



# Heritage Open Days

8 - 17 SEPTEMBER 2023



heritage open days

FREE TO  
EXPLORE

Town Hall, Leamington Spa



Heritage  
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 Sidney Syson, Chairman Warwick District Council**



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### 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 9 & Sunday 10, 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 - now celebrating its 10th year! The Friends of Foundry Wood volunteers will be offering FREE guided tours of the sidings adjacent to Foundry Wood. Access and group size limited to 10 people per session. Pre-booking essential.*

**Open daily 10am to 5pm.**

**Tours: Friday 8 & 15, 3pm Saturday 9 & 16, 10am**

**[foundrywood.co.uk](http://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 a window designed by Arts & Crafts artist, Daniel Cottier. Flower displays and occasional organ music. Cards by local artists on sale. Prayer and reflection stations especially created for visitors who would value a peaceful and quiet interlude.*

**Friday 8 & 15 and Saturday 9, 10am to 2pm. Sunday 10 & 17, 1pm to 3pm.**

**Saturday 16, 2pm to 4pm**

**[holyltrinityleamington.org.uk](http://holyltrinityleamington.org.uk)**



## **LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP GUIDED WALKS**

*The Leamington History Group is offering the following themed walks as part of Heritage Open Days.*

*Meet at the Pump Rooms maximum group size 20, booking required.*

**Sunday 10, 11am - From Village to Spa**

**Tuesday 12, 6pm - Imperial Leamington**

**Friday 15, 10.30am - A walk back in time**

[warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173645634](http://warwickdc.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173645634)

[secretary@leamingtonhistory.co.uk](mailto:secretary@leamingtonhistory.co.uk)

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## **LEAMINGTON LOCAL HISTORY HERITAGE DAY**

All Saints Parish Church, Victoria Terrace, CV31 1AA

*Leamington History Group are showcasing the town's fascinating history.*

*There will be a range of local history exhibitions from partners and societies - and all in the splendid All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa.*

**Saturday 16, 10.30am to 3.30pm**

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## **LEAMINGTON SOCIETY**

### **Heritage walk in and around Jephson Gardens**

*Guided tour concentrating on Jephson Gardens and points of interest in this part of town.*

*Meet at the Visitor Information Centre in the Royal Pump Rooms.  
No booking required.*

**Saturday 9 & 16, 11am**

[contact@leamingtonsociety.org](mailto:contact@leamingtonsociety.org)

[leamingtonsociety.org](http://leamingtonsociety.org)



## LEAMINGTON SOCIETY

### Literary walk

*Guided tour celebrating famous writers who visited or are associated with Leamington Spa.*

*Meet by Spring statue outside All Saints Church. No booking required*

*Saturday 9, 2pm (meet guide at 1.50pm)*

[contact@leamingtonsociety.org](mailto:contact@leamingtonsociety.org)  
[leamingtonsociety.org](http://leamingtonsociety.org)



## 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. No booking required.*

*Sunday 10, 2pm. Sunday 17, 11am.*

[leamingtonstationfriends.org](http://leamingtonstationfriends.org)



## THE LEAMINGTON TENNIS COURT CLUB

50 Bedford Street, CV32 5DT

*Opportunity to visit the oldest tennis club in the world, founded in 1846.*

*Monday 11, 2pm*

[leamingtonrealtennis.co.uk](http://leamingtonrealtennis.co.uk)



## **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; there is also no disabled access to the building.**

**Sunday 17, 12noon to 2pm**

**[polskiosrodek.org](http://polskiosrodek.org)**

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## **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.*

*A Sculpture Trail features the work of twelve artists.*

**Saturday 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 10am to 4pm**

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## **LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM**

Parade, CV32 4AA

*Join us at Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum to take a historical tour of the Royal Pump Rooms building. Tours last for an hour with 12 places available per tour.*

**Walk ups welcome or call 01926 334418 to pre book.**

**Saturday 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 12.15pm to 1.15pm & 1.30 to 2.30pm**

**[warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms](http://warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms)**



Warwick

Castle Street, 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. Have you ever seen a Masonic Lodge room? Well now you can and so much more. We have full disabled access using the lower entrance door.*

**Saturday 16, 10am to 2pm**

[aldersonhouse.co.uk](http://aldersonhouse.co.uk)



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### **COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S**

Old Square, CV34 4RA

*Set in the heart of Warwick, St Mary's is celebrating its 900th anniversary in 2023. St Mary's is one of the largest parish churches in England with hidden gems including the Dean's chapel, Beauchamp Chapel and crypt. Please join us for our events, Sunday 10:30am services as well as 5:30pm Evensong on Fridays and Sundays.*

**Organ Recital, Friday 8 & 15, 1:15pm**

**Guided Tours of the Church, Friday 8 & 15, 2.15pm**

**Musical Heritage Tour - including an organ demo and tour of the song school, Sunday 10 & 17, 1.45pm and 3.15pm**

**Pop up café, Friday 8 & 15, from 2pm and Sunday 10 & 17, from 12.15pm**

[stmaryswarwick.org.uk](http://stmaryswarwick.org.uk)



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### **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. Tel: 01926 492212 or Email [lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk](mailto:lizhealey@visitwarwick.co.uk) Groups limited to 15 people. The start of the tour is in Pageant Garden, which is located in the centre of Warwick, behind the Court House on Jury Street.**

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10, 10.30am. Booking required.**

[thecourthousewarwick.co.uk](http://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. The whole site is owned by the Freemasons.*

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10, 10am to 4pm**

[guyscliffehouse.co.uk](http://guyscliffehouse.co.uk)

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## **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 9, 10am to 3.30pm. Sunday 10, 10.30am to 3.30pm**

[guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk](http://guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk)

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## **HILL CLOSE GARDENS**

Bread & Meat Close, CV34 6HF

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

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10, 11am to 4.30pm**

[hillclosegardens.com](http://hillclosegardens.com)

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## **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 this 900-year history.*

**Sunday 17, 10am to 5pm.**

**Booking required, [www.lordleycester.com/tickets/](http://www.lordleycester.com/tickets/)**

**[lordleycester.com](http://lordleycester.com)**



## ST MARY IMMACULATE RC CHURCH

45 West Street, CV34 6AB

*Visit Edward Welby Pugin's Decorated Gothic church, with stained glass by artist Tony (Antoine) Dury, who was a parishioner and sang in the choir at the opening service in 1860. JRR Tolkien was married here in 1916.*

**Sunday 10, 1.30pm to 4.30pm**

[www.stmary-immaculate.org.uk](http://www.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. Tours are ideal for 12+ years.*

**To book visit [Warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://Warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice) or call 01926 412501**

**Friday 8 to Saturday 16, 10am to 5pm (Closed Sundays and Mondays)**

[heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://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 8 & 15, 11am to 4.30pm, Saturday 9 & 16, 11am to 4.30pm,  
Sunday 10, 12noon to 4.30pm & Sunday 17, 12noon to 5pm  
(free concert 3pm to 5pm).**

[stnicholaschurchwarwick.org.uk](http://stnicholaschurchwarwick.org.uk)



## ST PAULS CHURCH

Friars St, 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 8 & 15, 9.30am to 12noon. Sunday 10 & 17, 11.30am to 1.30pm.  
Monday 11, 9.30 to 12noon.**

[stpaulswarwick.co.uk](http://stpaulswarwick.co.uk)



## WARWICK SOCIETY TOWN WALKS

Starting from Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick

*Warwick has a distinctive mix of mediaeval buildings and architecture of the early Georgian period, rebuilt after the Great Fire 1694. Members of the Warwick Society will lead walks around the historic town centre, talking of how it has evolved over the centuries, of its present condition, and of what its future might hold.*

**Walks start from Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick and last around 75 minutes. Wheelchair users will be very welcome to join in; the route will be over a mile long, following pavements and road crossings.**

**Friday 15 & Saturday 16, 10.30am and 2.30pm each day.**



## WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY RECORDS 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice) or call 01926 738959**

**Saturday 16, 1pm to 1.30pm & 2.15pm to 2.45pm**

**[heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://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. It's 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 8 & 15 Short conducted tours. Monday 11 Enjoy our quiz or find ten most interesting objects. Sunday 17 Selective items from the Museum Archives.**

**Monday 11 & Friday 8, 15 10am to 1pm. Wednesday 13, 10am to 1pm. Saturday 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 10am to 4pm**

**[warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk](http://warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk)**



Lord Leycester



Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Gardens

## THE KENILWORTH ABBEY MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

Abbey Fields, CV8 1BP

*On Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September only members of the Kenilworth History & Archeology 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. Numbers will be limited so please register at the Museum from 2.30pm on the day.*

**Museum open Saturday 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 2.30pm to 4.30pm  
Guided walks on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 starting at 3pm.**

[khas.co.uk](http://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.*

**Friday 8 to Sunday 17, 9am to 5pm**

**Church services at 11am, Sunday 10 and 10am, Sunday 17**



## 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 every day from 9am to 5pm or dusk. Coffee is served Friday mornings 10.15am to 11.30am and teas will be served Sunday 11, 2.30pm to 5pm.**

**Sunday services at 8.30am and 10am (Evensong 6.30pm on Sunday 10)**

[stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk](http://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 of photos and artwork by local people. If you feel inspired, create something yourself for our digital gallery.*

Friday 8, 2pm to 4pm. Saturday 9, 10am to 4pm. Sunday 10, 2pm to 4pm.

[ladbrokechurch.org.uk](http://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 9, 9am to 5pm

[nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk)



### 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 9, 9am to 5pm

[nationaltrust.org.uk](http://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 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 10am to 4pm**



### **BAGOT'S CASTLE**

Church Road, Baginton CV8 3AR

*14th Century ruin steeped in English history set in ten acre site with woodland, paths, river walks, ponds, Bagot Goats and picnic areas. Education Visitor Centre with artefacts from the castle. WWII 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 8 & 15, Saturday 9 & 16 and Sunday 10 & 17, 10.30am to 4pm**

[bagotscastle.org.uk](http://bagotscastle.org.uk)



### **ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAPPENBURY**

Church Lane, 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.*

**Friday 8 to Sunday 17, 9am to 6pm**

[stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com](http://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com)



### **ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, WASPERTON**

CV35 8EB

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

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10, 11am to 4pm**

[barfordchurches.org.uk](http://barfordchurches.org.uk)



## **ST MARGARETS 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 14<sup>th</sup> century. The church is rural in delightful countryside*

**Open daily during daylight hours**

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## **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 8 to Sunday 17, 1pm to 5pm**

**Sunday 10, St. Mary's Patronal Festival from 3pm to 5pm with refreshments.**

[stmaryscubbington.co.uk](http://stmaryscubbington.co.uk)

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## **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 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.*

**Sunday services 9.30am (Sunday 10) 11am (Sunday 17)**

**Open daily 9am to 6pm**

[barfordchurches.org.uk](http://barfordchurches.org.uk)

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## **ST CHADS CHURCH, 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 9, 10am to 5pm**

[stchadsbt.org](http://stchadsbt.org)

## For More Information

[www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

 Warwick DC News

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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.

The information in this guide was correct at the time of going to print, but may be subject to change or cancellation at short notice.



[www.warwickdc.gov.uk](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk)