henry VIII</b> 2.30pm - 4pm
	During the 1590s, tapestry maker and local politician Ralph Sheldon commissioned a set of 22 portraits of monarchs and contemporary figures for his home Weston House, Warwickshire. The majority are now considered lost. In July 2024 Sheldon's lost portrait of Henry VIII was rediscovered in Warwick's Shire Hall, hiding in plain sight. This talk explains more about the painting's history and remarkable discovery, alongside new research into Henry's forgotten state visit to Warwick in September 1511. Talk by art historian and consultant for Sotheby's Adam Busiakiewicz, who made the discovery, and historian Aaron Manning who has undertaken research primary source research into the king's progress in 1511.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Refreshments available. £10 plus booking fee, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice  Country Record Office Crime and Punishment: A look at some historical evidence of Courts, Crimefighters and
	Correction in Warwickshire. 7pm - 8pm  From Known Thieves to Quarter Session records: discover how Warwickshire dealt with its criminals, and view some of the records that have been preserved £8.50 plus booking fee, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
6 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church. <b>Entranced II with Orchestra of the Swan.</b> This hypnotic, candlelit performance features music ranging from the deeply spiritual tintinnabulism of Arvo Pärt and the urban mantras of Philip Glass to the cinematic incantations of Radiohead and the futuristic dreamscapes of Pink Floyd. Tickets £35 available from orchestraoftheswan.org
6 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pm, <b>Journey into wild Wales</b> a talk by Nick Martin for Warwick Natural History society
7 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital</b> , young musicians from Warwick School, admission free, collection on exit
8 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum Celebrating Heritage Crafts – Craft Demonstration Day 10am - 1pm
	Come along and discover a range of different heritage crafts, from bookbinding to circular sock machines! Watch the skilled crafters at work and learn about the importance of keeping these heritage skills alive. Free drop in, no need to book, all ages welcome

9 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Racecourse Four Legged Friend Day www.thejockeyclub.co.uk
9 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum Roses and Castles Canal Painting Workshop 1pm-4pm
	Learn to paint in the colourful canal folk art style with Kerri, Heritage Crafter. Discover more about the traditional Roses and Castles style and paint your own mug to take home. A delicious cream tea (included). All materials included.
10 <sup>th</sup>	£37 plus booking fees. Spaces are limited, book online at <a href="https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice</a>
10	St John's House Tour 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	The story of St John's House in Warwick spans 900 years of history, from medieval hospital to family home, schoolhouse, and museum. Hear about the medieval hospital in the 12th century; of the Stoughton family who built the current house in the 17th century; and explore the recreated Victorian kitchen and schoolroom
	£10 plus booking fee, book at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
12 <sup>th</sup>	County Record Office Show and Tell – The 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Village Constable 1pm – 1.30pm
	Find out what the local constable was doing around the time of the English Civil War. Their accounts include supporting victims of disaster, dealing with vagrants, training the militia, and collecting taxes (with useful lists of names) Free, no need to book
12 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum <b>Women Collectors</b> , 7pm
	Discover some of the pioneering women of the Warwickshire Natural History and Archaeology Societythanks to the ACE Unlocking Collections project and the Unlocking Collections volunteers. £8.50 plus booking fee, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
15 <sup>th</sup>	Museum Collections, Hawkes Point Behind the Scenes: Museum Collection Tour 10am – 11.30am
	Get a look behind the scenes with this exclusive tour of Warwickshire Museum's collections. Led by our Curators of Natural History and Human History, learn how we collect and look after artefacts, and discover some of the treasures of the collection, from fossils to dolls houses, pottery & entomology. Also take a closer look into some of the wonderful costume kept in the museum centre, with costume spanning over 400 years.
	£12 plus booking fee, Spaces Limited, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
19 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum Great Fire of Warwick 1694 Talk and Walk 10am – 11.30am
	On 6 <sup>th</sup> September 1694, The Great Fire of Warwick, ripped through the town, leaving a lasting impact on both the people and buildings. Take a walk, following the route of the fire, and learn more about the events of that fateful day and the immediate aftermath. Lasting approx. 1 hour ending at Market Hall Museum with a short presentation highlighting some of the important documents about the event and some stories of a few of the individuals whose lives were disrupted by the fire.
	Tickets £15 plus booking fee, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
20 <sup>th</sup>	Friends' Meeting House, High Street 7:30pm, <b>Bees &amp; Beekeeping Demonstration</b> by Alan Deeley for Warwick Natural History society
20 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road. 7.30pm. <b>Elements with Orchestra of the Swan.</b> This concert presents these classical elements in musical form, beginning with Jean-Féry Rebel's unsettling <i>Chaos</i> from his <i>Les Élémens</i> suite and concluding with Debussy's magical triptych <i>La Mer</i> . Tickets £25 and £10 under 35s available from <a href="mailto:brigehousetheatre.co.uk">brigehousetheatre.co.uk</a>
<b>21</b> <sup>st</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Castalia directed by Clive Letchford, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Mary's Church, <b>Gloria Patri.</b> Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir, www.rlsbc.org
22 <sup>nd</sup>	County Record Office Tracing your Irish Family History – A Beginner's Guide 9.30am - 11.30am

	Discover more about your Irish Ancestors: advice on the various sources available, both at the Record Office and online, as well as tips on how to develop your research skills. Led by local genealogist Paul Wilkins.
• "	£15 plus booking fee, book online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
April	
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Harry Sullivan, organ, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
9 <sup>th</sup>	County Record Office Show and Tell: Early Policing 1pm – 1.30pm Discover the origins of Warwickshire Constabulary in the mid 19th century through the records of the Quarter Sessions. Free, no need to book
10 <sup>th</sup>	Market Hall Museum Show and Tell: The Past Beneath Our Feet 1pm – 1.30pm
	Join Curator of Human History, Sara Wear for a look at archaeological discoveries in Warwickshire through highlight objects at Market Hall Museum. Free, no need to book
16 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church, <b>Pergolesi's Lenten masterpiece Stabat Mater</b> performed by the Girl Choristers of The Collegiate Church of St Mary's accompanied by the Beauchamp Quartet. Adults £10, <16 free pay on the door
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9 <sup>th</sup>	St Mary's Church <b>lunchtime recital,</b> Fumi Otsuki violin with Natalie Bleicher piano, 1:15-2pm, admission free, collection on exit
11 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Hall, <b>Toddle About Baby Show</b> , 10am to 3pm. Raffle proceeds to benefit <i>The Ups of Downs</i> , a local charity supporting families with a child or young person with Down Syndrome in Warwickshire and surrounding areas. Book a free ticket via toddle.fun/babyshowwarks or £2 on the door
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19 <sup>th</sup>	Warwick Hall, Warwick School, Myton Road. 7.30pm. Interstellar with Orchestra of the Swan and Anton Lesser. Gustav Holst's epic and influential <i>Planets</i> suite is presented alongside stunning images captured by the Hubble Space Telescope. With narration by acclaimed actor Anton Lesser ( <i>Wolf Hall, Game of Thrones</i> ) and readings about the cosmos from the last 2000 years from the Bible, Ptolemy and Galileo through to Albert Einstein, Neil Armstrong and Stephen Hawking, this is a breathtaking new way to experience a well-known masterpiece. Tickets £25, £10 under 35s available from <a href="mailto:bridgehousetheatre.co.uk">bridgehousetheatre.co.uk</a>

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