WARWICK DISTRICT

Heritage Open Days

11 to 20 September 2026

heritage open days

FREE TO EXPLORE

Welcome

Warwick District Council is proud to be part of England's largest celebration of history and culture.

This annual festival offers visitors free access to heritage sites and community events that are not usually open to the public or would normally charge an entrance fee. We are delighted to have more than 50 organisations taking part this year, bringing you a fantastic range of tours, events and activities, all relating to the wonderful history, nature and culture of our area.

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 Pam Redford
Chairman, Warwick District Council

Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa

Lord Leycester, Warwick

Castle Street, Warwick

Baddesley Clinton

Jephson Gardens

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.

Meet tour at the middle gate of the cemetery on Brunswick Street.

Saturday 12 & 19 at 10am

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.

*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, 1847. Excellent stained glass including windows by Daniel Cottier and Caroline Townshend. Holy Trinity has been a place of community, faith and worship for 179 years. Soak up the atmosphere of our lovely building, meet today's people, and find out about those who worked and prayed here in past years. Occasional music, and pictures for sale.

Saturday 19 11am to 3pm, Sunday 20 1pm to 3pm

htleam.org.uk

LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP CAFE TALK

Churchill's Nemesis The Battle of Gallipoli

The Band Factory, Althorp Street, CV32 2AU

Come and join a friendly Leamington History Cafe Talk. This is an informal get-together where you can enjoy coffee, history, and good conversation. We ask for a small donation towards refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday 15, 9.30am to 11am

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

LEAMINGTON HERITAGE DAY

All Saints Parish Church, Victoria Terrace, CV31 1AA

Celebrate Leamington's diverse heritage at Leamington Heritage Day in All Saints' Parish Church. Leamington History Group and many other local societies will display their latest local history research, activities and community events. Explore All Saints' Church, including climbing up the Church Tower for a magnificent view of Leamington.

Saturday 12, 10am to 3pm

'TIME FOR A PEE!' GUIDED WALK

Leamington History Group

Join Nigel Briggs on this popular 90-minute walk exploring past and present time pieces in Leamington Spa along with the sites of places to "spend a penny."

Meet outside main entrance to the Pump Rooms.

Friday 11, 2pm to 3.30 pm

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

STEPPING BACK IN TIME GUIDED TOUR

Leamington History Group

Join Gary Maxwell for a 90-minute walk going back in time from the present day to the Regency period. The walk takes you through gardens and across bridges to the heart of Leamington Priors where it all began.

Meet Travelodge entrance to Regent Hotel, Parade.

Friday 18, 2pm to 3.30pm

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

LEAMINGTON TOWN HALL GUIDED TOUR

Town Hall, Parade, CV32 4AT

Join Paula Fletcher for an exclusive journey through some of the most spectacular rooms of the Town Hall, a landmark designed by local architect John Cundall, opened in 1884. Discover fascinating stories, hidden details, and the rich history behind this beautiful building.

Meeting point outside the main entrance on Parade

Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Thursday 17 & Friday 18, 11am to 12noon.

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

VICTORIA HOUSE GUIDED TOUR

59 Willes Road CV32 4PT

Join Colin Baldwin on this fascinating 90-minute tour of Victoria House, a Regency Villa designed by renowned Leamington architect William Thomas. Learn the history, tour the building including beautiful Regency rooms and the Masonic temple. Tea and biscuits and a chance to relax in the elegant surroundings will be available.

Wednesday 16, 11 am to 12.30pm

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

LEAMINGTON HISTORY GROUP ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GUIDED TOUR

Victoria Terrace, CV31 1AA

Join Paula Fletcher for a walk through the beloved parish church of Royal Leamington Spa, one of the largest churches in the country. Learn about the vicar who built it with his wife's money, the wealthy of the town who chose to be buried there and stories of the past, present and future.

Meeting point outside the main entrance to the church.

Wednesday 16, 11 am to 12.30pm

Booking: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

ROCK & ROLL LEAMINGTON GUIDED TOUR

Leamington History Group

Join an insightful 90 minute walk exploring Leamington's historic links to popular music from local bands to world superstars.

Meet outside the main entrance to the Royal Pump Rooms.

Saturday 19, 10.30am to 12noon

Bookings: leamingtonhistory.co.uk/events

Leamingtonhistory.co.uk

LEAMINGTON STATION

Old Warwick Rd, CV31 3NS

Take a guided tour of Leamington's award winning station gardens claimed to be the largest of any station in the country, 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 recommended email: robin@robinadams.co.uk or Tel: 07785 307476.

Saturday 12 & 19, tours at 10.30am and 2.30pm

leamingtonstationfriends.org

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. Tour lasts around 50 minutes.

Building located just past the Bedford Street car park on the left just before you reach Regent Street.

Monday 14 at 2pm and Friday 18 at 11.30am

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; please note that there is no disabled access to the building.

Sunday 20, 12noon to 3pm

polskiosrodek.org

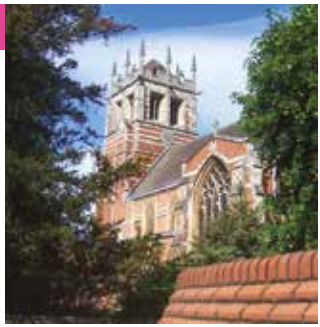
The Parade, Leamington

ST MARK'S CHURCH

Rugby Road, CV32 6DL

Step inside St Mark's Church, Leamington Spa, and explore one of the town's finest Victorian buildings. Discover its beautiful architecture designed by George Gilbert-Scott Jnr.(1879), and William Kemp stained glass on a relaxed, self-guided tour. Enjoy tea, coffee and home-made cake. There are fun children's activities available throughout the day.

Saturday 12, 11am to 5pm



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 12 & Sunday 13, 10am to 4pm
stmarysallotments.org.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Road, CV31 1JW

St Mary's church is one of the oldest churches in Leamington. It was designed in 1838 by J.G Jackson and built in 1839, with an almost entirely stucco finish, including the tower. It was known as 'The Church in the Field', as it stood alone in some fields in anticipation of the new Victorian housing which would soon follow as Leamington began to grow as a new Spa town.

Saturday 19, 11am to 3pm

ST PETER'S RC CHURCH

Dormer Place, CV32 5AA

A rare example of a Church with its associated Presbytery designed in the 13th century Lombardic style by one of the leading Victorian ecclesiastical architects, Henry Clutton (1819-1893); built between 1862 and 1864. There are some very fine stained-glass windows by Hardman and Dury as well as monuments from the former George Street Chapel, including one to a Waterloo veteran by Augustus Pugin. ***Guides and refreshments will be available.***

Saturday 12 & 19, 11am to 4pm

VICTORIA HOUSE

59 Willes Road CV32 4PT

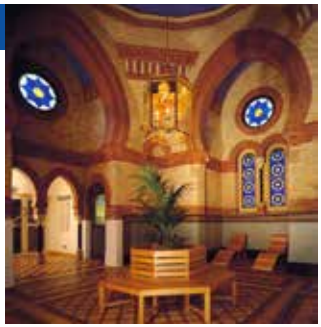
Step inside this regency architectural gem. Meet local freemasons, discover the temple and uncover some of the secrets of this historic building.

No booking required, free light refreshments.

Saturday 12, 10am to 3pm
victoriahouseleamingtonspa.co.uk

LEAMINGTON SPA ART GALLERY & MUSEUM

Parade, CV32 4AA



Join a curator as they take you on a historical tour of the Royal Pump Rooms building. Explore the extensive collections and discover the stories of the town and the people who lived here through the permanent displays, temporary exhibitions and engagement activities.

Booking required email: boxoffice@warwickdc.gov.uk

Saturday 12 & 19, Sunday 13 & 20 and Wednesday 16. Tours at 11am, 13.30pm and 2pm
warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms

Warwick

Jury 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. 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 19, 10am to 3pm

aldersonhouse.co.uk

COURT HOUSE

Corner of Jury Street/Castle Street, CV34 4EW

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

Saturday 12 & 19, 10.30am

Booking required. Tel: 01926 492212 or Email: info@visitwarwick.co.uk.

Tours start in the Pageant Gardens.

thecourthousewarwick.co.uk

THE 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, Victorian ringing room and ring of 10 magnificent bells.

The church is open daily. Monday to Saturday (excl. Wed) 10:30am to 5pm. Wednesday 11am to 5pm. Sunday 12pm to 5pm. Tours of the tower with an opportunity to see the Victorian ringing room and bells will be available on Saturday 12 at 10am and 11.30am and Sunday 13 at 1.30pm and 3pm. Tours are limited to 12 people. No booking required.

stmaryswarwick.org.uk

THE FUSILIER MUSEUM

Pageant House, Jury Street, CV34 4EW

Exhibition: 'Faces of the Somme' explores one of the most important battles of WW1 through the eyes of the soldiers of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Linked to this exhibition, there are family activities and opportunities to dress up in the uniform and kit of a soldier of the Somme.

Friday 11 to Saturday 19, 10am to 5pm
(closed Mondays and Sundays)
fusiliermuseumwarwick.com

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 Guys Cliffe ruin, see the remains of Guy's Cliffe House and visit St Mary Magdalen Chapel which is currently used as a masonic temple.

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13, 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. There will also be activities for younger visitors.

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13, 10.30am to 3.30pm
guyscliffewalledgarden.org.uk

HILL CLOSE GARDENS

Bread & Meat Close, CV34 6HF

Come and visit a rare Victorian detached gardens in Warwick town centre. Gardeners will enjoy seeing a rich mix of heritage fruit, heirloom flowers, and seasonal plantings, with each plot offering its own character, quirks, and surprises. Families and children will love exploring the winding paths, discovering hidden corners, and learning how plants were grown in Victorian times, it is a place to spark curiosity and a love of nature.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20, 11am to 4pm
(last entry 3.30pm)
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.

Booking required: lordleycester.com/tickets

Monday 14, 10am to 5pm (last admission 4pm)

lordleycester.com

ST MARY IMMACULATE RC CHURCH

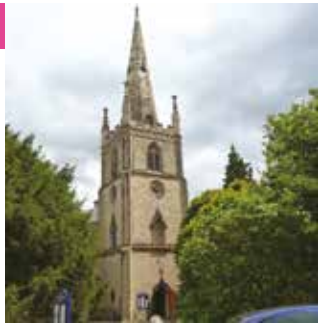
45 West Street, CV34 6AB

Visit Edward Welby Pugin's decorated English Gothic church, with its beautiful interior refurbished in 2025. Stained glass by Hardman and by French artist Tony Dury, who was a parishioner and sang in the choir at the opening Mass in 1860. JRR Tolkien was married here in 1916.

Sunday 13, 1pm to 5pm

stmary-immaculate.org.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 11 & 18, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13, 1.30pm to 4pm. Saturday 19, 10.30am to 2pm. Sunday 20, 1.30pm to 3pm. On Sunday 20 at 3pm we will be holding one of our Lovecy Sunday Concerts which is free and open to all (Haydn & Schubert Chamber Concert).

stnicholaschurchwarwick.org.uk

MARKET HALL MUSEUM

Market Place, CV34 4SA

In addition to the museum's collections is the opportunity to see the Warwick Castle Unboxed exhibition and discover more about the people who lived and worked at the castle. ***Free talk An Unconventional Woman: Daisy Greville 'The Red Countess' of Warwick on Thursday 17 at 1pm.*** *Eccentric Daisy, known for inspiring songs about bicycles made for two and her pet fox, ran for parliament five years after women over 30 won the vote. Find out how this aristocratic and famous socialite came to receive the Labour Party nomination in 1923.*

Tuesday 15 to Saturday 19, 10am to 5pm.

Booking: warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice

heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk

ST MICHAEL'S PLACE

Birmingham Road, Saltisford, CV34 4TT

Join members of the St Michael's Place project team and learn about the Master's House and St Michael's Chapel in Saltisford past, present and future. The project has just been awarded a £2.8Million grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. There will be no access inside the historic buildings due to their current condition. However, it will be possible to view them externally and to learn what is currently know about them and their previous usage, alongside plans to provide a sustainable future for this historically significant site.

Saturday 19, 10am to 1pm

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HUSSARS MUSEUM

Trinity Mews, Priory Road, CV34 4NA

Displays and artefacts showing Warwick's local Cavalry regiment over 340 years. From Charge of the Light Brigade to El Alamein and recent conflicts the gallant actions of this fine cavalry regiment are presented with clear and logical precision. Temporary displays to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Korean War. ***Thursday 17 talk on the 8th Hussars in the Korean War starting at 6.30pm.***

Open Thursday to Sunday 10am to 4pm
qrhmuseum.com

WARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Barrack St, CV34 4TH

This centrally located church provides an inclusive area for both prayer and worship with active groups, clubs and shows throughout the year. Visitors can view historical pictures and literature illustrating the church's development through time. Guides will be on hand to provide information and visitors are welcomed to enjoy the calm and relaxing atmosphere.

Saturday 19, 10am to 3pm

WARWICK SOCIETY TOWN WALKS

Starting from Shire Hall, Market Place, CV34 4RL

The mediaeval town of Warwick was badly damaged in the Great Fire of 1694. It was rebuilt in very early Georgian architecture. Much has 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 in the Market Place. The walk will be over a mile long, and take about 75 mins. We will follow pavements, road crossings and avoid steps. Wheelchair users are welcome to join.

Friday 11, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13, starting at 11am and 3pm.

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. There will be an opportunity to view some of the wonderful records found within the archives.

Saturday 12, 1pm and 2.15pm

Spaces limited. To book call 01926 738959 or online 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.

Friday 11, 10am to 1pm (Short Conducted Tours). Saturday 12 & Sunday 13, 10am to 4pm. Monday 14, 10am to 1pm (Explore the Past and Enjoy our Quiz). Wednesday 16, 10am to 1pm (Exhibition 'British Army Past and Present'). Friday 18, 10am to 1pm (Find the Ten most interesting objects). Saturday 19 & Sunday 20, 10am to 4pm (Exhibition 'Items in Museum Archives').

warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk

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

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. Teas served 2.30pm to 5pm Sunday 13 September, Coffee Friday morning 10.15am to 11.30am

stnicholaskenilworth.org.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. Coffee Tuesday mornings 11.30am

KENILWORTH ABBEY MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

Abbey Fields, CV8 1BP

Kenilworth Abbey Museum & Heritage Centre is housed in a 14th century red sandstone building, once part of the medieval Abbey. 2026 marks the 760th anniversary of the great siege of Kenilworth Castle. One of the original stone Trebuchet balls, which was fired into the castle during the siege and discovered during an excavation many years later, is now on display. Join a guided walk of the Abbey ruins and learn about the men who lived and worked in this once magnificent medieval Abbey. Hear why there are now just a few sad ruins of their once beautiful buildings.

Saturday 12 & 19 and Sunday 13 & 20, 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Tours at 3pm on Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 only. Register for a place at the Museum from 2.30pm on the day.

khas.co.uk

Explore the district's villages

Barford Bridge, Barford

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.

Sunday 13, 9am to 5pm. House open 10.30am to 4pm.
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 12, 9am to 5pm. House open 11am to 3pm
nationaltrust.org.uk

CHURCH OF ST MARY, HASELEY

Firs Lane, CV35 7LS

This stunning Grade I listed medieval church with box pews is located in an idyllic setting close to Warwick. Visitors can see the candles used for services, the perpendicular octagonal font and 1573 tomb chest memorial to Clement Throckmorton.

Saturday 12 & 19 and Sunday 13 & 20, 10am to 4pm

ST CHAD'S 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 12, 10am to 4pm
stchadsbt.org

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 1700s. The church was completely renovated and refurbished in 2014.

Sunday 20, 12noon to 4pm
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 19 & Sunday 20, 11am to 4pm
barfordchurches.org.uk

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 11 to Sunday 20, 1pm to 5pm
stmaryscubbington.co.uk

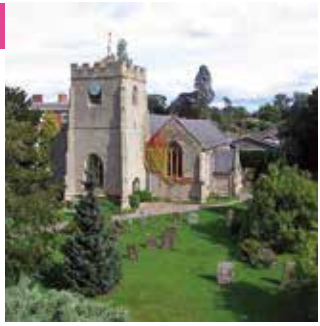
ST MARGARETS CHURCH, HUNNINGHAM

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 four years the bell tower has been fully restored including its iconic eight 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

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.

Open daily 9am to 6pm. Sunday services 11am (Sunday 13 & 20).

barfordchurches.org.uk

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 Knights Templars, with 17th century endowments for church, almshouses, and a school by sisters Lady Katherine Leveson & Lady Anne Holbourne. 19th century church restoration by Sir George Gilbert Scott. Composer of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' is buried in cemetery nearby. Uniformed Knights Templar present on Saturday.

Art Exhibition both days. Saturday history tours at 12.30pm, 1.45pm & 3pm, and Sunday at 1.45pm (no booking required).

Saturday 12, 12noon to 4pm, and Sunday 13, 11.30 to 3pm

CHESTERTON WINDMILL

Windmill Hill Lane, CV33 9LB

An opportunity to see inside this unique historic windmill. One of Warwickshire's most recognisable landmarks the windmill is one of the oldest in the country to still have working machinery. Time spent inside the windmill is about 20 minutes but expect to queue for entry.

You will be able to find out more about the history of the mill and visit the refreshments tent as part of your visit.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20, 10am to 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

Temporary car park available adjacent to site with a donation of £5 per car going to local charities. Cash only please. Visitors are requested not to park cars on the main road to the Windmill (Chesterton Road). Access is restricted inside the windmill. For more information about access and facilities visit **heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk**

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON

Manor Rd, Southam, CV47 2QJ

St Michael's church a grade II listed building built in the 1870s on the site of a much older chapel. It was designed by Ewan Christian, an eminent Victorian architect who also designed the National Portrait Gallery. The church contains many memorials that pre-date the current church. The east window depicts St Michael, and was produced by William Wailes of Newcastle-on-Tyne. There will be displays of the history of the church and village, local artists and refreshments available.

Friday 11 & Saturday 12, 11am to 4.30pm

stmichaelschurch.co.uk

WISSON HILL

Bidford-on-Avon, B50 4NP

Wisson Hill is a remarkably original farmhouse built in 1530, The farm was owned by the Bushell family who were wealthy local landowners, with connections to William Shakespeare, of local Stratford-upon-Avon, and several of the Gunpowder Plot families, who were also based around the English Midlands.

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 ,2pm to 3pm.
Thursday 17, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

These dates are for pre-booked tours. More dates will be added if spaces become limited.

wissonhill.com

BAGOT'S CASTLE

Church Road, Baginton CV8 3AR

14th century castle in the village of Baginton, Warwickshire. It now stands in ruins. The remains have been consolidated and the whole site opened up to expose other historic features. An Education Visitor Centre has been built and a picnic area added for the many visitors who have visited the castle since it was opened to the public in 2009. ***Bagot's Castle is located at the end of Church Road, Baginton, CV8 3AR just past the church on the right as you go down Church Road. 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.***

Saturday 12 & 19 and Sunday 13 & 20, 10.30am to 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)
bagotscastle.org.uk

COMPTON VERNEY

Warwick CV35 9HZ

A world-class gallery and museum in rural Warwickshire, set in a historic mansion within 120 acres of parkland. Explore three floors of art, from ancient Chinese bronzes to the UK's largest collection of British folk art. ***Compton Verney is situated nine miles east of Stratford-upon-Avon on the B4086 between Wellesbourne and Kineton and is six miles drive from the M40, Junction 12. Follow brown signs marked for Compton Verney.***

Friday 11 and Saturday 12, 10am to 5pm
comptonverney.org.uk

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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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.

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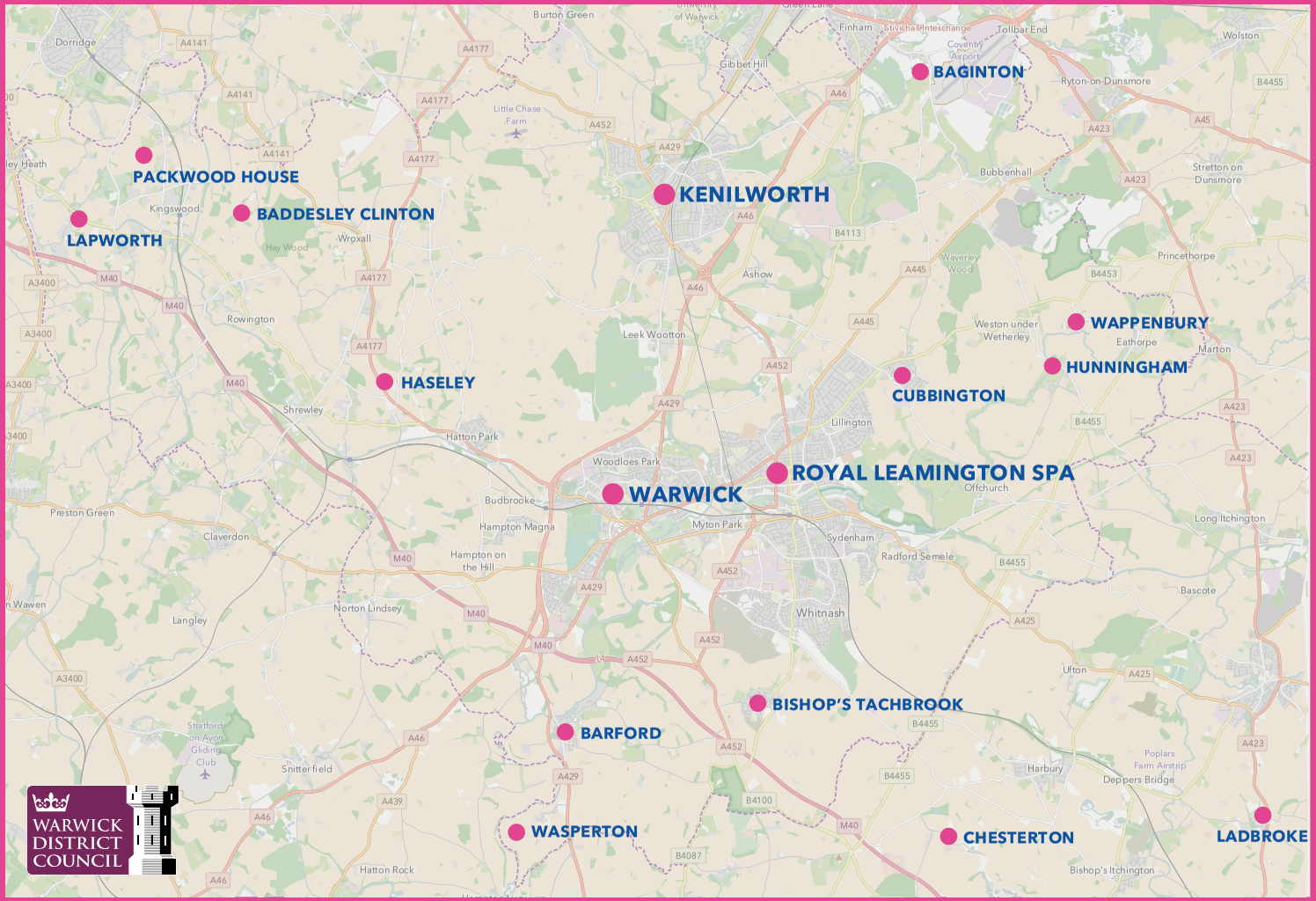
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