



Heritage Open Days

9 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2022



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FREE TO
EXPLORE

Welcome

Heritage
Open Days

Warwick District is proud to once again be part of England's biggest heritage festival.

We have more than thirty venues taking part, 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.

A big thankyou to the dozens of volunteers, who have given up their time to organise the fantastic range of events taking place.

Have a great time!

Councillor Mini Kaur Mangat - Chair Warwick District Council



St Mary's Allotments



Foundry Wood

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

Victoria Terrace, CV31 1AA

Large, beautifully decorated, Victorian parish church, with a strong tradition of choral music.

Sunday 11, 3pm to 3.45pm, Organ Recital by Timothy Selman.

We plan to open the Church Tower to visitors - dates and times to be confirmed.

Open daily Monday to Saturday, 11am to 5pm. Sunday 18, 6-7pm Choral Evensong.

www.allsaintschurchleamington.org.uk



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa CV32 5RG

Grade II listed building which was originally built as a proprietary chapel in 1847. It has a Daniel Cottier Arts & Crafts stained glass window, and one by Caroline Townshend and Joan Howson, and Italian mosaics in the Chancel.

Enjoy the artwork on display including artist Judy Mickelthwaite. Occasional organ music. Refreshments available.

Saturday 10 to Saturday 17, 10am-2pm

www.holytrinityleamington.org.uk



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. The Friends of Foundry Wood volunteers will be offering FREE guided tours of the newly leased Sidings adjacent to Foundry Wood.

Access and group size limited to 10 people per session. Weekends only. Pre-booking essential.

Open daily 10am to 5pm.

Tours: Saturday 10 & 17, Sunday 11 & 18

www.foundrywood.co.uk

LEAMINGTON SOCIETY

Guided walk round Jephson Gardens

Jephson Gardens are very special place in Leamington. Come and take a tour of the gardens learning about their history and identifying some of the interesting trees.

Meet at the entrance to Jephson Gardens, opposite the Pump Rooms.

Wednesday 14, 11am, Booking required

contact@leamingtonsociety.org
www.leamingtonsociety.org

LEAMINGTON SOCIETY

Leamington Spa's history in buildings and characters

A guided tour of a selection of the town's more noteworthy buildings and gardens.

Meet at the entrance to Jephson Gardens, opposite the Pump Rooms. No booking required.

Saturday 10, 2.30pm. Tuesday 13, 2.30pm.

Saturday 17, 2.30pm

www.leamingtonsociety.org

LEAMINGTON SOCIETY

A literary walk round Leamington

The famous writers associated with Leamington came here because of its fame as a spa, which people visited not only for their health but also for entertainment. For writers like Dickens a spa provided an opportunity to make contact with readers and to make money. Our tour will take in places where writers lived, performed or just relaxed.

Meet by the blue Spring sculpture outside All Saints Church, at the bottom of Parade. Booking required.

Sunday 18, 2.30pm

contact@leamingtonsociety.org
www.leamingtonsociety.org

LEAMINGTON STATION

Old Warwick Rd, Leamington Spa 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. No booking required.

Saturday 10, 11am. Sunday 18, 11am

www.leamingtonstationfriends.org



LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Royal Pump Rooms, Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4AA

Join a guide from Leamington Spa Art Gallery and Museum as they take you on a historical tour of the Royal Pump Rooms building. Tours last 1 hour.

Walk ups welcome or call 01926 334418 to pre book

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18, 11am

warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms



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.

Sunday 11 & 18, 12noon-2pm

www.polskiosrodek.org

ST MARY'S ALLOTMENTS

Radford Road, Royal Leamington Spa 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.

A Sculpture Trail features the work of 15 artists, some collaborating with poets and photographers.

Saturday 10 & 17 and

Sunday 11 & 18, 10am-4pm

www.stmarysallotments.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Road, CV31 1JN

Designed in 1838-39 by J G Jackson and constructed almost entirely in a stucco finish, including the tower.

Explore the fascinating interior including a gallery and contemporary painted panels by international artist Mo Enright, either side of the altar.

Monday 12, Tuesday 13 & Thursday 15, 9.30am-1pm



Warwick

Guy's Cliffe

St Nicholas Church

Kenilworth

Kenilworth Abbey Museum & Heritage Centre

The Parish Church of St Nicholas

ALDERSON HOUSE

23 High Street, Warwick CV34 4AX

Superb post Great Fire, Georgian building, now the home of Warwick's Freemasons with many original features including the grand staircase. See the interior of a Mason Lodge and ask us some questions.

Saturday 10, 10am-2.30pm

www.aldersonhouse.co.uk

COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY

Old Square, CV34 4RA

Set in the heart of Warwick, St Mary's dates back nearly 900 years and is one of the largest parish churches in England. Some of the hidden gems include; the Dean's chapel, Beauchamp Chapel, Victorian ringing room and our ring of 10 magnificent bells.

Guided Tours of the Church, Saturday 10 & Sunday 11, 12.15pm and 2.15pm

Tours of the tower with an opportunity to see the bells. Saturday 10 & Sunday 11, 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm (limited to 12 people)

Pop up café, Saturday 10 & Sunday 11, 12.30pm to 3.30pm

www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk



THE COURT HOUSE

Jury Street, CV34 4EW

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

Booking required.

Sunday 18 Tours, 11am and 2pm

Call: 01926 492212

www.thecourthousewarwick.co.uk

GUY'S CLIFFE CENTRE

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 Guy's Cliffe ruin, which is unaccessible, complete with St Mary Magdalen Chapel, which is currently used as a Masonic Temple. The whole site is owned by Masons.

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11, 10am-4pm

www.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 10, 10am-3.30pm, Sunday 11, 10.30am-3.30pm

www.guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk



HILL CLOSE GARDENS

Bread & Meat Close, CV34 6HF

A unique visitor attraction with 16 restored Victorian detached gardens with summerhouses.

Saturday 10 & Sunday 11, 11am-4.30pm

hillclosegardens.com

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

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.

There will be a free concert of classical music at 3 pm on Sunday 18 September.

Friday 9, Saturday 10, Friday 16, Saturday 17, 10am-4pm, Sunday 11, 12noon, 4pm, Sunday 18, 12noon-4pm

stnicholaschurchwarwick.org.uk

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Friars Street, CV34 6HA

An opportunity to look around the church, which was originally used as a cemetery chapel for the larger Warwick churches before being consecrated as a church in its own right in 1844.

Friday 9, 9.30am-12noon, Saturday 10 & 17, 2pm-5pm, Sunday 11 & 18, 11.30am-1.30pm

www.stpaulswarwick.co.uk



WARWICK'S SECRET SPACES - GUIDED WALK

Explore with The Warwick Society the many hidden green spaces behind Warwick's fine buildings, find the surprising little ways between them, and learn how these hidden gardens became a delightful element of the historic town centre.

The walk will last about two hours. Meet at the top of Castle Street, beside The Court House/ Visitor Information Centre. No booking required.

Friday 9 & Saturday 10, 11am

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

Warwickshire County Record Office, Priory Park, off Cape Road, CV34 4JS

A behind the scenes tour of the Warwickshire County Record Office. 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

Thursday 15, 7pm

warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice
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.

Monday 12, Open Discussion 'The Ten Most Interesting Objects in the Museum' 10am-1pm. Sunday 18, 'Selective items from Museum Archives' 10am-4pm

Friday 9 & 16, 10am-1pm, Saturday 10 & 17, 10am-4pm, Sunday 11 & 18, 10am-4pm, Monday 12, 10am-1pm, Wednesday 14 10am-1pm

www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk



KENILWORTH ABBEY MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

Abbey Fields, CV8 1BP

On Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September only at 3pm 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 why there is so little left of our once magnificent Augustinian Abbey. Register from 2.30pm. Numbers will be limited.

Saturday 10 & 17 and Sunday 11 & 18, 2.30pm-4.30pm



Explore the District's Villages

Hunningham Church



St Chad's Church



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, LABROKE

Church Road, CV47 2DF

All Saints' Church with its unusual striped tower, Gilbert Scott interior and fine stained glass stands in a picture postcard setting. Come and see a great example of local geology, fossils and a special exhibition on our astounding inventions.

Friday 16, 2pm-4.30pm, Saturday 17, 10am-4.30pm Sunday 18, 2pm-4pm.

Guided Tours: Saturday 17, 11am and 3pm

www.ladbrokechurch.org.uk

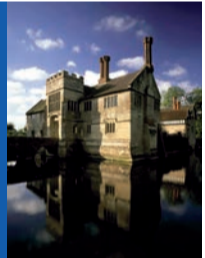
BADDESLEY CLINTON

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, perfect for a tranquil stroll.

Saturday 10, 9am-5pm

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/baddesley-clinton



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 10, 9am-5pm

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/packwood-house



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 10 & 17 and Sunday 11 & 18, 10am-4pm



THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

28 High Street, 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.

Coffee is served Friday mornings 10.15am-11.30am and teas will be served Sunday 11, 2.30pm-5pm.

The church is open every day from 9am-5pm or dusk



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, HATTON

Warwick, CV35 7LB

Holy Trinity Church, Hatton was originally built during the Medieval period and was largely restored during the 1880s including the early 16th century stained glass. In the churchyard there is a tomb-chest of 1756 at the base of the 15th century tower.

Saturday 10 & 17, 10am-4pm

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LILLINGTON

Valley Rd, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7SJ

Our Lady's Church is a beautiful Grade II listed building in the heart of Warwickshire. It is a hidden gem with simply stunning stained glass created by Fr Dom Charles Norris OSB and a team of Benedictine monks. The Church is brilliantly embellished with an extensive clerestory and ground-floor chapels with abstract and figurative dalle-de-verre.

Guide on hand to answer questions, with guided tours on the hour and children's activity sheets and refreshments available.

Saturday 17, 2pm-4pm, Sunday 18, 12pm-4pm



BAGOT'S CASTLE

Church Road, Baginton, CV8 3AR

Built in 1380's by Sir William Bagot. Restoration works completed to consolidate the remains of the ruin in 2012. Set in 19 acres of pastureland. Picnic benches, children's trails/activities, children's teddy bear picnic area, new nature wildlife walk, games, tombola and refreshments.

Site located at the end of Church Road, Baginton, CV8 3AR. 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 9, Saturday 10, Sunday 11, Friday 16, Saturday 17, Sunday 18, 10.30am-4pm

www.bagotscastle.org.uk



ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAPPENBURY

CV33 9DW

St Anne's Catholic church sits on an old Roman encampment with a rich history going back to the 18th century. The church was completely restored in 2014 using archive records and specialist craftsmen. It is a beautiful country parish church.

Open daily 9am to 5pm

stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WASPERTON

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 17 and Sunday 18, 11am-4pm

www.barfordchurches.org.uk



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HUNNINGHAM

School Lane, CV33 9DS

Built in 1216 so that residents could attend church when the river crossing to Wappenbury was flooded. The church was constructed with Ashlar sandstone with Victorian additions and a wooden bell tower. 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. The church is rural in delightful countryside

Open daily during daylight hours

ST MARY'S CHURCH, CUBBINGTON

Church Lane, Cubbington, 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.

Sunday 11 September, St. Mary's Patronal Festival refreshments will be available from 2pm until 5pm

Friday 9 to Friday 16, 1pm-5pm



ST PETER'S CHURCH, BARFORD

Church Street, Barford, 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 6 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.

Open daily 9am to 6pm

www.barfordchurches.org.uk

ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BISHOP'S TACHBROOK

Bishop's Tachbrook CV33 9RJ

The 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 10, 10am-4pm

www.bishopstachbrook.com

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