



Heritage Open Days

6 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024



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**FREE TO
EXPLORE**

Town Hall, Leamington Spa



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Open Days



Kenilworth Castle



All Saints Church, Ladbroke



Castle Street, Warwick

Welcome

Warwick District Council is proud to be part of England's largest festival of history and culture. We have more than forty events taking place this year, giving you the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour or visit buildings, gardens and places of historic interest not normally open to the public, free of charge.

Once again we would like to extend our thanks to the dozens of volunteers for their efforts in making our district's Heritage Open Days amongst the best and most extensive in the country.

Have a great time exploring!

Councillor Rob Margrave, Chairman Warwick District Council



Royal
Leamington
Spa



BRUNSWICK STREET CEMETERY

Social Walks & Talks Leamington Guided Tour

Brunswick Street, CV31 2EN


A guided walk around the historic cemetery which has existed since 1851, visit to view and hear the history of selected graves of the famous and not so famous, mostly on footpaths but sometimes on the grass.

Meet tour at Middle Gate on Brunswick Street.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8. Saturday 14 & Sunday 15. All walks start at 2pm

FOUNDRY WOOD

Princes Drive, CV32 6AF




Take a stroll around this fascinating site with links to the railways and foundries and find out more about the recent conversion into a community woodland. Foundry Wood will be open as usual during Heritage Open Days. Check the events page on the website www.foundrywood.co.uk/events for specific activities taking place during this time.

Open daily 10am to 5pm

foundrywood.co.uk

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Beauchamp Avenue, CV32 5RG



Grade II listed building, originally built as a proprietary chapel in 1847, and later enlarged. Excellent stained glass, including windows designed by Daniel Cottier and Caroline Townsend. Flower displays and organ music. Cards by local artists on sale.

Saturday 7 & 14, 10am to 3pm. Sunday 8 & 15, 1pm to 3pm

holyltrinityleamington.org.uk



ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH

Vicarage Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7RH

Grade II listed building dating back to as early as 970AD with a Saxon doorway which can still be seen. The west tower was added around 1480, and a bell dedicated to St Catherine at this time still hangs in the tower today. Much of the building dates from the Victorian era with fine stained glass windows, and a large pipe organ installed in the 1930s.

Saturday 14, 10am to 12noon



LEAMINGTON LOCAL HISTORY HERITAGE DAY

All Saints Parish Church, Victoria Terrace, CV31 1AA

Leamington Local History Day celebrates our town's diverse heritage. Leamington History Group and many other local history societies will display their latest local history research and host activities and events. The Lights of Leamington 'Switched On Stories' oral history project team will also be present and invite you to share your stories and memorabilia from this historic festival which took place in Jephson Gardens from 1951-1961.

Saturday 14, 10.30am to 4pm



THE LEAMINGTON TENNIS COURT CLUB

50 Bedford Street, CV32 5DT

Founded in 1846, Leamington Tennis Court Club is the oldest real tennis club in the world. Take a guided tour of this fascinating sporting gem.

Monday 9, 2pm. Friday 13, 11.30am

leamingtonrealtennis.co.uk



LEAMINGTON STATION

Old Warwick Rd, CV31 3NS

Take a guided tour of Leamington's award winning station gardens together with the public areas of the restored grade II listed Art Deco buildings.

Meet approximately 10 metres to the right of the station entrance as you face it. Booking preferred email robin@robinadams.co.uk, but visitors welcome to turn up on the day.

Saturday 7 & 14, 2.30pm. Sunday 8 & 15, 11am

leamingtonstationfriends.org



POLISH CENTRE

54 High Street, CV31 1LW

Leamington Spa's first Town Hall and Police Station, designed by Russell and opened in 1830, has been the Polish Centre since 1968. Visitors will be able to see the original council chamber, Queen Victoria's balcony and the upper part of the ballroom, now used as a Roman Catholic chapel.

Visitors are not required to book in advance; please note that there is no disabled access to the building.

Sunday 8, 12noon to 3pm

polskiosrodek.org



ST MARY'S ALLOTMENTS

Radford Road, CV31 1LQ

Established in 1894, the allotment site has a diversity of shed designs including riverside chalets on the banks of the River Leam. A haven of wildlife with Victorian water baths from the former Warneford Hospital.

Saturday 7 & 14 and Sunday 8 & 15, 10am to 4pm



LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Parade, CV32 4AA

Join a curator from Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum as they take you on a historical tour of the Royal Pump Rooms building. Tours last 30 minutes with 15 places available per tour.

Booking required boxoffice@warwickdc.gov.uk

Saturday 7 & 14 and Sunday 8 & 15, 12.15pm & 1.30pm

warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms



LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP GUIDED WALKS

The Leamington History Group is offering the following themed walks as part of Heritage Open Days. Maximum group size 20, booking required.

Tuesday 10, 2pm - Imperial Leamington (Meet at Pump Rooms Visitor Centre)

Thursday 12, 2.30pm - People and Places of Leamington (Meet at South Lodge opposite Pump Rooms)

walks@leamingtonhistory.co.uk

leamingtonhistory.co.uk/town-walks-programme-2024



Castle Street, Warwick

Warwick

ALDERSON HOUSE

23 High Street, CV34 4AX



A magnificent Georgian building, completed in 1697 but with parts of the former Tudor building still there. Now a Masonic meeting place and popular weddings and events venue. This is a great opportunity to visit a masonic lodge room and find out more about the movement. Full disabled access using the lower entrance door.

Saturday 14, 10am to 2pm

aldersonhouse.co.uk

COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY

Old Square, CV34 4RA



Set in the heart of Warwick, St Mary's dates back over 900 years and is one of the largest parish churches in England. Some hidden gems include, the Dean's Chapel, Beauchamp Chapel, crypt, our Victorian ringing room and ring of 10 magnificent bells. Church open Monday to Saturday 11am to 4pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm.

Tours of the tower with an opportunity to see the Victorian ringing room and bells, Friday 13, Saturday 14 & Sunday 15, 1.30pm & 3.30pm
Tours are limited to 12 people. No booking required.

stmaryswarwick.org.uk

COURT HOUSE

Jury Street, CV34 4EW



Take a tour of the Court House, designed and built by Francis Smith in 1725. The Court House replaced a medieval tavern, one of the few buildings which survived the Great Fire of Warwick in 1694.

Booking required. Tel: 01926 492212 or

Email lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk. Groups limited to 15 people.

The start of the tour is in Pageant Garden, which is located behind the Court House on Castle Street.

Saturday 7 & 14, 10.30am

thecourthousewarwick.co.uk



GUY'S CLIFFE CENTRE (SSSI)

Coventry Road, CV34 5YD

Set in eight acres of parkland this ancient location is where the legendary Guy of Warwick lived and died as a hermit. The site was also a saxon hermitage dating from the mid 6th century and is of Triassic geological special scientific interest. Come and view Guys Cliffe ruin, which is unaccessible, complete with St Mary Magdalen Chapel, which is currently used as a masonic temple.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8, 10am to 4pm

guyscliffehouse.co.uk



GUY'S CLIFFE WALLED GARDEN

Coventry Road, CV34 5FJ. Behind Hintons Nursery

Come and explore the fascinating history of Guy's Cliffe walled gardens, dating from the 1770s and supplying the Guy's Cliffe estate until the 1940s. 250 years later - the garden is now supplying its fresh fruit and vegetables to the local foodbanks and night shelter; however, some of the produce will also be available to buy over the heritage weekend.

Saturday 14, 10am to 3.30pm. Sunday 15, 10.30am to 3.30pm

guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk



HILL CLOSE GARDENS

Bread & Meat Close, CV34 6HF

A rare survivor, the 16 Victorian detached gardens are tucked away, just a stones throw from Market Square. Rescued from development, restored and supported by a host of wonderful volunteers, the gardens offer its visitors a tranquil escape, surrounded by history, horticulture and nature. Enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of lovely cake in our Tearoom too!

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8, 11am to 5pm (last entry 4.30pm)

hillclosegardens.com



LORD LEYCESTER

60 High Street, CV34 4BH

One of the best examples of medieval courtyard architecture in England and still home to the Master and Brethren today. Following a multi-million pound renovation, visitors can now explore the fascinating buildings, view brand-new exhibitions, and learn more about the 900-year history of this unique heritage site.

Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11, 10am to 5pm (last admission 4pm).

Booking required, www.lordleycester.com/tickets/

lordleycester.com



ST MARY IMMACULATE RC CHURCH

45 West Street, CV34 6AB

St Mary Immaculate was built in 1860 and designed by Edward Pugin. The main altar is adorned with gilded images of saints and martyrs and the smaller chapel of Our Lady has an oak carving of the Virgin and Child. Lord of the Rings author J. R. R. Tolkien married Edith Bratt at the church in 1916.

Sunday 8 12.30pm to 4pm. At 2.30pm Bob Vella will give a talk on the history of the church. There will also be a display of hand-painted religious icons. Some of the artists will be present to talk about their works. stmary-immaculate.org.uk



MARKET HALL MUSEUM

Market Place, CV34 4SA

Hear about the fascinating history of the Market Hall building, central to life in Warwick since 1670, and the highlights of the museum collection on display. From the infamous Warwickshire Bear to the amazing South Warwickshire ancient Roman coin hoards.

To book visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice or call 01926 412501

Tour Thursday 12, 2pm (visit website for other dates and times) heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

St Nicholas Church Street, CV34 4JD

Take a guided tour of this unusually fine example of gothic revival architecture, built by Thomas Johnson of Warwick. The church pre-dates the Victorian excesses and has a rare, delicate, simple style. Refreshments available during opening hours.

Friday 6 & 13, 11am to 4.30pm, Saturday 7 & 14, 11am to 4.30pm, Sunday 8 & 15, 12noon to 4.30pm stnicholaschurchwarwick.org.uk



WARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Barrack St, CV34 4TH

This centrally located church provides an inclusive and welcoming area for worshippers, choirs, summer clubs and concerts. Come and find out more about the history of this building and its recent modifications with our local guide.

Saturday 7, 10am to 5pm



WARWICK SOCIETY TOWN WALKS

Starting from Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick

The mediaeval town of Warwick was badly damaged in the Great Fire of 1694. It was rebuilt in very early Georgian architecture. Much changed since 1945, but the essence of the townscape remains. Now, it faces challenges of redevelopment sites and too much vehicle traffic. Explore and learn more about its history, its buildings and its prospects.

Meet at the main steps of the Shire Hall, Market Place, wheelchair users will be very welcome to join in; the route will be over a mile long, following pavements and road crossings.

Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15, starting at 11 am and 3pm each day. The walk takes about 75 minutes.



WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

Priory Park, off Cape Road, CV34 4JS

Visit the strongrooms and find out about the work of the archivists to care for the county's precious documents. After the tour there will be an opportunity to view some of the wonderful records found within the archives.

Spaces limited, please book online at

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice or call 01926 738959

Saturday 14, 1pm and 2.15pm

heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk



WARWICKSHIRE YEOMANRY MUSEUM

Castle Street, CV34 4EW (situated in the basement of the Court House)

This Museum is managed through a charitable trust which is entirely reliant on volunteers, there are no paid staff. Its aim is to safeguard the heritage and collective memory of those who served with the Warwickshire Yeomanry during the period 1794 to 1956 when the regiment amalgamated with the Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars.

Friday 6, 10am to 1pm Short Conducted Tours

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8, 10am to 4pm, Monday 9, 10am to 1pm

Explore the Past - Enjoy our Quiz Wednesday 11, 10am to 1pm

Friday 13 10am to 1pm Find the Ten Most Interesting Objects

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15, 10am to 4pm

warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk

SALTISFORD CANAL CENTRE AND ST MICHAEL'S PLACE

Budbrooke Rd, CV34 5GN



Join Heritage and Culture Warwickshire and Saltisford Canal Trust for a joint open day at Saltisford Canal. See historic barges, learn about traditional canal crafts and have a go at painting in the 'roses and castles' style. Go on a scavenger walk around the canal and learn about the animals that live there. Plenty of fun for all ages. On Thursday 12 September. Come and learn more about the plans to rescue the Master's House and St Michael's House (the former Leper Hospital), find out more about the history of the site and take part in activities inspired by the period.

Sunday 8, 12pm to 4pm and Thursday 12, 1.30pm to 4pm



Warwick Military Heritage Trail

Pick up your free copy of the Warwick Military Heritage Trail from Warwick Visitor Information Centre. Explore the exciting and educating military heritage venues and sites across Warwick, including the recently restored Lord Leycester spanning 450 years of history.





Kenilworth

Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Gardens

KENILWORTH ABBEY MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

Abbey Fields, CV8 1BP

Housed in a 14th century red sandstone building, once part of the medieval Abbey, come and visit an exhibition charting Kenilworth's history from the bronze age to 21st century. On Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September only, members of the Kenilworth History & Archaeology Society will be leading a guided walk of the Abbey ruins bringing to life the people who lived and worked there and revealing why there is so little left of the once magnificent Augustinian Abbey.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8, 2.30pm to 4.30pm and Saturday 14 & Sunday 15, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Tours at 3pm on Saturday 14 and 15 only.

khas.co.uk



ST BARNABAS CHURCH

Albion St, CV8 2FY

Previously known as St Nicholas Mission Room, services at St Barnabas began back in 1886 in the community of Albion Street, the church is part of the Parish Church of St Nicholas.

Open daily 9am to 5pm



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

Abbey Fields, CV8 1BP

Located close to the remains of Kenilworth Abbey, this lovely church features a 14th century west tower and spire, decorated arches and perpendicular clerestory restored in 1864.

Open daily 9am to 5pm

stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk





Bridge End

Explore the District's Villages



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LADBROKE

Church Road, CV47 2DF

Over 700 years old with an unusual striped tower and Gilbert Scott interior, this well-loved church invites you to come and discover rocks and fossils, stunning stained glass and a special exhibition about some unexpected connections.

Friday 6, 2pm to 4pm. Saturday 7, 10am to 4pm. Sunday 8, 2pm to 4pm

ladbrokechurch.org.uk



ST CHADS CHURCH, BISHOP'S TACHBROOK

CV33 9RJ

This beautiful building has its roots deep in history, parts of which go back to the 12th century. The aisle and tower were added in the late 14th and early 15th century. Two of the beautiful stained glass windows are of special interest. The first is in memory of Charles Kingsley the other is an early work of William Morris.

Saturday 7, 10am to 4pm

stchadsbt.org



PACKWOOD HOUSE

Packwood Lane, Lapworth, B94 6AT

Surrounded by beautiful gardens and countryside, Packwood was described by a guest in the 1930s as 'a house to dream of, a garden to dream in'. Lovingly restored at the beginning of the 20th century by Graham Baron Ash, you can discover the detail behind the man, his passion for collecting and his collection. The gardens include brightly coloured, 'mingled style' herbaceous borders, famous sculpted yews and an 18th-century gentleman's kitchen garden.

Saturday 14, 9am to 5pm

nationaltrust.org.uk



CHURCH OF ST MARY, HASELEY

Firs Lane, Haseley, CV35 7LS

This stunning Grade I listed medieval church with box pews is located in an idyllic setting close to Warwick.

Saturday 7 & 14 and Sunday 8 & 15, 10am to 4pm



ST MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON

Church Lane, CV32 7JT

A chance to visit this Grade I listed Norman church dating from the 12th century with exceptional stained glass windows and surrounded by an award winning churchyard. Bells were hung in the church tower in the early 1600s and have been rung regularly ever since.

Friday 6 to Sunday 15, 1pm to 5pm. Sunday 8, St. Mary's Patronal Festival from 3pm to 5pm with refreshments.

stmaryscubbington.co.uk



ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAPPENBURY

Church Lane, CV33 9DW

St Anne's is a small, country parish church which sits on a large, fortified Iron Age settlement dating back to approximately 700BC known as the Wappenbury camp. The river Leam forming part of its defences. The church originally dates back to the 18th century. The church was completely renovated and refurbished in 2014.

Friday 6 to Sunday 15, 9am to 5pm

stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WASPERTON

CV35 8EB

Small church remodelled 1847 by GG Scott includes a 16th century pulpit, an 18th Century wrought iron communion rail, a timber porch, bellcote with spirelet and two Pugin designed windows.

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8, 11am to 4pm

barfordchurches.org.uk



ST PETER'S CHURCH, BARFORD

Church Street, CV35 8BS

There has been a church on the site since Saxon times. The present church was re-built in the 1840s save for the Tower which is 14th century. It houses a ring of six bells and careful examination of its exterior shows bullet holes left during the Civil War. In the churchyard lies buried Joseph Arch (1826-1919) who was born in a nearby cottage. He founded the National Union of Agricultural Labourers. His tomb is marked with an obelisk.

Sunday services 9.30am (Sunday 8) 11am (Sunday 15)

Open daily 9am to 6pm

barfordchurches.org.uk



ST MARGARETS CHURCH, HUNNINGHAM

School Lane, CV33 9DS

Located in a delightful rural setting the church was built in 1216 so that residents could attend services when the river crossing to Wappenbury was flooded.. The church was constructed with Ashlar sandstone with Victorian additions and a wooden bell tower. Over the last two years the bell tower has been fully restored including its iconic 8 degree lean thanks to the Friends of Hunningham Church. The West wall consists of a huge exterior buttress and a long pointed light containing the Millennium window. The font is white sandstone from the 14th century.

Open daily 9am to 5pm



BAGOT'S CASTLE

Church Road, Baginton CV8 3AR

14th century ruin set in a 19-acre site, woodland paths, river walks and ponds. Picnic area overlooking the castle monument and benches along river walk. On the site are trails and activities for children, six Bagot goats, a reconstructed 18th century summerhouse and world war II tank test track.

Bagot's Castle is located at the end of Church Road, Baginton, CV8 3AR just past the church which is on the right as you go down Church Road. Parking is in our car park at the end of Church Road - overflow car parking at the Blacksmith Shop just as you enter Church Road/ Signs will be in place.

**Friday 6 & 13, Saturday 7 & 14 and Sunday 8 & 15,
10.30am to 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)**

bagotscastle.org.uk



BADDESLEY CLINTON

Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton, B93 0DQ

The magic of Baddesley Clinton comes from its secluded, timeless setting deep within its own parkland. From refuge to haven, this atmospheric moated manor house has been a sanctuary since the 15th century. Discover Baddesley's late medieval, Tudor and 20th-century histories and uncover its stories, from hiding persecuted Catholics in its priest's holes, to the history of the Ferrers family who lived at Baddesley for more than 500 years. The peaceful gardens include fish pools, walled garden and a lakeside walk are perfect for a tranquil stroll.

Saturday 14, 9am to 5pm

nationaltrust.org.uk



ST CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hampton on the Hill, CV35 8QR

The church was built in 1819 and is one of the oldest Catholic parish churches in Warwickshire. Come and find out more about this church, which was built at a time when Catholics were increasing in number, but were still excluded from Parliament and before the Hierarchy had been restored. As with most Catholic churches of this era, it was paid for by a local family (the Dormers) who lived at Grove Park in the village. The family remained actively involved in the parish until the 1990s.

Sunday 8, 11am to 4pm



TEMPLE BALSALL CHURCH & THE FOUNDATION OF LADY KATHERINE LEVESON

Fen End Road West, Temple Balsall, B93 0AN

A tranquil rural setting dating back to 1146 and the Knight's Templars, with 17th century endowments for church, almshouses and a school by sisters Lady Katherine Leveson & Lady Anne Holbourne. The church was restored in 19th century by Sir George Gilbert Scott, and the composer of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' is buried in the nearby cemetery.

Visit the historical site with art exhibition both days. Saturday guided tours, autumn fayre, Morris dancing and activities for children. Sunday guided tour at 1.45pm.

Saturday 7, 1pm to 4pm and Sunday 8, 12noon to 3pm

For More Information

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

 Warwick DC News

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www.warwickdc.gov.uk

Warwick District Council extends its thanks to all the venues that have joined the scheme this year and to all the volunteers who give up their time to make this event possible.

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